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SMUGGLING BY ALLIED PERSONNEL
MAY 1946

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V.P. C.A.S.

Ref conversation. (Brig Comm. Capt. Kuisely)
 AFHQ have been advised of folio 1A
 under a/c 4827/20/EC of 30 May (Copy
 to you.

Alau Kuisely
 Capt. 3/6.

Ex. Comm.

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Ref minute 3. As the matter is being dealt with
 in file 4827/20/EC. you may wish to transfer the original
 letter to that file. In which case this file can be closed.

4 June.

J. Kuisely
 CA. Section.

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To V.P. C.A.S.

Ref your min 4, action taken as suggested

PK
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P.S. S/C.

File returned. Please see minute 4
 6 June.

PK
 CA. Section

EAS.

Please see 1^A.2^A has been prepared for signature with
copy to E.C.

Thank you, Wilson, who

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S-19365.

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Ex. Comm.

Reference Prime Minister's letter at 1^A there
are two ways of dealing with this letter.(1). Pass the matter to A.F.H.Q. at this stage as
per draft at 2^A.(2). Write to the Prime Minister and ask for
more detailed information. E.g. main points
at which traffic is taking place, categories
of articles or products involved, details
of specific instances, if available, of the traffic.I feel we should take action under (2) before passing
to A.F.H.Q.Undoubtedly there is probably a deal of traffic by tourists,
leave-takers etc in such items as silk stockings,
watches, currency but without Allied Police on the
border it is going to be quite impossible to control
such traffic.The Prime Minister may however refer to something
else.

38/5/46

M. Canby
J.P.C.D.S.

Ref : 4827/20/20

30 MAY 1946

SUBJECT: Export of wines etc. from Italy.

TO : G-5 Section, AFHQ.

With reference to my letter no. 4827/14/20 dated 24 April 46 on the above subject, I have now received a letter from the Italian Prime Minister no. 17195/30 dated 22 May 46 (copy enclosed) to the effect that Allied troops using Allied military vehicles are participating in the clandestine exportation of goods and so causing repercussions on the Italian economy.

I would be grateful if this matter could be taken up so that a stop can be put to such illegal activities.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER,

A. W. Kinsley, *Capt*

for Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

NO DIST -

ACTION - GA Sec for PS S/O

INFO - CO

- EO

- POLAD "A"

- POLAD "B"

- BOON SMO (2)

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To V.P. C.A.S.

The attached letter was received by this S/C this morning. In view of your meeting to discuss the subject mentioned therein, I think you would like to see this before any action is taken.

29⁵ E.H. Dyke Colonel
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The meeting held by me this morning dealt only with smuggling by Merchant Seamen at ports which has no bearing on the question of smuggling by Allied military and uniformed personnel. This matter which we must either put off or ask the G.I. for more detailed particulars. MC. 295.

It is asserted that the allegations are of a
general ~~nature~~ and scope & are

EXPLANATION

SIR: MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

47102/30

Rome, 22 May 1946.

MAY 27 1946

Dear Admiral Stone,

It has been several times brought to my attention from various sources that, notwithstanding the efficiency of the Italian customs service which is being definitively reorganized, vast smuggling is being carried out by Allied military personnel through the border crossings.

This smuggling made with Allied military vehicles and, most likely, either by Allied military personnel directly or by civilians with the assistance of said personnel, constitutes a considerable damage for our country.

In fact, through the clandestine exportation, it determines the disappearance from Italy of the few national products of some value which represent our only counterparties, with which it is possible to negotiate in order to obtain supplies of primary necessity for the country.

Also the clandestine importation of foreign goods, generally constituted by products which are subject in the Kingdom to particular regulations disciplining their production and circulation, has a harmful repercussion on our economy.

I would be therefore most grateful, dear Admiral, if you could kindly look into this matter so that the above smuggling should promptly cease.

I am sure that you will examine the matter with particular benevolence and regard, dear Admiral Stone,

Yours very cordially

/s/

DE GARRINI

Admiral Henry H. Stone
Chief Commandant
Allied Commission
Rome

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EC DEST - 27 May
ACTION - CA Sec for PS 3/0
INFO - CC
- EC
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- POLAD "A"
- POLAD "B"
- EXCH SEC (2)

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