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RELATIONS BETWEEN THE PREFECT OF REGGIO EMILIA
& THE CHIEF OF THE SECRET ENGLISH POLICE
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In accordance with instructions contained in 1A, a report by GSI to 2 District (see 3A to 6A) is submitted.

25 Apr.
Atkins Capt
Security.

V.P. CH Sect.

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V.P. C.A.S.

Perquaint Holland is the U.S.S. representative in Reggio Emilia. The misunderstanding which existed was cleared up following the interview between Capt. Francis and the Prefect.

There has since been a change of suspects and I have been informed they Major way. I.S.O. Bologna that cordial relations now exist between the Prefect and U.S.S.

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E. J. Dye Colonel.

In P.S. spec. be spoke. No further action.

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HEADQUARTERS 2 DISTRICT
GENERAL STAFF INTELLIGENCE
C. M. F.

GSI/2211

18 Apr 46

Subject : Sgt. HOLLAND.

HQ, ACC,
Public Safety Sub Commission
Security Division.

Reference your SD/140.NM-25 of 28 March 46.

1. Enclosed herewith is report submitted by Officer Commanding 417 P.S. Section.
2. This H.Q. has no reason to doubt the veracity of this report.

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L. K. K. and Ray
Major General,
Commanding.

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SECRET

5A
 Capt. R. E. Francis,
 417 Field Security Section,
 C. M. F.

Capt. Hill,
 GSI 2 Dist.

File: G/1

Date: 10 Apr 46

Dear Capt. Hill,

Ref. our conversation on 7 Apr 46, subject relations between the Prefecture of Reggio Emilia and FS.

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2. Copies of the letter and of the Prefects reply are attached.

3. At a subsequent meeting with the Prefect, the F.S.O., attended by an FS witness from the Bologna HQ, was accorded a cordial but formal welcome.

The Prefect explained to the F.S.O., leaving no room for doubt, that he had nothing whatsoever to complain about the conduct or the attitude of Sgt. Holland, (FS) and that he had objected to the presence of an Italian Army Commissioned Officer of "lower rank" attending the meetings. (The Italian officer is an established "property" personality of Reggio Emilia with excellent contacts who has given considerable assistance to FS). The F.S.O. stated that if this was the only basis for objection then he had his assurance that the officer concerned would not be brought to the Prefecture.

The Prefect apologized for the misunderstanding and once again pointed out that he would co-operate with "Mr. Holland" to the best of his ability, and, asked the F.S.O. was there anything that wanted doing immediately. Before departing the Prefect expressed his satisfaction that relations could now be considered "ottima".

4. Unless the Prefects expressions of satisfaction and his intentions were not sincere, as it is extremely doubtful, then it is clear that the result of the meeting afforded complete satisfaction to all concerned.

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Capt.
F.S.O.
417 Field Security Sect.

SECRET and PERSONAL

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Headquarters,
417 Field Security Section,
C. M. P.

File: G/1
Date: 26 Jan 46

The Prefect,

Reggio nell' Emilia

I have been informed that my representative, who recently visited you to present his credentials, has been refused audience by you.

The desirability and necessity of co-operation with the Allies, and with this service particularly, is recognised by the Italian government and by the Ministero del Interno.

It is further pointed out that, whilst the government of Italy, with the exception of certain specific areas, has passed into the hands of the Italians, the country is still under occupation by the Allied Military Forces whose Commander retains appropriate powers.

The eminence of your office precludes the theory that the service represented by me is unknown to you, and for the same reason the conclusion that you do not wish to co-operate with the Allies is equally fallacious.

The advisability of holding an interview with you to further explain your obligations in this respect, and to eradicate what must be considered to be a personal misunderstanding, is therefore evident.

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The special messenger bringing you this will await the favour of your reply, in which it is asked you state the date and time of your arrival at this office located at Via Calzolerie No 2/III, Bologna. It is regretted to state that your refusal to accede to this request in mutual Allied interests would be the first of its kind, and would be made the subject of a report to the Headquarters, Allied Commission at Rome.

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F.S.O.
417 Field Security Section.

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REGIA PREFETTURA DI REGGIO NELL' EMILIA

Div. Capo Prot. 201/5 Reggio Emilia, li 28/1/1946

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Chiarite così le cose non ritengo sia necessario che io mi rechi costi a meno che Ella non sia di diverso avviso, nel qual caso rimango in attesa di un Suo cenno.

Debbo, peraltro, farle presente che per assentarmi dalla Sede debbo richiedere la preventiva autorizzazione del Ministero dell' Interno.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

REF : SD/140.NN-25

28 March 1946

SUBJECT : Sgt. HOLLAND - 417 F.S. Section
Lt. Giuseppe MATTEOTTI

TO : G.S.I. HQ. No. 2 District

1. The attached translated copy of a letter dated 27 March 1946 from the Under Secretary of State to the Presidency of the Council of Ministers is forwarded herewith for your information.

2. It will be appreciated if you will advise this Headquarters of the result of your investigations.

3. Your signal OSI/892 refers to previous activities of this N.C.O.

W. Ellis Capt
for JOHN W. CHAPMAN,
Colonel J.A.G.D.,
Director Public Safety,
Sub Commission.

AHE/nb

Copy to: AC/14336/PS

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CA Sec
TRANSLATIONThe Presidency of the
Council of MinistersTo: Consul Bombassei
Liaison Officer with
Allied Commission

No. 63354/16644.12/19.11

ROME 27 MAR 1946

20.3.46

SUBJECT: Relations between the Prefect of Reggio Emilia and
the Chief of the Secret English Police.

The Prefect of Reggio Emilia points out that he has been compelled by a Mr. Holland, qualifying himself as the Chief of the Field Security Section, to deliver copies of the periodicals and manifests of political propaganda, to give some news about the organization of the political parties and about the activities of the Province's Authorities.

In connection with the above Mr. Holland's acts, ~~namely~~ a Lieutenant (lawyer?) Giuseppe Matteotti, Italian citizen who threatened, by the phone, to arrest the Prefect and the Chief of the Cabinet if they did not want to give them the requested things.

Considering that the matter cannot be decided by the normal organs of the Police, I beg you to approach the appropriate Allied organs in order to decide the true qualification of this individual, the motives of the request and his relations with Mr. Matteotti.

The above request is very urgent, because it is necessary to impart our directives to the Prefect of Reggio Emilia.

The Undersecretary of State

signed: ARPESANI.

P.S. L/c

Please have this investigated and forward
report for VP.

27/3/46

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Presidenza
del Consiglio dei Ministri

GABINETTO

N. 63304/16544.12.19.11

Risposta al foglio del

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Roma, 20 MAR 1951

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Al console

GIORGIO BOURAGNET de VITTON

Capo dell'ufficio collegamento con
la Commissione Alleata

Via Veneto

Roma

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Il Prefetto di Reggio Emilia ha segnalato di aver avuto ingiunzione da parte di tale Mister Holland, qualificatosi per capo ufficio del Field Security Section (Polizia Segreta Inglese) di consegnare copia dei periodici e manifesti di propaganda politica; nonché di fornire notizie sulla organizzazione dei partiti politici e sulle attività delle autorità della Provincia. In collegamento con il prefetto Mister Holland agisce tale tenente (avvocato?) Giuseppe Martignetti, cittadino italiano che è giunto a minacciare, per telefono, di far arrestare il Prefetto ed il Capo di Gabinetto qualora non si fosse dato corso alle richieste.

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La richiesta ha carattere d'urgenza essendo necessaria

del Consiglio dei Ministri

CABINETTO

N. 63304/16644.12.49.11

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Il Segretario di Stato

S. Bepko



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