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POLITICAL SITUATION GENOA (SENTENCE
OF DEATH, PIAZZA LIBERIE)
JAN. 1945 - JAN. 1946

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FROM JAN-45

TO JAN-46

CATALOGUE

INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 1638
 Date/Time of Origin: JAN 21 1030 A

Message Centre No: G/7782
 Date Time Rec'd: JAN 22 0930 A
 Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: ALLIED COMMISSION LIAISON GROUP GENOA
 TO : ALCOM HQ PSO

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Para 1. Reference telegram 299 of 16, execution of Piazza Liborio was duly effected at 0720 hours,
 Para 2. No incidents or public unrest.

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ACTION: PUBLIC SAFETY

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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22 JAN 1946

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 1636Date/Time of Origin: JAN. 191200 RAN 46Message Centre No: G/7704Date Time Rec'd: JAN. 200900Precedence: IMPORTANTFROM: ALLIED COMMISSION LIAISON GROUP GENOATO : HQ ALCOM CITE ACPS

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1. Reference your signal 299 dated 16 January, the execution of Piazza Liborio has now been postponed to Monday 21 January 46.
2. Information received from A P M 59 Area, for 2 District.

AC DIST

ACTION : P. SAFETY
 INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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HEADQUARTERS
 20 JAN 1946

PUBLIC SAFETY S/O		DATE
TO		21/1
FROM		21/1
SUBJECT		
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ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON GROUP
GENOA

REF : LOP/
SUBJECT : Mutiny at Marassi Prison
night of 7/8 Jan 1946.
TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission,
Headquarters Allied Commission, APO 394

14 January 1946.

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1. Reference my signals dated 8 Jan 46, I now forward translated copy of the report submitted by the Prison Director on the incident which occurred at Marassi Prison, Genoa, on 7 January, 1946, for your information.

B. J. Hefford

B. J. HEFFORD, Lt. Colonel,
Public Safety Officer.



TO	INIT	DATE
DIRECTOR	<i>LMH</i>	<i>21/1</i>
DEPUTY DIRECTOR		
EXEC. OFFICER		
POLICE <i>Lab 24/1</i>		
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MINISTRY OF GRACE AND JUSTICEDirection of Prisons.

SUBJECT : Mutiny of Prisoners

Genoa, 8 January 1946.

Yesterday evening towards 18 hours the prisoners of the third section of Marassi Prison, armed with Sten and hand grenades, started a mutiny, in which the prisoners of nearly all sections joined, pressing in mass towards the second gate of the main entrance.

Urgent application was made by telephone for the intervention of the public forces, which arrived shortly afterwards. To cope successfully with the mutiny it was necessary to use arms. The following men were killed in this conflict.

1. CARBUGINO, G. Batt. di Pietro, aged 25, charged with murder.
2. ROSSO, Alfredo, aged 34, charged with theft.

The following were wounded and taken to San Martino hospital:

1. BONAFINI, Bernardino di Ugo, 30 Years of age, charged with theft, wounded in the shoulder.
2. ZAVA, Giovanni, fu Francesco, aged 44, at the disposal of the Questura for P.S. measures.
3. PIU Benevenuto di Januario, aged 20, charged with theft, wounded in the region of the hips.

Due to the energetic repression and after some hours of resistance, the prisoners surrendered and returned to their cells.

The following arms were seized from the mutineers, these were found in the vegetable garden :

- 1 Sten Gun.
- 7 Hand-grenades.
- 2 Explosive cartridges.

Normal conditions have now been restored.

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ALCOA HQ ALCON

15 JANUARY 1945/12.20 hrs

SIXTHS REPT ALCON LO GANDIA

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PARA ONE PD AMER BRANCH THE FOX MAY FIVE EIGHT FOUR SIX
THREE OF OUR TWO JANUARY FOUR SIX PD

PARA TWO PD REQUEST FOR REMOVAL TO UDINE WAS RECEIVED BY
THIS HQ BY TELEPHONE FROM MAJOR CROSS AND TRANSMITTED TO
AFSC PD

PARA THREE PD IT IS CONSIDERED THAT EXECUTION WILL NOW TAKE
PLACE ONE WEEK JANUARY IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALCON CARDS FIVE
ONE OF WEEK JANUARY FOUR SIX PD PLACE OF EXECUTION TO BE
SELECTED BY YOU IN CON-ULTATION WITH PUBLIC SAFETY LIAISON
OFFICER AT GANDIA IF NECESSARY PD

IMMEDIATE

Civil Affairs Section

47847

M. GALT, Brigadier.

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G. J. LEONE
CWO 434
Asst Adjutant.

INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 4/831 (PS)
 Date/Time of Origin: 15 JAN 1946

Message Centre No: 9/7451
 Date Time Rec'd: 16 JAN 0900
 Precedence: IMMEDIATE

FROM: DISTWO

TO : ALCOM FOR ASPST INFO: 59 AREA INFO

CONFIDENTIAL.

CONFIDENTIAL

REF YOUR 167 DATED 11 JANUARY SUBJECT PLAZA LIBORIO. REQUEST IMMEDIATE
 DIRECTIONS AS TO PLACE AND DATE OF EXECUTION

ACTN: PUBLIC SAFETY
 INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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HEADQUARTERS
 15 JAN 1946
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ACTION

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AGCAS HQ ALBON

16 JANUARY 1945/ 0010

DISTWO REPT ALBON TO GENOA

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PARA ONE PD ABLE BRANCH ONE FOR MAY FIVE EIGHT FOUR SIX

THREE OF ONE TWO JANUARY FOUR SIX PD

PARA TWO PD REQUEST FOR REMOVAL TO BRINE WAS RECEIVED BY
ENIR HQ BY TELEPHONE FROM MAJOR SHOOT AND TRANSMITTED TO
ASHC PD

PARA THREE PD REQUEST CONFIRMATION THAT EXECUTION WILL NOW
TAKE PLACE ONE NINE JANUARY IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALBON CABLE
NINE ONE OF NINE JANUARY FOUR SIX PD

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Civil Affairs Section

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C. SAHR, Brigadier.

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C. J. LYONS
CWO USA
Asst Adjutant.

DRAFT TELEGRAM

IMPORTANT.

FROM: HQ ALCOM CITE ACCAS.

TO: DISTWO *W/AC AC LINDEN GEMOR*

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1. Reference A Branch CTF EX 50463 of 12 Jan 46.

Removal to USIA by GEMOR
242 Request for ~~transfer~~ was received by telephone from Major Ghost
and transmitted to AFHQ. *3.* Request confirmation that execution will ~~be~~ now

take place 19 Jan in accordance with ALCOM Cable 91 of 9 Jan 46.

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JAN 120845A

IMPORTANT

ALLIED COMMISSION LIAISON GROUP GENOA
ALCOM CITE ACPST INFO RPTD ALCOM CITE ACLEG

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For your information at 0740 hours 11 January 46 at Poligono di
Pedegoli di Quessi in this Province death sentences have been
carried out on the following political prisoners, Vito Spietta, En-
rico Podesta and Giuseppe Righi. Public order normal.

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ACTION: PUBLIC SAFETY *MO*

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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Originator's Reference: FX 58463

Date/Time of Origin: 121422A

Message Centre No: G/7265

Date Time Rec'd: JAN 13 0930

Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM: A BRANCH CMC

TO : ACTION AICOM INFO DISTWO AICOM LO LIGURIA.

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REF YOUR 169 CITE ACPSF OF 11 JANUARY. NO REQUEST HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM DISTWO THAT PIASSA LIBERIO SHOULD BE REMOVED TO ULINE. THEY ARE PREPARED TO EXECUTE HIM AT ANY TIME AND PLACE DECIDED BY YOU WITHIN THEIR OWN TERRITORY. IT IS MOST UNDESIRABLE THAT AT THIS LATE STAGE RESPONSIBILITY FOR EXECUTION SHOULD BE TRANSFERRED TO 12 CORPS. REQUEST ARRANGE DISTWO FOR EXECUTION ACCORDINGLY.

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ACTION: P SAFETY

INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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X	CHIEF OF NAVY STAFF		
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	CHIEF OF GARDENING STAFF		
	CHIEF OF FORESTRY STAFF		
	CHIEF OF MINING STAFF		
	CHIEF OF QUARRYING STAFF		
	CHIEF OF CONSTRUCTION STAFF		
	CHIEF OF MAINTENANCE STAFF		
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ACRST HQ ALCOH

14 JANUARY 1946/16, 10 hrs

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SECRET

FROM SIGNAL FOR TRAY FOUR SIX THREE SEVEN FIVE ON TWO NIGHT SEPTEMBER FOUR
EVE TO DINTED PD

PARA ONE PD DATE OF EXECUTION OF PIAZZA LIBERIO HAS BEEN PRIOR POSTPONED
FOR ONE WEEK AT REQUEST OF ITALIAN GOVERNMENT FOR PUBLIC SECURITY REASONS PD
PARA TWO PD IN MARABBI PRISON ONE SERCO ONE THREE PIAZZA LIBERIO IS
CONFINED ARE SEVERAL OTHER ITALIANS SENTENCED TO DEATH BY ITALIAN COURTS
BASED ON PIAZZA'S CONVICTION AND THESE SENTENCES ARE NOT YET COMPLETED PD
PARA THREE PD THIS HAS CAUSED GREAT DISCONTENT AMONGST CIVIL POPULATION
WHICH AND SERIOUS DISTURBANCES HAVE THREATENED PD

PARA FOUR PD LISTED REQUESTS THAT TO AVOID CIVIL DISORDERS PIAZZA
LIBERIO BE REMOVED WITHOUT DELAY FROM MARABBI PRISON SERCO TO A PRISON
IN URBIN AND EXECUTION BE CARRIED OUT BY THIRTIETH COMPO PD

PARA FIVE PD DATE OF EXECUTION HAS NOW BEEN FINALLY FIXED FOR ONE FIVE
JANUARY FOUR SIX PD

PARA SIX PD IF REQUEST OF LISTED IS APPROVED YOU WILL PROBABLY
DESIGNATE UNIT TO CARRY OUT EXECUTION PD

PARA SEVEN PD IT IS ALSO MENTIONED THAT IF THIRTIETH IS AUTHORIZED ALLIED
PERSONNEL SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN GUARD DURING REMOVAL WHICH MAY BE NEEDED
FOUR EIGHT HOURS PD

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Public Safety S/C

G. J. LROSS
CWO USA
Asst Adjutant.

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E. GARR, Brigadier
NY GA Sec.

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TRANSLATION C.C.

SUBJECT: PRESS REPORT OF VIOLENT RIOTS IN THE MARASSI PRISON.
(Genova).

In the early afternoon of 7 Jan., the population of Genova was startled by a violent shooting coming from the Marassi Area where the local prison is situated.

Soon after news spread that a very serious revolt had broken out amongst the prisoners, which fact was soon after proved true. All roads leading to the jails were garrisoned by strong CC.RR. units, of partisan police, the P.S. flying armed and by the fire brigade with hydrants.

In the outside and inside of jails the shooting still continued and this lasted until around 3 P.M.

And here are the last reports hurriedly gathered:

Around 5 P.M., while two judges were examining prisoners in the 3rd Section, a number of these broke into the cell and kidnapped, together with a few warders, the aforementioned judges. Then the rioters, who were armed with "sten" bombs, pistols and rifles, became master of the situation i.e. the 3rd. Section and most part of the building.

Owing to the alarm, the prison personnel entrenched themselves in other parts of the edifice, and provided to the blocking up of all exits, giving the alarm to the exterior and started shooting, killing one of prisoners and wounding a number of others, among whom a woman.

While the shooting was going on, armed police rushed to the scene and garrisoned the Marassi Area.

On the spot arrived also the Prefect, the Mayor, high ranked officers of the CC.RR.

At 9 P.M., attempts were made by the Prefect to come to terms with rioters. These, who were about to gain control of whole prison and exits, had been obliged by the guards' reaction, to block themselves in one of prison sections.

Conversations, in which took part Commander Bottaro of the "Vigili" also a prisoner at Marassi, persuaded the prisoners to release judges they held as hostages. The same cannot be said of the prison guards, who are still in their hands.

While we are phoning the situation seems to have cleared up. The shooting in fact has ceased, and it is to hoped, that by tomorrow the situation clears up and inmates give up their arms and thus avoid further bloodshed.

In the Marassi prison are detained many political prisoners,

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ACTIV HQ 1200

10 JANUARY 1946

ALONG TO LIGURIA

DISTRO

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SECRET

PARA ONE PD AN APPLICATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED AT THIS HQ FROM DISTRO
 ASKING THAT PRISONER LIBERIE ORA AT PRESENT RESIDING RESIDENCE IN THE
 MARAZZI CROCE THE ORCA ORA BE MOVED FOR PUBLIC SECURITY REASONS
 TO A PRISON IN ANOTHER PART OF ITALY PD

PARA TWO PD IF YOU HAVE IT ADVISABLE THIS HQ HAS NO OBJECTION TO
 THE PRISONER BEING MOVED TO ANOTHER PRISON WITHIN DISTRO HQ

PARA THREE PD IF PRISONER MOVES REQUESTED YOU SECURE ASSISTANCE
 DURING MOVE OF DISTRO FOR SAFE CUSTODY AND DELIVERY OF PRISONER PD

PARA FOUR PD PLEASE ADVISE THIS HQ OF ACTION TAKEN AND IF
 PRISONER MOVED NOTIFY DISTRO OF NEW LOCATION PD

Copy to: CA Section,
 Legal S/C.

PRIORITY

Public Safety /2

WTS47

E. J. BIE, Colonel.

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G. J. BIE, CWO USA
 Asst Adjutant

Pub. Safety SC

INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

*BA*Originator's Reference: A/831(PS)Message Centre No: G/2051Date/Time of Origin JAN. 081750ADate Time Rec'd: JAN. 100900Precedence: ROUTINEFROM: DISTWOTO : 59 AREA INFO: (2) COL BYE ACPST ALCCM ROME (3) AC LIAISON GROUP GANOA (4) DPM*14315/1**Read 1150 10/1*

UNCLASSIFIED.

Reference this HQ A/831(PS) dated 7 January not to AC Liaison Group Genoa. Execution Piazza Liborio postponed from 12 January to 19 January.

Authy Col Bye ACPST HQ Allied Commission Rome. verbal.

AC DIST

INFO ACTION : PUB SAFETY SC
LEGAL SC
INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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INFO - ACTION

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ACFPT HQ ALCON

9 JANUARY 1946

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IS CONFIRMATION OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION CONDUCTED BY DASH
CAPTAIN HANCOCK AND STAFF CAPTAIN TO DASH DISTO AND RE
PLACES LIPKIN ARRIVING RESOLUTION IN MARAGGI PERSON AND OTHER PD
PARA ONE PD IT IS CONFIRMED THAT THERE SHOULD BE A FURTHER
STAY OF EXECUTION UNTIL ONE NINE JANUARY FOUR SIX FOR PUBLIC
SECURITY REASONS AT THE REQUEST OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TO
PARA TWO PD UNLESS ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY THE EXECUTION
MAY BE CARRIED OUT ON ONE FIVE JANUARY FOUR SIX PD

Copy to:

- Civil Affairs Section (Brig. Carr),
- Legal Sub-Commission.

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PRIORITY

Public Safety 1/0

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R. J. ELL, Colonel.

R. J. ELL
CWO USA
Asst Adjutant.

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HQ ALCOM #6/7011

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SECRET 102

RECORD OF MEETING WITH DR. FERRARI, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF PUBLIC SECURITY
MINISTRY OF INTERIOR ON 9 JAN 45 ON THE SUBJECT OF ANY FURTHER POSTPONE-
MENT IN THE EXECUTION OF PIAGGA, SENTENCED TO DEATH BY AMI COURT. THE
EXECUTION HAD BEEN POSTPONED ONE WEEK AND WAS TO TAKE PLACE AT GENOA ON

12 Jan 45.

- 1 It was explained to Dr. FERRARI that our information was that it was very unlikely that any decision would be taken by the Lugotenente in the cases of the political prisoners who were in the Marassi Prison under sentence of death before Jan 12th. It might be some time before a decision was taken in their cases. The number of political prisoners involved was reported to be eleven.

As the primary reason for the postponement of the execution of PIAGGA was that no action had been taken in respect of the political prisoners condemned to death, it was thought that the Minister of the Interior should be aware of the situation. It was also desirable that if there was to be a further postponement the matter should be discussed in good time and not left to the last moment.

- 2 It was pointed out that information from our own sources was that though the situation in regard to this matter may be tense in GENOA, sufficient precautions had been taken to permit of the execution of PIAGGA taking place on Jan. 12th. It was explained that there was no question of any commutation of the death sentence and the matter was one solely of public order and security.

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but that this would be the last postponement.

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3 It was explained that the Chief Commissioner was disposed to grant only one more postponement of one week if the Minister of the Interior thought it was really necessary but that this would be the last postponement.

4 Dr. FERRARI said that the situation as regards law and order was very far from satisfactory in GENOA particularly in regard to this case. He read extracts of a telegram he had received from the Prefect in regard to the disturbances which took place at the Marassi Prison on Jan 7th. The telegram said that the disturbances in the prison were connected with protests against the death sentence being carried out

on PLAZZA when the death sentences on the eleven political prisoners had not been carried out or any decision had been taken in their cases. There was also a threat of strikes.

Dr. FERRARI said he had telephoned GENOA about the precautions taken and they had said that they required reinforcements of 2,000 which he could not possibly supply. I reiterated that our information was that in addition to police there were 300 soldiers on guard in the prison area and that the precautions taken should be sufficient.

5 Dr. FERRARI said that he had been requested to refer the matter to his Minister. There was a meeting of the Council of Ministers this morning and the Minister of the Interior would probably raise the matter of the postponement of the execution of PLAZZA and the effect which the delay in deciding on the cases of the political prisoners was having in this matter.

Dr. FERRARI appreciated that postponement was a bad thing and that only one further postponement of one week would be considered.

6 Dr. FERRARI was requested to telephone Public Safety Sub-Commission today as soon as his Minister had been able to consider the matter and take his decision as to any further request for postponement.

7 Dr. FERRARI said that he would be in GENOA himself about the 13th of January and would be able to review the question of precautions personally.

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(Genova).

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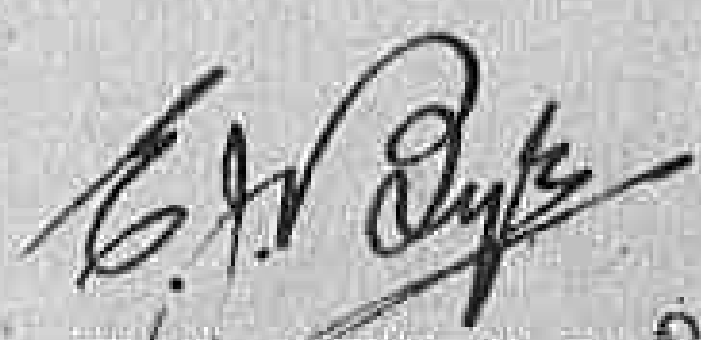
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ALLIED COMMISSION
GENOA

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SUBJECT : Death Sentences

TO : Director Public Safety Sub Commission
Hqs. Allied Commission - A P O - 394.

5 Jan. 46

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I have to report as follows :

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Di Gennaro Giusto	)
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In order to understand the reason for this report and the point of view of the public it is necessary to deal together with the cases of the Political Prisoners condemned and the Partisans condemned.

5. Dealing first with the Political Prisoners the majority of them are well known in this area as being responsible for the murder of many Italians under the Fascist Regime.
6. Some of them were sentenced as long ago as July, many articles have appeared in the Press and many bitter public comments have been made as to the considerable delay in confirming the sentences. It has even been suggested that the Allies are shielding these prisoners, and this office has sent signals to H.Q. A.C. requesting expedition.
7. The case of the men detained for the Carabinieri murder is some-

what different. These two men were two of a band of seven former Partisans who held up, disarmed and subsequently murdered 3 Carabinieri in a lonely spot at Voltri. Of this band of seven, five were arrested but it is known that the two so far at liberty were two of those most concerned in the murder.

8. Of the five arrested two were sentenced to death and three given imprisonment. Of the two sentenced to death one has had his sentence commuted and the other confirmed. The net result is that only one of the whole band will suffer the extreme penalty.

9. Considerable interest in these prisoners has also been displayed by the Press and the Public but this has taken the course that these two men have been continually ill-treated in Prison and that while the political prisoners have received money and food from the Fascists outside, the Partisans have had the bare necessities of life.

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AFHQ Cable FX 46375 not to Liguria refers "

16. On 4th January 1946, the Deputy Assistant Adjutant General, the Assistant Prevost Marshal and a Priest (Roman Catholic) from 59 Area, Milan, visited Marassi Prison in connection with the execution of Piazza Liborio, the one Carabinieri murderer, whose sentence is confirmed.

17. Knowing the state of the public mind regarding these two sets of prisoners and knowing also the effect any public announcement of the confirmation of PIAZZA's sentence would have, the facts were kept entirely secret. Nothing further was heard regarding the above mentioned signal, and it was, therefore, something of a surprise when the Governor of the Prison attended my Office on 4 Jan and informed me that the execution was likely to take place within 24 hours.

18. The Prison Governor was extremely concerned about this execution. His point of view is that if PIAZZA is executed before the Political prisoners disturbances are likely to occur which will jeopardise the safe custody of all the prisoners, about 800, in Marassi Prison. In this I feel bound to agree with him and I am sure the Prefect and other public officials are of the same opinion. How far any disturbances would go it is impossible to say.

19. Rightly or wrongly the general point of view appears to be that PIAZZA, a partisan, is to die because he was one of those concerned in the murder of three Carabinieri, while there is no indication that the sentences on the eleven political prisoners, who are alleged to be responsible for the deaths of large numbers of people, will be confirmed.

20. In conclusion, my own personal view is that the question of public safety is now one for the Italian Government but :

- (a) I regret that the other two participants in the dastardly murder of the Carabinieri are still, and will presumably remain, at large while PIAZZA takes the death penalty.
- (b) It is to be regretted that the confirmation of PIAZZA's sentence has been so long delayed that the execution could not take place during AMG control.
- (c) Much of the unrest, if it occurs, will be due to the failure of the Italian Government to deal expeditiously with the cases of the Political prisoners condemned to death.

My recommendations are :-

- (i) That the Italian Government be made to realise the heavy burden at present resting on public safety officials by reason of its failure in dealing with the political sentences and that such a decision is now a matter of extreme urgency.
- (ii) That PIAZZA's execution be postponed until the political prisoners are dealt with.
- (iii) That all the five men involved in the Carabinieri murder be immediately removed from this area, and
- (iv) that the execution of PIAZZA take place at some place other than Genoa.

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B. J. HARTFORD, Lt. Colonel,
Public Safety Officer.

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Reference previous correspondence and my signals 1481 of 12 December regarding political prisoners condemned to death and 1535 of 22 December respecting sentence of death against Piazza Liborio formurder of carabinieri. For some time considerable discontent expressed here at delays in confirming sentences against condemned political prisoners. Information received from time to time regarding attempts to release and summarily execute these political prisoners and to set at liberty prisoners convicted for murder of carabinieri. So far precautions successful. Arrangements for execution of Piazza Liborio in hand vide your 9590 dated 22 December but if Piazza executed before political prisoners grave disturbances may occur. Suggest postpone execution of Piazza pending decision RE condemned political prisoners. Reply instruction urgently. Report follows.

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S. J. BYE, Colonel.

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From: BRIGADIER M. CARR
VP CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Vice President Civil Affairs Section

APC 394

4th January, 1946

To: Executive Commissioner

With reference to the attached case, I have discussed the matter with Signor Ferrari who is Chief of the Police and Director General for Public Security in the Ministry of Interior. He was the official in the Ministry who was most readily available.

Signor Ferrari raised two points:-

- (a) That the situation in Genoa as regards public order was very far from satisfactory. He had not any information as to the probability of disturbances if this particular sentence was carried out tomorrow morning. He agreed that the situation as regards public order was, in general, the same throughout all North Italy. It was explained that time did not permit of communication with Genoa to find out what the situation was from the Italian point of view.
- (b) Signor Ferrari thought that the carrying out of the sentence in the case of Piazza before decisions had been taken by the Luogotenente and the Italian authorities concerned in the sixteen cases under consideration might influence the decisions taken in these sixteen cases.

I pointed out to Signor Ferrari that our primary concern was that of public order and the possibility of disturbances leading to an attack on the prison and a mob taking the law into their own hands as regards the sixteen cases under consideration by the Luogotenente.

After a general discussion on this matter Signor Ferrari stated that in his opinion, and he felt that his Minister would agree, a postponement of the sentence in the case of Piazza of one week would be opportune. Signor Ferrari considered that this would give time for full precautions to be taken and it was hoped that within the week action would have been taken in regard to the other sixteen cases.

I said I would put Signor Ferrari's view to the Chief Commissioner and I would telephone him as soon as a decision was taken in the matter.

Signor Ferrari said he would bring the results of the discussion which had taken place to the notice of his Minister as early as possible.

*Discussed with Ex-Comm.
Ask 2 District in a stay of execution
for one week at request of the Italian Govt.
Confirms in line to 2 D 15. Copy to AC 10 Liguria stating V.P. CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
that stay of execution for one week is at request of It. Govt. in view of Public Security reasons. Said copy of the file and if we sent to Ex-Comm. Sec.*

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478427

4 January 1946

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SUBJECT : Marassi Prison Genoa.

TO : Legal Sub-Commission,
A.C. HQ.

1. Lt.Col. B. J. Hefford, until 1-1-46 Regional Public Safety Officer Liguria, 'phoned from Genoa this morning asking if it were possible to postpone the execution of Piazza Liberio, who with Siri Francesco was sentenced to death for the murder of a CC.RR. in Liguria.

2. The sentence against Siri has been commuted but that against Piazza has been confirmed and Lt.Col. Hefford understands it will be carried out on the morning of 5th January by British M.P.s under the A.P.M. of Milan.

3. Since August 1945, 16 political prisoners in Marassi Prison have been sentenced to death for Fascist crimes but to date none has been confirmed.

As a result there is exceedingly strong feeling in Genoa regarding this delay and Lt.Col. Hefford strongly feels that if Piazza is executed tomorrow very serious trouble will occur and it is more than probable there will be a break into the gaol by ex Partisans and the whole sixteen political prisoners summarily executed. One of the political prisoners is SPIOTTA, formerly Sindaco of Genoa.

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E. J. Bye
E. J. BYE, Colonel
Deputy Director.

*Duty Officer No 2 District, Capt Humphries
informed to stand by to possibly postpone execution
Further call would be made. E. J. Bye Col. 1.50pm
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Subject is Piazza Liberie and SIRI FRANCESCO. Not understood why sentence against Piazza confirmed and not SIRI. Can clarification be given please. End

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