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PRISON ACCOMODATION & OVERCROWDING
JULY 1944 - JULY 1945

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Minute II

Industry S/C

Please refer to folio 60A.

This Sub-Commission has knowledge of the critical conditions at Regina Coeli, and the subsequent need for cement in the reconstruction program at Casa dei Pazzi (10 Km. NE of Rome). To the extent that your Sub-Commission can take favorable action, this Sub-Commission endorses the request from the Ministry.

R. W. Freeman, Captain P.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN, Col.

Director PS S/C

Rome, 15 June 1945

See 6/11/45

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Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478709

20 June 1945

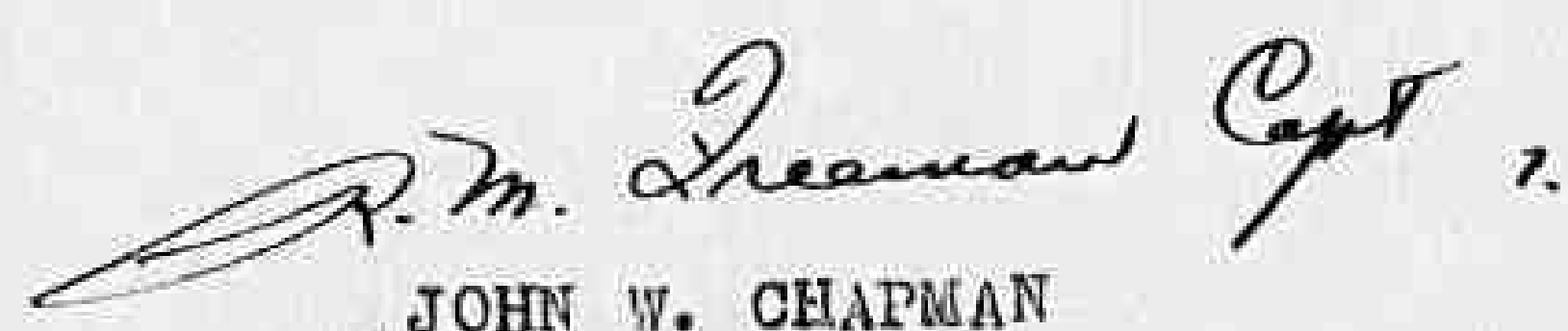
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SUBJECT : Prison establishments in
Vicinity of Casal dei Pazzi.
TO : Ministry of Grace and Justice.

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Reference your communication Prot. N. 1578/1.20 I,
Ufficio IV, dated 12 June 1945.

1. This Sub-Commission is informed that cement, being a controlled material, can only be released thru the Allied Force Local Resources (1) Board and that requests must be submitted to this Board by the Ministry of Industry, Commerce, and Labor.
2. It is therefore suggested that the contractor list his cement requirements and forward them thru your Ministry to the Ministry of Industry, Commerce, and Labor. The Ministry of Industry will then be in a position to make proper representation to the Allied Force Local Resource Board.



JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, JAGD
Director.

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Ref. AC/5589/IND

14215 *de* AMW/EP
18 June 1945

SUBJECT : Cement - Prison Establishments
TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission
FROM : Industry Sub-Commission

1. Reference your Folio 60 A and minute II dated 16 June 1945.

2. Cement is a controlled material and can only be released through the Allied Force Local Resources (I) Board and requests must be submitted by Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labour.

3. This Sub-Commission advises that representation of requirements be submitted through this channel by the contractors concerned.

A. Macnaughton-Wright

A. MACNAUGHTON-WRIGHT, Maj.

for W. J. MASKREY
Lt. Colonel,
Acting Director,
Industry Sub-Commission.

Copy to :-
Economic Section.

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Director	<i>for 21/6</i>	
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MINISTRY OF GRACE & JUSTICE

N. 1678/1.20.I

12 June 1945.

SUBJECT : Rome - New prison establishments in locality
Casal dei Pazzi.

TO : A.C. P.S. S/C. *no trace*

As already reported to the Allied Commission with letter n.1099 dated 23rd April 1945, in order to avoid the serious disturbances brought about by the overcrowding of prisoners in the Regina Coeli Judicial Prison in Rome, arrangements have been made for the immediate putting into effect of the works necessary for the soonest possible use of some buildings of the new prison establishments, situated in the vicinity of Casal dei Pazzi.

For the execution of these works, already contracted with the Firm Garboli, the Civil Engineers of Rome - special office for Constructions in the Capital - with letters dated 14 and 26 May, 1945, has pointed out to the Provveditorato for Public Works in Rome, the need of 6.000 quintals of cement, of which 2000 immediately and the remainder in subsequent monthly assignments thus completing the assignment during the month of September 1945.

Given the urgency of the works, the Allied Commission is earnestly requested to use its good offices to the effect that the above request be immediately satisfied.

For the Minister
Volpe

rv.

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MINISTRY OF GRACE & JUSTICE

N. 1673/1.29.I

12 June 1945.

AUTORE : Rome - New prison establishments in locality
Casal del Pazzi.

TO : A.C. P.S. S/C.

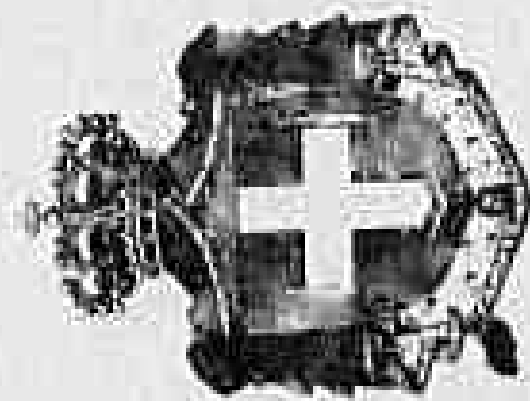
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Ministero di Grazia e Giustizia

DIREZIONE GENERALE ISTITUZIONI PREVENZIONE E PENA

12 GIU 1945

Roma,

UFFICIO IV

PROT. N. 1678/1.20.1.

On/le Commissione Alleata
Sottocommissione di P.S.ROMAURGENTEOGGETTO: Roma - Nuove costruzioni carcerarie in località Casal dei
Pazzi.

Come è stato già rappresentato a codesta On. Commissione Alleata con nota del 23 aprile u.s. n. 1099, allo scopo di ovviare ai gravissimi inconvenienti causati dall'eccessivo affollamento dei detenuti nel carcere giudiziario di Regina Cocli in Roma, si è disposta la sollecita esecuzione dei lavori occorrenti per utilizzare in brevissimo tempo, come carcere, alcuni fabbricati dei nuovi stabilimenti di pena, siti in località Casal dei Pazzi.

Per l'esecuzione di tali lavori, già appaltati alla Società Anonima Garboli, il Genio Civile di Roma - ufficio speciale per le Opere Edilizie della Capitale - con note del 14 e 26 maggio u.s. ha segnalato al Provveditorato alle Opere Pubbliche di Roma la necessità dell'assegnazione di seimila quintali di cemento, di cui duemila quintali subito e i rimanenti quattromila quintali in successive quote mensili in modo da completare l'assegnazione nel mese di settembre p.v..

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS CJM/ncr
G-5 Section
APO 512

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11 June 1945

SUBJECT: Prisons

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TO : Allied Commission, APO 394.

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45. Reference your AC/14215/PS 25 May

1. No.1 District is being approached with regard to a partial release of Murato prison to the Italian Government.

2. A decision will be communicated to you.

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

C.J.MACNAMARA,
Major, P.C.

HEADQUARTERS
12 JUN 1945

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PIEMONTE REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

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REF : PR/PS/4/1 2 June 1945

SUBJECT : Convicted Prisoners in AMG Territory

TO : HQ.A.C. APO 394 (Director, Public Safety S/c)

Ref your AC/14215/PS dated 25 May 1945

1. Prison population in Piemonte does not create any crisis at the moment as all P.O.W.'s are being exported as rapidly as collected.

2. It is not anticipated that there will be any vacancies available for convicts from other Northern Regions, but there may be space for a few in the Casa di Rieducazione per Minorenni, should there be such spaces, you will be informed.

For the D.S.C.A.O.

Copies to:

- (1) R.P.S.O. Liguria
- (2) R.P.S.O. Lombardia
- (3) R.P.S.O. Emilia
- (4) R.P.S.O. Toscana
- (5) R.P.S.O. Venezia

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C.R. BRIGGS
Lt.Col.
Regional Public Safety
Officer

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DIRECTOR	<i>HW</i>	<i>10/6</i>
DEPUTY DIRECTOR	<i>HW</i>	<i>10/6</i>
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478709

AG/14215/RS

25 May, 1945

SUBJECT : Convicted Prisoners in AMG territory

TO : Regional Commissioners, Liguria, Piemonte,
Venezia, Toscana, Emilia Region

1. Attention of this Sub-Commission has been called to the prison population figures in some of the Northern Regions and to requests that sentenced prisoners be transferred into Italian Government territory to relieve the congestion in areas under Army Control. The following is submitted for your information and guidance.

a) Congestion of all types of prisons is the rule in all territory under Italian Government control. Transport available to the Ministry of Grace and Justice for transfer of prisoners is extremely scarce and commonly non-existent.

b) The responsibility of the Italian Government to receive prisoners for custody in territory under its control does not extend to entering AMG territory for the escort and transport of prisoners. Theoretically this implies that the Italian government is obligated to accept prisoners at any point on the Southern boundary of AMG territory. Practically speaking this is not true because of transport difficulties alone; and any attempt to insist on such a role by the Ministry of Grace and Justice will only result in impossible delays in getting the job done. It follows that, in any event, the transport of prisoners from AMG areas into Italian Government territory must be continued to an institution capable of housing them.

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9.) Accommodations in Penal prisons of Toscana, Liguria, Piemonte, Emilia and Venezia Regions, according to pre-war reports which were evidently based on fairly liberal standards as compared with present day necessity, totalled some 6000. Information is lacking as to the extent to which these accommodations have been impaired by war damage, but it is believed that, if convicted prisoners were distributed effectively among the penal prisons of these regions, such facilities would fulfill requirements for an extended period of time. It is suggested, therefore, that close liaison be maintained between R.F.S.O.'s to effect a solution to a problem which is admittedly a critical one.

2. It is requested that this Sub-Commission be periodically informed of population figures for prisons in your Region and as to progress made along the lines of the suggestion made herewith.



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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APO 394

Tel : 478709

25 May. 1945.

AC/14215/18

SUBJECT : Prison Accommodations - Overcrowding.

TO : C-5 Section AFHQ.

1. Four recent communications from the Ministry of Grace and Ministry of the Interior, translations of which are attached, are forwarded for your information and with the request that the critical overcrowding of civilian prisons throughout Italy be given renewed consideration by your Headquarters.
2. Communication A represents an appeal from the Ministry of Grace and Justice for the release of Montecarlo Prison (near Benevento) to be used for the custody of persons sentenced on political grounds. This prison is now under Allied Military control and reportedly houses Italian Military prisoners.
3. Communications B & C refer to the overcrowded conditions of Murate and S. Teresa prisons (Florence) wherein an appeal is made for the return to civilian control of at least a part of Murate prison to accommodate the overflow from S. Teresa. This Commission has knowledge of past disturbances in S. Teresa, the last one, of 1 May 1945, resulting in the escape of 63 inmates. Over 100 Italian soldier prisoners are in Murate prison which, with a capacity of 1200, has been almost entirely taken over by Allied Military authorities as a holding center for Allied prisoners. Reports from AFHQ personnel in Tuscany Region indicate that only one half of the requisitioned space at Murate prison is actually being used, unused accommodations for approximately 400 prisoners being available if a release of this space could be obtained.
4. Communication D refers to present conditions at Regina Coeli where, with a normal capacity of approximately 800, the population is 2083. The succession of riots in this prison have caused damage which is irreparable while the prisoners are confined there. Complete evacuation of Regina Coeli appears to be the only means by which reconstruction can be effected, and the Ministry's request that Allied authorities release facilities now being used as concentration camps offers an equitable solution.

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to an almost continuous state of unrest in this prison. The last riot in Regina Coeli took place 20 May 1945.

5. The latest recapitulation of returns on prisons on the mainland, Sicily and Sardinia indicate that 35 main judicial prisons have an excess population of from 50 to 100 percent. This figure does not include prisons in the four Northern Regions, but incomplete reports reflect equally serious conditions in this area also.

6. It is therefore the opinion of Allied Commission that the possibility of relief of these conditions should be examined immediately. Proposals already advanced include the de-requisitioning of civilian jails by Allied authority, transfer of Italian Military prisons from civilian prisons back to the custody of the Italian Army, and evacuation of such concentration camp facilities as can be made at this time. The consideration of C-5, Allied Force Headquarters, is urgently requested.

For the Chief Commissioner :


G.R. LEJOHN Brig.
VP CA Sec.

Copy to : IMIA.

Translation

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re

MINISTRY OF GRACE & JUSTICE

14th May 1945

N. 1326/10.9

Subject : Montesarchio (Benevento) prison occupied
by Italian prisoners.

To : A.S. P.S. S/C.

It appears to this Ministry, that the Montesarchio prison, by order of the Allied Military Command of Benevento, is at the present time used as prison for Italian prisoners.

In view of the serious situation of prison establishments in Campania and Lazio, absolutely insufficient to hold the numerous prisoners there confined, who are always increasing, this Administration would urgently need to re-occupy this establishment, with the intention to gather there the most part of the political prisoners, who scattered as they are in the prisons for common prisoners give rise to earnest preoccupation for the continuous disturbances which occur in the establishments.

Therefore, the Commission is earnestly requested to take into favourable consideration the a/m request, issuing with courteous urgency, opportune instructions in this regard. If necessary, officials of this Administration could visit the establishment under discussion together with representatives of the Commission.

For the Minister

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Enclosure A

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MINISTRY OF GRACE & JUSTICE

15th May 1945

N. 1287/1.10.C.

Subject : Situation in the Florence judicial prison.

To : A.C. P.S. S/C.

and for information

To : Ministry of the Interior - P.S. Directorate.

Enclosure n.1

The Ministry of the Interior - P.S. General Directorate - with letter n. 10.36081/11200 A dated 7th instant, copy of which is herewith enclosed, in pointing out the serious inconveniences brought about by the overcrowding of prisoners in the insufficient premises of the Florence prison in Florence, has prospected the necessity that the Murate prison be put at the disposal of this Administration or at least the third wing and that the Italian soldiers there confined be transferred elsewhere.

As the Florence prison problem earnestly troubles this Ministry, the Allied Commission is requested to take into favourable consideration the proposals made in the above letter.

An acknowledgement would be appreciated.

For the Minister
Gurlema

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Enclosure B

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MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

7th May 1945

N. 10.36381/11260. A

Subject : Situation in the Florence prison.

To : Ministry of Grace & Justice

For the necessary measures, report of which would be appreciated, we transcribe the following letter received from the Florence Prefect, n. 1092 dated 19th April 1945:

"During the last period I have received several reports from the Police bodies, in which statements are made in regard to the serious inconveniences brought about by the over-crowding of the Florence prison and the consequent regrettable demonstrations of the prisoners due to their confinement in not suitable premises.

The number of the prisoners confined in the S. Teresa prison is roughly double to its capacity, to the detriment of the vigilance possibilities and hygienic necessities and this is due to the fact, that the Murate prison is almost completely used by the Allied Authorities.

About 200 prisoners, who pretend to be partisans, are making continuous protests, claiming to be unjustly detained; in truth these are to the greater part ex-convicts arrested by the Allied Police, because found in possession of arms or disobeying food-control regulations, who believe, that they can take advantage bringing about the patriotic question. Insubordinate persons are under discussion, who incite the prisoners to demonstrations. The prison guards are disarmed and do not use, on the other hand, the necessary energy, also because they fear that indeed partisans are under discussion, who could, released from prison take revenge upon them.

The C.C.R.R. cannot carry out an efficacious vigilance service inside the establishment, inasmuch as the prisoners as soon as they notice them, commence to insult and scorn them.

A.S. Agents have been employed for the vigilance service inside the establishment, but even this measure is insufficient.

On the 18th March 1945, an attempted breakout has taken place, which it has been possible to repress, but frequent riots still occur.

It would be necessary that the Ministry uses its good offices with the Allied Commission to the effect that consideration be given to the possibility of placing at the disposal of the Italian Authorities, if not the whole Murate prison, at least the so called "third wing", allowing the transfer of roughly 100 prisoners from the S. Teresa prison.

Enclosure C.

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Thus a reason for discomfort and discontent would be eliminated, inasmuch as the S. Teresa prison due to its cutiform is not suitable to receive prisoners awaiting trial, who are obliged to stay the whole day in very small cells and isolated, while the excessive overcrowding of the S. Teresa prison has made it necessary to employ the special cells for punishment, which have been also used for the billeting of the prisoners.

Furthermore, at the present time about 120 Italian soldiers are confined in the Aurate prison at the disposal of the CC.RR., to be transferred elsewhere. To the greater part these soldiers depend from the Rome Military Court and others are awaiting to be returned to their Corps. The latter cannot be transferred as the CC.RR. have not the necessary means of transport. For the former a soon departure had been in view, but has not taken place, because, it seems, the Rome Military Court should transfer itself to Florence for the trial, but this transfer has not yet occurred.

The Ministry is requested to use their good offices so that these prisoners be transferred elsewhere, or that the Military Court institutes other premises for their custody.

I allow to myself to point out the seriousness of the a/m situation and the urgency of its solution."

For the Minister
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MINISTRY OF GRACE & JUSTICE

18th May 1945.

N. 1.20.5

Subject : Evacuation of prisoners from the "Regina Coeli" prison in Rome - Concentration Camp.

To : A.G. P.S. S/C.

As known, the serious situation of the "Regina Coeli" judicial prison in Rome, due to the frequent riots of the prisoners there confined, demands prompt and energetic measures, with a view to guarantee, not only the safety of the establishment, but also quiet to the town-life.

The evacuation of the majority of the prisoners is one of the most urgent measures. But destructions and serious damages, produced by war operations to the Lazio prison institutions, prevent the putting into effect of any transfer of prisoners whatsoever from Rome to the prison of the neighbouring country.

In view of such a situation, this Ministry's opinion would be to transfer numerous prisoners to some concentration camp, well-understood adequately equipped.

Therefore earnest request is made to the Commission, to the effect that, considering the prison exigencies of the Capital, particularly serious and delicate at the present time, the proposal be taken into favourable consideration, i.e. to use for that purpose some concentration camp existing in the Lazio Province or vicinity, a camp already supplied with the necessary equipment.

An acknowledgement would be appreciated.

For the Minister
Volpe

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Enclosure D

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MINISTRY OF GRACE & JUSTICE

18th May 1945.

N. 135241/8

Subject : Transfer of prisoners.

To : A.C. P.S. S/C.

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In continuation of telephonical call of the 15th instant with a member of the Commission, the impossibility is confirmed to assign the 40 prisoners, who must be transferred from Ravenna to a penal establishment of the mainland.

These prisoners, as it has been reported with letter 133674/8 dated 23rd April 1945, have been assigned to the penal establishment of Asinara (Sardinia) and therefore the Commission could make arrangements that these prisoners be brought to the judicial prison of Naples, where they will be embarked in order to reach their destination.

For the Minister
Volpe

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Mod. BGS MG.

Roma 18 MAG 1945

Ministero di Grazia e Giustizia

DIREZIONE GENERALE
PER GLI ISTITUTI DI PREVENZIONE E DI PENAalla Commissione Alleata
Sottocommissione per la
P.S. ROMAUfficio
Let. A.

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135241/8

Riposta al f. N.
del

OGGETTO: Trasferimento di detenuti.

Di seguito agli accordi presi telefonicamente il 15 corrente mese con un Componente di codesta Commissione, si conferma l'impossibilità di poter destinare in una casa penale del continente i 40 detenuti da trasferire dalla Provincia di Ravenna.

Tali detenuti, come fu comunicato con precedente ministeriale 133674/8 del 23 aprile u.s., furono assegnati alla casa penale di Asinara (Sardegna) e codesta Commissione, pertanto, potrà disporre che i medesimi siano fatti tradurre alle carceri giudiziarie di Napoli, ove saranno imbarcati per raggiungere la loro destinazione.

Pel Ministro

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MINISTRY OF GRACE & JUSTICE

14th May 1945

N. 1326/10.9

Subject : Montesarchio (Benevento) prison occupied
by Indian prisoners.

To : A.C. P.S. S/C.

It appears to this Ministry, that the Montesarchio prison, by order of the Allied Military Command of Benevento, is at the present time used as prison for Indian prisoners.

In view of the serious situation of prison establishments in Campania and Lazio, absolutely insufficient to hold the numerous prisoners there confined, who are always increasing, this Administration would urgently need to re-occupy this establishment, with the intention to gather there the most part of the political prisoners, who scattered as they are in the prisons for common prisoners give rise to earnest preoccupation for the continuous disturbances which occur in the establishments.

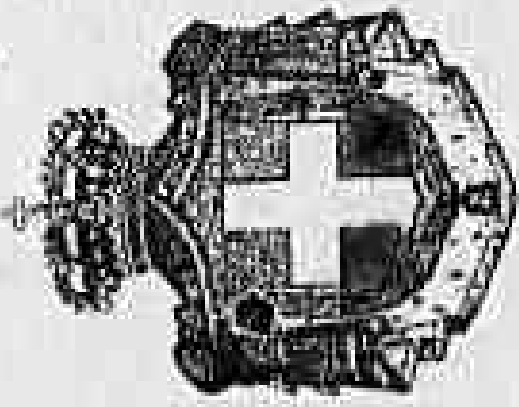
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For the Minister

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Summa 10/11/45



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Ministero di Giustizia
DIREZIONE GENERALE ISTITUTI PREVENZIONE E PENNA

Roma, 14 maggio 1945

UFFICIO IV

PROT.N. 1326/10.9

All'On. Commissione Alleata
Sottocommissione di P.S.

ROMA

OGGETTO: Reclusorio di Montesarchio (Benevento) occupato da detenuti indiani.

Risulta a questo Ministero che il Reclusorio di Montesarchio, per ordine del Comando Militare Alleato di Benevento, è in atto temporaneamente adibito a carcere per detenuti indiani.

Attesa la gravissima situazione degli stabilimenti carcerari della Campania e del Lazio, assolutamente insufficienti a contenere la numerosa popolazione detenuta ristrettavi, in continuo aumento, questa Amministrazione avrebbe urgente bisogno di rioccupare il detto reclusorio, con l'intendimento di riunirvi buona parte dei detenuti politici i quali dispersi come sono nelle carceri dei detenuti comuni destano viva preoccupazione per le continue agitazioni che si verificano negli stabilimenti.

Allo stesso, si rivolge viva preghiera a codesta On. Commissione-

PROT. N. 1326/10.9

All'On. Commissione Alleata
Sottocommissione di P.S.

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Ciò posto, si rivolge viva preghiera a codesta On. Commissione Alleata, affinché voglia esaminare benevolmente tale richiesta, impartendo quindi con cortese urgenza opportune disposizioni per l'accoglimento della stessa. Ove occorra, funzionari di questa Amministrazione potranno visitare il reclusorio in parola insieme con delegati di codesta On. Commissione.

PAI MINISTRO

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MINISTRY OF GRACE & JUSTICE

15th May 1945

N. 1287/1.10.C.

Subject : Situation in the Florence judicial prison.

To : A.C. P.S. S/C.

and for information

To : Ministry of the Interior - P.S. Directorate.

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Enclosure n.1

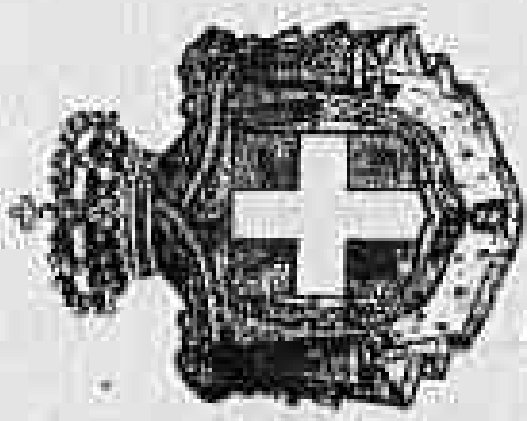
The Ministry of the Interior - P.S. General Directorate - with letter n. 10.36081/11200 A dated 7th instant, copy of which is herewith enclosed, in pointing out the serious inconveniences brought about by the overcrowding of prisoners in the insufficient premises of the S.Teresa prison in Florence, has prospected the necessity that the Murate prison be put at the disposal of this Administration or at least the third wing and that the Italian soldiers there confined be transferred elsewhere. As the Florence prison problem earnestly troubles this Ministry, the Allied Commission is requested to take into favourable consideration the proposals made in the a/m letter.

An acknowledgement would be appreciated.

For the Minister
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Ministero di Giustizia

DIREZIONE GENERALE ISTITUTI PREVENZIONE E PENA

UFFICIO IV

PROT. N. 1287/1.10.0.

Roma, 16 MAG 1946

On. Commissione Alleata
Sottocommissione di F.S.

ROMA

e per conoscenza:

On. Ministero dell'Interno
Direzione Generale della P.S.
- Divisione Polizia -

ROMA

OGGETTO: Situazione delle carceri giudiziarie di Firenze.

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Poiché il problema carcerario in Firenze preoccupa vivamente questo Ministero, si prega codesta On. Commissione Alleata di volere esaminare benevolmente le proposte formulate nella nota suddetta.

Sarebbe gradito un cortese riscontro in merito.

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Pel MINISTRO

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Translation³⁵

MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

7th May 1945

N. 10.36081/11200. A

Subject : Situation in the Florence prison.

To : Ministry of Grace & Justice

For the necessary measures, report of which would be appreciated, we transcribe the following letter received from the Florence Prefect, n. 1092 dated 19th April 1945:

"During the last period I have received several reports from the Police bodies, in which statements are made in regard to the serious inconveniences brought about by the over-crowding of the Florence prison and the consequent regrettable demonstrations of the prisoners due to their confinement in not suitable premises.

The number of the prisoners confined in the S.Teresa prison is roughly double to its capacity, to the detriment of the vigilance possibilities and hygienic necessities and this is due to the fact, that the Murate prison is almost completely used by the Allied Authorities.

About 200 prisoners, who pretend to be partisans, are making continuous protests, claiming to be unduly detained; in truth these are to the greater part ex-convicts arrested by the Allied Police, because found in possession of arms or disobeying food-control regulations, who believe, that they can take advantage bringing about the patriotic question. Insubordinate persons are under discussion, who incite the prisoners to demonstrations. The prison guards are disarmed and do not use, on the other hand, the necessary energy, also because they fear that indeed partisans are under discussion, who could, released from prison, take revenge upon them.

The CC.RR. cannot carry out an efficacious vigilance service inside the establishment, inasmuch as the prisoners as soon as they notice them, commence to insult and scorn them.

P.S. Agents have been employed for the vigilance service inside the establishment, but even this measure is insufficient.

On the 18th March 1945, an attempted breakout has taken place, which it has been possible to repress, but frequent riots still occur.

It would be necessary that the Ministry uses its good offices with the Allied Commission to the effect that consideration be given to the possibility of placing at the disposal of the Italian Authorities, if not the whole Murate prison, at least the so called "third wing", allowing the transfer of roughly 100 prisoners from the S.Teresa prison.

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It is a reason for discomfort and discontent would be eliminated, inasmuch as the S.Teresa prison due to its cubiform is not suitable to receive prisoners awaiting trial, who are obliged to stay the whole day in very small cells and isolated, while the excessive overcrowding of the S.Teresa prison has made it necessary to employ the special cells for punishment, which have been also used for the billeting of the prisoners.

Furthermore, at the present time about 120 Italian soldiers are confined in the Murate prison at the disposal of the CC.RR., to be transferred elsewhere. To the greater part these soldiers depend from the Rome Military Court and others are awaiting to be returned to their Corps. The latter cannot be transferred as the CC.RR. have not the necessary means of transport. For the former a soon departure had been in view, but has not taken place, because, it seems, the Rome Military Court should transfer itself to Florence for the trial, but this transfer has not yet occurred.

The Ministry is requested to use their good offices so that these prisoners be transferred elsewhere, or that the Military Court institutes other premises for their custody.

I allow to myself to point out the seriousness of the a/m situation and the urgency of its solution."

For the Minister
Sgd. Illegible

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MINISTERO DELL'INTERNO
Divisione Polizia - Sezione I^a

N. 10.36081/11200.A

Roma, lì 7 maggio 1945

OGGETTO: Situazione delle carceri di Firenze.

AL MINISTERO DI GRAZIA E GIUSTIZIA
Direzione Generale degli Istituti di
Prevenzione e di Pena

ROMA

Per i provvedimenti di competenza, di cui si gradirà notizia, si trascrive la seguente lettera del Prefetto di Firenze n. 1092 Gab. del 19 aprile us.:

In questi ultimi tempi mi sono pervenuti diversi rapporti, da parte degli Organi di Polizia, con i quali mi vengono prospettati i gravi inconvenienti derivanti dall'eccessivo affollamento delle carceri di Firenze e conseguenti, in crescendo, manifestazioni dei detenuti dovute al loro ammassamento in ambienti inadatti.

Il numero di detenuti ricoverati nel carcere di S. Teresa è pressoché il doppio di quello che i locali stessi possono contenere, e tutto detrimento delle possibilità di vigilanza e delle necessità igieniche e ciò per il fatto che il carcere delle Murate è utilizzato quasi completamente dalle Autorità Alleate.

Girca 200 detenuti che si spacciano per partigiani protestano continuamente assumendo di essere ingiustamente ristretti in carcere; in effetti sono nella maggioranza dei pregiudicati arrestati dalla Polizia Alleata perché trovati in possesso di armi o per avere commesso reati annoverati e credono di poter trarre vantaggi agitando la questione patriottica. Trattasi di elementi turbolenti che alizzano alla rivolta la massa dei carcerati. Gli agenti di custodia sono disarmati e non dimostrano inoltre di usare, all'occorrenza, la necessaria energia, anche perché temono di avere a che fare veramente con dei partigiani che potrebbero vendicarsi su di loro una volta usciti dal carcere.

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I carabinieri non possono esercitare un'efficace vigilanza nello
interno delle sezioni, in quanto appena i detenuti li scorgono cominciano
ad insultarli e a dilleggerli.

E' stato disposto un servizio di sorveglianza nell'interno dello
stabilimento, a mezzo di agenti di P.S., ma anche questo provvedimento è
insufficiente.

Il 18 marzo u.s., vi è stato un tentativo di evasione, che è stato
possibile reprimere tempestivamente, mentre con una certa frequenza si ve-
rificano episodi di ammutinamento.

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Sarebbe necessario che codesto Ministero interessasse la Commissione Alleata perché esaminasse la possibilità di mettere a disposizione delle Autorità Italiane, se non tutto il carcere delle Murate, almeno il così detto "braccio della terza", che consentirebbe il trasferimento in tale sezione di un centinaio circa di imputati attualmente ristretti a S. Teresa.

Verrebbe così ad essere eliminata una ragione di disagio e di malcontento, in quanto che il carcere di S. Teresa mai si presta, essendo cubicolare, ad ospitare detenuti in attesa di giudizio, che sono perciò costretti a permanere tutto il giorno in celle anguste ed in uno stato di continuo isolamento, mentre l'eccessivo affollamento del carcere di S. Teresa ha reso indispensabile il reparto delle celle di punizione che è stato adibito anche ad alloggio di detenuti.

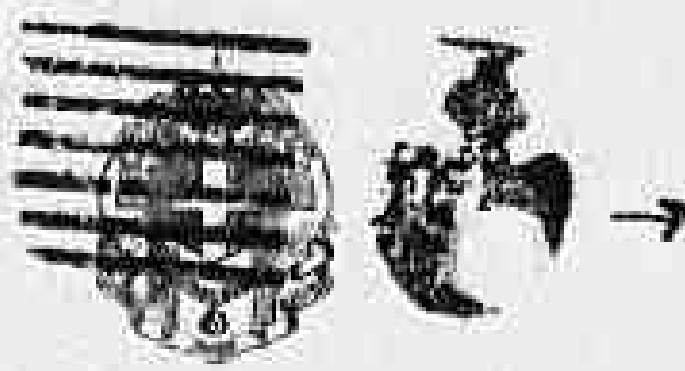
Inoltre, sempre nel carcere delle Murate permangono attualmente circa 120 militari italiani tutti a disposizione dei carabinieri, per essere tradotti altrove. La maggior parte di tali militari dipendono dal Tribunale Militare di Roma ed altri sono in attesa di essere restituiti ai Corpi di appartenenza. Questi ultimi non possono essere avviati a destinazione perché i carabinieri mancano dei mezzi di trasporto necessari. Per i primi, invece, era stata preannunziata una prossima partenza a scaglioni, ma ciò non ha avuto esecuzione, poiché sembra che il Tribunale Militare di Roma debba trasferirsi in questa città per il giudizio, cosa che peraltro non è ancora avvenuta.

Pregherai codesto Ministero di voler intervenire perché detti detenuti siano trasferiti altrove, oppure che il Tribunale Militare istituisca altri locali per la loro custodia.

Mi permetto segnalare la gravità della situazione esposta e l'urgenza di una sua soluzione".

Pel M I N I S T R O

T.to Illeggibile



Ministero di Grazia e Giustizia
DIREZIONE GENERALE
PER GLI ISTITUTI DI PREVENZIONE ED IPENA

Ufficio VI
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Roma, 23.4.
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Al la Commissione Allata
Sottocommissione per l'P.S.
ROMA

Dispositivo N. 20/10215, P.S.
del 13-4-45

OGGETTO: Trasferimento di detenuti.
Transfer of prisoners.

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Con riferimento al foglio sopra indicato,
si mettono a disposizione di codesta Commis-
sione 40 posti nella casa penale di Asinara
(Sardagna), per il trasferimento dei conden-

TO	131	15/3
DIRECTOR	131	15/3
DEPUTY DIRECTOR	131	15/3
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Per il MINISTRO

With ref. to the a/m letter, 40 posts in the Asinara
(Sardinia) penal establishment are placed at the
Commission's disposal for the transfer of those
sentenced to serious punishment and who are actually
confined in the penal institutions of the Ravenna
Province.
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AC/14215/PS

9 April 1945

SUBJECT : Pertinent Figures on Prison Population

TO : Director, Public Safety Sub-Commission

1. In view of recent discussions on over-crowding of prisons thruout Italy, the following figures and comments are presented for your information. Figures as given represent the latest returns from the prisons listed.

Prisons wherein significant over-crowding exists.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Pop. in excess of capacity</u>
<u>Sicily</u>		
Catania	927	487
Palermo	2500	435
Siracusa	323	153
Termini	301	111
Trapani	200	84
Totals	4351	1270
<u>Lucania</u>		
Bari	1512	707
Brindisi	317	67
Salerno	527	47
Lucero	420	100
Lecce J.	943	563
" P.	286	86
Taranto	348	128
Trani (Women)	308	168
" (Men)	380	97
Totals	5043	1963
<u>Campania</u>		
Aversa	655	245
Poggioreale	2943	943 (400 spaces occupied by Army)
S. Efrano	548	248
Totals	4146	1436
<u>Lazio-Umbria</u>		
Perugia	326	136
Rieti	105	37
Rome	2065	1265
Spoletto	177	117
Terni	73	27
Viterbo	182	50
Totals	2928	1632

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<u>Sardinia</u>		
Cagliari	848	98
Oristano	302	141
Sassari	<u>507</u>	<u>227</u>
Totals	1355	566
<u>Calabria</u>		
Catanzaro	520	240
Nicastro	194	50
Reggio Calabria	<u>385</u>	<u>140</u>
Totals	1099	430
<u>Tuscany</u>		
Arezzo	227	77
Grossetto	135	65
Livorno	383	183
Santa Teresa	475	155
Siena	<u>105</u>	<u>28</u>
Totals	1325	508
<u>Emilia</u>		
Ravenna	200	93
Totals for Above Prisons	<u>20447</u>	<u>7898</u>

2. Penal institutions wherein capacity is not being used

<u>Location</u>	Excess accommodations over present Pop.
Siracusa	72
S. Maria C.V.	90
Orvieto	141
Paliani	57
Perugia	400
S. Stefano	190
Soriano	106
Spoletto	225
Viterbo	62
Teramo	273
Asinaro(S)	833
Mamone(S)	262
Sardicane(S)	74
Tramariello(S)	204
Pianoso	800
Portolongone	700
San Gimignano	<u>57</u>
Total Excess Accommodations	<u>4546</u>

Note: It is evident that the capacities of most of the penal ³⁰prisons are not being used. This excess of accommodations (in the 17 prisons above listed) amounts to 4546 spaces, sufficient to absorb approximately 60% of the prisoners now being held in excess of the capacities of the prisons listed in paragraph 1.

R.M. Freeman, Capt.
 Capt. R.M. Freeman
 Prisons Section

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 476709

5 May, 1945

AO/14245/PS

SUBJECT : Prison Accomodations

TO : Regional Commissioners: Liguria, Piemonte,
Lombardia and Venezia Regions
For R.P.S.O.s

1. It is requested that information regarding capacity and population of prisons in areas under Allied Control be forwarded to this Sub-Commission as soon as possible after the Regional Prison Officer makes contact with the penal institutions under his jurisdiction.

2. Initial information required at the outset consists of figures on the present available capacity and the actual prisoner-population of the Judicial Penal and Reformatory institutions.

3. Pertinent problems of prison staff personnel supplies, transport, etc., when brought to the attention of this Sub-Commission will receive our best attention with the Ministry.

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

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
NAPLES COMMUNE
APO 394
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

Date 25 Apr. 45

Ref: PSI 12.1

SUBJECT:

Overcrowded Prison.

TO

HQ. Allied Commission,
Public Safety Sub-Commission,
(attention DPS for Prison Officer).

1. The writer attaches and calls to your attention a copy of a letter N. 6003, dated 18 April 1945 from Dott. E. BONOMI addressed to the Ministry of Grace and Justice, Rome.

For the Commissioner:

Frederic Stiles, Capt. (MP)

G. RICHARDSON
Major,
S.C.A.P.C.

FCS/jag.

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CHIEF OF POLICE		
CHIEF OF DEFENSE		
CHIEF OF INTELLIGENCE		
CHIEF OF LOGISTICS		
CHIEF OF MEDICAL		
CHIEF OF TRANSPORT		
CHIEF OF WAREHOUSE		

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TRANSLATION. ea.

Directorate of the Naples Prison.

Int. No. 6003.

Naples, 18th April, 1943.

SUBJECT: Prisoners - overcrowding.

TO : Ministry of Grace and Justice - Directorate General of Penal Institutions, Rome.
and for information
Allied Military Command, Naples.

With reference to the Ministry's telephone communication with regard to the accommodation in this Institution of prisoners from the Rome Prison and other prisons, I feel it my duty to point out the inadvisability of such a measure.

As is known the capacity of the Institution is 3,000, which is quite insufficient for the present needs, since the number of those arrested demands greater space - the average daily prisoner population has for some time been 3,000 - it is evident that this direction has had to have recourse to every possible expedient and beyond this it would not be possible to guarantee discipline.

What is even worse is that this Institution, in spite of the great care which has been and is still being taken, has a very limited supply of stores on account of which the lack of certain things is felt and recourse often has to be had to make-shifts.

If then, during the winter season it has been possible to crowd prisoners into cells and dormitories beyond their normal capacity, now that we are going towards the summer season it is necessary to diminish the number of prisoners for hygienic reasons and to avoid the multiplication of insects which may cause epidemics.

It is important to point out that the absence of all hygiene, stores, etc., may give reason to the prisoners to agitate, even violently, in order to manifest their discontent and in consideration of the state of mind in which they are, the general tendency to-

with regard to the accommodation in this institution of prisoners from the home prison and other prisons, I feel it my duty to point out the inadvisability of such a measure.

As is known the capacity of the Institution is 2,000, which is quite insufficient for the present needs, since the number of those arrested demands greater space - the average daily prisoner population has for some time been 3,000 - it is evident that this Direction has had to have recourse to every possible expedient and beyond this it would not be possible to guarantee discipline.

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If then, during the winter season it has been possible to crowd prisoners into cells and latrines, beyond their normal capacity, now that we are going towards the summer season it is necessary to diminish the number of prisoners for hygienic reasons and to avoid the multiplication of insects which may cause epidemics.

It is important to point out that the absence of all hygiene, stores, etc., may give reason to the prisoners to agitate, even violently, in order to manifest their discontent and in consideration of the state of mind in which the prisoners actually are and their general tendency towards acts of disorder, such as have taken place in other prisons, it is most necessary that every precaution should be taken to prevent revolts from arising vent to their feelings and contaminating their companions.

The Allied Military Command which keeps a watchful eye on the running of the prison institutions, has more than once pointed out to this Direction the necessity of reducing the number of prisoners in this prison in order to give - by returning to normal capacity - more hygienic lodging to the prisoners, such as is prescribed by prison regulations.

The occupation of the X Wing must not be considered as

an increase of capacity for this institution, but as a possibility of lightening the overcrowding which exists in other wings.

It would not in any case be possible to increase the normal capacity because of the lack of stores and the insufficiency of guards.

In view of the foregoing, and in spite of the fact that this Directorate continues, as it has always done in the past, to deal as best it can with shortages of means and to arrange as well as may be for the prisoners, the Ministry is earnestly begged not to detail transfers of prisoners to this prison and also to arrange that those in transit should not remain beyond one or two days.

All the above is known to the Allied Military Command who agree to the elimination of any cause of incrimination on the part of the prisoners and should this happen because of failure to avoid the causes already pointed out, this Directorate declines all responsibility.

THE DIRECTOR

Dott. E. BONCHI.

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RACCOMANDATA.

DIREZIONE DELLE CARCERI GIUDIZIARIE DI NAPOLI

Prot. n. 6003

Napoli, 11 18 April 1945

MINISTERO DI GRAZIA E GIUSTIZIA
DIREZIONE GENERALE PER GLI ISTITUTI
DI PREVENZIONE E DI PENA

R O M A

e p.c. COMANDA MILITARE ALLEATO

N A P O L I

OGGETTO - Popolazione detenuta - affollamento.

In relazione alle comunicazioni telefoniche di codesto Ministero, circa l'agglomeramento in questo Istituto di detenuti provenienti dal Carcere di Roma e da altre Carceri, sento il dovere di prospettare la inopportunità di tale provvedimento.

Come è noto la capienza dell'Istituto, in atto, è di 2000, insufficiente alle momentanee necessità, giacchè il numero degli arrestati esige locali più vasti - e poichè la popolazione media giornaliera detenuta da qualche tempo è di 3000, è evidente che questa Direzione si è dovuta avvalere di tutte le risorse possibili oltre le quali non può garantire il buon andamento disciplinare.

Ma quel ch'è peggio, questo Istituto, per quanto interessamento si sia spiegato e si continui a spiegare, non ha grandi disponibilità di casermaggio per cui spesso si risente la deficienza di qualche oggetto ed occorre provvedere anche con ripieghi.

Se la stagione invernale, poi, ha consentito l'affollamento di detenuti nelle celle e nei cameroncini, oltre la capienza normale, ora che si va incontro alla stagione estiva necessita diminuire il numero dei detenuti in modo da curare le condizioni igieniche ed evitare la moltiplicazione di insetti che possono anche causare delle epidemie.

Non è senza importanza che si metta in rilievo come ogni deficienza di igiene, di casermaggio od altro possa dare appiglio ai detenuti di manifestare, anche con modi turbolenti, il loro malcontento, e, in considerazione dello stato d'animo in cui si trovano attualmente i detenuti e della tendenza ad atti di disordine - come purtroppo è avvenuto in altre Carceri - si rende necessario di far del tutto perchè manchino ai ribelli le possibilità di dar libero sfogo alle loro insane tendenze e di sobillare i compagni.

Anche il Comando Militare Alleato, che segue con occhio vigili l'andamento degli Istituti carcerari, ha manifestato più volte a questa Direzione la opportunità di diminuire il numero dei detenuti in questo Carcere in modo da poter dare - riportandolo alla capienza normale -

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un'alloggio più igienico e munito di quanto è prescritto dai regolamenti carcerari.

L'occupazione del Padiglione K non deve intendersi come aumento di capienza di questo Istituto, ma serve solo ad alleggerire l'affollamento che per cause contingenti, esiste in altri padiglioni.

Non sarebbe poi possibile aumentare la capienza normale perchè in atto mancano gli agenti per la sorveglianza ed i casermaggio.

Dopo quanto esposto, malgrado questa Direzione continui come ha sempre fatto ad affrontare con interessamento tutte le manchevolezze che possano presentarsi ed a risolverle nel miglior modo possibile a vantaggio dei detenuti, si prega codesto Ministero di non disporre qui trasferimenti di detenuti da altri Istituti e di far sì che i trasitanti non sostino più di uno o due giorni.

Tutto ciò, ne è a conoscenza il Comando Militare Alleato, è inteso ad eliminare le cause che potrebbero dare luogo a pronunciamenti da parte dei detenuti e se ciò avvenissero, per non avere evitato gli inconvenienti prospettati, questa Direzione declina ogni responsabilità.

IL DIRETTORE
(Dott. E. BONOMI)

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

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Tel : 478709

23 April, 1945

AG/14210/PS

SUBJECT : Prison Accommodations, Requisition of
TO : Real Estate Section, RA/C
Attn: Major M.P. Iothian.

1. Confirming subject matter of the phone conversation between Major Iothian and Capt. Freeman on the contemplated use of the completed building on the site of the new prison establishment in the vicinity of Casa dei Pazzi, the following is forwarded for your consideration.
2. This Sub-Commission has, since June 1944, urged the Italian authorities to resume construction on this project. Reports of progress have not been satisfactory but there have admittedly been extenuating circumstances in terms of supplies of critical materials and a chaotic political and economic situation. It now appears that the Ministry of Public Works has approved the immediate allocation of the 36,500,000 Lire, estimated as being necessary for completion of the project. Actual construction will start not later than the first week of May 1945.
3. Approximately 500 men are to be employed and, in view of the distance of the project from their homes, the building in question will be used for their housing. This building will also be used for auxiliary services such as registration, offices, infirmary and stores.
4. In view of the above this Sub-Commission requests that there be no requisitioning of any part of the project in question.

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

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necessity of an adequate solution of the prison problem in the capital, the actual building of Regina Coeli no longer being of adequate capacity to meet the increased exigencies, which creates ever increasing difficulties even from the political point of view and for the ordered reception of the mass of prisoners which must necessarily be housed there.

I now feel it to be my duty to bring to the attention of the Presidency the aggravated situation of this prison, a situation which has assumed alarming proportions such as to merit the entire attention of the Government for the adoption of measures both speedy and energetic.

In fact the prison population now exceeds 2,000 persons, where the capacity of the establishment has been reduced in recent times to barely 600 places in consequence of damage caused in some sections by the prisoners in their several mutinies.

To meet this deficiency of space, attempts have been made to transfer elsewhere a number of prisoners in the establishment, but this has been only partially possible because the nearby establishments such as Velletri, Civitavecchia, Grosinone, Poliano and Viterbo have been destroyed by war operations and are therefore not usable.

It was then thought that possible use might ²⁹ be made for the transfer of prisoners from Regina Coeli, of some of the newly constructed penal establishments in the district of Casal del Patrio, not far from the city, whose construction - started in 1939 - was subsequently suspended on account of the war.

The experts report on the work still required has been set down by the Rome Civil Engineers at an estimated cost of L. 30,000,000, roughly, but the Ministry of Public Works, notwithstanding the continual pressing reminders of this Ministry, has not yet approved it nor authorized the execution of the works.

Meantime this Ministry has been informed that the

Allied Commission intends to requisition these buildings to turn them to uses other than penitentiary.

If this should happen this Ministry would simply not know what to do to provide for the housing of the enormous number of prisoners in the Capital.

It is superfluous to point out that the problem, in the present difficult political moment, assumes a most exceptional gravity, and therefore this Ministry, in the impossibility of solving it with its own means, while pointing out the supreme necessity for more space in the prisons of the Capital, earnestly begs the Presidency to be good enough to intervene authoritatively and urgently, both to avoid the requisition of the buildings in question and to speed up the execution of the estimated works in order that these buildings may soon be utilisable as penal institutions.

FOR THE MINISTERS

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IL GUARDASIGILLO
MINISTRO DI GRAZIA E GIUSTIZIA

N. 833/1.20.1

Roma, 14 APR 1946

All'On. Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri

ROMA

e per conoscenza;

On. Ministero dei Lavori Pubblici - Direzione
Generale dell'Edilizia Statale e Sovvenzionata

ROMA

On. Commissione Alleata - Sottocommissione P.S.

ROMA

OGGETTO : Carceri giudiziarie di Roma.

Da tempo questo Ministero ha prospettato l'impellente necessità di una adeguata soluzione del problema carcerario nella Capitale, non rispondendo più l'attuale fabbricato di Regina Coeli alle accresciute esigenze di capacità, e creando difficoltà sempre più numerose e gravi anche dal punto di vista politico per un ordinato ricovero della massa dei detenuti che deve esservi necessariamente ristretta.

Sente ora il dovere di segnalare a codesta On. Presidenza, la aggravatasi situazione del detto carcere, situazione che ha assunto proporzioni allarmanti, tali da richiedere tutta l'attenzione del Governo per i più pronti ed energici provvedimenti.

Infatti la popolazione detenuta ha oltrepassato le duemila unità, laddove la capienza dello stabilimento si è ridotta in questi ultimi tempi ad appena settecento posti in conseguenza dei rilevanti danni prodotti ad alcuni reparti dei detenuti più volte ammutinati.

Ad ovviare a tale deficienza di locali, si è cercato di trasferire altrove parte dei detenuti ristretti nello stabilimento, ma ciò si è reso possibile soltanto parzialmente, dato che gli stabilimenti vicini, come quelli di Velletri, Civitavecchia, Frosinone, Paliano, Viterbo sono stati distrutti dalle operazioni di guerra e sono perciò inutilizzabili.

Si è pensato anche di utilizzare - per il trasferimento di detenuti da Regina Coeli - alcuni edifici dei nuovi stabilimenti di pena, in località Casal dei Pazzi, sul perimetro urbano, la cui costruzione - iniziata nel 1939 - venne successivamente sospesa per le sopravvenute emergenze di guerra.

La perizia dei lavori edilizi all'uso occorrenti è stata redatta dal Genio Civile di Roma per un importo di 2.36.000.000 circa, ma il Ministero dei Lavori Pubblici, nonostante le reiterate premure di questo Ministero, non l'ha ancora approvata, né ha autorizzato l'esecuzione dei lavori.

Intanto questo Ministero è stato informato che la Commissione Alleata intenderebbe requisire i detti edifici per adibirli ad uso diverso da quello penitenziario.

Se ciò si dovesse verificare questo Ministero non saprebbe proprio come provvedere al ricovero dei numerosissimi detenuti della Capitale.

È superfluo rilevare che il problema, nell'attuale difficile momento politico, si presenta di una gravità eccezionale, e pertanto questo Ministero, attesa la impossibilità da parte sua di risolverlo con mezzi propri, nel prospettare l'improrogabile necessità di un più ampio respiro dei locali carcerari nella Capitale, interessa vivamente codesta On. Presidenza perché si compiacca autorevolmente e sollecitamente intervenire, sia per evitare la requisizione degli edifici di cui trattasi, sia per la sollecita esecuzione dei lavori periziati, onde ottenere una prossima utilizzazione di essi quali istituti di pena.

IL MINISTRO
Uccini

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478709

20 April 1945

AC/14215/IS

SUBJECT : Prison Accomodations

TO : Regional Commissioner, Toscana Region

53A-14201/8/25

With reference to your communication of 4 April 45, RVIII/IIC/II, the following is offered for your information and guidance.

1. Operational necessity of varying degrees of urgency has resulted in the taking over of either parts or the whole of penal institutions throughout Italy, to the disruption of normal civilian administration of prisons in the areas effected. In A.M.I. territory the degree of necessity is presumably urgent enough to justify the taking over of prison accomodations by the Military. To the extent that Civil Affairs personnel believe that de-requisitioning should be effected in areas under their jurisdiction it is suggested that the Regional Commissioner contact the S.C.A.O. of the Army Headquarters involved and secure release of accomodations by agreement. The aim of such procedure is in line with established policy to deliver requisitioned institutions back to civilian administration as soon as strict operational necessity no longer prevents. It is felt that the wishes and suggestions of the Regional Commissioner concerning the prisons of Arezzo and Florence should be communicated to S.C.A.P.O. 5th Army.

2. The problem of the segregation of prisoners arrested under epuration procedures, from common prisoners, appears to be dependent on accomodations and available personnel, and is in line with Allied policy that suitable separation between classes of prisoners should be provided wherever deemed advisable.

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The Regional Prison Officer is in a position to institute such a program as he believes necessary to achieve the common aims of both Allied and Italian Government prison administration.

3. Under present policy Italian Military Prisoners become "ineffective" and assume civilian prisoner status after

(1) they have been held in custody by Italian Military for 30 days or

(2) if they have been sentenced for 30 days or more by an Italian Military court. This situation is not satisfactory to either the Ministry of Grace and Justice or the Ministry of War and a new program is in prospect wherein the Ministry of War takes over Italian Military prisoners and confines them in Military prisons. In any event it is pointed out that Civilian prisons are not obligated to accept Italian Military prisoners who are not in the above two categories, and the directors should be so advised.



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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
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Tel : 478709

13 April, 1945

AC/14215/PS

SUBJECT : Prisons.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Emilia Region
for R.F.S.C.

1. Reference conversation between Maj. G.C. Ballance, Public Safety Sub-Commission, AC, and RISO, Emilia Region as of 2 April 1945.

2. The Ministry of Grace and Justice is being contacted to arrange for the receipt of the long-sentence prisoners in a penal prison in Italian Government territory. We would appreciate more detailed information on numbers and the types of crimes for which sentenced.

3. You will be notified upon receipt of information from the Ministry.

4. Italian military prisoners in custody for 30 days or sentenced for a like period or more revert to civilian status and as such are admissible to civilian prisons.

The situation is not satisfactory and it is hoped that discussions now going on between the Ministry of Justice and Ministry of War will result in a better solution. It is pointed out that there is no provision for the acceptance of Italian Military prisoners, other than those as described above, in Civilian prisons and directors of prisons should be so advised.

5. The Ministry of Grace and Justice has been asked to appoint a liaison officer and to have him report to your headquarters as soon as possible.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478709

13 April, 1945.

AC/14215/PS

SUBJECT : Transfer of Prisoners.

TO : Ministry of Grace and Justice.

1. This Sub-Commission is in receipt of a request from the Regional Public Safety Officer, Emilia Region for the early transfer of prisoners sentenced to long terms from Ravenna Province to a penal institution in Italian Government territory. The exact number is not known but does not exceed 25 or 30 at the present time.

2. It is requested that you notify the Director of the penal prison to whom these prisoners will be sent and notify this Sub-Commission of as to the location of the prison and arrangements made. It is understood that transport will be provided thru A.M.G. authorities at Ravenna.


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

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Capt. Freeman

INTER OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
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AC/14215/PS

Tel: 478134

9 April 1945

SUBJECT : Prison Accommodation.

TO : Director, Public Safety.

1. The R.P.S.O., Emilia Region, when I met him on 2 April, 1945, raised the following points:-

(a) Whether there is a possibility of arranging for the transfer of a small number of long sentence prisoners from Ravenna province to places in Italian Government territory. It is thought that these prisoners may make good their escape from their present places of confinement with the aid of some of their guards.

(b) Arrangements should be made for a Prison Director to be sent forward.

(c) The prison accommodation in Ravenna and Forli is severely overloaded because of the number of Italian Military prisoners who are accommodated in them. Steps are being taken with a view to the Italian Military providing alternative accommodation for their prisoners. Meanwhile, the R.P.S.O. would be glad to know the policy of this Headquarters, with regard to this matter.

(d) The prisons in Pesaro are full and no more civilian prisoners are accepted.

2. I promised the R.P.S.O. that these matters would be brought to notice for appropriate action.

Wm C. Ballance Maj
W.C. BALLANCE, Major

Copy : R.P.S.O., Emilia Region

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AC/14215/PS

9 April 1945

SUBJECT : Pertinent Figures on Prison Population
TO : Director, Public Safety Sub-Commission

1. In view of recent discussions on over-crowding of prisons thruout Italy, the following figures and comments are presented for your information. Figures as given represent the latest returns from the prisons listed.

Prisons wherein significant over-crowding exists.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Pop. in excess of capacity</u>
<u>Sicily</u>		
Catania	927	487
Palermo	2500	435
Siracusa	323	153
Termini	301	111
Trapani	200	84
Totals	4351	1270
<u>Lucania</u>		
Bari	1512	707
Brindisi	317	67
Salerno	527	47
Lucero	420	100
Lecca J.	943	563
" P.	286	86
Taranto	348	128
Trani (Women)	306	168
" (Men)	380	97
Totals	5043	1963
<u>Campania</u>		
Aversa	655	245
Poggioreale	2943	943 (400 spaces occupied by Army)
S. Efrano	545	245
Totals	4146	1436
<u>Lazio-Umbria</u>		
Perugia	326	136
Rieti	105	37
Rome	2065	1265
Spoleto	177	117
Terni	73	27
Viterbo	182	50
Totals	2928	1632

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<u>Sardinia</u>		
Cagliari	848	198
Oristano	302	141
Sassari	507	227
Totals	1355	566
<u>Calabria</u>		
Catanzaro	520	240
Mileastro	194	50
Reggio Calabria	385	140
Totals	1099	430
<u>Tuscany</u>		
Arezzo	227	97
Grossetto	135	65
Livorno	383	163
Santa Teresa	475	155
Siena	105	28
Totals	1325	508
<u>Emilia</u>		
Ravenna	200	93
Totals for Above Prisons	20447	7898

2. Penal institutions wherein capacity is not being used

<u>Location</u>	<u>Excess accommodations over present Pop.</u>
Siracusa	72
S. Maria C.V.	90
Orvieto	141
Paliani	57
Perugia	400
S. Stefano	190
Soriano	106
Spoletto	225
Viterbo	62
Torano	273
Asinara(S)	833
Mamone(S)	262
Sardicane(S)	74
Tramariglio(S)	204
Pianoso	800
Portolongone	700
San Gimignano	57
Total Excess	4546
Accommodations	284

Note: It is evident that the capacities of most of the penal prisons are not being used. This excess of accommodations (in the 17 prisons above listed) amounts to 4546 spaces, sufficient to absorb approximately 60% of the prisoners now being held in excess of the capacities of the prisons listed in paragraph (1).

R. M. Freeman, Capt.
 Capt. R.M. Freeman
 Prisons Section

P. Safety 41A
14215

TO : Regional Commissioner Emilia Region (for RPSO)
 FROM : HQ. AMG/AC Abruzzi-Marche Region
 SUBJECT : Prisons (overcrowding)
 REF : RS/514/13
 DATE : 26 March 1945

HEADQUARTERS
 27 MAR 1945

The accomodation of Prisoners in Pesaro Province has been become a serious problem and is most acute.

Recently Ancona Province was similarly placed, as a result some 30 prisoners were removed from there to Pesaro and are still there.

Owing to the present position endeavours have been made to relieve the situation removing some of the prisoners south.

In the meantime it will be appreciated if no more prisoners from Ferli be sent into Pesaro Province.

FOR REGIONAL COMMISSIONER :

S. Pickering
 S. PICKERING
 Lt. Colonel
 R.P.S.O.

Copy to: HQ. A.C. Public Safety Sub Commission
 " to: P.P.S.O. Pesaro

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SECURITY		
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TO : P.C. ASCOLI (for PPSO Macerata)
 FROM : HQ. AMG/AC Abruzzi-Marche Region
 SUBJECT : Prisons (Overcrowding)
 REF : R5/514/13
 DATE : 26 March 1945

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 27 MAR 1945

The prisons in Pesaro Urbino Province have become seriously overcrowded.

The 8th Army occupied half part of Pesaro Prison which they use for prisoners arrested for security offences.

Pesaro also have been accepting prisoners from Emilia Region also a number from Ancona.

It will be appreciated if your could assist PPSO Pesaro by accepting a transfer of some of the prisoners.

If you can so oblige will you communicate direct to PPSO Pesaro who should arrange the transport.

FOR REGIONAL COMMISSIONER :

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Deputy	
Chief Clerk	
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 Lt. Colonel
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Copy to : HQ. A.C. Public Safety Sub Commission
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Public Safety Sub-Commission
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Tel : 478709

17 March 1945

AC/14215/PS

SUBJECT : "Look-up" - Rimini

TO : W.E. Collins, Major
R.P.S.O. Emilia Region

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1. This is to advise you that your report on above subject (R.IX/PS/10/69, 8 March, 1945,) addressed to Brigadier G.R. Upjohn, VP. CA Section, has been forwarded to this Sub-Commission for our information.

2. The VP CA Section specifically directs that this Sub-Commission takes steps to see that a recurrence of such conditions does not take place.

3. For your information and any action you deem necessary.

John W. Chapman, Capt.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

14215/PS

10 March 1945

SUBJECT: "Lock-up" RIMINI.

TO: Public Safety Sub-Commission

VP CA Section has directed me to pass to you the attached paper~~s~~ for your information. (R. IX/PS/10/69).

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R. R. CRIPPS, Col.
CSO CA Section.

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Encl: as above

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

14215/PS

10 March 1945

SUBJECT: "Lock-up" RIMINI
TO: ~~Regional Commissioner, Emilia Region~~
(Attention Major W.E. Collins, Public Safety)

Reference your R.IX/PS/16/69 dated 8 March 1945.

I have to thank you for your report on the steps taken to correct the conditions in the Rimini "lock-up", and for the action taken.

A copy of your report is being passed to the Public Safety Sub-Commission.


G. R. UPJOHN, Brig.
VP CA Section.

ERC/pr

Copy to: Public Safety Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS EMILIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Public Safety Division
APO 394

FILE : R.IX/FS/10/69.

SUBJECT: "Lock-up" - RIMINI.

TO : Brigadier G.R. Upjohn,
Vice President,
Establishment Section,
HQ., AC.

8 Mar 45.

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1. As directed, I saw Major Williams on Tuesday morning the 6th of March 45, referred to your visit to the lockup at Rimini, told him that you were displeased with condition of acute overcrowding of prisoners existing at the time of your visit, and that you held him personally responsible.

2. With him, I checked over his daily list of persons detained and reduced the number of detainees to 2 males to remain in custody for trial by AMG Summary Courts on Thursday by transferring 4 convicted prisoners to the Mandamentali at Sant'Arcangelo, arranging the evacuation through POW channels of 4 female internees, releasing 9 on unexpired sentence suspension of 14 days and less, and bailing 4.

3. The number of detainees was 4 less than at the time of your visit due to releases in interim.

4. Major Williams, I found had on Mon, 5 March 45, obtained from 86 Area the release for conversion into a temporary prison, premises in Via Bonse, (in place of the two rooms released by 86 Area in early February) consisting of a total of 5 rooms, which with structural alteration and repair, will provide one room for gaolers and kitchen, three detention rooms for a total of 24 males and one (adjoining but separated and with a separate entrance) for 6 females.

5. Work had been commenced when I inspected these premises, which are expected to be ready in 15 days.

6. Instructions have been issued to restrict the number of detainees at any one time to 6 and for a maximum period of detention of 48 hours.

7. Major Williams, who had been sent from Forli Provincial HQ. to relieve Major Hare (on temporary duty in Rome but now sick in hospital) on the 1st March 1945, is a regular soldier and has been with AMG for 6 months.

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W.E. Collins

W.E. COLLINS, Major,
Regional Public Safety Officer,
Emilia Region.



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Ref 35A

TO :- P.C. AQUILA (for P.P.S.O.)
 FROM :- HQ AMG/AC Abruzzi-Marche Region
 SUBJECT :- Congestion in Prisons.
 REF :- R5/514/13.
 DATE :- 26 January, 1945.

TO		
COL. CH. PM N	<i>8/6</i>	<i>30/1</i>
COL. YOUNG		
LT. COL. W. G. X		
MAJ. LUCKMAN		
MAJ. WILSON		
MAJ. HANBURY	<i>5/12</i>	<i>39/1</i>
MAJ. BALLANCE		
CAPT. FOWEL		
CHIEF CLERK		

- Recent returns show overcrowding in the prisons at Ancona; as a result many offenders are being dealt with by imposing fines instead of committal to prison.
- Factors have relieved the situation a little by accepting some of Ancona's prisoners, this was arranged between Major's Manifold and Hill.
- The policy of fining offenders instead of giving prison sentences is no deterrent, as the number of offenders in Ancona, mostly "Possession Cases" is increasing.
- Could you assist by contacting the Procuratore del Re and notifying this HQ the number of prisoners you could accept from Ancona into the Aquila prison and when you would be prepared to receive them.
- P.P.S.O. ANCONA would be expected to provide transport and guard.

FOR REGIONAL COMMISSIONER:

S. Pickering
 S. PICKERING,
 Lt. Colonel,
 R.P.S.O.

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Copy to:- Hq. A.C., Public Safety Sub-Commission (for information).
 P.C. ANCONA (for P.P.S.O.)
 R.L.O., Abruzzi-Marche Region.

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HEAD HINTER ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APO 394

Tel : 478709

January, 1945

AS/14215/PB

SUBJECT : Prison Accomodation.

TO : JHQ - G.5.

1. Attached appendix "A" shows the situation in Prisons on the mainland of Italy.

Sardinia has a prison capacity of 4,783 and a population of 4,380 or a Plus + of 97. There are no Institutions in Sardinia requisitioned by the Army.

Sicily has a capacity of 7,092 and a population of 9,396 or a Plus + of 2,304. The Reformatory at Palermo is requisitioned by the Army with a portion of it given over to the U.S. Navy. The total space requisitioned in Sicily only is 250.

2. The space shown in appendix "A" as requisitioned is considered as single space and under the Standards of Italian Prisons in time of emergency these single spaces can and do accomodate three (3) or four (4) prisoners, so that, if this requisitioned space was returned to Italian Government control, it would provide for between 6,000 to 8,000 prisoners.

3. With the large amount of arrests made for possession of Allied material and for political crimes, and with the slow procedure of the Italian judicial system, the situation in prisons has come to an alarming condition.

4. If some priority could be given for building material to be put into a Prison Building project, many of the damaged buildings could be put in order and the pressure released on the overcrowding that now exists.

For the Chief Commissioner :

Enclosure : as above.

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G.R. UPJOHN, Brig.
VT CA Sec
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APPENDIX "A"

REGION	Normal accommodation before the war	Present accommodation	Present population	Space requisitioned	%
Southern	15,085	11,605	13,868	1,350	
Lazio-Umbria	5,058	3,769	2,851	319	
Abruzzi-Marche	4,024	2,716	2,139	191	
Toscana *	5,549	4,950	5,155	320	
Emilia *	488	488	814	218	
TOTALS	30,204	23,528	24,827	2,397	10 + %

NOTE * :

Figures incomplet as to present population.
 The difference between normal accommodation and present accommodation is due to the war damage.
 The space requisitioned is shown as only space that can be used for prisoners. In these Institutions the Military Guards have space that is normally assigned to administrative duties or living accommodations for directors and their families.

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APO 394

Tel : 478709

25 January, 1945.

AC/14215/PS

SUBJECT : Italian Army Deserters.

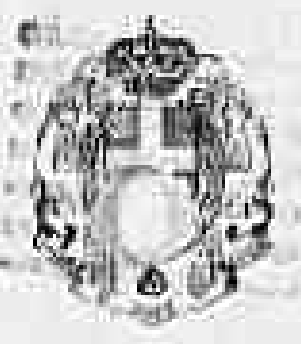
TO : Regional Commissioner Lazio - Umbria Region
(Attention RE-SO).

1. In reply to your letter LUR/39/PS of 26 December reference the above subject. This Office is in receipt of a letter No. 129176/6 from the Minister of Grace and Justice which states that steps have been taken to have these military prisoners transferred to Fort Boccea Rome.

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

RWH/G. *N.R.*

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Ministero di Grazia e Giustizia

DIREZIONE GENERALE
PER GLI ISTITUTI DI PREVENZIONE E DI PENA

Alla Commissione Alleata
Sottocommissione P.S.
ROMA

Officio 60
Aut. N° 129176/8 CARCERI

Registrazione N° AG/14215/P.S.
del 30.12.1944

MINUTA detenuti militari italiani

TO	RE	DATE
COL. CHAPMAN		
COL. YOUNG		
LT. COL. WILSON		
MAJ. LUCKMAN		
MAJ. WILSON		
MAJ. HANBURY		
MAJ. BALDING		
CAPT. POWEL		
CHIEF CLERK		

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in riferimento al foglio sopra distinto, comunicato che è stato disposto il trasferimento dei 25 detenuti militari disertori, appartenenti all'Esercito Italiano, dalle carceri giudiziarie di Terni a quelle militari del Forte Boccea di Roma.

pel Ministro

Auriemma

With ref. to a/m letter we communicate that steps have been taken for the transfer of the 25 deserters, belonging to the Italian Army, from the judicial prisons of Terni to the Military prisons of Forte Boccea + Rome.

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For the Minister
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AC/14215/PS

30 December 1944

SUBJECT : Italian Military Prisoners
TO : Ministry of Grace and Justice

1. Information has been received that there are 25 Italian Army deserters detained in Terni prison.
2. In view of the crowded condition in the Civil prison will you make arrangements to have these moved to a Military prison and inform this office as soon as possible.


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

Copy to:
R.F.80. Lazio Region

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO-UMBRIA REGION
APO 394

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Public Safety Division.
26th December, 1944.

File No. :- LUR/39/PS.
Subject :- Prisons - Italian Army Deserters.
To :- The Director, Public Safety Sub-Commission,
HQ., AC., APO 394.

Information has been received from P.P.S.O. Terni Province that there are 25 Italian Army Deserters detained in Terni Prison awaiting disposition.

In view of the crowded condition of the prison it is requested that steps be taken to have these deserters removed to a Military Prison.

For the Regional Commissioner:

C.T. Francis

C.T. FRANCIS.
Lt. Colonel.
RPSO., LAZIO-UMBRIA REGION.

Copy to P.P.S.O. Terni Prov.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Committee
APO 394

21 December, 1944.

MEMORANDUM

TO : Vice President Civil Affairs Section.

SICILY Region :

23 Judicial Prisons
3 Penal Prisons
2 Reformatories
Total Capacity 7092
Total Population 9396
+ 2304

Requisitioned by Army

1 Reformatory 250 spaces
1 Judicial Prison - 125 spaces.

SOUTHERN region :

34 Judicial Prisons
5 Penal
1 Reformatory (Boys)
1 " (Girls)
Total Capacity 12569
Total Population 14009
+ 1440

Requisitioned by Army

Nisida (Reformatory) Space 350
Fortice " 100
Poggioreale " 400
Saint Eframio " 200
Avellino " 50
Eboli (Reformatory) " 100 (by refugees)
Total " 1200

LAZIO & ABRUZZI MARCHE REGIONS:

19	Judicial Prisons	
8	Penal	
1	Reformatory (Boys)	
1	" (Girls)	
	Capacity	7.025
	Population	6.957
		- 68

Requisitioned by Army

Orvieto	Space	180
Sansevero	"	50
A. Gebelli (Reform.)		6

EMILIA Region:

6	Judicial	
6	Penal	
1	Military (Italian)	
	Total Capacity	4.783
	Total Population	4.880
		+ 97

No Prisons requisitioned.

POSCANA Region:

Incomplete Figures

5	Judicial	
2	Penal	
2	Island Penal	
	Total Capacity	1.669
	(of prisoners in released area)	
	Total Population	1.470
		- 199

Requisitioned by Army

Florence	- space	200
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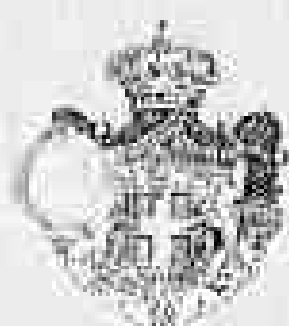
RECAPITULATION

<u>Judicial Prison</u>	<u>Penal Prisons</u>	<u>Reformatories</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
87	26	6	33,138	36,712	+ 3574
Requisitioned by Army Space Occupied					
6	1	2	2,065		

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

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Ministero di Grazia e Giustizia

DIREZIONE GENERALE
PER GLI ISTITUTI DI PREVENZIONE E DI PENA

*Ufficio
Per. N.*

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Roma 9^a cembre 1944 *28A*

la COMMISSIONE
ALLEATA - Sottocommis-
sione di P. S.

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Rapresent. N.

Oggetto: Dati statistici

Sub-Statistical data.

As from the telephone request we send the attached report of the statistical data of the prisoners and those interned in the prevention and penal institutions of the regions dependent on the Italian government.

Come da richiesta telefonica, si trasmette l'unito prospetto di dati statistici dei detenuti e internati negli istituti di prevenzione e di pena delle regioni dipendenti dal Governo italiano.

TO	INIT	DEL
COL. CHAPMAN		
COL. YOUNG		
Lt. COL. WILCOX		
MAJ. UCKMAN		
MAJ. WILSON		
MAJ. HANBU Y		
MAJ. BALLANCE		
CAPT. R. W. S.		

per il MINISTRO

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Dati statistici dei detenuti ed internati negli istituti di prevenzione
delle regioni dipendenti dal Governo Italiano
alla data del 31 ottobre 1944

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1.	SICILIA	211	8.888	1.701	
2.	SARDEGNA	2.197	2.115	477	
3.	ZONA MERIDIONALE (Campania, Lucania, Puglie, Calabria)	1.183	10.905	3.175	
4.	ZONA A NORD DI ROMA (Lazio, Abruzzi)	174	2.433	1.308	
	TOTALI GENERALI	3.765 =====	24.341 =====	6.661 =====	

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AC/14215/PS

2 Dec 1944

SUBJECT : Concentration Camp of Ferramonti.

TO : Ministry of Interior.

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1. In reply to your letter 11521/4595 dated 27 November, 1944, reference above subject, it does not appear from your letter that this requisition is being made by Allied Military Authorities but by Italian Civilian Officials.
 2. This Sub-Commission does not desire to interfere where there is no Allied Military involved.
 3. You have misinterpreted my letter AC/14215/PS of 18 November, 1944, reference Farb Sabina Camp as it was not stated it was reserved for Military needs of the Allied Army. It was stated that only in extreme Military necessity would it be taken.

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

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Ministry of Interior

27 November 1944

1521/4595

To : A.C.-P.S. Subcommission
and for information
: War Refugees High Commissionership
: R. Prefecture of Cosenza

Subj. : Cosenza - Concentration Camp of Ferramonti

The Prefecture of Cosenza, with letter 15 November inst., has informed that, with decree issued on 14th inst., he has ordered the requisition of a part of barracks materials, available in the ex-concentration camp of Ferramonti, in order to provide to urgent needs of assistance of war refugees in that zone.

According to enclosed statement, the Allied Officer, actually directing the camp, has opposed to execution of the decree.

Regards, we must point out that barracks materials of the Concentration Camp of Ferramonti belong to this Ministry and that this Administration needs urgently these materials, in order to provide to the establishment of a concentration camp for political internees; consequently, we beg that Subcommission to examine the possibility of delivering at disposal of this Ministry, those materials, which are actually overflowing in that Camp.

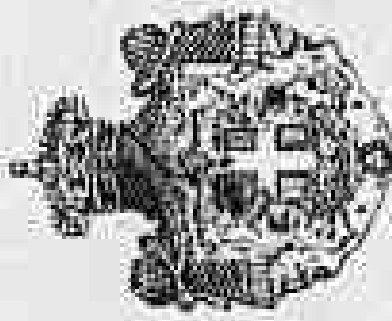
We point out that 350 ex-internees are actually recovered in the Camp, while materials are available for more than 1500 peoples.

At the same time, according to great difficulties in arranging concentration camps, due to distractions of war events, and bearing in mind, that the concentration camps of Ponza and Ventotene, cannot be arranged, owing to the great expense foreseen for re-organisation and water supplying, and bearing in mind letter AC/14215/P3, dated 16 novem., stating that it is not possible to rely on Forte Sabine Concentration camp, as it is reserved to military needs of the Allied Army, we beg that Subcommission to let us know, if the restitution of the all concentration camp, for the sheltering of internees, could be foreseen.

We would appreciate a reply with kind quickness.

for the Minister
Ferrari

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Ministero dell'Interno

DIREZIONE GENERALE
DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

Mod. 872

Quadrato 1/10
Roma, 27 novembre 1944

*ALL'ON. SOTTOCOMMISSIONE
DI P.S. PRESSO LA COMMISSIONE
ALLIATA
R O M A*

e.p.c.: ALL'ALTO COMMISSARIATO PRO-
FUGHI DI GUERRA R O M A

ALLA R. PREFETTURA DI COSENZA

*Divisione G.C.F. Sec. I.
Prot. 429.11521.4595 Allegato*

*Proposta al Regio del 15.11.1944
Dir. Sec. N. 792*

OGGETTO Cosenza-Campo di concentramento di Ferramonti.

URGENTE

La Prefettura di Cosenza con lettera del 15 novembre corrente ha riferito che con decreto in data 14 stesso mese ha disposto la requisizione di una parte del materiale di casermaggio disponibile presso l'ex Campo di Concentramento di Ferramonti per provvedere ad urgenti esigenze di assistenza ai profughi di guerra di quella provincia.

Giusta quanto risulta dalla dichiarazione che si trasmette in copia, alla esecuzione di detto decreto si è opposto l'Ufficiale Alleato attualmente posto alla Direzione del Campo.

Premesso al riguardo che i materiali di casermaggio esistenti presso il Campo di Concentramento di Ferramonti sono di proprietà di questo Ministero e che questa Amm./ne ha urgente necessità dei materiali stessi dovendo provvedere all'apprestamento dei campi di concentramento per internati politici, si prega codesta On. Sottocommissione di esaminare la possibilità di restituire a disposizione del Ministero dell'Interno i materiali che attualmente risultano esuberanti in detto Campo di Concentramento.

In proposito si fa presente che nel Campo sono ricoverati 350 ex internati e che i materiali disponibili corrispondono ad oltre 1500 posti letto.

Nell'occasione, date le gravi difficoltà che si incontrano nell'apprestamen

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dell'Esercito Alleato, si prega coeستا Cn. Sottocommissione di voler far conoscere se possa essere prevista la restituzione dell'intero campo di concentramento in oggetto a questo Ministero per il ricovero di internati. Sarà particolarmente gradito un cortese sollecito riscontro.

PER MINISTRO

Scaroni

COPIA

FERRAMONTI, 11 14 novembre 1944

Il giorno 14 novembre 1944 alle ore 10 si è presentato a questo Campo il dott. Mario Genise quale rappresentante l'ufficio profughi di guerra per la requisizione in uso del seguente materiale

N.400 coperte

"2000 lenzuola

"1050 pagliericci

Giusto decreto del Prefetto di Cosenza in data 7/novembre 1944 n.598.

Il sottoscritto Hermann Yan quale Direttore del Campo di Ferramonti in assenza del Tenente Americano Demetropoulos Demetrio presa visione del decreto sopracitato si rifiuta di consegnare il materiale di cui sopra date le disposizioni impartite dal Colonnello Americano Finly, Direttore Generale della Sub Commission (D.P.R.S.C.A.C.) in data 1° novembre 1944.

Firmato
(Van Hermann)

On 14 November 1944, at 10 a.m., Mr. Dr. Mario Genise, representative of war refugees office, came to this camp for requisition of following materials : 400 blanket, 2.000 sheets, 1050 straw beds.

According to a decree of Cosenza Prefect, 7 november 1944, 598.

The under signed, Herman Yan, acting Director of the Ferramonti Camp, in the absence of the American Lt. Demetropoulos Demetrio, having seen the above decree, refuses to deliver above materials according to orders of the American Col. Finly, General Director of Sub-Commission (D.P.R.S.C.A.C.), dated 1 November, 1944.

Sign. Ian Hermann

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REGIONAL COMMISSIONER SOUTHERN REGION ATTENTION CAPTAIN DALEY PRISON OFFICER

HQ AC PUBLIC SAFETY S/C

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PRIORITY

26/11/44

PUBLIC SAFETY S/C

RESTRICTED PD

PARA ONE PD INFORM THIS OFFICE BY WIRE THE NAMES OF PRISONS IN SOUTHERN REGION
THAT ARE OCCUPIED BY ANY ARMY FORMATION

PAREN TO REGIONAL COMMISSIONER SOUTHERN REGION ATTENTION CAPTAIN DALEY PRISON
OFFICER FROM HQ ALCOM PAREN

AND THE AMOUNT OF SPACE AT THEIR DISPOSITION PD

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MINISTRY OF GRACE & JUSTICE

24 A
23 November 1944
N.1163,64,65/1.20.1

Subject : Rome - judicial prison. Urgent works for the
 safety.
To : Chief Engineer of Genio Civile
 and for information
To : Director judicial prison Rome
To : Major Hanbury A.C. P.S. S/C.

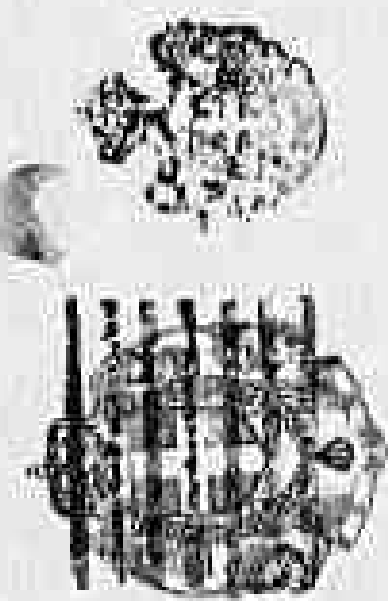
Ref. to letters n. 17081, 17084 and 17085, dated
17 Nov. addressed to you by the Director of the Regina Coeli
judicial prisons and here received for information, we beg you
to urgently provide for the carrying out of the works already
agreed upon with officials of that office and those of A.M.G.
Assurance of accomplishment would be appreciated.

For the Minister

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Roma 23 NOV 1944 19 4



Ministro di Giustizia Giustiniani

DIREZIONE GENERALE
PER GLI ISTITUTI DI PREVENZIONE E DI PENAAll'Ingegnere Capo del
Genio Civile

ROMA

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Rispettando l'Y.2

Oggetto: ROMA - carcere giudiziario. Lavori urgenti per la
sicurezza.

e per conoscenza:

Al Direttore carcere giudiziario

ROMA

All' A. C. Sottocommissio-
ne di P.S.

Major Hanbury

ROMA

Con riferimento alle lettere in data 17 corrente n. 17081, 17084 e 17085 alla S.V. inviate dal direttore delle carceri di Regina Coeli, e qui pervenute per conoscenza, si prega di provvedere con la massima urgenza alla esecuzione dei lavori già concordati con funzionari di codesto ufficio e da ufficiali dell'A.M.G. -

Si gradirà assicurazione di adempimento.

per MINISTRO

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CONCLUSION

Major Harvey

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si gradirà assicurazione di adempimento.

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ALTO COMMISSARIATO PER LE SANZIONI CONTRO IL FASCISMO

ALTO COMMISSARIATO AGGIUNTO PER LA PUNIZIONE DEI DELITTI

Prot. N. _____

Allegati _____

Risposta al foglio N. _____

del _____

Roma, the 16th November 1944

20 NOV. 1944

OGGETTO: _____

A/ To Colonel HANNAFORD - Allied Commission
(A.C.) - via Veneto

To Lt.Col. J.W.FISCHER - G.S.
Office of the A.C. of the S.G.

ROME ALLIED COMMAND C.M.F.

I wish to inform you about the painful situation of the judges of this High Commission as well as of the other judges of Rome, when they go to visit the jail in order to investigate the prisoners.

Before the arrival of the Allies, they had 5 rooms of the local prison at their disposal. The Allies, shortly after their arrival have employed 4 of the 5 rooms as dormitories for the staff of inspection under Captain Freeman.

Beside the ordinary judges, there are now those of this High Commission and 5 or 6 judges from different offices often have to work there at the same time. It therefore happens that these judges have to investigate 2 or 3 prisoners in the same room. Naturally this inconvenience is to the disadvantage of the investigations and the prestige of the Magistrature. Sometimes the only free room is occupied by allied agents or officers for investigation of prisoners.

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It is therefore necessary that at least 2 or 3 rooms should be left free and reserved for the Italian judges.

I also beg Colonel Hannaford to recommend to the Authorities that, at least during the morning, the electricity be granted to the Palace of Justice, since it is indispensable for the telephone-station and single telephones to function.

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These measures are to be taken for a rapid and right understanding between this High Commission: branch of crimes and the ordinary Authorities of justice.

I thank you very much for transmitting the two cases relating to SCARPATO Federico and RODDI Biagio, which interest us greatly.

I shall be very obliged to you if you would kindly give an answer to our letter and let us know your decisions on this matter.

THE HIGH ADJUNCTED COMMISSIONER

Mario Redinguer

TO	DATE	
COL. DE BRAS		
COL. FODDIE		
LT. COL. WILSON		
MAJ. LUCKMAN		
MAJ. WILSON		
MAJ. HANBURY		
MAJ. BALLANCE		
CAPT. POWEL		
CHIEF CLERK		

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Translation RV.

URGENT

*File - (Prisons)*MINISTRY OF GRACE & JUSTICE
Prisons Gen. HQ.18 November 1944
N. 1120/1.20.I

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Subject : Rome-judicial prison. Restoration of the building. Reconstruction of the roofs, repairing works of gates and locks.

To : Chief Engineer of Civil engineering - Rome
and for information

To : Ministry of Public Works

To : Director Rome judicial prisons

To : A.C. P.S. S/C Major Nanbury.

The works, initiated in the Regina Coeli prisons, on estimations made by that office, of which one already elaborated for L. 830.000 and the other in course for an amount of about L. 450.000, subject of the letters n. 3270, dated 7/10/44 and n. 17928, dated 25/9/44, in spite of frequent telephonical and verbal solicitations, do not proceed with the necessary speed, causing serious inconveniences for the discipline and safety of the Institution.

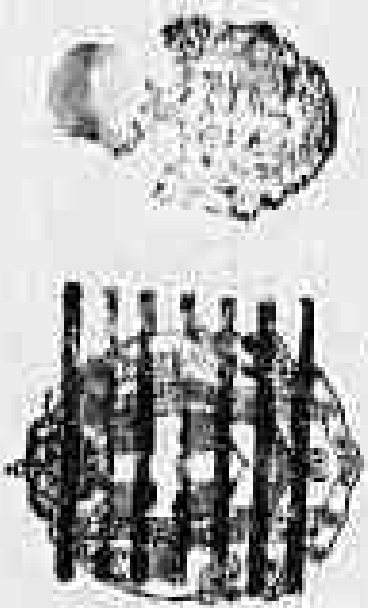
The Allied Commission is pressing for bringing this state of matters to normality and for placing the institution into full efficiency.

Therefore, this Ministry applies to you, so that your Office display the greatest activity in the direction and supervision of the works in course and provide for the carrying out of those works, which the director of Regina Coeli will deem necessary for the total settling of the institution.

So as to avoid bureaucratic formalities, the works not yet financed and the new ones, which will be pointed out by the direction, have to be treated as very urgent matters.

Courteous assurance of accomplishment would be appreciated.

For the Minister



Ministero di Giustizia

DIREZIONE GENERALE
PER GLI ISTITUTI DI PREVENZIONE E DI PENA

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Ufficio
Post. 21120/1.20.1

OGGETTO

Reame-carcere giudiziario. Opere varie di restauro del
fabbricato. Ricostruzione tetti, riparazioni cancelli
e serrature.

e per conoscenza:

al Ministero del LL. PP.
Direzione Generale Opere Varie
Ispett. Gen. dell'Edilizia e
Servizi Speciali

R O M A

Al Direttore del Carcere giu-
diziario di

R O M A

All. A. C.
Sottocommissione P.3.
Major Hanbury

R O M A

I lavori iniziati nel carcere di Regina Coeli in base alle
perizie di codesto ufficio, di cui una già elaborata per L. 830.000 e
l'altra in corso per un presunto importo di L. 450.000, oggetto del-
le note 7 ottobre 1944 n. 3270 e 25 settembre 1944 n. 17928, malgrado
le continue sollecitazioni telefoniche e verbali, non procedono con
la necessaria celerità, al da perpetuare gravissimi inconvenienti
per la disciplina e la sicurezza dell'Istituto.

La Commissione Allata fa vive continue preare perché que-
sto stato di cose sia al più presto avviato alla sua normalità per
mettere l'Istituto in piena efficiente funzionalità.

Questo Ministero, pertanto, rivolge alla S. V. speciale pro-

Roma, 18 NOV 1944 19 A.

Es. 1. Ingegnere capo del
Genio civile

R O M A

Post. 21120/1.20.1

OGGETTO Roma-Carcere giudiziario. Opere varie di restauro del fabbricato. Ricostruzione tetti, riparazioni cancelli e serrature.

e per conoscenza:

Al Ministero del Ll. Pp.
Direzione Generale Opere Varie
Ispett. Gen. Dell'edilizia e
Servizi Speciali

R O M A

Al Direttore del Carcere Ai-
diziaro di

M O M A

— All. A. C.
Sottocommissioni P.S.
Major Hanbury

R O M A

I lavori iniziati nel carcere di Regina Coeli in base alle perizie di codesto ufficio, di cui una già elaborata per L.830.000 e l'altra in corso per un presunto importo di L.450.000, oggetto delle note 7 ottobre 1944 n.3370 e 25 settembre 1944 n.17928, malgrado le continue sollecitazioni telefoniche e verbali, non procedono con la necessaria celerità, si da perpetuare gravissimi inconvenienti per la disciplina e la sicurezza dell'Istituto.

La Commissione Allesta fa vive continue premure perché questo stato di cose sia al più presto avviato alla sua normalità per mettere l'Istituto in piena efficiente funzionalità.

Questo Ministero, pertanto, rivolge alla S.V. speciale preghiera perché da parte di codesto ufficio si esplichi la massima attività nella direzione e sorveglianza dei lavori in corso e provveda a far eseguire quelle altre opere che il direttore di Regina Coeli riterrà richiedere come necessarie per la totale sistemazione dell'Istituto.

Ove occorre, e per evitare ritardi dovuti alle consuete formalità burocratiche, i lavori non ancora finanziati e quelli ulteriori che saranno indicati dalla Direzione, dovranno essere attuati col rito di somma urgenza.

Si gradirà cortese assicurazione di adempimento.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AC/14215/PS

18 Nov 1944

SUBJECT : Para Sabina Camp.
TO : Ministry of Interior.

1. Information has been received this date from Reiti that the officer of the Allied Army who visited this Camp was the town Major who's duty it is to know the location and possible use of all property in his area.
2. I have had in the same letter from the Provincial Police Office the information that the town Major has made no effort or desire to requisition this camp and only in an extreme Military necessity will it be taken.

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

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO-UMBRIA REGION
APO 394

Public Safety Division.
15th November, 1944.

File No. :- PS/LUR/3167.

Subject :- Concentration Camp.

To :- The Director, Public Safety
Sub-Commission, HQ., AC., APO 394.

The attached report by PPSO Rieti is
submitted in reply to your communication AC/14215/PS,
dated 4/11/44.

For the Regional Commissioner:

W. L. Wilson
for J.R. POLLOCK.
Lt. Colonel.
RPSO., LAZIO-UMBRIA REGION.

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Report referred to.

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ALLIED COMMISSIO
PROVINCE OF RIETI

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P.S. 205

AC/14215/PS

Subject: Concentration Camp.

From: P.P.S.O. Rieti.

To: R.P.S.O., Lazio-Umbria Region.



1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter ref. PS/LUR/3167 dated 7 November 1944 concerning the above, and a visit recently made to the Fara Sabina Camp by Allied officers.

2. It is now known that the Allied officer concerned was Town Major, Rieti, (Major Mackintosh), who has viewed all suitable sites within Rieti Province, purely with a view to possible occupation by Allied Military personnel.

3. No move has yet been made by Town Major to requisition or cause occupation of Fara Sabina Camp.

Rieti. 11 Nov: 1944.

C.E. Bolt . Captain .
C.E. BOLT, Captain.
P.P.S.O. Rieti.

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HEADQUARTERS CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

17 November, 1944.

AC/11215/PS

SUBJECT : Concentration Camp (Ferra Sabina)
TO : Minister of Interior.

1. In reply to your letter 999.12585.4185. Nov. 13 1944 reference above subject, your letter of November 1 - 1944 reached this office on Nov. 3 - 1944 and a letter was sent from this office to Rieti on the 4th of this month no reply has been received as yet and as soon as information is received it will be passed to you.

2. I assure you this Sub-Commission will do all that can be expected to expedite this matter.

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

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Min. of Interior.

No. 999.12585.4135

Sub.Rieti-Concentration Camp of Farfa Sabina.

13-11-44.

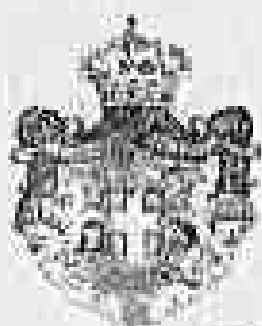
With the letter dated 1.curr.we asked this on.Subcommission to be willing to order that the concentration camp of Farfa Sabina which had already been inspected by some Allied officers with the idea to use it for a soldiers camp should be reserved for the use of this Ministry.

As it is urgent to see to the preparations of this camp for the ~~sheltering~~ sheltering of internees we beg you to let us know with courteous solicitude the decisions of this on.Subcommission about the above mentioned.

TO	INIT	DATE
COL. CHAPMAN		
COL. YOUNG		
LT COL WILCOX		
MAJ MASON		
✓ MAJ WILSON		
MAJ HANBURY	<i>[initials]</i>	16/11
MAJ HARVEY		
MAJ BALLANCE		
✓ CAPT POWELL	<i>[initials]</i>	16/11

See letter
16A No answer
as yet 16/11/44

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Ministero dell'Interno
DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

Divisione G.C.F. 1^a
Prot. 999.12585.4185

OGGETTO Rieti-Campo di concentramento di Farfa
Sabina.

Off. 512
Roma, 13 novembre 1944

ALLA ON. SOTTOCOMMISSIONE
DI P.S. PRESSO LA COMMISSIONE
ALLEATA R O M A
Via Vittorio Veneto n. 7

Resp. al f. del
Dir. 1^a N°

Con lettera in data 1^o corrente fu interessata codesta On. Sottocommissione a voler disporre che il Campo di Concentramento di Farfa Sabina, già visitato da alcuni Ufficiali Alleati allo scopo di utilizzarlo ad accampamento per militari, fosse riservato per gli usi di questo Ministero.

Poichè urge provvedere all'apprestamento di detto campo per il ricovero di internati si prega far conoscere con cortese sollecitudine le decisioni di codesta On. Sottocommissione in merito a quanto sopra.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
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4 November 1944

AC/14215/PS

SUBJECT : Concentration Camp.

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

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1. This Sub-Commission has been informed by the Ministry of Interior that in the past few days Allied Officers visited the Concentration Camp at Farfa Sabine (Rieti) with the intention of using same for a Military Camp.

2. As you will realize the crowded position of the Prisons and this Concentration Camp is to be used to house political prisoners. Can you have the Provincial Police officers instructed that this camp is not to be taken as it will leave us in a hopeless situation.

3. If the army formation insists upon taking this camp, I would like to be informed of the unit designation so I can bring it to the attention of higher Headquarters.

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

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Ministry of Interior

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Security 169
 to / A.C. - P.S. Subcommission 10215
 subj: Concentration Camp of Tarfa Sabina (Riet)

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Col Chapman
Colonel

Following our interview of 29th October inst; we inform that two officials of the Ministry have fulfilled a descent to the concentration camp of Tarfa Sabina, in order to ascertain its present condition.

It appeared that, with a previous restoration, it can be used in one or two month.

I was told that a few days ago, several Allied officers, have visited the camp, in order to employ it as military campment; therefore I beg that Subcommission to provide that, the above camp, be preserved for, needs of this Ministry.

We would appreciate a kind assurance;

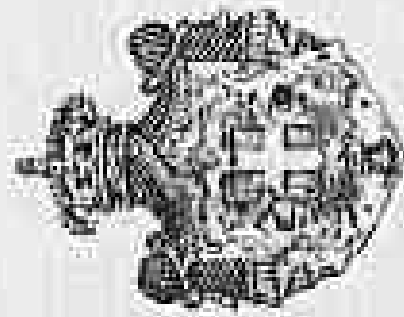
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Roma, 1/11/1944 19

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE
DI P.S. PRESSO LA COMMISSIO-
NE ALLEATA - R O M A
Via Vittorio Veneto n.7

Divisione G.C.F. *Sec. I*
Prot. N. 9999/3384 Allegati

Risposta al Foglio del
Dir. Sec. N. 2

OGGETTO Campo di concentramento di Farfa Sabina (Rieti).

Di seguito al colloquio del 29 ottobre u.s., si ha il pregio di comunicare che è stato eseguito un sopralluogo da parte di due funzionari di questo Ministero per accertare lo stato attuale del campo di concentramento di Farfa Sabina.

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Si gradirà un cortese cenno di assicurazione.

IL CAPO DELLA POLIZIA

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IL CAPO DELLA POLIZIA

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO. 394

Tel: 525

23rd September, 1944.

DO.9/3.1A/A.S.

TO:- Public Safety Sub-Commission

Attached are extracts from a D.O. Bulletin No.1. of the Regional Commissioner, Region I dated 20th September, 1944. They are passed to you for information and will be treated as strictly confidential.

"The implementation of the vehicle registration scheme here appears to me to be farcical. Large numbers of trucks and cars can be seen on the roads either without any registration form or with an irregular registration form on the windscreen. Undoubtedly, a number of these vehicles may be licensed but not carry their license affixed in the proper place. I feel, however, that there are large numbers of unauthorised vehicles running on petrol irregularly obtained. As regards the Black Market, experience often shows, however, that the worst operations are carried out by properly licensed vehicles. I am taking active steps in this matter with the High Commissioner, particularly as it affects the provision of vehicles for officials and others who really need them for essential duties.

I have personally inspected the most crowded prison on the Island - that of CATANIA. It is stated to have a capacity of about 450 and, at the time of my visit about 3 weeks ago, was holding approximately 1150 prisoners, but it is a large prison and conditions there did not reveal a public scandal such as I met in one case in my last Region. The Director was away on the day of my visit (I make a point of carrying out such visits unannounced) but the prison appeared to be well-run. The prisoners seemed to be receiving their rations, judging from their appearance, and the worst feature was the overcrowding of the larger rooms. There was no overcrowding in the womens' section. Steps are in hand to improve the position in this particular area and arrangements have been made very recently for taking over a building, formerly a prison, latterly an Allied Military prison and now occupied by civilian offices or Italian Army. It is hoped to get the necessary work started at a very early date and once started this additional accommodation should be available after a short period. Work is also in hand to increase prison accommodation in other parts of the Island. If available statistics can be taken as reliable, the prison accommodation situation outside CATANIA is

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not unsatisfactory, but I shall take an opportunity of checking this if and when opportunity arises."

YMB.

[Signature]
G.R. UJOHN. Brigadier.
V.P. Admin. Section.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 473709

ACC/14215/PS

4 September 1944.

SUBJECT : Prisons.

TO : R.P.S.O., Region I
(through R.C.)

1. Following the visit of Major Hyland Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission to Sicily, and consultations with Major Boyd, the following arrangements for additional Prison accommodation have been agreed.
2. Repairs to Favignana, Augusta and Caltanissetta will be completed in two months. These prisons were dealt with on the original rebuilding programme, and will provide accommodation for an additional 1,152 prisoners.
3. For technical reasons it has been decided not to use Ustica or Lipari islands.
4. The old Italian Naval Barracks at Columbaia are suitable for rebuilding as a prison. The present capacity of 200 prisoners can be increased to 1000 in 3 months. Plans and estimates have been received and bids are being received for repair and remodeling.
5. The above programme will provide additional prison accommodation for nearly 2000 prisoners. If this is insufficient, and it is decided to build stockades, it is agreed that they should be built on the mainland of Sicily and not on the islands of Ustica and Lipari.

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

Copy to : R.C. & M.G. Section.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478709

29 August, 1944.

see file 14043/R.
ACC/14043/PS

SUBJECT : Prisons.

TO : His Excellency, Minister of
Grace and Justice.

1. It is understood that your Ministry will become responsible for Italian Military Prisoners who are serving sentences in excess of 30 days, or who are awaiting trial over 30 days. Further, that these prisoners will be fed on the civilian scale and not on Army scale rations.
2. It is not proposed to transfer military prisoners to civil jails, as no accommodation is available. In fact, civil jails are already overcrowded.
3. Arrangements are being made to transfer certain military jails to the civil authority. The accommodation thus made available will be sufficient to house all military prisoners, including those at present in civil jails.
4. The effect of this arrangement should be, that more accommodation will be available in civil jails for civil prisoners. For example, it will enable 459 Military prisoners to be moved from BARI prison, and 285 from LEGGE prison.
5. The question of staffing the military prisons handed over, is one of some difficulty, but it is hoped that some arrangement can be made with the Minister of War. 240
6. Pending the completion of the above scheme, it is suggested that Prison Directors be informed that no further Military Prisoners should be accepted into civil jails.
7. The Military Mission to the Italian Army is formulating this scheme in conjunction with the Minister of War, and it is anticipated that concrete proposals will be put forward to you in the very near future.

Copy to : R.C. & M.C. Section
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FJW/G. Legal S/C.

PAUL G. FERR
Colonel Infantry
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Public Safety Division, Rome
Headquarters, Prison Superintendent

16/6/44

To: Lt. Col., Pollock, Chief P.S. Division,
Col., Kirk, P.S. Sub-Commission,
Major Battersby, Deputy Chief P.S. Division,
Major Hendrickson, R.L.O.,
Capt. Gilreath, Judicial Officer.

Subject: Prison Population.

- 1) Attention is called to the prison population of Regina Coeli, which as of midnight 15 August 1944, totalled 1802. This figure includes 1559 inmates of the common cells, and 243 political prisoners in the security wings.
- 2) Estimates of the capacity of Regina Coeli from official and quasi-official sources here have varied from 1000 to 3000. The facts are that we have 736 cells in this institution. Estimating no appreciable increase in security prisoners, where cells must be occupied by a single prisoner, and further based on a maximum of three common prisoners to a cell, the actual capacity is approximately 1800. Hence, from the standpoint of reasonable prison standards, Regina Coeli is now filled to capacity.
- 3) With the recently increased assumption of court proceedings by civil authorities and the anticipated slowing down of cases tried, the prison population will reach critical proportions in a very short time.

For your information and anticipated cooperation.

FILED WITH
R.M. Freeman, Capt. CDR.
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PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION
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1. Spoke N.C.I. on 19/8
2. Regional Position under review including rebuilding.
3. Alternative accommodation in mind at Elba and Reg. V

19/8/44

R. M. Freeman, Capt. C.M.R.
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Public Safety Division of Home Prisons.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
ABO 394

SUBJECT : Prisons.

18 August, 1944.

TO : Director Public Safety.

1. During the past four months, the prison position in Italy has improved. In April, conditions were at their worst, and many prisons were overcrowded. This was due to

- (a) The requisitioning of prisons by Allied Forces,
- (b) The detention of Italian Military prisoners in civil jails,
- (c) Disrepair and war damage, and
- (d) Delay in dealing with prisoners awaiting trial.

2. Headquarters A.A.I. have, in the past 4 months, done everything possible to return requisitioned prisons to the civil authorities. Certain cases exist where this is not possible for operational reasons. Nevertheless, of the 11 prisons requisitioned in that part of Italy south of Naples province, 5 have been released and two are under consideration. In one other prison, authority has been given for the return of one of the two buildings concerned. Steps have also been taken to prevent further requisitioning.

3. A ruling has been made that all military prisoners serving sentences of over 30 days must be confined in civil jails. However, as a result of discussions with KMIA, it is hoped that in the near future, certain Italian Military prisons will be handed to the civil authorities. This will enable existing civil prisons to be cleared of military prisoners.

4. A prison building and repair programme has been accepted by Economic section. When completed, this will provide accommodation for a further 3,532 prisoners. Special steps have been taken in Sicily, where the enforcement of the grain laws will create a large prison population. It is expected that the island of Ustica will be taken into use as a prison settlement.

5. Successful efforts are being made to reduce the number of persons awaiting trial, by the granting of provisional liberty, and the issue of process instead of arrest for minor offences.

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6. The Rome Ministry of Grace and Justice has shown a sense of responsibility for the problems that have to be faced in prison administration. The officials are less inclined to adopt the South Italy view of accepting things as they are, and there appears to be a very real desire to take action and get something done.

FRANK J. WILSON
Prisons Division.

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SUBJECT: Military Prisons -
ITALIAN Army.

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY
AAI/5065/22/A(PS)
2 Aug. 44.

Executive Commissioner
AGS

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With further reference to this HQ letter, numbered as above, dated 1 Jun 44, and to the visit of Col VUJOHN on 2 Aug 44, this HQ has no objection to the use of the LIPARI Islands for the establishment of civil prisons, provided that you can supply all transport and maintenance facilities required.

CMF/JD

signed: G.M. Dato.
Brigadier,
DAC.

Copies to: HQ 56 Area.
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Letter to Dept by 2 CMF pointing
out that LIPARI Island is on scene
and asking for comment

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Memo: Prisons.

TO : A/OLO

I am directed by the A/CC to say that with a view to providing more prison space in Sicily for offenders against the ammal laws you may proceed to a further review of cases in AMG Courts in that island. Such review may be left to the discretion of the AG Region I and should aim at the immediate release only of offenders of previously good character who, because of the military conditions prevailing at the time, received sentences out of proportion to the nature of their crimes, but who have at the date of their release served a reasonable and proper sentence.

ADMIN Sec
3 Aug 44.

G.R. UPJOHN, Col
A/Head, Adm Section. 230

Copy to: Executive Commissioner.
Public Safety Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
RC & MG SECTION
APO 394

3 August, 1944

SUBJECT : Prisons in Sicily.

TO : Regional Commissioner Region I.

1. Reference your RLB 013.06/PLV dated 14 July 1944.
2. The construction of a prison camp in North Africa to accommodate prisoners sentenced for violation of the grain laws is not considered advisable.
3. The completion of the prison rebuilding and repair programme in Sicily, will provide accommodation for an additional 1,152 prisoners. In addition, authority has been obtained from HQ. AACI to use USTICA and LIPARI islands as prison settlements.
4. It is anticipated that 1000 prisoners can be accommodated at USTICA, and 300 at LIPARI. Together with the rebuilding in Sicily, the above programme should provide for 2,452 prisoners. If this is insufficient, stockades could be constructed.
5. Major Hyland of Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission will proceed to Sicily by air to deal with the problem. He will expedite the repair of Favignana, Augusta and Caltanissetta inspect Ustica and Lipari, and see that work is put in hand with a view to their use at the earliest opportunity.
6. The Minister of Grace and Justice has authorised ¹Colomba, Director of Palermo Prison, to accompany Major Hyland and represent the Ministry during his inspection.

M. S. LUSH
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel. 478709

1 August 1944

AOC/44215/ES

SUBJECT : Prisons - Sicily.

TO : Director Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission.

1. Prisons of Sicily are overcrowded, and on 28 June 1944 arrangements were made by your Sub-Commission for the repair and rebuilding of:-

1st Priority:- PAVERANA - Penal. Region I.
Closed on 26/3/44 because of poor hygienic conditions and war damage. To make quickly available, work can be done in two stages.
a) Undamaged premises renovated using labor of convicted masons. This can be done in 1 month and provide accommodation for 400.
b) Repair work on Sections 4 and 8. This can be done in 3 months and provide accommodation for 150.

2nd Priority:- AUGUSTA - Penal - Region I.
Has been requisitioned until recently. Requires a) Repair of several sections of collapsed roofs. b) General inspection of roofing. d) Repair of locks and gates. Time to be taken 2 months. Accommodation for 500.

3rd Priority:- CAITANIMETTA. - Judicial. Region I.
Repair 14 cells and 15 dormitories. Time to be taken 3 months. Accommodation for 102.

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Completion of this building and repair programme will provide accommodation for a further 1,152 prisoners.

2. On 14 July 44 Col. A.W. HANCOCK Regional Commissioner, Sicily, wrote to Executive Commissioner pointing out the serious prison overcrowding that would arise as a result of enforcement of the grain laws in the island. A special drive is being made against farmers who are not surrendering grain with the result that up to 28 July, 2000 had been denounced. These offenders will be firmly dealt with at Court, and the necessary extra prison accommodation does not exist on the island. The main prisons taken together are already holding 1000 more prisoners than their normal capacity.

3. Colonel Hancock suggested the construction of a prison camp in North Africa but this is not approved.

4. Two islands - USTICA and LIPARI - situated north of Sicily could be used as penal settlements.

5. USTICA was used for prison purposes by the Italian authorities until our occupation in September 43. The Colony consists of 31 stone buildings, and also a number of houses with window gratings, and barred doors with padlocks. One stone building is in use by G.O.M., and four are occupied as an RAF store. The remaining 26 buildings provide accommodation for 600. One hundred specially adapted houses are available giving accommodation for 400. Total accommodation available 1000.

6. Almost all the premises are in fair condition and do not need substantial repairs. However, whitewashing, painting and repairs to doors and windows, adjustment of hydraulic and sanitary plants are needed.

7. The hydraulic plant is served by a cistern placed about 50 metres above sea level with a capacity of 90 tons into which is pumped water carried by steamers in

service between Palermo and Jaffa. Another pump can carry the water from the first well to another large well situated on the highest point on the island with a capacity of 3000 tons.

8. If a prison is set up in the island, the steamer service now twice weekly (Tuesday and Thursday) will need to be increased to 3 or 4 trips weekly. The water reserve in the large well will have to be built up.

9. Kitchen facilities available could cater for a 1500 meal capacity.

10. The existing buildings at MIFAI are used as a school. They are in good repair and could hold at least 300 prisoners. Electric lights is available and they meet hygiene requirements. The local water system is insufficient, and water is brought from Messina. Other camps could be constructed on the island on the same principle using prison labor.

11. The use of MIFAI and MIFAI will be cleared with AAI, and a cable forwarded to Col. Hancock when this has been done.

12. As a result of a conference with Col. Jassy at 11.30 am., 1st August it is understood that Major Highland of your Sub-Commission will proceed to Sicily to arrange

(a) The repair of Savignana, Augusta and Caltanissetta at the earliest opportunity.

(b) Inspection of MIFAI and MIFAI with a view to their use as prison settlements, at the earliest opportunity.

13. Col. Hancock and Lt. Col. Snook (R.F.O.) are at Palermo and will give every assistance to your representative.

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14. The Minister of Grace and Justice has been spoken to, and he has appointed Dott. Colombo at present at Palermo to represent the Italian Authorities in this matter. A letter of authority to Dott. Colombo from the Minister is attached.

PAUL G. FINE,
Colonel, Inf.
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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Major F. T. Wilson 14215
 Public Safety ^{5A}
 Sub Com.

Att-^{5B} is an extract from
 the log of the Liaison
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28 Jul; Jan 29⁷ Aug
 2 Await. *[Signature]*

F. T. Wilson
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Partito Fascista Repubblicano

FASCIO ROMANO DI COMBATTIMENTO

Roma, li 1943 XXI

I Camerata

Paternità

Maternità

Data e luogo di nascita

Residente a

Via

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Telefono

professione

si è presentato oggi ed ha chiesto l'iscrizione al Partito Fascista Repubblicano.

P. IL COMMISSARIO DEL FASCIO ROMANO
(GINO BARDI)

Firma

Domicilio

LT:COL GUALANO.

2. Asked Col Gualano whether the military prisons
are ready to be handed over to the civilian author-
ities.

Was informed that urgent signals would be sent
out to the Corps whose legal branch control them and
would be informed as soon as an answer was had.

The prisons will have to be handed over by leg-
al personnel as they were responsible for all adm.

It is realized that only part of Montesarchio
jail is held by Allies.

Whole question is being treated with urgency.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 394

To P.S. 14315
File
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Ref/317/17/CA

24 July 1944

SUBJECT: Prisons.

TO : D.A.C. HQ. AAL.

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1. To alleviate overcrowding of Civil Prisons, it is proposed to establish labour camps for short term prisoners.

2. A site has been found on the Naples-Capua road about 4 miles NORTH of Avessa. Water supply is the Lagni River, but the water is fairly good and can be used with a pump and water purifying plant.

3. This proposal is in the nature of an experiment, and, if successful, other camps will be established in other parts of Italy.

4. Before going further with arrangements, may we be informed please if material can be supplied to build a British Field Punishment Camp to hold 500, or an American Disciplinary Training Stockade.

5. A water pump and purifying plant would also be necessary. You will remember that a certain number of civilian prisons are occupied at present by military personnel.

M.S. LUSH
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Copy to:

Admin. Section (your ACC/D.215/RS of 18 July refers.)

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SUBJECT : Prisons - Sicily

Ref. 489081-Ext. 502

26 July, 1944

TO : Adm. Sec.

1. Reference letter from R.C.I. dated 14 July 44 suggesting that a concentration camp be set up in North Africa to detain prisoners sentenced for violation of the grain collection decree.

2. While it may be necessary to set up a camp to deal with the large number of prisoners involved, such a camp should be in Sicily, or in a small island such as Ustica, or one of the Lipari islands. The idea of a camp in North Africa is not favoured.

3. On 28 June 44 R.C.I. was informed that arrangements have been made for the rebuilding and repair of the following prisons:-

PAVIGNANA - accommodation for 550 within 3 months.

AUGUSTA - accommodation for 500 within 2 months.

CAITANISSENTA - accommodation for 102 within 3 months.

The completion of this building and repair program will provide accommodation for a further 1,152 prisoners.

4. The island of Ustica was used for prison purposes by the Italian authorities until our occupation in September 43. The Colony consists of 31 stone buildings, and also a number of houses with window gratings, and barred doors with padlocks. One stone building is in use by CC.RR, and four are occupied as an RAF Store. The remaining 25 buildings provide accommodation for 600. One hundred specially adapted houses are available giving accommodation for 400. Total accommodation available 1000.

5. Almost all the premises are in fair condition and do not need substantial repairs. However, whitewashing, painting and repairs to doors and windows, adjustment of hydraulic and sanitary plants are needed.

Minutes of Study

6. The hydraulic plant is served by a cistern placed about 30 metres above sea level with a capacity of 90 tons into which is pumped water carried by steamers in service between Palermo and Ustica. Another pump can carry the water from the first well to another large well situated on the highest point on the island with a capacity of 2000 tons.

7. If a prison is set up in the island, the steamer service now twice weekly (Tuesday and Thursday) will need to be increased to 3 or 4 trips weekly. The water reserve in the large well will have to be built up.

8. Kitchen facilities available could cater for a 1500 meal capacity.

9. The existing buildings at LIPARI are used as a school. They are in good repair and could hold at least 300 prisoners. Electric lights is available and they meet hygiene requirements. The local water system is insufficient, and water is brought from Messina. Other camps could be constructed on the island on the stockade principle using prison labour.

10. On 1st June 44, AAI gave authority for the use of the LIPARI islands for Italian Military Prisoners but it is not now proposed to use the islands for this purpose. The use of USTICA for civil prisoners will need to be cleared with AAI.

11. It is recommended that LIPARI and USTICA be used for civil prisoners. They would provide accommodation for 1300 prisoners. The rebuilding program is for 1,152 prisoners.

Total 2,452

If this is found to be insufficient, stockades could be constructed as suggested in para 9.

12. A Prison Inspector for Sicily will be appointed by the Ministry of Grace and Justice in the next few days. Steps will be taken to expedite his travel to Sicily, in order that he can co-operate with AGO Officers in dealing with this problem of prison accommodation.

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PAUL G. KIRK,
Colonel, Inf.
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Communication

ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS
ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION
Administrative Section
AFO 394

18th July, 1944

ACC/14215/PS

SUBJECT : Prisons. Overcrowding.

TO : Executive Commissioner.

1. On 5th May, 1944 a meeting was held at Rear HQ ACC to discuss proposals for the improvement of the prison situation. One of the proposals adopted was the forming of Labour Battalions, for civil prisoners.
2. It was thought that the scheme should be tried in Region 3. Regional Commissioner Region III was seen, and the suggestion made to him that prisoners serving short sentences be attached to Labour Battalions and housed in camps. It was agreed to form a camp of 500 prisoners.
3. A suitable site has now been found on the Naples - Capua road about 4 miles NORTH of Aversa. It is situated in an agricultural area so that employment for prisoners can be found on the scene. If successful, the idea could be extended to other sites.
4. Water Supply is the LAGNI river, but the water is fairly good and can be used with a pump and water purifying plant. Other camps have been set up in this area in the past, and there is an American Disciplinary Training Stockade within 6 miles. Army water pumps and purifiers are said to be located in this Area.

5. Can HQ. AAI be asked please, if they can supply the material to erect a camp of this type. That is, a British Field Punishment Camp to hold 500, or an American Disciplinary Training Stockade.

6. A draft letter to HQ. AAI is enclosed.

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GERALD R. UPJOHN
Colonel,
Acting Head,
Administrative Section.

ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. and M.G. Section
APO 394

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19th July, 1944.

SUBJECT : Prisons.

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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