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MINISTRY OF GRACE AND JUSTICE

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Prot. No. 192134,
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Rece. 20th March, 1945.

SUBJECT: Delinquency and corruption of minors.

TO : Their Excellencies The First Presidents and
the Procurators General of the Courts of Appeal
Their Excellencies the Prefects
The Presidents and Procurators of the Kingdom and
Judges of the Higher Tribunals.
The Quertori.

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It would thus appear opportune and necessary that the Public Security authorities should use every effort so that all minors of both sexes who show signs of corruption and abnormal conduct, frequenting places and neighborhoods of a harmful nature and carrying out illicit activities, in contrast to their age and their position, dedicating themselves to the clandestine sale of goods, prostitution etc., should at once be denounced to the Tribunal for Minors, with detailed reports and proposed for reception in reformatory establishments.

The Tribunal for minors must decide urgently on the proposals, ordering, when necessary, or in defect of judgment, provisional reception into observation institutes.

Further, as it may happen, with the present transport crisis, that the ^{specimens of} ~~reports~~ for the reception of minors may be rendered difficult, this Ministry trusts in the personal

initiative of the Authorities to whom this circular is addressed that they may obtain the help of the Allied Command appealing for their comprehension and interest in the face of a problem, the solution of which is of such importance to the future of the youth of Italy.

This Ministry is sending a copy of the present circular to the Allied Command.

Finally, it is laid down that the Procurators of the Kingdom with the Tribunals for Minors should send in, within the first five days of each month, a return showing the numbers received and those acquitted as well as the proposals made by the Public Security Authorities and and family petitions refused.

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An acknowledgment is awaited together with any observations and proposals which it is held to be useful to submit to the examination of this Ministry for the elaboration of a concrete and active scheme which may be put into speedy and efficacious practice.

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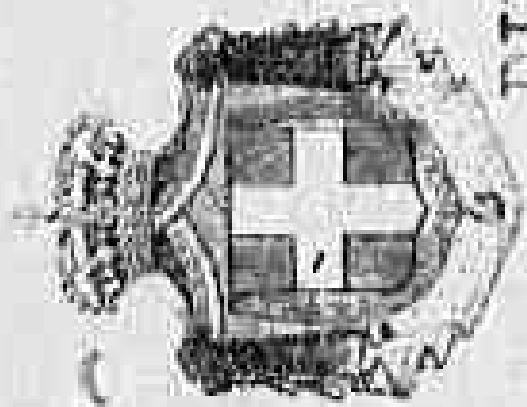
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Ministero di Grazia e Giustizia

DIREZIONE GENERALE PER GLI ISTITUTI DI PREVENZIONE E DI PENA

Ufficio III^o

Prot. n.

190/24
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Roma, li 20 marzo 1945

Alle LL.EE.

I PRIMI PRESIDENTI E PROCURATORI
GENERALI PRESSO LE CORTI D'APPELLO

ALLE LL.EE. I PREFETTI

AI SIGNORI PRESIDENTI E PROCURATORI
DEL REGNO E GIUDICI DI SORVEGLIANZA
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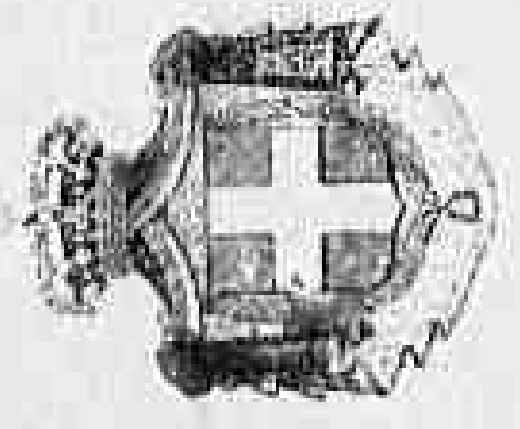
AI SIGNORI QUESTORI

O G G E T T O : Delinquenza e traviamiento dei minori.

CIRCOLARE n. 3035 /1636

Dato il carattere di eccezionale gravità che va assumendo il fenomeno della delinquenza minorile si rende necessaria una intensificazione da parte dello Stato della sua attività per la profilassi e per la repressione di questo male che mina alla base della Nazione, specialmente perchè, colla sua dannosa influenza sulla formazione del carattere della nuova generazione, può costituire uno dei non minori ostacoli all'opera di ricostruzione cui tendono tutte le forze sane del

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Appare pertanto necessario che non solo le comuni manifestazioni di traviamiento non sfuggano all'opera di risanamento morale cui le Autorità Giudiziarie e di Polizia dedicano le loro cure, ma anche quelle speciali dovute alle cause indicate.

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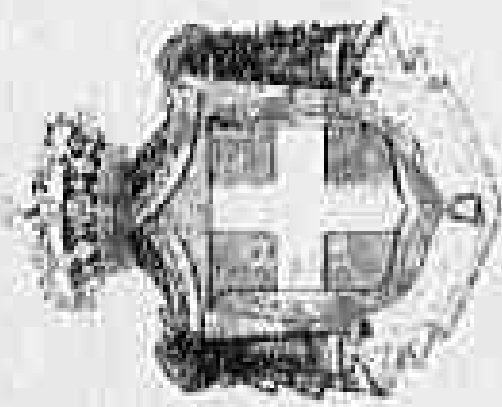
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Ministero di Grazia e Giustizia

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Questo Ministero farà pervenire al competente Ufficio presso il Comando Alleato una copia di questa circolare.

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UNITED STATES SECTION

15 Oct '44

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RC Piemonte Region
RC Liguria Region
RC Lombardia Region
RC Lazio Region
RC Sicilia Region.

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- d) The Committee works as a voluntary organisation encouraging other movements such as the Boy Scouts and establishments teaching handicrafts.
4. The Provincial Commissioner, while not in fact taking any executive action himself continued always to energise the Committee and act as a support to whom the Committee could turn for advice and for help, particularly in such matters as the obtaining and derequisitioning of suitable buildings and contacts with the military authorities.
5. Although the Committee was only formed at the beginning of August '44, at present some 700 boys are cared for and it is proposed to extend the scheme to cater for a much larger number.

6. It is worthwhile considering such an organization in all main centres of population which may be encountered in the future, and the committee should be established early in order rather to be preventive of the state of affairs that has been experienced in the past than to be a curative organization.
7. Sufficient copies of this letter for distribution to Provincial Commissioners are enclosed.

G. R. UPJOHN. Brig.
 VP CA Sec.
Det. C. of S.

Copy to:- C.O.S.
 Southern Region
 SCAG V Army
 SCAG VIII Army
 Econ. Sec.
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SUBJECT: Accommodation for Juvenile
Delinquents.

14205/PS

Public Safety S.C. (rear)
REAR AMG EIGHTH ARMY

OF 14/13A

4 March 44

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Public Safety Sub-Commission Rear H.Q. A.C.C.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter ACC/14205/PS of 17 Feb 44.
2. Accommodation for Juvenile Delinquents in Army Area is not now presenting any difficulty.
3. Region 2's letters 4/PS/11 of 11 Feb 44 and W/1/71 of 15 Feb 44 have been noted in the event of the difficulty recurring.

Edell M. G. Jr.
Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
A.M.G. Eighth Army.

Copy to: H.Q. Region 2 A.C.C.



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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

n Folio 8A for action/information

- C.P.S.
- D.C.P.S.
- Police
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- Fire & C.D.
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- Adm. Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 2

Public Safety
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15-2-1944

Ref: 11 / 1 / 41

B/E 14205

SUBJECT: - Juvenile Delinquents

TO : - V.R., R.C. & MG. Sec. A.C.C. HQ.

1. Further to this HQ. A/PS/11 in reply to your AMG/14205/PS if it is contemplated to transfer 100 boys from 8th Army Area, it will be necessary to employ another 7 guards.

2. Presumably these 7 guards could accompany the boys from their own area.

For the R.C.C.

W. Drummond-Young
W. Drummond-Young, Capt. R.A.
Asst. Chief of Staff
Region 2

*Copy sent SCAP Eighth Army
(no covering letter)
PA 22/2*

*See memo dated 10.1.41
Establishing 1st Security
Division in Region 2
PA 22/2*

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

HY/hgd

17 Feb. 44

ACC/14205/PS

SUBJECT: Accommodation for Juvenile Delinquents

TO : S.C.A.P.O. A.M.G. Eighth Army.

1. By letter 14 Dec 43. AMG/209/101. C.L.O. 15 Army group inquired concerning suitable reformatory space in Southern Italy for juvenile delinquents owing to shortage of accommodation in your area.
2. Attached copy of letter indicates some space now available.
3. If this is still a pressing matter, suggest you correspond direct with R.C.A.P.O. region II, with copy to Hq. ACC.. Public Safety Sub-Commission

Paul G. Kirk
PAUL G. KIRK
Colonel, Inf.
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission

Encl:
Letter A/PS/11 dated 11.2.44
from Region 2.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 2*Public Safety* 16-24
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11-2-1944

Ref: A/PS //

SUBJECT: - Juvenile Delinquents

TO : - Vice President R.C. & M.G.
Section A.C.C. A.F.O. 394

1. In reply to A.M.G./14205/PS dated 30 Dec 1943 it is advised that the Reformatory at Catanzaro is being repaired and can now admit 100 boys.

2. Boys must bring with them, bedding (blankets, sheets, mattresses, pillows) and any other stores necessary for their maintenance including eating utensils.

For the R.C.A.O.

W. Drummond-Young
W. Drummond-Young, Major R.A.
Asst. Chief of Staff
Region 2

*Passed to Egypt Army
See 7A*

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394
Legal Sub-Commission

RRW/rlp

17 January 1944

AMG/4098/L

SUBJECT: Juvenile Delinquents in Region II

MEMORANDUM TO: Colonel Spofford

1. The question has been raised in Region II whether in the absence of adequate institutions in that region Allied Military Courts may sentence minors to report daily to the nearest office of the Carabinieri and be compelled to do certain manual work such as working on streets, cleaning public buildings, etc., over some set period, it being understood that in the absence of such institutions serious offenders will have to be lodged in penal institutions for adults.
2. Proclamation No. 2 provides for fine and imprisonment and in certain cases for forfeiture of goods. The suggested form of punishment is not specifically or inferentially provided for in any proclamation, and therefore is not permissible. There appears to be no precedent in Allied Military Government or in Italian law along these lines of suggested forced work.
3. Sentences may be suspended during good behavior and in conjunction with a suspension there is no reason why the sentenced person may not be required to report to some designated authority at fixed times. Such procedure may serve as a stop gap pending the acquisition of physical facilities so far as minor juvenile offenders are concerned.
4. From a social point of view, Public Welfare advises strongly against enforced work as was suggested.
5. Were the suggestion carried out, it would likely be the source of adverse comment in the United States and Great Britain.
6. It is further suggested that Public Safety Region II be requested to make further efforts to find additional institutional space for sentenced juveniles and that, in the absence of success efforts be made to have juveniles who have committed serious offences segregated in adult prisons.

RICHARD H. WIEMER,
Lt. Col., GAC
Deputy Chief Legal Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
ACTION SHEET

16-1-44
Date

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C.G., A.M.G.	
C. of Staff	
D.C. of Staff for (O&SI)	
D.C. of Staff Admin.	
Industrial Plan	
Mil. Sec.	
Pol. Sec.	
Econ & Admin Sec.	
Communications Sec.	
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Hq. Commandant	
Camp Commandant	
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Sub-Commission on:	
Public Safety	✓

For: Signature
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TO PENCE FARGO FOR KIRK

FROM AMG REGION TWO

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REF AMG/14205/ PS JUVENILE DELINQUENTS STOP UNABLE ACCOMMODATE
ANY JUVENILES STOP LETTER DATED 10TH ON WAY STOP

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No action.
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letter at 2A.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO. 394
Public Safety Division

AMG/14205/PS

18 January, 1944

SUBJECT : Juvenile Delinquents.

TO : AMG, HQ. AFI.

Reference AMG/209/101st of 14 December, 1943.

1. Region II AMG have been consulted regarding suitable accommodation for juveniles in their area, and a copy of the Regional Superintendent of Prisons' report is attached for your information.
2. Any further information received in this matter will be forwarded to you.

[Signature]
CHARLES M. STOFFORD
Colonel, GSC.
D.C.D.A.O.

1 Encl:

Copy of Region II Report
dated 10 Jan 44.

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HEADQUARTERS
ARMED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REGION II

Adm. Div.
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Subject : Juvenile Delinquents

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10 Jan 44

To : Chief, Public Safety Division
A.G., AG. (through R.C.A.O.)

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Delay in reply to your AGC/14205/PS is regretted.
A breakdown of transport delayed the return of the Prison Section Officer.

It is regretted that no helpful information can be given at present.

(i) The Reformatory at VEDLIANG has been requisitioned by British Army. The juveniles are temporarily accommodated at the local Orphanage where accommodation is strained to the uttermost.

(ii) The Reformatory at CATANLARO is badly damaged by bombs, and is uninhabitable. The juveniles are housed temporarily in part of local Deaf & Dumb School.

It is not yet known if any other such institution is functioning, but the matter will receive immediate attention.

H.W. Asen
Captain,
Superintendent of Prisons, AG.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Public Safety Division

AMG/14235/PB

30 December, 1945.

SUBJECT : Juvenile Delinquents.

To : RCAG, Region IV.

1. Due to the lack of a Reformatory in the Eighth Army Area for the keeping of juvenile delinquents, that area has requested help. The Institutions in Naples are not available.

2. Is there an Institution in your Region to which some juvenile delinquents from the Eighth Army Area might be sent? Could you accommodate some at AVIGNON or SALONAROT?

3. In view of the difficulties encountered by you in the confinement of civilian internees, it is appreciated that your facilities are definitely limited, but information as to the foregoing would be helpful.

PAUL D. KIRK
Colonel, Infantry,
Chief, Public Safety
Division.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
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28 Dec.
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Sub-Commission on;	
Pub. Safety	✓
Legal	(2) ✓

For: Signature _____
 Recommendation _____
 Information _____
 Approval or Disapp. 419 ✓
 Appropriate Action _____
 Investig. & Rept. _____
 File _____
 Return to Cont. Files _____
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Remarks:

For appropriate
remarks upon which
to base response.
D.S.

Subject: - Juvenile Delinquents.

113.
AGH Hq.,
15 Army Group,
C.M.F.

Ref. AGH/209/101
14 December 43.

Chief Legal Officer,
Legal Sub-Commission,
Allied Control Commission.

Considerable difficulty is being experienced over the treatment of juvenile delinquents in 8 Army area as there is no Reformatory available where they can be sent. Transport difficulties make Naples unsuitable.

2. Can you state whether there is a suitable Reformatory in Appulia or Southern Italy where juveniles convicted by Allied Military Courts could be sent.

HQR/ES.


H.E. ROSE,
Lt. Colonel,
Chief Legal Officer.

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