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ARREST OF: ABDISSA AGA, ET AL., ETC.
DEC. 1944 - JAN. 1946

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opened: Dec. 45
closed: Jan. 46

Arrest of: ABDELSSA ALI

SUPREMA ASIBADICA

ARTEMARIAN DEBESSA

BAIRY VOLDE NARFAN

MARZOLI ARMANDO

Arrest of: ABDISSA ALA

SEIFERRA ABABOCHA

APTEMORIAN DEBISSA

BAIRU VOLLENARIAN

MARZOLI ARMANDO

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The file indicates that this was handled by Political Section originally - hence this S/C has none of the original correspondence nor any knowledge of what was done.

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Director, Policy Safety S/C - R.P.D.
This has always been handled by Dis. Pers. & Rep. S/C. The Political Section only came into it because it was in those days the proper channel between the my Foreign Affairs and the A.C. If there are any papers about this in this file they should be with the Liaison Division. The M. Org. have no archives. Hls. 14/1/66



Ministero delle Corporazioni

SEGRETERIA
DI S. E. IL MINISTRO

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LEGAL SUB COMMISSION

AC/14376/1.3.

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21 January 1946

SUBJECT : Cases against Adessa Ogn. Abbagiam and Abbadile
Ethiopian citizens.

TO : The Minister of Justice.

1. The file of this matter has, after multiple peregrinations, been transmitted for advice to this Sub Commission. Before any legal opinion can be given on the actual status of the case, it will be necessary to obtain some clear evidence as to the offences allegedly committed by the accused.

2. Such evidence at the present time is so scanty as to make it impossible to formulate any view on the actual legal position of the case. Therefore this Sub Commission will be much obliged if you could forward a memorandum setting out the facts as they are known to the Italian authorities and at the same time quoting all the evidence on which the charges are based.

3. There is no doubt in the mind of this Sub Commission that Italian Courts have full jurisdiction to try offenders whether they are citizens of the United Nations or not, for common offences committed in Italy.

4. However under existing instruments and legislation if the offenders enjoy the status of military personnel or even of camp followers the jurisdiction to try them would automatically devolve to the Allied Courts.

5. It is therefore essential to ascertain
a) the exact status of all the accused
b) the relevancy/bona fides of the charges preferred against them.

6. This Sub Commission will appreciate all the assistance you may be able to give in this connection.

Copy to Ministero degli Interni (Cons.
(runas)).

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G. G. Hannaford
Lt. Colonel,
Deputy Chief Legal Advisor.

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TRIPPLICATE

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

Subject: Native of Ethiopia guilty of serious crimes.

1. Reference is made to this Ministry's memo S/1001/1383 dated August 21st, 1945.

2. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs should be grateful to the Allied Commission if they would once more send a reminder to the competent Authorities asking for an urgent reply on the above mentioned subject which has now been pending since July last.



Rome, October 10th, 1945

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TRIPPLICATE 23

6/2345/1080

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

Subject: Natives of Ethiopia guilty of serious crimes.

1. Reference is made to Memorandum 6/27/45 of June 1945 to BEA/27/45 and memorandum of 1945 of 1945 and regarding the subject.

2. The "Comando Supremo" also received information which reveals to the fact that the natives of Ethiopia are guilty of serious crimes, and it is reported that the Italian subject ALBERTO AMADIO is detained in the Bari prison charged with murder.

3. No information, on the other hand, has been received concerning ALBERTO AMADIO and ALBERTO AMADIO, two natives guilty the first of the murder of two Britishers and the second of the wounding of an Italian woman. It appears that they have succeeded in eluding the execution of the warrants of arrest issued against them.

4. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs would therefore be very grateful if the Allied Commission would kindly inquire whether the ALBERTO AMADIO and ALBERTO AMADIO camp authorities have authorized the execution of the warrants.

Done, July 1st 1945

D. P. R. Mayo Hartman

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

Subject: Natives of Ethiopia guilty of serious crimes.

1. Reference is made to memorandum 6/2755/733 of June 15th and preceding memoranda on the subject.

2. The Commando Deposito Misto Decade di Mero in which provides to the payment of the allowances to the natives of Ethiopia awaiting repatriation, has informed that the Italian subject ABBA is detained in the Bari prison charged with murder.

3. No information, on the other hand, has been received concerning ABBA and ABBA, two natives guilty the first of the murder of two Britishers and the second of the wounding of an Italian woman. It appears that they have succeeded in eluding the execution of the warrants of arrest issued against them.

4. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs would therefore be very grateful if the Allied Commission would kindly inquire whether the U. S. Marine Corps concentration camp authorities have authorized the execution of the aforesaid warrants.

Rome, July 21st 1945

D. P. R. May Hartman

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE POLITICAL SECTION A.C.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs , with reference to their memorandum n.3/158/72 of the 10th instant, concerning three natives of Italian Africa charged with grave offences against Italian citizens and to the Political Section's request for further details on the matter, informs that preliminary proceedings are now being conducted by the Ancona Court which, it is believed, will determine at an early date the issue of a warrant for the native's arrest.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs are therefore not in condition, at the present moment, to furnish the requested details, but as soon as the preliminary proceedings have been brought to an end, they will not fail to acquaint the Political Section with their results.

In the meanwhile they beg the Allied Commission to consider the possibility of delaying the three natives ' repatriation until that time, in order that, should a warrant be issued for their arrest, they may be handed over to the judicial Authorities.

Rome, January 27th, 1945

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6/148/73MEMORANDUM FOR THE POLITICAL SECTION A.C.

With reference to your memorandum n.622 of December 24 last, concerning three natives of the territories of Italian Africa at present internees in Italy and guilty of very serious offences against Italian citizen and colonial subjects, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs beg to specify:

1. The charges of murder, brought against ADISSA AGA refer to crimes which took place in October-November 1943 in Treia (Prov. of Macerata) and the surrounding mountains:

2. the murder committed by ABBAGIRU ABBAWACI took place in the fraction Piana of Treia at the end of December 1943;

3. the wounding attributed to SCIFFERA ABBADICA took place in the San Lorenzo District in March 1944.

As concerns the fact that the above mentioned individuals have taken part in the struggle of the Patriots, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs wish to point out that the fact that they joined partisan units is due solely to their desire of giving vent to their personal vengeance and to a reborn instinct of pillage. In fact during the time in which they remained with those units, the individuals in question were noted for their ferocity over the unarmed local population.

Stating the above facts the Ministry for Foreign Affairs beg to insist that the Political Section should kindly suspend the repatriation of the three natives and order them to be handed over to the Italian Judiciary Authorities.

Rome, 10th January, 1945

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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S e c t i o n
APO 394

Ref.: 622

24 December, 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

1. The Political Section would be grateful, with reference to the Ministry, a memorandum n. 6/1198/517 of December 7th, for further details of the date and place of the crimes alleged to have been committed by the three Ethiopian subject ADISSA AGA, ABBA GIRU ABBA WAGI and SCIFFERA ABBA DICO, all of whom have rendered excellent service with Patriot units in the period from October 1943 to July 1944.

2. As the Ministry are aware, it is hoped shortly to complete arrangements to repatriate the Ethiopians who were brought to Italy in 1940 for the Overseas Exhibition and it would be inconvenient if these men were to be held up, together, it is presumed, with numerous other members of the party who might be called as witness, pending the initiation of legal proceedings.

(S) H.L. d'A. HOPKINSON
Acting Vice President, Political Section

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6/1198/517

MEMORANDUM FOR THE POLITICAL SECTION A.C.

Information has reached this Ministry that a group of 64 natives of Italian East Africa, who came to Italy in 1940 so as to take part in the Overseas exhibition and who remained in Italy owing to the war, find themselves in the Transit Camp (Refugees) Subcommission ACC.C.M.F. at Bari pending repatriation.

Amongst these there are 3 persons who during their stay in Italy have committed very serious offences towards Italian citizens or towards their compatriots, as from enclosed memorandum.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs in consideration of the gravity of the offences laid to their charge (murders and bodily injury) believe that, should the Allied Authorities proceed to the repatriation of these criminals without first trying and condemning them, not only a fundamental principle of justice would be disregarded, but the sensibility of the other natives might be seriously offended. This latter consideration seems to carry all the more weight inasmuch as the impunity of the culprits could not fail to be known in their country with great prejudice to the prestige of European justice.

Besides these considerations of a general character from the juridical point of view, it is to be pointed out as the 3 criminals are guilty of common offences committed in Italy against Italian citizen or Italian colonial subjects Italian law in the sole legally qualified to judge them.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs request therefore the A.C. to deliver to the Italian legal authorities the 3 natives in question so that they may undergo penal trial.

Rome, 7th December, 1944

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MEMORANDUM

Abdisà Aga - charged murder of a 2 Eritrean subjects
Sciumbaeci Abtermariam Debessai and Muntaz
Bairù Domdemariam, as well as with other
common offences of various nature and gra-
vity; already condemned to 6 months prison
for contempt to public officer (sentence
not yet served).

Abbagirù Abbaanagi - charged with murder of Italian citi-
zen aggravated by futility of the motives.

Saifferà Abbadica - charged with injury to an Italian
woman.

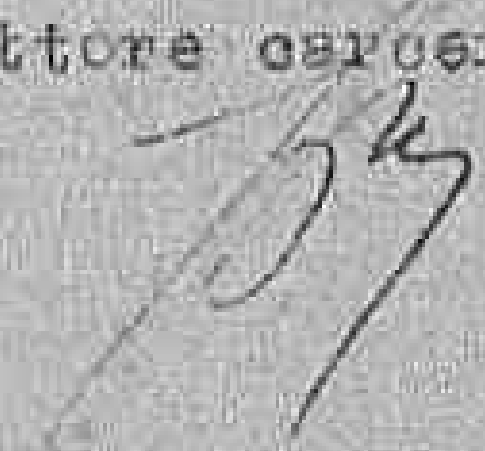
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RAPPORTO DETENUTI
(solo per carceri mandamentali)14/10/43

Provincia di Roma

Data . . . 1. 1. 1945 . . .

denominazione o località del carcere	capacità	numero dei detenuti
Carceri Mandamentali di Arsoli	9	5

IL PRETORE
(direttore carceri mandamentali)

PRISON OFFICER; PUBLIC SAFETY SUB-COMMISSION

HQ. ALLIED CG COMMISSION

VIA VENEZIA

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ACTION on 1^A

Col. Chapman
has requested
F/P's from
State Dept. of
I.G.

7/46. 

ABD SA AGA. ✓
 SCIFFERA ~~B~~ ABBADICA. ✓
 ARTEMARIAN DEBESSI. ✓
 BAIRU VOLDENARIAN. ✓ New file
 MARZOLI ARMANDO. ✓
 .. Arrest of Adriano Agn. &
 Sciffera Abbadica & -
 - (5 in all).
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Director, Public Safety

Security has no trace of the
 documents or names and the only
 thing to do is to await further
 information.

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TranslationState Department
The Secretary General

Rome, 18 December 1945

11/30916/84

28 DEC 1945

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My dear Admiral,

some time ago, on the request of the Minister of Justice and of the Minister for Africa, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs asked the offices of the A.C. for the informations necessary to take action on the warrants of arrest issued against two Ethiopians called Abdissa' Aga' and Scifferra' Abbadica', both of them guilty of common offences; it hasn't been possible to arrest them, for they were doing service with allied units. The last request sent to the A.C. was dated October 10th, letter n. 6/5837/1775.

Besides murdering two Erithreans, Aptemarian Debessi and Bairu' Oldenarian, Abdissa' Aga' also collaborated in the murder of Marzoli Armando.

Scifferra' Abbadica' helped to murder the two above mentioned Erithreans and also injured an Italian woman.

It is hard to understand why the A.C. offices refused to grant our request that both offenders should be arrested, and why they should enjoy unjustified protection and impunity.

Besides, from an oral message delivered by the A.C. organisms concerned, it seems that the two Ethiopians guilty of the above mentioned offences have lately been arrested by the Italian police. The A.C. organisms added that no Italian will be allowed to proceed to Erythrea till the said offenders haven't been set free.

We know nothing about the arrest of the above mentioned persons and we are asking the Police for informations. However, we cannot hide how much this message surprised us, for we cannot see why two offenders wanted by the Italian authorities shouldn't be made to answer for their offences and submitted to a regular trial.

I trust you will share our point of view on this matter, and I shall be most grateful if you kindly intervene personally to make this matter quite clear to the organisms of the A.C. concerned.

Believe me,

Sincerely yours,

S. R. Prunas

EC DIST. 21 Dec

ACTION - CA Sec (2)

INFO: CC

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Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission

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MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI
IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE

11/ 30916 / 84

Roma,

8 DIC. 1945

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Caro Ammiraglio,

Il R. Ministero degli Affari Esteri, su istanza dei Ministeri della Giustizia e dell'Africa aveva da tempo richiesto agli uffici competenti dell'A.C. le informazioni necessarie per poter dar seguito ai mandati di cattura emessi contro due etiopici di nome Abdissà Agà e Scifferà Abbadicà, ricercati per gravi delitti comuni, e il cui arresto non aveva potuto aver luogo, trovandosi i predetti in servizio presso unità alleate. L'ultima richiesta fatta all'A.C. è in data del 10 ottobre con nota n. 6/3837/1775.

L'Abdissà Agà risulta responsabile oltre che dell'omicidio in persona di due eritrei Aptemarian Debessi e Bairù Uoldenariam anche di concorso in omicidio nella persona di tal Marzoli Armando.

Lo Scifferà Abbadicà deve rispondere di concorso nell'omicidio dei due eritrei anzidetti oltre che di lesioni in persona di una donna nazionale.

Riesce difficile comprendere perché gli organi dell'A.C. non abbiano voluto dar seguito alla richiesta

Ammiraglio Ellery W. STONE

Chief Commissioner

Commissione Alleata

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di arresto dei due pregiudicati né perché essi debbano godere di una ingiustificata protezione e impunità di fronte alla legge.

D'altra parte da una comunicazione verbale fatta ora dai competenti organi dell'A.C. risulterebbe che i due etiopici colpevoli dei predetti reati sarebbero stati recentemente arrestati dalla polizia italiana. E' stato aggiunto dagli organi dell'A.C. che non sarà consentito ad alcun italiano di recarsi in Eritrea finché gli arrestati in parola non siano rimessi in libertà.

Nulla risulta a noi circa l'arresto dei predetti e provvediamo a richiedere le informazioni del caso alla Polizia. Non possiamo tuttavia nascondere sin da ora la nostra sorpresa per questa comunicazione dato che non si vede per quali considerazioni i due delinquenti ricercati dalle autorità italiane non debbano rispondere dei gravi reati commessi ed essere sottoposti ad un regolare processo.

Confido che Ella vorrà condividere il nostro punto di vista su questo argomento e Le sarei grato se Ella volesse intervenire personalmente per chiarire la cosa agli organi competenti dell'A.C.

Mi creda, molto cordemente

R. P. [Signature]

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Translation

State Department
The Secretary General

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11/30916/81

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Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
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