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NOTES OF H.E. FERRARI, INTERVIEWS WITH COL. WILEY
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INTERVIEWS WITH R.E. FERRARI

22 August

1. Still complaining about food. They have promised a report. We must send ration scale.
2. Arranged interview for Brig. Upjohn with Ferrari and Dr. Pianese to discuss O.V.R.A. Ferrari mentioned letter regarding Colonna (member of O.V.R.A. in Sardinia). We must answer.
3. Discussed circular on Photographic Shops, to be sent to all Prefects. Decided that another explanatory letter be sent to all prefects on:
 - a) Inspection on shops who develop films
 - b) Permits for new shops
 Both a and b must be done by the Questura which should maintain liaison with the P.S.S. or the CIG.
4. The situation in Teramo not satisfactory according to Ferrari. Both the Questore and the Prefect of that city new men without experience. We have promised to write letter to Re Ion V on this.

24 August

1. Ferrari and Pianese came and had interview with Brig. Upjohn. Afterwards discussed with Col Wilcox 'Movement of Civilians'. Agreed that there would be a conference with Questore of Rome, Member of P.S. and Major Ballance to discuss thoroughly the new regulations regarding Movement of Civilians.
2. Ferrari stated that De Benedetti is chosen for Pescara.
3. Decide to have Agenti on Railroad Service until New Corps is ready. We have promised to bring in list of places where they are most needed.

26 August

1. Ferrari promised a report on food.
2. Police agents needed urgently at stations of Naples, Bari, Foggia, and Barietta.
3. We will do what is possible for lining for uniforms.
4. They will find out why Saggese has not reached Naples.
5. We must send signal to Palermo stating that Buscemi need not come.
6. Dr. Cimarelli not to go to Cosenza.
7. Orders for issue of 'Fire Arms Proclamation' been sent to new Italian Prov.

29 August

1. Asked if they needed boots. They do and will send request.
2. Agents who were tried and sentenced by Allied Courts will be taken care of.
3. Dr. Cucchiari arrested on O.V.R.A. charges. Report on Siena to be sent.
4. Rosati selected as V. Director of P.S.

4 Sept.

1. Ferrari worried about large number of firearms in possession of civilians especially the various parties. He will send a report on the situation and asking for assistance. Col. Wilcox will discuss it with Col. Pollock.
2. Ferrari did not receive Brig. Upjohn's list of O.V.R.A. informers. We will remind him.
3. Caserta's school for Agenti is still occupied. We will make further inquiries.
4. Epuration Committee has 11 officials in AMG territory which they wish to have suspended and tried. They have written Ferrari to suspend these officials but Ferrari wrote back saying that he had no authority to do so. He is waiting for a reply then he will send us a report and the list. We impressed on Ferrari the fact that a number of undesirables have been used (Cuglielmi, Cucchiara, Mendola etc) and that they should be more careful. He stated that he depends on Dr. Schiavi for all nominees and information and that he will be more careful in the future.
5. We asked for information on the salaries of the official sent in the forward areas. He promised a list of salaries and indemnities. On the whole the salaries are insufficient. He has given a sum (varying from 3 to 10 thousand lire) to the various officials who have already been sent up.

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Notes of M. E. Ferreri's interview with Col. Wilcox -
26th September, 1944.

Press. Ferreri had interviewed Press representatives two of three days previously - better tone had since been adopted.

Sicily. Regional P.S. not required. Notice not right man for Sicily, but Ferreri suggests leaving him as liaison officer with High Commission for the present and later transferring him with promotion as to rank. (Urgent. Intafle has luggage in Palermo).

Wastage of Police. Besides wastage on guard duties, chief waste is in offices and a large number are lost in domestic service to officials. Ferreri is gradually working on the reclamation of these men but the Government are not helping and it is a slow and painful job, rendering him very unpopular especially in the last case.

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Director's It is most necessary for Ferrari to get competent staff. officials around him to relieve him of detailed planning. Ferrari said it was most difficult. His except for a few trusted immediate subordinates, his staff was being disaffected wholesale and that if he got hold of a good man, efforts were made by interested parties to remove him.

Rome The present Questore of Rome has many good qualities Questore. for the position, such as being able to keep the peace, Royal Family, and Foreign Representatives - happy, but is not suitable for real police work - lacks energy and decision. Really strong deputy required.

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