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18 September 1945

SUBJECT: Questura at Palermo

TO : S.C.A.O., Palermo Province

1. With reference to your memorandum of 4 Sept. 1945 inquiries are being made into the character, antecedents and activities of the Questore and Vice Questore, Province of Palermo and of Commissario Lombardo, the result of which will be forwarded when completed.

2. I would remind you, however, that the appointments of high officials of the Agenti di Pubblica Sicurezza must at all times be coordinated by the Public Safety Division Hq.

3. The effect of Proclamation on the policing system generally is being considered at this headquarters.

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Chief Staff Officer

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Public Safety Division
Civil Police Section
HQ. C.C. R.R. Palermo

12, September, 1943.

TO : Commissioner of Public Safety.

1. Recommend endorsement on letter from S.C.A.O. as follows/

" (a) The matter referred to, that is, the effects of Proclamation 13 has been referred to this Headquarters, and is now under study.

(b) Changes in the personnel of the Agenti di Pubblico di Sicurezza must be referred to the Public Safety Division for decision by the C.C.A.O. who at present represents the authority of the Central Government."

The effect of Proclamation 13 on the policing system is subject of a memorandum from this Office under date of 11, September, 1943.

The report from C.I.C. has been noted and is under investigation; further developments will be submitted later.

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Supt. Civil Police.

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ARMED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Palermo Prov.

CF/GFR/ep



4 September 1943

SUBJECT: Questura at Palermo

TO : Chief Staff Officer - AMGOT Headquarters

1. Reference attached memo from 7th Army Headquarters, CIC Section, (Encl.) will you please cause inquiry to be made as to the character, antecedents and activities of the Questore, Vice Questore and Commissioner Lombardo.

2. The man Randano referred to in paragraph 2 of the memo was arrested with 3 other persons for looting of goods from a school "Carlo Amato", of Valdesi and will appear in court in due course. Memo from Questura attached (Encl. 2).

3. Memorandum from the Questore (Encl. 3) respecting Proclamation No. 13, was the subject of consideration by Legal Branch, may we have some hearing on the letter received from CIC.

Charles Paletti

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HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH ARMY, Office of the A. C. of S., G-2, A. P. O. #758,
U. S. Army, 1 September 1943.

TO: AMSGT, Public Security Section. (Att: Major Searles)

1. Forwarded for your information.

For the A. C. of S., G-2:

B. S. Carter

B. S. CARTER,
Major, AUS.

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CONFIDENTIALHEADQUARTERS 7th ARMY
C.I.C. SECTION
AFO #758

30 August 1943

SUBJECT: The Questura at Palermo, Sicily.

TO : Assistant A.C. of S., G.-2, C.I. Section, Headquarters 7th Army.

1. Information has been received from a most reliable source that in the Questura at Palermo is taking place a secret movement detrimental to the Allied Government, especially Proclamation #13 of 17 August 1943, by which Italian Police are forbidden to arrest individuals without proof of crime committed. This proclamation has been unfavorably received by the more violent element in the Questura where there are several officers who want to continue in the system of the past.

2. The Questore himself, Comm. Gerbo, is said to be an excellent person but he has neither the authority nor the energy to impose his will upon his subordinates. It is reported that the real head of the Questura is the Vice Questore, Modica, who is an authoritarian element, and who during the first days of the Allied Occupation of Sicily appeared to be willing to follow the orders of the Allies. The informant now states that he discusses such orders now and is going to carry out his activities as he want to. Thus, Modica is carrying out passive resistance and hindering the police work of his organization. Another such element in the Questura is Commissioner Lombardo head of the police office of Resuttano, suburb of Palermo, who contrary to the orders of the Allies continues to arrest people on charges of imaginary crimes. A few days ago he even arrested a rich merchant, Randazzo, and his son under the accusation of looting, a crime of which Randazzo is said to be innocent. In order to put a stop to this passive resistance on the part of the Questura, awaiting broader revisions; informant says it would be well to withdraw Modica as head of the Questura and send him to some other post in the city and that Lombardo should likewise be withdrawn from his present position.

3. For Modica might be substituted a more calm individual, without so much ambition, such as Comm. Castiglione who is at the present time attached to the Prefettura. In such a way, according to the informant, the Questura would be more free to collaborate with the Allies.

For and in absence of the Commanding Officer.

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