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SECURITY, ITALIAN POLITICAL PRISONERS
APR. - OCT. 1945

Minute.

On Saturday 21st. April, 1945. Brigadier Upjohn, V.P. and Lt. Col. Doherty, D.D.P.S. called on the Minister of Grace and Justice and handed him a copy of report P.S./9.1 dated 16 April, 1945 from the R.P.S. Naples Commune.

It was pointed out that while the matter was one concerning the Italian Government any lack of security and a further escape of prisoners might lead to serious governmental repercussions.

The Minister was asked in he would consider the matter and to advise the A.C. if the suggestion made in the report warranted a revision of the form of guard at Procida Prison.

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C.A.S.

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Walter Doherty
C.A.S.

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P.S. s/c
29 May 1945

They have been warned.

3d May.

W.D.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel 478427-686

AG/14043/3/73

SUBJECT : Concentration Camp for Women - Florence.

TO : Ministry of Interior,
Direction General of Public Security

Reference is made to your letter 442/12515
of 29 October 1945.

This Sub-Commission has no objection to
the proposed transfer of the administration of
concentration camp for Fascist women at Florence
from the Ministry of War to the Ministry of the
Interior.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.C.D.
Director.

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(Translation B.)

30 OTT. 1945

MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
P.S. General Direction
A.G.R. Division- 2nd Section

Rome, 29/10/1945

Nr. 442/12518

To: ALLIED COMMISSION
Sub Commission of P.S. *be into*
R o m e

SUBJECT: Florence. Concentration camp for Fascist women.

The Ministry of War communicated, that your Sub Commission charged it with the administration of the Florence concentration camp, where are interned about 296 women who served in the Auxiliary Forces of the Fascist Republican Army.

Because of many reasons, and especially owing to the necessity of promptly proceeding to examine the responsibilities of the internees, in order to demobilize the camp before the winter comes, it is necessary to hand over the administration of said camp to this Ministry. The Ministry of War agrees to this decision, also considering the fact that the responsibilities of the internees are actually of political and penal nature, more than of military kind.

We beg to ask your Commission to let us know if there are any objections against said transfer.

For the Minister
s/ Ferrari

	TO	INIT	DATE
1	DIRECTOR	<i>[initials]</i>	2/11
2	DEPUTY DIRECTOR	<i>[initials]</i>	2/11
	EXEC. DIRECTOR	<i>[initials]</i>	1-11
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Roma, 29 Ottobre 1945

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Ministero dell'Interno

Direzione Generale di P.S. e P.C.
Divisione A.G.R.-Sezione II^aCH. LE COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Sottocommissione per l'Esercito

Sottocommissione per la P.S. ROMA

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CH. LE MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
-Gabinetto-

ROMA

N. 442/12518 di Prot.

OGGETTO FIRENZE - Campo di concentramento per donne fasciste.-

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Per ragioni varie, e principalmente per la necessità di dover provvedere con sollecitudine all'esame delle singole posizioni delle internate onde poter smobilitare il campo prima dell'inoltrarsi della stagione invernale, si rende necessario, giusta intesa con il Ministero della Guerra, che la gestione di esso sia trasferita a questo Dicastero, tenuto conto che le responsabilità di tali internate, più che di carattere militare, sono di natura politica o penale.

Si prega di compiacersi far conoscere se codesta Commissione abbia nulla in contrario al trasferimento in parola.

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(Translation M.C.)

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Rome 23 October 1945

MINISTRY OF GRACE AND JUSTICE
Gen. Direction of Prisons14063/3 *FW*TO ALLIED COMMISSION
SUB COMMISSION OF P.S.
R O M E

Office VI

N° I47016/94893

SUBJECT: Political internee - Grillo Antonio di Stefano.

The following wire was forwarded to this Ministry
by the Prefect of Palermo:" Ministry of Pardon and Justice - Allied Sub Commission for
P.S. - ROME.2- DM- Palermo 30726-23/26-7-I4,40- N° OI3459 up. Concerning
detained person we beg you compare even -numbered telegram
23 September relating to conveyance to Udine of political
prisoner Grillo Antonio di Stefano. "

Prefect Battisti

Following said request, although not in receipt of
aforesaid wire, the Prefect of Palermo has instructed to have
a/m prisoner conveyed to Udine.

For the Minister

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DIRECTOR		
DEPUTY DIRECTOR		
EXEC. OFF.	<i>FW</i>	27-10
POLICE		
<i>Prison</i>	<i>FW</i>	29-10
SECURITY		
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No trace of
communication
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Roma 23 OTT 1945

Ministero di Grazia e Giustizia

DIREZIONE GENERALE
PER GLI ISTITUTI DI PREVENZIONE E DI PENALE

1a Commissione Alleata
Sottocommissione P.S.
ROMA

Ufficio
Tel. A.

VI

147016/94893

Risposta al f. A.
del

OGGETTO: detenuto politico Grillo Antonio di Stefano.

E' pervenuto a questo Ministero il seguente telegramma dal Prefetto di Palermo:

" Ministero Grazia Giustizia - Sottocommissione Alleata P.S. Roma

2-DM -Palermo -30726-23/26-7-14,40-

Nr 013459 UP punto Trattandosi fermato prego riscontrare telegramma pari numero 23 settembre relativo traduzione Udine prigioniero politico Grillo Antonio di Stefano punto Prefetto Battisti".

A seguito di tale richiesta, pur non essendo pervenuto a questo Ministero il precedente telegramma del 23 settembre, è stato autorizzato il Prefetto di Palermo a far tradurre ad Udine il detenuto in oggetto.

Pel Ministro

[Signature]

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 489081 - 365

10 June, 1945.

AC/14045/3/PS

SUBJECT : Arms and ammunition for Procida Prison.

TO : Commanding General CC.PP.

1. Reference your 360/21 dated 25 May 45.
2. The following items have been issued from Naples Artillery Directorate to the Naples Legion CC.PP.

Carabines Automatic Beretta Cal. 9	12
Magazines, 40 round, for above	24
Cartridges, Ball, Cal 9 for above	3000
Machine Guns, Fiat Cal.8	6
Cartridges, Ball, Cal.8, for above	6000

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

Copy to R.C. Naples Command
att. 1230.

PSA/C.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION,
A. C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
Q/23/9
8 June 1946

SUBJECT: Arms and Ammunition
for Procida Prison

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

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Magazines, 40 round, for above.	24
Cartridges, Ball, Cal 9 for above.	3000
Machine Guns, Fiat Cal. 8	6
Cartridges, Ball, Cal. 8, for above.	6000

2. Above arms and ammunition are for guards engaged in guarding the prison on the island of Procida (Naples).

JJW/ac

Ira V. Fordyce
IRA V. FORDYCE, Capt.,
For Major General
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: Public Safety Sub-Commission, A. C.
(Minute 4, your AC/14043/5/PS file refers)
MMIA L/O Naples


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Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO SERVIZIO - SITUAZIONE E COLLEGAMENTI

N. 360/21 di prot.

Roma, li 25 maggio 1945

Risposta al

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Allegati n.

OGGETTO: Penitenziario di Procida (Napoli).

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ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

- Sottocommissione per la Pubblica Sicurezza -

R O M A

Per la vigilanza all'Isola di Procida, nel cui penitenziario si trovano molti detenuti politici di particolare rilievo, sono stati concretati vari servizi, ai quali partecipano anche militari dell'Arma.

Per ben garantire l'efficienza dei servizi stessi, urge che ai detti militari siano distribuiti 12 moschetti mitra e che intorno al penitenziario siano installate sei mitragliatrici.

Ciò premesso, pregasi compiacersi autorizzare la distribuzione delle armi innanzi menzionate e del relativo munizionamento.

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE

- Brunetto Brunetti -

In order to survey the Island of Procida, where are detained many political prisoners greatly important, have been instituted some services, in which also the CC.RR. participate.

It is necessary to provide the military of 12 ~~sub-mitra~~ ^{repeater rifles} and to put around the prison 6 machine guns.

Would you authorize the distribution of those arms and of the relative ammunitions.

Commanding General

Brunetto Brunetti

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Please initial reverse side.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel ; 478427-500

31 May, 1945.

AC/14043/3/PS

SUBJECT : Italian Political Prisoners.

TO : R.P.S.O. Naples.

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1. Reference is made to your PS/9.1 dated 16 April 1945.
 2. The Ministry of Grace and Justice was seen by the V.P. and Col. Doherty on 21 April and again by the latter on 28 May 1945.

The Minister intimated that they were satisfied with the existing arrangements for the protection of prisoners on Procida.

Walker Doherty
for *we*
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

WD/G.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
NAPLES COMMUNE
APO 394
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

SECRET/14

Ref: PS/ 9.1

date 16 April 1945

SUBJECT: Security - Italian political prisoners.

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

1. The matter now being reported is one over which this H.Q. has no jurisdiction in any respect, nevertheless, in view of its importance it is felt it should be brought to your notice for any action you may deem desirable - the subject matter relates to the safe custody of certain important and influential Italian personages sentenced to long terms of imprisonment for offences committed whilst serving under the Fascist regime.

2. Recently, Colonel Meoli, the Officer Commanding the Naples Legion of the Carabinieri Reali, who, incidentally, is fully aware of the extent of the area in which this H.Q. operates, called at this Office and informed me that during the latter part of March 1945 many important political prisoners serving long term sentences and now holding world-wide "reputations" such as :-

TO	(i) PENTIMALLI Mario	(former General of the Italian Army)
DIRECTOR	(ii) DEL TETTO Ettore	(former General of the Italian Army)
DEPUTY DIRECTOR	(iii) JACCOMONE Francesco	(former Italian Governor of Albania)
EXEC. OFFICER	(iv) SUVICH Fulvio	(former Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs)
ADJ. GEN.	(v) AZZOLINI Vincenzo	(former Governor of the Bank of Italy)
PRISON	(vi) EMANUELE Santo	(former Colonel of the CC.RR.)
ADJ. OFFICER	(vii) PETRAGNANI Manlio	(former Captain of the CC.RR.)
SECURITY	(viii) OCCHETTO Roberto	(former Vice-Questore of Rome to Caruso, executed)
CHIEF CLERK		

SECRET

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were transferred to and are now incarcerated at the penal establishment at Procida, a small island located in the Bay of Naples a distance of approximately two miles from the mainland.

3. The Colonel, who in his capacity as O/C the Naples Legion of the CC.RR is responsible for law and order on the Island, declared he was not satisfied regarding the safety of the prisoners and asked if Allied Commission, although not their responsibility, could interest themselves in the matter and bring "pressure" to bear on the Italian Government to provide adequate protection - he added that he had already communicated with the superior CC.RR. Command in Rome and the Italian Military HQ at Naples.

4. It was very obvious during the interview that he is fully cognisant of the serious international repercussions following the escape from custody of General Roatta and realises that an escape of one or more of the important persons mentioned will further embarrass the Italian Government and will do much to "sabotage" our war effort - here and now I would like to point out that Colonel Meoli is by no means an alarmist, he is a staid and experienced Officer with a clear perception of his responsibilities and the last person to approach this H.Q. with any fantastic story or belief.

5. I called upon Colonel Meoli firstly for particulars of the existing "protection forces" for the Island and the safe custody of the Prisoners and, secondly, for his suggestions for improvement in the situation.

6. Admitting that the actual prison building is suitable structurally from the internal security aspect, he pointed out that the Island is easily accessible from the sea at various points and it is his belief that if there were now a concerted and determined attempt to effect the release of the prisoners by "forces" operating from the sea, there is every possibility the attempt would meet with success - interrupting with comment; having knowledge of the lay-out of the Island and now the police and guard system, I feel I must agree with the Colonel.

7. Continuing, Colonel Meoli explained the present "protection forces" which summarised are :-

- (i) One CC.RR. station manned by 5 CC.RR armed with standard rifles and pistols, just sufficient for normal duties
- (ii) Two Units of the Guardia di Finanza (one at Marina Grande and the other at Chiaiolella) with total

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establishment of 16 guards armed with standard rifles, pistols and hand grenades sufficient for normal duties

- (iii) One Port unit comprising 1 Officer and 6 men armed with standard rifles for special port services.
- (iv) One Naval signalling station with establishment of 4 armed with standard rifles in contact by telegraph with Naples and Ischia.
- (v) The Prison has 60 guards armed with standard rifles and a few pistols. 10 of these guards are on duty at night and 30 on day duty - with the exception of a few the guards reside with their families outside the precincts of the prison.
- (vi) During the night on the Island there is only a mobile patrol of the Guardia di Finanza along the coast from Punta Faro to Punta Pizzaco and from time to time a CC.RR patrol.

8. When asked for suggestions to improve the security system, the Colonel stated the least that should be done was to :-

- (i) institute a permanent vigilance service along the coast and at the accessible points of the Island, viz, 10 coastal observation posts manned by Italian military (50 men would be required) armed with machine guns.
- (ii) have stationed near the prison a detachment of at least 20 CC.RR armed with automatic weapons and hand grenades.
- (iii) institute a night patrol around the prison building comprising 3 patrols of CC.RR.
- (iv) entrust the command of all the armed forces, CC.RR., GG.FF. and prison guards to a CC.RR. Officer who will coordinate all duties and be held responsible for the safe custody of the prisoners.

9. Submitted for your information and any action you may deem desirable as mentioned in para. 1.

For the Commissioner:

Richardson
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G. RICHARDSON
Major,
S.C.A.P.C.

GR/tp.

