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POLITICAL PRISONERS, RELEASE
AUG. 1943 - JAN. 1944

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ARMED FORCES GOVERNMENT
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

WTR NO. 371.2.

3rd January 1944.

SUBJECT: Civilian Internees - transfer of

TO: Superintendent, Prisons Section,
Public Safety Division, Region No. 1 H.C.

1. The cases of the undermentioned were considered by the 3rd Review Board (American zone) when they were deemed civilian internees and placed into Category A(a) - internment for an indefinite period. The recommendations have received the approval of RCAC.

- 1. DI MARCO Sami, born 6/10/28.
- 2. PADDETTA Antonino, born 29/9/24.
- 3. PRESTICCIACOM Giovanni, born 27/2/28.

2. Please cause these three internees to be transferred from the Civil Prison, Palermo, to the Civilian Internees Camp, Via Malaspina, Palermo, for detention.

3. The two undermentioned also detained at the Civil Prison, Palermo, were likewise dealt with at the Review Board as civilian internees but were recommended for unconditional and conditional release respectively. These recommendations have received the approval of RCAC and the appropriate release forms are in the course of transmission to you.

- 1. BANDELLI, Alighieri.
- 2. NARDI Raoul.

4. Please notify this office when the necessary action has been taken.

Richardson
G. Richardson, Major,
Special Police Section.

1st Ind.

To Superintendent, Prisons Section, No. 1 Region.

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 Special Police Section.

1st Ind.

To Superintendent, Prisons Section, No. 1 Region.

Forwarded for necessary action and reply.

By Order of Lieut. Col., Charles Poletti.

Russell A. Snook,
 Lieut. Col.,
 Chief, Public Safety Division.

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Ref. AMG. 223/49 dated 9/27/12 Aug. 1963

To: C.S.O.

From: R.C.A.O. to: 1. Reg.

Ref. AMG. 223/49 dated Aug. 12, 1963

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I submit figures which may be of use to the confusion about mentioned above than only the official note.

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Coleridge	12-12-25	96
Thompson	1-2	3
Murphy	1-1-2	4
Cartwright	14-4-3	21
Agnew	3-2	5
Chapman	1	1
Briggs	1	3
Johnson	1-7	8

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Region 3-
Barrow 1-7

Elenco numerico di detenuti liberati dal 22-7-1943 al 12-8-1943.

Palermo	detenuti politici	N. 82		82
	sospetti politici o M.P.S.	" 133	} Ivasi N. 10. Charged with theft.	141
	escarcerati prima del giudizio	" 37		138
Ustica	sospetti politici o M.P.S.	N. 12		
Favignana	detenuti politici	N. 1		
	sospetti politici o M.P.S.	---		
	escarcerati prima del giudizio.	N. 9		
Trapani	detenuti politici	N. 2		3
	sospetti politici o M.P.S.	" 13		13
	escarcerati prima del giudizio	" 5		14
Messina	detenuti politici	N. 1		4
	sospetti politici o M.P.S.	" 19		26
	escarcerati prima del giudizio	" 7		17
Catania	detenuti politici	N. 14		21
	sospetti politici o M.P.S.	" 12	144	36
	escarcerati prima del giudizio	" 24		26
Agrigento	detenuti politici	N. 3		5
	sospetti politici o M.P.S.	" 9		14
	escarcerati prima del giudizio	" 1		12

Maltanissetta	detenuti politici	N.	1	1
	sospetti politici o M.P.S.	"	5	5
	escarcerati prima del giudizio	"	3	3
Enna	detenuti politici	N.	1	1
	sospetti politici o M.P.S.	"	2	3
	escarcerati prima del giudizio	"	4	10
Ragusa	detenuti politici	N.	3	10
	sospetti politici o M.P.S.	"	2	5
	escarcerati prima del giudizio	"	1	6
Siracusa	detenuti politici	N.	1	1
	sospetti politici o M.P.S.	N.	10	10
	escarcerati prima del giudizio	N.	3	3
Termini I.	detenuti politici	"	2	
	sospetti politici o M.P.S.	"	5	
	escarcerati prima del giudizio	"	1	
Barcellona P.G.	detenuti politici	N	=	{ Manicomio Giudiziario
	sospetti politici o M.P.S.	"	=	
	escarcerati prima del giudizio	"	=	
Patti	detenuti politici	N.	=	
	sospetti politici o M.P.S.	"	2	
	escarcerati prima del giudizio	"	5	

<i>Nicosia</i>	{	detenuti politici	N.	=
		sospetti politici o M.P.S.	"	=
		escarcerati prima del giudizio	"	3

<i>Milazzo</i>	{	detenuti politici	N.	1
		sospetti politici o M.P.S.	"	3
		escarcerati prima del giudizio	"	=

<i>Mistretta</i>	{	detenuti politici	N.	2
		sospetti politici o M.P.S.	"	2
		escarcerati prima del giudizio	"	5

<i>Acireale</i>	{	detenuti politici	N.	1
		sospetti politici o M.P.S.	"	6
		escarcerati prima del giudizio	"	3

<i>Caltagirone</i>	{	detenuti politici	N.	3
		sospetti politici o M.P.S.	"	7
		escarcerati prima del giudizio	"	=

<i>Mineo</i>	{	detenuti politici	N.	=
		sospetti politici o M.P.S.	"	1
		escarcerati prima del giudizio	"	2

<i>Sciacca</i>	{	detenuti politici	N.	2
		sospetti politici o M.P.S.	"	5
		escarcerati prima del giudizio	"	1

Tarara	detenuti politici	N.	=	
	sospetti politici o M.G.S.	"	=	
	escarcerati prima del giudizio	"	7	
Piazza Armer.	detenuti politici	N.	=	
	sospetti politici o M.G.S.	"	1	
	escarcerati prima del giudizio	"	3	
Modica	detenuti politici	N.	7	
	sospetti politici o M.G.S.	"	3	
	escarcerati prima del giudizio	"	5	
Noto	detenuti politici	N.	=	{ Casa di Reclusione
	sospetti politici o M.G.S.	"	=	
	escarcerati prima del giudizio	"	=	

Palermo, li 15 Novembre 1943-

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1 Civil Police

re. VAPALA.

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PRISON SECTION
21 Oct

ORDER - Orders for Release of Prisoners

ALICE R. RICHLY 18

AMM/1196/P

25 Oct 43

To: S.C. P.O. Agents
(through S.C. P.O.)

With reference to enclosed Orders for Release of Prisoners within your Province.

Will you please have the forms delivered to the Director of the Prisons concerned.

Form C.I.3. is to be handed to the prisoner.

Part 2 of C.I.3., the authorization, is to be attached by the Director and Part 3 is to be completed and returned to this office.

Alison R. Richly
fa/ ALICE R. RICHLY,
Lt. Col., C.I. P.O.
Supt. of Prisons.

SANTINO. Pietro
SAETTA Luigi
RAMPELLO Vincenzo.
PANTITTERI Paolo.
MALISENDA Giuseppe
MALDONATO. Giacomo
CAMERA. Francesco.
INDELICATO. Giovanni
SANTINO. Andrea

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Order for Release of Prisoners

Order No. 11413

Original 21 OCT 1963

11 Oct 63

To: S.C.I.P. Caltanissetta
(Through Director)

With reference to enclosed Order for Release of
Prisoners within your Province.

Will you please have the forms delivered to the
Director of the Prisons concerned.

Form C.I.5. is to be handed to the prisoners.

Part 2 of C.I.5, the authorization, is to be
detached by the Director and Part 3 is to be completed
and returned to this office.

John Capo

for JOHN P. DEGENE,
Warden, C.I.P.,
Supt. of Prisons.

VAPALO. other name
not known.

SUBJECT : Political Prisoners Release.

AMCOT/1030/A/ PS

AMCOT E.

8 October 1943.

TO : Civil Police Section.

Reference H.Q. CC.NR. No. AMC/1022/PS dated 1 October

LA CASIO GIUSEPPE VINCENZO

and

BARBETTA GIUSEPPE GIUSEPPE

were released from Central Prison, PALERMO on 7 October 1943.

RIZZONI VALERIA

was released from Central Prison, PALERMO on 2 October 1943.

Sgt. A.B.M. Lital.

ALIST. B. RICHARD,
Lt. Col.
Supt. of Prisons.

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Translation.

Palermo 4/10/943.

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A.M.C.O.T.

Prison section

Palermo

Subject : Political prisoner LO CASIO Giuseppe.

I send to you the attached petition of the political prisoner Lo Casio Giuseppe.

The order for his release has been suspended by this Command.

Director

Ferdinando Columba

No petition attached. Put up with file and the petition

7/10/43. m/h

This man was released evening 7/10/43. Snpt. attached.

See page 70

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Palermo, li 10/10/

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DIREZIONE
DEL
Carceri Giud/rie

A.M.G.O.T.
Sezione Prigioni

N. 7957

Risposta alla lettera

PALERMO

del

N.

Oggetto Detenuto politico Lo Cascio Giuseppe-

Rimetto l'unita istanza del detenuto politico Lo Cascio Giuseppe per il quale è stata sospesa l'escarcerazione per ordine di cotesto Comando -

Il Direttore
F. G. [Signature]

Subject,
ORDERS FOR
RELEASE.
Corr. Ref-
AMG/1022/PS

*Red PSD
6 Oct. 94*

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AMG HQ. JILY
Public Safety Div'n
Civil Police Section
HQ. C.C. R.R. Palermo

1st October, 1943

Superintendent,
Civil Police Section.

Records of this office show that LA CASCIO, Giuseppe Vincenzo and LA MANTIA, Giuseppe Giuseppe, were both arrested by the C.I.C. on 24, August, 1943. Since this office was not informed of the reasons for their arrest, they automatically were classified in category 'C', i.e., 'further enquiries by AMG or C.I.C.'.

Nothing further in our records reveals anything detrimental to their characters.

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

*To C.P.S.
Forwarded
R. S. S. S.*

*Approved
J. S. S. S.
7 Oct 43*

START A FILE

AUTHORIZATION
RELEASES

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~~1030~~
FOR
Release
File 1022
me

Director has authorized and
will return a note certifying his
release. File Release. *WMA* 9/14/43

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION
CIVIL POLICE SECTION

SPECIAL REPORT
OF C. A. P. O.

TOWN CARABINIERI HEADQUARTERS
PROVINCE PALERMO
DATE 1st October 1943

SUBJECT

Walter
RIZZONI

CORRES. NO.

504/28/CPS

To Superintendent. (1)

With reference to the attached documents regarding

Walter RIZZONI, born 21st March, 1905, residence - Via
Plaudo 30, Palermo, an industrial engineer and university
professor :-

On 24th September, 1943 I went to Via Macqueda,
Palermo to arrest a man named Riccardo GESUGRANDE, on
information that the latter (who will be the subject of a
separate report) had been a highly placed officer of the
Fascist Militia who had succeeded in evading arrest by the
Allied Authorities.

I found on my arrival that he was in the company of
Walter RIZZONI, with whom he was talking in the street.
Therefore I detained both men and conveyed them to this
office for interrogation.

As other urgent matters were pressing I was obliged
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Apart from the membership card of the Fascist Confederation, which merely constituted ordinary

P.T.O.

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membership of the Fascist Party, nothing was found in RIZZONI's possession to show that he had been connected with fascist activities.

On 30th September, 1943, he was closely interrogated by Major Raffa - Political Intelligence Section - and myself and he completed a "Scheda Personale" (Political Intelligence Interrogation Form). He satisfied us that he had not been in the least an active fascist and that his membership of the Fascist Confederation had been innocuous and merely a matter of professional necessity. We were also satisfied that his association with GESUGRANDE arose only from the fact that they have been prominent engineers in Palermo and both well known at the University during the past five years. RIZZONI stated quite frankly that during that period they had met socially as well as academically quite often.

Enquiries have been made by me but nothing to the detriment of RIZZONI has been traced. Accordingly, as he was detained for interrogation and enquiries solely because he was found in the company of the other man, and as it was not originally intended that he should be placed in prison at that stage of the enquiry (this was a misunderstanding on the part of the Carabinieri) I respectfully suggest that favourable consideration be given to the question of arranging his immediate release.

(2)

To Commissioner of Public Safety

Recommended that this man be released through channels as soon as possible, being treated as a person temporarily detained for interrogation and inquiries - not as a political prisoner. Further, I suggest prison records be amended accordingly.

Lieutenant

RUSSELL, A. SMOOK

Lieutenant-Colonel

SUPERINTENDENT - CIVIL POLICE

15/5/43
2/10/43

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15/5h
7/10/43
RUSSELL A. SNOOK
Lieutenant-Colonel
SUPERINTENDENT - CIVIL POLICE

To C.C.R.O. *Recommend immediate release of above individual*

Approved *T. R. R. Smith*

for C.S.O.

In absence of C.C.R.O. and D.C.C.A.O.

2 Oct. 1943

MemorandumRIZZONI WALTER

Above man was arrested on the 24th. September. He is a professor at the Palermo University and it was proved that his arrest was a mistake after questioning by Major Raffa in the company of Lieut. Gail. Lieut. Gail recommended his immediate release through the proper channels. However it is now over a week this man is locked up and I feel that in the absence of the C.C.A.O. we should endeavour to expedite this release which I understand the C.C.A.O. alone can authorise. Major Raffa and Lieut. Gail are quite definite that Rizzoni Walter should never have been detained in the first place so that I feel his release need not be subject to the C.C.A.O.s' signature.

2/10/43.

L.E. Zervudachi
capt.
for M.A. to C.C.A.O.

Recommended immediate
release to Deso-

1515h
2/10/43
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SUBJECT : Orders for Release.

AMCOT/1022/PS

AMCOT E.O. 12067

30 September 1963

Superintendent,
Civil Police Station.

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Herewith copy of Order from G.I.C. to release two
prisoners.

(Reference conversation between Supt. Prisons and
Supt. Police on telephone 28 Sep 63).

Your immediate investigation and recommendation
will be appreciated.

LEONARD L. BOLLES,
Colonel, Infantry,
Commissioner of Public Safety.

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C.I.C. STAFF

The Chief Guards of this Prison will illustrate
the following prisoners who have been held at our
disposal:

Le Gascio Giuseppe Vincenzo

Le Gascio Giuseppe Vincenzo

(196) Lt. of C.I.C.
Murdall Russell
Special Agent C.I.C.

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Mr. C.V.C.
Case Hinz
Agent C.I.C. 133

Comando C. Y. C.

Il Capoguardia del carcere locale met
tendomi in libertà le sottostanti persone
includere a nostra disposizione —

Lo Cascio Giuseppe Vincenzo

La Manta Giuseppe Giuseppe.

G. 13 -

Il Comandante del C. Y. C.

Marshall Hassler

Special Agent C. Y. C. 133

