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SUBJECT: Background of Senior Prison Officials.

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TO: S.C.A.P.O. (Through S.C.A.O.)
MESSINA
CATANIA
PALERMO (EXC. CMT. OF PALERMO)

AMGOT HQ., SICILY

9 October 1943

Forms No. _____ to No. _____ ~~handed over to~~
for completion by all individuals in Prison Service
within the Province under your administration with instructions
that they will be returned to ~~Chief Director~~ Prisons through you
~~and H.Q. AMGOT.~~ SUPT. OF PRISONS WITHIN
10 DAYS.

ALLEN B. MICHELL,
Lt. Colonel,
Supt. of Prisons.

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Supt. of Prisons.

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Background of Senior Prison Officials.

S.A.P.O. (Through S.G.A.O.)

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9 October 5

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Supt. of Prisons.

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ALLEN B. MICHAEL,
Lt. Colonel,
Capt. of Prisons.

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Reference of Senior Prison Officials.

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ALLEN B. HENNING,
Lt. Colonel,
Capt. of Prisons.

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With instructions that they
will be returned to Chief Director
Prisons through you and
H.B. H.M. 901.

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Lt. Col.
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Sigg. Direttori delle Carceri Provinciali

SEGRETO.

Vi invitiamo a completare i moduli, consegnatevi, per tutto il personale della Provincia di cui siete Direttore o facente le veci.

Vi invitiamo a compilare i moduli tanto per i Custodi, come per le Guardie, Agenti ed impiegati al servizio delle Carceri.

Come rileverete i moduli sono tutti numerati, e dovranno essere considerati quali documenti segreti.

Dovranno essere completati e restituiti al S.C.A. P.O. A.M.G.O.T. della vostra Provincia entro il 30 ottobre 1943.

11 October 1943.

M. P. Lathau
Major,
D/Superintendent Prisons.

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G.B.F.

SUBJECT: Background - Prison Officials.

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TO : All S.O.A.P.Os.
(Through S.O.A.Os.)

AMCOT/1192/PS.
ALFAT H.Q. STONY.
11. Oct. 43.

Forms for registration of Prison services (including Prison
Guardians) are forwarded for completion.

Please hand them to Provincial Prison Director or Acting Director
with enclosed letter of instructions regarding them.

The Instructions state that the forms complete will be delivered
by him to you by the end of October.

Will you please have them sent in to H.Q. as early as possible in
November.

EMUEL L. BOLLES.
Colonel, Inf.
Commissioner of Public
Safety.

Palermo	No. 7213	- 7216 - Already filled in.
Palermo	No. 7217	7419 - Handed over to Central Prison, for distribution Central Prison Staff.
Palermo		Refer to Prison Staff.
Palermo	No.	Women's Prison, Palermo for Distribution.
Guipuzcoa	No.	Refer to Prison, for Distribution.
Agrigento	No.	"
Calabria	No.	"
Enna	No.	"
Ragusa	No.	"
Syracuse	No.	"
Catania	No.	"
Messina	No.	"

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AM 801/1192/8.P.S.

All S.C.A. P.Os.

thru S.C.A.Os.

Forms for registration of Government-employ Prison
service (including Prison Custodians) are forwarded
for completion.

Please hand them to ~~Chief~~ Provincial Prison
Director or Acting Director with enclosed letter
of instructions regarding them.

The instructions state that the forms
complete will be delivered by him to you by the
end of October.

~~Is~~ ^{will} ~~be~~ glad if you ~~can~~ please have them
sent in to H.Q. as early as possible in November.

Catmel. 103

Palermo No 7213 - 7216 - already filled up.
" " 7217 - 7419 - handed over to Central Prison.
X for destruction: Central Prison Staff
Reformatory Prison
Women's Prison.
S.C.A. P.O.s
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for destruction.

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Please hand them to Staff Commandant Bureau Director in Acting Reception with enclosed letter of instructions regarding them.

The instructions state that the forms complete will be delivered by him to you by the end of October.

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I am glad if you ~~can~~ please have them sent in to H.Q. as early as possible in November.

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Palermo NO 7213 - 7216 - already filled up.

" " 7217 - 7419 Handled over to Central Bureau.

for destruction: Central Bureau Staff

Reformatory Bureau Staff

Women's Bureau

SCA Rotations

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for destruction.

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TRAPANI " 100.

AGRIGENTO " 120

CALTANISSETTA " 120

ENNA " 70

RAQUSA " 70

SIRACUSA " 200
100

CATANIA " 100
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MESSINA " 100
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SUBJECT: Background - Prison Officials.

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(Through S.C.A.Os.)AMCOT/1192/PS
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Commissioner of Public
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Palermo	No. 7217		- Handed over to Central Prison for distribution; Central Prison Staff, Reformatory Prison Staff.

Palermo	No.	- To S.C.A.P.O. Palermo for Distribution.
Trapani	No.	- For distribution.
Agrianto	No.	"
Catania	No.	"
Enna	No.	"
Reggio	No.	"
Siracusa	No.	"
Catania	No.	"
Messina	No.	"

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LEWIS L. HOLLES,
Colonel, Inf.
Commissioner of Public
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Palermo			- For distribution: Central Prison Staff.
			Reformatory Prison Staff.
Palermo	No.		Women's Prison.
			- To S.C.A.B.O. Palermo for
			Distribution.
			- For distribution.
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Copy to: File 1192/A/RS.

MADE IN ENGLAND

I really entered the Fascist Party in 1927.

In error the date 1921 was written in, a time in which I was in the Army, having been in the last war.

I was released from the Army in May 1922.

DOTT GOMERO.



DIREZIONE
DELLA
CARCERI GIUDIZIARIE

DIRETTORE

Effettivamente mi sono iscritto al P.N.F
nel 1927.

Per errore mi venne attribuita la data 1921
epoca in cui mi trovavo alle armi, avendo
partecipato alla guerra europea del 1915.
Dal servizio militare venni solo congedato nel
maggio del 1922.

In fede

Let. Ferdinando Columba

SUBJECT: Form of Questionnaire.

MEMO/1192/PS.

TO: Chief Staff Officer.
Political Int. Sec.

11. Oct. 43.

Forwarded herewith Form of Questionnaire filled up by the Senior
Prison Staff at Central Prison, Palermo. Others will follow.

Dott. Columba Portinarlo No. 7213.
Chief Director of Prisons.

Sig. Amorese Michele fu Giovanni No. 7214.
Vice Director of Central Prison, Palermo.

Sig. Ferruggia Domenico Francesco No. 7215.
Accountant.

Comandanti Bonaventura Giuseppe No. 7216.
Comd't. of Central Prison, Palermo.

Sgt. H. A. M.

ALLEN B. MICHELL.
Lt. Col.
Superintendent of Prisons.

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Forms of Regis. Form: Received and Issued.

8/10/43. From Major Hoffa 5/10. Inmate's c/p. 7213-7216 - 4.

7213 - 7512 - 300

11/10/43 From Major Hoffa. 7618 - 7717 - 100.

*Copy to Col. Michell
for his information*

AMGOT 175/HQ
AMGOT HQ SICILY
October 6, 1943

CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Questionnaire for Civil Officials and Employees

TO : All S.C.A.O.s

1. The attached is a copy of a questionnaire from "Scheda Personale" an appropriate number of copies of which are being sent you separately, for immediate distribution to all individuals in the categories shown on the accompanying sheet. An English translation of the items on the form is also provided for your information.
2. The purpose of this questionnaire is to provide an orderly and detailed method of obtaining necessary information concerning the Fascist background of civil officials and employees. The data thus obtained, after analysis and evaluation and checking with other sources of information, will assist AMGOT in carrying out its obligation of ascertaining that no person is retained in public office whose record indicates that he was an important and active member of the Fascist Party or Fascist Government or dependent organization "which affects prejudicially the United States or Great Britain or their nationals."
3. The information thus furnished, on the other hand, will also help to make sure that unjust removals from office or detention in custody are avoided in cases which indicate that affiliation with any Fascist organization was merely perfunctory and innocuous, and that the individual is not of a type likely to be dangerous to the Allied cause.
4. Distribution of the questionnaire to Provincial Officials will be made directly by the office of the S.C.A.O. to the officials located in the Provincial seat. Distribution to communal offices will be forwarded by the S.C.A.O. to the appropriate local C.A.O.s for distribution by them to such officials. Distribution to AMGOT's own civil employees will, of course, be made by the responsible head of each office to his own employees.
5. Distribution to university and school officials and teachers will be made by the office of the S.C.A.O. It is suggested that the most practical way of distributing the forms to university and school officials and teachers is to obtain a list from the PROVVEDITORE DEGLI STUDI (Head of the Provincial School Board) who is located at the Provincial Seat. The forms should then be sent by the S.C.A.O. to the individuals on the list or down through the C.A.O.s depending on the location of the individuals.
6. All persons who are being considered by S.C.A.O.s or C.A.O.s as candidates for public offices must complete the questionnaire before action is taken upon them.
7. It is intended that eventually every individual in Sicily who held a prominent position during the Fascist regime will have filled out a copy of the questionnaire. Such coverage will include not only civil officials as such, but also Heads of Fascist Corporations, Syndicates and agricultural organizations, heads of banks, industries, etc. In the interest of not overloading S.C.A.O.s and C.A.O.s, as well as the need for speed, the questionnaires for the present are to be distributed only to types of persons indicated on the attached sheet.
8. The forms will be filled out and signed by each individual. When completed, the forms will be returned to the office of the S.C.A.O.
9. The unit in AMGOT H.Q. charged with the responsibility of distributing the forms to all provinces in Sicily, with providing technical advice and assistance in analyzing the returns and with coordinating such data with other Divisions of AMGOT and

with other sources of information, will assist AMGOT in carrying out its obligation of assuring that no person is retained in public office whose record indicates that he was an important and active member of the Fascist Party or Fascist Government or dependent organization "which efforts prejudicially the United States or Great Britain or their nationals."

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10. The questionnaires should be distributed within each province immediately upon arrival and should be completed and returned to the S.C.A.O. as quickly as possible.

Col. Michel: all prison official questionnaires to be distributed by Prison Section. A.C.R.

Charles M. Spofford
CHARLES M. SPOFFORD,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief Staff Officer.

CONFIDENTIAL

SECRET

6 October, 1943

Subject: FERDINANDO COLUMBA

To: Chief Staff Officer

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3. In view of the fact that this evidence is official and not merely hearsay or based on possible false accusation, the information is furnished for the guidance of the Chief Staff Officer and other officers of AMGOT who may be interested.

4. Under present policies and directives, the fact of an individual's being a "Squadrista" is one of the most important indications of his sympathy and fealty to the Fascist cause.

A. L. Raffa
A. L. Raffa, Major, AC,
Political Intelligence
Section, AMGOT, HQ

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Referred to Public Safety Div. by Col. Spofford
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Political Intelligence
Section, AMGOT, HQ

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Referred to Public Safety Div. by Col. Springfield

OGST-7/10/43

*To Supst Prisons. When questionnaires are rec'd
have above appear filled out and submit in
regular manner.*

Referred
C.P.D.

10-1-43

