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- 1. Draft re Apprehension of Germans
- 2. 15/9 Note to Col Clough
- 3. from Col Clough to Col Stafford
- 4. from Col Stafford to Col Clough
- 5. 25/9 to SCARPOs.

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AMGOT/1172/PS  
AMGOT H.C., SICILY,  
26 September 1943

SUBJECT: Apprehension German Military Personnel.

TO : S.C.A.F.Os. (Through S.C.A.Os.)

1. From various reports it is indicated that a considerable number of members of the German Army are at large in Sicily. Each and every one of these individuals constitute a threat to military security and public order. Every report of the presence of one or more Germans in the vicinity is to be promptly investigated using all branches and elements of the local government to the end that prompt apprehension and arrest may be accomplished. The complete cooperation of Officers of the Carabinieri Reali may be anticipated, but actual arrests will probably require the assistance of Allied troops.
2. These Germans are concealing their identity by various means. They are supposed to be in civilian clothes. Their presence is known or suspected in the locality in which they are hiding.
3. Wherever adequate personnel for making the arrests is not available to the S.C.A.F.O. requests will be made to the Commanding Officer of the closest Allied unit. All members of the German Army found at large will be arrested immediately and delivered under guard to the nearest unit of the Allied troops.

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 (S.C.A.O. CC. RR.)

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- AMGOT Liaison.
- AMGOT Eighth Army Reg II
- AMGOT Fifth Army Reg III
- M.C.S. A.F.H.Q.

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- C.C.A.O. \_\_\_\_\_
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- D.C.S.O. \_\_\_\_\_
- COL. CLOUGH \_\_\_\_\_
- MAJOR SMITH \_\_\_\_\_
- MAJOR McDOUGALL \_\_\_\_\_
- LT. VAN HEUKELOM \_\_\_\_\_
- CAPT. GRAHAM \_\_\_\_\_
- F. R. O. \_\_\_\_\_
- ADVISOR P. A & M. \_\_\_\_\_
- CAPT. DAVIS \_\_\_\_\_
- CAPT. TALBOT \_\_\_\_\_
- LEGAL DIV. \_\_\_\_\_
- FINANCE DIV. \_\_\_\_\_
- CIVIL SUPPLY \_\_\_\_\_
- PUBLIC SAFETY \_\_\_\_\_
- PUBLIC HEALTH \_\_\_\_\_
- CONTROLLER PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_
- REGISTRY \_\_\_\_\_
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REMARKS

*Hold the entire  
 Station of Halson  
 unless program is  
 complete. B/S. date  
 Report  
 P/S*

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 P.S.O.



Col. Spafford: 3  
This is in line with  
policy of 7th Army.  
Recommend approval  
of draft. Blough

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FROM	TO
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Capt McDougall	
Capt Kait	
Capt Graham	
Civ Supply Div	
Legal Div	
Enemy Prop Div	
Public Safety Div	
Finance Div	
Public Health Div	
Civil Affairs Div	

15/9/58  
Lt Col Clough  
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DRAFT Circular to S. As. AUGOT/1087/ES

SUBJECT: Apprehension of Deserters from Italian and German Armies

1. Reports indicate that a considerable number of Sicilians who are members of the Italian Army and who have never been processed or paroled as P.O.W., are still at large in the Island.
2. These men fall into several categories:-
  - (a) On leave, sick, wounded, etc., who were away from their units at the time of the occupation.
  - (b) Escaped from military units during Invasion
  - (c) Released by Allied Military units without parole papers - etc.
3. Instructions will be issued by the S.C.A.O. in each Province requiring all members of the Italian Army now at large and not in possession of formal parole papers to report to the nearest C.A.O. at once. *These men will then be turned over to the nearest Division Provost Marshal for further processing and interrogation.* *H.S. or Prisoner of War Dept*
4. In order to avoid confusion S.C.A.Os. will only issue their instructions after arrangements are completed within the Province with C.A.Os., Provost Marshals, *etc.* and any Italian officials concerned.
5. Any members of the German Army found at large will be immediately arrested and delivered under guard to the nearest unit of Allied troops. There are reasons for believing that a certain number of Germans remained in Sicily and are now attempting to conceal their identity by various means. The complete cooperation of officers of the Carabinieri <sup>Reali</sup> may be anticipated in connection with the location and arrest of these individuals.
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