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REPORTS OF OFFENSES, FOOD, ETC., SPECIFIC CASES
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Rec/14006/9/43

Reports of Offenses - Food &c.
Specific Cases.

PS 25/11

~~CA. Food Supply~~ 23/11/44

29 NOV. 1944

~~CA Min 16. 3/12/44.~~

CA Min 17 3/12/44

PS - 5 DIC. 1944

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PS

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THIS FOLDER
CONTAINS PAPERS
FROM Nov. 1943
TO Dec. 1945
RELEASE.

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Commerce S/C (Mr. Hite) 26

Please see 87# 88#

92 A and B. In view of 92B can any further information be supplied pse?

Evans Wilson White

6/7/45

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Public Safety S/C - Lt. Col. Wilson

I have attached here a copy of recorded telephone conversation and translation. It is my opinion that FARINELLI is also implicated in these black market operations. If he wasn't then certainly MARTINELLI is and should be investigated by the Italian Civil Police. (Note that although the petition says that MARTINELLI has used his house and was the owner of the dealings that FARINELLI actually telephoned MARTINELLI in Naples).

Frankly I should prefer to leave the matter to your discretion; if you think it worthwhile to continue the investigation fine; if not that is all right too because I realize that it is impossible to control the black market - especially in paper.

Many thanks

L. V. R. White

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Many thanks

L. V. R. White
Commander USN
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Seen NFA. 27?

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TRANSLATION

FROM TELEPHONE 368466 - Rome
FARINELLI Stanislao
Via Circ.Trionfale 36
(Caller - 1° Mr.Farinelli
2° Totonno)

TO : Telephone 15165 Naples
MECLI Bianca
Piazza Torretta 18
Callee - Mr.Martinelli

CONTENT

1 - DEPARTURE FOR NORTH
2 - DEAL IN PAPER

Caller - 1) Mr.Martinelli?
Callee - Yes
Caller - 1) Farinelli speaking from Rome, good evening ... Listen, I am going to Milan. I shall go to Bologna first and then to Milan
Callee - Good. Write down this address: Via Pucci 12.
Caller - 1) Via Pucci 12, well .... very well
Callee - When are you going?
Caller - 1) The day after to-morrow in the morning. I called Engeneer Aniccia on the phone and I wish to be informed by him. I phoned just now; but I did not obtain the connection with Naples as yet. Please, to-morrow in Torre Annunziata warn Generro (or General) Mongo who has his brother in Milan that they send me a letter for his brother; but it must be here to-morrow, you understand?
Callee - How can he manage to send the news to you?
Caller - 1) I don't know .... but if he is interested, he must send it immediately
Callee - I shall go to Torre, to morrow .....
Caller - 1) All right, and you shall call me on the phone. Tell him: "Peppino, so and so .... and see yourself"....
Callee - I understand.
Caller - 1) Then, good-by Martinelli
Callee - Good
Caller - 1) When you come home.... it's at your disposal
Callee - Thank you very much
Caller - 1) Here is Totonno
Caller - 2) Good evening, Martinelli
Callee - Good evening
Caller - 2) Listen Martinelli, I went to see Bruti and I sold him 100 quintals of paper
Callee - What type?
Caller - 2) Medium quality printing paper. I have more paper here in Rome, if you are interested.
Callee - What is it?
Caller - 2) It's good: medium quality.
Callee - Do you want to sell it? Which size is it?

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Callee - Martinelli?
Callee - Yes
Caller - 1) Martinelli speaking from Rome, good evening ... listen, I am going to Milan. I shall ~~go~~ to Bologna first and then to Milan
Callee - Good. Write down this address: Via Pucci 12.
Caller - 1) Via Pucci 12, well .... very well
Callee - When are you going?
Caller - 1) The day after to-morrow in the morning. I called Engeneer Apriccia on the phone and I wish to be informed by him. I phoned just now; but I did not obtain the connection with Naples as yet. Please, to-morrow in Torre Annunziata warn Gennaro (or General) Rongo who has his brother in Milan that they send me a letter for his brother; but it must be here to-morrow, you understand?
Callee - How can he manage to send the news to you?
Caller - 1) I don't know .... but if he is interested, he must send it immediately
Callee - I shall go to Torre, to morrow .....
Caller - 1) All right, and you shall call me on the phone. Tell him: "Peppino, so and so .... and see yourself"....
Callee - I understand.
Caller - 1) Then, good-by Martinelli
Callee - Good
Caller - 1) When you come home.... it's at your disposal
Callee - Thank you very much
Caller - 1) Here is Totonno
Caller - 2) Good evening, Martinelli
Callee - Good evening
Caller - 2) Listen Martinelli, I went to see Bruti and I sold him 100 quintals of paper
Callee - What type?
Caller - 2) Medium quality printing paper. I have more paper here in Rome, if you are interested.
Callee - What is it?
Caller - 2) It's good: medium quality.
Callee - Do you want to sell it? Which size is it?
Caller - 2) Is 100 x 60, rimes 17 x 18, I have also other types.
Callee - sized?
Caller - 2) Yes, sized, 185 for kilo I can have it.
Callee - 185?
Caller - 2) Yes, for kilo for me .....
Callee - All right, I must see the sample, otherwise .....
Caller - 2) Bruti ordered 100 quintals and I asked him for 190.
Callee - from Bruti?
Caller - 2) Yes' ....
Callee - And he ordered it?
Caller - 2) Yes .... 100 ..... It will be delivered to-morrow or after
Callee - But he said that the first quantity was not good
Caller - 2) Yes that's true ....
Callee - That other business, nothing done?

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Caller - 2) I went to see him two days ago. Will you come in Rome?
Callee - I should come on sunday
Caller - 2) Come to-morrow
Callee - I can't, to-morrow morning
Caller - 2) Come, you will also give the letter to Pappino who is going to Bologna
Callee - I can send the letter to-morrow morning. Is it sure that he will start after to-morrow?
Caller - 2) Sure! He has his permit already.
Callee - But let's see if Giannino (?) should go to-morrow morning.
Caller - 2) Yes, otherwise come yourself with any means. Pasquale is here too
Callee - Pasquale?
Caller - 2) Yes .... Did you understand?
Callee - All right.
Caller - 2) We could wait for you .... Will you certainly come?
Callee - I don't know. I would like to know what that medium quality paper was like.
Caller - 2) Good paper. I have good items ..... come.
Callee - 60 x 100?
Caller - 2) Yes 70 x 100. I have 70 x 68 too.
Callee - But 70 x 100?
Caller - 2) There are 50 quintals 60 x 100
Callee - 60 x 100 ?
Caller - 2) Yes
Callee - And the petrol, is it possible to have it?
Caller - 2) I have everything here, I have also the paper here, but if you don't come ..... by phone what can you see?
Callee - To-morrow morning I shall go and see if I must come on sunday
Caller - 2) But if you come to-morrow, it's all right; thus you shall see the paper and Peppino, before he leaves.
Callee - and for that 100 quintals?
Caller - 2) I kept it for you at 2000 lire per kilo, is it right?
Callee - It's right. Then to-morrow is impossible, but on sunday or at least on Monday. On Monday I shall be in Rome. Good-by.

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TELEPHONE

ROME

FROM : Telephone 360466 - ROMA
FARINELLI Stanislao
Via Circ.Trionfale 36
(Caller - 1° Sig.Farinelli
2° Totonno)

Date Mailed 27/4/45
TO : Telephone 15165 Napoli
MEOLI Bianca
Piazza Torretta 12
Caller - Sig.Martinelli

Language: Italian
Observation started 0140
Total time 6 Mins
Date 27 April 1945

Recording TO

NONE

SEGMENT

1 - DEPARTURE FOR NORTH
2 - DEAD IN PAPER

Il chiamante - 1) Signor Martinelli?
Il chiamato - Si
Il chiamante - 1) Sono Farinelli da Roma, buona sera ... Senta, io vado a Milano. Vado prima a Bologna e poi proseguo per Milano.
Il chiamato - Bene! Prenda questo indirizzo : Via Pucci 12.
Il chiamante 1) Via Pucci 12, Va bene ..... Va benone.
Il chiamato - Tu quando partiresti?
Il chiamante - 1) Io parto dopodomani nella mattinata. Io ho telefonato all'ingegner Boccia e da questi voglio essere informato. Ho telefonato adesso, ma non ho avuto ancora la comunicazione da Napoli. Tu mi devi fare la cortesia, domani a Torre Annunziata di avvertire Gennaro (o Generale) Monrò che ha il fratello a Milano che mi mandassero una lettera per suo fratello; però sempre nella giornata di domani .... hai capito?
Il Chiamato - Come fa a mandarti su la notizia?
Il Chiamante - 1) Non lo so..... ma se Lui ha interesse, deve mandarmela subito, hai capito? .....
Il chiamato - Io domani mattina vado a Torre.....
Il chiamante - 1) Ecco .... bravo!... così mi dai un colpo di telefono. Tu mi dici:"Guardi che Peppino, così e così .... e regolati tu".....
Il chiamato - Ho capito
Il chiamante - 1) Allora io ti saluto, Martinelli
Il Chiamato - Va bene
Il Chiamante - 1) Tu quando viene a casa ..... A tua completa disposizione.
Il chiamato - grazie tante.
Il chiamante - 1) Ecco ed ... cosa mi [illegible]

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Data 27 Aprile 1945 ROMA

COMMENTO

1 - DEPARTURE FOR NORTH
2 - DEAL IN PAPER

Il chiamante - 1) Signor Martinelli?
Il chiamato - Sì
Il chiamante - 1) Sono Parinelli da Roma, buona sera ... Senta, io vado a Milano. Vado prima a Bologna e poi proseguo per Milano.
Il chiamato - Bene! Prenda questo indirizzo : Via Ducci 12.
Il chiamante 1) Via Ducci 12, Va bene ..... Va benone.
Il chiamato - Tu quando partirestì?
Il chiamante - 1) Io parto dopodomani nella mattinata. Io ho telefonato all'ingegner Aniccia e da questi voglio essere informato. Ho telefonato adesso, ma non ho avuto ancora la comunicazione da Napoli. Tu mi devi fare la cortesia, domani a Torre Annunziata di avvertire Gennaro (o Generale) Monaò che ha il fratello a Milano che mi mandassero una lettera per suo fratello; però sempre nella giornata di domani .... hai capito?
Il Chiamato - Come fa a mandarti su le notizie?
Il Chiamante - 1) Non lo so..... ma se lui ha interesse, deve mandarmela subito, hai capito? .....
Il chiamato - Io domani mattina vado a Torre.....
Il chiamante - 1) Bene .... bravo!... così mi dai un colpo di telefono. Tu gli dici:"Guardi che Peppino, così e così .... è rotolata tu".....
Il chiamato - Ho capito
Il chiamante - 1) Allora io ti saluto, Martinelli
Il chiamato - Va bene
Il Chiamante - 1) Tu quando viene a casa ..... A tua completa disposizione.
Il chiamato - Grazie tante.
Il chiamante - 1) Ecco qua .... ecco già Totonno ... 3627
Il chiamante - 2) Buona sera Martinelli
Il chiamato - Buona sera
Il chiamante - 2) Senta Martinelli, sono stato da Bruti e gli ho venduto 100 quintali di carta.
Il chiamato - Che tipo?
Il chiamante - 2) Mezzolino. Ho dell'altra carta qui a Roma, se t'interessa.
Il chiamato - Che roba è?
- Il chiamante - 2) Roba buona; merce buona
- Il chiamato - Devi venderla? Che armatura ha?
Il chiamante - 2) E' da 100x60, riama 17x12, poi ho dell'altra
Il chiamato - incollata?
Il chiamante - 2) Sì, incollata, 165 il Kg. me la devo
Il chiamato - 165?

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Il chiamante 2) - Sì, il chilogrammo è me.....
Il chiamato - Va bene, bisogna vedere il campione, altrimenti ...
Il chiamante 2) - Bruti ne ha ordinati 100 quintali e a lui gliel'ho mandata
Il chiamato - A Bruti?
Il chiamante 2) - Sì ....
Il chiamato - E l'ha ordinata?
Il chiamante 2) - Sì .... 100 ... gliela consegneremo domani o dopodomani
Il chiamato - ma lui aveva detto che la prima partita non andava bene.
Il chiamante 2) - Sì, è vero, difatti .....
Il chiamato - Quell'altro affare non ci è fatto niente?
Il chiamante 2) - Io sono andato da lui due giorni fa. Tu vieni a Roma?
Il chiamato - dovrei venire domenica
Il chiamante 2) - vieni domani invece.
Il chiamato - Non posso domani mattina?
Il chiamante - 2) Vieni, perchè dai anche le lettere a Peppino che va a Bologna.
Il chiamato - Io la lettera gliela posso mandare domani mattina.
E' sicuro che parte dopodomani?
Il chiamante 2) - Sicurissimo! Ha già fatto di via in meno ...
Il chiamato - Ma adesso vediamo un po' se Giannino (?) dovesse venire lui domani mattina.
Il chiamante 2) - Sì, altrimenti vieni con un mezzo qualunque. C'è anche Pasquale qui.
Il chiamato - Pasquale?
Il chiamante 2) - Sì .... Hai capito?
Il chiamato - Va bene
Il chiamante 2) - Ti aspettiamo .... Vieni sicuro?
Il chiamato - Non lo so. Vorrei sapere questo mezzofino che roba era?
Il chiamante 2) - Mezzofino buono. Ho delle rete buone ... vieni
Il chiamato - 60 x 100?
Il chiamante 2) - Sì, 70 x 100. Poi ho 70 x 85
Il chiamato - No 70 x 100?
Il chiamante 2) - Sono 90 quintali 90 x 100
Il chiamato - 60 x 100?
Il chiamante 2) - Sì
Il chiamato - Questa benzina non si può avere?
Il chiamante 2) - Ho tutto qui, ho anche la carta qui, ma se non vieni..... per telefono che cazzo vedi.....
Il chiamato - Io domani mattina vado a sentire se deve venire domenica
Il chiamante 2) - Ma se tu vieni domani, va anche bene. Vedi

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Il chiamante 2) - Si, è vero, difatti .....
Il chiamato - Quell'altro affare non si è fatto niente?
Il chiamante 2) - Io sono andato da lui due giorni fa. Tu vieni a Roma?
Il chiamato - dovrei venire domenica
Il chiamante 2) - vieni domani invece.
Il chiamato - Non posso domani mattina?
Il chiamante - 2) Vieni, perchè hai anche la lettera a Fenning che va a Bologna.
Il chiamato - Io la lettera gliela posso mandare domani mattina. E' sicuro che parte domani?
Il chiamante 2)) Sicurissimo! Ma già il foglio di via io sono ...
Il chiamato - Ma adesso vediamo un po' se Fanning (?) dovesse venire lui domani mattina.
Il chiamante 2) - Si, altrimenti vieni con un mezzo qualunque. C'è anche Pasquale qui.
Il chiamato - Pasquale?
Il chiamante 2) - Si .... Hai capito?
Il chiamato - Va bene
Il chiamante 2) - Ti aspettiamo .... Vieni sicuro?
Il chiamato - Non lo so. Vorrei sapere questo mezzofino che roba era?
Il chiamante 2) - Mezzofino buono. Ho della roba buona ... vieni
Il chiamato - 60 x 100?
Il chiamante 2) - Si, 70 x 100. Poi ho 70 x 86
Il chiamato - Ma 70 x 100?
Il chiamante 2) - Sono 50 quintali 60 x 100
Il chiamato - 60 x 100?
Il chiamante 2) - Si
Il chiamato - Questa benzina non si può avere?
Il chiamante 2) - Ne tutto qui, ho anche la carta qui, ma se non vieni..... per telefono che carne vedi.....
Il chiamato - Io domani mattina vado a sentire se devo venire domenica
Il chiamante 2) - Ma se tu vieni domani, va anche bene. Così vedi la carta e Fanning prima che parte.
Il chiamato - E per quei 100 quintali?
Il chiamante 2) - A te l'ho conservata a 2000 lire il Kg. va bene?
Il chiamato - Va bene. Allora domani è impossibile, ma domenica si o lunedì al massimo. Lunedì starò a Roma. Arrivederci.

Commented by Monitor 115
Reviewed by E.O.Austin Capt.I.O.

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FROM TELEPHONE 368466 - Rome
FARINELLI Stanislao
Via Circ.Trionfale 36
(Caller - 1° Mr.Farinelli
2° Totonno)

TO : Telephone 15165 Naples
MEOLI Bianca
Piazza Torretta 18
Callee - Mr.Martinelli

COMMENT

1 - DEPARTURE FOR NORTH
2 - DEAL IN PAPER

Caller - 1) Mr.Martinelli?
Callee - Yes
Caller - 1) Farinelli speaking from Rome, good evening ... Listen, I am going to Milan. I shall gox to Bologna first and then to Milan
Callee - Good. Write down this address: Via Pucci 12.
Caller - 1) Via Pucci 12, well .... very well
Callee - When are you going?
Caller - 1) The day after to-morrow in the morning. I called Engeneer Apiccia on the phone and I wish to be informed by him. I phoned just now, but I did not obtain the connection with Naples as yet. Please, to-morrow in Torre Annunziata warn Genaro (or General) Mongò who has his brother in Milan that they send me a letter for his brother; but it must be here to-morrow, you understand?
Callee - How can he manage to send the news to you?
Caller - 1) I don't know .... but if he is interested, he must send it immediately
Callee - I shall go to Torre, to morrow .....
Caller - 1) All right, and you shall call me on the phone. Tell him: "Peppino, so and so .... and see yourself"....
Callee - I understand.
Caller - 1) Then, good-by Martinelli
Callee - Good
Caller - 1) When you come home.... it's at your disposal
Callee - Thank you very much
Caller - 1) Here is Totonno
Caller - 2) Good evening, Martinelli
Callee - Good evening
Caller - 2) Listen Martinelli, I went to see Bruti and I sold him 100 quintals of paper
Callee - What type?
Caller - 2) Medium quality printing paper. I have more paper here in Rome, if you are interested.
Callee - What is it?
Caller - 2) It's good: medium quality.

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Caller - 1) Mr.Martiselli?
Callee - Yes
Caller - 1) Farinelli speaking from Rome, good evening ... Listen, I am going to Milan. I shall ~~go~~ to Bologna first and then to Milan
Callee - Good. Write down this address: Via Pucci 12.
Caller - 1) Via Pucci 12, well .... very well
Callee - When are you going?
Caller - 1) The day after to-morrow in the morning. I called Engeneer Apiccia on the phone and I wish to be informed by him. I phoned just now, but I did not obtain the connection with Naples as yet. Please, to-morrow in Torre Annunziata warn Gennaro (or General) Mongò who has his brother in Milan that they send me a letter for his brother; but it must be here to-morrow, you understand?
Callee - How can he manage to send the news to you?
Caller - 1) I don't know .... but if he is interested, he must send it immediately
Callee - I shall go to Torre, to morrow .....
Caller - 1) All right, and you shall call me on the phone. Tell him: "Peppino, so and so .... and see yourself"....
Callee - I understand.
Caller - 1) Then, good-by Martinelli
Callee - Good
Caller - 1) When you come home.... it's at your disposal
Callee - Thank you very much
Caller - 1) Here is Totonno
Caller - 2) Good evening, Martinelli
Callee - Good evening
Caller - 2) Listen Martinelli, I went to see Bruti and I sold him 100 quintals of paper
Callee - What type?
Caller - 2) Medium quality printing paper. I have more paper here in Rome, if you are interested.
Callee - What is it?
Caller - 2) It's good: medium quality.
Callee - Do you want to sell it? Which size is it?
Caller - 2) Is 100 x 60, rimes 17 x 18, I have also other types.
Callee - sized?
Caller - 2) Yes, sized, 185 for kilo I can have it.
Callee - 185?
Caller - 2) Yes, for kilo for me .....
Callee - All right, I must see the sample, otherwise .....
Caller - 2) Bruti ordered 100 quintals and I asked him for 190.
Callee - from Bruti?
Caller - 2) Yes ....
Callee - And he ordered it?
Caller - 2) Yes .... 100 ..... It will be delivered to-morrow or after
Callee - But he said that the first quantity was not good
Caller - 2) Yes that's true ....
Callee - That other business, nothing done?

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Caller - 2) I went to see him two days ago. Will you come in Rome?
Callee - I should come on sunday
Caller - 2) Come to-morrow
Callee - I cant', to-morrow morning
Caller - 2) Come, you will also give the letter to Peppino who is going to Bologna
Callee - I can send the letter to-morrow morning. Is it sure that he will start after to-morrow?
Caller - 2) Sure! He has his permit already.
Callee - But let's see if Giannino (?) should go to-morrow morning.
Caller - 2) Yes, otherwise come yourself with any means. Pasquale is here too
Callee - Pasquale?
Caller - 2) Yes .... Did you understand?
Callee - All right.
Caller - 2) We shall wait for you .... Will you certainly come?
Callee - I don't know. I would like to know what that medium quality paper was like.
Caller - 2) Good paper. I have good items ..... come.
Callee - 50 x 100?
Caller - 2) Yes 70 x 100. I have 70 x 68 too.
Callee - But 70 x 100?
Caller - 2) There are 50 quintals 60 x 100
Callee - 60 x 100 ?
Caller - 2) Yes
Callee - And the petrol, is it possible to have it?
Caller - 2) I have everything here, I have also the paper here, but if you don't come ..... by phone what can you see?
Callee - To-morrow morning I shall go and see if I must come on sunday
Caller - 2) But if you come to-morrow, it's all right; thus you shall see the paper and Peppino, before he leaves.
Callee - and for that 100 quintals?
Caller - 2) I kept it for you at 2000 lire per kilo, is it right?
Callee - It's right. Then to-morrow is impossible, but on sunday or at least on Monday. On Monday I shall be in Rome. Good-by.

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TELEPHONE

ROME

FROM : Telephone 368466 - ROMA
FARINELLI Stanislao
Via Circ.Trionfale 36
(Caller - 1° Sig.Farinelli
2° Totonno)

Date Mailed 27/4/45
TO : Telephone 15165 Napoli
MEOLI Bianca
Piazza Torretta 18
Callee - Sig.Martinelli

Language: Italian
Observation started 0140
Total time 5 Mins
Date 27 April 1945

Recording NO

NONE

COMMENT

1 - DEPARTURE FOR NORTH
2 - DEAL IN PAPER

Il chiamante - 1) Signor Martinelli?
Il chiamato - Si
Il chiamante - 1) Sono Farinelli da Roma, buona sera ... Senta, io vado a Milano. Vado prima a Bologna e poi proseguo per Milano.
Il chiamato - Bene! Prenda questo indirizzo : Via Pucci 12.
Il chiamante 1) Via Pucci 12, Va bene ..... Va benone.
Il chiamato - Tu quando partiresti?
Il chiamante - 1) Io parto dopodomani nella mattinata. Io ho telefonato all'ingegner Apiccia e da questi voglio essere informato. Ho telefonato adesso, ma non ho avuto ancora la comunicazione da Napoli. Tu mi devi fare la cortesia, domani a Torre Annunziata di avvertire Gennaro (o Generale) Mongò che ha il fratello a Milano che mi mandassero una lettera per suo fratello; però sempre nella giornata di domani .... hai capito?
Il Chiamato - Come fa a mandarti su la notizia?
Il Chiamante - Nò Non lo so..... ma se lui ha interesse, deve mandarmela subito, hai capito? .....
Il chiamato - Io domani mattina vado a Torre.....
IL chimante - 1) Ecco .... bravo!... così mi dai un colpo di telefono. Tu gli dici:"Guardi che Peppino, così e così .... e regolati tu".....
Il chiamato - Ho capito
Il chiamante - 1) Allora io ti saluto, Martinelli
Il chiamato - Va bene
Il Chiamante - 1) Tu quando viene a casa ..... è a tua completa disposizione.
Il chiamato - grazie tante.
Il chiamante - 1) Ecco qua .... ecco qui Totonno ...

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Date 27 April 1945 NONE

COMMENT

1 - DEPARTURE FOR NORTH
2 - DEAL IN PAPER

Il chiamante - 1) Signor Martinelli?
Il chiamato - Si
Il chiamante - 1) Sono Ferinelli da Roma, buona sera ... Senta, io vado a Milano. Vado prima a Bologna e poi proseguo per Milano.
Il chiamato - Bene! Prenda questo indirizzo : Via Pucci 12.
Il chiamante 1) Via Pucci 12, Va bene ..... Va benone.
Il chiamato - Tu quando partiresti?
Il chiamante - 1) Io parto dopodomani nella mattinata. Io ho telefonato all'ingegner Apiccia e da questi voglio essere informato. Ho telofonato adesso, ma non ho avuto ancora la comunicazione da Napoli. Tu mi devi fare la cortesia, domani a Torre Annunziata di avvertire Gennaro (o Generale) Mongò che ha il fratello a Milano che mi mandassero una lettera per suo fratello; però sempre nella giornata di domani .... hai capito?
Il Chiamato - Come fa a mandarti su la notizia?
Il Chiamante - No Non lo so..... ma se lui ha interesse, deve mandarmela subito, hai capito? .....
Il chiamato - Io domani mattina vado a Torre.....
IL chimante - 1) Ecco .... bravo!... così mi dai un colpo di telefono. Tu gli dici:"Guardi che Peppino, così e così .... e regolati tu".....
Il chiamato - Ho capito
Il chiamante - 1) Allora io ti saluto, Martinelli
Il chiamato - Va bene
Il Chiamante - 1) Tu quando viene a casa ..... è a tua completa disposizione.
Il chiamato - grazie tante.
Il chiamante - 1) Ecco qua .... ecco qui Totonno ...
Il chiamante - 2) Buona sera Martinelli
Il chiamato - Buona sera
Il chiamante - 2) Senta Martinelli, sono stato da Bruti e gli ho venduto 100 quintali di carta.
Il chiamato - Che tipo?
Il chiamante - 2) Mezzofino. Ho dell'altra carta qui a Roma, se t'interessa.
Il chiamato - Che roba è?
- Il chiamante - 2) Roba buona: mezzo fino
- Il chiamato - devi venderla? Che armatura ha?
Il chiamante - 2) E' da 100x60, risma 17x18, poi ho dell'altra
Il chiamato - incollata?
Il chiamante - 2) Si, incollata, 185 il Kg. me la danno
Il chiamato - 185?

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Il chiamante 2) - Si, il chilogrammo a me.....
Il chiamato - Va bene, bisogna vedere il campione, altrimenti ...
Il chiamante 2) - Bruti ne ha ordinati 100 quintali e a 190 glie-l'ho messa
Il chiamato - A Bruti?
Il chiamante 2) - Si ....
Il chiamato - E l'ha ordinata?
Il chiamante 2) - Si .... 100 ... gliela consegneranno domani o dopodomani
Il chiamato - ma lui aveva detto che la prima partita non andava bene.
Il chiamante 2) - Si, è vero, difatti .....
Il chiamato - Quell'altro affare non si è fatto niente?
Il chiamante 2) - Io sono andato da lui due giorni fa. Tu vieni a Roma?
Il chiamato - dovrei venire domenica
Il chiamante 2) - vieni domani invece.
Il chiamato - Non posso domani mattina?
Il chiamante - 2) Vieni, perchè dai anche la lettera a Peppino che va a Bologna.
Il chiamato - Io la lettera gliela posso mandare domani mattina. E' sicuro che parte dopodomani?
Il chimante 2)) Sicurissimo! Ha già il foglio di via in mano ...
Il chiamato - Ma adesso vediamo un po' se Giannino (?) dovesse venire lui domani mattina.
Il chiamante 2) - Si, altrimenti vieni con un mezzo qualunque. C'è anche Pasquale qui.
Il chiamato - Pasquale?
Il chiamante 2) - Si .... Hai capito?
Il chiamato - Va bene
Il chiamante 2) - Ti aspettiamo .... Vieni sicuro?
Il chiamato - Non lo so. Vorrei sapere questo mezzofino che roba era?
Il chiamante 2) - Mezzofino buono. Ho della roba buona ... vieni
Il chiamato - 60 x 100?
Il chiamante 2) - Si, 70 x 100. Poi ho 70 x 86
Il chiamato - Ma 70 x 100?
Il chiamante 2) - Sono 50 quintali 60 x 100
Il chiamato - 60 x 100?
Il chiamante 2) - Si
Il chiamato - Questa benzina non si può avere?
Il chiamante 2) - Ho tutto qui, ho anche la carta qui, ma se non vieni..... per telefono che cazzo vedi.....
Il chiamato - Io domani mattina vado a sentire se devo venire domenica
Il chiamante 2) - Ma se tu vieni domani, va anche bene. così vedi la carta a Peppino prima che parte.

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Il chiamante 2) - Si, è vero, difatti .....
Il chiamato - Quell'altro affare non si è fatto niente?
Il chiamante 2) - Io sono andato da lui due giorni fa. Tu vieni a Roma?
Il chiamato - dovrei venire domenica
Il chiamante 2) - vieni domani invece.
Il chiamato - Non posso domani mattina?
Il chiamante - 2) Vieni, perchè dai anche la lettera a Peppino che va a Bologna.
Il chiamato - Io la lettera gliela posso mandare domani mattina. E' sicuro che parte dopodomani?
Il chimante 2)) Sicurissimo! Ha già il foglio di via in mano ...
Il chiamato - Ma adesso vediamo un po' se Giannino (?) dovesse venire lui domani mattina.
Il chiamante 2) - Si, altrimenti vieni con un mezzo qualunque. C'è anche Pasquale qui.
Il chiamato - Pasquale?
Il chiamante 2) - Si .... Hai capito?
Il chiamato - Va bene
Il chiamante 2) - Ti aspettiamo .... Vieni sicuro?
Il chiamato - Non lo so. Vorrei sapere questo mezzofino che roba era?
Il chiamante 2) - Mezzofino buono. Ho della roba buona ... vieni
Il chiamato - 60 x 100?
Il chiamante 2) - Si, 70 x 100. Poi ho 70 x 86
Il chiamato - Ma 70 x 100?
Il chiamante 2) - Sono 50 quintali 60 x 100
Il chiamato - 60 x 100?
Il chiamante 2) - Si
Il chiamato - Questa benzina non si può avere?
Il chiamante 2) - Ho tutto qui, ho anche la carta qui, ma se non vieni..... per telefono che cazzo vedi.....
Il chiamato - Io domani mattina vado a sentire se devo venire domenica
Il chiamante 2) - Ma se tu vieni domani, va anche bene. così vedi la carta e Peppino prima che parte.
Il chiamato - E per quei 100 quintali?
Il chiamante 2) - A te l'ho conservata a 2000 lire il Kg. va bene?
Il chiamato - Va bene. Allora domani è impossibile, ma domenica si o lunedì al massimo. Lunedì starò a Roma. Arrivederci.

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Commented by Monitor 115
Reviewed by E.C.Austin Capt.I.C.

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COS

Refer COS' personal instructions on the matter of F2A

Hqs that the meat and eggs should be restored to the

former. There were punishable and shortages disposed by Sub

H the Congo this before instructions were received (para 3 of 66 B)

At para 2 on 64A it is stated that irregular purchases

will not be made in the future (see also para 5 of 62A), but 66C

shows that at least one further irregular visit has been made. (on 30 Nov)

As the lorry came from Rome it can hardly be blamed that the

there was insufficient to satisfy those concerned.

Would COS therefore like opportunity of informally conveying to

Gen de Sesa ACs regrets or would he prefer a formal letter

J.J.W. Ltd. Lt Col
for CO.

CAS
20 DEC. 1944

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COS CAS. Inform Gen. de Sesa (Rome). DS/21/XII

21

PS

Please see 67A

CAS
20 DEC. 1944

22

Commerce S/C,

Attention invited to 61, 68A and 69A, 3 District

awaits reply.
14 Jan 1945

F. P. Buckman Major A C
For AL P.S.

23

Ref. 22. Original correspondence was passed to Southern Region for necessary action. Statement was sent on Jan 8/45 & Jan 16/45 (copies herewith)

70 Commerce Correspondence

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As the Army comes from Ottawa it seems likely to be decided that the time was insufficient to notify those concerned.

Would COS therefore see opportunity of informally conveying to Gen. de Serin ACs regrets or would he prefer a formal letter

CAS
20 DEC. 1944

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JCOS CAS. Inform Gen. de Serin (Ottawa). DS (21/12)

PS

Please see 67A

CAS
20 DEC. 1944

22

Commerce S/C,
Attention invites to 61, 68A and 69A, 3 District awaits reply.
14 Jan 1945

F P Buchanan Major A C
For DCS

23

Ref. 22. Original correspondence was passed to Southern Region for necessary action. Instructions were sent on Jan 8/45 + Jan 16/45 (copies forwarded)

70 Commerce Correspondence

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COS.
Please see 61, 68A and 70A – 72A and minute 23. This is not a PS matter. All trouble would have been avoided if Commerce had passed a copy of their original instructions to SR. & 3 Dist

CAS
29 JAN. 1945

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CA Secy
Brig Scotten, Commerce S.C. telephoned Southern Region
29 Jan 45.

Capt.

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Minute

14

C : C.A. Section.

Re folio 56 A-B-C. This is not a matter for P.S. S/C. It involves matters of instructions to R.C. Southern Region for transmital to Z.C. Catanzaro, Purely administrative not Public Safety.

Colonel
D.P.S.

28/11/44
Room # 8
Ext 686

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PS

Agreed the letter should be framed to Commence to issue instructions as to how the cigarettes should be disposed of I have spoken with Scotter and he agrees so please mark covering letter for his attention

CAS
29.XI.1944

16

CA Sect 63A for signature please, being the action taken on 62A.

P.S.S-C.
2/12/44

~~C.A. Sect.~~

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C.A Sect.
63 A for signature please

P/S Sub Com
3/12/44.

S/Sgt Lewis & Paddle
Public Safety S/C.

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C.A. Sect.

TEL. 257

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Room # 8
Ext 686

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PS.

Agreed the letter should be passed to Commerce &
since instructions as to how the suggestions should be dispatch
of 2 have spoken Amb Scotten and he agrees as follows
must convey letter for his attention

J H Whitney Lt Col
for CAO.

CAS
29 NOV. 1944

16

CA Sect 63A for signature please, being the action taken on 62A.

J W Luckman Major A C
For A.C.P.S. Public Safety Sec.

P.S.S-C.
2/12/44

~~CA Sec~~.

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CA Sect.

63 A for signature please

P/S Sub Com
3/12/44

S/Sgt Louis J Padula
Public Safety S/C.

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TEL. 257

CA Sect.

Agreement and instruction in 64 A Par 2 and 3 not complied with by Region for reasons stated in 66 A, B, C, which include, among others, the fact that items mentioned had already been turned into Consorzio.
20 Dec 44

J P Luckman Major A C
EX.O.
for. A.C.P.S.

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Do ea See.

1/ Re Minutes 3, 4, and 5.

2/ Please see 41B from P.S.O. Abruzzi - Marche stating that the position has been satisfactory during October '44.

[signature] Lt Col
for D.P.S.

21*
Forth. 365.

Ext Enc.

22 OCT. 1944

8

26/10

Col Pardini - Ex O(A) Please supply info as per minute 5.

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27-10

Col Fiske — Sworn statements are being secured from the four drivers

Pardini

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27/10

Min O - 7

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PS. Dealt with sworn statements by the four drivers.

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26/10
Col Parkin - Ex O(B) Please supply
info as per minute 5.

7

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27-10
Col Fiske — Sworn statements
are being secured from the four drivers
Paul

10

27/10
Min O - 7

11

PS. Sworn statements by the four drivers.

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CAS
31 OCT. 1944
CA Sec.
47A for Signature please.
3/11/44.

13.

CA Sec. 56A for signature, please. F P Leschman Major EX.O.
for AD.P.L.

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Reg. 27 If this Summons [illegible]
thought desirable to issue an official denial
in the Italian Newspapers. At the moment it does
not appear to be a matter for Public Safety.

Lt/Col
for a/D.P.S.

16.9.44

2

D. Eng S

1 Re 34A and 34B
2 Please see reply from Rajan Alessandri - Marseilles
at 40A

for D.P.S.

17x
Fact 365.

(3)

CSC.

This letter does not seem to me particularly
to justify [illegible] the direct intervention of the Foreign
Secretary [illegible] (See letter dated 1.9.44 and reply)
The main fact about the alleged contact is a rumour
[illegible] which [illegible] is nothing [illegible] the
[illegible] Italian [illegible] Tito
[illegible] is distributing [illegible] evidence of [illegible]
[illegible] why any [illegible] on SEP.

CSC.
17 OCT. 1944

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To. ESTAB. SEC.

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[illegible] to be a matter for [illegible]

Head Sect
Lt/Col
for a/D.P.S.

16.9.44

2

D. Regs

1 Re 34[A] and 34[B]

2 Please see reply from Rgian Alleyzi - Nerobe at 40[A]

[illegible] Lt.
for D.P.S.

17[x]
Sect 365.

(3)

CSO.

This letter does not seem very [illegible]
it entirely ignores the [illegible]
with regard to [illegible]

The only fact that [illegible] is [illegible]
is relevant for the [illegible]
report that [illegible]
has [illegible] in spite of [illegible]
[illegible] a copy [illegible]

17 OCT. 1944

17 OCT. 1944

(4)

1. ESTAB. SEC.

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(1) See 40 a. 35 A & minute 3 above also

Regn.

(2) Please retain file with [illegible] recommendation.

R. R. Cripps
A.

17 Oct. 44

(5)

To Civil Affs Section
I agree with 3rd Indorsement. Send it back to Est. Branch
for more information from the 4 drivers
re my recommendation

C. M. P.
Col

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 489081-365

AC/14006/9/PS

18 October 1945

SUBJECT : Black Market investigation

TO : Commanding General 88.FF

1. The attached copy list prepared by Capt. Andrea Portaro 88.FF Avellino was forwarded through Italian Civil mail channels direct to Allied Force Headquarters.

2. In order to determine whether sufficient evidence can be obtained to warrant detailed and complete investigations, it will be necessary for Andrea Portaro, Commanding Officer of the Finance Guard at Avellino, to appear before the Criminal Investigation Division, Provost Marshall General's Section (US) AFHQ.

3. Will you please take the necessary steps to enable this officer to report to the Provost Marshall General's Section (US) AFHQ, as soon as possible.

John W. Shaeffer
JOHN W. SHAEFFER
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director.

FJH/D

Copy to AFHQ G-5
(Your 386.5-1 dated 11 Oct refers)

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P. SAFETY
G5A

COB/cc

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO #512

4006/9 RM

11 October 1945

15 OCT. 1945

G-5: 386.5-1

SUBJECT: Investigation into Black Market.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. The attached report of alleged black market activities forwarded direct to this Headquarters through Italian Civil mail channels, has been reviewed by the Criminal Investigation Division of this Headquarters.

2. In order to determine whether sufficient evidence can be obtained to warrant detailed and complete investigations, it will be necessary for Andrea Portaro, Commanding Officer of the Finance Guard at Avellino, to appear before the Criminal Investigation Division, Provost Marshall General's Section (US) AFHQ.

3. It is requested that you take the necessary steps to enable this officer to report to the Provost Marshall General's Section (US) AFHQ, as soon as possible.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

chairman

C. O. BENSON
Major, RA

1 Incl: as above with translation.
Copy to: PMG (AFHQ)

TO	INIT	DATE
DIRECTOR		
DEPUTY DIRECTOR		
EXEC. OFFICER	RK	11-10
POLICE		
MC & FTG.		
PRISONS		
ADM. OFFICER		
SECURITY		
CHIEF CLERK		

Returned

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TRANSLATION

FROM : Comando di Compagnia R.Guardia di Finanza - Avellino

The following is a list of Allied vehicles loaded with black-market items, which were stopped by Avellino Finance-Guard.

Unit to which men and vehicles were attached.	License number	Date of the arrest	Name & Surname of the drivers.	Quality & quantity of the items.
412th Ordnance V.P. - 37 Vehicle coy - Lucera	?	18-7-45	Massimiliano Nava	29 quintals & 67 kgs. of wheat
5th Btg. Autieri-21st Com P.M. 181 - Napoli	U.S.A. # A1042715	21-7-45	Soldier Giuseppe Solaro	32 quintals of wheat.
4th Btg. 19th Company S.Antimo(Napoli)	F.4130455	21-7-45	Soldier Rosso Bosco	60 quintals & 84 kgs of wheat.
Autocentro di Napoli 112 Regt.Fanteria - 2nd group- 2nd Company	4117/38 5102	23-7-45	Rosso Nicola	18 quintals & 83 kgs. of wheat.
Autocentro - Napoli 4th Company	4185921(81)	25-7-45	Soldier Angelo La Face	24 quintals & 60 kgs. of wheat.
Autoreparto - Salerno G.M.A.	Ford 560423	26-7-45	Soldier Luigi Silvestri	26 quintals & 7 Kgs. of wheat
?	AF.NC. 34053/55	27-7-45	Allied coloured men	27 quintals & 6 Kgs. of wheat
8th Compagnia Trasporti R.A. Acerra - PM.3000	F.4272251	29-7-45	Soldier Enzo Wallon	34 quintals & 12 Kgs. of wheat
C.T.P. Napoli - Caserma Bianchini	4486549 4130498	29-7-45	Raffaele Angelini e Giuseppe Antuori	61 quintals & 89 kgs. of wheat
Parco 409 - Terlizzi(Bari)	5685223	29-7-45	[illegible] Giovanni Civalo	21 quintals of oils.
383 CT. Comp. R.A.S.C. Salerno	L.522/312	3-8-45	Militerlom Costas	32 quintals of wheat.
526 Comp. R.A.S.C.-Artillery - 1936 CTP - Napoli	512003	5-8-45	Carmine Esposito	20 quintals & 60 litres of oil.

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9 Compagnia Genieri Napoli	V.L. 487478	6-8-45	Soldier Vincenzo Spaziani	29 quintals of wheat
9 Compagnia Genieri Napoli	Bedford L. 4882379	6-8-45	Soldier Leonardo Carmia	29 quintals & 28 kgs. of wheat
510 Sez. Linea Tel. PM. 126 - Salerno	Ford L. 5606 71	6-8-45	Soldiers Giuseppe Zilliken & Riccardo Lucaferri	27 quintals & 94 kgs of wheat.
2 Stg. Autieri - 28 Compagnia PM. 181 Napoli	E.4452/4135 112 G.M.C.	6-8-45	Soldiers Sabato Rendina & Giovanni Orlando	18 quintals & 90 Kgs of wheat.
E.N.S.A.	47.7930	7-8-45	Pasquale D'Eustachio	25 quintals of wheat
23 Polish A.C.C. Coy	4809550	7-8-45	Polish soldier	25 quintals & 71 kgs. of wheat
C.T.P. Napoli	4108153	8-8-45	Unknown	34 quintals and 19 kgs of wheat
Campo Automezzi Alleati - Caserta	4808383	10-8-45	Izzi Emilio	28 quintals & 73 kgs. of wheat
Reparto 528 - Napoli	I-413710	Alexander 12-8-45	Alexander Collin	32 quintals & 11 kgs. of wheat
Reparto 528 - Napoli	I-4483944	12-8-45	Coloured soldier	"
766 G.T. Comp. Salerno-	5227541	12-8-45	Francesco Citro	30 quintals of wheat
759 Comp. Trasporti Generali- 1/10th Stg. PM. 126	5430076	15-8-45	Felice Sebastiani	24 quintals & 50 kgs. of wheat
Royal Naval Base Napoli	4726134	19-8-45	Francesco Di Nunzio	10 quintals of oil
?	4185776	19-8-45	Unknown	29 quintals & 29 kgs. of wheat
2 Stg. Autieri - 1st Can Aguila 1027 Comp. Autocolonne Sussistenza - Napoli	422935	21-8-45	Sgt.Cesare Provenzani	28 quintals & 93 kgs. of wheat
3 Reparto Trasporti Napoli	5309532 & 5315277	21-8-45	Soldier Egidio Minarelli & Civ. Vincenzo Spagnoletti	47 quintals & 5 kgs. of wheat

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?	5264590	21-8-45	American soldier	25 quintals & 50 Kgs. wheat
Distaccamento 332 Comp. Intend.-Lucera(Foggia)	4618406	21-8-45	Soldier Asino Gerocetti	24 quintals of wheat.
?	U.5175335	26-8-45	Unknown	1. quintals & 65 Kgs. of wheat
Campo - Napoli(*)	U.no 3.042 M.no.(W)2.093M.	30-8-45	Sonetto Vincenzo	30 quintals of wheat
Reparto Organisation 524 Air - Napoli	4166621 958 A.A.S.	31-8-45	Ottmel Zeigler	25 quintals of wheat
?	U.S.A. 427148	1-9-45	Unknown	25 quintals & 60 Kgs of wheat

The vehicles that have been marked with an asterisk(*) have been reported to Major Lucknan of the American Army at pre-arranged in a meeting held at the Prefecture.

THE COMMANDING OFFICER
S/.Andrea Portaro.

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14006/9 ER 93A

TRANSLATION S.L.

CONSORZIO NAZIONALE CANAPA
General Secretariate

No. 1616/S

SUBJECT : Hemp production control

TO : General Command CC.RR. - Rome -

6 JUNE 1945 Gn 277

and for information

TO : Ministry of Interior
A.C. Public Safety S.C.
Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labour 89A

With reference to your letter No. 460/b of 29 May 1945 (sent for information to this Consorzio), we observe that a detachment of 5 Cks, at the command of a N.C.O. - appointed to vigilate the production of the hemp - appears to be insufficient to eliminate the speculation ascertained in this field.

This Consorzio deems convenient to let you know that, in order to unfold an action of surveyance adequate to the importance of the question, it is absolutely necessary to detach a Group of at least 25 CC.RR. at the command of a N.C.O.

According to our opinion, such Group should be detached at Fratta, which is the most important Hemp-Centre and where the control must be more intensive and unbroken (S.Maria Capua Vetere is too far from the area more interested in this matter).

This Consorzio will be able to provide a lodging-house for the a/m Group and pay expences.

Please, let us know your further dispositions on this matter.

Commissioner
Guido Lonsing

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CONSORZIO NAZIONALE CANAPA

(D. L. L. 17 SETTEMBRE 1944 N. 213)

ROMA - Via S. Nicolò da Tolentino, 78 - Telef. 45569 - 45638 - **ROMA**

SEGRETERIA GENERALE

N. di Prot. 1616/5 Pos. AB/mm

Risposta a lett.460/6 del 28/5/45

Roma, 11 6 giugno 1945

OGGETTO

Vigilanza sulla produzione della canapa.-

Al COMANDO GENERALE DELL'ARMA DEI CARABINIERI REALI
- Ufficio Serv. Situazione e Collegamenti -
R O M A

e.p.c.

Al MINISTERO DELL' INTERNO
- Gabinetto di S.E. il Ministro -
R O M A

Alla COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
- Sottocommissione per la P.S. -
R O M A

Al MINISTERO DELL'INDUSTRIA COMMERCIO E LAVORO
- Direzione Generale Industrie e Miniere -
R O M A

Con riferimento alla nota sopradistinta, trasmessa a questo Consorzio per conoscenza, si comunica che il distaccamento disposto di 5 militari, al comando di un maresciallo, per il servizio di vigilanza sulla produzione della canapa, appare purtroppo esiguo per una efficace azione volta ad eliminare la speculazione che si è constatata, anche in questo campo.-

Questo Consorzio ritiene opportuno far presente che per svolgere un'azione adeguata all'importanza del problema, quale è stato prospettato nella richiesta iniziale, è assolutamente necessario che sia distaccato un nucleo di almeno 25 carabinieri, al comando di un maresciallo.-

Si prega inoltre voler tenere presente che tale nucleo non deve essere distaccato a S. Maria Capua Vetere, che rimane troppo discosta dalla zona particolarmente interessante, ma deve invece essere distaccato a Fratta che è il centro canapicolo più importante e dove più intensa ed assidua deve essere svolta l'azione di vigilanza? A tale proposito si ritiene opportuno confermare che questo Consorzio potrà procurare i locali per l'alloggio del nucleo e prendere a proprio carico la relativa spesa.-

Si gradirà conoscere le disposizioni che saranno adottate da codesto Comando Generale.-

IL COMMISSARIO
(Avv. Guido Rodinò)

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SUBJECT: Suspected Black Market Activities.

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LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (MMIA)

INT/101/1

4 July 45

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TO : PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION, A.C.

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Ref your AC/14006/9/IS of 19 May

1. Attached please find a translation of the Ministry of War reply to our INT/101/1 of 11 May concerning the activities of Maresciallo Farinelli of the CC.RR. attached to the 808 C.S. Bn.

2. As it appears from the War Ministry's investigations that subject is not guilty of Black Market activities will you please say if you wish further investigations made in this case.

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P. R. Bellenger
Major General,
for MMIA.

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TRANSLATION

FROM : MINISTRY OF WAR — Date June 29, 45.

TO : MMIA (replying to letter No INT/101/1 of May 21, 45.) — Ref No 223/R.P.

SUBJECT: Suspected black market activities

Results of our investigation so far do not show that S/Sjt Stanislao FARINELLI has engaged in back market activities recently by dealing in paper.

Said NCO, while denying all accusations, explains the fact that suspicions arose concerning him due to the frequent presence in ROME as his guest of a friend, one Modesto Martonelli, residing in NAPLES, 18 Via delle Torrette a dealer in paper and supplies thereof to the Allies, who, during the second half of April is said to have used the telephone at the Farinelli home to discuss business matters concerning his line of work.

On his part, Martinelli, while in ROME, gives the NCO's home as his address to all persons with whom he deals.

Our information is however, that Farinelli in no way participates in Marinelli's activities, nor have any other unfavourable facts been reported concerning him.

The investigation, however, is continuing, and it is believed that it would be made easier by full information concerning the individual to whom the unlawful offers are reported to have been made.

Accordingly, your mission is kindly requested to let us have, if possible, the name of said individual, as well as any other information he might have, which may be of help in the investigation.

Sgd. Giorgio LIUZZI.

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Translation 49,

N. 460/8 CC.RR. Gen. HQ. 4th June 1945.

Subject : Control of Hemp production.
To : Ministry of the Interior
To : A.C. P.S. S/C. (ref. AC/14006/9/PS dat.11/3/45 and for information
To : Ministry Of Industry, Commerce & Labor
To : National Hemp Trust

In continuation of letter 460/6 dated 28/5/45 it is reported that - besides the constitution of the known nucleus at S.Maria Capua Vetere - at Frattamaggiore, Sarno, Aversa and other localities, where production and manufactoring of hemp is existing, the stations of the Force have reached agreements with the representatives of the National Syndicate for the control to be put into effect.

By Order
Colonel Chief of Staff
-Romano dalla Chiesa-

rv.

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Translate

Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO SERVIZIO - SITUAZIONE E COLLEGAMENTI

N. 460/8 di prot. Roma, li 4 giugno 1945

Risposta al del n. Allegati n.

OGGETTO: Vigilanza sulla produzione della canapa.-

AL MINISTERO DELL'INTERNO - Gabinetto di S.E.il Ministro - ROMA
(rif. n.8619/7443 del 16 marzo u.s.)
ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA - Sottocommissione per la P.S. - ROMA
(rif. n. AC/14006/9/P.S. dell'11 marzo u.s.)
e,per conoscenza:
AL MINISTERO DELL'INDUSTRIA,COMMERCIO E LAVORO - ROMA
- Direzione Generale Industrie e Miniere -
(rif. n.846 dell'8 marzo u.s.)
AL CONSORZIO NAZIONALE CANAPA - Segreteria Generale - - ROMA
- Via S.Nicolò da Tolentino -
(rif. n.1233/S. Posiz. AB/mm del 23-4-u.s.)

A seguito del foglio n.460/6 del 28-5-u.s. si comunica che - oltre alla costituzione del noto nucleo in S.Maria Capua Vetere - in Frattamaggiore, Sarno, Aversa ed altre località,ove esiste produzione o lavorazione della canapa,le stazioni dell'Arma hanno preso accordi con i rappresentanti del Consorzio Nazionale per la vigilanza da esercitare.-

d'ordine
IL COLONNELLO CAPO DI S.M.
-Romano dalla Chiesa-

TO	DATE	DATE
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
AFO 394

Tel: 48908 1 - 365

AC/14006/9/PS

4 June 1945

SUBJECT : Contraband in Hemp.

TO : Director Industry Sub-Commission,
Hemp Division.

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1. Reference your HCO/1402/N dated 8 March 45.

2. Arrangements have now been made to transfer to S. Maria Capua Vetere 1 maresciallo and 5 CCRR for the purpose of checking contraband in hemp.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director, Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO SERVIZIO – SITUAZIONE E COLLEGAMENTI

N. 450/6 di prot. Roma, li 28 maggio 1945

Risposta al del n. Allegati n.

OGGETTO: Vigilanza sulla produzione della canapa.

AL MINISTERO DELL'INTERNO-Gabinetto di S.E.il Ministro- ROMA
(Rif. f. n.8619/7443 del 16/3/u.s.)
ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA-Sottocommissione per la P.S.- ROMA
(Rif. f. n.AC/14006/9/P.S. dell'11/3/u.s.)

e,per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO DELL'INDUSTRIA,COMMERCIO E LAVORO
-Direzione Generale Industrie e Miniere- ROMA
(Rif. f. n.846 dell'8/3/u.s.)
AL CONSORZIO NAZIONALE CANAPA-Segreteria Generale-
- Via S.Nicolò da Tolentino - ROMA
(Rif. f. n.1233/S. Posiz.AB/mm del 23/4/u.s.)

Con riferimento al foglio sopradistinto,si comunica di aver disposto,previ accordi con i dirigenti del Consorzio Nazionale Canapa,l'invio in S.Maria Capua Vetere di n.5 militari,al comando di un maresciallo,per la costituzione del nucleo di vigilanza.

With ref. to the a/m letter it is communicated that arrangements have been made, prior agreements reached with the managers of the National Hemp association, for the transfer to S.Maria Capua Vetere of 5 soldiers, commanded by a maresciallo, for the constitution of the vigilance nucleus.

d'ordine
IL COLONNELLO CAPO DI S.M.
- Romano dalla Chiesa -

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14006/9 88A

SUBJECT: Suspected Black Market Activities

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC (MMIA)

INT/101/1

21 May 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. It has come to the notice of this H.Q. that a man named FARINELLI, Stanislao of Via Circonvallazione Trionfale, 36, ROME, recently approached another man, whose name has not been ascertained, offering to obtain supplies of paper at a high price and intimating that he was in possession of the necessary pass to go to BOLOGNA and MILAN.

2. It has been ascertained that FARINELLI is a Maresciallo of the Carabinieri and attached to the 808 Batt. C.S. (SMGE) and it appears that he was in possession of a "foglio di viaggio" to travel north on duty.

3. This information is forwarded to you for the necessary action.

4. Please inform this H.Q. of what action is taken.

R.G.A. Groves-Raines Capt
for Major-General
MMIA

Copy to: Public Safety Sub-Commission, A.C.

cgl.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478134

AC/14006/9/PS. 19 May, 1945

SUBJECT : Suspected Black Market Activities.
FARINELLI, Stanislao.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission, HQ A.C.

1. On 9th May, 1945, Mr. White of Commerce Sub-Commission produced a copy of a telephone censorship report of a conversation between FARINELLI, Stanislao, Via Circonvallazione Trionfale, 36, Rome and another man. Farinelli was offering to obtain supplies of paper at a high price and intimated that he was in possession of the necessary pass to go to Bologna and Milan.

2. This Sub-Commission was interested in obtaining information on how he had become possessed of the pass and caused enquiries to be made.

3. It has been ascertained that Farinelli is a Maresciallo of Carabinieri and attached to the 808 Batt. C.S. (Sa-RS) and it appears that he was in possession of a "foglio di viaggio" to travel north on duty.

4. Mr. White is at present on a mission and it has not been possible to obtain a copy of the censorship report.

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5. Forwarded for your information and such further action as is deemed necessary.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.C.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

Copy to : Commerce S/C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

Tel. 843238
Ref. AC/36/Tn 4

30 March 1945

TO : Communication Sub-Commission HQ AC

SUBJECT : Mail Traffic Rome-Rimini.

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1. Attached correspondence reveals a very serious position, liable to lead to withdrawal of mail facilities on military trains.

2. It is requested action be taken to ensure such an incident is not repeated, and that disciplinary steps are taken against the employees concerned.

for MERRITT H. TAYLOR
Director.

Copy to Public Safety Sub-Comm. HQ AC
" " Movements Rome

TO		
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SUBJECT : Italian Mail Cars

D.A.Q.M.G. (M)
H.Q. Movements Sub Area
Rome Area C.M.F.

R.T.O. Office
Rome Termini
G/RT/53

21 March '45

1. For some time it has been suspected that Italian Mail Cars attached to Military trains were carrying Blackmarket commodities.

2. This morning at 0545 hrs when the Rimini leave train arrived, Fl/Sgt Musgrove had occasion to look in the mail car.
He noticed two mail bags which by their shape did not appear to be carrying mail.
Further investigation revealed that one bag was filled with flour and the other with beans.
Both bags were removed from the train and placed inthis office.

3. S.I.B. were informed and requested to investigate the matter.

4. The mail car attendants were :

Mascarini Censerico

Bellomo Alfredo

Both employed by the Itslian Post Office

(Sgd) G.R.G. Tonke Capt R.E.
R.T.O. Rome Termini Station

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 409001 - 365

11 March 1945

AC/14006/9/PS

SUBJECT : Contraband in Hemp.

TO : Commanding General CC.RR.

1. On 3rd March 1945 the Ministry of Industry Commerce and Labour requested the Ministry of the Interior to provide a force of CC.RR for the Naples area for the purpose of checking the contraband in Hemp.

2. May we be informed please if this matter has been brought to your notice and what steps are being taken, if any, to provide a force of CC.RR.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS

ALLIED [redacted] COMMISSION

Industry Sub-Commission

HELP DIVISION

A. P. O. 394

Tel. 478176 JS/gd

Ref. HCC/1402/N 8th March 1945

Subject : Contraband in Hemp

To : Public Safety Sub-Commission

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Ref. your AC/14006/9/PS of 22 Feb.

1. The Ministry of Industry Commerce and Labour wrote the Ministry of the Interior under letter Ref.N°846 of 3 March asking for a force of CC.RR. for the Naples Area for the purpose of checking the increasing contraband in Hemp.

2. In view of the importance of securing the Hemp for manufacture of materials urgently required for military purposes, we recommend that the force be not less than 25 men with an officer in command.

J. SCHLEE
Lt.Comdr.

Copy to:
HCC Southern Region

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HEADQUARTERS
Allied Military Government
LAZIO-UMBRIA REGION
APO 394

CAO

23 February 1945

BM/X1421/3457

SUBJECT : Probable Black Market Activity

TO : Public Safety Officer, Tuscany Region
Florence.

Attached report forwarded for your information.

For the Regional Commissioner:

sgd HAROLD B. LIPSIUS
1st Lt., CMP
Chief, Black Market Control.

1st IND.

26 February 1945

AC/14006/9/PS

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION, Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

TO : AMG Fifth Army (Attn: C.P.S)

Forwarded for your information.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

Ref: PS/4.8 Date 21 Feb 45

SUBJECT: Larceny of Allied silk in transit from Reggio Calabria to Naples.

TO: Headquarters, Allied Commission,
(Attention of the Director,
Public Safety Sub-Commission).

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Submitted herewith for your information is a further report relative to the recent arrest of persons in this area for the larceny and receiving of 3,800 kilos of Allied silk in transit by train from Reggio Calabria to Naples.

For the Regional Commissioner:

G. RICHARDSON
Major,
Regional Public
Safety Officer.

GR/tp.

TO	INITIAL	DATE
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LT COL WILCOX		
MAJ LUCKMAN		
MAJ WILSON		
MAJ HANBURY		
MAJ BALLANCE		
CAPT POWELL		
CHIEF CLERK		

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

Ref: PS/ 1

Date 12 February 1945

SUBJECT: Theft of 3,800 kilos of Allied silk in transit Reggio Calabria - Naples.

TO : Regional Public Safety Officer, HQ. Southern Region, Allied Commission.

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1. Reference to report NZ/PS/1 dated 11th January, 1945.

2. Investigation continued since the submission of above quoted report has resulted in the following :-

Continued questioning of Carmine IPPOLITO (referred to in para 8 of previous report) elicited information regarding the purchase and disposal of an additional quantity of the stolen silk involving certain other persons.

Rectifying her previous statement IPPOLITO stated that in addition to the one quintale of silk purchased by her from PARISI and disposed of to a certain VIGILANTE Vincenzo (as per previous report) and to a certain DE ROSA Guglielmo not previously mentioned, she also purchased from the same source a further 5 quintales which she sold through a certain CALASCICNE Giuseppe to PIRELLI Eleonora under the same terms as previously arranged.

During the continued investigation a certain DE MIRANDA Attilio, silk merchant of Naples, having apparently heard that determined enquiries were being made to trace the stolen silk presented himself voluntarily stating that he had purchased 3 quintales 50 kilos of silk in Nov 1944 from some person 'unknown' and wished to surrender the remainder of the silk in his possession as he now feared that it was identical to the silk stolen. This quantity amounting to 329 kilos has been identified and seized as part of the stolen consignment of silk.

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The 'unknown' person has been identified as one GALLIFUOCO Antonio, who to date has avoided arrest.

CALASCIONE Giuseppe mentioned in para 8 of previous report has consigned the sum of 51,994 lire to the jurisdiction of the Court stating that it represented proceeds of sale of the stolen silk. Bank deposit book No. 160340 shewing this amount as being credited to his account has been seized pending the decision of the Court.

Similarly the following sums, representing illicit monies obtained from the sale of stolen silk has been seized from the undermentioned persons who are implicated and awaiting trial :-

COSENTINO Achille - 14,491 lire. Bank deposit book No. 159856

CARESE Vincenzo - 29,994 lire. Bank deposit book No. 159941.

3. The investigation continues to trace the two principals FERRUZZI Armando and PESCATORE Luigi, who are believed to be under cover in Rome.

4. Additional expenses incurred and disbursements made in furthering this investigation amounting to 13,260 lire have been paid. Form F/F3 completed and submitted to Finance Officer Naples Zone thro' H.F.C. Southern Region.

(signed) R.N. Hobbs

R.N. HOBBS, Capt.
Z.P.S.O.

RNH/tp.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 489081-365

AC/14006/9/PS

22 February 1945

SUBJECT : Contraband in Hemp

TO : Director Industry Sub-Commission
Hemp Division

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1. Reference your HCO/1402/N dated 20 Feb, 45.

2. May we be informed please of the particulars of the "Force of CC.RR." referred to, when the matter will be considered with the Commanding General.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Industry Sub-Commission
HEMP DIVISION

A. P. O. 394

JS/gd

Tel. 478176

20th Feb. 1945

Ref. HCO/1402/N

Subject: Contraband in Hemp

To : Public Safety Sub-Commission.

1. Some two months ago the Hemp Control Officer Southern Region A.C. submitted a request for a detachment of Allied officers and men for the purpose of checking the increasing contraband in Hemp.

2. As this could not be arranged, the Ministry of the Interior was approached by the Consorzio Nazionale Canapa to provide a force of C.C.R.R. and we now write to ask if you will please give this request your support.

3. Contraband in Hemp has already reached large proportions and is on the increase and since it is a matter of military importance that the fibre is secured for our purposes, any assistance you can give will be appreciated.

J. SCHLEE
for Lt. Comdr. 3593

Copy to:
HCO Southern Region
(your NHCO/AC/127 of 18th Jan. refers)

COL CHAPMAN		23/2
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LT. COL WILCOX		
MAJ LUCKMAN		
MAJ WILSON		
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MAJ BALLANCE		
CAPT POWELL		

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478300

AC/14006/9/PS 16 February 1945

SUBJECT : Alleged black market

TO : R.P.S.O. Lazio-Umbria Region

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The attached translated copy of a statement respecting alleged black market transaction by the Firm of Chirico Giovanni, Rome, is forwarded for necessary action.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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TO : HQ. A.C. Public Safety Sub Commission

FROM : HQ. AMG/AC Abruzzi-Marche Region

SUBJECT : Black Market Control

REF : R5/514/5

DATE : 14 February 1945

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The attached copy of translation of denunciation signed by MORICONI Salvatore, is forwarded for your information and any action you consider necessary. It has been forwarded by the Senior Supply Officer Ascoli Province.

FOR REGIONAL COMMISSIONER :

S. PICKERING
Lt. Colonel
R.P.S.O.

COL CHAPMAN	
COL YOUNG	
LT CO [illegible]	
MAJ [illegible]	
MAJ WILSON	
MAJ HANBURY	
MAJ BALLANTYNE	
CAPT POWELL	
CHIEF CLERK	

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15 FEB 1945

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TRANSLATION

TO : A.M.G. = ASCOLI PICENO =

I beg to inform you that the Firm Chirico Giovanni in Rome, who are authorized to supply the Military Allied Hospitals of Rome with eggs, since some months are developping their business in a very queer way, as it is below reported, so as to frustate all the rules issued in Ascoli Macerata Provinces in order to keep under control the exportation of eggs.

They get from the AMG concerned a certain number of military trucks with the authorization to enter Teramo Province. Those trucks, which are not checked by the CC.RR., load a certain amount of eggs for the Military Hospitals and a far more important amount of eggs and hams on Firm Chirico's own account.

For the above stated reasons a very important amount of eggs and hams are exported from Ascoli to Teramo Province.

As a proof of the a/m facts, I state that every week the Firm Chirico load three trucks with eggs and hams drawing them from the Firm Egidi of Teramo, whilst it is very easy to prove that a single truck is quite enough to meet the needs of the Hospitals supplied by the Firm Chirico.

Besides that other Military trucks with a Chirico's representative are always going to and fro, through the whole Ascoli/Macerata Provinces buying and loading eggs and hams.

Even those trucks are authorized to reach only Teramo Province but being Military trucks, they are not checked by the Police. Following Chirico's examples, another firm succeeded in obtaining the use of Allied Military trucks.

Ascoli

This is a certain bgt. Marini Luigi housed in Rome and residing at Falerone. He buys eggs from the Farmers of Falerone, Montegiorgio, Montappone and Montevidon Corrado and sends them every week to Rome by means of an Allied Military truck.- The following persons, are supplying him with those goods : Concettoni Innocenzo, Concettoni Giuseppe, Achillozzi Luigi, Fermani Emma, Fermani Agnese. All the above mentioned persons are licenced egg collectors, residing at Falerone.

We beg the AMG to look through the matter and get Military Organizations of Rome in touch with our AMG representative, so to have the matter legally settled through proper commercial channel.- Something must be done to prevent the Firm Chirico using also military truck besides their own many vehicles.

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They use military trucks because they know very well that they are not checked by the Police. That makes easier to carry eggs for black market.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
FINANCE SUB - COMMISSION

13232/F

9 February 1945

SUBJECT : Theft of 3.800 kilos of Allied silk in transit Reggio Calabria - Naples.

TO : Chief Public Safety Sub - Commission.

1. Reference your AC/14006/9/PS of 8 Feb.

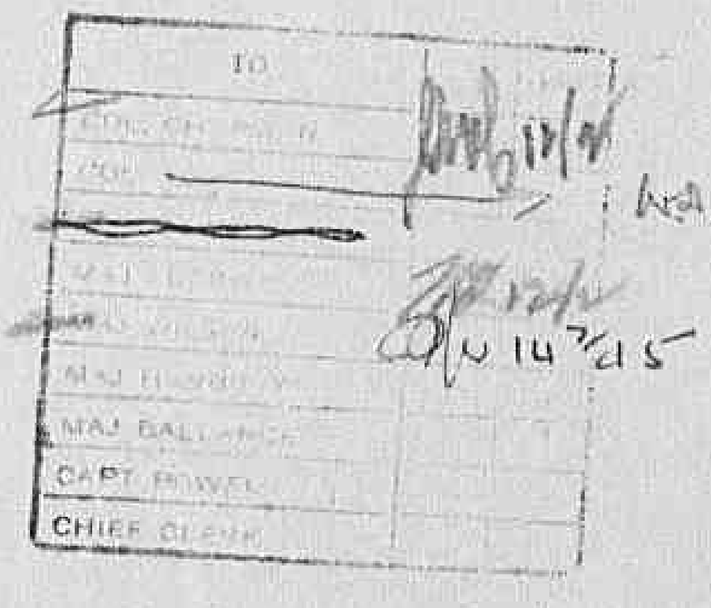
2. The Regional Finance Officer, Southern Region ,(Lt.Col.L.R.Battensby) is hereby authorized to pay 20.000 to be divided among the five Questura agents mentioned in report NZ/PS/CI of 11 Jan. from Public Safety ,Southern Region, which is returned to you herewith.

3. I assume you will arrange any ceremony you desire.

A.P. Bradbury Smith
Col.

Joint Director,
Finance Sub - Commission.

Copy to RFO, Southern Region.



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ALLIED COMMISSION

NAPLES ZONE

(PROVINCES OF NAPLES, AVELLINO, BENEVENTO)

PREFETTURA, NAPLES

Public Safety Department

File NZ/PS/CI. 11 January 1945.

Subject: Theft of 3.800 kilos of Allied silk in transit Reggio Calabria - Naples.

To: Regional Public Safety Officer, H.Q. Southern Region, Allied Commission.

1. On the 24/11/44 Major ROBERTSON - Economics & Supply (Silk Commission) HQ. Allied Commission, informed the undersigned that in reference to the investigation into the theft of Allied silk conducted by 61 Section SIB C.M. Police CMF, between 19th September 1944 and 13th October 1944, he was now in possession of the report dated 19th November 1944, submitted by the above named Section who affirmed therein that in their opinion the silk had been disposed of by the culprits during the interim quoted and although every enquiry to trace the silk and culprits had been made by them the result was abortive and the investigation was now considered closed. Ref. SIS 61/A/44/1016.

2. Major ROBERTSON stated that he was convinced that the stolen silk had not been totally disposed of and affirmed that in his opinion it was still secreted in the Naples area awaiting disposal. He gave the following reasons for this conviction:-

a. Quantity involved viz 3,800 kilos displacing in bulk one railway freight car load.

b. Difficulty in disposing of such ware except through specialised channels.

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c. His personal investigation into the sources interested in the silk industry and commerne which gave proof that such a consignment of silk was not nor had been to date placed on the white or black market.

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3. Major ROBERTSON gave a detailed resume of the theft and requested that assistance be afforded by this Department with a view to tracing and recovering the silk and apprehanding the offenderss. He placed at the disposal of the undersigned the report submitted by 61 SIB and other relevant documents. In addition ~~to~~ the sum of 200.000 lire was placed at the disposal of the undersigned to assist in the payment of any necessary expenses to be incurred during the investigation or disbursements to be made. The report submitted by 61 SIB gave proof of a persistent and routine enquiry covering all angles.

4. On the 26th November 1944, the undersigned interviewed the following officials of the Questura - Naples in the Public Safety Office:-

1. Commissario Cav. Alessandro GAIANO
2. Dott. Giuseppe ALLOCCA
3. Dott. Giuseppe ANNECCHIARICO
4. Maresciallo Luigi IMPARATO
5. Maresciallo Augusto della LIBERA.

5. Information of the occurrence was given to these officials and primarily the importance of the recovery of the silk was stressed together with the apprehension of the offenders. The intrinsic value of the silk (20,000 pounds sterling) it was affirmed by the undersigned did not represent the entire interest of the Allied Command but rather the recovery of the silk as a necessary and irreplaceable article to the prosecution of the war effort. They were urged to devote their whole time and attention to the recovery of the silk under the personal supervision of the undersigned and asked not to spare themselves in the performance of this duty.

6. From then on in co-operation with the undersigned they were employed at all hours on the investigation. Owing to the delicacy of the investigation it was not possible to solicit assistance or to institute enquiries through recognised or routine channels and the success of the investigation depended in the resource and acumen of the officers concerned.

7. As a result of the persistent enquiries made and action taken the following has been ascertained and accomplished:- 3593

MODUS OPERANDI - On the 19th September 1944, waggon No. 1133132 containing the silk was dispatched from Reggio Calabria arriving at the central station goods yards Naples intact at 19-30 hours of the 26th September 1944. By accident or intent the freight

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car containing the silk was detached from the train and shunted into the goods siding and no information was given to the competent authority as to its arrival. On the 15th October 1944, as a result of enquiries instituted by Silk Commission respecting the non receipt of the silk by competent authorities at Naples, the freight car was discovered, minus the silk at the above yards.

It has been ascretained that it was during the period 26 September 1944 (date of arrival of freight car at Naples yards) and 15th October 1944, (date of discovery) that the silk was stolen.

8. During the period the freight car remained abandoned in the yards near Ponte di Via E. Gianturco where it had been brought by a group of railwaymen the silk was disposed of in the following manner. Armando FERUZZI (pointsman) and Luigi PESCATORE (railway worker) conspired with a certain Salvatore AMBROSINI (carman) to steal the silk. The actual unloading of the silk was performed by the two former named railway employees and the transportation made by AMBROSINI who had contacted certain other persons interested in purchasing the silk. On the first occasion (about the 30th September 1944) 11 quintales of silk were stolen from the freight car by the trio who had also obtained the assistance of one Salvatore FIORENTINI and one Ciro ESPOSITO. Of this quantity 7 quintales were sold to a Giovanni CACACE and 4 quintales to a Giovanni PARISI for the sum of 750 lire a kilo. Two days later a further 7 quintales of silk were stolen. 5 quintales were sold to CACACE and 2 quintales to PARISI on this occasion for the sum of 1050 lire a kilo. Similarly two or three days later a further 6 quintales of silk was stolen by the same persons and sold to CACACE with the exception of 70 kilos which were sold to A certain Vincenzo CARRESE who re-sold it later to CACACE. During this operation the perpetrators were discovered in the act of stealing the silk by a Gaetano TRONCONE to whom was presented the sum of 3,000 lire to say nothing of what he had seen. To date 17 quintales 70 kilos of silk had been bought by CACACE and 6 quintales by PARISI. CACACE offered the silk in his possession to a certain Gino COPPOLA who aided by the following persons Romolo FRANCONERI - Antonio DI NOCERA - Angelo CALCAGNO and Rosario IMPROTA disposed of it so the following silk merchants :- 359

Michele APICELLA - 7 quintales.
Society SCNNINO Flavio & Oscar MAYROFER - 5 quintales.
Society DE SANTIS Roberto and Pasquale COPPOLA - 3 quintales.

Of the 3 quintales sold to the latter firm 2 quintales were re-sold to the firm S.A.C.C.A. of Portici represented by a

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certain Francesco NUNZIATA. 50 kilos to the INCA Society represented by Giuseppe RIGANTI and 32 kilos to a certain Franco LIVIO. The remaining 18 kilos were given to the INCA Society with a request that silk stockings be manufactured for DE SANTIS & COPPOLA. All the silk sold by DE SANTIS & COPPOLA was invoiced by FRANCONERI in whose possession about 3 quintales of silk were found and seized.

8. Of the silk bought by PARISI the investigation proves that he re-sold it to a certain Pasquale D'ANIELLO and his partner Francesco ESPOSITO for 1,100 lire per kilo who in turn re-sold it at 1,500 lire per kilo to a certain Carmine IPPOLITO who with the assistance of a certain Giuseppe CALASCIONE disposed of it to a certain Eleonora PIRELLI for the sum of 3,000 lire per kilo. The latter person had the silk made into silk stockings by the Society INCA re-selling the stockings afterwards in their own shops.

During the course of this involved enquiry numerous other persons were implicated and have been either arrested or denounced.

9. The initial culprits Luigi PESCATORE and Armando FERUZZI made good their escape but it is expected that their arrest is imminent. Arrests of eight of the other principals have been made and a further 23 persons implicated have been denounced to the Courts. Approximately 45,000 lire found in possession of the accused have been impounded as suspected of being cash received for sale of part of the silk.

10. A total of approximately 19 quintales 80 kilos of silk has been recovered in good condition found in the possession of persons implicated and restored to the Silk Commission. It is expected that a further 5 to 8 quintales of silk will be recovered in course of time having been disposed of by the purchasers to interests in Perugia - Rome and Florence. A large percentage of the remainder which has been manufactured into silk stockings has also been seized and handed to the Silk Commission and it is reasonably assumed that a small proportion of the total consignment will be irrecoverable owing to disposal in smaller quantities and an additional quantity has been spoilt during the theft and is unusable.

11. Of the sum of 200,000 lire placed at the disposal of the undersigned a total of 26,740 lire has been expended to date in the recovery of the silk shewn. This sum has been drawn from Regional Finance Officer, Southern Region under authority of Lt. Col. BATTENSBY and disbursed to the persons concerned. Forms F/F3 completed and submitted. 3591

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12. The enquiry continues to trace the remainder of the silk involved and arrest of the principals shewn and others possibly involved. Pending such conclusion the papers have been submitted to Chief Legal Officer, Southern Region, for proceedings to be instituted against the persons arrested and denounced to date.

13. It is suggested by the undersigned that consideration be given to a letter of commendation being forwarded to the officers named, by HQ Allied Commission in appreciation of the excellent work performed by them and that in addition a monetary honorarium be granted to each in recognition for the recovery of the silk under difficult and involved circumstances thereby restoring to the Allied Command irreplaceable merchandise essential to the war effort amounting to a total cash value of more than 4.000.000 lire.

R.N. HOBBS, Capt.
Zone Public Safety Officer.
Naples Zone.

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Distribution:

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R. QUESTURA OF NAPLES

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Naples the 28/I2/I944

Public Safety Office
Capt. Hobbs
NAPLES

Subject : Theft of a great quantity of silk belonging to the Allied Command.

The following persons have been denounced.

I) FERRUZZI Armando of Francesco and of Lagrasta Anna, born in Naples on the I3/9/I903, living at "Case Minime di S. Giovanni a Teduccio,IC", railway employee ; whereabouts not known.

2) PESCATORE Luigi of Aurelio and of Ciero Anna, born in Benevento on the 27/7/I9I3, living in Naples at via Venezia,8I, railway employee ; whereabouts not known.

3) AMBROSINI Salvatore of Vincenzo and of Caramiello Nunzia, born in Naples on the I5/5/I903, living in Ottaviano at via Casalvecchio,2, carman; arrested on the I9/I2/I944.

4) AMBROSINI Ciro of Vincenzo and of Caramiello Nunzia, born in Naples on the 22/I0/I9I2, living in Ottaviano at via Casalvecchio 2, carman ; arrested on the I9/I2/I944.

5) FIORENTINI Salvatore of Raffaele and of De Cesare Anna, born in Naples on the 6/8/I903, living at S.Giuseppe Vesuviano al Rione Russilli; arrested on the I9/I2/I944.

6) ESPOSITO Ciro of Gioacchino and of Lubrano Concetta, born in Naples on the 2I:2/I9I0, living at via Carlo di Fecce,20, workman ; arrested on the I9/12/1944.

7) CACACE Giovanni of Gennaro and of Ranieri Anna, born in Naples on the 29/6/I908, living at S.Giovanni a Teduccio, Via Ottaviano,Vico Rotto,49 bis, broker; arrested on the 859/ I2/I944.

8) CARRESE Vincenzo of Raffaele and of Pardo Raffaela, born in Naples on the I3/6/I9I7; living at via Ottaviano S.Gennariello,24, broker; arrested on the I9/I1/I944.

9) D'ANIELLO Pasquale of Gennaro and of Concetta Criscuolo, born in Naples on the I7/I/I899, living at via Padre Rocco,

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Allied Command.

The following persons have been denounced.

1) FERRUZZI Armando of Francesco and of Lagrasta Anna, born in Naples on the 13/9/1903, living at "Case Minime di S. Giovanni a Teduccio,10", railway employee ; whereabouts not known.

2) PESCATORE Luigi of Aurelio and of Ciero Anna, born in Benevento on the 27/7/1913, living in Naples at via Venezia,61, railway employee ; whereabouts not known.

3) AMBROSINI Salvatore of Vincenzo and of Caramiello Nunzia, born in Naples on the 15/5/1903, living in Ottaviano at via Casalvecchio,2, carman; arrested on the 19/12/1944.

4) AMBROSINI Ciro of Vincenzo and of Caramiello Nunzia, born in Naples on the 22/10/1912, living in Ottaviano at via Casalvecchio 2, carman ; arrested on the 19/12/1944.

5) FIORENTINI Salvatore of Raffaele and of De Cesare Anna, born in Naples on the 6/8/1903, living at S.Giuseppe Vesuviano al Rione Russilli; arrested on the 19/12/1944.

6) ESPOSITO Ciro of Gioacchino and of Lubrano Concetta, born in Naples on the 21:2/1910, living at via Carlo di Fecce,20, workman ; arrested on the 19/12/1944.

7) CACACE Giovanni of Gennaro and of Ranieri Anna, born in Naples on the 29/6/1908, living at S.Giovanni a Teduccio, Via Ottaviano,Vico Rotto,49 bis, broker; arrested on the 359/ 12/1944.

8) CARRESE Vincenzo of Raffaele and of Pardo Raffaela, born in Naples on the 13/6/1917; living at via Ottaviano S.Gennariello,24, broker; arrested on the 19/11/1944.

9) D'ANIELLO Pasquale of Gennaro and of Concetta Criscuolo, born in Naples on the 17/1/1899, living at via Padre Rocco, 37, broker ; arrested on the 19/12/1944 ; arrested on the 19/ 12/1944.

10) IPPOLITO Carmine of Leonardo and of Alfano Maria, born in Naples on the 18/8/1912, living at via Stanislao Mancini,12, bar keeper; arrested on the 11/12/1944.

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II) PARISI Giovanni of Luigi and of De Martino Luisa born in Naples in I890, living at Calata Cinesi,22, workman ; whereabouts not known.

I2) ESPOSITO Francesco of Nunzio and of Vitrone Rosa, born in Naples on the 20/6/I904, living at via A.Toscano,21 workman ; whereaboutsnot known.

I3) CALASCIONE Giuseppe of Giuseppe and of Adelina Francesca, born in Taranto on the I°/3/I897, living in Taranto at Vico Lungo S.Maria alla Fede,22,hawcker; whereabouts not known.

I4) COPPOLA Gino of Gennaro and of Giuseppina Giannetti, born in Naples on the 3/2/I904, living at via S.Giuseppe alla Riviera,II, trader; is still free.

I5) FRANCONERI Romolo of Francesco and of Paesano Anna, born in Naples on the 4/I/I9I2, living at via Mergellina,226, commercial representative agent; is free.

I6) CALCAGNO Angelo of Antonio and of Schettino Teresa, born in Trecchina (Potenza) on the 4/5/I896, living in Naples at via Riviera di Chiaia I05, trader; is free.

I7) PIRELLI Eleonora,married to de Rosa, daughter of Giovanni and of Consiglia Cristiano, born in Grumo Nevano on the I3: 4/I9I4, living in Arzeno at via Felepecchia 47,draper; is free.

I8) COSENTINI Achille if Giovanni and of Russo Carmela, born in Naples on the5/9/I9II, living in S.Giorgio a Cremano at via Vesuvio,57, representative agent; is free.

I9) DI NOCERA Antonio of Luigi and of Luisa Maglione, born in Naples on the I5-IO-I904, living at Viale Elena,2I, commercial representative agent; is free.

20) IMPROTA Rosaria of Nicola and of Contrusi Ersilia, born in Naples on the I3/4/I9IO, living at via Caracciolo,2, business woman,; is free.

21) DE ROSA Guglielmo of Francesco and of Amirante Carmela born in Arzano in I887, living in Grumo Nevano Corso Garibaldi,7, trader; whereabouts not known.

The above named are all accused of collaboration, and Ippolito Germine, of abusive keeping of a knife. 35/

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22) DE VINCENZO Vincenzo of Carmine and of De Rosa Angela, born in ~~Naples~~ Arzano, on the 25/3/I906, living in Naples at via Leonardo di Capua,21, dyer, is free.

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22) DE VINCENZO Vincenzo of Carmine and of De Rosa Angela, born in ~~Naples~~ Arzano, on the 25/3/I906, living in Naples at via Leonardo di Capua,2I, dyer, is free.

23) TRONCONE Gaetano of Ciro and of Acanfora Angela, born in Naples on the I3/6/I9I3, living at via Galileo Ferraris n.39, car man; arrested on the I9/I2/I944

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24) APICELLA Michele of Giuseppe and of Angelina Brocco, born in Cava dei Tirreni, on the 27/12/1907, living in Naples at via Generale Pignatelli,85, industrial.

25) DE SANTIS Roberto of Angelo and of Trotta Giuseppina, born in Naples on the 17/3/1907, living a via Salute 92, trader.

26) DOPPOLA Pasquale of Luigi and of Enrico Raffaela, born in Naples on the 12/4/1894, living at via Rigaldino, 157, trader.

27) NUNZIATA Francesco of Fortunato and of Immacolata Alfano born in Naples on the 9/7/1913, living at Corso Meridionale,N. 39, technical administrator of the S/A S.A.I.C.C.A. (Società Anonima Industria Cotoni Calze Affini).

28) MAYRHOFER Oscar of Alberto and of Corina Azzi, born in Naples on the 1/5/1908, living at via Duomo; 290, trader.

29) SONNINO Flavio of Giuseppe and of Di Cave Ester, born in Naples on the 11/5/1884, living at via Duomo,290, trader.

30) LIVIO Francesco of Tito and of Mazza Rosa, born in Naples on the 20/12/1901, living at via Carducci, 82, trader.
31) RIGANTI Giuseppe of Nicola and of Autilia Maria, born in Naples on the 9/12/1891, living at via Luca Giordano,56, administrator of the "INCA" (Industria Nazionale Calze ed Affini).

The above named are responsible for imprudent buying.

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With this very useful information and helped by Dr. Augenio T Testa, Vice Commissioner, by the Vice Brigadiers, Auremme Giuseppe, Landi Vincenzo, Miele Alfonso, Gueriero Erminio, and by the "Guardie Scelte" Forni Alfredo, Gallifuoco Pasquale, Dennamo Nicola, and by the Guards Gagliazzo Antonio, Viscione Mi-

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From the inquiries made it results that the theft happened in the following way.
The wagon N.II33I32 coming from R.Calabria with the silk arrived at the station of Naples at I9.30 of the 26th of September I944, and for the reasons explained in the report consigned by Captain Hobbs (enclosure I) the silk was taken in consignment by the Allied Control Commission of Naples, only on the I5th of October on the date ascertained as being the day on which the 3800 Kg.

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of silk was found missing from the wagon.
During the time that the wagon remained abandoned on the binary the wares were stolen in several times, the wagon was brought first to the binary (merchandise N.I) near to Ponte di Via E. Gianturco by a group of railwaymen and of whom were identified Feruzzi Armando, pointsman and Pescatore Luigi, railway worker up to now the responsibles. In fact these men had taken accord with a certain Ambrosini Salvatore, mentioned on the list, to steal the silk, whilst he Ambrosini remained in the vicinity to await the consignment of the wares and to pay at once the amount asked for. Ambrosini not having all the sum in which to pay for same invited the brother Ciro and his friends Fiorentini Salvatore and Esposito Ciro (on list) to participate in the theft to which they agreed, excepting the conditions asked them, giving for same 50,000 lirrs. All the sum gathered 200,000 lire, Ambrosini Salvatore went one night, exact date not precised, about the end of September, in the near vicinity of the wagon, having the railway men steal the first II q/li of silk which he had hidden at once in a big case of wood and placed near his own stable in the locality Pascone. The following morning of the theft Ambrosini Salvatore who represented the interest of the criminal society, sold 7 quintals to the above mentioned Cacace Giovanni and 4 q/li to Parisi Giovanni also mentioned in the list known under the name of Giovanni or "cut face" for the sum of Lire 750 the Kg.
Two days after in the same way the railwaymen robbed and handed over this time to Fiorentini Salvatore, another 7 q/li of silk that were also hidden in the same big case and left to the custody of Ambrosini Salvatore who came after a few moments on the spot, of this quantity of silk 5 q/li were sold to the same CACace and two q/li to the same Parisi for the sum of Lire 1050 a Kg. After two or three days always with the same system, a third theft was done of about 6 q/li of silk that Ambrosini Salvatore after having had them hidden in the same shed, sold the wares the next day to Cacace, except about 70 Kg that were bought instead by a certain Carrese Vincenzo, as well mentioned in the list, who re-sold it to Cacace. In the course of the investigation it came out that whilst Ambrosini Salvatore together with his brother Ciro, Fiorentino Salvatore and Esposito Ciro were loading the wares in the early hours of the next morning to the theft, they were surprised by Troncone Gaetano, to whom he gave the sum of Lire 3,000 so that he would say nothing of what he had seen.According to the result it seems that Cacace had bought 17 q/li and 70 kg. of silk whilst Parisi had bought only [illegible] q/li. Cacace offered the silk stollen to a certain Coppola Gino, also mentioned in the list, who doing the same [illegible]

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I) Apicella Michele 7 q/li with the intervention of Calcagno and with the invoice signed by the same Calcagno; 2) Society Sonnino Flavio and Mayrofer Oscar q/li 5 with the intervention and invoice by Fraconeri; 3) Society De Santis Roberto and Coppola Pasquale 3 q/li with the intervention of Franconeri who gave a receipt written in his own hand. Of these 3 q/li De Santis and Coppola Gino gave away 2 q/li to the Firm S.A.I.C.C.A. of Porti

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ci represented by Nunziata Francesco, 50 Kg. to the Inca Society represented by Riganti Giuseppe (Administrator Director) and 32 Kg. to Livio Franco. To Coppola Pasquale and De Santis Roberto there were left 18 Kg. of silk which they gave in trust to the same Inca Society asking them to make silk stockings on their behalf. All the goods sold by De Santis and by Coppola Pasqualewar invoiced by Franconeri to whom in the course of the investigation there has been found and sequestered about 3 q/li that he had given in trust to Gino Coppola and which had not yet been sold. About the selling of the 6 q/li of silk stollen by Parisi Giovanni the inquiry has shown that he sold it in three times to a certain D'Aniello Pasquale and to his partner Esposito Francesco called"Pacchitella" mentioned onthe list, for the sum of Lire IICO the Kg. and they re-sold it for the sum of L.I500 a Kg. to Ippolito Carmine who re-sold it with the help of the accused Calascione Giuseppe, also on the list, to a certain Pirelli Eleonora married De rosa, who bought 5 q/li for the sum of 3000 Lire the Kg. to the above mentioned Coppola Pasquale and De Santis Roberto who had the silk made into silk stockings by the firm I.N.C.A. reselling afterwards by retail in their own shops.
It results that Pirelli had her partner participate in this business, a certain Cosentini Achille, mentioned on the list, and so as to hide the stollen wares she entrusted same to the abve mentioned De Vicenzo Vincenzo who kept it in his dyers shop in Via Leonardi di Capua 2I till Pirelli and Consentini could find a way of selling it.
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Not less evident id the responsibility of the theft continued

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and sold by the mentionedCacace Giovanni, Carrese Vincenzo, D'Aniecio Pasquale, Ippolito DeCarmine, Parisi Giovanni, Esposito Francesco, Calascione Giuseppe, Coppola Gino, Franconeri Romolo, Calcagno Angelo, Pirelli Eleonora, Cosentini Achille, Di Nocera Antonio, Improta Rosaria and De Rosa Guglielmo. Of this group the most responsible are Cacace (arrested) and Parisi(whereabouts not known? who had contact with the thieves and to whom all the others went to, or with major gain or with minor helping in selling these goods as by the statement of each one(see attached 7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-) It is also confirmed the responsibility of De Vicenzo and of Troncone for having first helped Sig.Pirelli and Cosentini to hide the goods and of Troncone for having received money from the thieves when he associated himself with them as they were loading the silk (see attached n;22-23-24); On the contrary it is evident that the merchants Apicella Michele; De Santis Roberto, Coppola Pasquale, Nunziante Francesco, Mayrofer Oscar SonninoFlavio, Livio Francesco and Riganti Giuseppe bought the goods in good faith as they had from them a regular invoice frol Calcagno and Franconeri (see attached n;25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32). In any case the buying by them was imprudent as they should have known the restriction on the selling of these silks and should have thought how these goods could have come so easy to hand.

We send a complete list of the 32 Verbali of the interrogations

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2) The verbali of the arrest of Ippolito Carmine for being in possession of a knife which he had on him, same will be handed over to your office (attached 34)

3) The bank book n;I59855 for the sum of L.24594 sequestered from the above mentioned Ippolito Carmine (attached 35)

4) The verbale of interrogation of Rolando Pasquale of the late Domenico, industrial of Portici, which states that a certain Improta Rosaria offered to sell him a party of silk in October leaving him also a sample (a skein of silk which he has handed over) and which he refused (attached 36)

5) Three verbalis, statements made by Sigg. Cogliandro Rocco of Domenico and Messina Paolo of Silvestre da Cannitello (R.Calabria) who were invited to this office and who recognized the silk as the one that was sent by the silk owners of which they were the representatives, stating that same was loaded on to the wagon n.II33L32 (attached n;37-38-39)

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7) The verbale of the sequestering of the sum of 30,000 L. from Carese Vincenzo (attached 43)

8) The book n;L59941 for the sum of L.29994 sequestered from the above Carrese Vincenzo. (attached 42)

9) The statements by Commissario Dr.Giuseppe Allocca regarding the finding of 9 skeins of silk in the house of Coppola Pasquale (attached 43)

IO) Verbale of the sequester of silk found in the house of Mayrofer Ascar (attached 44)

II) Verbale of the sequester of one skein of silk found in the house of Fiorentino Salvatore (attached45)

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There has been found in the possession of the following persons the quantity of silk mentioned near ech single porson:

I) Apicella Michele q/li 6 and Kg.99

2) Sonnino Mayrofer q/li 4 and Kg.88 of which 80 Kg. are at the Questura and 4 quintals and 88 Kg. are still with Sonnino as mentioned in the Verbali (attached n.44) There is missing therefore from the 15 quintals bought only 12 Kg. that Sonnino states to have had them made into stockings which he sold retail.

3) Livio Franco Kg.30,400

4) Ditta INCA Kg.49 in skeins and Kg.82 in cuttins of silk as well as some unfinished stockings.

5) Dyers De Vicenzo Vincenzo q/li 2 and Kg. 87

6) Franconeri Romolo q/li 2 and Kg.76

The quantity of silk sequestered are in this office with the exception of that in custody at the Ditta Sonnino Mayrofer, awaiting to be claimed by your Command.
The quantity are about q/li 18 (eighteen) Kg.19 (nineteen) and 400 grams of skeins of silk found and Kg.82 (eightytwo) of cuttings and incomplete stockings.
In the course of the investigation it was referred to us that some stockings manufacturies in Rome had bought quantities of silk through the same source, therefore on the 15 of this month Maresciallo Della Libera Augusto, and other agents went to the Capital to see if this was the case, but they only found Kg.25 of silk in skeins at the Società Anonima Calzifici Helios at Via Grotta Perfetta N.18 represented by Orvieto Enrico of Augusto who declared having bought same about the first week of September from Ditta Livio Franco of Naples (see attached n.30 and 46);
Having ascertained that the 25 Kg. of silk did not belong to the theft, same was returned to its legitimate owner.
As you will see by the facts stated by us I)Ambrosini Salvatore; 2) Ambrosini Ciro; 3) Fiorentini Salvatore; 4) Esposito Ciro; 5) Carrese Vincenzo, 6) D'Aniello Pasquale, 7) Cacace Giovanni, 8) Troncone Gaetano and 9) Ippolito Carmine are arrested and have been imprisoned at Poggioreale awaiting the disposition of your Command. Ferruzzi Armando, Pescatore Luigi Parise Giovanni, Esposito Francesco, Calascione Giuseppe and De Rosa Guglielmo have not yet been found.
We has not been considered opportune to place in prison the following persons although at the first they were arrested and

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We has not been considered opportune to place in prison the following persons although at the first they were arrested and then freed, because they helped to trace most of the stolen goods and to the identification and arrest of the principle responsibles.of such a vast criminal activity.
They have however been placed on their honour not to leave Naples and to keep themselves at the disposition of the authorities.
The search for the two railwaymen Ferruzzi and Pescatore is still urgently being carried out.

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Under seperate cover we are keeping in this office as well as the sequestered goods, the knife which Ippolito had on him, two skeins of silk found in the house of Esposito Francesco, another found in the house of Fiorentino Salvatore and lastly 9 skeins of silk taken from the house of Coppola Pasquale. We also addhere thedskein of silk given us by Rolando Pasquale which is at the Questura.

/s/ Della Libera Augusto Mllo. of P.S.
Imparato Luigi " " "
Dr.Eugenio Testa. Vice Commissioner
dott. Giuseppe Anniecchiarico
dott. Giuseppe (signature illegible)
Alessandro (" ")

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 489081 - 365

AO/14006/9/PS

11 February, 1945.

SUBJECT : Disposal of Contraband Cigarettes.

TO : H.Q. 3 District.

1. Reference your letter 1/6A dated 25 November 1944.

2. It is regretted that a reply to your letter has been overlooked.

3. Instructions have been issued that confiscated British cigarettes will be returned to the local British detachment for disposal and no further difficulty should be experienced.

4. Major Stevens has now been transferred from Catanzaro.

for JOHN WI CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AC/14006/9/PS

30 NOV 1944

29 Nov 1944

SUBJECT : Contraband Cigarettes.

TO : Commerce Sub-Commission.
(Attn: Major Scotten).

1. Reference the attached letters from 26 Town Major, to Sub Area and 3 District.

2. This correspondence was routed into Public Safety Sub-Commission but the problem involved is not one for this Sub-Commission, as it involves issuing instructions to Regional Commissioner, Southern Region.

3. This Sub-Commission has been directed to pass these letters to you for action.

John W. Chapman

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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HQ SOUTHERN BASE SECTION
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Weekly
CONFIDENTIAL 950

Subject: Contraband Cigarettes

3 District,
Ext 15,
146A,
15 Nov 44.

HQ Allied Control Commission
Rome

Ref the enclosed copy report from 26 Town Major dated 14 Nov 44 and 70 Sub Area Routine Order dated 9 Nov 44.

1. Enquiries made of the Regional Commission AC Zone CATANZARO have revealed that Major STEVENS is carrying out the instructions of OC AC Zone Commission CATANZARO (Lt.Col IRISH, U.S.Army) concerning disposal of contraband cigarettes.

2. The cigarettes are stated to be mostly British brands and in all probability have been stolen from WD sources. The result is that unlimited quantities of WD contraband cigarettes are on the market to British personnel at EFI prices, thus providing a ready means of barter in the black market.

3. May this matter be taken up with a view to bringing the instructions of O.C. AC Zone Commission CATANZARO in line with orders issued to British Unit personnel regarding confiscated cigarettes.

CAPTAIN		
J. YOUNG		
J. WICK		
J. WILSON		
J. HANSON		
J. BALLANCE		
CAPT POWELL		

J.J. Gutteridge 14/11
for Col.
DA & QMG.

JA/KM

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c o p y

Subject: Officers - Discipline

CONFIDENTIAL

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To: DAA & QMG

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Major Stevens - Allied Commission
P.P.O. Reggio

I have to report that the above named officer categorically refused to obey S.A.R.O. 110 and dispose of cigarettes as stated therein.

I spoke to him personally on the telephone and he affirmed that he was not taking any orders from the military and that he proposed to continue to deal with contraband cigarettes as hitherto.

This procedure was that Units applied to his office for cigarettes, paid for them, and he sent the money to the Allied Commission Fund through the Finance Officer.

10% of all cigarettes 'captured' is given to the local Questura.

I cautioned Major STEVENS that he was under the Commanders Orders and compelled to obey them but he refused to agree and has in fact given orders in REGGIO countermanding my instructions which were in accordance with the above quoted S.A.R.O.

I submit that immediate disciplinary action be taken against this officer and that he be compelled at once to obey the Commander's Orders.

14/11/44

(Sgd) F.FELGATE STONE Major
26 Town Major

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C O P Y

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70 Sub Area
Routine Orders No. 110/44

110. CONFISCATED STOLEN GOODS

A number of cases have occurred in which British and Allied Personnel have applied for a percentage of confiscated stolen goods, recovered by them, for their personal use.

This practice is irregular.

All goods so recovered will be handed to the nearest CMP Detachment on signature, and will be disposed of as directed by HQ 70 Sub Area.

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Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394.

REF : Ac/14006/9/PS

Tel. 489081 - 580.

8th February, 1945.

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT : Theft of 3,800 kilos of Allied silk in transit Reggio Calabria - Naples.

TO : Joint Director, Finance Sub-Commission.

orig. pencil 1(13 pages)

1. Reference is made to the attached report by the Z.P.S.O., Naples.

2. It is recommended that the sum of Lire 20,000 be paid as a reward to the five Questura Agents in Naples in such proportion as the Z.P.S.O. considers appropriate together with a letter of appreciation for their outstanding good work, by the Regional Commissioner.

3. Such award might be made by the Zone Commissioner at an informal ceremony.

4. The Commerce Sub-Commission approve this recommendation.

5. The monetary award could be paid by the Zone Finance Officer subject to approval by Finance Sub-Commission.

for

JOHN W. CHAPMAN,
Colonel, J.A.G.D.,
Director, Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCE SUBCOMMISSION
Availability Section

TEL: 478703 CAM/lc

REF: AC/5136/Commerce 30 January 1945

SUBJECT: Contraband Cigarettes.

TO : Regional Commissioner - Southern Region
(Attn: Commerce Sub-Division)

1. Telephone conversation between Major Hirt and S/Ldr: MacKenzie refers.

2. It is requested that a search be made in your records for the following documents:

a) Covering letter from Public Safety, HQ. AC. ref AC/14006/9/PS, dated 23 November 1944 enclosing letters from 26 Town Major and 3 District.

b) AC., HQ., Signal, ref 9464, dated 8 January 1945 to Aleom S/Region.

c) AC., HQ., Signal, ref 9932, dated 16 January 1945 to Aleom S/Region.

3. In addition, it is requested that a full report be obtained from the authorities in Salerno as to the type and quantity of the cigarettes in question, together with all relative facts, and forwarded to this Headquarters immediately.

For the Chief Commissioner:

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W. P. EVANS
Colonel
Director
Commerce Sub-Commission.

COL CHERMAN	1/2
COL YOUNG	
LT COL WOOX	
MAJ LUCKMAN	
MAJ WILSON	12/45
MAJ HANBURY	

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For the Chief Commissioner:

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Colonel
Director
Commerce Sub-Commission.

COL CHAPMAN
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MAJ LUCKMAN
MAJ WILSON
MAJ HANBURY
MAJ BALLANCE
CAPT POWELL
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Copy to: Public Safety HQ., AC.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: AC 771
Date Time of Origin: JAN 270845A

Message Centre No: 0/9636
Date Time Rec'd: JAN 271535A
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: DISTRICT

TO : HQ ATCOM ROME

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RESTRICTED.

Request reply to this Hq 146A of 25 November 44 re sale of contraband cigarettes.

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Action - Public Safety 3c

Info - A/President
Chief Commissioner
CA Sec
File (2)
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TO	
COL CHAPMAN	
COL YOUNG	
LT CO W	
MAJ [illegible]	
MAJ W	
MAJ H	
MAJ GA	
CAPT P V	

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ALCOM SOUTHERN REGION

9932 16 January '45

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PRIORITY TO

RESTRICTED FD

SUBJECT IS CONTRABAND CIGARETTES FD

PARAY TO ALCOM SOUTHERN REGION FROM HQ ALCOM PARSY

PARA ONE FD DIRTYDIRK AGAIN PRESSING FOR REPLY TO THEIR ONE

FOUR SIX OBLIQUE ABLE OF TWO FIVE NOVEMBER FD

PARA TWO FD PLEASE EXPEDITE AS REQUESTED IN OUR NINE FOUR

SIX FOUR OF NINE JANUARY

Copy to: Public Safety S/O, HQ AC

COMMERCE S/O

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(Maj. W. K. Scotten)

NICHOLAS PICCIRILLO
CWO, USA
Asst. Adjutant

BF 25/1/45

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AIOCK SOUTHERN REGION

9463 8 Jan. 45

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ROUTINE

RESTRICTED

PARA ONE FD SUBJECT IS CONTRABAND CIGARETTES FD

PASS TO AIOCK SOUTHERN REGION FROM HQ AIOCK PAREN

PARA TWO FD REFERENCE DISTRESS LETTER ONE FOUR SIX OBLIQUE ABLE OF TWO FIVE NOVEMBER FORWARDED TO YOU ALONG WITH ABLE CHARLIE OBLIQUE ONE FOUR EM RO ZERO SIX OBLIQUE NINE OBLIQUE FIVE SUGAR OF TWO NINE NOVEMBER FD

PLEASE EXPEDITE REPLY DIRECT TO DESTINEE COPY TO THIS SUBORDINATION

CONFIRM S/O

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(S.O.M.S., J. Caldecott)

NICHOLAS PICARINO
CWO, USA,
Asst. Adjutant.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: AG498
Date/Time of Origin: JAN 121215A

Message Centre No: C/ 7654 7654
Date Time Rec'd: JAN 122133A
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: DISTHREE

TO : HQ ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION ROME

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Request reply to this HQ 146 A of 25 November 44 re sale of contraband cigarettes.

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PUB SAFETY
A/PRESIDENT
CHIEF COMMISSIONER
C.A.SEC
FILE (2)
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 469081
Ext 626

3 January, 1945

AC/14006/9/PS

SUBJECT : Contraband Cigarettes.

TO : Commerce Sub-Commission.
(Attn: Major Scotton).

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Attached signal refers to letter from 26 Town Major, to Sub Area and 3 District, forwarded Commerce Sub-Commission with AC/14006/9/PS dated 29 November, 1944.

May reply please be sent to 3 District as requested.

For J. Buchanan Wilson R.C

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.C.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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May a reply now be given to this HQ letter 146/A of 25 November RE- sale of contraband cigarettes

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ACTION : SUB SAFETY (2)

INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: AC/14006/9/PS

23 Dec 44

SUBJECT : Seizure of Food at Macerata.

TO : General de Sevin
Office of the French Representation.

I am directed to inform you that it is regretted that it has been impossible to restore the meat and eggs seized in Macerata on the 25 Nov. The goods were perishable and by the time the order to release the goods had reached those in whose custody they had been, the goods had already, because of their perishable nature, been disposed of to the Consorzio.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

G.R. UPJOHN Brig.
VP CA Section,
DCOS.

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To: HQ AC (Attention Chief of Staff)

From: HQ AMG/AC Abruzzi Marche Region.

Subject: Illegal Purchase of Foodstuffs by the French.

Ref: R5/507/26.

Date: 12 December 1944.

18 DEC 1944

1. With reference to the illegal purchase of foodstuffs by the French in Macerata, I now enclose a copy of a report from the CAO in Macerata.

2. I think we must agree that in disregarding our instructions he was correct to do so, and in any case the 2 Italians are already in jail and 9 other persons are under suspicion in connection with the first purchases. If we were to regularise the whole incident we should make it difficult for the prosecution of these men.

3. You may wish to take up the whole matter with the French authorities, as the prices they were paying constitute the most flagrant example of dealing in the Black Market that I have seen, and further, a complete disregard of every instruction issued from your HQ concerning purchases of foodstuffs required for the feeding of the civilian population.

C.H.A. FRENCH.
Colonel.
Regional Commissioner.

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Copy to: Provincial Commissioner, Ascoli-Macerata.

TO	INIT	DATE
COL. CHAPMAN		
COL. YOUNG		
LT. CO. WILSON		
MAJ HUGHES		
MAJ WILSON		
MAJ HANBURY		
MAJ BALLANCE		
CAPT POWEL		
CHIEF CLERK		

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HEADQUARTERS
A.M.G.
ASCOLI-PICENO PROVINCE
ABRUZZI-MARCHE REGION
C.M.F.

6 Dec 44.

REF: AP/18 -111.

SUBJECT: Food purchases by the French.

TO: HQ, Abruzzi-Marche Region, AMG/AC (for Regional Commissioner)

1. Reference your personal letter from Rome dated 2 Dec 44, I now enclose (in duplicate) a copy of a report from Deputy PC Macerata, dealing with the question of purchases of food by the French in Macerata.

2. It is regretted that, in the circumstances, it was quite impossible to carry out your wishes and those of the Brigadier. In any case, once the original supplies had been turned in to the Consorzio, etc., it would have put AMG in a very false position if they had had to go into the market and purchase eggs and meat to replace that previously illegally procured.

3. It is pointed out that two Italians are already in gaol, and that nine other persons are under suspicion in connection with the first purchases, particularly with regard to the slaughtering of the cattle. If the whole incident were to be regularised by AC, difficulties would obviously arise in the prosecution of these men.

4. I understand that Capt. Hardoin well appreciated the reasons for our action.

E.C.V.RUTTER,
Lieut-Col.
Provincial Commissioner.

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TO: HQ, Abruzzi-Merche Region, AMG/AC (for Regional Commissioner)

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HEADQUARTERS
A.M.G.
MACERATA PROVINCE
ABRUZZI-MARCHE REGION
C.M.F.

COPY

CONFIDENTIAL

4 December 44.

REF: M/18.

SUBJECT: Purchase of Foodstuffs.

TO: Provincial Commissioner, Ascoli.

After your telephone call yesterday, a French Captain arrived and presented the letter addressed to you by Colonel French and I regret to have to report that it was deemed necessary to disobey orders.

The following is a brief statement of the facts that came to light:-

1. The lorry from Rome, accompanied by a French sergeant, arrived here on Thursday and proceeded to make contacts with civilians, whose names and addresses he would not, or could not, furnish.
2. A further purchase of some 3000 eggs had already been made.
3. The two Italians in detention from the previous trip are employed at a hotel in Rome, which is stated to be occupied by both French and British officers.
4. Arrangements apparently had been made for the purchase of more calves and paste.
5. The prices paid were:- Eggs - lire 24.00; pasta - lire 60.00 per kilo; veal - lire 170.00 per kilo, which compare with official prices of 12.50, 7/50, and 65.00 respectively.
6. Authority for the journey is stated to have been given by a Colonel Hughes (?) of Allied Commission, but there is no documentary support for this statement by the French sergeant.

It is evident that contacts have been made by the French sergeant, with unknown individuals of this Province, and even had I wished to comply with the instructions contained in the above mentioned letter, it would have been a gross dereliction of duty to have done so after the foregoing facts had been ascertained. It is reasonably certain that the French sergeant was himself involved in these operations, but proof will be difficult to obtain and there is no shadow of doubt in my mind, that neither the Brigadier nor Colonel French were aware of the true facts of the case, and for that reason I took the responsibility of disobeying orders.

This Province is likely to become a "Deficiency Province" in livestock unless very strong measures are taken to suppress the unauthorised export of stock and, unless full and wholehearted support is given from Rome, the position at this end will become untenable, and there can be no possible justification for continuing to try to administer affairs in a manner which at least convinces the Italian people of honesty of purpose.

The present priority for the purchase of eggs is: 3565
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The letter forwarded by you is returned herewith.

(Sgd)

L.R.DENNING,
Major, RA,
Deputy Provincial
Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
ZONE
APO 234

11 DEC. 1944

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10 December, 1944

SUBJECT: Sale and Possession of Rationed Food Stuffs.

TO : Provincial Commissioner, Frosinone

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1. Reference your 350/350/10 dated 6 December, the action which you took in urging the Italian authorities to move against people who are selling rationed foods at black market prices is correct.

2. Unfortunately we cannot take strong action ourselves as we have no powers of dealing with the matter in ZC territory.

We can seize Allied property such as American cigarettes, but the major problem is purely one of infringements of the Italian law only.

3. In Rome there are at no of the Italian taking some action though at the moment it is mainly by the mob, but it seems a rise for bringing all possible pressure.

4. We are very anxious to force the Italian Government on it. Will you please report - very briefly but twice monthly on 15th and 30th - on any arrests and what action is taken by Italian courts.

Also we want these cases to be publicised and, if you have a local paper, please have the cases reported.

For the Regional Commissioner:

G. D. Beckenbach
G. D. BECKENBACH, Lt. Colonel
Executive Officer.

Copy: T.C. Littoria
Rome
Viterbo
Black Market Control
Rieti
Isernia
Perugia

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A/3564 9 December, 44

SUBJECT: Sale and Possession of Rationed Food Stuffs.

TO : Provincial Commissioner, Frosinone

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1. Reference your LCO/710/6 dated 5 December, the action which you took in urging the Italian authorities to move against people who are selling rationed foods at black market prices is correct.

2. Unfortunately we cannot take strong action ourselves as we have no powers of dealing with the matter in AC territory.

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A.E. Bonfanti
A.E. Bonfanti-Griffin, Lt.Colonel
Executive Officer.

Copy: P.C. Littoria Rieti
Rome Viterbo
Viterbo Perugia
Black Market Control
MFSC
MG Allied Commission - Civil Affairs Section.

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HEADQUARTERS FROSINONE PROVINCE
Allied Military Government
Lazio-Umbria Region
AFO 394

6 December 1944

TO : Hq. Lazio-Umbria Region, AMG
Attn: Col. Bonham Carter.
SUBJECT : Sale and Possession of Rationed Food Stuffs.

FILE NO.: LUR/FRO/10

1. On the afternoon of 4th December my Supply Officer and Provincial Public Safety Officer raided five retail establishments in Frosinone City and found all five of them in possession of rationed food stuffs that they had been selling at black market prices. All five were arrested.

2. On the 5th of December these two officers raided thirty-eight retail establishments in Sora and found all thirty-eight in possession of and offering for sale rationed food stuffs at black market prices. All were arrested.

3. A few days ago Capt. Cowan arrested a woman at Arce for selling bread at 100 liri per kilo.

4. A few days ago Capt. Gulotta arrested a woman at Cassino for selling bread at 100 liri per kilo.

5. There is no doubt that this practice prevails at other places within the province. The law enforcement authorities know of these practices and openly admit they have made no effort to stop it. Their excuse is that it is being done in Rome and all over liberated Italy. Yesterday I called into my office the Prefect, the Questore and the Major commanding the C.C.R.R. and held a rather heated, and at times, turbulent, conference. The most I got out of it was many eloquent shoulder shrugs. The Procuratore del Re of the Sora district is loath to prosecute these people. I presume that will be the attitude of the same official in the Frosinone District. Frankly I believe we will get little action from the Prefect, the Questore, the C.C.R.R., the Guardia di Finanza or any other law enforcement agency. The Procuratore del Re may act, but it will be after a delay of probably months. Action by A.M.G. courts might be advisable.

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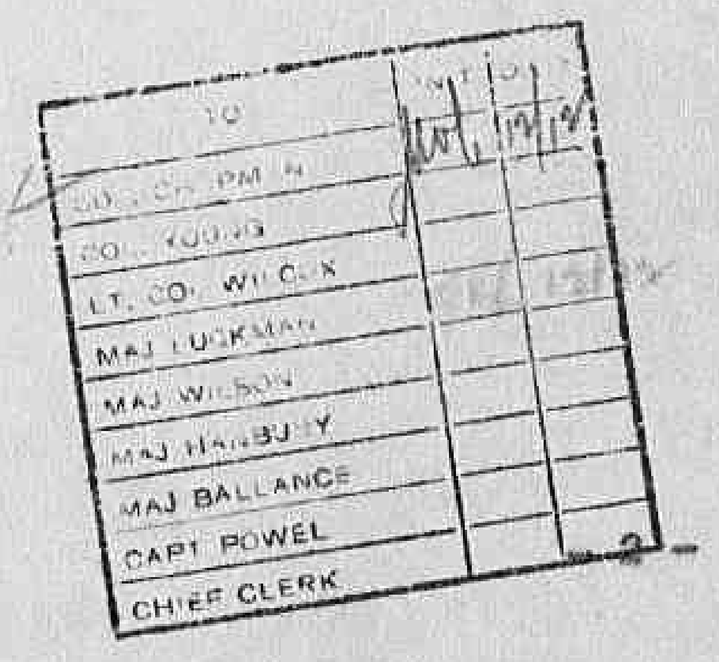
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6. It is requested that I be advised as to the A.C. policy in matters of this kind. Shall we throw it in the lap of the Italians and forget it? Shall we advise the Procuratore del Re to proceed? Shall we ask for A.M.G. courts? What shall we do?

J.B. Thornhill
Lt. Colonel
Provincial Commissioner.

1. Must get Italians forcibly to take action
2. Report a each case for review.
3. Review each prosecution of each.



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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL FORCE
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref. AG/4006/3/36 2nd December, 1944.

SUBJECT: Release of French Military Lorry, Contents and Occupants.

TO : Regional Commissioner,
Abruzzi-Marche Region.
(Attn: F.F.H.Q.)

1. The attention of the Chief of Staff has been drawn by Brig. General de Sevin of the French Mission with Allied Commission to an incident which occurred on the 25th November in Ancona, in which a French military lorry driven by a French N.C.O. accompanied by two Italian civilian employees of the French Military Command, and carrying 2,000 kgs. of meat, 3,000 eggs and 400 kgs. of pasta for the French hospital and Mess in Rome, was taken into custody, the food seized, the civilians arrested and the French N.C.O. disarmed.

2. Brig. General de Sevin gave an assurance that such purchases would not be repeated. In the circumstances the Chief of Staff agreed that the goods would be released, and any persons detained in connection with the matter would also be allowed to proceed to their destination.

3. Will you therefore please take the necessary action to put his agreement into effect.

4. It is, of course, clearly appreciated that the action taken by your Police officers was perfectly proper, and that any further marauding expeditions of this kind will be the subject of normal law enforcement.

By Command of Commodore Stone:

G.R. UPJOHN, Brig.
AF QA Section.
Rome.

Copy to:

Chief of Staff.
Food Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the French Representative
APO 394

ROME, November 29th, 1944
XS/SM/1.001/AC



M E M O R A N D U M

for

CHIEF of STAFF

See Over

1/ A French Military lorry, which was sent to MACERATA to bring back food for French Hospital and Mess in Rome, was seized in Macerata on, approximatly November 25th.

2/ The food concerned was as follows:

2.000 Kgs of meat,
3.000 ~~Kgs of~~ eggs,
400 Kgs of "pasta"

3/ This lorry was driven by a French soldier, a French N.C.O. was in charge, and it carried a French regular military travel order.
Two Italians (civilian) were also in the party.
Captain HILLS, presumatly AC Region V, seized the food, jailed the two civilians and desarmed the French N.C.O. and, incidently, handled him in a rather rough manner.

4/ It is obvious that the purchase of that food was done in an irregular way. However it appears that a similar method of food purchasing has been followed by other Allied units.

5/ It is understood that necessary arrangments have now been made, and, in the future, all such purchases will only be made after necessary A.M.G. authorisation.

6/ It would be more than appreciated if, as an exceptional favor, the food mentioned above could no released to the French Military Command in Rome as well as the two Italian civilians who were working for the French Military Command./.

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DCOS CAS

11/22/62

cc.

General de Gaulle sends me. In the interests of good relations with him I agreed to instruct the R.E. to send back the meat (about 4 tons) & eggs but not the paste.

Israeli Italians have been fined.

Admittedly this is a concession but is worth it,

Will you tell R.E.

DR 29/XI

PS Should have said that admittedly this involves using Italian aircraft for the first time in peacetime

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Initial Admittedly.

Copy to Treasury
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AC/14006/9/PS 29 Nov 1944

SUBJECT : Contraband Cigarettes.

TO : Commerce Sub-Commission.
(Attn: Major Scotten).

To Commerce Sec

1. Reference the attached letters from 26 Town Major, to Sub Area and 3 District.

2. This correspondence was routed into Public Safety Sub-Commission but the problem involved is not one for this Sub-Commission, as it involves issuing instructions to Regional Commissioner, Southern Region.

3. This Sub-Commission has been directed to pass these letters to you for action.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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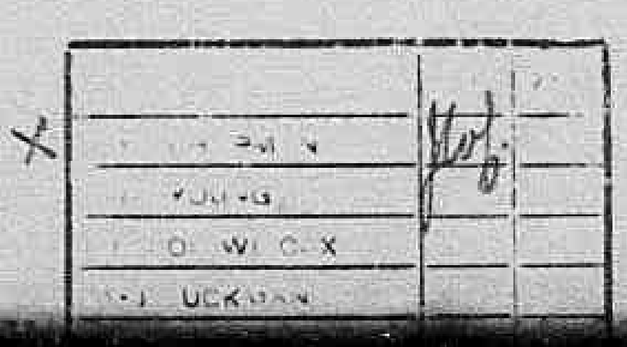
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-To The Allied Military Commission H.Q.
-To the "Man on the street"
-S.E. Ivanoe Bonomi-President of the council of Ministers.

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Last September was formed between the personnel of the presidency of the council of ministers and by the Ministry of Interior,a cooperative society for food supplies.
The initiative -waited for with great anxiety by the many members,certainly gave hope that finally would be resolved,at least in part the alimentation problem of the families of the staff of those offices.But unfortunately they were vain illusions and disillusions!!!!
In fact the cooperative society simply limited itself to distribute a few kilo's of potatoes,one kilo of anchovy or salted sard,three kilo's of chestnuts,a litre of marsala,and one kilo of green olives per member!
From our information successively was bought a big amount of pasta,flour, rice,oil,wine,tunny fish in oil,cod fish,preserved food stuffs,fish dried and in oil,sugar,eggs,dried and fresh cheese,honey marmelade,etc.and that these food ~~stuffs~~-supplies have been exclusively set aside for the mess, inaugurated November 10th.c.a.in the premises of the ex metripolitan restaurant of via delle Terme di Diocleziano.
We want to know and we oppose
1)if the sum deposited by the 2000 and more members of the cooperative society,must be only and simply used for the exclusive advantage and benefit of those very few people who consider it their right to eat leaving the other members with an empty stomach only because they are able to spend 30 lira's for each meal daily!!!!
2)if the list of the number of the family of each member,given to the "Sepral"in justification of the withdrawal and the buying of food supplies is not in open violation with the statutory orders of the cooperative society,that is simply made to work for"supposedly unmarried people,or in favor of those who" say"??!!!have their families out of Rome....;
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Send them rather to jail.
They are nothing else but the left overs of the Nazi-Fascist government.

Some of the members of the Cooperative society
Presidency council of ministers and Ministry of Interior.

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[illegible] JONES		
[illegible] O. W. C. X		
[illegible] UCKMAN		
MAJ WILSON		
MAJ HANBURY		
MAJ BALLANCE		
CAPT POWEL	Secy	26/11

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- Al Quartiere Generale della Commissione Militare Alleata - Sottocommissione per la P.S.
- Al " U O M O DELLA STRADA "
- A S.E. IVANOE BONOMI - Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri

Roma

Nel mese di settembre scorso, si costituiva la Coo=perativa di Consumo fra il personale della Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri e del Ministero dell'In=terno .

L'iniziativa - attesa con somma ansia dai tanti soci- lasciava, certo, sperare che si fosse, finalmente, ri= solto, che si risolvesse, almeno in parte il problema dell'alimentazione delle famiglie degli impiegati di tali Enti . Ma, purtroppo, sono state vane illusioni e disillusioni !!!!! .....

La Cooperativa, infatti, si è semplicemente limita= ta alla distribuzione di pochi kili di patate, di un Kg di alici o sarde salate, di tre Kg. di castagne e di ½ litro di marsala ed un Kg. di olive verdi, a socio !

Ci risulta che, successivamente, sono state acquistate ingenti quantità di pasta,farina, riso, olio, vino, ton= no all'olio, baccalà, conserve alimentari, pesce secco ed all'olio, zucchero, uova, formaggi secchi e freschi, miele, marmellata, ecc. e che questi generi si sono esclusivamente accantonati per il funzionamento della mensa, inaugurata il IO novembre c.a. presso i locali dell'ex ristorante metropolitano di Via delle Terme di Diocleziano .

Si chiede conoscere e si contesta :

I) se le qzioni versate dai 2000 e più soci della Coo= perativa debbano essere, unicamente e semplicemente im= piegate ad esclusivo vantaggio e beneficio di quelle ben poche persone,che accampano il diritto di mangiare, lasciando a digiuno gli altri soci, sol perchè sono in grado di potere spendere L. 30 per ogni pasto gior= naliero !!!!!

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2) se gli elenchi sulla composizione della famiglia di ogni socio, presentati alla " SEPRAL", a giustificazione del prelevamento e dell'acquisto di generi alimentari, non siano in aperta violazione con le disposizioni statutarie della Cooperativa, che si è fatta, che si fa semplicemente funzionare per " presunte persone scapole, od a favore di coloro che " dicono " ???!!!- abbiano le famiglie fuori di Roma .....;

3) se, in regime di governo democratico - qual'è quello attuale - debba essere consentita una simile scorretta attività svolta , finoggi, dalla Cooperativa su detta, la quale, sotto la parvenza della costituzione e del funzionamento della " MENSA " ha riempito le mangiatoie e del Presidente e degli amministratori, sfacciatamente dimissionari !!!

Ma si mandino, piuttosto in galera, costoro !

Essi non sono altro che gli evanzi del governo nazi - fascista .

Alcuni Soci della Cooperativa
Presidenza Consiglio dei Ministri e Ministero dell'Interno .

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

26 Nov 1944

AC/1h006/9/PS

SUBJECT : P.O.I. - Black Market.

TO : Black Market Control Section, Lazio-Umbria Region.

1. Reference to attached correspondence.

2. For action.

JOHN N. CHAPPELL
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission

JNC/jwf

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED [redacted] COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

Ref: PS/4.2

Date 23 November 1944

SUBJECT: Suspected Black Market.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
(for attention of the Director,
Public Safety Sub-Commission). ✓

1. Submitted herewith is a copy of a report received at this H.Q. from the Zone Public Safety Officer, Naples, Zone, this Region, in which he intimates that persons falsely representing themselves to be accredited purchasing agents of the Vatican City are obtaining commodities in the Naples area for ultimate distribution in the 'black market'.

2. It will be seen that in consequence the Office of the S.E. Cardinale Ascalesi of Naples has been approached and has agreed to countersign all permits issued to purchasing agents by the Vatican City before such permits can be deemed valid in the Naples Zone - this action will eliminate the possibility of impersonators also false and forged permits.

3. The Public Safety Officer asks that the appropriate Vatican City authority be notified of this procedure and requested to instruct their agents to present the permits to the Cardinal's Secretary in Naples for the countersignature. It would be appreciated if such action could be taken through the medium of H.Q. - at the same time, you may consider that it would be profitable from our point of view for a scheme of this description to be put into operation in the other areas of liberated Italy.

For the Regional Commissioner:

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G. RICHARDSON
Major,
Regional Public
Safety Officer.

GR/tp.

Copy to - Regional Supply Officer, HQ. Southern Region, Allied Commission
Zone Commissioner, HQ. NAPLES Zone (for information of ZPSO - his report NZ/PS/B2 of 17 Nov 44 refers).

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ALLIED COMMISSION

NAPLES ZONE

(PROVINCES OF NAPLES, AVELLINO, BENEVENTO)

PREFETTURA, NAPLES

Naples 17 November 1944

File NZ/PS/B 2

Subject: Black Market.

To : Regional Public Safety Officer, Southern Region;
HQ. Allied Commission.

1. It has come to the knowledge of this Department that certain unscrupulous persons representing themselves as accredited agents of the Vatican City are in possession of transportation permits issued by the Vatican City office, Rome, authorising them to purchase commodities certified to be obtained for and on behalf of the Vatican City, when in fact it is suspected that such commodities are for diversion to the Black Market.

2. As there is doubt as to the genuiness of these permits it has been decided to solicit the assistance of the office of the S.E. Cardinale Ascalesi of Naples who has agreed to undertake the examination of all permits presented by persons purchasing commodities in this Zone for and on behalf of the Vatican City, Rome.

3. Will you please arrange with the Vatican City office concerned that all persons proceeding to this Zone to purchase commodities on behalf of Vatican City are to report to and obtain the confirmatory signature of Monsignor Marena, Secretary of S.E. Cardinale Ascalesi of Curia Naples, to the permit. This official has agreed to undertake this service.

4. Without such confirmatory signature all permits in this Zone will be considered null and void and the commodities, if purchased, subject to sequestration.

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5. A notice to this effect is being published in the local press in this Zone for information of all commercial vendors.

For the Zone Commissioner:

(Signed) R. N. Hobbs, Capt.
Z.P.S.O., Naples Zone A.C.

RNH/tp.

TO	INIT	DATE
COL CHAPMAN		
J YOUNG		
LT COL WILCOX		
MAJ UCKMAN		
MAJ WILSON		
MAJ HANBURY		
MAJ BALLANCE		
CAPT POWEL		
CHIEF CLERK		

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APO 394

AC/11,006/9/FS

29 Nov 1944

SUBJECT : Black Marketing of Cigarettes.

TO : AFHQ. G-5 Section, APO 512.

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1. Reference your G-5, 400.8. dated 16 November, 1944, above subject.

2. Inclosed copy of letter from R.P.S.O. Sicily Region, Allied Commission, same subject, is forwarded for your information and appropriate action.

For the Chief Commissioner:

C.M. Urquhart Brig.
VF CA Sec.
DMOS, AC

F.1/jwf

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

FILE NO :

DATE : 27th October. 1944.

SUBJECT : Black Marketing of Cigarettes.

TO : Headquarters. Allied Control Commission.
(for attention of - Public Safety Sub-Commission).

1. Attached for information is copy of a Memo. from the Provincial Commissioner, Eastern Sicily notifying that large quantities of cigarettes are smuggled ashore in his area from American cargo boats and seeking the co-operation of the U.S. Port Police Authorities to stop this traffic at source.

2. Every effort is being made by all Police Agencies - principally the Guardia di Finanza - to prevent American or British cigarettes reaching the black market but the latter Agency is hampered by lack of facilities, particularly petrol boats, and the present high price obtaining for such cigarettes here is a very strong inducement to this illicit trading.

3. The problem is by no means an easy one and it may be difficult, in the absence of a rationing system, to prevent members of ships crews from engaging in such a remunerative traffic. It is however recommended that the suggestion contained in the attached Memo. be adopted and the U.S. War Shipping Administration, or other appropriate Authority, approached with a view to such preventive action as might be possible being taken in the U.S.A.

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(signed)

RUSSELL A. BROCK.
Lieut Colonel,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

Encl. as above.

COPY 23/11/44

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Constitution of Citizens Committee against dear life

On Oct.29th,1944,In Vizzini,by initiative of the Vizzini Section of Associatione Nazionale Combattenti and in those premises,at 1700 Hours, the representatives of the follwing sections met.

Agrarian Zootechnical Society
Section of the Communist Party
" " " Socialist Party
" " Christian Democracy

delivering the following:

Considering that selfish speculators live to the detriment of the people,selling goods of prime necessity as petroleum,tabacos,sugar,bread, pasta,matches,leather,cloths and underwear etc.,freely and in front of concerned Authorities,which pretend not to see,the black market,

wish

that all competent authorities,will authorise representatives of these associations,constituted in "Citizens Committee" to exercise a control of selling shops,and on all speculators,with representants,appointed by the Committee,in agreement with local Authorities.

Therefore a copy of this decision is sent to: Allied Commission,to Presidentship of Council of Ministers,H.C.for Sicily,Prefect of the Province,National Federation Combattenti of Catania,to Prefectorial Commissioner of Vizzini Commune.

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the Chairman of the Committee
(Bertuna Francesco)

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Translate

Public Safety

COSTITUZIONE COMITATO CITTADINO CONTRO IL CARO VITA

IL giorno 29 ottobre 1944 in Vizzini , ed iniziativa della Sezione di Vizzini dell'Associazione Nazionale Combattenti e nei locali della stessa, alle ore 17 , si sono riunite le rappresentanze delle seguenti associazioni :

Società agrario Zootecnica
Sezione del Partito Comunista
" " " Socialista
" " " Democratico Cristiano

Deliberando quanto appresso :

Considerando;che ingordi speculatori vivono a danno del popolo consumatore vendendo i generi di prima necessità come i petrolio,tabacchi, zuccharo, pane , pasta, fiammiferi, cuoiami, stoffe e indumenti di vestiario ecc.ecc., apertamente ed anche in vista delle Autorità tutorie che fingono non vedere l'operato del mercato nero

FANNO VOTI

A tutte le AUTORITA' Competenti di autorizzare rappresentanze delle associazioni cittadine , costituitesi in "Comitato cittadino " per esercitare un controllo sugli esercizi commerciali di vendita , nonchè controllare su tutti gli speculatori , a mezzo di rappresentanti che saranno nominati e proposti dallo stesso Comitato e che agiranno di d'accordo con le Autorità tutorie locali.

Pertanto copia del presente deliberato s'invia : Alla Commissione Alleata ~~di Controllo~~, al Presidente dei Ministri , all'Alto Commissario per la Sicilia ,al Prefetto della Provincia , alla Federazione Naz. Combattenti di Catania , al Commissario Prefettizio del Comune di Vizzini.

Il Presidente del Comitato
(Bertuna Francesco)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 400.8

16 November 1944

SUBJECT: Black Marketing of Cigarettes.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

749 ac.

1. With reference to your AC/14006/9/PS of 3 November, the Provost Marshal General of this Headquarters is of the opinion that there are no organized rings of smugglers in Italy.

2. It is desired that any specific information available in your Headquarters be transmitted to this office for investigation by the CID.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

HEADQUARTERS
17 NOV 1944
A. C.

F. J. SLAUGHTER
Captain, AGD

TO	INIT	DATE
BRIG. CHAPMAN		
COL. YOUNG		
LT. COL. WILCOX		
MAJ. BUCKMAN		
MAJ. WILSON		
MAJ. HANBURY		
MAJ. BALLANCE		
CAPT. POWELL		

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

Tel. 478701 16 November 1944

Our Ref: AC/TN/220/

TO : Food Sub-Commission
HQ. A.C.

SUBJECT : Pilferages.

1 Reference is to your letter 53-1/64/Food of 8 November.

2 I am submitting details to the M.R.S. in order that the freight cars which caused damage through wet may be carded for attention.

3 In regard to pilferage, you report it far from definite.

4 It is not indicated as to whether the freight cars were wired before despatch, and the document which should accompany the goods would only establish shortage and not prevent it.

5 It is suggested that if freight cars are satisfactorily wired the liability to pilferage will be reduced to a minimum.

D.S. ADAMS
Colonel, C.E.
Director, Tn.Sub.Comm.

Copy to: Public Safety S/C
M.R.S. (for action re cars)
Movements, Tn. Sub.Comm.

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LT. C. V.
MAJ LUCKTAN
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MAJ BALLANG:
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CHIEF CLERK

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO- UMBRIA REGION
ROME

18 November 1944

To: Director Public Safety Subcommission A.C. H.Q.
thru Regional Commissioner.

From: Maj. Coxhead P.S.O. Rome.

Subject: Purchase of car by French.

1. Ref. A.C.C./14006/9/P.S. prolonged investigation has been made by agenti di P.S. with the assistance of Provost Marshal, and the information laid has proved to be unfounded.

TO	INIT	DATE
COL. CHAPMAN		
COL. YOUNG		
LT. COL WILCOX		
MAJ LUCKMAN		
MAJ WILSON		
MAJ HANBURY		
MAJ GAL ANCE		
ASP. P.W.I.		

F.E. COXHEAD
Major
Public Safety Officer
Rome.

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED [redacted] COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

Ref: PS/ 4.2

Date 7 Nov.44

SUBJECT: Misuse of military vehicle.

TO : HQ. Allied Commission
(for attention of Public Safety Sub-Commission).

SIBD

1. Reference the attached letter and enclosures received from the Zone Public Safety Officer, Foggia.

2. As the U.S. War Shipping Administration is responsible to AFHQ, it is respectfully suggested that the attention of the latter be drawn to this matter with a view to instructions being issued to prevent a recurrence.

For the Regional Commissioner:

HEADQUARTERS 9NOV1944 A.C.C.

for L.W. Goes Capt.

G. RICHARDSON
Major,
Regional Public
Safety Officer.

LWT/tp.

Copy to Zone Public Safety Office, Foggia.

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PSO 51B

H.Q. AC.-Foggia Zone
in Loggia

Visa No. 1205

SUBJECT: Misuse of Military vehicle

TO : Provincial Commissioner, Foggia Zone.
FROM : Z.P.S.O.-Foggia Zone
REF. : FP/5130
DATE : I/II/1944

Copy to:
R.P.S.O.;
65 (TC) CMP.

At 2,45 am. on 31st October 1944, at Bovino, Province of Foggia, Corporal Clavell 65 (TC) CMP stopped Dodge 2½ ton truck No. USA 396618, driven by MOSCLIGNI Vincenzo, accompanied by CAMPUAZZO Ozonzo, employed by US.War Shipping Administration, Naples.

On examination the vehicle was found to be carrying about 5 quintels of olive oil, part of which was being carried in 9 jerricans and as the driver was not in possession of the necessary documents authorising the removal of the oil; Corporal Clavell seized it and is reporting the incident to the CAPS.

The oil has been removed to the local Consorzio Agrario.

Enclosed is also a copy of a letter carried by the driver of the vehicle signed by Regional Port Steward requesting safe conduct for the vehicle and load.

TO	INIT.	
COL. CHAPMAN		
COL. YOUNG		
LT COL WILCOX		
MAJ MASON		
MAJ WILSON		
MAJ HENRY		
MAJ HEVEY		
MAJ DELANGE		
CAPT POWELL		

Ebocks Capt.
Z.P.S.O.-Foggiazone.-

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PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION
REC'D 5/11/44
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HQ. MILITARY GOVT.

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WAR SHIPPING ADMINISTRATION

A.P.O. 782

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October 27th 1944

FROM: Regional Port Steward.U.S. war shipping Administration
TO : Whom it may concern.

It is requested by this administration with your kind permission that Mr. R.Luise, the manager of the War Shipping Administration's Club in Naples, be permitted to transport from Bari and Province to Naples with approximately:

500 litres of Olive Oil

500 " of wine

as these items are to be used in the War Shipping Administration's Club.

Signed

F.C. HAGENSEN
REGIONAL PORT STEWARD
U.S. WAR SHIPPING ADMINISTRAT

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51D

H. Q. ACC, Foggia Zone
In Luccra

SUBJECT : Contraband Olive Oil
TO : OC War Shipping Administration APO 782, Naples
FROM : Public Safety Division, ACC Foggia-Campobasso Zone

Copy to :
1) RPPSO
2) ZC

1. At about 2,45 am. on 31st October vehicle No 3305618 driven by MOSOLINI Vincenzo who stated that he was a member of your unit, was stopped by the 65 TO (CMP) at Bovino, Foggia when carrying 5 quintals of olive oil without any of the necessary documents required by Italian law and military orders.

2. The oil was seized and has been ammassed at Lucera The truck and occupants were released after unloading.

3. Should you wish to take proceedings against the driver or others, witnesses to the seizure are 65 TO (CMP) Bovino

4. Work ticket carried YES

E Rockbapt.
Major.
SPPSO, Foggia Zone 3541

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P. Safety

12006/9 50A

TO :- R.P.S.O., AMG/AC., Abruzzi-Marche Region.
FROM :- P.S.C., AMG/AC., Abruzzi-Marche Region.
SUBJECT :- Black Market.
REF :- R5/514/5.
DATE :- 6 November 1944.

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Reference HQ.AC. letter AC/14006/9/PS, dated 3 November 1944.

1. This matter has already been fully investigated at this end and I am satisfied that no smuggling on any scale is at present being practiced; no case has been reported since September.

2. No report was made to this HQ. at the time of the alleged offences; none of the four drivers who have made statements appears to have been to this HQ. to report the matter; no civilian appears to have had his name taken or to have been detained; the officer to whom complaint was made at time has never been to see this HQ. or put evidence at its disposal. Unless the drivers come to this HQ. and identify the persons concerned there is no further investigation possible. The quantities are trifling and the accused would undoubtedly be able to wriggle out of anything except a trifling penalty with the aid of a good avvocato. It is even quite possible that the accused were entitled to have the quantities involved, and no effort appears to have been made to check whether they had documents proving the right.

3. I am ready to make any further investigation desired but regret that I cannot see at the moment any further investigations to make without the presence of the four drivers and even with their presence see little or no prospect of a conviction.

10 Nov 44

1. MONTGOMERY,
Lt. Colonel.
P.S.O.

TO : HQ. AC. Public Safety Sub Commission
FROM : HQ. AMG/AC Abruzzi-Marche Region
SUBJECT : Black Market
REF : R5/514/5
DATE : 7 November 1944

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The above copy of letter forwarded for information in reference to your AC/14006/9/PS of 3 November 1944.

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FOR REGIONAL COMMISSIONER :

HEADQUARTERS
8 NOV 1944
A. C. C.
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S. PICKERING
Lt. Colonel
R.P.S.O.

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File 4498

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AC/14006/J/:S

3 November 1944

SUBJECT : Black Marketing of Cigarettes.

TO : G-5, A.F.H.Q.

See 489 54

1. This Headquarters has information that sizeable smuggling operations are being conducted in cigarettes from American cargo boats apparently by members of the ships' crews. One incident reported from Sicily involved the seizure of 100,000 cigarettes.

2. Either members of ship crews are purchasing large quantities of cigarettes in the United States for this private speculation in the Italian black market or the cigarettes are being stolen from stores or cargo. It is believed that the first situation is the most probable.

3. It is recommended that American authorities at the ports of loading be warned of this situation in order to stop the unauthorized exportation of cigarettes and possibly other commodities for the Italian black market.

For the Acting Chief Commissioner:

C.R. UPJOHN Brig.
V.P., C.A. Section
Deputy Chief of Staff.

JWC/jwf

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

FILE NO :

DATA: 27th October, 1944.

SUBJECT : Black Marketing of Cigarettes.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission.
(for attention of = Public Safety Sub=Commission).

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1. Attached for information is copy of a Memo. from the Provincial Commissioner, Eastern Sicily notifying that large quantities of cigarettes are smuggled ashore in his area from American cargo boats and seeking the co=operation of the U.S. Port Police Authorities to stop this traffic at source.

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Russell A. Snook,
Lieut. Colonel,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

Encl. as above.

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	TO	INIT	DATE
X	COL. CHAPMAN		
X	COL. YOUNG		
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X	LT COL WILCOX		
	MAJ MASON		
	MAJ WILSON		
	MAJ HANBURY		
	MAJ HARVEY		
	MAJ BALLANCE		
	CAPT POWELL		

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
EASTERN SICILY

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TO:= Regional Public Safety Officer

Through: Regional Commissioner,
Sicilia Region H.Q. CAT/75

Subject: Black Marketing of Cigarettes.

I am informed by the S.I.B. at SYRACUSE and the Naval Provost Marshal, AUGUSTA, that large quantities of cigarettes are smuggled ashore in small boats from American cargo ships lying in AUGUSTA roadstead. The quantities seized = viz. 100,000 in one haul, = suggest that these cigarettes are not withdrawn from ships supplies but that they are purchased by members of the crew in the U.S.A. as a private speculation.

Sea patrols are being maintained in an attempt to control the traffic by Naval MLs, and motor boats, by Guardia Finanza and S.I.B. It is impossible however, to maintain continuous patrols and from police raids in SYRACUSE it is clear that considerable quantities are being brought ashore. The traffic attracts suspicious characters whom it is undesirable to have in the vicinity of a Naval port.

I wish tentatively to suggest that the possibility be considered of controlling the traffic at source by asking for the co=operation of Port Police in the U.S.A. who could keep a check on quantities of cigarettes being carried on shipboard. It would obviously be difficult to confiscate if there is no cigarette rationing, but some means may occur to you or to the U.S. Port Police authorities to prevent goods intended for the use of the American public being sent overseas.

H.J. WALKER Lt=Col.
Provincial Commissioner.

Catania
20 Oct 44

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See 50A

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APO 394

AC/14006/9/PS

3 November, 1944.

SUBJECT : Black Market.

TO : Regional Commissioner Abruzzi-Marche
(attention R.P.S.O.).

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1. Reference our AC/14006/9/PS dated 8 October 1944 addressed to R.P.S.O. Abruzzi-Marche, and your reply R5/514/5 dated 10 October 1944, and letter from R.P.S.O. Ref. R5/514/5 dated 14 October 1944. 40A 41A

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2. Attached herewith are statements from 4 Truck drivers concerned in the transport of machinery from Aquila to the Bank of Italy in Rome. It is alleged that items of food were concealed in the loads at Aquila.

3. Will you please cause this matter to be fully investigated.

By command of Commodore Stone.

C.R. [illegible], Brig.
W.P., C.A. Section
Deputy Chief of Staff.

Enclosure
as in para 2.

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AFFIDAVIT

28 October 1944

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, authorized by law to administer oaths, Pfc., Antonio W. Fonti, 32715075, Hq. Co., 2675th Regt., AC, APO 394, who after being duly sworn, deposes and says:

A.W.F. I've been with the Allied Commission since June, 1943, and am presently assigned as a truck driver on duty at the Super-Garage, Rome, Italy.

About early August 1944, Corporal John Stuff, Jr., Hq.Co., 2675th Regt., AC, Transportation sergeant, at the Super-Garage, detailed me, in compliance with orders from his superior officers, to drive a 6x6 truck in the transport of machinery and paper from a mint at Aquila to the Bank of Italy at Rome. The other three soldiers assigned to this detail were, T/5 Anthony J. Barnabi, T/5 Barett Johnston, and Pfc. William Carr--all members of Hq. Co., 2675th Regt., AC, APO 394.

A detailed description of the routine involved in the transportation of the machinery and paper from Aquila to Rome is as follows:

The four drivers followed a work schedule wherein two trucks would leave Rome at about 0700 or 0730 hours for Aquila with the other two trucks leaving Rome at about 0830 or 0900 hours. Upon arrival at Aquila, we'd report immediately to the mint where the machinery and papers were counted. Three trucks would remain at that point to be loaded with machinery and paper by civilians employed by the Bank of Italy at Aquila. Neither of us drivers were ordered to remain there to supervise the loading so we would go into town with the fourth truck to Region V billets. On the following morning we would return and immediately two of the loaded A.W.F.

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A.W.F. vehicles would leave for Rome. The other loaded truck would await the loading of the fourth truck and together both trucks would depart for Rome. At first a civilian was posted on each truck as a guard, but then this practice was subsequently discontinued. Upon reaching Rome the trucks went directly to the Bank of Italy for unloading by the bank's civilian employees. We'd call for the vehicles when unloaded and proceed soon thereafter to the Super-Garage where on the following morning we would again depart for Aquila.

On one occasion about the latter part of September 1944, T/5 Hewett Johnston and I went to the unloading point in Rome to pick up our trucks which were supposed to have been unloaded and waiting for us. We got there before they were entirely unloaded and upon viewing the truck, T/5 Johnston and I noticed a sack of coal and some suit-cases (stuff that shouldn't have been on the truck) concealed between the sheaves of paper. Although we did not examine the contents of the suit-cases, we did bawl out the civilians saying that this sort of monkey business was not to our liking. The smuggled merchandise was removed from the truck and put aside by the drive-way. While there and unknown to me, I later discovered that an unknown civilian made off with some of it.

I reported this smuggling incident to Lt. [redacted], Hq., AC, AFO 394, Motor Transport Officer, on duty at the Super-Garage.

On the following day I went to the loading point at Aquila to pick up another load of paper. The truck being loaded, I was told by one of the employees to proceed to the Bank of Italy in Aquila to pick up a box supposedly containing stamps. I went there and after parking my truck outside, I saw four or five employees carry and load on my truck a large box which was sealed. I told one of the employees that I wanted to see what was inside. They replied negative. A.W.F.

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A.W.S. was inside, but they opened it anyway. As soon as the cover was removed, I saw stacks of macaroni and flour. I ordered them to take the box off of the truck and I further told them that all the trucks were returning to Rome empty. So we had our trucks unloaded and returned to Rome where we reported the incident to Lt. White. After this incident I never made any more trips to Aquila.

I have nothing further to add.

The above affidavit contains 2½ typewritten pages which I have read and initialed top and bottom. It is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

Antonio W. Scott

ANTONIO W. SCOTT,
Pfc., 32712073,
Hq. Co., 463rd Regt.,
AC, APO 394.

Subscribed and sworn to before me at APO 394, on this the 29 day of October 1944.

R.D. RICHARD,
Major, CMP,
Investigating Officer.

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AFFIDAVIT

28 October 1944

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, authorized by law to administer oaths, T/5 Merett Johnston, 32278700, Hq. Co., 2675th Regt., AC, APO 394, who after being duly sworn, deposes and says:

I have been with the Allied Commission for about 17 months and have been assigned as a truck driver for about 16 months. At the present time I am on duty as a truck driver at the Super-Garage Rome, Italy.

I have read Pfc., Antonio V. Fonti's affidavit, dated 28 October 1944, and find that it accurately states my knowledge of the matter. I can, however, add another instance when, on the morning of a day during the latter part of September 1944, at the loading point at Aquila, I intercepted a large box (about 2½' wide and 3' high) which had been put on my truck prior to the loading of it with machinery. I told the civilians in my best Italian to take the box off the truck which they did. It took six of them to do so. I did not examine the contents. My truck was then loaded with machinery and I returned to Rome.

I do recall telling Lt. WHITE that in my opinion a considerable amount of time was necessary to move all the machinery from Aquila to Rome in view of the fact that there was quite a lot of machinery there.

The above affidavit consists of one page which I have read. It is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

T/5 Merett Johnston Jr.
MERETT JOHNSTON,
T/5, 32278700,
Hq. Co., 2675th Regt.,
AC, APO 394.

Subscribed and sworn to before me at APO 394 on this the 27 day of October 1944.

R.D. KILDERBRAND, 3532
Major, CMP,
Investigating Officer.

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A F F I D A V I T

29 October 1944

Personally appeared before me, Major R.D. HILDEBRAND, C.M.P., Investigating Officer, T/5 Antonio J. Duranti, 327 99682, Hq. Co., 2675th Regt., AC, APO 394, who, after being duly sworn, deposes and says:

A.D. I have been a member of the Allied Commission since about June 1943. I am presently assigned as a truck-driver on duty at the Super-Garage, Rome, Italy.

2fo. Antonio W. Fonti correctly stated in his affidavit, dated 28 October 1944, the routine involved in the transportation of machinery and paper from the mint at Aquila to the Bank of Italy in Rome.

I do recall now that during the latter part of September 1944, on almost every load at Aquila, sealed boxes (each about 4' long, 2' wide, and 1 Ft. thick) were loaded onto my truck by the civilian employees. I never did question the propriety of the boxes thinking them to contain legitimate contents belonging to the Bank of Italy. Not until British drivers tipped me off, did I suspicion the contents of such boxes. Around this time my truck broke down so I didn't engage in any more hauling. I subsequently learned from my companion drivers that boxes, as above described, were being loaded on their trucks. As stated in their affidavits since numerous attempts to smuggle unauthorized goods were interrupted, it was decided to stop any further hauling of machinery and paper from Aquila.

It is true that during early September 1944, while my truck was being loaded at Aquila, I did seize one of the employees of the bank for stealing about two gallons of gasoline from an extra gas can which I carried on my truck for emergency use. I discovered this theft on a A.D.

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A.D. morning when I went to empty the contents of the can into the gas tank. I demanded of the detail boss that he produce the thief in addition to the stolen gasoline. About fifteen minutes later the boss came to me saying that he had found the thief and that he would take me to him. So together we went to him and seeing that he was an old man, I didn't beat him up. I did, however, bawl him out, and I threatened to call the police unless he delivered to me the stolen gasoline. He did produce the gasoline, but since he had it in a glass jug, I didn't pour it into the tank thinking that he might have mixed it with something else. So I broke the jug in order to prevent him from using the gasoline. Although I did not take down his name, I am sure I can identify him. I was later told by the boss that the thief had been fired.

Two days later the thief saw me in Aquila and pleaded with me to get him reinstated--this I refused to do, adding that I would have bounced him around had it not been for his age.

I have nothing further to add.

The above affidavit consists of two pages which I have read and initialed top and bottom. It is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. A.D.

Anthony J. Durante.

ANTONIO J. DURANTI,
T/3, 32799661,
Hq. Co., 2675th Regt.,
AC, (Ovhd), APO 394.

Subscribed and sworn to before me at APO 394, on this the 29 day of October 1944.

R.D. HILDEBRAND,
Major, CMP,
Investigating Officer.

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AFFIDAVIT

28 October 1944

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, authorised by law to administer oaths, Pfc., William Carr, 33380800, Hq. Co., 2675th Regt., AC, APO 394, who after being duly sworn, deposes and says:

W.D.E. I've been with the Allied Commission for about 13 months and at present I am on duty as a truck driver at the Super-Garage, Rome, Italy.

The routine involved in the transportation of machinery and paper with our trucks from Acquila to Rome, is accurately related in the affidavit of Pfc., Antonio W. Fonti.

On an afternoon of a day during the latter part of September 1944, I saw smuggled goods removed from my truck as it was being unloaded at the Bank of Italy in Rome. On this particular afternoon while standing on my truck supervising the unloading, I discovered about five or six suitcases (each about 4' long, 2' wide, and 1' thick) concealed in the machinery. Seeing this I asked in English of the Italians just what those suit-cases were doing there. They didn't understand me and each suitcase, due to its weight, was carried off by two civilians to the rear of the building. I didn't examine the contents since I was under the impression that I had no authority to do so, but I did later on at the Super-Garage comment about this to the other three drivers.

I do not know the names of any of these civilians and it's hard for me to describe them since they were all dirty and scraggy looking.

On the following day while supervising another unloading of my truck at the Bank of Italy in Rome, I again discovered on my truck smuggled goods in the form of about two burlap sacks of either potatoes or coal, about three W.D.E.

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W.D.E.

suitcases (of the size described above) and a paper bag containing about ten pounds of flour, hidden between sheeves of paper. The civilians took this merchandize off the truck setting it aside. After my truck was unloaded, I proceeded to the Super-Garage where I reported this smuggling to Lt. WHITE, who in turn reported this to Captain BIRSON, (B), Transport Officer, AG, APO 394. Captain BIRSON told me to continue with the hauling as he was going to report this to the CID for investigation.

On the following day our hauls were discontinued. Other than this I have nothing further to add.

The foregoing affidavit consists of two pages which I have read and initialed top and bottom. It is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

William D. Lowe
WILLIAM LOWE,
Pfc., 33190800,
Hq. Co., 2675th Regt.,
AG, APO 394.

Subscribed and sworn to before me at APO 394 on this the 29 day of October 1944.

R.D. HILDEBRAND,
Major, CMP,
Investigating Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED [redacted] COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

Date 29 Oct.44

Ref: PS/4.2

SUBJECT: Contraband.

TO : HQ. ACC. Public Safety Sub-Commission.

1. Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of your ACC/14006/9/PS appending copy of letter received from the Food Sub-Commission on this matter.

2. Would you kindly return report dated 28th September 1944 (and enclosures) of the Zone Police Officer, Foggia, forwarded with this HQ. letter of 4th October 1944.

For the Regional Commissioner:

TO	INIT	DATE
COL. CHAPMAN		
COL. YOUNG		
LT COL WILCOX		
MAJ MASON		
MAJ WILSON		
MAJ HANBURY		
MAJ HARVEY		
MAJ BALLANCE		
CAPT POWELL		

31 OCT 1944

G. RICHARDSON
Major,
Regional Public
Safety Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER
APO 394

R/1176 31 October 1944

SUBJECT: Sitrep Signal Oct.111817A.

TO: Headquarters, Allied Commission,
(For attention: Transportation Sub-Commission).

Reference your letter ACC.Tn/219 of 16 October.

1. Attached hereto is report by the Zone Police Officer, Foggia, which applies to your queries received in the a/m letter. It will be noted that the carriage of black market goods referred to was not in official freight but in passenger baggage.

C. E. TEMPERLEY,
Colonel,
Regional Commissioner.

CET/jh
1 Incl.

Copy to: HQ AC (Public Safety Sub-Commission) for INFO.

H.Q. ACC-Foggia Zone
in Lucera

SUBJECT : Sitrep Signal Oct. 111817A

TO : Regional Commissioner,
Southern Region

FROM : Z.P.O.-Foggia Zone

REF. : FP/5029

DATE : 27/10/1944

With reference to ypug letter, R1117:CET/JH, dated 23rd October 1944, relating to alleged black market traffic by rail from Foggia Station.

Towards the end of September a very large increase in the number of civilians passing by rail through Foggia Station was noticed, and, as most of them appeared to be carrying bulky articles, arrangements were made for Officers of the harvest & Control; assisted by Carabinieri to search a number of trains.

On 2nd and 4th October; trains at Foggia Station were searched and on both occasions over 5 quintals of olive oil, together with a quantity of flour, pasta and similar foodstuffs was seized.

During other searched of trains on later days the amount of contraband seized steadily declined and the position to day is that a search of a train rarely produces more than a few litres of olives oil and a few kiles of lour. In addition, the number of civilians travelling has dropped by ever 80 per cent, tending to shew that many of the civilians were travelling merely to carry contraband.

A/ The olive oil appeared to be taken from Bari, to Termoli and places North; where it was either sold and flour bought with the money; or directly exchanged for flour and pasta, which was in turn taken back to Bari.
B/ The traffic appeared to be solely carried on by civilians and railway employees.
C/ There is no indication that there was any freight traffic involved.
D/ Solely by passengers on a scheduled route of trains.
E/ Frequent searched of trains at Foggia. Request for co-operation by Bari Zone to check passengers luggage when loading trains.
Similar directions given to Carabinieri and train Guards to check luggage of persons entering Zone from the North and to check persons boarding trains in Foggia Zone north of Foggia Station.

Capt.
Z. P. O. - Foggia Zone.-

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub Commission
APO 394

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800/1.1006/5/PS, 23 October, 1944.

Subject : Confirmation.

To : Regional Commissioner, Southern Region.
(Attention: R.P.S.O.)

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1. Your letter PS/1.2, dated 4 October, 1944, refers.

2. The matter raised in your letter was taken up with the Food Sub Commission. Appended is a copy of a letter received from this sub commission with regard to this matter.

for

John J. Craig II
Colonel J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub Commission

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1. Ref. your letter of 11th inst. No. 800/1.1006/5/PS.

2. I enclose enclosures, having been sent copies by the Minister of Agriculture & Forests, Washington Branch who will keep the matter up with the Chief of the Cabinet.

3. For your information, the regulations which should have been complied with are those quoted in ordinance (U.S.) issued by the Ministry of Agriculture of which a copy has been sent for some time back.

W.T. Lang
Colonel.
Director, Food Sub Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Food Sub Commission
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HE/ks

ACC/74-11/FOOD

18 October 1944 ae.

SUBJECT : Dealing in Contraband Goods (Olive Oil)

TO : Director of Public Safety Sub Commission, A.C.C. HQ.

1. Ref. your letter of 11th inst., no. ACC/14006/9/PS.

2. I return enclosures, having sent copies to the Ministry of Agriculture & Forests, Alimentation Section, who will take the matter up with the Chief of the Cabinet.

3. For your information, the Regulations which should have been complied with are those comprised in an Ordinance (Nr. 2) issued by the Ministry of Agriculture of which a copy was sent you some time back.

W. J. LEGG
Colonel
Director, Food Sub Commission

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TO : HQ. ACC.
FROM : HQ. Abruzzi-Marche Region AMG.
SUBJECT : Black Market
REF : R5/514/5
DATE : 14 October 1944

Ref your ACC/14006/9/PS dated 8 October 44.

Herewith copy of Lt.Col.Montague's report on the subject.

FOR REGIONAL COMMISSIONER:

15 OCT 1944
A.C.C.

S. PICKERING
Lt.Colonel
R.P.S.O.

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TO : R.P.S.O. Abruzzi-Marche Region

FROM : P.S.O. Abruzzi-Marche Region

SUBJECT : Black Market

REF : R5/514/5

DATE : 14 October 1944

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1. After receiving ACC letter 14006/9/PS re alleged black market flour being transported on AMG trucks carrying machinery for the Bank of Italy to Rome from Aquila I made a surprise check of the vehicles at 0630 this morning.

2. The vehicles were in order and the two British drivers stated that they had had no trouble at the Aquila end in the last two weeks during which the Banks regulations have been strict as reported in my R5/514/5 of 7 Oct. 1944.

3. The drivers report that they have trouble occasionally in Rieti and at other places where they have to slow down as civilians, often carrying contraband, try to board the trucks from the rear. They stop outside Rieti and deal with such persons shortly and sharply.

/s/ L. MONTAGUE
Lt. Colonel,
P.S.O.

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TO : Colonel C.M. PARKIN, HQ ACC.

FROM : Regional Commissioner, HQ AMG Abruzzi-Marche Region. see 478

SUBJECT : Black Market.

REF : R5/514/5:

DATE : 10 Oct 44.

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Reference the suggestion that AMG trucks carrying linotype machinery also carry contraband goods. I have had this matter investigated by the P.S.O. who reports after investigation as follows:-

The printing press at Aquila is closely guarded, and entrance and exit is by ticket only, which is checked by the engineer in charge, who is a permanent official of the bank. All loads are checked by him before leaving, and details of every case are entered on the bill of loading carried by the driver.

The trucks leave between seven and nine o'clock in the morning, and unless the engineer in charge is involved - which does not appear likely - any contraband is loaded after leaving the printing press.

It appears most improbable to me that flour in any large quantity is loaded in or near Aquila, where production is low. It may be that it is loaded in Campagna Romana, where production is relatively high.

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C.H.A. FRENCH,
Lt Colonel,
Regional Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
APO 650

AMG-AGO-mf

12 OCT 1944.

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SUBJECT: Transmittal of Report of Investigation.

TO : Headquarters,
Allied Control Commission,
Naples, Italy.

1. Forwarded herewith, for your information and appropriate action, Report of Investigation, CID AAF/MTO, Case No. 466, dated 20 September 1944.

2. Recommend one copy be forwarded to the Italian Court for information and necessary action.

3. Request that this headquarters be informed of final action taken in this case.

For the Commanding General:

ROY A. LANGE
Major, Air Corps
Actg Asst Adj Gen

1 Incl - Report of Investigation,
CID Case #466, (in dup).

1st Ind.
HEADQUARTERS, ACC, Public Safety Sub-Commission.
APO 394, 18 October 1944.

TO : R.F.S.C. Southern Region.

For Necessary Action.

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JOHN W. CHALMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : A78708

11 October, 1944.

AGC/14006/9/PS

SUBJECT : Dealing in Contraband Goods.

TO : Food Sub-Commission.

With reference to the attached correspondence, in order that a letter may be addressed to the Chief of the Cabinet, Council of Ministers, would you please give your comments and a statement of Regulations or procedure which should have been complied with as far as it affects the dealing in olive oil, which it is understood is under restrictions imposed by Food Sub-Commission.

JOHN W. CRAWFORD
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

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PS/4.2

4 October 1944

SUBJECT: Contraband.

TO : HQ. ACC. Public Safety Sub-Commission.

386/9 Enclosures 42A

1. The attached report dated 28 Sept. 1944 together with enclosures received from the Zone Police Officer, Foggia, is forwarded to you as it would appear this is a matter for investigation at HQ. ACC. level.

2. This HQ. would be glad to know the result of any enquiries made in this connection.

for G. RICHARDSON
Major,
Regional Public
Safety Officer.

LWT/tp.

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
APO 650

2 October, 1944.

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SUBJECT : Transmittal of Report of Investigation.

TO : Headquarters,
Allied Control Commission,
Naples, Italy.

1. Forwarded herewith, for your information and appropriate action, Report of Investigation, CID AAF/MTO, Case No.466, dated 20 September 1944.

2. Recommend one copy be forwarded to the Italian Court for information and necessary action.

3. Request that this headquarters be informed of final action taken in this case.

For the Commanding General :

ROY A. LANGE
Major Air Corps.

ACC/14006/9/PS

1st Ind.

HEADQUARTERS, ACC, Public Safety Sub-Commission, APO 394, 10 October 1944.

TO : R.P.S.C. Southern Region.

For Necessary Action.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.C.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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6709 th CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION PLATOON (PROV)

This case originated at: FOGGIA	File No. CID AAF/MTO Case No. 466
Report made at: CID SS #2- FOGGIA	Date when made: 20-9-44
	Period for which made: 7-9-44 to 10-9-44
Title: SKURSCH, Walter Pvt ASN 39162556 STAFFIERI, Carmine- Ital. Civ. " RAGOZZINO, Francesco	Character of case: MISAPPROP OF GOVT VEHICLE (Black Market Activities)

Synopsis of facts:

On 7 September 1944, at about 1000 hours, Pvt. Walter Skursch was apprehended by the Military Police at Bovino road block transporting two civilians and 7 bags of grain and a quantity of olive oil, in a U.S. Army Vehicle.

Report made by: J. D. Schepis J. D. SCHEPIS Agent CID	Do not write here: File Grade
Approved and forwarded: William O. Dillon WILLIAM O. DILLON 1st Lt., C.M.P. Agent in Charge	Distribution of report: 1- PMG- WASHDC 1- CID AAF/MTO 1- CID AAF/MTO SS #2 1- AF Hq Service Co 1- ACC Naples 1- Italian Court

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION A. A. F. M. T. O. U. S.

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DETAILS:

1. On 7 September 1944, this office was informed by the 1055 Military Police Company that an American soldier had been apprehended near the Bovino road block, transporting two civilians in a U.S. Army vehicle, Reg # 20251224, together with seven bags of grain and .55 kilos of olive oil in a 1/4 ton trailer # 17.

2. On the same date this agent was assigned to investigate this case.

3. On 7 September 1944, the undersigned agent interviewed Pvt. Walter Skursch and a statement was taken (Inclosure No. 1). He stated that on 6 September 1944, he had been dispatched as a driver to go to Naples with a certain Mr. Salvatore to purchase a mixer for pastry and gas for a refrigerator. Upon returning to Caserta he checked his vehicle and went to a local restaurant to eat. He was asked by a civilian friend of his to take him to Foggia to see his mother and collect rent. He decided to do them a favor and left for Foggia the following morning at about 0400 hours. The civilians were unable to receive money for the rent so they accepted the wheat, corn, olive oil as payment. They were stopped by the Military Police at the Bovino road block.

4. On 7 September 1944, the undersigned agent interviewed Staffieri Carmine and a statement was taken (Inclosure No. 2). Staffieri had asked Francesco Barozzino if he knew any Americans who were going to Foggia as he wished to go there to see his mother. On the night of the 6th September 1944, Francesco came to his house and asked him if he wished to go to Foggia during the night. They left Caserta in the early morning. He says he had asked Walter (Skursch) if it would be all right to carry grain and stuffs back to Caserta. He consented and they loaded the grain and oil. They were then stopped by the Military Police at Bovino.

5. On 7 September 1944, the undersigned agent interviewed Barozzino, Francesco and a statement was taken. (Inclosure No 3). He corroborated Staffieri's statement in part, although he claims that he was asked to make the trip by the others. He had no permit to travel.

6. On 7 September 1944, the undersigned agent contacted Lt. Col. Thomas R. Milland, Commanding Officer of the A.F. Service Co. He requested that Pvt. Skursch be released and that he would send a receipt for the vehicle and trailer. On 8 September 1944, receipt was received by the undersigned agent (Inclosure No. 4). It was

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learned that 7 September was the regular day off of Pvt. Skursch.

7. On 11 September 1944, the undersigned agent turned over to the local consorzio seven bags of grain and .55 kg of oil and receipt was obtained. (Inclosure No. 5).

CONCLUSIONS:

1. That on 7 September 1944, Pvt. Walter Skursch misappropriated for his own use one U.S. Army vehicle 1/4 ton truck, Reg. No. 20251224 and a 1/4 ton trailer # 17.

2. That Pvt. Skursch used said vehicle for the unauthorized transportation of two civilians and grain and oil.

3. That Carmine Staffieri and Francesco Pagozzino traveled without a legal permit and illegally transported grain and oil in a U.S. Army vehicle. Reg No 20525l224 and 1/4 ton Trailer No. 17.

J. D. Schepis
J. D. SCHEPIS
Agent CID

5 Inclosures:

1- Statement of Pvt. Walter Skursch dated 7-9-44
2- Statement of Carmine Staffieri " 7-9-44
3- Statement of Francesco Pagozzino " 7-9-44
4- Receipt for jeep and trailer " 8-9-44
5- Receipt for grain and oil " 11-9-44

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7 September 1944

STATEMENT

I, Pvt. Walter Skirsch, AS# 36182556, Pvt, Service Co. AF Hq, having been warned of my rights under the 24th Article of War, by J.D. Schepis, Agent CID, and without threats or promises, duress or coercion, and knowing that anything that I may say be used against me, do hereby make the following statement:

On 6 September 1944, at about 0600 hours, I was directed as a driver to go to Naples with Mr. Salvatore, a civilian who works for AF Hq, to purchase a mixer for the pastry bakery and gas for the refrigerator. We were accompanied by M/Sgt Fidwell, we were unable to get either so we returned to Caserta about 1630 hours where I was released by Mr. Salvatore. After I was relieved I went to the gas dump and checked my vehicle which was a jeep Nor. No. 2063124. Then I went to a restaurant where I usually eat. While I was there one of the civilians whom I have known since November asked me to take me of his friends to the vicinity of Formia to see his relatives and to collect some rent. Since these people have treated me so well for such a long time I decided to return a favor. I told them I would take them that same evening or the following morning. We decided to leave at 0600 hours the following morning. The following morning, 7 September 1944 at 0600 hours, I left Caserta accompanied by two civilians. We arrived at Belletto about 0900 hours. Since the civilians were unable to get money for the rent they accepted olive oil, wheat and corn as payment. About 1000 hours we left to go back to Caserta. We were stopped by the M.P.'s at the Volvino Road Block. The civilians never offered me any money for the trip. To the best of my knowledge I never saw any money used during the transaction.

/s/ Walter Skirsch

Subscribed before me this 7th day of September 1944 at CID Office subsection #2.

/s/ J.D. Schepis Agent C.I.D.

A TRUE COPY:

WILLIAM F. DILLON
1st Lt., C.M.P.

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Inclosure No. 1

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STATEMENT

Foggia
7 September 1944

I, the undersigned Staffieri Carmine fu Salvatore and di Caprere Matilde, born at Deliceto (Province of Foggia) on 24th March 1898, and resident at Caserta at 131 Via De Gentiis declare the following:

About seven or eight days ago I asked my friend Francesco Pecorino whether there were any Americans, who had to go to the Foggia Province, in order to get a ride to go to see my mother.

Last night Pecorino came to my home and asked me whether I would leave during the night. I consented and at about 2 o'clock of this morning we departed. We reached Deliceto and at my mother's house, I found the products brought in by the tenant of my farms.

I asked the American, named Walter, who drove the jeep, whether we could carry the grain and other stuffs to Caserta.

He consented, thus we loaded the goods and departed.

At the Lovino Road block we were stopped by the M.P.'s who took us to Foggia.

I was not in possession of any permits.

I have made voluntarily this statement, I have read it and it is all correct and true.

/s/ Staffieri Carmine

Witnesses:

/s/ De Seneen Vittorio- Interpreter, CID.
/s/ Orange C. Dickey, Agent C.I.D.

Translated from the Italian by official
CID Interpreter Vittorio De Seneen

A TRUE COPY:

WILLIAM T. DILLON
1st Lt., C.M.P.

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Inclosure No 2

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STATEMENT

7 September 1944.

I, the undersigned, Regozzino Francesco, fu Nicola and fu Fresa Angiola, born at Casolla (Napoli) on 10th May 1905, living at Caserta at No 9 Via Pisquinto, declare the following:

Yesterday afternoon, at about 5 o'clock, I was in a wine shop, to play cards with an American named Walter Skirsen and with some other civilians. The owner of the wineshop asked Skirsen whether he could take a man from Caserta to Telicato in the car as he had to go there in order to collect the rent of his farm. The American said that probably he would make the trip. This man, who had met the American prior to that time, asked him about this trip. Then I went away and I could not hear the rest of the conversation. When I returned to the wine shop they asked me whether I would go to Telicato with them. We would leave at 0800 hours of today. As we agreed, I met them in the vicinity of the wine shop and departed with them.

We drove to Telicato, but the other Italian could not have the money from his tenants, who, in the place of the money gave him some oil, wheat and nuts.

On the way back to Caserta, we were stopped by the American Police at the road block of Bovino.

I had no permit to enter the Foggia province, but only a permit released to me by the Headquarters Command Peninsular Base Section Detachment #1 APO 782. The said permit expired on the 3rd September, since I do not work any more for the said organization.

I have made voluntarily this statement. I have read it and it is all correct and true.

/s/ Regozzino Francesco

Witnesses:
/s/ J.D. Schenis, Agent C.I.D.
/s/ Vittorio De Seneen, Interpreter C.I.D.

Translated from the Italian by Official CID Interpreter Vittorio De Seneen.

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1st Lt., C.M.P.

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HEADQUARTERS COMPANY ALLIED FORCE
APO 512 U. S. ARMY

8 September 1944

SUBJECT: Receipt of Vehicle.

TO : C.I.D. Office, Subsection No. 2, APO 650,
U. S. Army.

1. Receipt of Vehicle No. 20251224 and 1/4 Ton Trailer No. 17 is hereby acknowledged.

For the Commanding Officer:

/r/ Richard Brown
/t/ RICHARD BROWN
Captain, Infantry,
Executive Officer.

CASE NO. 466
Value: Jeep $1430.00
Trailer 230.00
1660.00

(C O P Y)

A TRUE COPY:

WILLIAM G. DILLON
1st Lt., C.M.P.

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Disclosure No 4

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

(C O P Y)

COMSORZIO AGRARIO PROVINCIA DI FOGGIA

The following goods, confiscated by the Office of the C.I.D. were turned over to this Consorzio by the said American office, on the 11th September 1944.

Hard Grain	in 2 sacks	@ L.1000	per quintal	Ql. 1.90	L. 1900.00
Tender "	in 3 sacks	@ L. 200	" "	Ql. 2.94	L. 2646.00
Corn	in 2 sacks	@ L. 650	" "	Ql. 1.31	L. 851.50
Olive-oil		@ L. 22	per kilo	Kg. 55	L. 1210.00
				TOTAL.....	L. 6607.50

The Depositor

/s/
Saverio Falcone- Agent P.S.

The Warehouse-man

(Illegible signature)

A TRUE COPY:

WILLIAM G. DILLON
1ST Lt., C.M.P.

(C O P Y)

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

Enclosure No 8

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 783016

TRANSLATION

From Min. of War
TO AMIA

Ref. No.301231/CA
Date 16 Sept.44

SUBJECT : Purchase of car by French.

We have been informed that there is a large and complicated organisation led by some French Military elements which is in charge of purchasing every type of material, this material is concentrated at Naples and then sent to France.

The H.Q. of the organisation is situated at Via Silvio Spaventa 15 Rome.

The activities of this organisation are even to the detriment of this Ministry since they have bought at very high prices lorries formely belonging to the Italian Army and which had been hidden since the 8th of Sept. 43.

In the organisation there is a certain Mrs. LANCIE who last winter was doing the same work for the Germans.

The activities of the organisation besides stripping the country of what little is left of the manufactured articles and raw material encourages thiver and receivers of stolen goods to continue their thefts which have and will cause losses even to the Allies . If only because of the encouragement given by the enormous profits which they find possible to make owing to the very high prices which are paid by the organisation.

We inform you of the above in order to call attention of AMIA to some facts which to me appear important and I beg AMIA to kindly take what action the case may require.

Gen. G.E. CANNA.

ACC/11006/9/PS

FROM : A.C.C. Public Safety Sub-Commission. 8 October, 1944.

TO : R.P.S.O., Region IV (Lazio) (Attn AC)

Please investigate the above, in order that the matter may be taken up with the French Authorities if necessary.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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3 October 1944 35A

Statement of 1st Lieutenant Harold E.White, 01313360, Infantry

See 4th A

"On or about the 1st of September, trucks - 6 x 6's - were requested from the Motor Pool by Captain Birch to transport machinery and paper from the Mint at Aquila to Rome. The estimated time these trips would take was 25 days. Major Bowers was to be in charge of the loading of the vehicles at the Mint at Aquila. He was only seen once or twice at Aquila, and there was no one else in charge of the loading at Aquila. The civilians who loaded the vehicles were workin for the Bank of Italy.

"On or about the 20th of September, the drivers of the American vehicles were told by the British drivers that on a previous day one of the boxes was accidentally broken open and was found to contain flour and spaghetti. That day a similar box was loaded on Tec 5 Merritt Johnston's truck. With the sumpicion of it being black market goods, Johnston requested that the box be removed from the truck- which it was - and replaced by machinery- which was the proper load.

"A few days following, a truck being unloaded in Rome at the Bank of Italy was found to contain coal, a suitcase containing flour, and other articles such as clothing - which were immediately taken away by the civilians. Returning to Aquila, the employees loading the truck were warned that if further transporting of their personal goods occurred, the trucks would be completely unloaded and returned to Rome empty.

"A few days later, the truck being loaded at the Mint with paper was requested to go to the Bank within the limits of Aquila where they were to pick up another box which was sealed and supposed to contain stamps. The driver, Pfc Antonio Fonti, requested that the box be opened. Breaking the seals, the box was opened, and was found to contain flour, spaghetti, and potatoes. All the trucks were emptied and returned to Rome without a load of any type.

"Gasoline was stolen from the truck driven by Tec 5 Anthony Durenti. The man was found and fired by the Bank of Italy.

"Hearing of the attempted transportation by the Italian civilians in our 2675th Regiment vehicles, I reported the matter to Captain Birch, Dispatch Officer of ACC. He stated that he had knowledge of that information and that it had been turned over to proper authorities - the CIC or the CID. I gave the matter no more consideration at that time.

"Tec 5 Johnston overheard a statement th t the amount of goods still at the Mint in Aquila will require another two months of transport at the rate they are transporting now. Four drivers making these trips (Tec 5 Anthony Durenti, Pfc Antonio Fonti, Tec 5 Merritt Johnston, and Pfc William Carr) can testify to substantially the same story as above stated".

HAROLD E. WHITE
1st Lt. Infantry.

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ACC.14006/9/PS

FROM : HQ. ACC. Public Safety S/O 8 October, 1944.

TO : R.M.S. Region V (Abruzzi-Marche) See 4th A V7A

The above for investigation and report, please.

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ACC.14006/9/PS

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JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.C.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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HAROLD L. WHITE
1st Lt., Infantry
Dictated but not read.

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Subject:-Black Market Activities.

Military Mission
Italian Army.
R C M E.
AQ/6.

29 Sept 44.

To:-Black Market Sub Commission,
H.Q.,A.C.C.

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1. The attached report, received by this H.Q. from Italian Ministry of War, is forwarded to you for information and necessary action please.

2. The information, contained in the report, appears to concern activities which are controlled by your organisation.

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T.T.NOAKES,Lt.Col., A o D
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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HEADQUARTERS
30 SEP 1944
A.C.C.

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Translation

From M of W
to ARMIA

Ref N° 301231/=9
Date 16 sept 44

Purchase of cars by French

We have been informed that there is a large and complicated organisation led by some French Military elements which is in charge of purchasing every type of material this material is concentrated at Naples and then sent to France

The HQ of the organisation is situated at

Via Silvio Spaventa 15 Rome

The activities of this organisation are even to the detriment of this ministry since they have bought at very high prices lories formely belonging to the Italian army and which had been hidden since the 8th of sept 43

In the organisation there is a certain Mrs LAGIATE who last winter was doing the same work for the Germans

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R Mansfield

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Ministero della Guerra

GABINETTO

N. 301231/C.A. P.M.151, 16 settembre 1944

Purchase of horses by the Italians

OGGETTO: Acquisto autocarri da parte francese.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO
R O M A

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Sono stato informato dell'esistenza di un'ampia e complessa organizzazione guidata da elementi militari francesi incaricata di provvedere all'acquisto di materiali d'ogni genere che, concentrati a Napoli, vengono successivamente trasportati in Francia.

La sede centrale di tale organizzazione è in Roma, Via Silvio Spaventa 15.

L'attività dell'organizzazione stessa è esercitata anche a danno di questo Ministero in quanto essa acquista a prezzi altissimi autocarri già di proprietà dell'Esercito Italiano, occultati dopo l'8 settembre 1943.

Di detta organizzazione fà parte una certa signora Labate che, nello scorso inverno, ha eseguito analogo lavoro per conto dei tedeschi.

L'attività della ripetuta organizzazione, oltre a togliere al Paese quel poco che ancora rimane di manufatti e di materie prime, non può che incoraggiare ladri e ricettatori, a continuare nei numerosi furti che sono avvenuti e che avvengono anche a danno degli alleati, se non altro per l'allettamento esercitato dall'enorme guadagno che è possibile realizzare a causa degli altissimi prezzi da essa corrisposti per gli acquisti.

Segnalo quanto sopra allo scopo di attrarre l'attenzione di cotesta Sottocommissione su un argomento, a mio parere, importante e mi permetto pregare cotesta Sottocommissione stessa perchè voglia

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IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO ALLA GUERRA
(generale G.B.Oxilia)

G. Oxilia

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 489081
Ext : 365

AC/40061/9/PS

20 September, 1944.

SUBJECT : Overcharging - foodstuffs.

TO : R.P.S.O. Region IV Black Market Control.

1. Reference phone conversation Lt. Lipsius - Major Wilson 3 p.m. 20th September 1944.

2. The following information was received on 19 September 1944 from Col. Fothergill, Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.

3. At the premises of PRODITORI CATTOLICO
Via Ruggero
Tel.851032

Sausages are sold at 250 lire per tin

Beans are sold at 160 lire per kilo.

4. Forwarded for your information and any action you may consider necessary.

A. E. YOUNG. Col.,
Acting Director
Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

FJW/G.

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IW006/9

29 August 1944

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SUBJECT: Summary of Information.

TO : Colonel Kirk and Mr. Antolini Dec. Section.

1. At present there is being circulated around Rome, as well as other parts of liberated Italy today a most vigorous rumor, that American Vehicles (large trucks) can now be bought at racketeering prices under the following terms and conditions:

a. That there are or will be at least some 1500 trucks for sale to the Italian Public or private enterprises. These trucks will be sold to different individuals or companies, etc., for 350,000 Lire each. They will not be sold only in blocks of 50's not one by one nor in smaller amounts. These Trucks are being sold by the Allied Command or Commando Alleato.

b. However, the contracts which allegedly have been drawn up-todate, or are to be drawn up will only include the price of 600,000 Lire--the other 250,000 is not to show on the written contracts because the Commando Alleato does not desire it to.

c. Those persons, groups, etc., buying these vehicles have to agree to work for the Allied Command Forces (Government work) for one year after buying the vehicles. They will receive 0.65 Lire for every Kilometer and will be guaranteed employment to amount to 3,500 Kilometers per month. Roughly each truck would make about 900,000 per month. This sum would be almost net-profit as all the expenses, gas, oil, repairs are to be taken care by the Allied Command as long as the trucks are working for them. A complete change of tires are included in the selling price of the Trucks.

2. Such is the proposition which has been related to the undersigned by some 5 or 6 reliable, respectable business men who have come to ascertain themselves of this reported to be Allied Command move.

3. Mr. FRACASSI, FORD MOTOR COMPANY DISTRIBUTOR of long standing states that this proposition has been put to him by two persons who claim that they were in direct contact with the source of distribution for these vehicles. They wanted to know if he would be interested in joining one of the pools of individuals who would buy 50 of the vehicles. He asserted to one of them that he was very interested in the deal, but doubted that it could be carried through. He is at this time awaiting the return of this individual (who happens to be a friend of his) to bring him further information. The other individual who proposed the same thing to him and quoted him the same identical figures is another friend who at present operates a transport company with five large Italian Trucks to Sicily and Southern Italy for the Allied Command.

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4. FRACASSI is waiting to hear from either one of those friends of his. He last talked with them some two or three days ago. He states that they appeared most confident of the deal going thru; that they talked like it was already arranged and that some Italians had already signed some of the contracts.

5. Furthermore, FRACASSI states, that in the last few days many, many persons have been coming into his place of business enquiring about this reported transaction. These are Italians who are also interested in obtaining some of these trucks. Someone has told them that they could obtain further information about this deal at his place of business. His place of business being centrally located at Via Veneto No. 15.

6. During the 15 minutes or so that the undersigned was conferring with Fracassi, some three different individuals came to ask FRACASSI about the Trucks.

COMMENTS OF UNDERSIGNED.

MR. FRACASSI is considered a very reliable informant as other information supplied by him has been very correct. It is natural that he should show interest in obtaining some of these trucks (if they were available) for he is an old dealer in automobiles,etc. He is a direct agent of the Fordson and Ford Plant in Bolonga.

He states that he is most willing in following and acting this deal out in behalf of ACC so as to get to the bottom of this rumor. He would like to have this Command supply him with a confidential man, whom he will introduce to those making him the proposition as a potential customer, and buyer.

The undersigned would like to again point out that other,also reliable, business men have enquired about the realness about this transaction. These people are not the kind to carry rumors--but wanting to know the truth of the matter so as to acquire some of these vehicles.

The undersigned can, if desired keep in touch with FRACASSI and the others to ascertain some real facts,etc., in this matter?

Submitted for your information, as per verbal request of Mr. Antolini, ACC, Eco. Sec.

S/Sgt. John A. Flores
Room 33, 4th Floor Annex
Phone 351

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MINISTRY OF FINANCE
GG.FF. Hq.

31 August 1944.

N. 8488

Subject : Seizure of olive oil and brandy.

To : A.C.C. Public Safety Sub-Commission - Rome.

On 10 August 1944, the soldiers of the Nucleo of the Tributary Police in Foggia, seized at the block post of Bovino (Foggia) 81,99 quintals of brandy and 25,97 quintals of olive oil, transported on 6 Allied cars, driven by French soldiers, coming from Bisceglie and directed to Naples.

The sender of the goods is the firm Cassanelli Giovanni, Bisceglie, exercising the trade of fruits and greens, destinee certain Villa Vincenzo of Naples.

The Nuclei of Naples and Foggia are investigating together with the Allied Police and are making inquiries, in order to ascertain the extension of the transgression and to punish, above all, the illegal trade of oil coming from Puglie.

For Commanding General
1 Creste Moricca

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ACC REGION 7 FOR SUPPLY OFFICER ACC MAIN FOR INDUSTRY 12006/9

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GTGS: NONE

HEADQUARTERS
30 AUG 1944
A. C. C.

STOPPED RMD-TO ED. LEAN TRUCK FROM TIVOLI WITH PERMIT SIGNED CAPT JONES TO GO TO BARI FOR SOAP MANUFACTURING. TRUCK SIGNED UP RMD TO AUGUST 26 AND BLOCKED HERE. TRUCK MUST HAVE BEEN ON BLACK MARKET TOUR. PERMIT ILLEGAL. ALL SOAP MANUFACTURING MATERIAL CONTROLLED BY ACC MAIN. TRUCK ALSO ARMED WITH PERMIT SIGNED MAJOR FOR SUPPLIES TURA BUT NO PROVISIONS TO HAUL BY TRUCK FROM HERE. ADVISE DISPOSITION OF TRUCK

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MINISTRY OF ~~LUTTE~~ FINANCE
GG.FF.Hq.

28 August 1944

N. 88

Subject : Abusive transportation of oil by railway car.

To : A.C.C. - R o m e .

I inform you, that on 5 August 1944, the soldiers of the GG.FF. supply squad of Salerno, on duty at the local railway station, inspecting the luggage of the passengers, arriving from Bari and directed to Naples, noticed, that on the ceiling of 4 cars many cans containing olive oil were hidden.

In order to remove the goods, ascertained in 14 quintals, it has been necessary to uncover a part of the tared cloth, which covers the roof of said cars.

The personnel of the train, questioned, could give no informations useful for the discovery of the culprits.

Evidently, with the accomplicity of railway-agents, a smuggler band, probably of Bari, during the halt of the cars in said railway station, loaded and placed the oil cans in the framing of the ceiling of the cars by discovering the tared cloth.

Investigations are in course in order to discover the authors of the illegal oil traffic in Bari and Naples.

Commanding General
f Oreste Moricca -

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Ministero delle Finanze
COMANDO GENERALE R. GUARDIA DI FINANZA
- Ufficio Servizio -

Partenza
Prot. N. 88 Ris. Serv. Sez. Allegati

Al LA COMMISSIONE
ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
R O M A

Registrato al N. del
Div. Sez. N.

OGGETTO Abusivo trasporto di olio a mezzo vettura ferroviaria.

Per opportuna conoscenza comunico che, il 5 del corrente mese di agosto, i militari della squadra annonaria della R.Guardia di Finanza di Salerno, in servizio alla locale stazione ferroviaria, nel procedere alla visita dei bagagli dei passeggeri in arrivo col treno di Bari, diretto a Napoli, si accorgevano che nel soffitto di quattro vetture erano celate numerose latte contenenti olio di oliva.

Per mettere fuori il prodotto, accertato per un totale di ben 14 quintali, fu necessario procedere allo scoperchiamento di parte del telo catramato che riveste il tetto delle vetture stesse.

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Il personale del treno, interrogato, non seppe dare informazioni utili alla scoperta dei colpevoli.

Evidentemente, con la complicità di agenti ferroviari, una banda contrabbandiera, probabilmente di Bari, durante la sosta delle vetture in quest'ultimo scalo ferroviario, procedevano al carico ed alla sistemazione delle latte di olio nelle inteleiate del soffitto delle vetture mediante lo scoperchiamento del telo catramato.

Sono in corso indagini per scoprire gli autori dell'illecito traffico di olio a Bari e Napoli.

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
- Oreste Moricca -

HQ. AC.. Foggia Province
in Lucera

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SUBJECT : Black Market Operations

TO : Regional Commissioner
(Through Provincial Commissioner)

FROM : SPPSO, Foggia Province

REF : FP/ 5006

DATE : 22 August 1944

Copy to :

Col. A.E. Young
Deputy Public Safety
Commissioner

1400/19

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Rec'd 27/8
Book No. 1850
File No. 390
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- 10/8/44. Naples Road. 26 quintals olive oil and 82 quintals of Grappa seized from 6 French Army trucks. All goods bought in black market. 2 of the sellers have been traced and arrested in Bisceglie.

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John Fleming a notorious grain runner and British Army deserter has been caught.

All Comune returns have been examined and those found to be behind with amassing of grain have been heavily raided until the figures of the Comune approached normal. This work is continuing.

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We have discovered a device used to transport olive oil. A truck conveying salt was stopped and eleven bags of salt were each found to contain an allied jerrycan full of olive oil.

The transport of salt, a state monopoly, has been subject to enquiry and 575 quintals have been found to be missing from the Lucera Magazine. 19 Commune are involved. Investigations continue.

The Director of the Consorzio San Marco in Lamis was suspect and on investigation was found to have subtracted 70 quintals of grain from the quota due to the Amassi. He has been suspended.

The Director of the Consorzio of Accadia stands suspended pending enquiries relating to his duties.

At Lucera two Italians named Mercadante and De Bonis were each sentenced to 2 years imprisonment for bribing Staff/Sergeant Dramis of this Headquarters to use an Allied truck for improper purposes. It was their intention to transport grain. Dramis acted under this Departments orders from 19/5/44 to 14/7/44 When sufficient evidence was collected to bring the men to trial.

In addition to the above the Ofanto River blocks have seized 263 quintals of contraband grain, 135 quintals of fave 192 quintals of olive oil and 86 quintals of avena.

Lt. Colonel,
SPPSO, Foggia Province.

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CC.RR. Hq.

25 August 1944.

N. 42/259-1

Answer to the letter ACC/14006/9/PS, dated 6/6/44.

Subject : Black market.

To : A.C.C. Public Safety Sub-Commission - Rome .

On 10 May 1944 the 63th special investigation section Of Barletta detained the below mentioned persons responsible the first one for attempted bribery of an English soldier and the other four for assistance in said crime :

1) FALCO Giuseppe of late Michele and di Mazzili Luisa, born in Corato on 21 October 1900, peasant;

2) DI GENNARO Giuseppe of late Girolamo, aged 58, wine-undertaker;

3) MENDUNI Cataldo of late Michele, aged 40, peasant;

4) PERRONE Luigi di Francesco, aged 25, market-gardener;
5) DI GENNARO Gennaro di Giuseppe, born in 1920, disbanded CC.RR. effective at the Trieste Legion; main Brindisi station.

On following 16th of May said section arrested the five culprits and transferred them at the disposal of the competent judicial Authorities. Said, on 2 June 1944, granted provisional liberty. The CC.RR. DI GENNARO, taken from the Bari Legion was sent, awaiting judgement, to the main Brindisi station.

Falco has never moved accusations against the Arma of Corato; regards which he has given the attached declaration.

Since in the matter the a/m CC.RR. DI GENNARO is involved, evidently the English Police thought to identify in said soldier a member belonging to the Station of Corato.

By order

Colonel Chief of Staff
- Romano della Chieasa -

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Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO SERVIZIO

N.42/259-1 di prot. Roma, 25 agosto 1944

Risposta al foglio *del* 6 giugno u/s. *n.* ACC/14006/9/PS *Allegati n.* 1.

OGGETTO: Mercato nero.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
-Sottocommissione per la P.S.-
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Il 10 maggio u/s. la 63^ sezione speciale investigativa di Barletta procedeva al fermo delle sottonotate persone responsabili la prima, di tentata corruzione di un soldato inglese e le altre quattro, di concorso in tale reato:

1°)-FALCO Giuseppe fu Michele e di Mazzilli Luisa, nato a Corato il 21 ottobre 1900, contadino;

2°)-DI GENNARO Giuseppe fu Girolamo, di anni 58, imprenditore di vini;

3°)-MENDUNI Cataldo fu Michele, di anni 40, contadino;

4°)-PERRONE Luigi di Francesco, di anni 25, ortolano;

5°)-DI GENNARO Gennaro di Giuseppe, classe 1920, carabiniere sbandato, effettivo alla legione di Trieste; stazione Brindisi Principale.

Il 16 maggio successivo detta sezione convertiva il fermo in arresto e trasferiva i cinque rei a disposizione dell'Autorità Giudiziaria ordinaria per gli incombenti di sua competenza. Questa, il 2 giugno u/s., concedeva la libertà provvisoria. Il carabiniere DI GENNARO, pertanto, recuperato

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dalla legione di Bari veniva inviato, in attesa di giudizio, alla stazione di Brindisi Principale.

Il Falco non ha mai mosse accuse all'Arma di Corato; al riguardo ha rilasciato l'acclusa dichiarazione.

Poichè nel fatto é implicato il carabiniere DI GENNARO, sopra indicato, evidentemente la polizia inglese ha creduto di individuare nel militare suddetto, un elemento appartenente alla stazione di Corato.

d'ordine
IL COLONNELLO CAPO DI S.M.
-Romano dalla Chiesa-

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Declarations

I, the undersigned, FALCO Giuseppe, of late Michele and of Mazzili Luisa, born at Corato on 21 October 1900, peasant, there resident in via Ruco (villino Braco), declare that I have never told to the English Police of Barletta, on occasion of my interrogatory on 10/5/44, that the CC.RR. of Corato were in agreement with me for the travel to be effected on 10/5/44 to Foggia by means of an English car, in order to transport empty barrels.

The accusations, which said Police moves against the Arma of Corato, are completely false since I have never been in any contact with said CC.RR. and such assertion has been forged by a/m Police.

I am ready to be confronted.

In faith of what above mentioned.

Corato, 23 July 1944.

sgd. Falco Giuseppe

p.c.c.
Rome, 25 August 1944.

Office chief
-Major Guido Pieroné-

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Dichiarazioni

Io sottoscritto FALCO Giuseppe fu Michele e di Mazzilli Luisa, nato a Corato il 21 ottobre 1900, contadino, ivi residente in via Ruco (villino Braco), dichiaro di non aver mai detto alla polizia inglese di Barletta in occasione dell'interrogatorio cui fui sottoposto il 10 maggio 1944, che i carabinieri di Corato erano con me d'accordo per il viaggio da eseguire a Foggia con auto inglese il 10 maggio detto, per trasportare botti vuote.

Le accuse che detta polizia muove all'Arma di Corato, sono completamente false, poichè io con detti carabinieri non ho mai avuto rapporti di sorta e che tale asserzione é stata inventata di sana pianta dalla predetta polizia.

Sono disposto eseguire confronti.

In fede di quanto sopra mi sottoscrivo.

Corato, 23 luglio 1944.

IL DICHIARANTE
f/to: Falco Giuseppe

p.c.c.
Roma, 25 agosto 1944.
IL CAPO UFFICIO
-Magg. Guido Fioroni-

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P.S. Safety

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To: HQ ACC (EC and MC Section)

From: HQ Region 5 and G.

Subject: Army Purchase of Potatoes.

Ref: R5/515/14.

Date: 24 August 1944.

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1. Enclosed is a report on the stopping of an Army truck on the Averzano-Iosa road on Tuesday last, for such action as you may consider warranted.

2. It is useless for us in the Provinces to get either your, or our instructions obeyed if our own troops take no notice of them.

3. This is not by any means an isolated instance.

For the Regional Commissioner:

C.H.A. FRENCH.
Lieut. Colonel.
Executive Officer.

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Copies to: Public Safety Sub-Commission.
RPSO, Region 5.

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P. Safety

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To: HC ACC (SC and NC Section)

From: HC Region 5 ASC.

Subject: Potatoes.

Ref: R5/515/31.

Date: 24 August 1944.

1. An officer from the Agricultural Sub Commission visited this HQ yesterday to investigate the alleged turning back to Rome of 4 trucks which have gone to Avezzano for potatoes, stated to be with the proper authority from the Consorzio Agrario.

2. He was informed that NO trucks with proper authority had been turned back, but that some 40-50 without the necessary Consorzio Agrario authority had been so turned back, and further that we should impound any trucks found loaded with potatoes that did not carry a movement ticket signed by the Consorzio Agrario, Avezzano.

3. The officer in question arrived with the story that there had been rioting in Avezzano over the potatoes, but there is no confirmation whatever of this, and enquiries made in Avezzano yesterday from the P.C., the Sindaco and the head of the Consorzio Agrario obtained no information in this respect. The probability is that the drivers who were being turned back because they had no proper authority to purchase potatoes have invented the story.

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7. I submit that the transport situation is as difficult as it is owing to the fact that we are getting only about 20% use out of that which is allotted to us.

8. I suggest there is unlimited scope for the Public Safety Sub-Commission to make the misuse of transport so hot for the malefactors, that we should have transport on our hands if it were put to legitimate uses.

For the Regional Commissioner:

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Lieut. Colonel.
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CHAF/rgv.

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Transportation Sub-Commission.
Public Safety Sub-Commission.

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SUBJECT : Report on Potato Situation.
TO : Executive Officer. R5/511/19.
From : RLO 25 August 44.

1. In order to obtain first first hand information regarding the potato situation the movement of which within the Province of Aquila is banned except on the authority of the Consorzio, Lt.Col.MIDDLEWOOD, Capt.LOCKWOOD and I visited a road Block. The road block was about 4 Miles west of Carsoli on the Rome Road. Time of visit 1700 hours-18 Hrs.

2. Only one CC.RR. was on duty.

3. On arrival there was a crowd of civilians at the block with luggage, obviously there with the intention of getting a lift.

4. All vehicles entering or leaving the Province during our visit were stopped. In every case the driver's papers were examined. Every lorry contained a large number of civilians either entering or leaving the Province. Every civilian was individually examined, and in no case was any one in possession of an AMG pass. Without exception all civilians had a typewritten "authority" signed by a Sindaco. All civilians were removed from the lorries, which were allowed to proceed without them subject to their papers being in order.

5. At the block one lorry loaded with potatoes was found to be without the necessary authorization. This lorry was impounded at the Cesarea and the driver will be charged.

6. One American Army truck was found to be carrying vegetables and civilians. The civilians were ejected. This will be subject of a separate report by Captain Lockwood (Copy report annexed hereto).

7. In Carsoli we found another lorry loaded with potatoes. This had broken down. Two nuns were with the lorry. They told me that they have bought potatoes in Avezzano for the children at the Vatican. Their papers were not authorised by the agent of the Consorzio. We had this lorry impounded and the driver will be charged.

8. In Carsoli we stopped a three tons lorry. This was properly authorised to collect and transport almonds from Aquila to Rome. There were two bags of almonds on board. The rest of the lorry was filled with furniture and civilians. The latter had grain flour and potatoes without authorisation. The almonds could easily have been carried in a "Topolino". The lorry was impounded and the Maresciallo of CC.RR. ordered to take the driver into custody.

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9. A private car was stopped as it had no sticker. An authority was subsequently produced. This had been issued in Rome and covered

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that province, Ricti and Aquila. The purpose was for agricolture. In fact the driver was only looking at cattle. It is submitted that the issue of a pass in these circumstances was unnecessary. Particulars of two passengers who had no permit to enter Aquila Province were taken and they will be charged.

10. One further lorry loaded with potatoes was stopped. This had the proper authority. Three MT petrol cans, one filled with red coloured petrol, were however taken from the lorry.

11. On the return journey to Aquila about 2030 hrs., a crowd of about 40 persons were seen collected on a hillside, far from any habitation. All had luggage of varying types. It appeared that this was a rendez-vous for the collection of passengers on trucks.

12. From the foregoing I submit that the following points emerge:-

a. Lorries are being used for the transport of goods not covered by the authorisation.

b. Passengers are being carried on such lorries, presumably for the personal reward of the driver.

c. There is an uncontrolled movement of civilians into and out of the Province. No attempt is made to obtain the necessary AMG pass.

J. L. WILLIS,
Lt.Colonel,
RLO.

Copies to Regional Agricultural Officer
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COPY

From : R.L.O. Region V. A.M.G.
: Capt. LOCKWOOD, Region V. A.M.G.
Subject : Army Purchase of Potatoes.
Ref : R 5/515/14
Date : 23 Aug.44.

1. On 22 Aug 44 between 1700 and 1800 hrs on the Avezzano - Rome road at the Provincial road block near Carsoli the following occurred:-

2. A US Army truck in charge of St. Sgt.
Harold A. Lincoln, AUS 6566061 with
F.Lela " 31170289
A.F. Cobb " 31171535
was stopped for examination. The driver immediately produced his papers from 17 Troop sqd. Carrier signed A.P.O. 650 US Army signed by Homer A. Patty Capt. Air Corps. AdAdjutant to purchase food supplies. This the sergeant had done. No criticism of the Sergeant for fulfilment of these orders is implied.

3. On questioning him he had paid 9 lire per kilogram for the potatoes.

4. The Consorzio Agrario in the only sales agency permitted to sell surplus potatoes in the Aquila Province at a fixed price of 7 lire per kilogram.

5. This Italian Agency maintains an office at Avezzano and road blocks will honor sales slips signed by Leandro Corbi the sales agent.

6. The amount of potatoes purchased was small but the excess price paid by the army tends to break down the established price and force the army to pay more for much larger amounts to be delivered later.

7. The truck was also transporting four civilians without passes to ride in W.D. vehicles. Apperently the Sergeant's good nature had been imposed upon. No control of refugees or civilians can be maintained under such action.

8. Can this matter be taken to the proper authorities in order that potatoes can move regularly to the army and civilians at the established price and place of purchase.

signed: A.P.S. Lockwood, Capt. AUS
Agriculture Officer.
Region V AMG.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT REGION IV APO 394 16 August 1944

TO: Regional Control and Military Government Section Headquarters
Allied Control Commission (Attention: Public Safety Sub-Commission)

1. Forwarded.

For The Regional Commissioner:

John D. Ames
JOHN D. AMES
Lt Colonel, A.G.D.
Executive Officer (Rome)

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REGION IV
APO 394

BN/ 21/8. 14 August 1944

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission, ACC.
Att: Col. Meany
(through Regional Commissioner, Region IV, AMG)

1. The R.P.S.O. Region IV 214 has turned over to this Office your memorandum of 26 July 44. I assume that your reference is to Control Posts (under jurisdition of this Office), rather than "Customs Agents".

2. Following the Order of the Regional Commissioner unrationed fruits and vegetables, in any amount, which are introduced into Rome, must be delivered to the General Market. This applies to both large and small quantities. This has recently been modified in favor of cooperatives, and authorized messes. As of c.7 August 1944, permission has been given to individuals to introduce into the city 10 Kg. of unrationed fruits and vegetables for family consumption.

3. Rationed items may not be introduced for personal use under any circumstances.

4. Control is effected to carry out the above provisions, and the complaint is therefore lacking of any sound basis.

/s/ H. B. L.
HAROLD B. LIPSIUS
1st Lt., CMP.
Chief, Black Market Control

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

MEMORANDUM

26 July 44.

for Colonel KIRK
C.P.S. Public Safety Sub-Commission

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Tel: 489087.
Ext: 365

Ref: Acc/14006/9/45.

FROM : HQ. ACC, Public Safety Sub-Commission.

2 August, 1944

TO : R.P.S.O., Region IV.

1. The ~~attached~~ above translation of a CC.RR. report is forwarded for your information.

2. Please check the statements and submit report of your findings.

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PAUL G. KIRK.
Colonel Inf.
Public Safety Director.

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Translation

26 July 1944

MEMORANDUM

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Maj Colwell
KPK

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li 26 luglio 1944

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PROMEMORIA per il Sig. Colonnello KIRK.
Capo della Sottocommissione per la P.S.
- COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO -
ROMA

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In Roma viene rilevato che gli agenti daziari, in servizio ai posti di blocco, proibiscono specie ai meno abbienti, di introdurre in città merci contingentate non superiori ai 15 Kg. e generi tesserati non superiori ai 5 Kg.

Questi agenti indulgerebbero, invece, verso coloro che ne trasportano maggiori quantitativi, parte dei quali, a quanto si dice, alimenterebbero il mercato nero.

Molti sostengono che, per ovviare a siffatti inconvenienti, sarebbe opportuno prescrivere che i grandi carichi, destinati all'alimentazione, venissero segnalati tempestivamente a chi di dovere, per predisporne un saltuario controllo, con apposito personale, nei luoghi di destinazione.

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TO : Chief P[illegible], Sub-Commission A.C.C.

FROM : H.Q., Region 5, R.P.S.O., A.M.G.

SUBJECT : Black Market.

REFERENCE : R5/514/5.

DATE : 13 July 1944.

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17 AUG 1944
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Herewith copy of report received from Foggia Province.

For your information please.

For Regional Commissioner

S. PICKERING,
Lt.-Colonel,
R.P.S.O.

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SUBJECT : - Olive Oil seized.

TO : Le Lireteur de l'Atelier Fixe de Reparations de Materiers de la Base Mse 901.

FROM : HQ.AMG. Foggia Province.

1. At about 2245 hrs on 8.7.44 G.M.C. Truck No. W17722 attached to your workshops and in charge of Brigadier Chef Galea was stopped by the British Military Police on the Foggia Naples road near Bovino. It was found to be carrying wine and also 1.50 quintals of olive oil. The truck was brought to this Headquarters, two other soldiers Seuds Rene and Gueldah Aissa, were also on the truck.

2. Galea stated to Major Montague of the Public Safety Division of this H.Q. that he had instructions from Captain Delart to fetch the wine and to try and get a little Olive Oil for the officer's and man's messes and that he had bought the Olive Oil from unknown persons in Barletta for 8.500 Lire a quintal.

3. As the olive oil was bought in a Black Market for nearly four times the correct price and is contraband unless bought officially through the local Purchase Officer through the Consorzio Agrario, I ordered it to be confiscated and turned over to the Consorzio Agrario of Lucera.

4. The matter will, in accordance with instructions, be reported to the Assistant Provost Marshal, HQ. 6 Base Sub-Area, AMG Region 5 and AMG Eighth Army Rear.

Lieut Colonel,
S.P.P.S.O. Foggia Province A.M.G.

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ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
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14th July, 1944

ACC/14006/9/PS

SUBJECT : Reports of Offences, Food etc.

TO : R.P.S.O. Reg. 5 (thru' R.C.). 18A refers

I thank you for your report on activities against Black Market operators in Foggia Province, and congratulate you on the good work being done by all concerned.

Please keep me informed of progress.

For PAUL G. KIRK,
Colonel, Inf.
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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TO : Chief P.S. Sub-Commission A.G.C. Rear H.Q.

FROM : R.P.S.O. , Region 5, H.Q.

SUBJECT : Black Market.

REFERENCE : R5/514/5.

DATE : 7 July 1944.

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Herewith copy of report on Black Market activities in Foggia Province.

For your information please.

For Regional Commissioner

S. PICKERING,
Lt. Colonel,
R.P.S.O.

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HQ. AMG. Foggia Province
in Lucera

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SUBJECT : Black Market

TO : R.P.S.O. through Provincial Commissioner

FROM : S.P.P.S.O. Foggia Province

REF : FP/ 5150

DATE : 26 June 1944

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The following convictions have been obtained. Capt.Boon, presiding and Major Montague prosecuting.

MESSINA FRANCESCO, of Fertilia, Naples. Found guilty of buying 15.86 quintals of wheat and entering the province without permission. Sentenced to 3 months in prison plus a fine of 35.000 lire to be paid in 10 days with alternative of 6 additional months in prison.

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NATALE ANTONIO and Pasquale Gennaro, of Pertilia, Naples. Found guilty buying 15.86 quintals of wheat and entering the Province without permission. Each sentenced to 3 months in prison plus a fine of 20.000 lire to be paid in 10 days with alternative of 4 additional months in prison.

FABBIANO ANDREA, of Casalvecchio. Guilty of acting as mediatore in illegal purchase of 15.86 quintals of wheat. Sentenced to 2 months in prison and a fine of 10.000 lire to be paid in 10 days with alternative of 3 months additional in prison.

BECCIA MICHELE, of Casalvecchio. Guilty of selling 6.00 quintals of wheat at 3.800 lire per quintal; sentenced to 3 months in prison plus a fine of 20.000 lire to be paid with in 10 days with alternative of four additional months.

FRATTA PASQUALE, of Casalvecchio. Guilty of selling 4.43 quintals of wheat at 4.000 lire per quintal. Sentenced to 2 months in prison plus a fine of 15.000 lire to be paid in 10 days with the alternative of 3 additional months in prison.

FRATTA FILOMENA, of Casalvecchio. Guilty of selling 3.32 quintals of wheat at 4.000 lire per quintal. Sentenced to 2 months in prison (suspended owing to ill-health) plus a fine of 10.000 lire to be paid with in 10 days with an alternative of 3 additional months (not suspended) in prison.

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Wheat to be confiscated to Consorzio Agrario who will pay Prefect of Foggia in accordance with Italian Law.

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MARINO GIOVANNI, of Casalvecchio. Found guilty of selling 18.60 quintals of wheat. Sentenced to 6 months in prison suspended owing to age 72 and physical condition and a fine of 35.000 lire to be paid with in 10 days with the alternative of 6 additional months in prison, not suspended.

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Wheat confiscated to Consorzio, monies to be paid over to Prefect.

STABIESE ALESSANDRO of Naples, illegal purchase and transport of wheat and bailey sentenced to 4 months in prison and 17.500 lire fine, to be paid within 10 days with alternative of 5 more months in prison.

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SCOPPA GAETANO, Baron, of Naples. Illegal purchase and transport of olive oil, flour, and pasta. Sentenced to 15.000 lire fine, to be paid within 10 days with alternative of 3 months in prison.

MAJORE MICHELE, of Lucera. Illegal sale of wheat. Sentenced to 1 month in prison and fine of 5.000 lire to be paid within 10 days with alternative of 2 more months in prison.

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When an patrol now threshing machines are checked and farmes in difficulty with transport or storage are assisted.

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During the night of 22 - 23 June 1944 a patrol of 4 CC.RR. on the Lucera - Troia - Giardinetto road was involved in an accident and Cre Galamante is in hospital at Troia with concussion, a broker jaw and many missing teeth; at first he was thought to have lost the use of an eye and to have spinal injuries. Cre Borsatti is still detained owing to burns of the left leg. CC.RR. Casuale and Rosatti escaped with minor cuts and bruises. Three prisoners on board helped to free Colamante from the wreckage under which he was pinned and then disappeared.

There is every reason to believe that the vehicle which caused the accident was running black market goods. It failed to stop.

Lt. Colonel,
SPPSO, Foggia Province.

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HQ A.M.G. FOGGIA Province.
in LUCERA.

Subject ; Black Market
To : R.P.S.O., Through Provincial Commissioner.
From : S.P.P.S.O., FOGGIA Province.
Ref : FP/ 5150
Date : 11 June 1944.

Copy to :
Col A.E. YOUNG
D/ Chief Public Safety
Commissioner.

1. Following my report dated 7 June 1944 the undermentioned results are not available.

CC.RR. MORASCA NAZARINO charged with the illegal purchase of grain. Sentenced to TWO YEARS Imprisonment and Fined 800.000 lire or ONE Year Imprisonment.

ZEOLI MICHELE , charged with selling a quantity of grain. Sentenced to SEVEN MONTHS Imprisonment two of which are suspended, and Fined 50.000 lire or 2 Months.

DE SALVIA LUIGI, (Sindaco of Castelvecchio) charged with selling a quantity of grain. Sentenced to NINE MONTHS Imprisonment and Fined 50.000 lire or 2 months.

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MEZZADRA CARLO was charged with dealing in by purchasing a quantity of grain. He was sentenced to ONE YEAR Imprisonment and fined 75.000 lire or ONE YEAR imprisonment.

GIUGLIANO ANTONIO was charged in the following counts.
(1) Being in the province of FOGGIA without a permit.
(2) Dealing in, by purchasing a quantity of grain.

He was sentenced on those charges as follows
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PA(Ca), 19th June 1944

Lt. Colonel,
Senior Provincial Public Safety Officer.

To:- P.S. Sub. Com. A.C.C. Bra.
From:- Reg V. R.P.S.O.
For information please.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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17June 1944

ACC/14006/9/PS

SUBJECT: Black Market

TO : R.P.S.O. Region 5

1. I was most interested in the report dated 7th June 1944 from the Provincial Police Officer, Foggia, detailing recent activities against black market operators.

2. Would you please convey to Lt.Col. C.R.Briggs my congratulations on the excellent work he is doing and the successful results he has achieved.

PAUL G. KIRK
Colonel, Infantry
Chief Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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HQ. AMG. Foggia Province
in Lucera

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7 DEC 1944

Copy to : A. C. C.

Col. A.E. Young
Deputy Chief
Public Safety Commissioner

SUBJECT : Black Market

TO : R.P.S.O., Through Provincial Commissioner

FROM : S.P.P.S.O., Foggia Province

REF : FP/ 5150

DATE : 7 June 1944

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
G-5 Div.

Copy to :

R. P. S. O.

Herewith I submit for information recent cases and activities against black market operators.

Graniano Antonio, a clerk in the Consorzio of Troia was found to be issuing false bollette and accepting bribes.

Mele Achille, Director of Consorzio, found to be an accessory after the fact.

De Santis Leonardo and Fusco Ferdinando both guilty of giving bribes to Consorzio Officials.

Lt. Tortelli of the GG.FF. was directed by this office to investigate our suspicions against the Consorzio authorities. All persons will be tried by the Italian authorities.

At about midnight 1/6/44 British truck No 569974/35 driven by Gallo Michele of A.C.C. Truck Pool, Foggia, was caught with two sacks of wheat and one sack of flour on board his vehicle. Gallo admitted he had bought the wheat for 4.000 lire a quintal and the flour at 4.300 a quintal. We hope to arrest the seller in the near future.as he is a well known mediatore.

On 1/6/44 Pte. Samuel Marrant 34097524 of 1904 Q.M. Trucking Company was caught at Bovino with a load of wheat on a U.S. Army Truck. The wheat was being transported to Avellino. Marrant has been handed over to the U.S. C.I.D. and enquiries are proceeding.

Two trucks were stolen from 1010 Campagna Speciale P.B.S. working under A.C.C. in Naples. Several men were also found to be missing. After consultation with A.C.C. officials, S.Tenente Crea Giuseppe in charge of the above mentioned company, sent out another truck under the command of a soldier named Tirelli.

By this time we had accounted for the two missing trucks. A.M.G. Benevento seized one complete with 13 quintals of wheat and flour & Neapolitans on board. Cesareo Luigi the seller of the wheat at Apricena in Foggia Province was arrested and I have sent him to Benevento for trial.

The second truck had broken down at Casalvecchio in this Province and has been taken care of by the 12th U.S.A.A.F.

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In the meantime Tirelli's truck was used as a decoy and manage|to contact four Neapolitans, some of whom had been on the truck which broke down. The driver, acting on instructions to fall in with any suggestions put to him, picked up, for the Neapolitans 16.58 quintals of wheat. The CC.RR. stopped the truck and contacted us immediately. The four Neapolitans were arrested also four farmers who supplied the grain.

On 18/5/44 Cpl. Wright 2851 Squadron was approached by a woman named Barba Lena from Avello, Province of Avellino. and asked to take a truck load of grain to Naples. Wright reported the matter to his Commanding Officer and from then on acted under our instructions. On 19/5/44 Wright again visited the farm and agreed to supply a truck when asked. Capt's Hill and Marsh were assigned to follow the truck. Wright picked up the grain, 25 quintals, and was paid 2.000 lire and promised a further 21.000 lire on arrival at destination. The lorry got on the move and our officers stopped the vehicle on the Naples Road. Four men and three women were arrested the seller was arrested later. The case has been tried with following result.-

Samino Aurelio, the seller, 12 months imprisonment and 50.000 lire fine.

Five of the people from Avella were given 12 months Imprisonment each and ordered to pay a fine of 2.500 each. Two of the persons were fined 2.500 each.

A Craftsman Byne attached to R.E.M.E. in the vicinity of Naples was approached and bribed to carry grain from Foggia to Naples. Byne reported to his Commanding Officer. By arrangements with A.M.G. at Naples the Neapolitans were dealt with at the Naples and. Russo Pasquale, a farmer who sold the grain in this case was the subject of enquiry, Capt. Marsh and Lt. Bolter assigned to case. Russo was arrested and sentenced to 10 months imprisonment and fined 30.000 lire.

On 2/5/44 Craftsman John Pearson 2 Group 1. A.B.W. R.E.M.E. stationed at Naples was approached and asked to carry grain, Foggia to Naples. Pearson reported the matter to his Commanding Officer who contacted Lt. Cahn, P.S. Dept. Naples. Under Lt. Cahn's orders a trip was made to Foggia and arrangement made to let the grain through. 18 large sacks were taken to Naples. At the time that the grain was bought Zeoli Michele, a farmer was seen to be paid for the grain.

On 15/5/44 Craftsman Pearson accompanied by Craftsman Smith, made another run to Foggia and still acted under instructions. Pearson understands a fair amount of Italian. On this occasion they were accompanied by one of the Naples Carabinieri and an Italian soldier who were engaged in the black market buying. Pearson was directed to a house in Casalvecchio which proved to be the house of the Sindaco. On the Sindaco's orders 3 1/2 tons of grain was taken from his house and placed on the truck. The Sindaco was seen to receive a large sum of money for the grain. Capt.Marsh and Lt. Bolter were assigned to investigate and as a result Zeoli the farmer was arrested. When arrested he admitted he received 4.200 lire per

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quintal for the grain on the first run.
The Sindaco was also arrested and action will be taken against him and the farmer.

At 0315 hours 2/6/44 U.S. Military Police San Severo stopped an American Military Truck. It was found to be carrying 28 qtls of grain. The vehicle was being driven Pvt. Anthony Cafiero, No unknown "G" Coy. 168 Inf. He Was accompanied by Pfc Joseph Spata No unknown "G" Coy. 168 Inf. The motor vehicle, G.M.C. 6x6 No 4224080. This vehicle had been stolen from the Naples area and it's original assignment is not yet known. There were two civilians on the truck both from Campobasso Province and they have been arrested. The two sellers of the grain have also been arrested, both reside in the Province of Campobasso.

The Military Police visited the farm at Rotella and found another American truck G.M.C. 6x6 No 4486434 in possession of two American soldiers who were found to be deserters. They had apparently come from Bari to purchase grain. The two deserters were identified as Pvts Walter Bittender "A" Coy. 26th Inf. Ist. Div. and Frank Morevec No 12021001 "L" Coy. 26th Inf.

The Original assignment of the truck is at present unknown but is believed to have been stolen from Bari. Three Italian civilians were caught with the truck. The American personnel have been lodged in the stockade at Sansevero. Further enquiries in hand Lt. Bolter assigned to enquiries.

Further activities of the six CC.RR. and 3 Guardie di Finanza working directly under Major Montague during the period from 17 May to 31 May 1944 were as follows.

Vice Brigadiere Izzo and his 2 CC.RR. in their special visit to Candela in 3 weeks visited every Masseria in the commune, checked, received and had moved into the Consorzio 4.192, quintals of wheat held on trust in various places not all of which appear to have been known. During this work they also seized 42.53 quintals of contraband. By night they patrolled and seized a further 21.34 quintals from minor Neapolitans contrabandieri.

They next investigated the affairs of a number of farmers reported to be in default regarding amassing. Three farmers were reported to the Italian authorities for failing to amass a total of 106.40 quintals and 42 q. of wheat were seized from them.

Vice Brigadiere Giustiniani and his 2 CC.RR. first checked the cases of seven prominent farmers of Casalvecchio, Casalnuovo, and Castelnuovo who were reported by the Provincial Office of the Accertamenti to have failed to amass large quantities of wheat, and one reported not to have denounced. Six of the seven were cleared but Tusino Francesco fu Michele of Casalnuovo was found to have failed to amass 45 q. to have sold some, and to have some on his premises. He is being proceeded against. The other person Barannelli Michele, who was convicted of the same offence and given 6 months suspended sentence last year, was found to have made away with over 100 quintals of wheat and has been charged. He also had

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illegal possession of a quantity of cheese.

A complicated investigation by Giustiniani next cleared Curato Francesco of Lucera, and 14 of his mezzadri of suspicion of failure to amass.

Giustiniani's Squad, assisted by Major Montague, next investigated two big landowners at Ascoli Satriano, Di Loreto Raimondo and Talia Michele Potito. Di Loreto was proved innocent and indeed his farm was the best and most correctly run large farm seen in the Province.

Talia was another story. He has confessed to selling 1.200 qtls and otherwise using illegally some 850 q.; His past is much stained and he is at present on a charge of criminal manslaughter. He will be tried for the blackmarket charge after the manslaughter case.

Maresciallo Rovaris and his squad spent a week knocking farms etc in the Cerignola District and found little booty but good information for future use.

Short visits to districts round Pietra Montecorvino and between Troia and Foggia have helped to make contrabandieri uneasy.

Finanziere Santoro conducted searches at Roseto Valfortore in company with American CMP and amassed a useful quantity of wheat, flour and stolen sugar.

A night sweep on the Bovino Road on the night of 30-31 May 1944 shewed that many people are entering the province ready to deal in the new crops, but that at the moment little movement outwards is taking place. Over 40 persons were arrested and dealt with. Drivers of civilian trucks bringing in unauthorised civilians were charged with assisting in the offence under Proclamation II, Art.III, Sect.I and sentenced.

Sometime in March and April 1944, the American soldiers :

Pvt. John Francis Minnetto A.S.N. 32159293, 15th Infantry, 3rd Div.
Pvt. Walter Harvey A.S.N. 37042232, 168th Inf., 34th Divn.
Pvt. Israel A. Indictor A.S.N. 33177069, A. Coy, 133rd Infantry, 34th Divs,

made the acquaintance of a number of Italian civilians at Palma and S.Gennaro, Province of Naples. The leading member of this party was Romano Mascia Carlo (in custody). The soldiers, were all absentees from the American Army. From time to time a number of men met at S.Gennaro amongst whom was always Romano, and discussed the question of transporting grain from Foggia Province to Palma.

The three soldiers were asked at different times if they would drive trucks to and from Foggia Province and they agreed. They were promised the sum of 50.000 lire a trip and it was stated that the trucks, oil and petrol would be supplied by the Italians.

Sometime later at the instigation of Romano they were taken to a wood near S.Gennaro where they saw two American Army Military trucks, both in new condition. These were handed over to them and it was arranged for Harvey and Indictor to drive. They were

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then taken to Ordona By Romano, who was also accompanied by other members of the gang. Here the trucks were loaded with grain which was driven back to Palma where the drivers each received 50.000 lire from Romano. Between the 1st and 8th April 1944 Pte Minnetto made three trips to Foggia Province and for transporting grain to Palma he was paid 50.000 lire for each trip, the money being paid by Romano. On two occasions he was accompanied by Pte Harvey and on another by Pte Indictor. The trucks used were those supplied by Romano and others at S.Gennaro.

On or about the 16 April another trip was arranged to Foggia Province both Romano and Giugliano took part in the conversation concerning this. Romano made arrangements for the trucks to be picked up at the usual hiding place. In this instance it was again arranged for Harvey to drive the one truck and Indictor, the other. They were to be accompanied by Pte Minnetto, Romano and two other Italian civilians.

They eventually left Palma in this order and on the direction of Romano they went to Ordona where they met Giugliano Antonio who was in possession of a motor car. After Romano and the other two men had had a conversation with him they continued their journey to Foggia. Here they were taken to a private house where they picked up Mezzadra Carlo and Brovelli Felice. Both these men conversed with Romano before leaving Foggia.

They then resumed their journey and were taken to S.Martino where they met Turchetti Bruno, padrone of two farms at Campo Marina. Turchetti took them to his farms where he sold Romano and the others 90 quintals of grain. This was loaded on to the trucks in the presence of all the men. Turchetti has since stated that Mezzadra had visited his farm on several previous occasions and had tried to induce him to sell grain in to the black market. The price paid for the grain was 2.000 lire a quintal.

After the grain had been loaded the trucks were driven away, Mezzadra and Brovelli were left behind at the farm.

At Sansevero the two trucks were stopped by a patrol of American M.P. Romano and the other two men from Palma jumped off the trucks and absconded. The three soldiers were arrested. They each later made full statements as to their activities at Palma. It was also ascertained that the two trucks had been stolen from Naples by persons at present unknown.

On the 22 April 1944, we went to Palma and S.Gennaro with the three soldiers and Lt. Dempsey of the American M.P. at Sansevero. Romano's house was raided and he was arrested. His house was also searched and two fully loaded revolvers were found in the room where Romano was arrested, together with 14.000 lire. The other men could not be found. Romano later admitted that he was one of the men who had accompanied the three soldiers to Turchetti's farm. He stated that the price paid was between 2.500 to 3.000 lire per quintal. With regard to the two revolvers found in his house he stated that one had been left there by an Italian Officer some months previous and the other did belong to a relative now deceased. He made no statement about the bribery or possession of the trucks. He admitted that other men at Palma

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and S.Gennaro had taken part but did not name them.

On or about the 20th May Giugliano Antonio and three other men called at the Caserma, Lucera to visit Romano who was in custody. They were seen by Lt. Bolter who arrested them, neither had a permit to be in the Province.

On the 26th May these four men were put up for identification at the Stockade, S.Severo. All three of the soldiers identified Giugliano as the man whom they had met at Ordona on the night they made the trip to Camponarina, he had also previously taken an active part in the conversations at Palma. Giugliano denies this and states he has been mistaken for his brother.

The grain amounting to 89.6 quintals has been placed in the Consorzio at Sansevero. The two military trucks have been sequested by the American Military Police.

On 14/5/44 two CC.RR. attached to Foggia District and operating on the Naples Road block just outside the City of Foggia stopped an Italian truck carrying 30 qtls of wheat and 12 qtls of pasta. The person in charge of the truck in full CC.RR. uniform was Morasca Nazareno, a CC.RR. of the Royal Guard and acts as telephonist in the office of the Royal Household.

With Morasca were two drivers and one porter. He admitted making two previous runs to Foggia taking 40 qtls of wheat on the first trip and 30 qtls of wheat and 11 qtls of pasta on the second trip. He bought wheat at 1.300 lire per quintal and pasta at 3.000 lire per quintal. He sold the goods at from 9.000 lire to 11.000 per quintal.

Marasca was in possession of forged documents with which he was able to procure wheat the truck and passage. The two CC.RR. are to be congratulated on this capture.

On 5/6/44 at Lucera, 24 Neapolitans were tried for entering the Province without a permit. All persons had entered the Province for the purpose of buying contraband goods. Total fines amounted to 20.500 lire. No goods were actually secured by these people.

prosecuting is in the hands of Major Montague and Lt. Tortelli of the GG.FF. and they are doing excellent work together. In Superior Court cases Capt. Boon is prosecuting.

C.R. Briggs

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C.R. Briggs, Lt.Col.
SPPSO, Foggia Province.

No comments. May enquiries be made through AAI as to punishment meted out to ace Military personnel mentioned

Sd. C. E. Templer, Col
9 June 44

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

6 June 1944.

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See 26A

SUBJECT: Black Market.

TO : Commanding General CCRR. 13A

1. Reference to letter HQ AAI, CMF, PRO 53/1/63 dated 27 May 1944. in your possession.

2. According to a statement of FALCO Giuseppe, who was arrested for Black Market activities, Carabinieri of Corato are accused of being participants in said transactions.

3. Please initiate inquiries and inform us of the outcome.

for A. E. YOUNG, Colonel,
Deputy Chief, Public
Safety Sub-Commission.

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SUBJECT: Report of SIB Investigation

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HQ AAI CMF
Pro 53/1/63
27 May 44

Col. A.E. Young.
Dupty Chief, P.S. Sub Commission,
Rear HQ., A.C.C.

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The accompanying report, received from O.C. 63 Section, SIB, (2 District), concerning the attempted bribery of a British soldier by Italian civilians and also allegations against the Marshal of Carabinieri at Corato, is forwarded for information and any action you consider necessary.

for Colonel
Provost Marshal

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Reference No.
SIB63/A/44/279

63 Special Investigation Section,
Corps of Military Police
Central Mediterranean Force.

SUBJECT:- Attempted Bribery of British soldier by Italian civilians at Corato.

To:- The Officer Commanding,
63 Special Investigation Section,
Corps of Military Police.

Sir,

On the 9th May, 1944, information was received at this office from Cpl. Bell, 643 Independent Provost Unit, to the effect that a soldier of the 30 Bomb Disposal Section, R.E. had been offered a bribe by an Italian civilian at Corato.

On the 10th May,1944, I went to the location of the 30 Bomb Disposal Section,R.E. and interviewed No.2092962 Driver PRICE.F. and No.2139873 Spr. BAMFORTH.C. These two soldiers told me that they had been offered the sum of 20,000 lire by a civilian named FALCO Giuseppe, to take a British vehicle to Foggia and to bring back a load of either flour or grain. The journey was to commence on the afternoon of the 10th instant. They also stated that they suspected that other civilians were concerned in the affair and that on Sunday 7th May,1944 when FALCO had talked to them of the proposed journey, he had also spoken to two civilians named DI GENNARO Giuseppe and DI GENNARO Genaro and after this conversation FALCO had turned to the soldiers and stated that everything was alright.

Together with Sergeant MORGAN, 85 Port Security Section, the two soldiers and an interpreter, I proceeded to Corato. At about 11.30 hours on the 10th instant I interviewed DI GENNARO Gennaro at the Carabinieri. He was interrogated in the presence of the Maresciallo of Carabinieri and stated that he knew that FALCO Giuseppe had offered the British soldiers 10,000 lire to go to Foggia with a W.D. vehicle. He stated

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that the journey was to be made on that afternoon and that empty barrels would be brought back from Foggia.

Later the same day I arrested FALCO Giuseppe and he made a statement stating that he had made an offer to the soldiers of 10,000 lire to take a British vehicle to Foggia and to bring back empty barreld. He added that two other civilians named PERRONE LUIGI and MENDUNI CATALDO were to go to Foggia with the vehicle.

He was interrogated at length in the presence of the Maresciallo and he stated that 60 empy sacks were to be taken to Foggia and that they were being supplied by DI GENNARO GIUSEPPE. In consequence of the statement ans interrogation of FALCO I later arrested PERRONE, MENDUNI and DI GENNARO and searched the home of the latter in an endeavour to find the sacks but with a negative result.

PERRONE AND MENDUNI were then interrogat -ed but they denied all knowledge of the affair and likewise DI GENNARO Giuseppe denied that he knew anythin about the proposed journey to Foggia. He however admitted that he had spoken to the soldiers on Sunday the 7th May,1944 together with his son and FALCO.

The five civilians were detained at the Carabinieri, Corato and told that they would be charged with conspiring together to bribe the soldiers to take W.D. transport to Foggia and to return with Black Market produce.

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Relevant statements with copies, record of interrogation of FALCO and DI GENNARO Gennaro, and A.C.C. Forms J.1 are attached to this report.

During the investigation it was found that DI GENNARO Gennaro was a deserter from the Carabinieri and the Maresciallo of Carabinieri, Corato is taking the necessary action in the matter.

Signed. D.G.VERNON. Sergeant.
63 Special Investigation Section

In the Field
12/5/44

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30 Bomb Disposal Section,
R.E.
11th May, 1944.

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STATEMENT OF:-

No. 2092962 Driver PRICE.F.
30 Bomb Disposal Section.
Royal Engineers.

Who saith:-

I am a member of the above named Unit and I am stationed near Lucera.

I have known an Italian civilian named PALOO Giuseppe for some time and have on occasions visited his house in Cerato.

On the 3rd May,1944, I went to the home of PALOO and I stayed there for some time and I left the house in company with him about 15.45 hours and we walked along the road together towards Cerato. As we walked along the road he told me he was doing a little Black Market dealing and asked me if I was still driving a truck. I replied that I was and he stated that if I was prepared to talk business with him I could make 20,000 lire. I asked how and he said "If you have the courage to drive your vehicle to Foggia and bring back a load of flour for me, I would give you 20,000 lire". I told him I would talk to my friend about it.

I returned to my Unit and reported the matter to Lieutenant Swart and I also told Spr. Bamforth about what had been said.

On Sunday 7th May,1944, I again went to Cerato with Spr. Bamforth. We went to the home of PALOO and stayed there for a time talking to the family. At about 17.15 hours we left the house in company with PALOO. When we got outside the house PALOO said to me, "Have you told Charlie about our deal?" I replied, "Yes". PALOO then told Spr. Bamforth about the proposed trip to Foggia. Later on we met two civilians, whom I now know as DI CERBARO Giuseppe and DI CERBARO Gennaro and PALOO spoke to them and after the conversation PALOO turned to us and said "Yes its alright". After these two civilians had left us, I asked PALOO if they would be going with us to Foggia and he said "Maybe or it may be my brother in law". We left PALOO in Cerato and returned to our Unit and on the 10th May 1944. I reported the facts to the Special Investigation Section.

I have read over the above statement and it is true

(Signed) F.Price. 3457

Statement taken and signature witnessed by Sergeant Vernon 63 Special Investigation Section, on the 11th May,1944

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30 Bomb Disposal Section,
Royal Sappers.
11th May, 1944.

STATEMENT OF:-

No. 2139875 Sapper HAWORTH.C.
30 Bomb Disposal Section,
Royal Engineers.

Who saith:-

I am a member of the above named Unit and I am stationed near Andria. I know FALCO Giuseppe and I have visited his house in Corato on several occasions.

On Sunday 7th May,1944 I went to the home of FALCO together with Driver Price of my Unit and we stayed in the house for some time talking to his family. At about 17.15 hours we left the house with FALCO and commenced to walk towards Corato. FALCO said to Driver Price, "Have you told Charlie about our deal", and Price replied "Yes". FALCO then said to me " I have the horse you have much courage and you have nothing to fear because we have got it all arranged with the Carabinieri here as we give them food. It is a big concern and we have done this this several times before". I then asked him how much money we would get for making the trip to Foggia and he said "20,000 Lire. I asked him if we could have half the money as security and half when we had done the job. He replied "That can be arranged". I asked him who the boss was and he replied "I am". He then said, "You should pick me up at my home at 5 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, take me into Corato and pick up 60 sacks from a house and then later pick up two civilians. He said "If I cannot go, I will send two other civilians with you one of them my brother in law". He also said that he did not know if we should get flour or grain because the people at Foggia didn't know exactly when we were coming.

Later on we met two civilians whom I now know to be DI CESARO Giuseppe and DI CESARO Gennaro and FALCO spoke to them. After he had spoken to them he turned to Driver Price and me and said "Everything is alright". We then walked into Corato and left FALCO and returned to our Unit.

On the 10th May,1944 I reported the facts to the Special Investigation Section.

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I have read over the above statement and it is true.

(signed) C. Hamforth.

Statement taken and signature witnessed by Sergeant Vernon, 63 Special Investigation Section, on 11th May,1944.

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TRANSLATION

I the undersigned FALCO Giuseppe, Father Michele, state,

That I approached two drivers of British vehicles to bring 10 empty barrels from Foggia to Corato and I asked them to do the trip together with two friends of mine, [illegible] Catalde and [illegible] Luigi, the latter is my brother in law.

The trip should have taken place today, Wednesday the 10th May, 194[illegible], at 1500 hours.

DI CATALDO Gennaro knew about the abovementioned trip and he was present when I offered to the two English drivers 10,000 lire for carrying out the trip.

It would have been the first trip and I did not do any before.

(Signed) FALCO Giuseppe.

The writing of the above statement and the signature to same was witnessed by me on the 10th May, 194[illegible] at the Carabinieri, Corato.

(Signed) Kurt Schneider,
Interpreter,
att. 63. S.I.S. C.M.F.

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C O P Y

INTERROGATION OF FALCO GIUSEPPE AT THE CARABINIERI, CURATO, on 10.5.44. in the presence of the Maresciallo of Carabinieri, Sergt. Morgan 65 Port Security Section and Furt Schneider, Interpreter attached to 65 Special Investigation Section.

Question:- You say that you offered the sum of 10,000 lire to the soldiers. Who was to pay the money?

Answer:- We were going to pay 2,500 lire each.

Question:- Who was going to pay 2,500 lire?

Answer:- Myself, my brother in law and Di GERARO Genaro.

Question:- Did you tell the soldiers that they would take 60 empty sacks with them and if so where were the sacks coming from?

Answer:- Yes they were going to take 60 empty sacks with them. The sacks were being supplied by DI GERARO Giuseppe.

Question:- Why were Kenduni Catalde and Berrone Luigi going with the vehicle?

Answer:- Kenduni was going because he speaks English and could act as the Interpreter.

Question:- Have you arranged such trips previously?

Answer:- No.

(Signed) D.G. Vernon Sergeant.
65 Special Investigation Section. C.M.F.

10.5.44.

(Signed) Furt Schneider
Interpreter.
65 Special Investigation Section. C.M.F.

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INTERROGATION OF DI GENARO CERRATO AT THE CARABINIERI, CERATO on 10.5.44. in the presence of the Maresciallo of Carabinieri, Sgt. Morgan, SS Port Security Section and Kurt Schneider, Interpreter attached to 63 Special Investigation Section.

Question:- Do you know anything about two British soldiers being offered a bribe to take a M.T. vehicle to Foggia?

Answer:- Yes. The offer was made by FALCO Giuseppe.

Question:- What were the terms of the proposed arrangement and what goods were to be carried?

Answer:- The soldiers were offered the sum of 10,000 lire to take a British truck to Foggia and to bring back a number of empty barrels.

Question:- Who arranged the matter?

Answer:- FALCO Giuseppe.

10.5.44. (Signed) D.G. Vernon. Sergeant.
63. Special Investigation Section. U.S.A.

(Signed) Kurt Schneider,
Interpreter.
63 Special Investigation Section. U.S.A.

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T/s HQ. A.C.C., P.S. Sub-Commission.

From: HQ. Region 5, A.M.G.

Subject: Black Market Court.

Ref: R5/514/5.

Date: 20 May 1944.

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Herewith is copy of letter FF/5150 dated 14 May 44 forwarded for your information.

For Regional Commissioner

S. PICKERING
Lt. Col.,
R.P.S.O.

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HEADQUARTERS
22 MAY 1944
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H.Q. A.M.G. Foggia Province.
in Lucera.

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SUBJECT : Black Market Court.

TO : FPSO Foggia Province.

FROM : FPO Foggia Province.

REF : FP/5150

DATE : 14 May 1944.

1. The following prisoners appeared on 12 May 1944 before an AMG Superior Court at Foggia charged with the following offences were found guilty, and sentenced.

(a) De Dato Pasquale, Via Capoterto 28, Molfetta.

(i) Contravention of Proclamation 8 Art. 4, by violating Article 4 of R.D.L. 22 April 1943 No. 295 in illegally purchasing and importing from Campobasso Province the following rationed and bonded goods. 2.53 ql fave 5.43 ql grano duro, 19.07 ql grano tenero, 6.05 ql flour. 3 years imprisonment and 75.000 lire fine or an additional year's imprisonment) Goods confiscated.

(ii) Contravention of Proclamation 2 Art 2 Section 34 in attempting to bride Vice Brigadiere Giustinieni (CC RR) with 4.00 lire. 2 years imprisonment to run consecutively.

(iii) Contravention of Provincial Order No. 9 Province of Foggia in entering Foggia Province without permission. 30 days imprisonment to run concurrently.

(iv) Contravention of Provincial Order NO.15, Province of Foggia in circulating during the hours of corfew without a permit. 30 days imprisonment to run concurrently.

(b) De Pinto Cosimo, Via Quindicesimo 13, Molfetta.
The same charges and sentences as in (a) with the exception of (ii).

Major,
FPO, Foggia Province.

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TO : Rear HQ ACC P.S. Sub-Commission.

FROM : HQ Region 5 A.M.G.

SUBJECT: Black Market Courts at Lucera (for att. Col. Young)

REF : R5/514/5

DATE : 15 May 1944

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The attached resume of a summary court held at Lucera is forwarded for your information.

For Regional Commissioner

S. PICKERING.
Lt. Colonel,
R.P.S.O.

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HQ. AMG. Foggia Province
in Lucera

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SUBJECT : Black Market Court at Lucera

TO : P.P.S.O. Foggia Province

FROM : P.P.O. Foggia Province

REF : FP/ 5150

DATE : 6 May 1944.

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1. The following cases were tried in the A.M.G. Black Market Summary Military Court at Lucera on 3 and 6 May 44. Lt Beone was president of the Court and S. Tenente Tortorelli (Nucleo PTI, R.G. di Finanza di Foggia in Lucera) prosecuted.

NAME	Comune	OFFENCE	SENTENCE
Da Marco Nicola	Lucera	Failure to denounce or amass fave, illegal purchase of oats.	6 months & 25.000 lire (paid)
Latesta Pasquale	Alberona	Failure to amass wheat.	6 months & 20.000 lire.
Latesta Luca	Alberona	" "	2 months & 20.000 lire.

2. During the week Caggiano Giustiniano Mario fu Michele a rich and prominent landowner and farmer of Troia, was brought before the Tribunale of Lucera by the CC.RR. Troia for (a) failure to amass wheat, berley, and fave (95 quintals) (b) having made away with other weat and fave in the black market (80 quintals) (c) having made an incorrect denunciation of barley crop. He was found guilty and sentenced to 18 months in prison and a fine of 20.000 lire.

3. The work of Vice Brigadiere Saccomanno of the Troia CC. RR. in this case was outstanding, and we have two other good cases of his to try at Troia in the near future.

CC. RR. Uff
Fdi 1460/7/1

Major,
Provincial Police Officer.

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Subject: Memo on special information.
To : CPS.

1) On 13 March, in conversation with Major Henderson, Asst P.C., Naples Province, assigned to govern Naples City, Tel. Vomero 51021, I was told:

On Sunday, 12 March, Henderson was called on the phone by Sgt. Berry, 57 Area, Base, ext. 17, who reported the presence in an unlicensed warehouse, operated by CIRILLO, Luigi, of Torre Annunziata, of 240 bags of flour a grain on 11 March. On re-visiting the place on 12 March the sergeant found only 90 bags.

Major Henderson instructed the Sergeant to have Cirillo arrested on a charge of operating the warehouse without license. He told me that he had not been able to obtain any interest in the existence of this unlicensed warehouse on the part of law-enforcement authorities, and, in particular, that a captain to whom he had spoken at C.C.D. had abruptly and vigorously discouraged 3419
any attempt to refer the matter as an intrusion.

2.) I have called Henderson twice this morning to get more particulars as to the authorities to whom he attempted to refer, but have not reached him.

March 14, '44

[Illegible], Lt. Col.

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TO: HQ.ACC.Naples (Civil Affairs Branch RC. & M.G. Section.)

FROM: HQ.Region 5

SUBJECT: Black Market

REFERENCE: R5/515/14

DATE: 23 March 44

1 The attached letter from Agriculture Div. of this Region is forwarded for your information and whatever action you may consider necessary regarding this traffic, which would appear to be Black Market.

2 Every effort is being made to put an end to Black Market activities in Foggia Province, and any assistance to that end would be appreciated.

For Regional Commissioner.

G. G. Veasey

G.G. VEASEY
Lt.Colonel
Executive Officer.

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To: HQ. AMG, Executive Officer, Region 5.

From: Agric. Region 5, AMG.

Subject: Black Market.

Ref: R5/515/6.

Date: 20 March 1944.

Sir:

While proceeding from FOGGIA to NAPLES on 16/3/44 I took a check on the quantity of grain moving towards NAPLES on bicycles and on the heads of men and women. No account was taken of larger quantities on carts which might be going to the various Masai. The check was taken of the quantity per mile by the car speedometer.

On the FOGGIA plain the quantity was negligable but near the boundary of the Province it had reached about 8 cwt per mile.

A check was taken every few miles on a measured mile and the volume grew steadily until near AVALINO it had reached 1 ton per mile. From AVALINO to NAPLES the quantity dropped to below half a ton per mile.

This would point to a collecting point in AVALINO or to other roads being used into NAPLES.

there was fairly deep snow most of the way from FOGGIA to AVELINO and this may have forced a lot of the people engaged in this traffic on to the main road.

The bicycle traffic is well organised. A woman was waiting with a horse on most of the steep hills and a long rope was used to tow up a string of 8 or 9 bicycles.

Italian Police apparently take no notice of this traffic.

ACC. was informed verbally.

H. Middlewood.
Lt Col.

H. MIDDLEWOOD.
Lt. Col.
AGRIC. REGION 5. AMG.

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Copy to Public Safety.

Region 5. A.M.G.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Food Sub-Commission
A.P.O. 394

WJL/sl

19 March 1944

ACC/80-1/FOOD

SUBJECT: Black Market Operation

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission, Headquarters, ACC.

1. The attached copy of letter is forwarded for your information.

2. In view of the urgency of this problem I should be glad if action could be taken with reference to Paragraph 5 of this office letter ACC/80-1/FOOD of 16 February 1944.

W. J. LEGG
Lt. Col., RASC
Chief, Food Sub-Commission

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
A.P.O. 394

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17 March 1944

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SUBJECT: Wheat - Black Market Operation

1. Lt. Col. Middlewood, Agriculture Officer Region V, reported on his observation of wheat black market operation in Avellino Province during his journey to Naples from Foggia on 16 March 1944.

2. Women and men with bicycles or head-loads were carrying approximately 12 cwt. per mile of journey, increasing to 1 ton per mile on the outskirts of Avellino. As the traffic ceased after Avellino Lt. Colonel Middlewood assumed that some collecting center was located here.

3. The activities of these black marketeers was orgenized for at each steep hill there wasa woman with a horse towing a rope by means of which the loads were assisted to the top of the hill.

4. No account was taken of loads of wheat etc., on carts and trucks.

5. I introduced Lt. Col. Middlewood to Brigadier Lush who rang Lt. Col. Lord Forester, Region III, and told him to hear Lt. Col. Middlewood's account and take all action possible to stop the traffic.

G. M. SHARP MAJRO R. A.
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Colonel Mearns —

In your talk with Lt Gen Clark, state to him that it has been reported that the Stephanie Cafe on Bari is alleged to be a meeting place or centre for Black Market operations. Two of our men in the King's Italy, last investigation & apprehension should be undertaken by Allied police agencies anyway. A report is desired.

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1/5/44
Called on General Lanning today and brought this matter to his attention. He exercises no supervision and has no jurisdiction in this area. He will bring it to the attention of Gen Fiechè at Bari and will report to this Headquarters any information on the subject he may receive from Gen Fiechè.

Mearns

PJK

2/8/44.
See letter from Bari Colombre this subject. PJK.

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The ban on the issue of licences for sporting guns is being relaxed and it is estimated that as as a result of this, in the Province of Palermo alone, one million lire will be collected.

General Order No. 9 which deals with the circulation of motor vehicles has already been issued and the collection of motor vehicle taxes has been started.

SIGNED

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

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CARABINIERI REALI 30 FEB 1944 BARI

LEGIONE TERR. DEI CARABINIERI REALI DI BARI
UFFICIO SERVIZIO

N. 75/86-2 di prot. 1943 Bari, li 30 gennaio 1944

Risposta al del N.

OGGETTO: Borsato nero.=

Carte annesse n.

Al Colonnello Paul Kirk
Chief of Public Safety Sub Commission A.C.C.

N A P O L I

Nel caffè " Stopiani " sito al Corso Vittorio Emanuele, convengono giornalmente numerosi slavi per svolgere commercio clandestino di preziosi o di monete in oro "sterline "- "dollari ".

Risulta che sono state vendute monete a prezzo elevatissimo: una sterlina o cinque dollari oro per L. 8300 - 8000.=

In tali imprese si afferma che non sarebbero estranei gli avvocati Volpe Vittorio e Volpe Umberto, il dott.Daddonisio Vincenzo Secondo e Trione Cando di via Argiro.=

Questi a loro volta avrebbero degli incaricati che girano per le famiglie per ritirare preziosi da vendere.=

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Tale illecita attività viene attentamente sorvegliata, per raccogliere maggiori elementi d'indagini e di prova.-

IL COLONNELLO COMANDANTE INTERINALE
-Carlo Pagrone-

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LEGIONE TERR. DEI CARABINIERI REALI DI BARI
UFFICIO SERVIZIO

N. 79/369/2

Bari, 30 January 1944.

SUBJECT: Black Market

TO Colonel Paul Kirk
Chief of Public Safety Sub-Commission A.C.C.

A F I L E S

A great number of Slavs convene daily in the Caffe' Stoppani located in Corso Vittorio Emanuele to exercise a clandestine commerce of precious articles and selling of gold sterlings and dollars.

It has been found that money has been sold at a very high price: one sterlin, or five dollars (gold) for 8300 to 9000 lire.

Lawyers Volpe Vittorio and Volpe Umberto, Doct. Daddonisio Vincenzo Secondo, and Trione Carlo who lives in Via Argero are involved in such illegal commerce.

The above mentioned persons in turn have others men going from family to family to get precious articles to sell.

Such illegal articles are closely watched in order to get better information and more proof.

IL COLONNELLO COMANDANTE INTERINALE
-Carlo Mezzone-

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Public Safety Division
APO 394

24 January 1944

AMG/14006/PS

SUBJECT: Hidden Grain

TO : RCAO Region I AMG.

1. Reference your RPS 400.137 of 14 Jan 44. addressed to Officer Commanding, C.I.C. Section IBE, copy to this Division.

2. It is requested that the original IBS report dated 26 Nov. 1943, or a copy thereof, be forwarded to this Division.

PAUL G KIRK.
COLONEL, Infantry
Chief, Public Safety Division.

FILE: RPS 400.137 1st Ind.

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS APO 394
31/1/44

TO: Chief Public Safety Division
HQ Allied Military Government

The original report, referred to in 2, is attached hereto.

CHARLES POLETTI
Lt. Colonel
Regional Civil Affairs Officer

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1. Report as above

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C.I.C. SECTION, I.B.S.
APO 550

26 November 1943

SUBJECT: Hidden Grain

TO : Public Safety Division, AMG HQ; Palermo

1. An informant, reliability unknown, gave us the following information:

a/ The following named men, all residents of San Giuseppe Yato which is thirty-one kilometers from Palermo on the road to Trapani, have considerable grain hidden and stored away: FIORE, MANNINO, TERMINE, and LUCIDO. MANNINO is the son of a jeweler residing in the same locality.

b. That a certain VIRGA, resdiding in San Cipirello, also has considerable grain stored away.

c. That at Lercara, which is sixty-two miles from Palermo on the road to Vicari, a certain MANISCALCO residing on Via Ortigi; Baron FERRARA, address unknown, and a third person identity unknown, residing on Via Ortigi N° 10, have considerable grain hidden and stored away.

2. This is passed on to you for your information and any action you deem necessary.

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FLOYD C. SNOWDEN
Major, M.I.
Commanding

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ALLIED MILIT GY GOVERNMENT
SICILY REGION HEAD QUARTERS
APO 394

FILE: RCS 400.137 14/1/44

SUBJECT: Hidden Grain

TO : (1) Officer Commanding, C.I.C. Section I.B.S. APO 550
(Copy to Chief Public Safety Division,
(2) Allied Military Government Headquarters)

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1. With reference to C.I.C. Section, I.B.S. report dated 26/11/43 ref. RCS.vv and Public Safety Division. Indorsement thereon dated 27/11/43 Ref. No. [illegible]/PS.

2. [illegible] Antonio fu Giuseppe age 59, Via Ortigi, Lercara Friddi, Province of Palermo, has been arrested for improper possession of 100 quintali of wheat and 100 kgs. of olive oil.

The wheat and olive oil were confiscated and [illegible] will be dealt with by an Allied Military Court.

Enquiries made on the other persons named in the report failed to produce any evidence of improper possession of wheat and olive oil.

CHARLES POLETTI
Lt. Colonel
Regional Civil Affairs Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Public Safety Division
APO 394

21 Jan. 1944

SUBJECT: Infringement of Controlled Prices

TO : Lt. Col. Pickering
Special Police-Public Safety.

1. The following case of infringing the controlled prices order has come to my notice and is passed to you for your information and action which you consider necessary.

2. On 19th January 1944, the firm of MONTEMILIO of Via Cavalleriam di Chiaia, Naples, charged Hans Jaml, Swiss Restaurant, proprietor of Via Medina, Naples, 190 lira for one kilo of Almonds.

3. Hans Jaml roasted and salted the said almonds and retailed them at his establishment at 10 lira for 14 almonds ie. .70 lira per almond. The almonds are put up in small paper bags one of which is attached and were offered for sale to Major S. P. McGready of the Food Sub-Commission and the undersigned.

K. E. SHEPHERD MAJOR
Public Safety Division

22 Jan. 1944

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From: E , AMG Public Safety Division

TO : Region III, Public Safety.

1. Above is referred to you for any action you may deem necessary.

L S. PICKERING, COL/GSC,
Public Safety Division

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Public Safety Division
APO 394

24 January 1944

AMG/14036/PS

SUBJECT: Hidden Grain

TO : MFAO Region I AMG.

1. Reference your MFS 400.137 of 14 Jan 44 addressed to Officer Commanding, C I C Section IBS, copy to this Division.

2. It is requested that the original IBS report dated 26 Nov. 1943 or a copy thereof be forwarded to this Division.

PAUL G KIRK
COLONEL Infantry
Chief, Public Safety
Division

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SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

FILE: RPS 400.137

14/1/44

SUBJECT: Hidden Grain

TO : Officer Commanding, C.I.C. Section I.B.S. APO 550
(Copy to Chief Public Safety Division,
Allied Military Government Headquarters)

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Enquiries made on the other persons named in the report failed to produce any evidence of improper possession of wheat andolive oil.

for CHARLES POLETTI
Lt. Colonel
Regional Civil Affairs Officer

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