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for DAF

20/3/45

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Palermo CC.RR. Territorial Legion
Santa Ninfa station.

Santa Ninfa: 3-2-1945
 n: 26/3

Ref. n: 1/25 dated 27 January.
 Subject: LO TRUGLIO FRANCESCO - Information.
 To: / A/C Public Safety subCommission.

The debts made by Lo Truglio Francesco, now resident in the United States of America towards the usurer LO CURTO, called with a vulgar expression,; are two.

The first time he ran into debts many years ago, for an amount of L. 5.000, which paid to Mr. Lo Curto giving him lots of ground and a house with a profit more than quadruplicated.

He made the second debt on 1930, for an amount of L. 2.000, and after having paid by means of guarantor Biondi Pietro the interests at the 8%, the debt has been extinguished by the daughter Vitina, who gave to Mr. Lo Curto the amount of L. 2700.

Lo Curto in the office of this station, at the presence of Biondo Pietro and of Lo Truglio Vitina, has declared to have received all what should have been given to him, so that no pendency is among him and the a/m persons. Lo Curto is really an usurer man, he has many penal records, and serious providings are being taken on his regard by the Police.

Sergeant commanding the station
 -Potestio Gandolfo-

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TO	
DIRECTOR	
DEPUTY DIRECTOR	
CHIEF OF POLICE	18/4
POLICE	
LIC. A. R. S.	
PRISON	19/4
INVESTIGATOR	
SECRETARY	

LEGIONE TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERI REALI DI PALERMO		STAZIONE DI SANTA NINFA	
N. 26/9 di prot. div. 3^ Santa Ninfa, li 3 febbraio 1945			
Risposta al foglio del 27 gennaio u/s N. 1/25.			
Oggetto: LO TRUGLIO Francesco - Richiesta informazioni.			
ALLA COMMISSIONE SICILIA REGION HEADQUARTERS APO 394		(PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION)	
<p>I debiti contratti da LO TRUGLIO Francesco, in atto residente negli Stati Uniti America, verso l'usuraio LO CURTO, inteso "FACCIA DI CULO" sono due. =</p> <p>Uno di lire 5.000 lo contrasse molti anni or sono e potè estinguerlo cedendo al lo Curto due tumoli di terra e una casa di abitazione, con un profitto più che quadruplicato. Altro debito di lire 2.000 lo contrasse nel 1930 e dopo avere pagato a mezzo del garante BIONDO Pietro gli utili all'otto per cento, venne estinto nel dicembre 1944 dalla figlia Vitina, la quale versò al lo Curto la somma liquida di lire 2700. =</p> <p>Il lo Curto, nell'ufficio di questa stazione, alla presenza di Biondo Pietro e della lo Truglio Vitina, ha dichiarato di essere stato soddisfatto di quanto era creditore e quindi nessuna pendenza è rimasta tra lui e i predetti. =</p> <p>Il lo Curto è effettivamente usuraio e strozzino; ha diversi precedenti penali ed in atto ha pratica in corso per provvedimenti di polizia. =</p>			
<p>IL MARSIGLINO CAPO A PIEDI COMANDANTE LA STAZIONE -Potestio Gencello-</p>			
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SPEL ASOT ANAL OSSAMMA

Bollero N° 1088

VIA VENEZIA - PALERMO

ENTE AMMAGGIORE

CONSORZIO ACQUARIO PROVINCIALE DI PALERMO

Bollero N°

Gianni
Comandante la Stazione
IL MARESCIALLO CAPO A.P.
(Prestito Grande)

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CARABINIERI REALI ^{EO} S. Ninfa



Allied Commission
Sicilia Region Headquarters
A.C.S.
APO. 394

IL MARESCIALLO CAPO A.P.
Comandante in C.
(Prestito Grande)

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APO 394

Tel : 478709

19 March 1945

AC/14050/3/PS

SUBJECT : Information on Sicilian subject.

TO : AFHQ, G-5

1. With reference to your letter G-5: 151 dated 14 January, 1945, respecting alleged extortion by one Angelo LO CURTO.

2. This man has been seen by the Police, and has stated that the daughter of LO TRUGLIO has paid him all the money owing, and that he was not claiming any further sum.

3. It is confirmed that LO CURTO has a criminal record, and further proceedings are being initiated against him.

For the Chief Commissioner :

G.R. UPJOHN, Brig.
VP CA Sec

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ALLIED COMMISSION

SICILIA REGION HEADQUARTERS

APO. 394

(PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION)

FILE NO: RPS/543/HM.

DATE March 14th, 1945.

SUBJECT: Information on Sicilian Subject.

TO: Allied Commission, Headquarters.

For the attention of,-
Public Safety Sub Commission.

With reference to your letter AC/14050/3/PS dated 21/1/45.

1. Please find attached translation of CC.RR. report regarding this matter.
2. Relevant papers are returned herewith.

For the Regional Commissioner.

H. MICHALL,
Major,
Public Safety Officer.

Enclosures as above.

TO	INC
DIRECTOR	
DEPUTY DIRECTOR	
EXEC. OFFICER	
POLICE	
INC. & REG.	
PRISONS	
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With folio No. 26/3 dated 4th February, this Carabinieri Station forwarded a full detailed report. LO CURTO has stated, in the presence of the writer, that the daughter of LO TRUCILIO payed what he owed to him, and therefore he does not claim any further money.

He is a real usurer with various penal records and police measures are about to be adopted against him.

Your letter and the reply of this station are kept at the CC.RR. Group Command of Trapani as evidence of LO CURTO's illegal activities for the settlement of the proposal for the police confinement made against him.

If you want to know the result of the case, we will inform you in due course.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

KPM/mla

G-5: 151.

14 January 1945

SUBJECT: Information on Sicilian subject.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. Herewith attached are copies of War Department Summary of Information letter dated 15 December 1944 and translation of letter from Sicilian subject, dated 13 October 1944.

2. It is requested that this case be investigated and a report submitted to this Headquarters.

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

KP
K. P. MANNOSK,
Jr. Comdr.

Incl:
as above.

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WAR DEPARTMENT

ARMY SERVICE FORCES

Headquarters Second Service Command
(Office of Headquarters)

FMG/mlk

SPGIB

Governors Island, New York
(Place)15 December 1944
(Date)Subject: MRS. FRANCESCA RIZZO, 1125 Wheeler Avenue,
Bronx, New York.

Summary of Information:

On 1 December 1944, an Agent of this Division was assigned to interview Subject relative to lodging a complaint against a person in Sicily, which territory is presently under Allied Military occupation.

The Agent obtained the following information from Subject and her Father, Mr. FRANCISCO lo TRUGLIO:

Mr. lo TRUGLIO and his daughter, Mrs. RIZZO, had received a letter (Exhibit A, attached to this report) from another daughter, Miss Vitina lo TRUGLIO, who remains at the family's former address, #10 via Barrese, St. Ninfa, Trapani.

In brief, this letter informed them that a Mr. ANGELO lo CURTO was trying to force Mr. lo TRUGLIO to pay additional money on a loan made in Sicily and in so doing, threatened to seize the property of a relative, Pietro Biondo, a resident of Sicily who was a co-maker on said loan.

They concur in presenting the following information:

Mr. lo TRUGLIO was a farmer in St. Ninfa, Sicily, and after a poor crop season in 1936, he had made a loan of 5000 Lire and up to 1938 he had repaid lo CURTO 25,000 Lire in interest plus relinquishing his house and farm, and now according to the above-mentioned letter lo CURTO is now demanding more money and has threatened Pietro Biondo, a relative and co-signer, in that he will seize Biondo's property and livestock if lo TRUGLIO does not pay additional money on said loan. This statement was allegedly made to Miss Vitina lo TRUGLIO, daughter of complainant in October, 1944. In reference to Angelo lo Curto they gave the following information:

Previous Distribution:

None

Distribution:

CG, ASF, Wash, DC. Att: DIR OF INTEL (3 cyps)

Evaluation

-of source	-of information
_____	Reliable _____
_____	Credible _____
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MRS. F. CESCO RIZZO
1125 Wheeler Avenue
Bronx, New York

15 December 1944

Angelo lo Curto was originally a carpenter and when Fascism came into power he became a very active Fascist and in time became head of a Real Estate and Loan business in the town of St. Minfa, Trapani, Sicily. Through corrupt practices, such as charging 25 - 30% interest on loans, seizing property, plus the fact he kept no books, he became very wealthy and allegedly operated as he wished in this town. Conditions became so bad that the people finally complained to the local courts in 1937; lo Curto was fined 500,000 Lire and sent to jail. However, after serving one year he was released on parole in 1938, and was told that he was forbidden to engage in the loan business. Recently, in 1944, he has been appointed Secretary of a Loan Company or Association called the Cassa Murale. This organization is said to be headed by a Priest named Anthony Sala, who is President. According to information received by lo TRUGLIO, lo Curto has again returned to his former practice of racketeering and is attempting to gouge the people of St. Minfa for interest and principal on these loans made years ago for which he was originally jailed, fined, and forbidden by the Court to collect.

Mr. lo Truglio has been sending \$50.00 to \$100.00 per month to his daughter, Vitina, and his wife in Sicily, and states that they need the money for food and clothing, stating that Allied War Relief Supplies have fallen into the control of operators of the Black Market and that the lower income class of people are starving and ill-clothed. He states that he has been informed, through friends, that one pound of common laundry soap costs 200 Lire and a bushel of wheat which used to be 50 Lire now sells for 200 Lire. He states that the higher income classes are seemingly able to manage comfortably due to the fact that they can afford to pay Black Market prices. He states that it is because of others like lo Curto that this Black Market condition exists.

As to the background of Source, the following information was obtained:

Mr. FRANCESCO lo TRUGLIO originally came to the United States in 1907 and remained in this country until the end of World War I, returning to Sicily with his family. He remained there as a farmer until his return to the United States on the SS SATURNIA in May, 1938, and has resided with his daughter, Mrs. Francesca Rizzo, in New York City since that time.

Mrs. Francesca Rizzo (nee lo Truglio) is a U. S. citizen, born in Brooklyn, New York, 8 August 1911, and went to Sicily with her father and family in 1915, remaining there until 1925, at which time she returned to the United States for permanent residence; married a U. S. natural born citizen and has two children born here. Members of

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MRS. P. CESCA RIZZO
1125 Wheeler Avenue
Bronx, New York

15 December 1944

the family outside the United States consist of Mrs. lo Truglio, wife of Francesco and daughter, Vitina, living at 10 Via Barrese, St. Minfa (Trapani), Sicily.

1 Son - Pvt. Anthony Truglio, U. S. Army, ASN 42050247
G. F. Replacement Depot
APO 974, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

1 Son - Pvt. Calogers lo Truglio, Italian Army #05903, a prisoner of war captured in Mitano, Italy, by Germans - after Italian troops had rebelled against Germans when Allies invaded Sicily. His present address is the Prison Camp, Lager Bezeichnung: 2097 Liche Ruckseite Deutschland, Allemagne.

Incl:-
Exhibit "A"

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St. Ninfa 13 October 1944.

Dearest Father,

With this letter I bring you news of our good health and also hope to soon hear you are all well. Now I will inform you that on the 23rd May, I wrote you a letter in which I explained that we hadn't heard from you for a few months; it now appears this letter arrived in America and was returned to me. This was probably due to the address, as you explained in your last letter (with the photographs) that you no longer live in Brooklyn and are now living in the Bronx. Because of this change in address, I can expect a few other letters to be returned to me - so if you haven't heard from me for a short while you will know the reason. Now I will inform you that on the 4th of October we received the other 5,000 Lire thru the usual place, the Bank of Sicily at Partanno.

Now dear Father, it was only yesterday we gave 500 Lire to Mrs. Rease. I paid her and now it is paid and she has no reason to talk. We have given her the money and she has given us the note which has the same value as a receipt. I also want you to know that the other day our cousin, Peter Biondo, came and asked if it were possible for us to pay that debt, because they have again appointed that "gentleman" Angelo lo Curto as Secretary of the "Fund" who states he wants his (Biondo) fruit and also his (Biondo) livestock. At first, I wanted to pay, but thought it better to wait until I heard from you as to your wishes in the matter. I told our cousin to tell Mr. lo Curto that for the moment I will not deal with anyone; that I expect to hear very soon from my Father and that he will send me the money as soon as his fortunes will permit. Father, I will not pay him until I hear from you. We have the money to pay him! Now I would like to know if you have received Colagero's address and if you have written to him. We have not heard from him since August and the card we received bore the date 16 May. I would like to know if Antonio is still at the same place. I have nothing else to tell you except to send you a most affectionate kiss. Many kisses to Francesca, her husband, and son. Many kisses to Antonio, his wife, and son. Many regards to Aunt Antonina and family. Many regards to Uncle Angelo and family. Many regards to our relatives and families. Many regards from our relatives, neighbors, and friends, and at last I again sign and am your unforgettable daughter and sister, Vitina lo Truglio.

Hope to see you soon and good luck - good news and a quick reply. Kisses, small and infinite to my dear and beautiful nephews.

Translator:
Vincent A. Sarubbi
Special Agent, SIC

EXHIBIT "A"

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

22/2/45
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ACC/14050/3/23

SUBJECT : Information on Sicilian subject.

TO : Regional Commissioner *Sicily* Region
Attention R.F.S.O.

Reference our letter
please expedite reply.

21st / 2A
of January 4590

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

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Tel : 478800

21 January, 1945

AC/14050/3/PS

SUBJECT : Information on Sicilian Subject.

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

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The attached letter AFHQ C-54151 dated 14 January 1945, and enclosures, referring to a Miss Vittoria LO TRUGLIO, No.10 Via Barrese, St. Misfa, Trapani, is forwarded for action as requested by AFHQ.

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

W/c.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
AFO 512

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Jr. Comdr.

Incl:
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