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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

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Tel : 478709

13 September, 1944.

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SUBJECT : Penitentiary - Porto Longone.

TO : S.C.A.O., A.M.G. Elba
for P.S.O. Elba.

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1. Reference your letter 3 September 1944 in regards to repairs to Prison Porto Longone as Elba comes under the administration of Region VIII although the Island is still A.M.G. you must apply to the Public Works Officer of the Region for authority to make these repairs.
 2. Also in regards to the financial situation of the director and guards a request to the Financial Officer of the Region should clear this up.
 3. The prison guards and the director of the prison will take up with the Minister of Grace and Justice and will give you an answer as soon as possible.

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

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Island of Elba

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HEADQUARTERS
10 SEP 1944
A.C.C.

Rio Marina,
3rd September 1944.

SUBJECT: Penitentiary - Porto Longone.

TO: Prison Sub-Division,
Public Safety Division,
Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, A.P.O. 394. U.S. Army.

1. Upon his return from a conference at HQ Major Murchie, S.C.A.O. of Elba informed me that there was a possibility that the Penitentiary at Porto Longone would be put immediately into service. Whilst several hundred prisoners could be "housed" at once it must be pointed out, that, as stated in previous reports there is a considerable amount of damage to locks and loss of keys.

2. It is absolutely impossible to replace these from materials on the island and it will be necessary to obtain them on the mainland.

3. If this prison is to be occupied by prisoners from the mainland, have I the authority to place these repairs in hand with a local contractor or will the matter be dealt with by the Italian Authorities through the Director Macarone Michele.

Transfer of Director.

1. In May 1944 all the prisoners in Porto Longone were transferred to the mainland and the prison closed. The Director, Macarone Michele, was placed on transfer to Pisa. He made excuses not to go and was permitted to remain to attend to the closing of accounts and records of the establishment. He never left the island and shortly after our occupation of Elba presented himself to me.

2. From enquiries made and information received it appears that this man was an active collaborator with the Germans. He gave information to, and assisted in the removal by the Germans of much of the prison equipment such as cloth, leather, boots and shoes, etc., made by the prisoners. There is much resentment against him in the island and I am of the opinion that he should be transferred on to the mainland.

3. Until such time as the prison is in use again it could be left under the charge of the Pretura who is at present using the "Reclusione" as a Mandamentale prison under my instructions. A new Director could then be appointed to take over this prison.

4. There are also available 10 prison guards who for various reasons did go onto the mainland when the prisoners were transferred. I make the request that either (a) I may transfer them to the prison on the island of Pianosa, who are short of guards, or (b) they be transferred to some other prison on the mainland.

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5. The Director has made an application for the payment of his salary and those of the 10 prison guards and I ask for a directive as to whether this may be paid or whether it must be left for the Italian Authorities to deal with when communications are open or the island is handed back to the Italian Government.

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T. GOODACRE,
Major,
P.S.O. Elba.

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TO: Headquarters, Allied Control Commission.

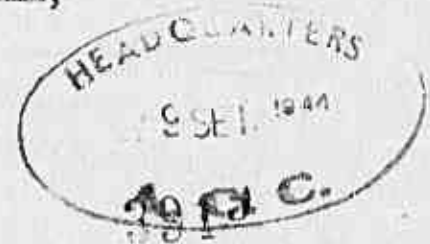
SUBJECT: Visits to Prisons at Pianosa and Porto Longone.

DATE: August 31st. 1944.

Herewith the following:-

- a. Copy of memo Ref CPM/39, dated August 17th. 1944.
- b. Report by Major Goodacre giving details lacking from memo referred to above.

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C.P. MURCHIE,
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S.C.A.O.



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REF. C.P.M./39

TO :- Headquarters, Allied Control Commission.

SUBJECT :- Official visits to Elba.

DATE :- August 17th. 1944.

- (1) Reliable information has been received to the effect that an Officer, affecting to be a representative of the Director of Prisons at Hqrs. A.C.C. visited Elba and Pianosa on Tuesday, August 15th. 1944.
- (2) The Officer in question is reported to have visited the Penal Settlement and Prison on Pianosa ; and to have visited Porto Longone where he made certain enquiries of the French Captain responsible for part of the prison. Apparently he did not actually visit the prison referred to.
- (3) As far as can be discovered no attempt was made to get in touch with the S.C.A.O. here , and neither did the officer report to any member of the A.M.G. team.
- (4) The above information is passed on to you without comment.

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(C.P.MURCHIE, Major. S.C.A.O.)

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
ISLAND OF ELBARio Marina
30 August 1944

SUBJECT: Inspection of Prisons by AMG.

TO: Major Murchie, S.C.A.O.

1. On a recent visit to the State Penitentiary at Porto Longone I was informed by the Director that an American Officer had visited the Prison and given certain directions. Amongst these was a request to submit a report on the Prison to Major Stevens, AMG Public Safety Officer, Livorno Province.

2. The Director asked the officer whether he had seen the Governor or myself as he understood we were responsible for the prison and was told "No" but that he belonged to the same organisation. He left his name Lt. Joseph S. Guarini, Regional Prison Officer, Region VIII, A.M.G. He also visited the Prison on Pianosa island.

3. I do not know this officer, have never heard of him, and he made no contact with me when he visited the island. As the officer belonging to the Elba Detachment of AMG responsible for Prisons I was not aware that we were responsible to Region VIII or that Major Stevens in any way controlled prisons on this island. In any case, I am of the opinion that formal protest should be made against officers visiting and making no contact with the officers responsible, and there was a definite lack of courtesy in his failing to inform you of his visit.

T. GOODACRE,
Major,
P.S.O. Elba.

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