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Folio No.	Ref.	Date.	To/From.	Subject.
A/B	11 Jun	14/1/2035/PS	Civil Supply	Protection of Wholes etc.
1	CAT/99	5 Sep 43	From SCAO Catania	Recruiting Local Forces
2			Note by Col. Martin	
3		16 Sep 43	"	" DCSO & CCAO
4	1026/PS	26 Sep 43	SCAO Catania	Recruiting Local Forces
5		29 Sep 43	To C.S.O.	Ref 1-4
6		23 Sep.	From Col. Pallette	Memorandum
7		2/10/43	Col. Bolles	
8	5016/ES	2/10/43	To T.P.S.D	Guarding Aircraft Dumps
9		2/10/43	To S.P.S. HQ IBS	Memorandum
10	1175/PS	5/10/43	S.C.A.O. Agrigento	Guarding of Vulnerable Points
11-12	1520/G	7/10/43	From No. 1. District	Railway Guards
13	1175/PS	10/10/43	C.S.O.	Guards for U.P.s.
14		10/10/43	C.S.O.	Note by Col. Bolles
15	1175/PS	11/10/43	S.C.P.	Guards for U.P.s.
16	10095/PS	10/10/43	P.S.D	Guards for Essential Airfield Installation
17/21	1175/PS	13 Oct	To T.C. U.	Locations & extent to which guards are required
22/24		12 Oct	From I.B.S.	Installations for which guards are required
25	DW/caps	9 Oct	From MGS AFHQ	Army Sp. movements - provision of guard
26	DW/caps	10 Oct	" " "	do
27/28	323.3-C	14 Oct	From 7th Army	Security of Installations
29	1175/PS	16 "	To 7th Army	Att. 28.
30	1175/PS	16 "	To MGS AFHQ	Ref 25/26.
31	1175/PS	12 "	To S.C.P	Guards - U.P.s. 5197

4	1026/11	20 Sep 43	50170						
5		25 Sep	To. S.C.	Ref 1-4					
6		23 Sep.	From Col Pollak	Memorandum					
7		2/10/43	Col Bolles						
8	5016/ES	2/10/43	To. P.S.D	Guarding Aircraft Dumps					
9		2/10/43	To S.F. HQ IBS	Memorandum					
10	1175/PS	5/10/43	S.C.A. Agri. Gd	Guarding of Vulnerable Points					
11-12	15-20/4	7/10/43	From No. 1. District	Railway Guards					
13	1175/PS	10/10/43	C.S.O	Guards for V.Ps.					
14		10/10/43	C.S.O	Note by Col Bolles					
15	1175/PS	11/10/43	S.C.P	Guards for V.Ps.					
16	10095/TCV	10/10/43	P.S.D	Guards for Essential Airfield Installations					
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31	1175/PS	12 "	To. S.C.P	Guards - V.Ps. 5017					
32	1175/PS	14 "	" S.C.P	Guarding of V.Ps.					
33	1175/PS	20 "	To Lt. Col. Pollak	Recruiting of personnel - VP Guarding					
34	MGS-370	16 "	From MGS AFHQ	7th Army Hoop Movement					
35	22 Oct 43	—	Note by D.C.Ps						
36	6 Oct	—	Extract of Minutes of CAPOR Conference 6/10/43						
37	1 Nov	—	Lt. Col. Dick	Responsibility for giving VPs Reports					

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ANGOT/1175/PS

A.M.G., H.Q.,

1 November 1943.

Memo to Lt. Col. Fish S-3-IBS.

With the establishment of Region I Military Government the officer in immediate charge of the guarding of V.P's on the Island in future will be Lt. Col. Russell A. Snook as Chief of Public Safety Region I Office Palazzo Pretoria, Telephone 14162.

Lt. Col. Charles Poletti is Regional Civil Affairs Officer and Region I has jurisdiction of the entire Island.

I also wish to confirm our telephonic understanding of this morning that you are covering with forces at your disposal all V.P's previously covered by Seventh Army, that you wish such civil guards as are now on duty to continue and that until further call from you no additional civil guards are required for V.P's by you.

LEMUEL L. BOLLES,
Colonel, Infantry 5796

Copies to:-

Col. Kirk.
Lt. Col. Snook.
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EXTRACTS FROM MEETING OF PROVINCIAL C.A.P.O.'s HELD AT HQ, AMGOT., PALERMO AT 1800 HRS
6TH OCTOBER 1943. MGOT/1175/PS

5. Reconstitution of various sections of the Fascist Militia.

The Supt. Civil Police, referring to the Administrative Instructions on this subject, said that Special Police are being organized as the need arose. He quoted the Posts Telegraphs, Ports and Railway Guards as examples. These special Police are only given special, not general, police powers. Strict supervision is necessary and this will be the responsibility of the agency using them.

SCAPO Ragusa urged the institution of road guards, like the former Milizia Stradale, and suggested the use of the CCR for this purpose, but this was not considered possible.

The Guardia Forestale which is necessary from an agricultural point of view will be re-organized on the basis of Special Police.

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The guarding of Vulnerable Points was raised. Trained police officers cannot be used for this purpose, being required for police duty, and the only solution appeared to be the engagement of Special Police. The C.C.A.O. held the view that this is not an AMGOT responsibility, but as the Tactical Forces are withdrawn requests are being made for AMGOT to take over the guarding of V.Ps. The C.P.S. said that pending a decision by higher authority as to the responsibility for this duty, we must suspend action.

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Note for file.

about 1000 hrs Maj Merriam, Executive Officer to Col. Roberts, O.C. Palermo Area, phoned that they had received instructions from Seventh Army to take off all guard found by them.

I suggested that he should send an Officer to see Major Leach & arrange details with him.

This afternoon Lt Sly the of SAPO Palermo Office called with a list of guards which were being taken off. Of these he was planning to take over

Hydro Electric Plant
R.R. siding E. of Palermo
waterworks.

Leaving following

Port Guard
Finance Office
C.I.C. HQ

Main R.R. Station & yard.

Phoned Col Josh Todd who was out but discussed matters with Col Swelt who was anxious that we should take over the R.R. Station & yard. Then phoned Maj Wickinbottom who said they would do what they could.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Military Government School

MGS-370

16 October 1943

SUBJECT: 7th Army Troop Movements
Provision of Guards.

TO : H.Q., A.M.G., C.M.F.

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Further to our letter DW/cags dated 10 October 1943.

1. G-3 Section this H.Q. has stated that although at present no dates are firm it is probable that one Italian Field Division will move to Sicily during the latter half of November.
2. On the same authority it is notified that three British Garrison Battalions have been suggested for Sicily. It is possible that the first of these will arrive in the Island by 1 November; and probable that the other two will arrive by the end of the same month. It is hoped, however, that the last two battalions will arrive in the first half of November.

HEADQUARTERS
P.S.
23 OCT 1943
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D. S. JACKLING
Major

for D. S. JACKLING
Lt. Col.
Military Government Section

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above does not change situation

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Guarding of V.P.s.

LSCC/1175/P3

Superintendent Civil Police Station

20 October 5

The Commissioner is anxious that there should be no hitch in the arrangements whereby Special Police undertake the guarding of Vulnerable Points on the Island from 1 November 1945.

Unfortunately the likelihood of ex-prisoners of war being available for this duty is now out of the question and you will have to recruit from another source.

In view of the scattered nature of the V.P.s it would not appear possible to recruit from a central source and I put forward the suggestion that lower echelons of the C.C.R.R. be instructed to recruit the personnel required for duty in their particular districts. There is, of course, no objection to Sicilians being so engaged.

The Commissioner would be glad of an early report as to the progress made.

Captain Morse, Director Labour Division will help if required in the recruiting locally.

It is hoped that new rates of pay for C.C.R.R. will be announced this week.



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R.H.J. MARTIN,
Lt. Colonel,
Deputy Commissioner of Public Safety.

Guarding of V.P.s.

11/17/53

Department of Civil Police

14 October 3

The Guards on V.P.s. which have been under discussion will be expected to be in place and assume responsibility at 0100 hours November 1st, 1953. At that date and hour responsibility for this security will pass to AMBET.

When guards can be placed at an earlier date it can and should be done by arrangement with the Commanding Officer of the local Military Guard.

Please arrange accordingly.

LEONEL L. BROWN,
Colonel, Infantry,
Coordinator of Public Safety

Copy to :

E.C. and U. Division,
S.C.A.P. Co. AMBET.
C.A.C. Co. AMBET.
P.L. Co. AMBET.
T.M. Co. AMBET.
Island Base Section.

Through
S.C.A.P. Co.

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Guards - V.P.'s
Superintendent, Civil Police.

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See if not
already on file
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12 October, 3.

1. Further on above subject, estimates of guards needed, as prepared by D.F.C. & U. are attached.
2. It is an early date arrangements should be made to reduce the number of posts and guards to the minimum consistent with security.
3. In connection with points raised by D.F.C. & U. in para. 4, you are advised :-
 - (a) For at least one month, probably longer and on a temporary basis.
 - (b) At the discretion of Superintendent, Civil Police.
 - (c) Superintendent of Civil Police will be responsible for providing such arms as may be authorized by him.
 - (d) Will be the subject of separate memo from C.F.C. thru this office.

Original delivered
by DCPS. 7/13/10

LEWIS L. BULLIS
Colonel, Infantry,
Commissioner of
Public Safety.

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Copy to:- D.F.C. & U.

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SUBJECT: - Relieving of Military Guards.

On the subject mentioned above, the following is reported on 15 October 1943:

Next to the above.

On 15 October 1943, the following was reported on 15 October 1943:

TO: - Military Government Section,

Gen. A.F.H.C. in the name of the Military Government Section.

Four D/Gs of 9 and 10 October, 1943.

The point raised has already been discussed with Seventh Army and representatives of the formations concerned, including I.B.G.

As far as security is concerned, the F.B.P. of No. 1 District and the C.I.G. detachments of I.B.G. will no doubt accept this responsibility.

Arrangements are on train for the engagement of sufficient "special police" as guards for vulnerable points. They will operate under the direction and supervision of the Carabinieri and it is hoped that we shall be able to equip them from stocks of captured material.

It is hoped to obtain personnel for the "special police" from Prisoner of War Detachments, the arrangement, contemplated but not yet completed, being that the men will be either:-

- (a) released on parole, if Sicilians, or
- (b) released to the custody of the Carabinieri.

Contact was established some time ago with 1st (U.S.) Division and arrangements have been made to take over from them the guarding of certain vulnerable points in the province of Agrigento. It appears, however, from a communication dated 14 October, 1943 from Seventh Army that these particular installations will be guarded by Seventh Army until 1 November, 1943.

The answers to the queries contained in para. 2 of your letter of 9 October, 1943 follow:-

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(a) No. Carabinieri are urgently required for police duty and for escorting supplies of flour and sugar now arriving. It would be a waste of trained police officers to employ them extensively as watchmen.

(b) Nil.

(c) Recruiting for the Carabinieri is already in progress, the G.O.C.-in-C. having approved the establishment of a training battalion of 500 men. The necessary training arrangements are in hand.

J.B. 14 Nov 43

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(d)

(d) We have no knowledge of any "Patriot Equipment Depot" but if they consist of captured enemy material, the answer is "Yes".

It is intended that any organization set up in this connection should, in view of its temporary nature, be built on the existing Italian agencies.

The information contained in your letter of 10 October, 1943 is not sufficiently definite for us to base our calculations upon it.

Very truly yours,
Colonel M. G. GORDON
Chief of Staff, Office of the Chief of Civil Affairs Officer.

It is noted that the information in your letter of 10 October, 1943, is not sufficiently definite for us to base our calculations upon it.

Very truly yours,
Colonel M. G. GORDON
Chief of Staff, Office of the Chief of Civil Affairs Officer.

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Acknowledgment.

AMST/1175/PS

Commanding General,
Seventh Army.

16 October 3

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Receipt is acknowledged of SECRET document No. 523.3 - C
of 14 October.

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CHARLES E. SPOTFORD,
Colonel, G.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer,
for Chief Civil Affairs Officer.
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: Auth: CG, 7 Army :
: Initials: WAC :
: Date: 14 Oct 43 :
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14 October 1943

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SUBJECT: Security of Installations.

TO: Commanding Officer, Island Base Section.
Chief Civil Affairs Officer, AMGOT, Sicily.

1. Directives have been received from higher headquarters requiring Seventh Army to make immediate preparations to ship all tactical units under its command to another theater of operations.

2. In order to comply with shipping schedules resulting from the above, you are informed that it will be necessary:

- a. To withdraw, by 20 October 1943, all guards from installations now guarded by units of the Seventh Army except:
- (1) The Palermo Power System including the installations at Ribera and Porto Empedocle, and
 - (2) The Palermo Airport.

- b. To withdraw, by 1 November 1943, all remaining Seventh Army personnel left to guard the installations listed as exceptions to para. a. above.

3. This information is forwarded to you in order that you may be prepared to take such steps as you deem necessary.

4. Request written acknowledgment of this communication.

By Command of Lieutenant General PATTON:

W. G. CALDWELL,
Lt. Col., A.G.D.,
Adjutant General.

Copies to:

CG	G-4	XII Troop Carrier Command
C/S	AG	62nd Fighter Wing
G-3	9th Div	3rd ASAC
Engr	2nd Armd Div	

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15/10/45 Col. Irish phones that this does not affect any arrangements already made with him. IAS are replying to Seventh Army & will send us a copy. *Slurp*

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FROM: CINC

TO : CO IBS

Request High Command nominate 1 Italian FIPLZ (Field?)
 Division required L late October from Sardinia to Sicily for Garrison
 duty mainly guard and police. Division commander or enlisted men to
 procede earliest by Italian air corrier to arrange details.
 Movement under AFHQ arrangements but may require some Sardinian
 shipping. Minimum scales only equipment accompany at this stage.
 On arrival Division under Command 1 District with Det probably 1 Re-
 giment attached IBS suggest High Command send OCP early to headquarters
 and 1 District Catania to organize YDM. Action Fatima for MAC FARRANTE
 information FABLE FOR BOVLINGIS, N.º 1 District, ABS (IBS?)

(SIGNED CINC. Cite HGCT)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Military Government Section

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10th October, 1943 464

SUBJECT: 7th Army Troop Movements - Provision of guards.
TO : H.Q., A.M.G., C.M.F. 25

Further to our letter DW/cags dated 9th October, 1943
on the above subject.

1. Since the letter referred to above was written it has become known that it is likely that an Italian Field Division and certain other Italian troops, and probably some British battalions, will be sent to Sicily in due course.

Dates for such troop movements are at present unknown but they will be notified to you as early as possible.

2. It is considered that this development should be borne in mind when preparing the report called for by this H.Q.

D. S. Jackling
D. S. JACKLING,
Lt. Colonel

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Military Government Section

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465DW/cags
9th October, 1943

SUBJECT: 7th Army Troop Movements - provision of guards.

TO : H.Q., A.M.G., C.M.F.

1. Certain troops of 7th Army are shortly to be moved to U.K.

This raises amongst other points the question of responsibility for security and administration of areas being evacuated by 7th Army Units, and, in particular, that of guards on certain static installations and other places of military importance.

2. In order to reduce the commitments of the Field Force to the minimum the advisability of employing Carabinieri on such guards must be considered. A report therefore should please be provided to this H.Q. as soon as possible, covering the following points :-

- (a) Whether it is considered advisable to employ Carabinieri on such duty.
- (b) If so, estimated number of Carabinieri that could be made available.
- (c) Supposing the number as in sub-para (b) is inadequate, whether you consider it advisable to open recruiting for the Carabinieri, and, if so, what the response is likely to be, and for approximately how long recruits would require to be trained. In this connection consideration will also be given to facilities for training.
- (d) Whether, if you consider it advisable to open recruiting for the Carabinieri recruits could be equipped from Patriot Equipment Dumps.
- (e) Any other relevant points, for instance matters arising out of discussion as directed in para 3.

3. It would seem ^{best} that a representative be detailed to contact H.Q. 1st (American) Division as soon as possible with a view to discussing these matters and in order to work out local details and requirements.

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G. J. Holmes
J. C. HOLMES,
Brigadier General, GSC.

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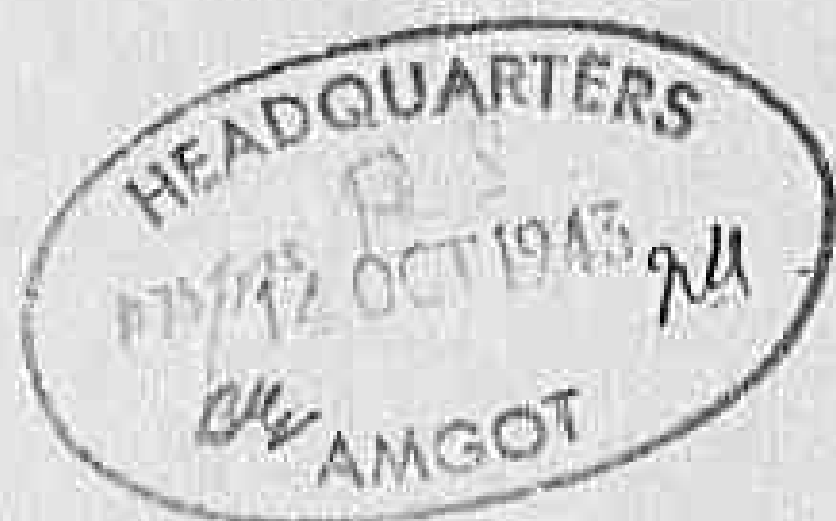
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HQ. ISLAND BASE SECTION, Office of the Intelligence Officer,
APO 550, 12 October 1943.

TO: Commissioner of Public Safety, Public Safety Division,
AMGOT Hq., Palermo.

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Re our telephone conversation, attached is a list of
vital military installations which we request the necessary
guards be placed over. Request reply by indorsement as to
disposition of this request.



G. T. Buell

G. T. BUELL,
Maj., Inf.,
Intelligence Officer.

T.S.U. Swin

*It is presumed that no action is
necessary on this.*

14 Oct 43

*Headquarters
14 Oct 43*

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HEADQUARTERS ISLAND BASE SECTION
OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER
A.P.O. #550

1 October 1943.

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Island Resources Board, Palermo.

1. The following is a list of points of military value that require guarding:

A. Highway Bridges.

- (1) Salso River Bridge at Licata on Road #115 (G 950340)
- (2) Gela River Bridge at Gela on Road #115 (H 235297)
- (3) F. Platani River Bridge 20 km. north of Raffadali on road #118 (G 536771)
- (4) E. Platani River Bridge on 2nd Class road north from Agrigento thru Casteltermini. 10 km. south of Casteltermini (G 705760)
- (5) F. Eleutero River Bridge 4 km. north of Bologneta on road #121 (B 510330)
- (6) T. Belici River Bridge near Villalba R.R. Station, Road #121 (G 900965)

B. Electric Power Installations.

- (1) Palermo Steam Generating Plant - Via Volta (B 444473)
- (2) Resultana High Voltage switching & sub station (B 415502)
- (3) Casuzze Hydro Electric Generating plant in Alto Belice S.W. of Palermo Suburb of Chiavelli (B 446444)
- (4) Piana dei Greci Lake Dam 6 km. S.E. Piana dei Greci. (B 390310)
- (5) San Carlo Hydro Electric Generating Plant near town of San Carlo. (G 351933)
- (6) Gammata Lake on Sosio River 3 km. W. of Palazzo Adriano. (G 424986)
- (7) Piana dei Leoni Lake 7 km. S.E. Prizzi. (G 532978)
- (8) Porto Empedocle Steam Generating Plant in town of Porto Empedocle. (G 593548)
- (9) Favaro Hydro Electric Plant on San Carlo River, 5 km. S. of San Carlo. (G 345885)
- (10) Poggio Diana Hydro Electric Plant approx. 8 km. N. of Rivera on San Carlo River (G 335790)

C. Palermo Water Supply System.

- (1) There are 37 points on the Palermo Aqueduct system which require constant guarding.
 - a. 10 siphons constructed across large valleys.
 - b. 5 Hydro Electric plants, 4 of which supply power to Termini & Palermo and one to Cerdà.
 - c. 22 bridges all vitally important. Two of which are located at Ponte Camisini near Scillato Springs and Ponte Tre Pietre, N.E. of Termini are the most important. Destruction of these two bridges would cut off the water supply of the City of Palermo for, from 2 to 3 months in order to make necessary repairs.

(2) Reference for above information in paragraph C., may be found in C.I.C. Report dtd. 14 September 1943. 22

D. It is recommended that the above points noted in paragraphs, A., B., & C., be adequately guarded and it is requested that their guarding be placed under the control & supervision of AMBOT.

CHAUNCEY K. SMULLEN,
Lt. Colonel, C. E.,
Engineer.

This is a certified true copy.

W. M. ALBIN
W. M. ALBIN, Major, C. E.,
Executive Officer.

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Summary of V.P.'s.T.C. & U. Div.

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10/10/43

See *7/2* 13 *10/10/43*

Herewith transmitted are lists and overlays showing the locations and extent to which military guards are now maintained at V.P.'s.

As soon as the foregoing has served your purpose, will you please be good enough to send by special messenger to the Superintendent of Civil Police, G.O.R.R. Barracks.

It is not intended that the extent to which these military guards have been maintained shall be governing upon you.

They are furnished only for such information and assistance as may be desired.

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CHIEF IN CHARGE
Colonel, Infantry,
Commissioner of

- as : (1) Memorandum from H. J. 7th Army to Public Safety, 7th Army dated 7 Oct 43
- (2) List of Security Guards dated 30 Sep 43 with V.P.'s guarded by 1st U. S. Inf. Div.
- (3) Corrected Post Guard List - Gp. I, II, III and IV (4 page)
- (4) Overlay of Guard Posts of 9th Infantry Division.
- (5) Letter from H. J. 2nd Armored Division to G.P.C. dated 12 Oct.
- (6) List of V.P.'s guarded by 2nd Armored Div. with unit guarding and number of men on guard.
- (7) List of V.P.'s guarded by 91st Reconnaissance Squadron with unit guarding and men allotted.
- (8) Overlay showing RR V.P.'s and number of guards in H. J. 2nd Arm. Div's jurisdiction. 12/10/43
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Enclosures (Contd.)

- (9) Overlay showing guard posts of 2nd Armd. Div. on Vh's H. I. Seventh Army.
- (10) Overlay showing guard posts of 91st Aen. Squadron area of responsibility.

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Enclosures:

1. Memorandum from HQ. 7th Army - Engineers to A.C. of S. G-3 Seventh Army dated 7/10/43
2. List of Security Guards dated 30/9/43 with installation VPs guarded by 1st U.S. Inf. Div.
3. Corrected Guard Post List - Group I, II, III and IV. (4 pages)
4. Overlay of Guard Posts of 9th Infantry Division.
5. Letter from HQ 2nd Armored Div. to C.P.S. dated 12 Oct 43
6. List of VPs guarded by 2nd Armored Div. with unit guarding, and no. of men ^{on} guard.
7. List of VPs guarded by 91st Reconnaissance Squadron with unit guarding, & men allotted.
8. Overlay showing RR VP & no. of guards in HQ. 2nd Armored Div's jurisdiction. 12/19/43
9. Overlay showing Guard Posts of 2nd Armored Div. on VPs. HQ Seventh Army. 30/1/43
10. Overlay showing Guard Posts of 91st Recon. Sqd. area of responsibility.

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HEADQUARTERS NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION
A F O #9

Corrected Guard Post ListGROUP I

	<u>Men Required</u>
1. R.R. Station	6
2. Bridges	3
3. Gas Dump	3
4. R.R. Bridge	3
5. R.R. Bridge	3
6. R.R. Yards	6
7. R.R. Tunnel	6
8. R.R. Station	6
9. Ammunition Dump	6
10. R.R. and River Bridge	6
11. R.R. Bridge	3
12. R.R. Bridge	6
13. R.R. Tunnel	3
14. R.R. Trestle	3
15. Dam	6
16. Ammunition Dump	6

GROUP II

1. R.R. Bridge	3
2. R.R. Bridge	3
3. R.R. Bridge	3
4. R.R. Tunnel	3
5. R.R. Tunnel	3
6. R.R. Bridge	3
7. R.R. Station & Ammunition Dump	3
8. R.R. Bridge	3
9. R.R. Tunnel	3
10. R.R. Bridge	3
11. R.R. Tunnel	3
12. R.R. Cars, Ammunition	3
13. R.R. Bridge	3
14. R.R. Bridge	3
15. R.R. Bridge	3
16. R.R. Bridge	3
17. R.R. Bridge	3
18. R.R. Bridge	3
19. R.R. Bridge	3
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22. R.R. Bridge	3
23. R.R. Bridge	3
24. R.R. Bridge	3
25. R.R. Bridge & Tunnel	3
26.)	
27.) RR Tunnel	33
28.)	

GROUP III

Men Required

1.	Ammunition Dump	8
2.	Water Works.....	4
4A	Tunnel w/ ammunition	4
4B	Tunnel w/ ammunition	5
5.	AA Gun disabled	6
6.	Water Pipe line	26
	Motor Patrol.....	2
7*	Gas Dump (at 455205).....	6

GROUP IV

1.	Tunnel	5
2.	R.R. Bridge	5
3.	R.R. Bridge	5
4.	Tunnel	5
6.	Tunnel	5
7.	O.P. Tower	5
8.	R.R. Tunnel	5
9.	Bridge	10
10.	Tunnel	5
11.	Tunnel	5
12.	3 Bridges	5
13.	Bridge	24
14.	DAGHERIA	5
15.	Bridge	5
16.	Tower	5
17.	Italian Coast Gun	5
18.	Bridge	5
19.	Warehouse - Airplane parts	5
20.	Warehouse - Machine parts	5

Note:

- a. * Not plotted on overlay
- b. Post #5 Group IV has been eliminated
- c. One guard group is stationed at the docks at TERMINI.
Strength required is approximately 80 men

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HEADQUARTERS SECOND ARMORED DIVISION
Office of AC of S, G-3

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APO 252,
12 October 1943.

SUBJECT: Guards on Railroad Installations.

TO : Colonel Bolles, AMGOT Headquarters,
8 Via Bari, Palermo.

Attached is overlay showing railroad installations now
being guarded by personnel of this division together with number of
men on guard at each installation.


L. C. HARKNESS, JR.,
Major, GSC,
Actg. G-3.

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Recd 11/14/43
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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

SUBJECT: Guards for essential civilian installations FILE No. AMGOT/10095/TCU
 TO: Public Safety Division. AMGOT HQ., SICILY
 10 October 1943

1. The following estimate is submitted of number of civilian guards required for listed agencies:

- Presumably includes the list on p. 10*
- a. Railways.
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 - (ii) Bridges - 594 guards - 198 posts - 3 shifts.
 - b. Electric Utilities. 54 guards - 18 posts - 3 shifts.
 - c. Gas Utilities. 12 guards - 4 posts - 3 shifts.
 - d. Highway Bridges (American Area Only) 36 guards - 12 posts - 3 shifts.

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- d. Rates of authorized pay and at whose expense.

CRM/EDC

Copy kept
Handwritten initials
 L. D. DENSMORE
 Lt. Col., S. C.
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Communications & Utilities.

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AMCOT/1175/PB

Guards for V.Ps.Supt. Civil Police.

11 October 3

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1. There is attached memo on above subject which has been approved by the D.C.S.O. (in absence of C.S.O.).
2. Full details covering location and strength of military guards now covering V.Ps. on the Island will be provided as rapidly as they become available.
3. Recommendations as to strength needed are under preparation by the Communications and Utilities Divisions of AMCOT and will be provided to you as completed.
4. Your proposals on para 5 are desired.
5. An emergency exists and therefore prompt action is necessary.

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Approved
11-66
MICHAEL L. BULLER,
Colonel, Infantry,
Commissioner of Public Safety.

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10/10/48
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C.S.O.

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Here with memo
on VPs as verbally
approved this a.m.
sent thru to complete
the record. Work
going forward.

Balley
CPO

Forwarded
to C.S.O.
by C.P.S.
Sentry
C.S.O.

SUBJECT : Orders for V.P.'s.

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AMGOT/1175/PB

AMGOT E.A. SICILY

10 October, 1943

TO : C.S.O.

The situation with regard to Vulnerable Points in Sicily is fast becoming a matter that will require attention on an Island-wide basis by the C.S.O. Up until very recently, this guarding has been provided by the use of troops detailed from tactical units. As units are withdrawn this coverage is removed. Normally this function is assumed by L.O.C. troops and actually discharged by employment of military police under the direction of the P.M., L.O.C. However, in Sicily, neither British nor U.S. military police are available. Sudden calls have been made upon this Division to provide civil guards within 48 hours for V.P.'s in areas where troops have been ordered away.

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3. AMGOT should assume responsibility for guarding V.P.'s where the interest of the civil population is involved to a reasonable degree.
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James T. Keller

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approved 10/10/48
Wally Parker
New Civil
by

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Samuel L. Dolley

SAMUEL L. DOLLEY
Colonel, Infantry,
Commissioner of Public Safety.

Copy to Civil Police
See 14

SUBJECT:- Railway Guards.

1520/G.

A.M.G.O.T. HQ (Through 7 Army).

7 Oct 43.

Attached is a list of vulnerable points on the East Sicilian railways which might be damaged by acts of sabotage.

I do not consider that the threat of sabotage is sufficiently serious to justify the employment of British troops on these duties, nor have I sufficient troops at my disposal to provide the guards.

I request that you will consider the employment of Carabinieri or other civil police as railway guards.



f Clark.

Major General,
Commanding,
No. 1 District.

In the Field.

Copy to:- Nov

1110-13/10/43
Copies to RACAL and more
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2 copies sent
Col Denmore
with covering
note by CFS
(copy to RACAL)

VULNERABLE POINTS ON EAST SICILIAN RAILWAYS.

Railway Kilometre.

(A)	<u>Line MOTTÀ - DICOCOA.</u>	
	45 metre steel span over TORRENTE RANICULO immediately East of MOTTÀ station	223.25
(B)	<u>Line DICOCOA - IONIA (RIPOSTO)</u>	
	Catania Tunnel	238.3
	Catania Viaduct	239.2
	Three tunnels between ACI CASTELLO and ACI TREZZO stations	248.75/250.2
	Tunnel 1½ kilometres N. of ACI REALE station	256.8
	Three Tunnels	257.6/258.7
(C)	<u>Line DICOCOA - SYRACUSE</u>	
	150 metre steel bridge over R. SIMETO	237.5
	47 metre steel span over R. GORNALANCA	242.2
	Valsavoia Tunnel	246.5
	46 metre steel span over R. LEONARDO	253
	AGNONE Tunnel	259.7
	CASTELNUOVO Viaduct	268
	LA GARDIA Tunnel	270.2
	BRUCOLI Tunnel	273.3
	AUGUSTA Tunnel	281
	31 metre steel span over R. MONTENELLO	286.2
	35 metre steel span over R. MARCELLINO	288.4
(D)	<u>Line SYRACUSE - NOTO</u>	
	20 metre steel span over R. AMARO	315.15
	45 metre three arch masonry bridge over R. CASSIBULE	330.6
(E)	<u>Line NOTO - PACHINO</u>	
	80 metre four arch viaduct over R. ASINARO	K.1

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JUNE/1175/PS

Guarding of Vulnerable Points.S.O. P.O. (Through S.O. P.O.) URGENT.

5 October 5

owing to the impending move of the 1 (V.C.) Division from your part of SIOMI we have been asked to take over the guarding of the hydro-electric generation plant west of Ribara and the Porto Ampodole steam plant.

The matter is of some urgency and you should get into touch as soon as possible with the appropriate section of 1 Division Hq., as to taking over the duties.

There is no alternative to the employment of Carabinieri or Agenti di Pubblica Sicurezza for this purpose but, if you so recommend, consideration can be given to the engagement on a temporary basis of special police, who would, of course, operate under the orders of the Carabinieri, it being assumed that the two sites are outside the sphere of responsibility of the Agenti di Pubblica Sicurezza.

Copy of L.B. letter on the subject is attached.

Original of this letter handed to Maj. Ashworth personally by Wt. Botsford at SCAPOS conference 6 Oct. p. 6/10.

R. M. J. MARTIN,
Lt. Colonel,

Deputy Commissioner of Public Safety

Copy to:

Civil Police Section.

5770

HEADQUARTERS ISLAND BASE SECTION
OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER
A.P.O. 550

2 October 1943

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Service and Supply, Hq. IBS.

1. Attention is invited to attached letter, Hqs. 7th Army, to CO, IBS, subject, Withdrawal of Guards, dated 30 September 1943.

2. The two dams in question are at water supply storage points for hydro-electric generation. The power plants include the hydro units in the Ribera section, the hydro unit near Palermo, and the Porto Empedocle steam plant. The coordinates given in the attached letter are incorrect in several cases, however, the locations in question have been named above, and we will make available to you, for whatever units are to supplant the guards at these points, exact map location of the places in question.

3. The above power plant locations are the only ones outside of Palermo on which we would feel warranted in asking for a military guard at present. Later arrangements as developed by AMGOT should replace necessity of military guards even on these points, and AMGOT should provide local police guards for the Palermo steam plant which is a vital spot. There are no other Engineer Military locations in the Western Sector of Sicily now, since the Gela, Licata, and Porto Empedocle Engineer Dumps have by now all been loaded and transported to Palermo or are enroute there.

Dams 424-986
470 025

Power Plants 351 933
344 874
329 792

Chauncey K. Smullen
CHAUNCEY K. SMULLEN,
Lt. Col., C. E.,
Engineer.

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1175/PS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT 8

SUBJECT: Guarding AMGOT Dump.
TO: Public Safety Division.

FILE No AMGOT/5016/ES
AMGOT HQ. SICILY
2 October 1943

Request that a 24 hour permanent guard of local police be placed on AMGOT Dump 80 in view of the imminent withdrawal of the American military guard detail. The Warehouse contains up to 4,000 tons of flour and other foodstuffs, so that most trusted police personnel are needed.

Renella Plant
on Monrovia Road
WLB/EEG.

Phoned Maj. Lente
1205/2/10/43 RWP

JOHN T. ZELLARS 5768
Colonel, Infantry,
Acting Director Economics
and Supply Division.

PA 3/10

1035 hr
110/43
Conferred with Lt Col
Deismore re VP's.
Memo coming thru from
him. Not clear as yet
who will provide guide
Advised him when this
known present his
problem with VP's in-
olved and we would
carry on from there.
Discouraged form-
ation of new corps.

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PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION.

ROUTING SLIP.

TO SEE : *[Signature]*
C.T.S.....
D.C.P.S..... *[Signature]*
PRISON SECTION.....
CIVIL POLICE SECTION.....
FIRE AND CIVIL DEFENCE
SECTION.....
LICENSING AND REGISTRATION
SECTION.....

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Public Safety

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Palermo Province

RL

1175/19

23 September 1945

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Colonel Roberts - Commanding Officer Palermo Military District

1. I talked to General McSherry about the advisability of a sort of Sicilian Home Guard, as tentatively suggested by General Caffey.
2. General McSherry would be glad to discuss the matter with you and General Caffey. As you know, General McSherry is located at 8 Via Bari, Palermo.

CHARLES POLITTI
Lt. Colonel
Senior Civil Affairs Officer

Copy to : General McSherry

*Gen. Baffer. and Col Roberts called.
Notify Bunker - 77mcs.*

Public Safety

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to C.S.O. *D* R.D. 29/9/43

(5)

Ken McSherry spoke to me
upon this general subject before
leaving - As the matter has had
some general consideration
may I have a chance to see
you for a moment at your
convenience in re general policy.
It is wished to follow -

Bolles

1110 30/9/43

Hold for arrival of Coventry
G 2 - Genl Clark's Regts. Discussed
this AM with Rt Col Young 15th H.G.

Bolles

5766

Recruiting of local forces.

B.C.A.O. CATANIA.

File **44** **19**
AUGOT/1026/PS.

26. Sept. 3.

Reference your GAR/99 of 5. Sept. 43.

1. The C.C.A.O. does not consider that the guarding of V.Ps. is an A.M.O.T. function, and furthermore he does not believe that Sicilians (other than the M.C.C.) would be of much use as V.P. guards without a stiffening of Allied M.C.Os.
2. As regards Brig. Stronge's suggestion that he should recruit a civil force, the C.C.A.O. has recently sent a message to C.O.C.-in-C. asking for guidance on a request made by a deputation of Sicilian non-fascist ex-combatants that they, and, as they allege, many thousands of Sicilian volunteers, be allowed to fight with the Allies in order to liberate Italy from the Germans.
3. If the recruitment of such a force is approved, some part of it, with the stiffening referred to in para.1, should be just what Brig. Stronge requires, and it is suggested that he put this to 15 Army Group.
4. As a temporary measure there is no objection to the use of any agents of the Repubblica Siciliana who are not required for other duties as V.P. guards in the manner suggested by you. You will not recruit additional agents because, apart from the objections given in para.1, it is considered that a large number of these V.Ps. will not need guarding in the near future, and the expansion of a purely local force for this purpose is therefore not justified.

C.P.S. Baller
D.C.P.S. 27/9
CHARLES M. STORFORD.
Colonel, C.S.O.
Chief Staff Officer.

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Copy to Civil Police.
sent. 28/9

See minutes at 3

PH.
28/9

Clear minute at 11 - draft at 15 for consideration.

2. 12 and 14.

It's difficult to make a recommendation without knowing how many men are required - a few how long they are wanted. I should imagine that a number of the U.P.'s described at 12 will very soon not require guarding.

The advantage of Brig. Strong receiving his own force is that he could move it anywhere ^{but} ~~as~~ he needs it.

On the other hand it's more a police job and we should retain the army of what we can.

We don't want to recruit a large number of extra local police owing to funds but in a month or two long are no longer required.

3. Replying to 14 ~~saying~~ pointing out as in para. 1 above to asking for more information?

DB
1. Rep. para 1 ¹⁴² ~~142~~ *DB* agreed.

2. Rep. para. 3, Yes, but admit ^{another} ~~another~~ draft raising the issue (viz. 2) and say that I don't think that granting U.P.'s is an ~~unjustified~~ ^{unjustified} function. In doing so refer to my tel. saying that the Sicilians were ready to volunteer for service in the war against Germany. Add that I doubt myself with the Sicilians as met (other than the P.P.C.) would be any from U.P. franchises without aliases added. Submit opposite draft. *DB* 16/9

C.O.

This raises a question as to whether it is an Angot responsibility to guard vulnerable points. If so, the duties might be divided between the Agents de P.S. in urban areas and the C.C.R.R. in rural districts. In Lira province it would be necessary for the military to authorize the re-issue of arms to the Agents.

If the C.C.A.O. decides that the guarding of V.P.s is still a military liability, we would be willing to assist ~~the~~ in recruiting civilian personnel to carry out the duties under military supervision.

Samuel Rogers
Col. ~~of~~
Command of Public Security

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SUBJECT:- Recruiting of Local Forces. *Register*

Our Ref:- CAT/99

To:- ANGOT H.Q.
PALERMO. ✓From:- Lt. Col. Wellesley,
S.C.A.O.
Province of Catania.

Brigadier Stronge, O.C. 56 Base Sub Area is very anxious to recruit some civil force to take over from the military the guarding of V.Ps such as bridges, viaducts, tunnels, power stations, etc. They would not be asked to guard military stores or dumps. I have talked the matter over with the S.C.A.P.O. and he sees no objection to the agents of the Pubblica Sicurezza being given arm-bands and rifles and being used for this purpose. Brigadier Stronge is ready to accept this solution.

Please inform me as to whether additional agents of the Pubblica Sicurezza may be recruited for the purpose above described.

Catania.
5 Sept 43.Lt. Col.
S.C.A.O.Copies to:- Major Battersbey.
Brigadier Stronge, 56 Base Sub Area.

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*Copy sent Brig Polie
Also 19. - 7.28/49*

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11 June 1943

CIVILIAN SUPPLY DIVISION

SECRET

REQUESTED ACTIONS BY OTHER DIVISIONS OF AMEOT

I. Industries, Mines and Resources Subdivision.

A. To Public Safety Division

The Industries and Resources subdivision of the Civilian Supply Division requests that the following industries and mines be given protection immediately upon occupation in accordance with priorities A, B, & C.

1. Class A priority - This group includes those civilian plants or resources likely to be needed (in part, at least) by the military forces within thirty days. Protection should be provided within twenty-four hours of arrival of C.A.G.'s if possible. (This group includes foundries, machine shops, electrical works, chemical plants, flour mills, cement plants, breweries, refrigeration plants, ice plants, and storage facilities and warehouses of all kinds.)

2. Class B priority - This group includes those plants and resources needed to supply minimum, essential civilian requirements. Protection should be provided within forty-eight hours after arrival of CA personnel. (This group includes olive oil refineries, canning plants, food processing plants, tannery oil mills or refineries, agricultural machinery plants, and soap plants.)

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4. The facilities to be protected with priorities and their location by province and town follows:

REGION 1.

Province	Town	Industry	Priority Class
Trapani	Trapani	a. Foundry	A
		b. Warehouses	A
		c. 10 ice plants	A
Agrigento	Salini Meto	a. Cement works	A
		a. Small shipyard	A
		b. Chemical works	A
		c. 5 sulphur refineries	C
Caltanissetta	Caltanissetta	d. 11 ice plants	A
		e. Cement works	A
		b. Agricultural machinery plant	B
		c. Soap plant	B

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		e. Cement works	A
		b. Agricultural machinery plant	B
		c. Soap plant	B

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II B. Labor Subdivision

To Public Safety Division

In connection with registration of vehicles or any other registration or investigation of individuals which it may conduct, to obtain all information from work cards carried by such individuals, with particular reference to type of work, length of service, location, wage, hours, morale, etc.

III Agricultural Subdivision

A. To Public Safety Division

C.A.O.'s in cooperation with the Public Safety Division will arrange for the mounting of guards on Ammari, abbatoirs and all places containing important

agricultural stocks. Such stocks will include seeds, wine, olive oil, tobacco, dried and citrus fruit, dried vegetables, nuts, cotton, wool, oil seeds, cattle fodder, manure and machinery. In addition to the Ammasi, these stocks may be found with merchants or processing factories.

IV

Transportation subdivision

A. To Public Safety Division (Traffic Control Section)

Since this division will be making a registration of all vehicles it is requested that information be obtained showing ownership, location, capacity, and usage of all vehicles capable of transporting goods. My usage is meant the purpose for which it has most recently been employed.

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