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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
PALERMO

3/4/44.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Francesca SCAGLIONE has been employed at this Headquarters as a Copy typist from February 11, 1944 to March 31, 1944.

During this period she performed her duties in a satisfactory manner.

Her services were dispensed with in consequence of a reduction in staff.

Russell A. SNOOK,
Lt. Colonel,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

ARMED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
MILITARY REGION HEAD QUARTERS
APO 312

22/11/43.

Original
DISTRIBUTION:

SUBJECT : Civilian Employees.
TO : All Chiefs of Departments.

1. A complete list of civilian employees attached to each department, showing their names, addresses, position, date of commencing employment and salary must be submitted to this office immediately.

2. No change of salary is to be effected without first clearing with this office.

3. On the 15th and last day of each month, a certified wage list is to be submitted by the Chief of Department showing the number of days or hours worked by each employee.

By order of Lt. Colonel Charles Pollett.

E. Roberts
E. J. ROBERTS
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER.

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SPECIAL REPORT

SubjectCorres. No.To Special Police
SectionApproved. Pass
copy to Admin:
Divn: as suggested
in para. 6.Russell A. Snook,
Lieut. Col.

CP/1

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS

APO 394

TOWN

PROVINCE

DATE 19th December 1943.

SUBJECT: Security - checking of native employees of
AMG and native administrative personnel.

TO: Chief, Public Safety Division, No. 1 Region.

1. To the duties of Special Police Section of this Division, has been added the investigation of native administrative personnel throughout the Island as detailed in Numbered Memorandum 39. This particular work has just been commenced and it will be appreciated that as it progresses the clerical work will increase considerably.

2. Even now the clerical resources at the disposal of this Section are strained to the utmost - I have only the assistance of Lieutenant Gale (loaned by A. C. C.) and one O.R., namely, Private Matthews of AMG No. 1 Region.

3. It will be recalled that when this 'vetting' scheme was placed before AMG/ACC for approval, it was pointed out that we should require an additional 3 Officers and a certain number of CR/EM to ensure efficient operation of the scheme. The scheme was approved in its entirety, but the request for the additional staff could not be met.

4. As will be realised this 'vetting' is of paramount importance, but with the staff at my call it would be impossible to conduct the investigations required with any degree of efficiency.

5. In these circumstances, I have engaged two civilians, viz., Giovanni Battista FONTANA and Elvira RUSSO, both formerly employed by AMG HQ. The first named is an interpreter-translator and his particulars have been supplied already to Administration Division. (Mrs) Elvira RUSSO, of 12 Via Giuseppe Arcoleo, Palermo, is an interpreter translator and shorthand typist (110 lire per day same rate as received at AMG HQ) and she commenced

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6. I now ask confirmation for the action taken and request that a copy of this report be handed to Administration Division for information and formal registration of these two civilians on the strength of Special Police Section.

G. Richardson
G. Richardson, Major,
Special Police Section.

To Special Police
Section

Approved. Pass
copy to Admin:
Divn: as suggested
in para. 6.

Russell A. Snook,
Lieut. Col.
Chief, Public
Safety Divn.
No. 1 Region.
20th Dec. 1943.

EXTRACTS OF MEETING OF PROVINCIAL C.A.F.O's HELD AT HQ, AMGOT., PALERMO AT 1000 HRS.
6TH OCTOBER 1943. 16

AMGOT/1194/PS

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4. Security Measures.

(a) Checking of AMGOT Civilian Employees.

The D.C.F.S. stated that proper checking of civilian employees has been neglected as far as Provinces are concerned and referred to the C.S.O's memorandum of the 11th August 1943 to SCAOs, reference number 253/HQ. Reports on the misconduct of civilians in AMGOT employ are being received from the Security Services. SCAOs should draw the attention of SCAOs to the above instruction. It was agreed that checking forms should be completed in respect of all civilians in AMGOT employ and submitted to the Civil Police Section.

A.M.G.O.T. HEADQUARTERS

October 13, 1943

SUBJECT: GIORGIO FEGINO

TO :D.C.P.S.

1-It has been found evident that the above mentioned person, has not had any fascistic affiliations in the past. He was sent to Ustica, by the Political Commission of Milan, because he arranged the exchange of Italian Liras into foreign money.

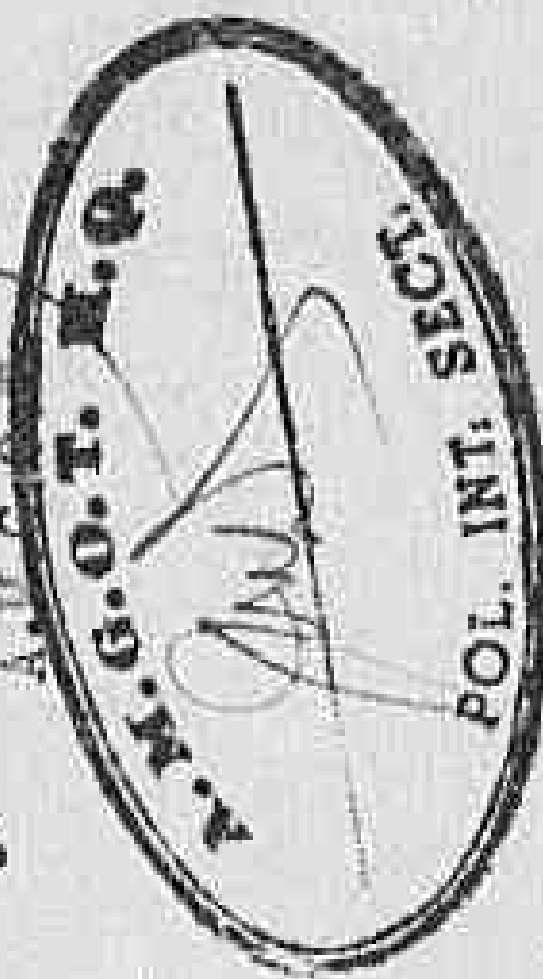
2-For your information the Civil background of said Fegino is as follows:

- 1a. In 1928, in France, he was arrested and convicted to serve seven months in jail for falsification of passport.
- 2a. In 1930, in Belgium, he was arrested and convicted to serve six months in jail also for falsification of passport.
- 3a. In 1935 he returned to France where he was convicted to serve 15 days for prohibited re-entry.
- 4a. In 1937, still in France, he was convicted to serve 15 days for the same offence mentioned in para. 3a.
- 5a. In 1940, in Milan he served 40 days in jail as a suspect of an alledged crime (Robbery) in a Public Bus. He was later released for insufficient proofs.

3a-For your information and necessary action.

*These statements are the
presumably based on the
main one statement
Gusty*

Joseph M. De Luca
JOSEPH M. DE LUCA
2nd Lt.
C.E.



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*Copy sent to Gen. De Luca
Gusty
noted 12/1/43*

0522
Capt Evans
Room 29

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You will, no doubt, wish to follow this up. Please report action taken so that our records can be kept up to date.

Richard Martin
Lt Col
J.C.P.

0845 12 Oct 45

1st Ind.

Subject employed Public Health. 110 Live. Scheda # 7541-~~(Conf. Ref)~~. Passed to Polit. Int. Sec. - Lt. DE LUCA for necessary action and comment.

J. M. Evans
Capt, M.I.

SPECIAL REPORT

Subject

CHECKING OF

CIVILIANS

EMPLOYED BY

AMGOT

Corres. No.

625/23/CPS

CP/1

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

CARABINIERI
HEADQUARTERS

TOWN

PALERMO CITY

PROVINCE

DATE 9th October 1943

(1)

To Superintendent.

Reference to attached form requesting enquiry into the bona-fides of one George REGINO, Identity Card No. 871356, c/o Villa - Alessandro Paternostro No. 28, Palermo.

The subject is apparently employed as an interpreter at AMGOT Headquarters, but by which Division we are unable to determine as the form has not been completed properly: furthermore, it would appear that it has been compiled by REGINO himself.

George REGINO is identical with Giorgio REGINO, born 9th November 1896 at Florence, and a report has been received from one of our agencies to the effect that he was sentenced by the Special Commission of Florence to the Confine of Ustica as "a dangerous person for common crimes", but was released therefrom upon the arrival of the Allied Military Government. Despite enquiries we are unable to enlarge upon this information. Nothing, however, can be traced in this Branch detrimental to his character from a political point of view.

In the circumstances, I suggest that a copy of this report together with the attached request form be forwarded to the Administration Branch, AMGOT Headquarters, for information. If REGINO's services are dispensed with a report to that effect would be appreciated.

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G. Richardson,

Major,

Special Police Branch.

2.

6 of P.S. It is not known from what Department attached form emanates. The submission of the

CP's endorsement
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Contribute to
which both
Richardson
Stafford object
and we were to
the loss of
the form than
to any other cause.
the form

Corres. No.

638/23/CPS

CP's endorsement
Dear
Condition to
which both
Richardson &
Stafford object
as the more to
the loss of
the form than
to any other cause.
Also the length
of comment is
entirely too long
and time consuming
for such a trivial
incident
as doing
11/10/43.

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c/o Villa - Alessandro Paternostro No. 28, Palermo.

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Special Police Branch.

2.

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attached form emanates. The submission of the
form in such a manner shows a complete lack
of understanding of security measures.

The form is obviously an undesirable
but he has, apparently, been allowed to complete
the form himself.

If such procedure is allowed to continue
there seems little use in submitting the forms at all.
Major
at Special Civil Police

9/10/43.

SPECIAL REPORT
OF C. A. P. O.

SUBJECT

CHECKING OF CIVILIANS
EMPLOYED BY ANGOT.

CORRES. NO.

635/22/1015

CP/1.

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION
CIVIL POLICE SECTION

TOWN CARABINIERI HEADQUARTERS

PROVINCE PALERMO

DATE 26th September 1943

1.

To Superintendent.

With further reference to the attached correspondence which deals with the necessity of S. C. A. O's forwarding particulars to this Office of all civilians employed by ANGOT throughout Sicily.

The records at this Office show that to date there has been little response to the memorandum dated 11th August 1943 from the C. S. O., ANGOT H.Q., calling upon our representatives in the Provinces to acquaint this Division of their investigations regarding prospective civilian employees. It should be pointed out that requests for the checking of such employees at Headquarters as referred to in paragraph 4 of the memorandum quoted, have been and are being received from all Divisions.

In accordance with the attached instruction of Commissioner, Public Safety Division, asking for suggestions for the revision of the memorandum in question in order to make it more effective, it is suggested that a further memorandum, couched in the following terms, be forwarded to all S. C. A. O's:-

To S. C. A. O. (Province)

Your special attention is directed to my memorandum of 11th August 1943 calling upon you to forward to Public Safety Division, ANGOT H.Q., the particulars of all present and prospective civilian employees in your Province in order that they may be checked from a political and criminal point of view.

Please submit without any delay to the Civil Police Section of Public Safety Division the following particulars in respect of all such persons:-

- (1) Surname
- (2) Other names
- (3) Particulars of personal identity card
- (4) Date of birth
- (5) Native of

24/9/43

Asst Civil Police

Please let me have
your suggestions for
revision of attached
directive in order
to make it more
effective. 15 Army
Group has invited
attention to laxities
along these lines

Ballew
C.P.D.

Memo C.A.O. 11/8/43

SPECIAL REPORT
OF C. A. P. O.

SUBJECT
ENQUIRIES RE
ANTECEDENTS OF
CIVILIANS EMPLOYED
BY AMGOT.

CORRES. NO.
508/19/CAS

CP/1.

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

CIVIL POLICE SECTION

TOWN CARABANIERI HEADQUARTERS

PROVINCE PALERMO

DATE 21st September 1943.

(1)

To Superintendent.

With reference to attached correspondence and, in particular, to minute of Deputy Commissioner, Public Safety Division, AMGOT Headquarters, dated 17th September 1943.

The names herein have been checked with our records but nothing has been traced detrimental to any individual either from a criminal or political point of view.

G. Richardson
G. Richardson,
Major,
Special Police Branch.

Copy of PS. Submitted in accordance with your minute on attached.

Approved
21/9/43
Approved Civil Police Section

Civil Police Section
Returned for your file
21/9/43

ENQUIRIES RE
ANTECEDENTS OF
CIVILIANS EMPLOYED
BY AUCOT.

CORRES. NO.

508/19/cps

DATE 21st September

1943.

(1)

To Superintendent.

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The names herein have been checked with our records but nothing has been traced detrimental to any individual either from a criminal or political point of view.

G. Richardson

G. Richardson,
Major,
Special Police Branch.

2.
6 of ps. Submitted in accordance
with your minute on attached
B. B. Keppord
21/9/43
14/11/43
at Dept Civil Division

Civil Police Section
Returned for your file
24/9

SUBJECT: Civilian Employees.

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ANGOT HQ., Sicily
Public Safety Division
Civil Police Section
Comando Legione CC. RR.

REF : ANGOT/10/PP/PED

7, September, 1943.

TO : Commissioner of Public Safety.

1. This case apparently was referred here in error, indicates a procedure quite contrary to existing orders, and which makes ineffective the present system and may endanger security.

2. I concur with what Major Richardson reports in the attached and recommend that the Province be informed that the existing procedure must be followed.

R. A. Snook
RUSSELL A. SNOOK
Lt. Colonel
Public Safety Division
Supt. Civil Police.

afst
RAS/ce.

DCPS

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Sir,

I have made an
up and down search
for this instruction
but there is no
trace of it.

The Registry
have no copies
on their files,
nor have
any of the other
Divisions.

Brack

Sd/-

Civil Police Section

I have the names
checked with your
records as we
will then take up
with SCARs generally
17/4 Ruffin

4.2 7
Supt. Civil Police Section

I do not recollect
ever seeing this but
a copy was apparently
sent to you.

The point is that
existing instructions do
require SCAPs to notify
their decision on their
own employees to us.

I do not remember seeing
any such notifications.

Do you wish to suggest
any further instructions
to SCAPs. If not we can
include a reference to this
instruction in the next
bulletin

Shufy
19/9

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SQ. ind.

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Pl. obtain
from C/R CDNY
of the's circulars
to divisions (? and
SCADs) re valting
of AMGOT civilian
personnel, and
attach

117 ^{encls}
7/7

Special Police Branch
6.9.43.

To Major Hefford.

Further to my memo re vetting
of persons and concerns for AMGOT staff.

Here is another case falling in
the same category. The attached should
have been sent to Palermo Province who
appear to have ^{index} CIC for information direct.
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18 names are on this list but
only in one instance, that of Zucchero,
have we received a request for vetting.

[Signature]
Major.

URGENT

Special Police Branch.

6.9.43.

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To Major Hefford

Here are two sets of correspondence sent to us by C.I.C. in error - they should have been sent to SCAO, Palermo, and Lt. Comdr. Southard, Banco del Lavoro.

I notice from scrutiny of the documents that these authorities have made a direct request to C.I.C. for the vetting of persons and concerns. I was always under the impression that the Civil Police Section was the one and only liaison force with CIC and similar organisations especially in regard to AMGOT matters, but apparently I am wrong - I should like the matter clarified as quickly as possible.

There is another point to consider; I can say from personal knowledge that no request has been made in these two cases for a search of our records and there is every likelihood that no request has been made to the other organisations we contact in our vetting process - if this is so, how can those requesting a check by C.I.C. be completely satisfied as to the bona-fides of the subjects under review.

I should like some directions in this matter as if this position is allowed to continue, it may seriously undermine our security precautions.

Harold
Major. FID

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