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AUG. 1944 - JULY 1945

Acc/140144/1/RS.

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FROM Sept 1944

TO July 1945

FINANCIAL

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

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AC/14044/1/PS

14044/1 20th, July, 45.

Subject : Currency Transaction .

To : Director, Public Safety Sub-Commission,
HQ. AC .

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1. Reference letter from Finance Sub-Commission,
FAH/1.25 dated 2nd July, 1945.

2. The case of Joseph Kampos was referred to the
R. Guardia di Finanza for investigation. They have
replied by letter No 6163 dated 15th July, 1945 that
Kampos has gone to Milan and that the matter has been
forwarded to G.G.P.F. of that City for continuation
of the enquiry.

3. Any further information received will be
notified to you.

W. L. Wilson Capt.
W. L. Wilson, Capt.
A.C. Public Safety, L.O.

Copy to :-

Finance S/C , A.C.

TO		
✓	DIRECTOR	14044/1
✓	DEPUTY DIRECTOR	14044/1
✓	EXEC. OFFICER	14044/1
✓	CLERK	14044/1

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION
ALLIED FINANCIAL AGENCY

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2 July 1945.

FAH/1.25

SUBJECT: Currency Transaction.

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission.

1. The attached are forwarded for necessary action.

E. J. Gits

E. J. GITS, Major, R.A.
Deputy Chief of AFA.

- Encl : (1) Memo from P.S.S.
(2) Banca d'Italia letter
No. 13232, dated 12 June 1945
(3) Banca d'Italia Memo and translation.

TO		
DIRECTOR		
DEPUTY DIRECTOR	<i>147</i>	
EXEC. OFFICER	<i>32</i>	
POLICE		
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SECURITY		
CHIEF CLERK		

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X Lt Col Middlehouse

From 276 FRS - RAAC B
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A full report on the
interrogation carried out by
this Sector on KAMPUS
was forwarded to

A. C. J. S. G-2
R A A C

We understand AFHQ
were going to send a
special investigator but
he never came. The
matter (which was first
handled by us, as it
was thought to be of
security interest) is
now outside our
province.

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C. S. H.

27/1/46.

27/1/46.

Banca d'Italia
Capitale versato L. 300.000.000

SEDE *di* ROMA

13232

To Major Matthews

Roma *AFA 13017E* 12 giugno 45

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Su richiesta della Commissione Finanziaria Alleata e dell'Ufficio F.S.S. - Via Sicilia - si comunica che è stato oggi effettuato presso queste Casse dal Signor Josep Kampos il cambio di 9.408 dollari marchio giallo al cambio di L. 100.

IL DIRETTORE

[Signature]

Upon request of the Allied Financial Commission and of the F.S.S. Office - Via Sicilia. We beg to advise you that today Mr. Joseph Kampos exchanged at this Paying Office 9408 yellow seal dollars at the rate of 100 lire.



JE. DEBONIS	
CH. DEBONIS	
HO. DEBONIS	
INSEGNANTE	
BUDGET	
R. C. DEBONIS	
BANKS & BEATS	

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[Signature]

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Translation

MEMO

The Yellow Seal dollars totalling 9.408 (Receipt No. 13231 dated 12 June) were handed in at this office by Mr. Josep Kampos, a Yugoslav subject, at the request of Allied Finance Commission. Mr Kampos was accompanied here by an official of the said Commission.

Bills of Exchange for the corresponding countervalue were issued and made payable to Mr. Kampos.

We have reason to believe, owing to the fact that Mr. Kampos did not intend to give up the Yellow Seal dollars and in view of the deposit of such foreign currency, that the same derived from illegal sources or was at least meant for illegal traffic.

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ACTION

P R O M E M O R I A

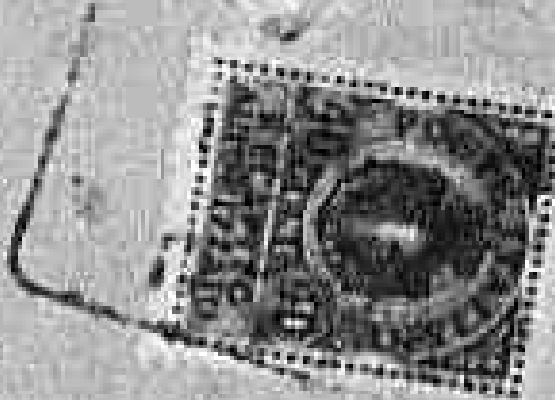
A proposito dei dollari (marchio giallo) 9.408.=, di cui alla ricevuta in data 12 giugno c.a. N° 13232, si precisa che i medesimi sono stati qui ceduti dal suddito jugoslavo sig. Josep Kampos, su invito della Commissione Finanziaria Alleata, la quale ebbe cura di fare accompagnare il predetto signore presso questi Uffici da un proprio funzionario.

Il controvalore è stato corrisposto al cedente in nostri vaglia cambiari a lui intestati.

Si ha motivo di ritenere, anche per il fatto che il Kampos non intendeva procedere alla cessione, bensì al solo deposito della valuta estera, che trattasi di valori di illecita provenienza o, quanto meno, destinati a traffico illegale.

BANCA D'ITALIA
SEDE DI ROMA
PIAZZA GARIBOLDI DANNEBIO

- paid by exp. Ruffen



SPETT. COMMISSIONE FINANZIARIA ALLEATA-Ufficio F.S.S.
Via Sicilia

Finanze S/c

ROMA

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20A was

ES/1108 dated

30/4/45

Finance

S/Sgt Padula

20A has been
taken off for our
files as we are
now handling this
case

~~20A~~ 207U
1 May 45

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION

13012/F

16 April 1945.

SUBJECT: Currency Transactions.

TO : Director, Public Safety S/C.

1. We have been informed by AFHQ that a shop in Via Condotti, Rome, operating under the name of "Bulgary" offered to sell a ring to an Allied Officer for Lire 4000 or B.M.A. £4.

2. This is reported to you for whatever action you may consider necessary.

James H. Pearce
H.C.
Joint Director,
Finance Sub-Commission.

Copy to: AFA Sub-Sec

*Mr. Marocco,
Director, Squadra Mobile,
Lufd, 20/4/45*

TO	DATE	INITIALS
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

REF : SD/375.01

25 March 1945

SUBJECT : Illegal Money Dealings

TO : Regional Commissioner. Sicilia Region.

1. A copy of a letter from Finance Sub-Commission is attached for your consideration in so far as it refers to banks in Sicily.

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

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Copy to: ACC/14044/1/PS. ✓

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION
TEL: 417/553

14044/1

13012/F

22 March, 1945

SUBJECT: Black Market Financial Trading in Sicily.

TO : Director,
Public Safety Sub-Commission. ✓

1. We have seen a recent OSS report that the Bank of Sicily and other commercial banks in Sicily are purchasing foreign currencies on the black market. The report further states: "It appears that foreign money is being purchased by capitalists of Occupied Italy. However, it is not certain whether these purchases are made for the Germans."

2. I should appreciate your advising me whether an investigation of these reports is possible.

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J. J. Zander
Cdr. U.S.C.G.R.

Joint Director,
Finance Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Navy Sub-Commission.

NSC/1346

From : Navy Sub-Commission HQ. AC.
To : Public Safety Sub-Commission HQ. AC.

21 December 1944.

SUBJECT : Italian Currency Offences.

1. With reference to your letter No. ACC/14044/1/FE, this matter was referred to the Italian Ministry of Marine, who now report that action has been taken in pointing out the offences to the persons in question.
2. Captain BERTINI has requested that in view of the smallness of the sum, his I 10 may be returned to him.
3. Relevant correspondence is returned to you herewith.

H. F. ZIROLI
Commodore, U.S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission AC.

1st IND.

FROM PUBLIC SAFETY SUB-COMMISSION HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION APO 394
TO : Regional Commissioner Southern Region, att: R.P.S.C.
SUBJECT : Italian Currency Offences.

The above is forwarded for information, in reply to your letter PS/4.2 dated 10 October 1944.

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

BP/C.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
AVO-324
Navy Sub-Commission

N6C/1346

21 December 1944.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, HQ, AC.
To: Public Safety Sub-Commission, HQ, AC.
Subject: Italian Currency Offences.

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1. With reference to your letter No. AOC/14044/1/P6, this matter was referred to the Italian Ministry of Marine, who now report that action has been taken in pointing out the offences to the persons in question.
2. Captain SESTINI has requested that in view of the smallness of the sum, his £ 10 may be returned to him.
3. Relevant correspondence is returned to you herewith.

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H. W. Ziholi
H. W. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, AC.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478708

15 October, 1944.

ACC/14044/1/PS

SUBJECT : Italian Currency Offences.
TO : Naval Sub-Commission
(through Finance Sub-Commission).

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Herewith Correspondence relating to the above
subject, for necessary action.

Will you please return the correspondence when
it has served your purpose.

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

Copy to :
R.F.S.O., Southern Region.

BP/G.

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

10th October, 1944.

PS/4.2

SUBJECT : Suspected Italian Currency Offences.

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

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1. The attached correspondence relating to an alleged attempt on the part of a senior Italian naval officer to infringe the Italian currency regulations has been received from the Zone Public Safety Officer, Taranto Zone, this Region and is forwarded for your information and in order that it may be properly channelled to the Italian naval authorities for investigation.

2. It will be noted that the Public Safety Officer, for reasons of safe custody, has retained possession of the cash in dispute.

For the Regional Commissioner,

G. RICHARDSON
Major
Regional Public
Safety Officer.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
TARANTO ZONE

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7 October 1944.

SUBJECT - Possession of Sterling.

TO - Regional Public Safety Officer,
H.Q. Southern Region, A.C.C.

1. On 4 Oct. 44, I was handed by Allied Censorship Control Officer in Taranto (Capt. Aiello) a package containing ten (10) Bank of England one pound notes, which had been extracted by his office from the Official Mails.
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3. No correspondence was enclosed, but from the name on the reverse of envelope marked B, it would appear that the sender is Ten. Generale (Armamenti Navali) Antonio PIZZUTI of the Italian Ministry of Marine, Rome.
4. Normally the official mail is exempt from censorship at this end but owing to recent abuses of this concession by the insertion of private mail, Allied Censorship Control have occasional checks, hence the discovery of this particular case.
5. I attach at D the opinion of the Zone Legal Officer showing what offences against Italian currency regulations may have been committed. In addition there is the probable offence of using official mail for private purposes.
6. In view of the status of the probable sender, I ask directions as to what action should be taken in this matter. 2340
7. Pending instructions I am retaining the money for safe custody.

Captain,
Zone Public Safety Officer.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

ACC/14044/19PS

26 October 1944

SUBJECT : Passing of Forged English Currency.

TO : Finance Sub-Commission.

The attached translation of letter received from Ministry of Interior concerning apprehension of one Bruzzesi Carlo guilty of passing forged English currency, is passed to you for information.

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

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Ministry of Interior
10.1227

21 October 1944

14044/1 (13A)

to : A.C. - F.S. Subcommission
subj. : Trade of counterfeited pounds banknotes

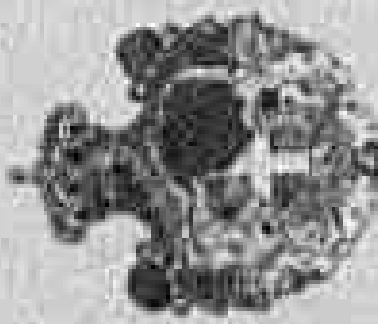
We inform you, that the political office, of the Questura of Rome, has been acquainted that in last period of german domination, several bad elents have set at circualtion a certain quantity of counterfeited pounds. Having fulfilled carefull inquirise, it was possible to detect that on of the sellers, was Bruzzesi Carlo, of Kino, born in Rome, 4/10/04 living at Grand Hotel.

540 pounds, which have been detected as falso, through an appraisement of Rome's Barklays Bank, have been seized on Bruzzesi, who, before the arrival of Allies, has cheated several persons.

Through inquiries among cheated people, and examination of the arrested, it arised that those pounds were coming from Milan northern Italy, mostly from Milan.

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for the Minister
Rosati



Ministero dell'Interno

DIREZIONE GENERALE
DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

Divisione Polizia *Sc. Prima*

Prot. N. 10.12270.1 *Allegato*
1944

ON. COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

Sottocommissione per la P.S.

- ROMA -

Proposta al T. 10 del

Dir. Sc.

OGGETTO Commercio di sterline carta falsificate.

Si comunica, per opportuna notizia, a codesta Commissione che l'Ufficio Politico della Questura di Roma, venuto a conoscenza che, negli ultimi mesi d'occupazione tedesca, elementi in mala fede avevano messo in circolazione un certo quantitativo di sterline false, esperiva accurate indagini, in seguito alle quali riusciva ad accertare che uno degli spacciatori si identificava per tale Bruzzesi Carlo di Nino, nato a Roma il 4 ottobre 1904, dimorante al Grande Albergo.

Al Bruzzesi, che, prima dell'arrivo degli Alleati, aveva truffato, in Roma, parecchie persone, venivano sequestrate 540 sterline che, come da perizia fatta dalla Barclaya Bank di Roma, sono risultate false.

Da indagini approfondite tra le persone truffate e dall'interrogatorio dell'arrestato è risultato che tali sterline sono pervenute dall'Italia del Nord e, segnatamente, da Milano.

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per MINISTRO

Sc. Prima

Divisione Polizia *Sc. Prima*
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per MINISTRO

Caro is. Inviolato S.C. Borsari

per informazioni

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478708

15 October, 1944.

ACC/14044/1/PS

SUBJECT : Italian Currency Offences.

TO : Naval Sub-Commission
(through Finance Sub-Commission).

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

Copy to :
R.P.S.O., Southern Region.

BF/c.

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

Ref: PS/ 4.2

Date 10th October 1944

SUBJECT: Suspected Italian Currency Offences.

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

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For the Regional Commissioner:

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

GR/jag.

Enclos - 1 report, 3 envelopes and 4 legal opinion.

Distin - information copy to Zone Public Safety Officer, Taranto.
 (his T/ZPS/13 of 7th October 1944 refers).

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ALLIED CENSORSHIP CONTROL
TARANTO ZONE

9 OCT 1944

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7 Oct 44.

Subject: Possession of Sterling.

Ref. T/228/13

To: Regional Public Safety Officer,
H.Q. Southern Region, A.S.C.

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 Captain,
 Zone Public Safety Officer.



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Siquora
Margot Lestini

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Unguento Polgetta

B

Cap. di Vase.

Sesto Festini

Capo di Stato Maggiore

Martina

Carantoni



MINISTERO DELLA MARINA

A. S. M. - Roma

2 C

Al Comando In Capo del Dipartimento
Militare Marittimo

= T A R A N T O =

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Public Safety (T. W. L.) A.C.C. LEGAL OFFICE- TARANTO
October, 6, 44. P/Adm. a/1

Subject: Possession of English currency.

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Position is as follows:

- (1) Under Ministerial Decree of 14 July 1943 holdings of foreign currency must be turned in to the state. Article 7 provides that in the event of failure to do so, R.D.L. 1928 of 5/12/38 applies.
- (2) R.D.L. 1928 of 5/12/38, Article 2 provides that in addition to any other penalties established by law, breacher of currency regulations are punishable by Ministry of Finance by fine NOT exceeding 5 times the amount of the subject matter of the offence.
- (3) Decree of 14/7/43 makes failure to turn in to State, i/e possession an offence, but does NOT provide any extra penalty for sending such currency through the post.
- (4) If the foreign currency is dishonestly received, ordinary criminal law of receiving applies, e/g Art. 648 C.P.
- (5) In absence of such element, punishment for possession is as in para 2, and matter should be turned over to Intendente di Finanza as local representative of Ministry of Finance to deal with by fine under the decree above mentioned.

T. A. Ryd-Clu Major
Legal Officer, TARANTO.

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COPY

COMBINED ECONOMIC WARFARE AGENCIES
G-2 (Advanced Intelligence) Section, AFHQ
Detachment N.3
ROME

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2 September 1944.

MEMO TO : Major Coventry, G-2 (Adv. Intelligence) Section.

The following information was received from Comm. Dott. Roberto Minetto, Via Napoli 80 and Via Mercede 5, Rome.

A big financial black market scandal is the so-called "operation in gold currency".

As a matter of fact, it seems that Yugoslav officers, who are travelling every week from Rome and the south (French colonies included) are buying in Italy the "yellow dollars" at a rate of about 115 lire each.

With them they buy especially in the French colonies gold sovereigns for \$35 and then they sell this gold currency in Rome.

The actual price is about : L. 5600 each.

The dealers are the former stock Exchange commissioners who are not very busy at present and therefore are giving life to these operations outside the building of the Stock exchange. Naturally these operations have not an official standing and the amount of gold sovereigns and gold American eagles is not big, but still some hundreds of pieces are dealt with every morning from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The speculation of the French and Italian sellers of gold currency against yellow dollars is based upon the general belief that yellow and normal (the green ones) dollars will have in the future the same standard point (value?).

S. Hans H.L. Cchrassen.

1st LMD.

From : HQ. A.C.C. Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

Tel : 478703

27 September, 1944.

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

Passed for necessary action and report to this Headquarters for information of Finance Sub-Commission.

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

BP/O.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

24 Sep 44

ACC 14044/1/PS

SUBJECT : Possible Dealings in French and English Money.
: R.P.S.O. Region IV.

TO

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An early reply is requested to our 1st Ind dated
3 September 1944 to 130497 dated 31 Aug.

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

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FROM: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
ROME.

TO: ACTING DIRECTOR,
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB-COMMISSION,
A.C.C. ROME.

DATE: 16TH SEPTEMBER 1944.

REF: AFSC/R/704/1/PI.

With reference to your ACC/14044/1/PS dated 15th September 1944, in view of the fact that no Italian Air Force Aircraft have landed in Yugoslavia for some considerable period, it does not appear likely that the Yugoslav personnel concerned are travelling to and fro in aircraft controlled by this Sub-Commission.

2. I have therefore passed the papers to Balkan Air Force who control aircraft landing in that country. A copy of my letter is attached.

Public Safety Sub-Commission

Folio for action information

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D. D. P. S.	
Ex Officer	25/
PO. C. E.	
Prisons	
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Adm. Officer	
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W. A. B. Bowen-Buscalet.

W. A. B. BOWEN-BUSCALET,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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8B

FROM: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
ROME.

TO: HEADQUARTERS,
BALKAN AIR FORCE,
C.M.F.

DATE: 16TH SEPTEMBER 1944.

REF: AFSC/R/704/1/P1.

With reference to the attached papers which have been passed to this Sub-Commission by the Acting Director Public Safety Sub-Commission. As the personnel concerned appear to be Yugoslav and to be going in and out of Yugoslavia, it is not considered that the movement in and out of Yugoslavia can be carried out in the Italian Air Force Aircraft as none have landed in Yugoslavia for some considerable time.

2. It is therefore suggested that it is more likely that this is taking place in aircraft controlled by your Headquarters.

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W.A.B. BOREL-BROCARLET,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 489081
Ext : 502

15 September, 1944.

ACC/14044/1/PS

SUBJECT : Possible dealings in
French and English Money.

TO : R.F.S.O., Region IV.

Your early response to our 1st IND. dated 9 September
1944 to 13049/F dated 31 August 1944 is requested.

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

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

14000/1/ 6A

13012/F

13 September 1944

SUBJECT : Financial Black Market.

TO : Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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1. The attached information is passed to you for investigation and report to Finance Sub-Commission, please.

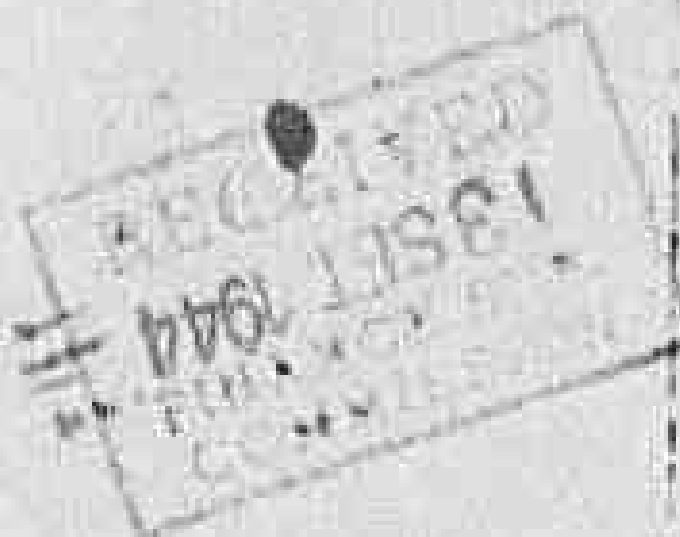
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Joint Director,
Finance Sub-Commission. Major

Public Safety Sub-Commission
Folio for action information

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A.P.G.S. HEADQUARTERS
 ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
 B.E.L.T. SECURITY BRANCH
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SECRET

Ref : SB/380.03

12 September 1944

Subject : FINANCIAL BLACK MARKET

To : Finance Sub-Commission

6C/D

Copy of letter received this Branch
 forwarded for your information and whatever action
 you deem necessary.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

John A. McKay
 JOHN A. MCKAY
 Major,
 Security Branch.

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C O P Y

S E C R E T

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G-2 (Advanced Intelligence) CMF
c/o Rome Allied Area Command
APO 794, U.S. Army

DX 2
6 September, 1944

SUBJECT : Financial Black Market

TO : Security Branch,
Allied Control Commission,
APO 794, U.S. Army

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The attached report was prepared by a member of the
Economic Section, attached to this unit.

It is being passed to you for any action you may deem
it necessary to take.

s/ A.J. COVENTRY,
t/ A.J. COVENTRY,
Major, G.S.
G-2 (Adv. Int.) CMF.

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C O P Y

COMBINED ECONOMIC WARFARE AGENCIES
G-2 (Advanced Intelligence) Section, AFHQ
Detachment #3
ROME

6D

2 September, 1944

see 10A

MEMO TO: Major Coventry, G-2 (Advanced Intelligence) Section.

The following information was received from Comm. Dott. Roberto Minetto, Via Napoli 80 and Via Mercede 5, Rome.

A big financial black market scandal is the so-called "operation in gold currency".

As a matter of fact, it seems that Yugoslav officers, who are travelling every week from Rome and the south (French colonies included) are buying in Italy the "yellow dollars" at a rate of about 115 liras each.

With them they buy especially in the French colonies gold sovereigns for \$35 and then they sell this gold currency in Rome.

The actual price is about: L. 5600 each.

The dealers are the former stock Exchange commissioners who are not very busy at present and therefore are giving life to these operations outside the building of the Stock exchange. Naturally these operations have not an official standing and the amount of gold sovereigns and gold American eagles is not big, but still some hundreds of pieces are dealt with every morning from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The speculation of the French and Italian sellers of gold currency against yellow dollars is based upon the general belief that yellow and normal (the green ones) dollars will have in the future the same standard point (value?)

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s/ Hans R.L. Cochrane
t/ Hans R.L. Cochrane

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

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13012/F.

10 September, 1944

SUBJECT : Possible illegal currency transactions.

TO : Director,
Public Safety Sub-Commission.

1. Enclosed are copies of certain censorship material indicating possible illegal currency transactions.
2. Could investigations be made and the results reported to us ?

Colonel
Joint Director;
Finance Sub-Commission

1st IND.

FROM : H.Q. A.C.C. Public Safety
Sub-Commission.
TO : R.P.S.O., Region IV.

Tel : 475708

15 September, 1944.

Forwarded for action and report with return of
basic documents.

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

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HEADQUARTERS
ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APC 394.

Ref. AGC/14044/1/TS.

15th September, 1944.

SUBJECT : Possible dealings in Currency and evasion of
Censorship.

TO : Air Force Sub-Commission.

see 8A

1. The enclosed copy of Censor extract is forwarded
for such action as may be deemed necessary.

2. Dealing in foreign currency is an offence in
Military Government territory against the Proclamation,
and under Italian law in Italian Government territory.

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

Enclosure.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394
Tel. Extns. 553 & 417.

14044/1/

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13012/S.

10 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Possible illegal currency transactions.

TO: Director,
Public Safety Sub-Commission.

1. Enclosed are copies of certain censorship material indicating possible illegal currency transactions.

2. Could investigations be made and the results reported to us?

A.P. Grassyman

Colonel,
Joint Director,
Finance Sub-Commission.

Encls:

Public Safety Sub-Commission

Folio for action/information

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Adm. Officer		
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CONFIDENTIAL

Rome *316*Civil Censorship Group

Station ITA-3796-44

FROM: BARBI CINTI
 Telephone 81890
 Via Siracusa 15
 Rome, Italy.
 (Caller: Mrs. Barbi Cinti)

TO: (Callee: Mrs. BALLUCA)

Date of communication or postmark
 if letter is un-dated

Type Mail: Telephone
 Language: Italian

23 August 1944

Station allocation:

CIC
 Reg. IV Sec.
 ACC Inf. Div.

C.C.G. Allocation

G-2 (CC) AFHQ.
 ACC. Hq.
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 PWB. AFHQ.
 G-5 AFHQ.
 MI-12 Lon.
 G-2 Wash.

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COMMENTDEALINGS IN FRENCH AND ENGLISH MONEY

Caller: Ask your father whether he knows the price of napoleons;
 this morning ZEFF will bring us five of them for exchange.

Callee: (After a while) Father says they are worth 25% more than a pound
 sterling. Yesterday they offered him 5800 for a pound sterling,
 but he did not accept.

Alm... 2316
 Examination Date: 23 August 1944.

CONFIDENTIAL
Civil Censorship Group

YUG.
Station ITA-3886-44

From: DANON Leon

To: DANON Mirko

Bari, Marchese di Montrone
Italy.

G/O R.Y.A.F. Inspectorate
H.Q.M.E.F.
J.S. ?

Date of communication or post-
mark if letter is un-dated

Type mail language

13 July 1944

Ordinary
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Yugosl.

Station allocation

C.C.G. Allocation

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COMMENT

POSSIBLE DEALINGS IN GOLD ENGLISH POUNDS IN JUGO-SLAVIA AND ITALY
EVASION OF CENSORSHIP

"My dearest Mirko,

I wrote to you by the same channels four days ago. I asked again for EASTON and found him this time. He volubly apologized (by telephone) about not having returned the bicycle and says that he had tire trouble and will bring it back in two or three days, after it is fixed. As soon as he returns it, I'll write you again. And it is too bad that he is not more serious, that is, more trustworthy, otherwise we could very nicely work with him, particularly as far as that yellow stuff is concerned."

"My dear Moritz

I write to you about MICHAEL and the bicycle. Today at last, after 19 days, it was returned but not until I had to urge its return three times through the RAF police.

A little while ago he returned it and apologized for the delay saying a tire was punctured and he had to fly toward SARAJEVO.

MICHAEL said that in about ten days he'd be flying over to you and promised to pay us a visit before he left. I have heard that the gold pound over there costs about 3,000, and since it is being sold here for over 5,000, we could earn quite a bit. We have decided to give him for the first time about 50,000 lira and you can help him in exchanging them, and if you can yet find another friend who is coming over here we could really work.

The paper pound is worth only about 550 lire. Otherwise we have everything in the way of food, so please don't send anything; only if you could dig up a briefcase over there I could use it. There aren't any here.

We are impatiently awaiting news from you and always think of you.

Leon. "

Examination date 24 August 1944.

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COPY

CIVIL CENSORSHIP GROUP - ITALY

Luogo ROMA

Riservata
Ufficio di Censura

N. di prot. 2188

Mitt.

Dest.

GIROCIICCHIA RRAALDO
Via S. Tommaso D'Aquino 5,
ROMA.

GRANEGNA EDGARDO
Via U. Foscolo 20
CANOSA DI PUGLIA (Bari)

Data di Comunicazione o del Tipo di Posta
timbro postale se la lettera
e' senza data
30/8/44

Lingua

Ital.

Ord.

Segnalazioni Locali
Reg.Sec.Int.Off.
Counter Int.Off.
Joint Dir.Fin. Su.Com.
Info.Div.ACC.

Provvedimento adottato:

Trattenuta

Origine

Censura Alleata x

OSSERVAZIONI

COMMERCIO DI ORO E STERLINE

"..... Mi sono subito interessato per il prezzo dell'oro, immagino che avrai qualche cosa in vista, i prezzi sono i seguenti:

Oro 24 L.520 il grammo, oro 18 L.260, sterlina L.5000, oro moneta L.550.
Tu sai bene come sta il mercato quindi detti prezzi possono variare da un giorno all'altro. Se hai qualche cosa da concludere e bene che la concludi subito, poiche si prevede che detta merce tenda a scendere

TRADE IN GOLD AND STERLINGS

"..... I want immediately to find out about the price gold; I suppose you have something in view; prices are as follows:

24 carat gold 520 liras the gram; 18 carat gold 260 liras; sterling 5000 liras, gold coin 550 liras. You know how the market is and therefore these prices may vary from one day to the other. If you have got anything on hand you'd better do it immediately, for these prices will probably go down

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CONFIDENTIAL

Rome

Civil Censorship Group

Station ITA-3927-44

From: Telephone 61068
 Avv. PASCALE
 Via del Gambero No. 8 Rome
 Italy.

To: Phone 680672
 (Calles - CONTESSA)

Date of communication or
 postmark if letter is un-dated. Type mail Telephone Language
 Telephone Italian

30 August 1944

C.C.G. Allocation
 G-2 (CC) AFHQ.
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 PWB.AFHQ.
 G-2 (CI) AFHQ.
 G-5 AFHQ.
 G-2 Wash.
 MI-12 London

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COMMENT

POSSIBLE CONTRABAND IN ENGLISH MONEY

Caller: I should like to know the price of the Saint George
 do you understand ?
 Callee: Saint George, what's that ?
 Caller: Well, it's no use ... do wake up ! don't you understand ?
 Callee: Oh yes; yesterday six thousand, today five twenty. One has
 to go there early in the morning, because they get snapped up
 immediately.
 Caller: So I will not buy at 6000.
 Callee: No, the present price is 5,20.

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Examination date 30 August 1944.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

31 August, 1944.

13049/F

SUBJECT : Possible Dealings in French and
English Money.

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission.

see 1A

1. Reference attached censorship report.
2. In view of the possible dealing in non legal tender notes, could an investigation be made and this Sub-Commission informed of the results?

Joint Director,
Finance Sub-Commission.

1st IND.

FROM : H.Q., A.C.C. Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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

3 September, 1944.

Forwarded for any action, and return basic documents
in due course.

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A.E. YOUNG, Col.,
Deputy Director,
Public Safety Sub-Commission. 2310

C.C.

Please make a note to
send a reminder on 15th Sept.
if no reply by then. [initials]

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CONFIDENZIAL

CIVIL CENSORSHIP GROUP

F. _____ ROME _____ Date Mailed 23/8/44 _____

From : Telephone 81890 _____ To : _____
 Barbi Cinti
 Via Siraousa 15
 (Caller - Signora Barbi Cinti) _____ Callee - Signora Buluca _____

_____ Language - Italian _____ Observ. started 0910
 Caller R/T/965 _____ Recording No. _____ Total time : 5 Mins.
 _____ _____ Date : 23 August 1944.
 _____ None. _____

COMMENT

POSSIBLE DEALINGS IN FRENCH AND ENGLISH MONEY

Caller : - Ask your father if he knows the price of "napoleons" because this morning Zeff must bring 5 of them for an exchange.

The Callee- (After having gone away) Papa says that the "napoleon" is worth 1/4 more than the sterling. Only yesterday they offered papa 5800 for the sterling, but he didn't accept.

Note Tie-up with R/T/1431

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394
Tel. 417

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See 2A

13049/F

31 August 1944

SUBJECT: Possible Dealings in French and
English Money.

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission. ✓

- 1b.
1. Reference attached censorship report.
 2. In view of the possible dealing in non legal tender notes, could an investigation be made and this Sub-Commission informed of the results?

for BEK Timmons
Joint Director,
Finance Sub-Commission. *major*

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CONFIDENZIAL
CIVIL CENSORSHIP GROUP

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		Recording No. Total time: 5 Mins.
		Date: 23 August 1944
		None.

COMMENT

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