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SMUGGLING, OLIVE OIL
AUG. 1944 - FEB. 1945

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Smuggling - OLIVE OIL.

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Smuggling - OLIVE OIL.

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FROM AUG. 1944
TO FEB. 1945
CATALOGUE

C.A. Section

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Please see 15th = para 3, which affects the
He has been dealt with at 13^a. *Howell*
3/10/44

PS.

Please submit for us signed reply to that irregular
purchaser such as their reference to our disapproved and steps are
being taken to stop them.

We is noted that we reply that as yet have received 13^a.
If one is not met within the next few days please submit a
reminder for sign.

CAS
-T.M. 1944

Howell
3/10/44

C.A. Sec.

Please see 21st 13^a. Draft letter for Am Exes. Sp
23^a

30 NOV 44
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Food Sub. Commission (Major Elworth)

Please see 28^{A+B} of this file in

which you are interested.

Howell 11.10.44

Howell

13^a Dec 1944

Pub. Subst. 24 (1944)

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C.A. Sec.

Please see 21 A.B.C. Draft letter for C.A. Sec. Sec
23^A Please see 21 A.B.C. for D.P.S.

30 NOV 1944
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Food Sub. Commission (Major Eberhart)

Please see 28 A+B of this file in
Stinson H. G. B.
Public affairs

13th Dec 1944 (5)

Pub. Safety Sec (Walter Wilson)

Received and returned with thanks.

13/12/44

15/Dec 44 Food Sec (all Major Eberhart)
Please see 28 A+B

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See Memo 5.
J. Eberhart
B

12/12/44

C.A.S.

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4/29/43

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27/1/45

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C.A.S.

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28/1/45

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Economic Section

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 to showu re 43 x. y. z.

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Food Subcommission:

Please see 2.9 A & B. in which you may
be interested -
16 Dec 1944

Chapman
Col. D.H.

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Public Safety Gc

Noted. J. E. Smith
for Dir. Food Gc

17/12/44

(10)

C.A.S.

30 A for information in connection with
proposed assignment of Allied personnel
to assist in olive oil amassing.
11 Jan. 45

Chapman
Col. D.H.

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Col. Chapman. File 11006/2
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I have given a
copy of this to

Civil Affairs in

case the Ministry

Telephone • Brig. Upjohn

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MEMORANDUM.

To the Director of Public Security.

At 10.5 a.m. on the 24th February, 1945, Lt. Col. Francis, Regional Public Safety Officer, Lazio-Umbria Region, received information that His Excellency GRONCHI, Minister of Industry, Labour and Commerce, had been arrested on the night of the 23rd, for conveying contraband olive oil. It is understood that his car was stopped at a road-block manned by Carabinieri, at Rieti. It is believed that a British Officer was present. It is reported that the Minister attempted to bribe the Carabinieri. The Minister is now in custody in Rieti.

This information is by no means complete, but full details are being obtained.

This must be regarded as a preliminary notification.

A.F. Wilcox

A.F. WILCOX, Lt. Col.
Public Safety Sub-Commission

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MEMORANDUM.

To the Director of Public Safety.

Further enquiries have been made regarding the alleged arrest of His Excellency GROMCHI.

Carabinieri Headquarters have received no report of the incident but have ascertained that the Minister is in his office this morning.

Mr. Allbaugh, Director of the Economic Section, has received the following report:-

At 10 p.m., 23rd February, 1945, at Passo Corese, on the Rome - Rieti road, a car was stopped at a road-block, by the Carabinieri and two civilians were questioned. One man stated that he was His Excellency Bonomi, Prime Minister, and objected to the car being searched. 80 litres of oil were found in the car. The civilian who claimed to be Bonomi then stated that he was the Minister of Industry, Labour and Commerce and offered a bribe of 100,000 or 200,000 lire to the Carabinieri. It was eventually ascertained that the two men were TUDINI, the head of a large industrial corporation in Rome and his son. They were taken into custody by the Carabinieri.

Carabinieri Headquarters are obtaining confirmation of this report.

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A.F. Wilcox

A.F. WILCOX, Lt. Col.
Public Safety Sub-Commission.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

File
48A

Tel : 489081 - 365

15 February 1945

AC/14006/20/PS

SUBJECT : Control of Railways

TO : Regional Commissioner, Southern Region
(Attn: R.P.S.O.)

1. Reference your PS/4.8 dated 30 Jan, 45.
2. The policy regarding train searches is laid down in a directive AC/14006/20/PS dated 28 Jan, 45, forwarded to all Regional Commissioner.

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

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGIONAL, ALLIED COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

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47A
Date 30 Jan. 1945

Ref: PS/4.8

SUBJECT: Civilians in improper possession of military equipment.

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

The enclosed correspondence received from HQ. Movements, West Italy, is forwarded for your information and favour of a ruling regarding the policy to be employed in dealing with this illegal traffic on the railways.

For the Regional Commissioner:

TO	DATE	INITIALS
COL CHAPMAN		
COL YOUNG		
LT COL WILCOX		
MAJ LUCKY - LWT/tp.		X
MAJ WILSON		
MAJ HANBURY		
MAJ BAL WICK		
CAPT POWELL		

G. Richardson Capt
for G. RICHARDSON
Major,
Regional Public
Safety Officer.

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Subject :- CIVILIANS IN PROPER POSSESSION OF
MILITARY EQUIPMENT.

To :- The Sub-Commission (Rlys),
A.C. Southern Region.

1. Reference the enclosed copy of letter and list received from
RTO Salerno.

2. Will you please pursue through AC channels the general question
of civilians travelling by rail with pilfered or 'black market'
Allied goods and advise this HQ as quickly as possible the
measures which will be introduced with a view to eliminating
this regular and serious misappropriation of Allied property.

LTC/VM

Copy to :- G-4 (Move Trn) AMQ (2)
HQ 3 District
HQ 701 Ry Gr Div (TC)
HQ 56 Area
HQ 24 Sub Area
CO Train & Rly Guards, Italy.

COPY

Subject :- Civilians in improper possession
of M.D. Equipment.

A.Q.M.G.(H).
Movements
West Italy.

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Salerno station.

2. The voucher price of clothing etc., taken from Italian Civilians
totalled over £126, as per attached list.

3. To avoid any delay to trains it is normally arranged to inspect
one coach only per night and for the remainder to be left in the
open.

R.T.O.'s Office.
SALERNO Station.
24th Jan 1945...

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WEST ITALY
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(C. AYERS) MAJ.
FOR LT COL.
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HQ 3 District
HQ 701 Ry Co Dir (TC)
HQ 56 Area
HQ 94 Sub Area
CO Train & Rly. Boards, Italy.

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4. I believe that every train, both in the Reggio and Taranto direction contains large amounts of illicit Allied goods, and it is understood that the bigger 'black-marketeers' now got on at Battipaglia or other point south to avoid the hazard of being caught here.

(Signed) J.C. Aldridge)
Capt. R.E.
RTO Salerno.



COPY

Contraband Clothing, etc. returned to 'Q' Stores on 23rd January, 1945, as a result of train checking (Naples - Bari Train) on night of 22nd January, 1945.

ENGLISH		£.	s.	d.
Boots ankle prs.	27 at 28/5d	38	2	9
" " odd prs.	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ at 28/3d	5	10	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Blankets	27 at 16/8d	22	10	0
Trousers B.D.	11 at 26/-d	14	6	0
Blouses B.D.	3 at 27/10d	4	3	6
Greatcoat	6 at 68/9d	20	12	6
Shirts Angola	4 at 12/9d	2	11	0
∅ Comforts cotton	1 (N.Y.A.)			
Slacks K.D.	3 at 8/7d	1	5	9
Suits denim	1 at 31/7d	1	11	7
Boiler Suits	1 at 3/9d		3	9
Soles leather, prs.	19 $\frac{1}{2}$ at 4/-d	3	18	0
Bivouac	1 at 92/-d	4	12	0
Anklets web, prs	1 at 5/4d		5	4
Towels, hand	2 at 2/5d		4	10
Vests woollen	2 at 8/11d		17	10
Pants wool on	1 at 8/11d		8	11
Material, khaki	Approx 82 yds at est 1/3d	5	2	6

AMERICAN

Jacket denim	2 at 16/1d	1	13	2
		126	0	0 $\frac{1}{2}$

// 2 jars of tablets medical - unable to obtain prices.

∅ R.Q.M.S. is unable at the moment to obtain the price of the Comforts cotton.

Holding at Station - 1 pistol Biretta.

// The medical tablets were of the Sulphonamide type and the estimated value is 10/-d per jar. These have been sent to 103 General Hospital.

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IN OFFICE MEMO

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14006/20

13 February 1945

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Tel : 466

Ref : 74-10/107/FOOD

SUBJECT : Olive Oil pilferage

TO : HQ. AC. Transportation Sub-Commission
(Rail Division)

1. The Federazione dei Consorzi Agrari has brought to the notice of this S/C that oil tanker n° 982111 which was despatched from BITONTO on the 24th of January 1945, to Naples arrived at destination (the firm of S.A.O.M. at Poggioreale) with a shortage of 32½ quintals of olive oil.

2. Smaller losses are occurring almost daily and it is thought that most of the pilferage takes place at Naples Central marshalling yard or between that and Poggioreale.

3. Collusion between Railway officials, the guards and a black-market gang, is suspected.

[Signature]
W.J. LEGG
Colonel

Director, Food Sub-Commission

Copies to: Public Safety S/C
Federazione dei Consorzi Agrari

MR. CHURCH		
MR. YOUNG		
MR. G. W. S. P.		
MR. LUKY		
MR. WILSON		
MR. HANCOCK		
MR. BAL		
CAPT. A. W. C.		
MR. S. C.		

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

ROUTING AND WORK SHEET

Each note must be numbered and each space completely filled in. THIS WORK SHEET MUST NOT BE REMOVED FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE TO WHICH ATTACHED UNTIL ACTION IS COMPLETED AND THEN FILED WITH FILE COPIES OF COMMUNICATION TO WHICH IT PERTAINS. A line will be drawn the full width of the page under each note.

SUBJECT: *Retired Merchandise - Control on Railways*

No	Date	To	REMARKS	From																						
1	1 Feb 45	Transp. S/c	Your recommendations and concurrence on the attached (43-X-Y-2) proposed letters are requested.	<i>RED</i> Econ. Sec.																						
2	3 Feb 45	Ec Sec.	TN. S/c Concurs. <i>Submitted H. J. W. D. TN. S/c.</i>	TN S/c																						
3	3 Feb 45	M. Cleveland	Public Safety S/c would like this back as quickly as possible. Will you indicate your concurrence?	<i>RED</i>																						
4.	3 Feb 45	CA Section	Concurred by Economic Section	<i>Harlan Cleveland</i>																						
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APO 994

Ref : 478800
28 January, 1945

AC/14006/20/PS

SUBJECT : Rationed Merchandise - Control on Railways.

TO : Regional Commissioners (Attention R.P.S.O.) :-
Southern Region
Lazio-Umbria Region
Abruzzi-Marche Region
Toscana Region
Emilia Region.

1. With reference to the attached memorandum and copy of Circular from the Italian Director of Public Security respecting control of rationed merchandise on railways.
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By Command of Rear Admiral STONE :

Copies to : PM (S) AFHQ
" (L) "
PM (E) 15 Army Group
" (L) " "
DCCAG, 15 Army Group
Agriculture Sub-Commission

G.R. UPJOHN, Brig.
V2 Cl. Sec
DOOS AC.
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28 January, 1945

SUBJECT : Rationed Merchandise - Control on Railways.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APO 394

Tel : 479300

28 January, 1945

12/14006/20/ES

SUBJECT : Rationed Merchandise - Control on Railways.

TO : Provost Marshal (P) ARHQ
" " (A) "
" " (P) 15 Army Group
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Regional Commissioners (Att: R.P.S.O.)
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Abruzzi Marche Region
Toscana Region
Emilia Region
Agriculture Sub-Commission
Food Sub-Commission
Transportation Sub-Commission
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For the Chief Commissioner :

G.R. UPJOHN Bldg.
VF CA Sec
DCOS LC.

TRANSLATION (COPY)

MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

No. 10.40031.95

Roma, 15th January, 1945.

SUBJECT : Seizure of rationed food-stuffs on trains and in Railway Stations.

TO : The Prefects of Liberated Italy

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TO : Provost Marshal (B) AMHQ
 " " (A)
 " " (B) 15 Army Group
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 The Departmental Commissariats of Public Safety
 ANCONA - ERI - C. GELERI - FLORENCE - NAPLES - REGGIO
 C. L. ERL - PALERMO - ROME.
 The Questors of Rome.

This Ministry continues to receive information of unfortunate incidents which take place on account of irregular seizures on trains and in Railway stations, of food-stuffs, rationed and not rationed.

With the aim of rectifying this delicate question and of establishing whose duty it is to proceed to the above-mentioned seizure operations and avoiding those interferences between the various police

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services, which have injurious results on the prestige of the services and have given rise to criticism and malicious remarks, we issue the following orders:-

1. The verification of baggage, the seizure of rationed food-stuffs, illegally carried by the passengers, and every other police operation inside the railway carriages, are the exclusive duty of the train escorts, provided by the P.S./Departmental Commissariats, and must be carried out as prescribed by the Instructions in force on the P.S. Service on the Railways.
2. The control of the passengers at the entrance and inside the stations, both if they are going to the trains to take a place or if they are getting down, their journey made, is the duty of the local police services.
3. The merchandise seized on the trains must be deposited with the Ammaesi of the terminus city, and that which is seized at the entrance or inside the stations must be deposited with the competent local ammaesi.

All seizures must be carried out with the formalities prescribed by law. The relative minutes therefore will bear indications of the day, the time, the train and the agents who draw up the minutes, they will contain the complete particulars of the transgressions specified, and all other data necessary to identify the goods seized - their kind, their approximate quantity and their containers.

To facilitate these operations we recommend that the Agents be provided with minutesheets already prepared to be filled in at the opportune moment.

It is indispensable that for every deposit made a receipt should be given by the Ammaesi, bearing the same date as that of the minutes relative to the seizure, which will be attached to the denunciation of the A.G. A copy of this must be kept in the files of the office even if the Ammaesi do not give a duplicate.

In order that the above-mentioned rules, made exclusively in the interests of the police services and to preserve their prestige, may be carried out intelligently and scrupulously, it is pointed out:-

That on many occasions it has not been possible judicially to prosecute travellers who had illegally carried rationed merchandise, the taking of their particulars having been neglected, or because the merchandise seized could not be identified with its owner.

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The above mentioned orders have been approved by the Allied Commission, who have been asked to transmit them to their dependent Police Commands, for their information and in order that they may cause them to be obeyed.

An urgent reply will be appreciated.

FOR THE MINISTER.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 489081 Ext 365

27 January, 1945

AD/14006/20/PS Leon.

SUBJECT : Seizure of rationed goods on trains.

TO : H.E. Director General of Public Security
Ministry of Interior

1. Reference is made to your letter 10.35548/86 dated 15th Jan. 1945, enclosing a draft circular to Prefects and Departmental Commissariati in Liberated Italy.

2. This Sub-Commission is in full agreement with the circular and is sending copies to all Allied Police agencies for their information and compliance.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APO 394

Tel : 478800

January, 1945.

AC/14006/20/PS

SUBJECT : Rationed Merchandise - Control on Railways.

TO : Regional Commissioners (Attention R.P.S.O.). :-
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By Command of Rear Admiral STONE:

G. R. UPJOHN Brig.
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DCOS AC

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Transportation Sub-Comm.
Food Sub-Comm.
Economic Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APO 394

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Tel : 478800

27 January, 1945

AC/14006/20/PS

SUBJECT : Rationed Merchandise - Control on Railways.

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DCCS AC

Follow on with
Copy of Circular 41 B.

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Translation.

MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

15 January 1945 *41a*

N. 10.35548/86

Subject : Seizure of rationed goods on trains and in railway stations.

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

With letter of even number of December 19, 1944, to which this letter is a sequence, we indicated inconveniences of some gravity, to which the P.S. departmental Commissioner of Naples recently called attention, concerning goods, mostly food stuffs, rationed and not rationed, seized on the trains, and in the railway stations, we now draw attention to the fact that it is the intention of this Ministry to give orders to the dependent Authorities, to discipline the delicate question, and establish whose duty it is to proceed to the above mentioned seizure operations, avoiding that difference of judgement, and those interferences between the various police services, which have injurious results to the prestige of the services themselves and have given rise to criticism and malicious remarks about the destination of the goods seized.

To achieve this object, we now send enclosed copy of the circular which this Ministry wishes to send out to the Prefects and P.S. departmental Commissioners of liberated Italy, a circular which is meant to specify the necessary instructions in detail:

- 1.) That all the goods seized on the trains should be deposited with the "Ammassi" in the terminus cities of the railway lines and that the general particulars should be taken of all those who are in possession of the goods.
- 2.) That the seizure operations on the trains are exclusively the duty of the police personnel dependent on the P.S. departmental Commissariats escorting the trains, and that the other police services can act in the railway stations only, that is, for the travellers who get into the trains and get down from them.

We beg the Commission to let us know whether it agrees to the necessity of this circular, and if the answer is affirmative, to inform the Command of the Allied Police of the orders which it contains, for their information and so that they in turn may cause them to be observed by their own dependents.

The Head of the Police
Ferrari

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TRANSLATION.

MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

No. 10.40031.95.

Rome, 15th January, 1945.

SUBJECT : Seizure of rations food-stuffs on trains and in Railway Stations.

TO : The Prefects of Liberated Italy
The Departmental Commissariats of Public Safety
ANCONA - BARI - CAGLIARI - FLORENCE - NAPLES -
REGGIO CALABRIA - PALERMO - ROME.
The Questore of Rome.

This Ministry continues to receive information of unfortunate incidents which take place on account of irregular seizures on trains and in Railway stations, of food-stuffs, rationed and not rationed.

With the aim of ^{rectifying} ~~disseminating~~ this delicate question and of establishing whose duty it is to proceed to the above-mentioned seizure operations and avoiding those interferences between the various police services, which have injurious results on the prestige of the services and have given rise to criticism and malicious remarks, we issue the following orders:-

1. The verification of ^{illegally} ~~baggage~~ baggage, the seizure of rationed food-stuffs, ~~exclusively~~ ^{illegally} carried by the passengers, and every other police operation inside the railway carriages, are the exclusive duty of the train escorts, provided by the P.S./ Departmental Commissariats, and must be carried out as ^{provided} ~~by~~ the Instructions in force on the P.S. Service on the Railways ~~presented~~.

2. The control of the passengers at the entrance and inside the stations, both if they are going to the trains to take a place or if they are getting down, their journey made, is the duty of the local police services.

3. The merchandise seized on the trains must be deposited with the Ammassi of the terminus city, and that which is seized at the entrance or inside the stations must be deposited with the competent local ammassi.

The Departmental Commissariats of Public Safety
ANCONA - BARI - CAGLIARI - FLORENCE - NAPLES -
REGGIO CALABRIA - PALERMO - ROME.
The Questore of Rome.

This Ministry continues to receive information of unfortunate incidents which take place on account of irregular seizures on trains and in Railway stations, of food-stuffs, rationed and not rationed.

With the aim of ^{rectifying} ~~discussing~~ this delicate question and of establishing whose duty it is to proceed to the above-mentioned seizure operations and avoiding those interferences between the various police services, which have injurious results on the prestige of the services and have given rise to criticism and malicious remarks, we issue the following orders:-

1. The verification of ^{illegally} ~~illegally~~ baggage, the seizure of rationed food-stuffs, ~~illegally~~ ^{illegally} carried by the passengers, and every other police operation inside the railway carriages, are the exclusive duty of the train excoorts, provided by the P.S. Departmental Commissariats, and must be carried out as ^{points} ~~points~~ by the Instructions in force on the P.S. Service on the Railways ~~points~~.

2. The control of the passengers at the entrance and inside the stations, both if they are going to the trains to take a place or if they are getting down, their journey made, is the duty of the local police services.

3. The merchandise seized on the trains must be deposited with the Ammassi of the terminus city, and that which is seized at the entrance or inside the stations must be deposited with the competent local ammassi.

All seizures must be carried out with the formalities prescribed by law. The relative minutes therefore will bear indications of the day, the time, the train and the Agents who draw up the minutes, they will contain the complete particulars of the transgressors specified, and all other data necessary to identify the goods seized - their kind, their approximate quantity and their containers.

To facilitate these operations we recommend that the Agents be provided with minutesheets already prepared to be filled in at the opportune moment.

It is indispensable that for every deposit made a receipt should be given by the Ammassi, bearing the same date as that of the minutes relative to the seizure, which will be attached to the denunciation of the A.G. A copy of this must be kept in the files of the office even if the Ammassi do not give a duplicate.

In order that the above-mentioned rules, made exclusively in the interests of the police services and to preserve their prestige, may be carried out intelligently and scrupulously, it is pointed out :-

That on many occasions it has not been possible ^{illegally} ~~abusively~~ judiciously to prosecute travellers who had ~~abusively~~ carried rationed merchandise, the taking of their particulars having been neglected, or because the merchandise seized could not be identified with its owner.

That private persons have applied directly to this Ministry and to the Allied Authorities claiming the return of food-stuffs not rationed, or an indemnity in money for the damages suffered in consequence of seizures made.

The above mentioned orders have been approved by the Allied Commission, who have been asked to transmit them to their dependent Police Commands, for their information and in order that they may cause them to be obeyed.

An urgent reply will be appreciated.

FOR THE MINISTER.

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TO	INITIALS	DATE
COL. CHAPMAN		
COL. YOUNG		
LT. COL. WILCOX		
MAJ. LUCKMAN		
MAJ. WILSON		
MAJ. HANREY		
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23 JAN 1945

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION

LDD/Gen

21 January 1945

AGR/379.21-2

SUBJECT: Olive Oil Amassing in AMG Regions and Army Areas.

TO: SCAG's - Armies -
Regional Commissioners - AMG Regions

1. Reference is made for information and guidance, to attached copy, inclosure #1, AGR 379.21-2 HQ AG, Economic Section, Subject: Olive Oil Collection and Control Operations Plan for Italian Government Territory, dated 20 January, 1945

2. Above reference is applicable to Italian Government territory in those Regions, the boundaries of which include both Italian Government and AMG territory.

3. The 1944-45 olive oil amassing program has been equally as ineffective in AMG territory as it has been in Italian Government territory. Paragraph 1 of inclosure #1 indicates the minimum olive oil requirements. A target of 80,771 tons has been established as the minimum amassing objective of which it is estimated that 16,665 tons should be amassed in present AMG and army areas.

4. Attention is particularly directed to paragraph 3 a (1) and (2) of inclosure #1 "Declaration of Policy". Such policy will be effective in AMG and army areas.

5. The importance of a successful olive oil amassing program cannot be over-emphasized. The implications of failure to amass and the serious resulting developments must be understood by all AMG Officers.

6. The Chief Commissioner has assured the Italian Government that an "all out" effort will be made in AMG areas and that the Allied Commission will assist the government in every way that it can in Italian Government territory.

7. The technical direction of the olive oil amassing program in AMG areas is under the Agriculture Sub-Commission, HQ, AG. Major J. R. T. Crawford is in technical charge of the program. Major G.M. Duncan, is the field representative. Regional Commissioners and SCAG's Armies are responsible for the amassing operation within their respective regions or areas.

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8. It is directed that energetic measures be immediately taken in all AMB and Army areas to effect a successful olive oil massing program and that this matter be considered urgent. Let AMB demonstrate that Olive Oil can be massed.

By command of Rear Admiral Stone:

L.P. Densmore
L.P. DENSMORE
Colonel, F.M., A/DCCS
Economic Section

Incl. 1, as per para. 1.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

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AGR/379.21-2

20 JANUARY 1945

SUBJECT: Olive Oil Collection and Control Operations Plan
for Italian Government Territory.TO : ALL Regional Commissioners in Italian Government
Territory (excluding Sicily & Sardinia).

1. These instructions supersede and cancel letter AGR/379.21 HQ AC Economic Section, dated 14 January, 1945, above subject. These instructions also supersede and cancel letter ref. 4826/22/005 HQ AC, dated 17 January, 1945 above subject.

2. The Italian Government has requested the Allied Commission to furnish assistance in collecting the 1944-45 Olive Oil production. The Commission has agreed to assist and is making the service of 60 Allied Officers and a number of NCOs available to work with the Italian Officials based upon the consideration that:

a. Allied Military personnel can furnish valuable assistance to Italian Officials in planning, organizing and facilitating the Olive Oil Collection Program.

b. The presence of Allied Military personnel on such assignments in oil producing areas would have a good moral effect and tend to strengthen the legal collection program.

c. The minimum olive oil needs in Italy, as calculated under Plan A by the Food Sub-Commission, A.C., are as follows:

	Ration Card Holders (Thousands)	Monthly Ration (Grams)	Monthly Re- quirement (Tons)	Yearly Re- quirement (Tons)
South and Central Italy				
a) General Issue	15,647	200	3,130	37,560
b) Special classes & Supplementaries	--	as issued	700	8,400
c) Italian Army	--	--	--	4,139
d) Devastated Areas	1,000	100	100	1,200
North Italy				
e) General Issue	17,452	100	1,746	20,952
f) Special classes and Supplementaries	--	as issued	710	8,520
			TOTAL	80,771

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As of January 1, 1945, approximately 10,000 tons of olive oil had been collected. The magnitude of the Oil Collection task remaining to be done is obvious.

3. Plans and Organization by the Italian Government.
(as worked out by the Government)

a. Declaration of Policy.

(1) Announcement had been made of the 50% increase in permitted retentions.

(2) The present legal price of oil will be maintained (no increase).

(3) A statement will be issued indicating the Government determination to enforce the Olive Oil Decree of 7 September, 1944.

(4) A meeting will be called of the heads of the 6 Politic Parties and the desirability of publishing a combined statement supporting the Olive Oil Collection Program will be insisted upon.

b. Issuance of Instructions and designation of responsibility.

(1) A strongly worded circular relating to Olive Oil Collection responsibilities has been sent to all Prefects over the signature of the Prime Minister. This circular requires the complete and efficient discharge of all olive oil collection responsibilities by the Prefect.

(2) A circular has been sent out to all Provincial Judicial Authorities by the Ministry of Justice. This circular orders that all cases of violation of the Olive Oil Decree be handled promptly and severely and in strict accordance with provisions of the penalty decree.

(3) Orders have been sent from the respective Ministries to local heads of the three Police Bodies instructing them to designate specified numbers of their forces for enforcement of the Olive Oil Collection Regulations.

(4) Prefects have been ordered to requisition the required transportation and furnish adequate transportation to all personnel detailed to the Olive Oil Collection Program.

c. Organization of Special Italian Personnel for Overall Direction of the Olive Oil Collection Program.

(1) Dr. Segni, Under-Secretary of Agriculture has been placed in charge of the Olive Oil Collection Program at the Ministry of Agriculture.

(2) Prof. Patrissi, present Vice-Commissioner of UNSEA, has been placed in charge of the special Italian Olive Oil Collection Officials in Southern Region.

(3) Twelve special Italian Olive Oil Collection Officials carrying accredited letters have been nominated to the provinces of Southern Region.

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(4) The Ministry of Agriculture & Forests will add additional Officials for Italian Government territory in Regions of Tuscany, Lazio-Umbria and Marche-Abruzzi.

d. Responsibilities of Special Italian Olive Oil Collection Personnel.

(1) Review and improvement of Provincial and Communal Olive Oil Collection plans, organization, and operating procedure will be instituted by special personnel in all areas. Where a survey reveals that the Collection Program is not successful changes will be made in both provincial and communal operation to assure effective Oil Collection methods.

(2) Oil Press Checks. Spot checks of oil presses will be carried out both by day and by night to ascertain if presses are being properly controlled by local officials. Special attention will be given to large capacity presses. Officials will be accompanied by Italian Police Officers qualified to make the necessary arrests where violations are discovered. Where irregularities or violations are found, the efficiency and honesty of the local olive oil controller will be ascertained at once. Dishonest controllers will be dealt with promptly.

(3) Road Block Operation and Checking. Where road blocks are necessary to control illegal movement of olive oil they will be established on a 24 hour basis. Special Italian Officials will check the operation of road blocks periodically both during daylight and nighttime hours.

(4) Stopping and Searching Civilian Trains. The special olive oil collection personnel will develop plans for stopping and searching civilian trains. This operation can be carried out at strategic points and should be under the command of the Questura assisted by Carabinieri and Finance Guards.

4. Plans and Organization by Allied Commission to Assist Government in Olive Oil Collection Program.

a. Designation of Responsibility.

The Allied Commission has delegated the technical direction of the Program of the Allied side to the Agriculture Sub-Commission. Major J. R.T. Crawford of the Agriculture Sub-Commission has been placed in technical charge of the Program together with Major G. H. Duncan who will spend full time in the field. The Regional Commissioners are responsible for the operation within their Regions.

b. Provision of Military Personnel and Transportation.

Sixty Allied Officers and a number of NCOs together with transportation are being supplied to assist special Italian Olive Oil collection personnel.

c. Duties of Allied Military Personnel Designated to Assist special Italian Olive Oil Collection personnel

(1) Allied Military Personnel will be responsible for furnishing practical assistance to Italian Officials in planning and organizing the Olive Oil Collection Program where it is not now functioning properly.

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(2) Allied Military Personnel will accompany the special Italian Olive Oil Collection personnel to the extent possible and furnish them advice, and assistance in connection with the responsibilities outlined above under 3, d, (1), (2), (3), (4), it being distinctly understood that the full responsibility of the Olive Oil Amassing and all action in connection therewith is that of the Italian Government and the Italian Officials.

(3) The following paragraphs are in addition, are of great importance, and must be carefully observed:

a. The Italian Government and Italian officials have full responsibility for the olive oil amassing and all operations in connection therewith.

b. The duties of Allied Personnel assigned to assist in the special Italian oil collection will be strictly confined to advisory, planning and organizational matters, and to giving impetus to the campaign, except as provided in para. d. hereof.

c. They will not perform executive or police acts, duties, or functions, i.e., checks of oil presses on private properties; road block operation or other physical controls of olive oil movement; stoppage or search of trains. Their services in such connection will be by way of observation and encouragement.

d. Allied personnel may perform necessary checking operations at road blocks with respect to Allied Military vehicles.

BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE:

I.D. HENSHIRE
Colonel, F.A., A/DCOB
Economic Section

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Subject: Military Black Market Activities.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME
AQ/2/19-4

21 Jan 1945

To: Public Safety Sub Comm. A.C.

Reference AC/14006/20/P.S. of 18 Jan 45.

Immediate action will be taken by MMIA on all cases of this description which you are able to report.

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F. J. Noakes
F. J. NOAKES, Colonel,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

Office of the Chief of Staff

17 January 1945.

Subject: Olive Oil Collection and Control Operations
Plan for Italian Government Territory.

To: Regional Commissioner - Southern Region
- Lazio Umbria Region
- Abruzzi Marche Region

1. I refer to AER/375.21 of 14 January issued by DOOS, Economic

Section.

2. The words "and Allied Officers" will be deleted from the fourth line of para. 2(1)3.

3. The words "with Allied personnel, including the military transportation officer" will be deleted from the third and fourth lines of para. 2(2)4.

4. The following paragraphs are supplementary, are of great importance and must be carefully observed:

A. The Italian Government and Italian Local Government officials have full responsibility for the olive oil assessing and all operations in connection therewith.

B. The duties of Allied personnel assigned to assist in the special Italian oil collection will be strictly confined to advisory, planning and organizational matters, and to giving impetus to the campaign.

C. They will not themselves perform, or participate in the performance of executive or police acts, duties or functions, i.e. checks of oil presses on private properties; road block operation or other physical controls of olive oil movement; stopping or search of trains.

5. Regional Commissioner, Southern Region, will issue an amendment to para. 11 of his R/1416 of 10 January to conform with para. 4.4. B ex 3997.

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Subject: Olive Oil Collection and Control Operations
Plan for Italian Government Territory.

To: Regional Commissioner - Southern Region
- Lazio-Umbria Region
- Abruzzi-Marche Region

1. I refer to ASR/379.21 of 14 January issued by DCOS, Economic Section.

2. The words "and Allied Officers" will be deleted from the fourth line of para. 2(a)3.

3. The words "with Allied personnel, including the railway transportation officer" will be deleted from the third and fourth lines of para. 2(a)4.

4. The following paragraphs are supplementary, and of great importance and must be carefully observed:

A. The Italian Government and Italian Local Government officials have full responsibility for the olive oil harvesting and all operations in connection therewith.

B. The duties of Allied personnel assigned to assist in the special Italian oil collection will be strictly confined to advisory, planning and organizational matters, and to giving impetus to the campaign.

C. They will not themselves perform, or participate in the performance of executive or police acts, seizures or functions, i.e. checks of oil presses on private properties; road block operation or other physical controls of olive oil movement; stoppage or search of trains.

5. Regional Commissioner, Southern Region, will issue an amendment to para. 11 of ASR/1418 of 10 January to conform with paras. 4.A, B and 3997.

Distribution:

R.C., Southern Region
R.C., Lazio-Umbria Region
R.C., Abruzzi-Marche Region
R.C., Tuscany Region
R.C., Emilia Region
Civil Affairs Section
Economic Section
Agriculture Sub Commission
Public Safety Sub Commission
Food Sub Commission
Each Allied Officer participating
in Olive Oil Harvesting Plan (1 each)

for information.

Emigdio,
Chief of Staff.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APC 396

Tel : 489061 Ext 365

17 January, 1945

AF/12006/20/72

SUBJECT : Olive Oil Amassing

TO : H.S. the Director of Public Security,
Ministry of the Interior

1. As you are aware, your Government has requested the assistance of the Allied Commission in enforcing the olive oil collection.
2. Enclosed for your information is a copy of a directive from this Sub-Commission addressed to Allied Regional Public Safety officers, which should eliminate those difficulties referred to in your letter No 10-3543-86 dated 19 Dec. 44.
3. It will be appreciated if you will notify Comdissariats that their co-operation will be sought. Any possible measures to strengthen the police guards on railways will be of the utmost assistance in making the campaign a success.

John W. Gilman
JOHN W. GILMAN
Colonel, J.A.C.H.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

AF/vg.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 489081 Ext 365

17 January, 1945

AD/14006/20/PS

SUBJECT : Olive Oil Amassing

TO : R.P.S.C., Lazio Umbria, Abruzzi-Marche,
Toscana and Southern Region.

1. The Italian Government has requested the Allied Commission to furnish assistance in collecting the 1944-45 olive oil production. The services of 60 Allied officers and a number of NCOs have been made available to work with Italian officials. Detailed arrangements have been made by the Economic Section and the Agriculture Sub-Commission of this Headquarters.

2. As regards the detection and prosecution of offences, the Allied officers will work through the local Italian Police. They have been instructed to contact Regional or Provincial Public Safety Officers, who will afford every assistance.

3. In the past the Director General of Public Security, Ministry of the Interior has received protests regarding the stopping and searching of trains by Allied personnel without seeking the co-operation of the responsible Italian Police. Allegations have also been made of the irregular seizure of non-rationed commodities and the confiscation of property without any subsequent legal proceedings. It has therefore been impressed on all concerned that as far as the searching of trains is concerned Allied personnel must work in conjunction with the local Commissariato, who is responsible for policing the railways.

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

Copy to:

Economic Section
Agriculture Sub-Commission
Director Public Security, Ministry of Interior.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478800

18 January, 1945

AO/14006/20/PS

SUBJECT : Olive Oil Control.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission.

1. At about 4 pm on 6th January 1945 at Bovino, Province of Foggia, Corporal Clavell, 65 Company GIP (TC) stopped an Austin ambulance No. 1209756, driven by Autista CAMPANELLA Renato of Gruppo Combattimento : Folgore Sezione, Sanita stationed at Cerreto Sannita, Benevento, P.M. 146 and accompanied by S. Tenente Cattania Genaro of the same unit.

2. On examination the vehicle was found to contain approximately 8 quintals of grain; 40 litres of olive oil; 50 litres of wine and several large hams and as the grain and oil were not covered by the necessary documents required by Italian law they were seized and assessed at Incera. The driver was allowed to proceed with the wine and hams.

3. The vehicle also contained 27 empty jerricans; many of which had recently contained olive oil and as an inspection of the work ticket carried by driver showed several journeys recently to San Severo and Rome, it would tend to show that this ambulance has been used for some rather extensive black market operations.

4. The case reported above is not an isolated instance of an Italian Service vehicle being used for the purpose of transporting "black market" produce. It is said that practically every service vehicle proceeding from the S.E. Provinces towards Naples and Rome carry such produce.

5. Jerricans are freely used for the purpose of transporting olive oil.

6. It is requested that strong action be taken with a view to securing the discontinuance of these practices.

7. This Sub-Commission will report to you all cases which are brought to notice.

W. C. Halland Maj

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

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Copy : RPSO Southern Region
(Your PS/42 of 11 January, refers).

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

Ref: PS/4.2

Date 14 January 1945

SUBJECT: Olive Oil Control.

TO : HQ. Allied Commission,
(Attention Public Safety Sub-Commission).

1. Reference attached copy of report from ZPSO of Foggia Zone dated 8 January 1945, ref. FZ/5150.

2. It is requested that this case be brought to the notice of the appropriate authority with a view to securing the discontinuance of the use of this ambulance to transport "black-market" produce.

3. This is by no means an isolated instance of Italian service vehicles being used for such purposes, in fact practically every one proceeding towards Naples and Rome from the South-East Provinces of Italy has merchandise in it bought on the "black-market".

4. Italian officers and O/Rs. have been found to be amongst the worse offenders - if not the worst - and "jerricans" are freely used by them to transport olive oil.

For the Regional Commissioner:

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Copy to:-

" "

TO	DATE
MR. CHAPMAN	
Agricultural Section,	
HQ. Southern Region.	
HQ. Foggia Zone,	
(Attention ZPSO)	
MAJ HANBURY	
MAJ BALLANCE	
CAPT POWEL	
CHIEF CLERK	

G. RICHARDSON
Major,
Regional Public
Safety Officer.



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H.Q. AC-Foggia Zone
in Lucera

SUBJECT: Carrying of Contraband in W.D. vehicles.

TO : Regional Public Safety Officer,
AC-Southern Region -
FROM : Z.P.S.O.-Foggia Zone

REF. : FZ/5150

Copy to:

DATE : 8/1/1945

1) Zone Commissioner-Foggia Zone
2) O.C. Folgore Sezione P.M. 146

1. At about 4 pm on 6th January 1945 at Bovino, Province of Foggia, Corporal Clavell, 65 Company CMP (TC) stopped an Austin ambulance No 1209756, driven by Autista CAMPANELLA Renato of Gruppo Combattimento: Folgore Sezione, Sanita stationed at Cereto Sannita, Benevento, P.M. 146 and accompanied by S. Tenente Cattania Gennaro of the same unit.

2. On examination the vehicle was found to contain approximately 8 quintals of grain; 40 litres of olive oil; 50 litres of wine and several large hams and as the grain and oil were not covered by the necessary documents required by Italian law they were seized and amassed at Lucera. The driver was allowed to proceed with the wine and hams.

3. The vehicle also contained 27 empty jerricans; many of which had recently contained olive oil and as inspection of the work ticket carried by driver shewed several journeys recently to San Severo and Rome, it would tend to shew that this ambulance has been used for some rather extensive black market operations.

Forwarded in accordance with directions contained in correspondence R.1178.

(sg) E. Cocks, Capt.
Z.P.S.O.-Foggia Zone.-

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Translation.

MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
P.S. Gen. HQ.

14006/20
PA.10
19 December 1944.

N. 10.35548-86

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Subject : Seizure of food-supplies on trains.

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

This Ministry has been informed by the P.S. Train Supervision Commissioner at the State Railways in Naples, of rather serious inconveniences occurring on the trains, due to the intervention of elements of the local Police at the various stations, who seize rationed and not rationed food supplies, not even taking the particulars of the travellers carrying them.

Therefore a/m transgressors cannot be brought to justice and they are convinced of the illegality of the seizure, a fact which damages the prestige of the Police Institution.

It happens also, that agents, always of the local Police, request agents in service on the trains to deliver the supplies - seized by these latter in the execution of their escort service - to the "Anmassi" of the terminus towns, where receipts are issued, which are then attached at the denunciations to the judicial Authorities.

Now, as under the law, all Police operations taking place on trains, are within the competence of the P.S. escort personnel, this Ministry would like to issue orders, which entitle the members of the local Police, only the control of the travellers, who are going to the trains or leave them after the already effected journey, thus complying with the proposals made by the P.S. Train Supervision Commissioner in Naples in his letter n. 35 dated 27 November 1944, copy of which is herewith attached. \ 48B

It would be appreciated, however, if firstly the Commission's opinion in this regard could be known, in view of the information, that above mentioned Police Forces on duty at the railway stations are frequently assisted by elements of the Allied Police.

In this regard, we inform you, that, as it appears from a/m letter of the P.S. Commissioner in Naples, the Prov. A.C. Office in Salerno, requested by the Questura, has recently decided to forbid the intervention of Allied soldiers in the operations of seizure of food supplies.

For the Minister
Sgd. Ferrari

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Translation.

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P.S. COMMISSARIATO
at
the State Railways Train Supervision HQ.
N A P L E S

Naples, 27 November, 1944.

N.35

SUBJECT : Incidents which have occurred on trains Bari-Naples
via Potenza and via Foggia in the repression of
smuggling.

TO : Ministry of Interior, P.S. General HQ.
Police Division - Section 4

R O M E

With reference to communications sent to the Prefectures concerned juridicially, and for information to the Ministry, dealing with the incidents which have occurred on a/m trains in connection with the activity against smuggling, I am obliged to inform you, for measures, which the Ministry would deem necessary to adopt, that the facts complained of are still happening frequently.

Infact, P.S. Agents and CC.RR., attached to stations along the line, enter the train or block it, seizing rationed food supplies, without even identifying the transgressors, and taking no account of the fact, that a regular escort of P.S. Agents of this Office is travelling on same train, which has among others the task of repressing smuggling on trains. Often they also ask for the delivery of goods seized by the escort.

Besides which, I am obliged to refer, that sometimes, at stations along the route, Allied soldiers carry out such operations, taking no account of what the escort has already done. Furthermore, especially at the railway station of Taranto, such service is carried out by elements of the English Police in co-operation with local P.S. Agents and those of the Train Supervision Commissariato of Bari, who do not only seize the goods, but ask also for the delivery of the entire quantity of goods already seized by escort Agents of this Commissariato. I bring to your knowledge the following particular cases:

On the 20th of October, at the stations of Bari, Brindisi and Taranto, CC.RR. and Agents effected seizures of oil of a very small quantity (2 or 3 litres) without identifying the holders, who afterwards presented themselves to the escort, asking, in view of the small quantity of oil, its return, bearing in mind, that the seizure had been effected by the escort of Naples in the execution of its duties.

On the 10th of November, 1944, the train 8000, coming from Bari, at its passage through Brindisi was searched by CC.RR., P.S. Agents and sailors, who seized oil, vegetables and other rationed goods without identifying the holders and

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in spite of the protests of the Chief of the escort of this Office who told them that he was on duty on the train also for that service.

On the 22nd of November, 1944, at the station of Baragiano, two Allied soldiers in co-operation with a vicebrigadiere, two soldiers of the CC.RR. Force and several railway employees, seized oil and other rationed goods confiscating even chickens, lambs and small pigs, causing protests especially against the seizure of the chickens, which are not rationed goods.

Therefore, I allow to myself, to point out - if there are no reasons to the contrary - that it would be opportune that the Ministry should contact the competent Prefectures, so that the escort be exclusively entrusted with the task of operating on trains, whilst the Police members of the stations along the routes (CC.RR. as well as P.S. Agents) should operate inside the stations and if necessary also outside.

In fact, if such service is to be efficaciously carried out, it is not seen how a mass of smugglers could enter the trains, who ought to be stopped by the Police at the stations from which they enter the trains; the service of the escort should therefore limit itself to repress the smuggling of those few persons, who in spite of vigilance succeed in entering the train.

According to my opinion such continuous and careful service would diminish the smuggling much more efficaciously than the service effected at intervals in blocking the trains along the route, inasmuch as the smugglers who on such occasions have lost their goods, instead of continuing their journey to Naples, return to the places they come from, where they re-purchase the same goods in the hope of succeeding this time and to recover the expenses in selling the supplies at still more increased black market prices.

The Salerno Questura referred to in this regard, answered with letter n. 3555!, dated 4 November, 1944, as follows:

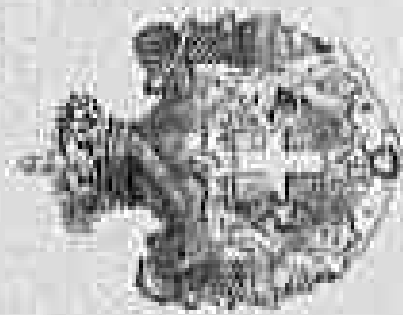
"The A.C. Provincial Office informed of some incidents caused by the fact, that elements of the Allied Police confiscate goods seized by P.S. Agents and CC.RR., which have to be delivered to the "ammassi", has communicated as follows:

"With reference to your letter n. 35553/2, dated 11 October, 1944, I have issued orders to all Allied soldiers attached to the Railway service, forbidding them to seize Italian goods transported by trains

The Italian Police is exclusively entrusted with this task. This for your information."

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Ministero dell'Interno

DIREZIONE GENERALE
DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

Roma 19 dicembre 1944

ALL'ON. COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Sottocommissione per la P.S.

ROMA

Divisione Polizia *Le. 4°*
Prot. N. 10.35548-86 *Allegati*

Proposta al Foglio del
Dir. Le. N. 10

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sariato Compartimentale di P.S. di Napoli di cui alla lettera n.35 del 27 novembre scorso che si allega.

Si gradirebbe però conoscere prima, in proposito, il parere di codesta On. Commissione Alleata dato che, come viene segnalato, le accennate forze di polizia, in servizio presso le stazioni ferroviarie, sono spesso affiancate e sorrette da elementi della Polizia Alleata.

Al riguardo si fa presente, come risulta dalla predetta lettera del Commissariato di P.S. Compartimentale di Napoli, che l'Ufficio Provinciale di Salerno della Commissione Alleata, interessato da quella Questura, ha deciso, di recente, di vietare l'intervento di militari Alleati nelle operazioni di sequestro di generi alimentari .

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COMMISSARIATO DI PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

PRESSO

LA DIREZIONE COMPARTIMENTALE FF. STATO

N A P O L I

n.35

Napoli 27 novembre 1944

Oggetto : Inconvenienti verificatisi sui treni Bari Napoli via Potenza
e Via Foggia in ordine alla repressione del contrabbando -

AL MINISTERO DELL' I N T E R N O

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Il 10 novembre us. al passaggio per Brindisi del treno 8000 proveniente da Bari, carabinieri, agenti di P.S. ed alcuni marinai perquisivano le vetture sequestrando olio e legumi ed altri generi contingenti senza identificare i detentori e nonostante le proteste del Capo della scorta

di quest'ufficio che aveva loro fatto presente di essere egli com-
mandato in treno anche per tale servizio.

Il 22 novembre us., nello scalo di Baragiano due militari delle For-
ze Armate Alleate coadiuvate da un vicebrigadiere e da due militari
dell'Arma dei CC.RR. e da vari ferrovieri procedevano a sequestro di
olio e di altri generi contingentati confiscando altresì anche polli,
agnelli e qualche maialetto suscitando vive proteste per il sequestro
specie dei polli non sottoposti ad alcun contingentamento.

Mi permetto, perciò, prospettare, salvo contrario avviso, la oppor-
tunità che codesto On. Ministero voglia interessare le Prefetture com-
petenti a che il compito di operare in treno sia esclusivamente af-
fidato alla scorta, nel mentre gli Organi di polizia degli scali del
percorso treno (siano essi carabinieri o Uffici di P.S.) dovrebbero
operare nell'ambito delle stazioni e, ritenendoli, anche fuori di esse.

Infatti, se tale servizio venisse e efficacemente condotto non si
vede come nei treni potrebbe affluire una massa di contrabbandieri i
quali dovrebbero essere invece rastrellati, appunto dagli Organi di
polizia, nelle stazioni e negli scali in cui accedano al treno e il
servizio della scorta dovrebbe, quindi, limitarsi a reprimere il con-
trabbando nei confronti di quelle poche persone, che nonostante la vi-
gilanza, fossero riuscite a montare in treno.

A mio parere tale servizio continuo ed oculato porterebbe alla ef-
fettiva graduale diminuzione del contrabbando stesso molto più effica-
cemente dei servizi saltuari effettuati bloccando il treno in stazio-
ni del percorso in quanto i contrabbandieri che in tale occasione han-
no perduto la merce da essi acquistata anziché, come si è a volte ac-
certato, proseguire il viaggio di ritorno su Napoli, non si danno per
vinti e ritornano invece al luogo di provenienza per acquistare la
stessa merce sperando di farsela franca nel viaggio successivo e
ricavare così anche il perduto aumentando il prezzo di borsa nera del-
la merce riuscita a contrabbandare.

Per operazioni del genere che si sono verificate in provincia di
Salerno quella R. Questura, interessata in proposito con nota n. 35559
del 4 novembre 1944 ha scritto :

" L'Ufficio provinciale della Commissione Alleata interessata per
alcuni indidenti derivanti dal fatto che elementi della Polizia Al-
leata confiscano generi sequestrati da Agenti di P.S. e CC.RR. e, de-
stinati, al conferimento agli ammassi; ha comunicato quanto segue :
" Con riferimento alla Vostra lettera 35553/2 dell'11.10.1944 ho, da-
to istruzioni a tutti i soldati Alleati addetti al servizio della fer-
rovie, vietando loro altri sequestri di roba italiana trasportata con
i treni.

Questo compito è affidato esclusivamente alla Polizia italiana.

Tanto per opportuna notizia e norma.

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ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT:

FILE No. _____

TO :

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Have we a file on
olive oil Am-mussing?

If not please make a
new file

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Agriculture Sub-Commission

14 January, 1945.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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 AGRICULTURE SUB COMMISSION

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SUBJECT. Olive Oil Amassing, 1944-45

TO All Allied Officers Assisting in the
 Olive Oil Amassing, 1944-45

1. Olive Oil will be the principal form of Fat in the diet of the Italian Nation during the coming year. As will be seen in the Food Plan and the Estimates Amassable Olive Oil 1944-45 in the following pages, there is in Italy sufficient Olive Oil to provide a fair ration both to Liberated and present Occupied Territory, during the coming year.

2. However, the aftermath of war has brought in its train many administrative problems, and by the end of December 1944, such a small quantity had been amassed, that the Italian Government asked for the assistance of the Allied Commission.

3. If we do not succeed in assisting them to amass all available oil, a serious fat shortage will result, and with the present shortage of shipping, it will not be possible to import fats from other ports of the world.

4. By your vigorous assistance to the Italian officials charged by the Italian Government to enforce and amass the Olive Oil, I feel certain that we shall be able to obtain sufficient fats and more, and so assist both Liberated Italy, and the work of those officers who will be carrying out the tasks of Allied Military Government in Northern Italy.

Leland G. Allbaugh
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 Director 3983

TO	CONTINENT	DATE
COL CHAPMAN	17/1	17/1
COL. YOUNG		
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

14 January 1945.

Olive Oil Collection and Control Operations Plan for
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TO : ALL RCs in Italian Government Territory (excluding
Sicily).

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TOTAL PLAN A	...	...	...	<u>80,771</u>

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As of January 1, 1945, approximately 10,000 tons of olive oil had been collected. The magnitude of the Oil Collection task remaining to be done is obvious.

2. Plans and Organization by the Italian Government.
(as worked out by the Government)

a. Declaration of Policy.

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 2. Prof. Patrissi, present Vice-Commissioner of UNSEA, has been placed in charge of the special Italian Olive Oil Collection Officials in Southern Region.
 3. Twelve special Italian Olive Oil Collection Officials carrying accredited letters have been nominated to the provinces of Southern Region.

4. The Ministry of Agriculture & Forests will add additional Officials for Italian Government territory in Regions of Tuscany, Lazio-Umbria and Marche-Abruzzi.

d. Responsibilities of Special Italian Olive Oil Collection Personnel.

1. Review and improvement of Provincial and Communal Olive Oil Collection plans, organization, and operating procedures will be instituted by special personnel in all areas. Where a survey reveals that the Collection Program is not successful changes will be made in both provincial and communal operation to assure effective Oil Collection methods.

2. Oil Press checks. Spot checks of oil presses will be carried out both by day and by night to ascertain if presses are being properly controlled by local officials. Special attention will be given to large capacity presses. Officials will be accompanied by Italian Police Officers qualified to make the necessary arrests where violations are discovered. Where irregularities or violations are found, the efficiency and honesty of the local olive oil controller will be ascertained at once. Dishonest controllers will be dealt with promptly.

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The Regional Commissioners are responsible for the operation within their Regions.

b. Provision of Military Personnel and Transportation.

Sixty Allied Officers and a number of NCOs together with transportation are being supplied to assist special Italian Olive Oil collection personnel.

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c. Duties of Allied Military Personnel designated to Assist special Italian Olive Oil Collection Personnel.

1. Allied Military Personnel will be responsible for furnishing practical assistance to Italian Officials in planning and organizing the Olive Oil Collection Program where it is not now functioning properly.
2. Allied Military Personnel will accompany the special Italian Olive Oil Collection personnel to the extent possible and furnish them advice, and assistance in connection with the responsibilities outlined above under 2, d. 1, 2, 3, 4, it being distinctly understood that the full responsibility of the Olive Oil Amassing and all action in connection therewith is that of the Italian Government and the Italian Officials.

BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE:

L.D. Densmore
 L.D. DENSMORE
 Colonel, F.A.,
 Acting Deputy Chief of Staff
 Economic Section.

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3. R.C., Abruzzi-Marche Region (10)
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5. R.C., Emilia Region (for information) (2)
6. Agriculture Sub-Commission (for information) (1)
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Ref: 4820/15/003.

SUBJECT: Amassing of Olive Oil.

TO : DCS, Room Sec
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 DCS, GA Sec

TO	INI	DATE
COL. CHAPMAN		
COL. YOUNG		
LT COL. WILCOX	Paid	V
MAJ LUCKSTAR		4/1
MAJ WILSON		8-53
MAJ HANBURY		
MAJ BALLANCE		
CAPT POWEL	8	7/1
CHIEF CLERK		

1. At the Vice Presidents' meeting this morning the Chief Commissioner decided that the Allied Commission should grant the request of the Italian Government, in part, to provide officers, MOS's and vehicles for the collection of olive oil.

2. Will you please take action forthwith to implement this decision. As the greater part of the oil is amassed in Southern Region I suggest that the Allied team should be found from Venezia Region and that Brigadier Dunlop should be called here immediately to discuss plans with yourselves and the Italian Government.

3. The Chief Commissioner has also directed that the greatest pressure should be brought upon the Italian Government and specially the Minister of Agriculture, to ensure that the Italian Government play their part to the full in implementing the plans.

4. Public Safety Sub-Commission should, of course, be brought into the consultations.

5. At the same time definite instructions should be sent to Regional Commissioners in ASL territory to take intensive measures for the collection of oil, particularly in Tuscany, where presumably the same organization is being used as that for the South.

M. S. Lusk
 Brigadier,
 Chief of Staff.

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MSI/JG.

Copy to: DCSAO, GA Sec, 15 Army Group (with copy of memorandum discussed at Vice Presidents' Meeting).

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 [initials]

HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

TO		
COL. CHAPMAN Ref.	PS/	56
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LT. COL. WILCOX SUB		10
MAJ LUCKMAN		
MAJ WILSON		1025
MAJ HANBURY		
MAJ BALLANCE TO		
CAPT POWEL		
CHIEF CLERK		

Olive Oil Control.

H.Q. Allied Commission,
Public Safety Sub-Commission.

Date 5 January 1945

1. On 14 November 1944 in accordance with orders Capt. NOBLE proceeded to Bari on temporary assignment in connection with olive oil control in the Bari, Foggia and Taranto Zones.

2. Eight British Lieutenants from 11 Con. Depot were already operating as follows, 3 in Foggia, 4 in Bari and 1 in Taranto, they remained in position until 9 December 1944, when they were recalled. They were not replaced so Capt. NOBLE carried on on his own.

3. Their duties included the supervision of and assistance to local officials, police and private, in the amassing of olive oil, checking road blocks, supervising train raids, "frantoio" checking and generally to encourage the Italian officials to do the job for themselves.

4. All the Lieutenants including Capt. NOBLE, worked with a Finance Guard, and/or Carabinieri, on snap road blocks and "frantoio" inspection and everything that was done was done in the name of that Italian police officer.

5. All senior police officers of the Italian Police Forces, Carabinieri, Guardia di Finanza and P.S. Agents were seen, the seriousness of the olive oil situation pointed out and they were requested to redouble their efforts, using all their resources at their command to stop the illegal traffic in olive oil.

6. Generally speaking the Italian police were luke warm on the subject, in no case was there any opposition but there was 100% co-operation and action, only when an Allied Officer was in the vicinity, as was borne out by the fact that the Provinces in which Allied Officers were stationed had the largest quantities of oil in the Ammassi, Bari with over 57,000 Quintali on 23 December 1944, was outstanding, far above other Provinces.

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7. From personal experience on road blocks it was found that 90% of the vehicles on the road going Northwards to Rome and Naples were carrying oil in various quantities, either to sell again on the black market or for family needs owing to the acute shortage of oil in both those towns.

8. A number of train raids were made which revealed the considerable traffic in oil by this means of transport; it was abundantly clear that a good proportion of the persons travelled solely to "black market" oil and other contraband.

9. Two major train raids in which 70 civil police were employed on each occasion resulted as follows:-

24 November 1944, Bari - Naples civilian train over 60 quintali net of contraband seized including 24.81 quintali net of olive oil.

4 December 1944, Brindisi - Naples military train (Italian civilian and Italian military portion only) 10.93 quintali net of contraband seized including 10.12 quintali net of olive oil.

10. The outstanding feature of the whole campaign has been the number of Italian Officer Service personnel found carrying olive oil in various quantities, mainly in "Jerricans", on Italian service vehicles, as the following examples show:-

- (a) ITALIAN NAVY. Naval coach and trailer stopped and searched at Mola di Bari. About 30 Italian naval officers and ratings present including an Italian Admiral. Olive oil seized totalled 1.54 quintali net.
- (b) ITALIAN ARMY. Army truck stopped and searched at Bisceglie, Prov. of Bari. Eight fusti of olive oil, weighing 16.600 quintali, found in possession of 2nd Lieut. without any authorisation. He was arrested by the GG.FF. and denounced.
- (c) ITALIAN AIR FORCE. Air Force truck and trailer stopped and searched at Bisceglie, Prov. of Bari. 30 officers and men present carrying about 50 "Jerricans" of oil without any authorisation. Olive oil seized exceeded 10 Quintali net.

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The above were stopped at GG.FF. blocks under direct supervision of an Allied Officer.

There were numerous other cases involving smaller quantities.

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11. The Italian police experienced considerable difficulty in dealing with Italian Service officers who imposed their rank on them and it was only when an Allied officer was present that the police thoroughly searched officers vehicle.

12. The devices for carrying oil to prevent detection have been many and various, trucks with false bottoms; cans fitted into recesses behind the drivers seat; containers of oil concealed in sacks of straw, figs, peas, flour or under loads, etc; special tanks made to fit suit and attache cases; containers strapped to various parts of the body, particularly by women-in some cases to represent pregnancy; (in one case a woman was found with two cans of oil hanging between her legs suspended by a belt worn round the waist) and a large loaf of bread baked round a can of oil are some examples.

13. One Carabinieri, two Guardia di Finanza, and one Municipal Guard were found carrying oil, these were denounced to their respective Commanding Officers.

14. The total seizures of olive oil in train raids between 20 November and 22 December 1944 in Bari Zone including those shown in Par. 9 above was Quintali 87.21 net.

15. The total seizures of olive oil by Mobile Squads under the direct supervision of Allied Officers in Bari Zone between 10 November and 23 December 1944 inclusive, excluding that shown in the preceding paragraph, was Quintali 121.57 net.

16. Permits in English and Italian signed by British RAF officers at the Allied Air Force Sub-Commission at Lecce for Italian Air Force personnel to carry olive oil have been brought to the notice of the DAPM RAF Brindisi who has promised attention.

17. Two Italian Air Force Sergeants were stopped at Mola di Bari and found in possession of nearly a quintale of oil, when questioned they admitted having flown a plane from Naples to Bari specially to get oil and, but for the intervention of an Allied officer, would have flown it to Naples to sell on black market, this case was reported to the DAPM RAF Brindisi for necessary action.

18. Cases have occurred where Sindaci have given permits to Italian officers and officials to carry oil, these are invalid the oil has been seized and the Prefects concerned informed.

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19. A common form of transporting black market oil was by cyclists carrying a "jerrican" concealed in a sack on the rear carrier travelling between oil producing and non producing communes, and there sell the oil in small quantities at black market prices, this was particularly noticeable in the vicinity of Bari, Brindisi and Barletta.

20. A truck belonging to the Vatican, Rome was stopped and 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ quintali of oil seized. No documents were carried to authorize its transportation.

21. In some cases it was possible to obtain the addresses where the oil was bought from, these were followed up and several mill owners arrested, their oil seized and mills closed.

22. Simultaneous raids at night from time to time on "frantoios" in oil producing communes had good results, directly and indirectly.

23. Lecce and Matera Provinces were easily the two worst in Bari Zone and should receive the personal attention of an Allied officer if it is hoped to get anything like reasonable amount of oil into the Ammasso there, and unless it is done very soon it will be too late.

24. Shortage of manpower in the Italian Police Forces, shortage of transport, tyres, tubes and batteries, shortage of lamps and torches were obstacles that further hindered the police from doing their work, and our inability to supply them did not help matters.

25. In accordance with orders Capt. NOBLE left Bari on 28 December 1944 and returned to normal duties in Naples, before leaving a brief note of his activities with suggestions as to further operations was left with the Zone PSO and the Agricultural Officer.

26. It is certain that if the Italian authorities are left to handle olive oil control entirely on their own it will be a dismal failure, also the small number of Allied officers that were specially employed were totally inadequate to do the job efficiently in spite of their splendid work, the long hours they put in and the valuable assistance given by the Zone PSO's of Foggia and Taranto, Capts. COOKS and STRAND respectively.

For the Regional Commissioner:

G. Richardson
G. RICHARDSON
Major,
Regional Public
Safety Officer.

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14006/20/13
HQ QUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

29A
Date 12 Dec 44

Ref: PS/ 4.2

SUBJECT: Black Market in Olive Oil.

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

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1. Reference this HQ. letter No PS/4.2 of 11 Dec 44.
 2. Enclosed for your information is copy of a report dated 7 Dec 44 received from ZPSO, Foggia, which relates to a further transaction in olive oil in which the Yugoslav Embassy in Rome has been involved.

For the Regional Commissioner

L.W. Jones Capt
for G. RICHARDSON
Major,
Regional Public
Safety Officer.

LWT/tp.

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COPY

SUBJECT: Black Market Olive Oil.
 TO : R.P.S.C.-Southern Region.
 FROM : Z.P.S.C.-Foggia Zone.
 REF. : FZ/5150
 DATE : 7/12/1944

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 H. AC-Foggia Zone
 in Lucera

Copy to:
 Zone Commissioner,
 Foggia Zone.-

At about 10 am on 4th December 1944; Capt. H.G. ROBBINS, Harvest Control Officer, stopped a Fiat 1100 private motor car, bearing W.D. No 5648724, at Savignano, Province of Foggia.

The driver of the vehicle: PASSALAGUA Feliciano, produced an authority for the vehicle, which is a requisitioned one; to be loaned to the Royal Yugoslav Military Mission Roma, and allocating it a temporary No. 6.B.S.A. 1064.

On searching the vehicle, Captain Robbins found 106 litres of olive oil; which was not covered by any documents and was accordingly seized and amassed at Lucera.

Captain Robbins interrogated the driver who stated he had purchased the oil on orders received from Lt. Colonel V.J. VUKOTICH, Chief Officer of the Yugoslav Military Mission Rome, for use in the mess.

I would point out that this is the second occasion in the past few months that representatives of the Yugoslav Government have been found carrying contraband olive oil in this Province.

On the previous occasion the Yugoslav Embassy Rome was found transporting 1870 litres of contraband olive oil; which is still the subject of correspondence vide letter dated 29th November 1944 from Economics and Supply Section, Southern Region; reference RES. 715/14.

(signed) E. Cocks,

Capt.

Z.P.S.C.-Foggia Zone.-

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

Ref: PS/4.2

Date 11 December 1944

SUBJECT: Alleged Black Market Activity.

TO HQ. Allied Commission,
(For attention of Public Safety Sub-Commission).

1. Further reference your AC/14006/20/PS of
19 October 1944. *28B*

2. Enclosed for your information is copy of a
police report showing the action taken against the man
ZIZZI and others engaged in the black marketing of olive
oil.

For the Regional Commissioner:

L.W. Jones Capt
for G. RICHARDSON
Major,
Regional Public
Safety Officer.

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Copy to:

Regional Economics & Supply Officer,
Southern Region,
(Ref. RES/715/14).

TO	
COL. CHAPMAN	
COL. YOUNG	
LT. COL. WILCOX	<i>See</i>
MAJ. DICKINSON	
MAJ. WILSON	
MAJ. HANBU Y	
MAJ. BALLANCE	
CAPT. POWELL	
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SUMMARY of report dated 20 Nov 44 received from R. Guardia di Finanza, Brindisi, re purchase of olive oil by MIRO JANKOLE, Yugoslav subject Commercial Councillor, Viale Gorizia No 7, Rome.

In consequence of information received from the Allied Commission, through the Questura of Brindisi, enquiries have been made respecting the acquiring of olive oil by MIRO JANKOLE, Yugoslav subject, of Rome.

It was stated that 1712.50 kg. at a price of 150 per kg. and 209.50 kg. at 130 lire per kg had been purchased from ZIZZI Giuseppe, a farmer, resident at a farm named 'Roghericis', Pezze del Greco fraction of the Comune of Monte Pezzito, Province of Brindisi, who had been pointed out to the Yugoslavs by the owner of a mill in Fasano.

ZIZZI was interviewed at his farm and upon being questioned stated that the olive oil mentioned above was not sold by him to the Yugoslavs but that he had only assisted them to buy 1605.50 kg. from the producers, namely SEMERARO, Francesco and LA TORRE Giovanni Battista of Monte Pezzuto and had not received any remuneration.

The remainder of the oil, it appears, was acquired directly from DI CEGLIE Giuseppe of S. Pietro, Fasano, Province of Brindisi.

SEMERARO Francesco, upon being questioned, denied the statement made by ZIZZI.

ZIZZI then stated that the Yugoslavs were not brought to him by the owners of the mill but by the ex-Carabiniere DEL VENERE Nicola who was there on duty at the C.G.R. Station at Fasano. The latter was not then available for questioning being resident at Novi, Bari,

PALASCIANO Eliseo and D'AMICO Bertolomeo, the only millowners in Fasano declare that they never accompanied the Yugoslavs to ZIZZI to purchase olive oil.

OLIVA Vito, a tinker, of Fasano, stated that the Yugoslavs came to him in company with ZIZZI to buy empty tins. He had none at that time and they ordered 15 tins, leaving a deposit of 400 lire.

ZIZZI was denounced to the Procuratore del Regno, Brindisi, for having procured olive oil contrary to Art. 4 R.D.L. 14/43 n. 245 and DI CEGLIE Giuseppe, LA TORRE Giobattista and SEMERARO Francesco for having sold olive oil at prices above the maximum authorised contrary to Art. 4 and 18 of R.D.L. 22/4/43 n. 245.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Apo 394
Food Sub Commission

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Tel. 489081 - 235

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74-7/ /FOOD

8 December 1944

SUBJECT : Confiscated Olive Oil.

TO : Chief, Public Safety Sub Commission.

1. The case referred to in the attached correspondence was being ~~investigated~~ by you.

2. Can you please say what was the result of this investigation and whether, in view of the information given by the applicant which might lead to the arrest of the chief culprit, some leniency on his behalf is contemplated.

W. J. Legg
W. J. LEGG
Colonel
Director, Food Sub Commission

Chief Clerk

*Ask S. Rev. for result of
investigation 9A of 14006/20/PS rfo*

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8 Dec 1944

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To

Major H. E B S W O R T H.

FOOD SUB = COMMISSION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

R O M E

The undersigned M I R O J A N K O L E, Yugoslav subject, commercial councillor, staying at Rome n°7, viale Gorizia, phone n° 850346 have the honour to submit, in reference to my report to the Public Safety Sub-Commission, the following request:

The competent Authority has stopped at Bovino, prov. of Foggia, a load of 1870 Kg. of oil and the lorry Fiat, Roma n°21326, which I was driving from, Pozzo di Greco, prov. di Brindisi, where I had bought the said oil from a certain Nizzi Giuseppe Masseria Eccellenza Pozzo di Greco and that at the following price.

1686 Kg.	a lire 150,=	for one Kg.	lire	148.500
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t. 1870 Kg.			lire	276.970

I was in possession of a permit for the transportation of all kinds of food from the Ufficio Trasporti, dated Oct. 2nd. 1944.

It is true, on the other hand, that I have not been provided with a permit of this high Sub-Commission, ACCI because I was dealing in good faith, having been absolutely convinced, that the permit of the Ufficio Trasporti is sufficient, for it has been for the first time that I have been doing the aforesaid job.

Furthermore I have been given order to buy food of all kinds by the Prioress General of the Yugoslav Congregation of the School Sisters in Roma n° 10, via dei Colli, who has been got the instructed to organise a Yugoslav mess and it was from her

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that I got the order to purchase the oil as well for the Yugoslav Convent (n° 10 via dei Colli), for diseased Yugoslav subjects as for the Yugoslav ^{Red Cross,} mess ~~whose aim it is to give assistance and help to the Yugoslavs not only in Rome, but also elsewhere in Italy. for the Yugoslav mess and other institutions of the Yugoslav colony in Rome.~~ According to the fact that this oil will be used for the Yugoslav ^{along in Rome.} Students Mess, for the Yugoslav Convent, for the Yugoslav Red Cross and Yugoslav diseased persons exclusively, I beg to offer requisition the said food commodities and to put them at the disposal of the Yugoslav Red Cross in Rome, who will use it exclusively for the aforesaid purposes and will give full information thereof to this Sub-Commission. I further beg for the derequisition also of the seized car.

I may add, that the loss of the money which I have been obliged to pay for the oil, as well as that for the expenses for transportation, and the loss of the car in addition, which is not even my property, would mean to me a very catastrophe.

It would be best to oblige the seller of the oil, who sold it at such high a price, to return to me the price paid for it and to enable us to pay the oil ^{to} You at a price, established by You.

Looking forward to a positive solution of the case.

I am, very respectfully,

Roma, October 31st. 1944.

M. J. J. J.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478708

8 December, 1944.

AC/14006/20/PS

SUBJECT : alleged Black Market Activity.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Southern Reg.
(Attention R.P.S.O.).

With reference to your letter PS/h-2 dated 5 December 1944, para 3, this Sub-Commission would like copies of reports by R. Questura and R. Guardia di Finanza, in due course.

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

BF/G.

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

Ref: PS/ 4.2

Date 5 December 44

SUBJECT: Alleged Black Market Activity. 22TO : HQ. Allied Commission, (for attention of Public Safety
Sub-Commission).

1. Reference your AC/14006/20/PS of 20 November 1944.
2. Your correspondence is returned herewith as requested.
3. Reports from R. Questura and R. Guardia di Finanza, Brindisi, on the matter are now in course of translation and copies thereof will be forwarded to you, should you so desire.

For the Regional Commissioner:

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L. W. Lee Capt
for G. RICHARDSON
Major,
Regional Public
Safety Officer.

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FROM : AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, ROME

TO : CIVIL AFFAIR SECTION, HQ. A.C.

DATE : 5th DECEMBER 1944

REF. : AFSC/R/313/2/ORG.

5 DEC 1944

PS
6 DEC 1944ALLEGED BLACK MARKET ACTIVITY

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Receipt is acknowledged of letter AC/14006/20/PS dated 30th November 1944.

2. The matter has been investigated and this Sub-Commission is satisfied the statement made over Pilot Officer Reed's signature is correct.

3. There never was any intention or suggestion of assisting Black Market Operations. Capt. Pietro Cavolini in anticipation of his visit to his family in Rome had for some time before collected items which he felt would relieve their distress.

4. With respect it is felt no one would seriously believe that an individual carrying two gallons of oil could be classified as a Black Market operator.

Pilot Officer Reed has been warned as to his further activities.

TO	INIT
COL. CHAPMAN	W. 8/12
COL. YOUNG	
LT. COL. W.	
MAJ. JACKSON	
MAJ. WILSON	
MAJ. HYNBURY	
MAJ. BALLANCE	
CAPT. POWEL	
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J. WALTON, SQUADRON LEADER
AIR VICE - MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APO 394.

AG/14006/20/PS.

30th November, 1944.

SUBJECT : Alleged Black Market Activity.

TO : Director, Air Forces Sub-Commission.

1. On the 3rd November, 1944, at Bovino, Province of Foggia, Lt. Bowler, Olive Oil Control Officer, stopped a public service vehicle proceeding towards Naples. A passenger on the vehicle, Captain CEVOLANI Pietro (Italian Army) was in possession of two gallons of olive oil, which he stated he was taking to his family in Rome. Captain Cevolani produced a letter, signed by Pilot Officer Reed, for the Officer Commanding Air Forces Sub-Commission, Lecce. Copy of this letter is attached. The oil was reconstituted and handed to the ammass at Lucera.

2. The transport of olive oil in this manner is unlawful. Will you please bring this to the notice of Pilot Officer Reed with a view to preventing a recurrence.

G.R. Upjohn

G.R. UPJOHN, Brigadier,
V.P. Civil Affairs Section.

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Enclosure: Letter 31/X/44.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

20 November, 1944.

AO/14006/20/PS

SUBJECT : Alleged Black Market Activity.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Southern Reg.
(Attn. R.F.S.O.).

With reference to this office letter 14006/20/PS
dated 19 October 1944, forwarding certain documents and a state-
ment by MIRO JAWOLES on the above subject, would you please
return the documents if they have served your purpose.

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

BF/G.

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

Ref: PS/ 4.2

Date 13 Nov. 44

SUBJECT: Black Market.

TO : Hq. Allied Commission.
 (Attention: Public Safety Sub-Commission)

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The attached letter dated 7 November 1944 received from ZPSO. Foggia Zone respecting the illegal transport of olive oil by Capt. CEVOLANI Pietro, Italian Army, is forwarded for your information and any further action considered necessary.

For the Regional Commissioner:

Action at 23.

L.W. Jones Capt

TO	INIT	DATE
COL. CHAPMAN		
COL. YOUNG		
✓ <i>L.W. Jones</i> COL. WILCOX		
✓ <i>L.W. Jones</i> MAJ. WILSON		
MAJ. HANBURY		
MAJ. HARVEY		
MAJ. BALLANTRAE		
✓ <i>L.W. Jones</i> CAPT. POWELL		

for G. RICHARDSON
 Major,
 Regional Public
 Safety Officer.

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*OPS*H.Q. AC-Foglia Zone
in Lucera*21B*

SUBJECT: Black Market

TO : Regional Commissioner
Southern Region

FROM : Z.P.S.O.-Foggia Zone

REF. : FP/5120

DATE : 7/11/1944

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On 3rd November 1944, at Bovino, province of Foggia, Lt. Bowles, Olive Oil Control Officer, stopped a public service vehicle proceeding toward Naples.

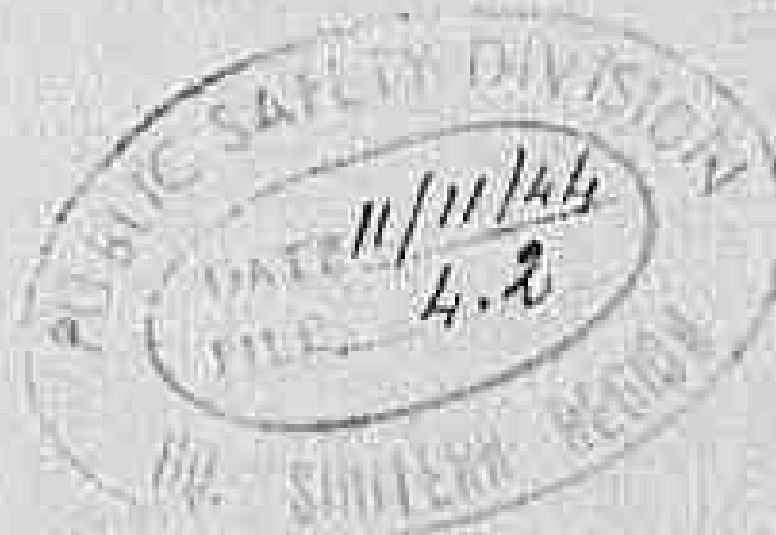
A passenger on the vehicle was Captain CEVOLANI Pietro; Italian Army who was in possession of two gallons of olive oil; which he stated he was taking to his family in Rome.

Captain CEVOLANI also produced a letter signed by a Pilot Officer Reed; for Officer Commanding Air Forces Sub Commission, Lecce; asking for safe conduct of the oil to Rome. A copy of the letter is attached and the original is retained in this Office. The oil was sequestered and smashed at Lucera.

Forwarded in accordance with instructions contained in correspondence R.1178.

E. Locks Capt.
Z.P.S.O.-Foggia Zone.-

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AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

The bearer, Captain CAVENALL Pietro, is going to Rome on leave. He is taking with him a certain amount of foodstuff, including 2 (two) gallons of olive oil, which has been bought by or issued to him. This food is intended for use by himself and his family who is at present resident in Rome.

It is requested that he be permitted to retain it.

Signed: E. Reed P/O
Officer Commanding
AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION
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21/1/44.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APC 394

AC/11006/23/PS

16 Nov 1944

SUBJECT: Contraband Olive Oil.

TO: S.C.A.C., A.C., Fifth Army.

1. The following two paragraphs are extracts from a report by the Region Commissioner, Southern Region.

1. Two men arrested in Bari Province on 9 October carrying a tin of oil stated that the oil had been acquired on the specific instruction of "Colonel MAHIN, head of the Telecommunications Board of the Allied Armies, in service at Florence". They produced no authority as follows:

"Mario SIRAUD is authorized to purchase wine, olive oil, vegetables and fruit on behalf of TMT for use in ROOMS (7) Restaurant and to purchase wine, vegetables and fruit on behalf of telecom EAL (7) messes". Subsequent inquiries led to the receipt by the local Quarters of a sworn declaration by Lt Col MAHIN, in which he states:-

"I have received information that Richard SIRAUD and Angelo SCORING have been arrested in CANOSA DI PUGLIA because they were in possession of a quantity of olive oil. The authorization given to Mario SIRAUD, signed by me in Florence on 29 August 1944 is authentic. I have now been informed that Mario SIRAUD was unable to carry out the purchase himself and authorized his father Richard SIRAUD to do so in his place. Signed MORRIS, Lt. Col."

4. If other regions are to be authorized to purchase olive oil in the black market, this HQ will render them all possible assistance - in fact we can give them some good addresses. But if the present orders of the Food Sub-Commission (viz:- that no one is allowed to buy in the black market and that all movement of controlled food stuffs must have the prior authority of the Food Sub-Commission) are to be enforced it is requested that instructions be issued afresh to all regions and that the officers referred to in the preceding paragraphs, in particular, should be advised of the position.

2. Will you please acquaint Lt Col. MORRIS of the Telecommunications Board with the regulations.

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

APC/jwf

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Col Ames came &
explained the situation
fully some days ago. I
ought to have let you
know. Col Young was
present. Instructions
have been given to
prevent a recurrence &
the matter is finite

for
JRM
— JRM

Col Pollock was improperly buying olive oil
On 12 25 Oct we asked Polletti whether
"this irregularity, was carried out on his
own initiative or whether it was authorized
by him (Polletti)"

Col Polletti has not replied - this is
a reminder for signature or do we let
sleeping dogs lie.

11 NOV. 1944

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APO 394

8 November 1944

AC/14066/20/PS

SUBJECT : Contraband Olive Oil.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Lazio-Umbria Region.
(Attn: R.P.S.O.).

Your early reply to our AC/14066/20/PS dated 25 October.
1944 concerning the above is requested.

BY COMMAND OF SUBORDINATE STONE:

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

*Not Sent
Dec 19th*

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APO 394

AC/14006/20/PS

2 November 1944

SUBJECT : Contraband Olive Oil.

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

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter R/1167 dated
27 October 1944, respecting irregular purchasing of olive oil.

Such purchases are disapproved and steps are being
taken to stop them.

By Command of Commodore Stone:

[Signature]
G.R. LEJOHN Brig
V.P., C.A. Section
Deputy Chief of Staff

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To

Major H. E B S W O R T H,

FOOD SUB - COMMISSION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,

R o m e.

The undersigned MIRC J A N K O L E, Yugoslav subject, commercial councillor, staying at Rome, Nr. 7, Viale Gorizia, phone Nr. 850346 have the honour to submit, in reference to my report to the Public Safety Sub-Commission, the following request:

The competent Authority has stopped at Bovino, prov. of Foggia, a load of 1870 kg of oil and the lorry Fiat, target Roma N° 21326, which I was driving from Pezzo di Greco, prov. of Brindisi, where I had bought the said ~~oil~~ from a certain Zizzi Giuseppe Masseria Eccellenza Pezzo di Greco and that at the following price;

1686 kg a lire 150.-	for one kg lire 148,500.-
184 kg a lire 130.-	for one kg lire 23.930.-
totally 1870 kg	lire 276,970.-

I was in possession of a permit for the transportation of all kinds of food from the Ufficio Trasporti, dated Oct. 2nd, 1944.

It is true, on the other hand, that I have not been provided with a permit of this high Sub-Commission, ACC., because I was dealing in good faith, having been absolutely convinced, that the permit of the Ufficio Trasporti is sufficient, for it has been for the first time that I have been doing the aforesaid job.

Furthermore I have been given order to buy food of all kinds by the Priore General of the Yugoslav Congregation of the School Sisters in Rome, Nr. 10; Via dei Coli, who has been instructed to organize a Yugoslav mess and it was from her that I got the order to purchase the oil as well for the Yugoslav Congregation (Nr. 10, Via dei Coli), for diseased Yugoslav subjects as for the Yugoslav Red Cross, whose aim it is to give assistance and help to the Yugoslavs not only in Rome, but also elsewhere in Italy, for the Yugoslav mess and other institutions of the Yugoslav colony in Rome.

According to the fact that this oil will be used for the Yugoslav Students Mess, for the Yugoslav Convict, for the Yugoslav Red Cross and Yugoslav diseased persons, for the

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According to the fact that this oil will be used for the Yugoslav Students Mess, for the Yugoslav Convict, for the Yugoslav Red Cross and Yugoslav diseased persons exclusively, I beg to request on the said food commodities and to put them at the disposal of the Yugoslav Red Cross in Rome, who will use it exclusively for the aforesaid purposes and will give full information thereof to this Sub-Commission. I further beg for the derequisition also of the seized car.

I may add, that the loss of the money which I have been obliged to pay for the oil, as well as of that for the expenses for transportation, and the loss of the car in addition, which is not even my property, would mean to me a very catastrophe.

It would be best to oblige the seller of the oil,

who sold it at such high a price, to return to me the price paid for it and to enable us to pay the oil to You at a price, established by You.

Looking forward to a positive solution of the case

I am,

very respectfully

Winfred J. ...

Rome, October 31st, 1944.

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

F/1167

29 October 1944

SUBJECT: Olive Oil Contraband.

TO: Headquarters, Allied Control Commission,
(Public Safety Sub-Commission).

1. Two men arrested in Bari province on 5 October carrying qtls 16 of oil stated that the oil had been acquired on the specific instruction of "Colonel MORRIS, head of the Telecommunications Board of the Allied Armies, in service at Florence". They produced an authority as follows:

"Mario SIBAUD is authorized to purchase wine, olive oil, vegetables and fruit on behalf of TETI for use in WOODHUMANS (?) Restaurant and to purchase wine, vegetables and fruit on behalf of telecom RAL (?) messes". Subsequent inquiries led to the receipt by the local Questore of a sworn declaration by Lt. Col. MORRIS, in which he states:-

"I have received information that Richard SIBAUD and Angelo TONNINO have been arrested in CANOSA DI PUGLIA because they were in possession of a quantity of olive oil. The authorization given to Mario SIBAUD, signed by me in Florence on 29 August 1944 is authentic. I have now been informed that Mario SIBAUD was unable to carry out the purchase himself and authorized his father Richard SIBAUD xxx to do so in his place. Signed MORRIS, Lt. Col."

2. On 3 October patrols stopped a vehicle in Foggia carrying 8 qtls of contraband olive oil. One Italian on the vehicle proved to be a GCFF, heavily armed and carrying grenades who is believed to be a GCFF deserter. He had 6 jerricans of olive oil of his own. Another passenger produced a permit reading as follows:

A U T O R I Z Z A Z I O N E

Si autorizza il Serg. DE RISO GIORGIO a trasportare da Lecce su di un automezzo della R. Aeronautica no 4 (quattro) fusti di olio per le mense delle Storme Baltimore per un peso complessivo di circa 500 (ottocento) Kg.-

Campo Vesuvio, li 3 Ottobre 1944.

F/to
Il Comandante lo Storc
Baltimore

Sergeant DE RISO GIORGIO is authorized to carry the stores mentioned in the above order for the Italian Air Force.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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"I have received information that Richard SIFAUD and Angelo SOMMARIO have been arrested in CAPOSA DI PUGLIA because they were in possession of a quantity of olive oil. The authorization given to Mario SIFAUD, signed by me in Florence on 23 August 1944 is authentic. I have now been informed that Mario SIFAUD was unable to carry out the purchase himself and authorized his father Richard SIFAUD xxx to do so in his place. Signed MORRIS, Lt. Col."

5. On 8 October patrols stopped a vehicle in Foggia carrying 6 qtls of contraband olive oil. One Italian on the vehicle proved to be a GCFF, heavily armed and carrying grenades who is believed to be a GCFF deserter. He had 6 jars of olive oil of his own. Another passenger produced a permit reading as follows:

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Campo Vesuvio, 14 2 Ottobre 1944.

T/to
Il Comandante lo Stormo
Baltimore

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AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ORTAVIANO (Napoli)
(signed)

Dr. Thomson.

Restituire la presente autorizzazione a questo Comando a missione compiuta.

5. On 21 September a patrol in Foggia seized from a wine lorry a case containing 25 litre of contraband olive oil addressed as follows:



Al Questore Roma,
Morazini Dott. Luigi
R. Questura Roma.

On application to Lazio Region for disciplinary action a reply was received from the Regional Public Safety Division to the effect that the olive oil in question was purchased for the use of 5000 civil police in Rome City. It was further stated that the whole question has been taken up by the Lazio Regional Commissioner, but that meanwhile authority has been given for the Civil Police to get as much food as they could to supplement their short rations; release of the oil was requested. The papers in this case were passed to the Food Sub-Commission who replied that no olive oil should be purchased by Allied or Italian Military Authorities. (Their letter A/C/74-7/FOOD of 17 October refers).

4. If other regions or HQ Sub-Commissions are to be authorized to purchase olive oil in the black market, this HQ will render them all possible assistance - in fact we can give them some food addresses. But if the present orders of the Food Sub-Commission (xxx viz:- that no one is allowed to buy in the black market and that all movement of controlled food stuffs must have the prior authority of the Food Sub-Commission) are to be enforced it is requested that instructions be issued afresh to all regions and Sub-Commissions and that the officers referred to in the preceding paragraphs, in particular, should be advised of the position.

5. It is the opinion of this HQ that every additional quintal of oil acquired with ACC authority at black market prices from dishonest producers will mean the loss of many times that quantity in the auge.

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Copies to:- Comr, Foggia Zone
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HQ SR ACC, PS Div
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C. E. WINTERLEY,
Colonel,
Regional Commissioner.

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MEMORANDUM

Brigadier Ughlin,
V.V. Civil Affairs Section.

You will see from the attached correspondence that the question of home, acting under the authority of the Regional Commissioner, has unlawfully purchased a quantity of olive oil from the Toggia Province which has been sequestered.

This sort of irregularity is unfortunately by no means a new thing, but when, as in this case, it is practiced by the Agents of Public Safety who are responsible for enforcing the regulations, I consider that it becomes particularly reprehensible. I feel very strongly on this point because the principle involved is a fundamental one.

If we are to achieve a proper sense of discipline and respect for the law, not only in this Commission but in the Italian Public Safety Services, instances such as this must be dealt with very vigorously.

I have prepared a draft letter for your signature, addressed to the Regional Commissioner.

26th October, 1944.

A.E. HING, Colonel,
Deputy Director,
Public Safety Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section.
APG 394.

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AGC/14006/20/PS.

29th October, 1944.

SUBJECT : Contraband Olive Oil.

TO : Regional Commissioner,
Iasio Umbria Region.

1. It has been brought to my notice that your Regional Public Safety Officer, Lt. Col. J. Pollock has given authority to the Questore of Rome to collect food stuffs from other Regions to supplement the police rations.
2. As a result, on 21st September, 1944, a lorry carrying wine and 25 litres of contraband olive oil, addressed to the Questore of Rome, was stopped at BOVINO, Foggia Province.
3. The scale of rations for Questura police is set out in memorandum 222/29/OA dated 13th June, 1944. It will be noted that this memorandum lays down that olive oil (which is a rationed commodity) is to be drawn at the current monthly official rate. As you are aware, this can only be drawn through the local Alimentation Office.
4. The purchase of olive oil in Foggia by the Rome Police was, therefore, illegal. It must be realised that the rationing scheme will become chaotic if Allied Officers authorise Italian Agencies to deal in contraband. This is particularly reprehensible in the case of the police, who are responsible for enforcing the regulations.
5. I attach a copy of a letter forwarded by Lt. Col. Pollock to the Regional Commissioner, Southern Region, being his explanation of the matter and should be glad if you would let me know whether this irregularity was carried out on his own responsibility or whether it was authorised by you.

For Acting Chief Commissioner

G. R. Upjohn
G.R. UPJOHN, Brig.

V.P., C.A. Section
Deputy Chief of Staff.

Copy to Economic Section
Food Sub-Commission
Regional Comm. Southern Reg.

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BY/ca. Enclosure: Copy of letter.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO & UMBRIA REGION

Regional Public Safety HQ

4th October, 1944.

SUBJECT : Contaminated Olive Oil.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Southern Region
Attn. R.P.S.C. Southern Region
(through Regional Commissioner)

1. With reference to your letter MS/4.2 of 30th Sept., 1944 enclosing copy of a report from the Zone Commissioner, Foggia, enquiries have been made into the matter.
2. The olive oil in question was purchased for the use of 3,000 civil Police in Rome City.
3. For the past 3 months there has been considerable dissatisfaction amongst the police forces in Rome owing to their short rations of food - in fact it has been reported that they are not so well off now as the rations authorized by the enemy.
4. The whole question of the rations has been taken up by the Regional Commissioner on higher level, but meanwhile authority has been given to the Quarters to get as much food as they can to supplement their short rations.
5. It will be much appreciated if you can allow this oil to be released for the Rome Police.

J.R. POLLOCK
Lt. Colonel,
Chief Public Safety
Lazio & Umbria Region.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO & UMBRIA REGION

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Regional Public Safety HQ

4 October 1944

SUBJECT: Contraband Olive Oil

TO : Regional Commissioner, Southern Region
Attn. R.P.S.O. Southern Region
(through Regional Commissioner)

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1. With reference to your letter PS/4,2 of 30th Sept. 1944 enclosing copy of a report from the Zone Commissioner, Foggia, enquiries have been made into the matter.
2. The olive oil in question was purchased for the use of 8,000 civil Police in Rome City.
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J.R. POLLOCK
Lt. Colonel
Chief Public Safety
Lazio & Umbria Region

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394 U.S. ARMY
REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE

30 September 1944

PS/4.2

SUBJECT : contraband Olive Oil.

TO : R.P.S.O. Lazio Region. *-12C*

1. Reference attached copy report dated 27 September 1944 from Zone Commissioner, Foggia.
2. As you will appreciate this is a matter for investigation.
3. Perhaps you would be good enough to have enquiries made and inform me of the result in due course.

G. RICHARDSON
MAJOR
REGIONAL PUBLIC
SAFETY OFFICER

LWT/to

COPY 25/10/44

Ref. FP/5151
27 Sep. 1944

SUBJECT : Contraband Olive Oil

TO : HQ. ACC SOUTHERN REGION

FROM : ACC FOGGIA ZONE

1. I have to report that on the night of 21 Sep.44
a case containing about 25 litres of olive oil was seized at
BOVINO from a covered lorry carrying wine to ROME. The Case
was addressed as follows:

Al Questore Rome,
Morazzini Dott. Luigi
R. Questura Rome.

2. As this oil is contraband, I request that discipli-
nary action should be taken against the Questore concerned.

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Lt Colonel
Zone Commissioner,
A.C.C. FOGGIA ZONE

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER
AP 39.

R/1131

20 October 1944

SUBJECT: Instructions for employment of Olive Oil
Control Officers (OCCO's)

TO : See Distribution.

1. The tasks of OCCO's will be as follows:

- a. To supervise and support generally the carrying-out of the Italian Government Decrees for the amassing of olive oil in Southern Region.
- b. To organize, under the instructions of the Zone PS Officers a system of OCCO's/GRAF road blocks, Olive oil Press controls and inspections to prevent infringement of the Decrees.
- c. To maintain contact with the Provincial Inspectors of Agriculture and UFFICIALS in connection with the amassing of olive oil and to report to the Regional Agricultural Officers how the harvest, pressing, amassing and unloading is proceeding in their districts.
- d. In the execution of these duties, to investigate and report all cases of illegal movement of goods or persons, and of illegal possession of contraband or Allied Property.

2. OCCO's will be attached to Zones and will be under Command of Zone Commissioners.

3. Major HIRSHBERG will be attached to Regional HQ as Staff Officer to the Regional Commissioner for olive oil control. He will be responsible for coordinating the work of control between Zones and of securing that it is carried out on a uniform basis throughout the Region. He will make his HQ where he can best perform his task.

4. Major HIRSHBERG and Major RIDGELL (Regional Agricultural Officer) will arrange for the necessary instruction of OCCO's, which instruction will include some practical work in the field. For this purpose all OCCO's will be concentrated at LUCERA on 22 October under arrangements by Executive Officer.

5. On completion of instruction (probably about 1 November 1944) OCCO's will be attached as follows:

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BARI ZONE	6	} Including 8 new Control Officers and 7 Harvest Control Officers already in the Region.
CATANZARO ZONE	4	
TERRACINA ZONE	1	
POGGIA ZONE	2	
NAPLES ZONE	2	
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Deployment will be arranged by Region H.C. on advice of Major HIRSBERG.

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6. Zone Commissioners will supply OOCO's with the best means of transportation that they can (bearing in mind the vital necessity of a successful mass of oil) and with one interpreter - per OOCO. The Executive Officer will investigate whether Region H.Q. can supply part of these requirements.

7. OOCO's will render weekly reports of their activity to the Zone Commissioner who will forward two copies to the Regional Commissioner (one for P.S. and one for Agriculture).

C. E. TEMPERLEY

C. E. TEMPERLEY,
Colonel,
Regional Commissioner.

DISTRIBUTION:

OOCO's { one each }
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Commissioner (one for P.S. and one for Agriculture).

Ch. E. Tippetley

C. E. TIPPETLEY,
Colonel,
Regional Commissioner.

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Office Of The American Provost Marshal
 Rome Allied Area Command
 APO 794, US Army

LA/rmc
 20 October 1944
 23/10/44

Subject : Investigation of US Personnel.

To : Director Public Safety Sub-Commission, ACC, APO 394.
 Att: Colonel John W. Chapman

1. Reference your letter dated 16 October 1944,
 (ACC/14006/20/P3).

2. Forwarded to Commanding GENERAL, AAF/MTC, as a matter
 pertaining to his command.

For the American Provost Marshal:

Albert Alvir
 ALBERT ALVIR
 1st Lt. Inf.
 Administrative Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

File 9A
Sec 22

Tel : 478708

19 October, 1944.

ACC/14006/20/PS

SUBJECT : Alleged Black Market Activity.

TO : R.P.S.O., Southern Region

The enclosed documents with a statement made by
Miro JARROLD, is forwarded for your information and necessary
action, as it indicates that the man 21221 is engaged in black
market activities.

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

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BF/C.

Translation RV.

Subject : Statement of Miro Jankole.

I, Miro Jankole, commercial adviser, Yugoslav subject, residing in Rome, Viale Gorizia 7, together with the Yugoslav Major Erjavec Franz, travelled from Rome to Bari, for the purchase of food-supply. I did not know, that a special permit, issued by A.C.C. Food Sub-Commission was necessary for the transport of food-supplies.

When arrived in Bari, we asked informations from Civilians where food-supplies could be found. These civilians informed us, that at Fasano (Brindisi Province), goods could be found.

We proceeded to Fasano, where a civilian addressed us to a large oil-mill (name of which I do not remember). After our request, the owner of the mill stated, that he was actually short of oil, but that, if we could return in about a week's time, he would have been able to supply us with new oil - even with a quantity of 50 to 100 quintals - at the basic price of 130 lire per kilo.

Said mill-owner sent us afterwards to Zizzi Giuseppe, farm Eccellenza, Pozze di Greco (Brindisi Prov.) where we purchased 1815 kilos of oil, i.e.:

1432.50	kilos	at	150	lire	per	kilo
280	"	"	130	"	"	"
159	"	"	130	"	"	"
50.50	"	"	130	"	"	"

Said goods were bought on the 13/10/1944.

Zizzi did not ask for any purchase-permit.

He protested about the high price, pointing out, that the oil was necessary for the Yugoslav citizens, but the a/m replied, that he could not give it for less, as he could easily find other purchasers. We were obliged to pay such high price, so as not to return without anything.

We then left for Rome. At the block post of Bovino (Foggia Prov.), we were stopped by two CC.RR., who wanted to know what our load contained. We declared, that we transported olive-oil for Yugoslav citizens. The CC.RR. then called an MP, who stated, that a special permit was necessary for the transportation of oil and "stopped" the load. He told us to go to Lucera, where an A.C.C. Major was on duty, who could give us the authorisation.

We left the loaded car at Bovino and went to Lucera, where Major Erjavec had an interview with the A.C.C. Major, who stated not to be authorised to issue said authorisation. He suggested to go to Naples and to apply to the A.C.C. Food Sub-Commission and to bring him the permit within 10 days.

Arriving in Naples we were informed, that the competent office had been transferred to Rome and that we had to apply to Major Fitzwarth, whom we have immediately contacted.

14006/20 GA

See 16/11

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Miro Janhole was in possession of the civil permit N. 265560, issued in Rome and of the travelling permit issued by the Rome Transportation Office.

Major Erjavec Franz - Member of the Committee for Yugoslav persecutees by R.Y.D. (Royal Yugoslav Delegation) A.C.I. Via Quintino Sella - Rome, was in possession of a military permit.

Sgd. Miro Janhole

18 October 1944.

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Io, Miro Jan Kola, consigliere commerciale, come
 jugoslavo; residente a Roma, Viale Gorizia 4, 86
 commerciante, sono andato assieme con un maggiore
 jugoslavo Erjavec Franz per la compra di generi
 alimentari, da Roma a Bari, non sapendo che
 occorresse un permesso speciale della Food S/E
 A.C.C. per il trasporto viveri. Giunti a Bari abbiamo
 domandato a civili dove si potesse trovare dei
 viveri. I civili poi hanno indicato che a Fasano
 (Brindisi) si poteva trovare della roba. Abbiamo
 proseguito per Fasano, dove, fermando un borghese
 ci ha mandati da un proprietario di un grosso
 mulino (il nome non ricordo). Arrivando al mulino, il
 proprietario ha detto che era sprovvisto di olio
 ma che se potevamo ritornare fra una settimana,
 egli avrebbe potuto fornirci dell'olio nuovo, anche
 in quantità da 50 a 100 quintali, prezzo base 130 lire
 al chilo.

Questo proprietario poi, ci ha mandato da Zizzi
 Giuseppe, Masseria Eccellenza, Torre di Greco, Provincia
 Brindisi, dove abbiamo comprato 1815 chili di olio,
 e cioè:

1432.50 chili	a	150 lire	per	chilo.
280	"	"	"	"
159	"	130	"	"
50.50	"	"	"	"

Tutto questo venne comprato il giorno 13 ottobre 1944,
 senza che Zizzi domandasse per alcun permesso
 di compra. Noi però, abbiamo detto che l'olio
 serviva per i cittadini jugoslavi, protestando in merito
 al prezzo alto; ma lui ha detto che non poteva
 diminuire il prezzo, perché lo poteva vendere ad
 altri ~~clienti~~. Così siamo stati costretti a pagare
 tale prezzo, per non tornare a carico vuoto.

Siamo poi ripartiti per Roma ed al posto di
 blocco di Bovino (Foggia) siamo stati fermati
 da due carabinieri e poco distante un agente
 della 'Military Police,' domandando il contenuto
 del carico, abbiamo dichiarato 'Portiamo olio'
 per i cittadini jugoslavi. I carabinieri poi, hanno
 chiamato la 'Military Police' il quale ha detto che
 occorreva un permesso speciale per trasportare
 olio, ed ha fatto il 'Fermo,' dicendo di andare a
 dueera dove si trovava un Maggiore dell'A.E.C.
 il quale poteva dare il nulla-osta. Abbiamo lasciato
 la macchina carica a Bovino e siamo andati a
 dueera dove il magg. Erjavec ha parlato col
 maggiore dell'A.E.C. il quale ha detto che non
 era autorizzato a dare tale permesso e che
 dovevamo andare a Napoli alla 'Food Sub. Commission'
 A.E.C. portandogli poi il permesso entro dieci
 giorni. Arrivando a Napoli siamo stati informati
 che l'ufficio addetto si era trasferito a Roma.
 dovendoci rivolgere al Magg. H. Ebswarth, con cui
 abbiamo preso immediato contatto.
 Il Miro Jankole era munito del permesso civile
 no. 265560 rilasciato a Roma. e del 'Travelling
 Permit' rilasciato dall'ufficio Trasporti di Roma.
 Il Magg. Erjavec Franz - Member of the Committee
 for Yugoslav persecutees by R.Y.D. (Royal
 Yugoslav Delegation) A.E.I. Via Quirino bella Roma.
 era munito di permesso militare. 3941

Miro Jankole
 18/10/44.

Lizzi Giuseppe

Masseria Eccellenza

Terre di Greco

p. Brindisi

Oct, 1st October 1944

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LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION

Superior General Nuns Scholastic III. Order Holy Francis Roma

authorizes

Mr. Miro Jankole, Comm. Adviser a Yugoslav citizen, bearer of Passport
No 27/28

for the supply, traveling and transportation of all kinds of victualing
and other essentials

for our Mess a Yugoslav Citizens.

The above mentioned person is duly authorized by the Government of
Yugoslavia to travel throughout the Italian territory.

The Military and Civil Authorities are kindly requested to give the
person entitled with this present authorization all necessary and help.



M. M. Teresa Kanželić

Superior General Theresa
Kanželić

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7. KIO L'GIONE TERRITO ALE DUTTA MUGIA GUAR IA D FINANZA "SALENTINA" 8E

COMANDO DEL NUNIO P.T.I. DI FOGGIA IN LUCERA

E L E N O degli accessori in dotazione alla macchina Fiat 521 targata
21326 Roma, sequestrata in data 14 Ottobre 1944 per ordine
dell'Allegato Comisione di Lucera.

Numero d'ordine.	Denominazione degli accessori	Quantità	Note
1	Copertone impermeabile per copertura della macchina.....	1	
2	Copertone 200/20 marca "Pirelli".....	1	
3	Camera d'aria 36/8 "Michelin".....	1	
4	" " 7,30/18 "for Fiat Boss Rim".....	1	
5	Porte di serraggio.....	1	
6	Tubo di gomma per travaso benzina.....	1	
7	Cilind. idraulico con leva.....	1	
8	Venivella di avviamento.....	1	
9	Pompa.....	1	
10	Giro banchino per ruote anteriore.....	1	
11	" " " posteriore.....	1	
12	Cilievi tubolari.....	1	
13	Chiusi spaccati.....	1	
14	Scarpelli.....	1	
15	Chiusiavite.....	1	
16	Linea tornina.....	1	
17	Pinzza.....	1	
18	Martello.....	1	
19	Leva per copertoni.....	1	
20	Chiave inglese rotta.....	1	
21	Candele fuori uso.....	1	
22	Vari bulloni fuori uso.....	1	
23	Eidoni di benzina pieni.....	1	
24	Eidone di olio per macchina non pieno.....	1	
25	Camera d'aria fuori uso "Dunlop" 7/50/20.....	1	
26	Accenditore in uso alle macchine.....	1	
27	Lampadine per farali grandi.....	1	
28	" " piccola.....	1	
Totale degli accessori.....		70	

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1	Copertone impermeabile per copertura della	
2	macchina.....	
3	Copertone 200/20 marca "Pirelli"	
4	Camera d'aria 35/3 "Michelin"	
5	" " 7,50/15 "Polar Flat Boss Rim"	
6	Corde al gonfiaggio.....	
7	Tubo di gomma per traverso benzina.....	
8	Griffe idraulico con leva.....	
9	Manovella di avviamento.....	
10	Pompa.....	
11	Giro bacchino per ruote anteriore.....	
12	" " " posteriore.....	
13	Chiusi tubolari.....	
14	Chiusi apoceti	
15	Scarpelli	
16	Scaglievide	
17	Lina rondine.....	
18	Pinza.....	
19	Martello	
20	Leve per espedienti.....	
21	Chiave inglese rotta.....	
22	Gandole fuori uso	
23	Vari bulloni fuori uso.....	
24	Bilioni 14 benzina pieni.....	
25	Bidone di olio per macchina non pieno	
26	Camera d'aria fuori uso "Duclos" 7/50/20	
27	Accumulatore in uso alla macchina	
28	Lampadine per fari grandi	
	" " piccole.....	
	Totale degli accessori.....	70

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Luera li 14 / 10 / 1944

L'accertante

Alf. J. J. J.

Il cedente

Alf. J. J. J.

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RASPORTI DI ROMA



Travelling Permit N° 43430
Foglio di via N.

Delivered on the
Rilasciato il
of validity until the
Valido fino al

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FOR THE DRIVER TO REEP
Da conservare dal trasportatore

Plate Number Targa	Province Provincia	Permit of circulation N. Permesso N.	Carrying capacity Portata Q.li	Makers name Marca	Type Tipo	Fuel used Alimentazione	Owner Proprietario
21326	Roma	68536	30	Fiat	521	benz.	Giannella Pirano

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Goods carried Merce trasportata	
For account of Per conto di	
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To be paid by Pagamento a carico di	

PERSONS AUTHORIZED FOR THE JOURNEY - Persone autorizzate a viaggiare	
Driver Autista	Enrico Attilio

JOURNEY ON - ANDATA	
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PERSONS AUTHORIZED FOR THE JOURNEY - Persone autorizzate a viaggiare

Driver
Autista

JOURNEY BACK - RITORNO

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Fuel and lubricant allowance:
Assegnazione di carburante e lubrificante:

Gasoline
Benzina

Naphta
Nafta

Lubricating oil
Olio lubrificante

kg.

Type of vehicle
Tipo dell'autoveicolo

Plat Number
Targa N.

THIS DOCUMENT IS ACKNOWLEDGED BY

A. M. G. and A. C. C.

AS THE ONLY ONE OF ANY VALUE
FOR THE TRANSPORT OF WARES FOR THE
SUPPLY OF ROME

Questo documento è riconosciuto dalla A.M.G. e A.C.C.
come l'unico valido per il trasporto di cose destinate
alla Città di Roma

No 43430

of the

del

UFFICIO TRASPORTI DI ROMA
Delegate's signature - Firma del Delegato

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From Da	to a	Changes of itinerary Variazioni di itinerario
From Da	to a	
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Cause Motivo		

NOTICE The present travel authorization is valid for a back journey only if it is vided by the authorities of the place for which it has been granted (1)	AVVERTENZA Il presente foglio di viaggio è valido per il percorso di ritorno solo se munito del visto dell'Autorità del luogo per il quale il permesso è stato rilasciato (1)
Seen on arrival at Visto arrivare a Date Data	
Stamp and signature of the authorities (2) Bollo e firma dell'autorità	(1) In case no authorities will be found on the place of destination, a certificate issued by the supplier of the goods will valid. (2) Mayor or Police - Station or Royal Carabinieri Station.

In the tank Esistente nel serbatoio Received when leaving and or during the journey Ritirato alla partenza o durante il viaggio Used Consumato Balance left Residuo	Fuel Carburante	Oil Olio

RECEIPT OF GOODS TRANSPORTED ON JOURNEY ON Ricevuta della merce trasportata nel viaggio di ritorno I declare that I have regularly received, from the transporter to whom this Travelling - Permit is issued, the following goods: Dichiaro di aver regolarmente ricevuto, da parte del trasportatore titolare del presente foglio di via, la seguente merce: Quality of goods Genere della merce Controlled weight Peso controllato Coming from Proveniente da Destined to Destinata a For account of Per conto di Stamp and signature of the receiver Timbro e firma del ricevente the li
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 194

ACC/14005/29/73.

Tel. 449081 - 257.

15th October, 1944.

SUBJECT : Investigation of US Personnel.

TO : Provost Marshal, R.A.A.C.

1. The attached documents are forwarded for investigation by the C.I.R.

- i. Copy of letter dated 15 October 1944 from Colonel G.E. Comperley, Regional Commissioner, Southern Region. *bff*
- ii. Report R.R. 4.2 dated 11 October 1944 from R.P.S.O. Southern Region. *SA*
- iii. Report RP/3150 dated 7 October 1944, from R.P.S.O. Poggio Zone. *SB*
- iv. Copy of letter dated 4 October 1944, from Capt. Briggs, Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, A.S.C. *SC*

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

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Enclosures : as above.

Copy to Col. Fiske, D.C.O.S. Establishment Section.

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

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13 October 1944

SUBJECT: Lt Col DEACHIRCK - Capt TRIGGS.

TO: Headquarters, Allied Control Commission,
(Public Safety Sub-Commission).

1. Attached hereto are copies of correspondence regarding a seizure of olive oil in Foggia Province. The truck carried 3 qtls hidden in a false bottom and 8 gals in tins. An Italian civilian accompanying the shipment was in possession of a letter from Lt Col Richard DEACHIRCK (Air Corps) to Capt Clayton TRIGGS (Displaced Persons Sub-Commission). The letter mentions a consignment of oil and refers to the Italian in charge of it as a "swell guy" who would be a nice fellow for Captain TRIGGS to know. It proceeds to say that Col DEACHIRCK will see Captain TRIGGS on the 12th of October and will "bring him more oil".

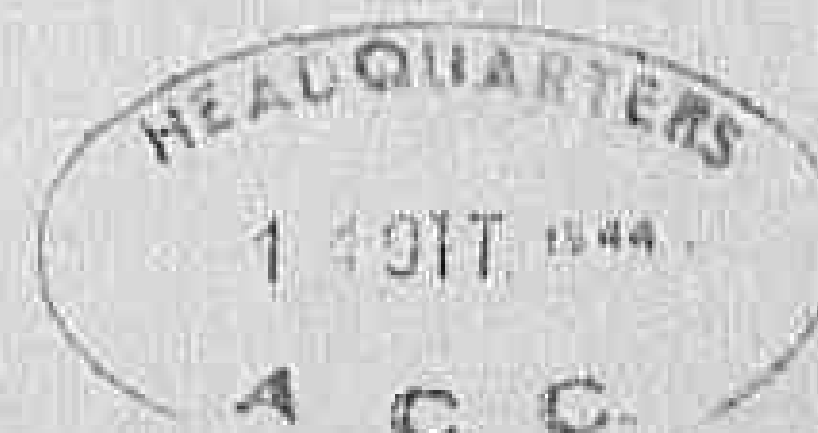
2. It is possible that Lt Col DEACHIRCK knew nothing of the hidden 3 qtls and is merely referring to the 8 gals which were in the vehicle and that the 8 gals and the further consignment are intended for private consumption. Even then Lt Col DEACHIRCK has transgressed orders by sending a private letter by an Italian and by purchasing ammassable food stuffs. But a far more sinister implication arises if the letter actually refers to the 3 qtls of hidden oil and if the 3 qtls are intended for re-sale on the black market in Rome for a personal profit which might amount to 50,000 lire to 100,000 lire..

3. Under the circumstances, it is suggested that it would be in the interests of all concerned for a very thorough inquiry to be made into the circumstances. It may be possible to intercept the second shipment and thus discover the scale of these operations. A telephone message has been sent to you to-day suggesting this course.

C. L. Temperley 393
C. L. TEMPERLEY,
Colonel,
Regional Commissioner.

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cc: Commissioner, Foggia Zone.

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H.Q. ACC, Foggia Zone
in Lucera

SUBJECT: Contraband

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

FROM : P.S.O. Foggia Zone

REF. : PF/5150

DATE : 7/10/1944

Copy to:
Zone Commissioner

I have to inform you that on the night of 4 October 1944 a vehicle coming from Bari was stopped by one of my patrols.

This vehicle was found to have a false bottom in which was concealed about 3 quintals of olive oil.

Particulars of the vehicle are:-

Plate No A.C.C. (AIR) 65

Vehicle No Painted out

Make Dodge 3 tonner

Driver Dottarelli

Work ticket Signed by Lt Jaculli authorizing the vehicle to carry Italian Military Personnel and ammunition.

On board the vehicle was an Italian Civilian carrying 8 gallons of oil. The only document this man had was a private letter - copy of which is attached. The oil was seized.

I shall be glad if you will take this matter up in the proper quarter.

/signed/
Major,
SPPSO, Foggia Zone.

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4 October 1944. *ke*

Capt. Triggs
Displaced Persons
Allied Control Commissioner

Dear Clayton,

Sending you with my friend Mike Galante some oil. He is one swell guy and would be a nice friend to know.

Will be up to see you about the twelfth of the month. Say hello to every one concerned for me, and tell them when I will be up. I will bring you more oil when I come.

Regards.
Dick.

Richard Denchirek,
Lt. Colonel,
Air Corps U. S. Army.

No Official Stamp at all. _____

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

Date 11 Oct. 1944

Ref: PS/ 4.2

SUBJECT: Contraband.

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

1. Enclosed herewith is letter dated 7 October 1944 (and enclosure) received from the Zone Public Safety Officer, Foggia, relating to the illegal transport of olive oil in an ACC. (Air) truck.

2. This, you will agree, is a matter for investigation by your HQ.

3. Perhaps you would be good enough to inform this HQ. in due course of the result of the enquiries.

L. W. Toes
 for G. RICHARDSON
 Major,
 Regional Public
 Safety Officer.

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10 OCT 1944

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H.Q. ACC, Foggia Zone
in LuceraPs

SUBJECT: Contraband

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

FROM : P.S.O. Foggia Zone

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Major,
SPPSO, Foggia Zone.

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4 October 1944.

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Allied Control Commissioner

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Regards.
Dick.

Richard Deachirck
Lt. Colonel.
Air Corps U.S. Army.

No Official Stamp at all.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478703

13 October, 1944.

ACC/14006/20/PS

SUBJECT : Smuggling of Olive Oil.

TO : Food Sub-Commission.

(2A)
With reference to your letter ACC/80-1/FOOD dated
13 August, 1944, herewith are copies of correspondence received
from the R.F.S.O. Southern Region on the Subject.

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

Enclosures : Copies of
Letter from A.C.C. Southern Reg.
dated 9 October, 1944.
Letter from A.C.C. Zone Commis. Bari.
dated 5 October, 1944.
Translation 11th CC.FF. Leg. Salentina's letter
dated 22 September 1944.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ZONE COMMISSIONERS OFFICE
BARI

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*Translation of enclosure
please list*

Subject: Alleged Smuggling of Olive Oil

PS

Southern Region
A.C.C.

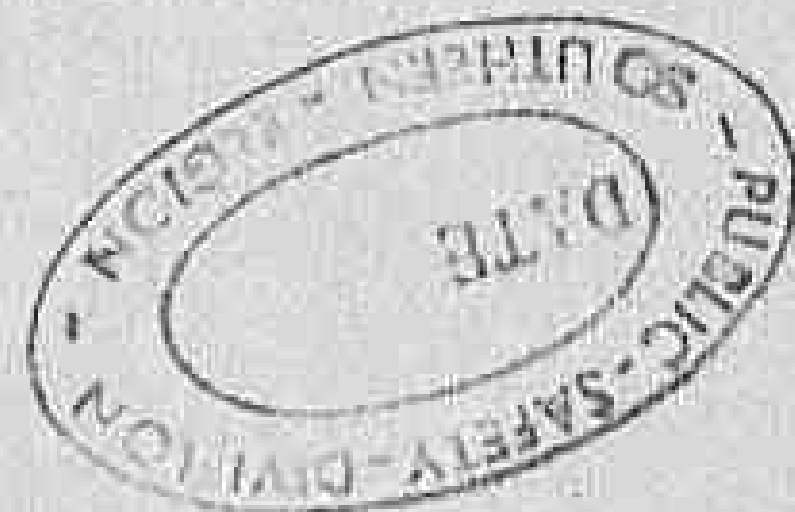
A letter ACC/14006/20 PS undated was apparently addressed to Region 2 with regard to the alleged smuggling of Olive Oil from Apulia to Albania.

Instructions have been issued to Guardie di Finanza and Capitaneria agents, and Port Security have also been requested to assist.

The attached report from Guardie di Finanza is attached for your information: otherwise all agencies have reported no knowledge of the alleged practices.



E. S. Orpwood Lt. Col.
E. S. ORPWOOD, LT. COL.
ZONE COMMISSIONER
BARI ZONE



8 OCT 1944
Time in 0930

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Translation RV.

11th CG.FF. Legion
Salentina.

Service

22 September 1944.

N. 49 R. Serv./IV

Answer letter n.P.S.26/1, dated 21/8/1944.

Subject : Smuggling of Olive Oil.

To : A.C.C. Provincial Police Office
Palazzo del Governo

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With reference to A/m letter, we inform, that inquiries made at Mola di Bari on clandestine transports of olive oil, which should be effected by ships for Albania, have had the following result:

In the Mola port, boats belonging to Yugoslav partisans, are concentrated for repairs, which take place in that yard.

After having been put into efficiency, said boats take sail again, loaded with goods and men to a destination, which is to everybody unknown. For military reasons no vigilance nor control is effected on those boats/by units and competent Italian Authorities.

As far as fishing motor boats are concerned, their movement is regulated in a manner, so as to exclude every possibility of effecting clandestine transports of oil to Albania.

Infact, all the motor fishing boats registered at the maritime office of Mola di Bari, cannot, for any reason whatsoever, pass the limit of 3 sea miles from the shore for fishing, which besides is effected only by day, as it is strictly forbidden by night. A/m boats are ordered to return to the port within the prescribed hour and when this for superior reasons is impossible, they are obliged to report to the authority of the place, which ought to telegraphically inform the maritime office of their home port.

During the actual state of war, only two expeditions of wine have been effected by boat from the Mola di Bari port, one to Pescara and the other to Porto d'Anzio. Said shipments took place between the 18 and 22 of August 1944.

The Authorities of Mola, as well as other trustworthy persons of the commercial class of that town,

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have stated, that the possibility of a clandestine activity, as that notified with a/m letter, is to be excluded.

Commanding Colonel
(Attilio Maggio)

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Prot. 49 R. Sero/IV
Risposta nota n. R. S. 26/1
del 27/8/44

Alla Commissione Alleata di Controllo
Provinciale Police Office
Palazzo del Governo

Bari

Oggetto: Contrabbando di olio di oliva

Con riferimento al foglio sopra citato, si comunica che dalle indagini esperite a Mola di Bari, circa i trasporti esportati a Mola di Bari, circa i trasporti clandestini di olio che verrebbero effettuati a mezzo natanti attratti in Albania, è risultato quanto segue:

Nel porto di Mola, si concentrano motovelieri appartenenti ad elementi partigiani jugoslavi per le riparatrici che hanno luogo in quel cantiere.

Detti natanti, dopo messi in efficienza, riprendono il mare carichi di merce e di uomini con destinazione che non è dato a nessuno di conoscere. Per ragioni militari nessuna vigilanza o controllo viene effettuato su tali natanti da parte degli organi ed Autorità italiane competenti.

Per quanto riguarda invece i motopescherecci, il loro movimento è regolato in modo tale da escludere ogni possibilità di effettuare trasporti clandestini di olio in Albania.

Infatti tutti i motopescherecci iscritti all'Ufficio Marittimo di Mola di Bari, non possono, per nessun motivo oltrepassare il limite di tre miglia marine dalla fascia costiera per l'esercizio della pesca, la quale, per altro, viene effettuata, soltanto di giorno essendo tassativamente vietata quella notturna. Ai predetti natanti è fatto obbligo di ritornare in porto entro l'ora stabilita, e qualora per forza di causa maggiore ciò non potesse verificarsi, ha l'obbligo di presentarsi all'autorità del luogo, la quale ne dovrà dare comunicazione telegrafica all'Ufficio Marittimo di partenza.

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Il Colonnello Comandante
(Attilio Maggato)

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

Folio ²⁶ for action/information

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REMARKS *Glenn Morrow*

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..... *and by JST*

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Food Sub Commission
A.P.O. 394

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19th August 1944

ACC/30-1/FOOD

SUBJECT: Smuggling of olive oil from Mola
di Bari area into Albania

TO : Ministry of Agriculture and Forests

1. Reference conversation Col. Legg - Professor Bergami on the above subject.
2. This matter has been taken up with both the Navy Sub Commission and Public Safety Sub Commission.
3. The Navy Sub Commission states that the coast is constantly patrolled, and they have promised to instruct their patrols to keep a sharp lookout.
4. Public Safety Sub Commission are instructing local police etc to investigate on the spot.

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By 19/11. CC CCFF has been
informed. ogallapfuerer
Capt A.

W. Legg
W.J. LEGG,
Director,
Food Sub Commission.

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Copies (for info) to: Navy Sub Commission
Public Safety Sub Commission

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
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Sub *1A*
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Tel : 475708

ACC/14006/20/PS

14 August, 1944.

SUBJECT : Alleged Smuggling of Olive Oil.

TO : Regional Public Safety Officer
Region II.

1. Information has been received from the Ministry of Agriculture that quantities of olive oil are being smuggled from Apulia to Albania. It is believed that the olive oil is being placed on board motor fishing boats and that the centre of activity is at MOLA DI BARI.

2. The Naval Sub-Commission is requesting that a sharp look-out be kept by Allied vessels.

3. Will you please pass this information to the Royal Finance Guards and other police agencies for the necessary action to be taken.

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PAUL G. KIRK
Colonel Infantry
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

Copy to : Food Sub-Commission.

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