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FORGED BANK OF ENGLAND NOTES
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Division
APO 794

AC/14387/PD

30 December 1946

SUBJECT : Forged Bank of England Notes.

TO : Criminal Investigation Department,
Metropolitan Police,
NEW SCOTLAND YARD.

1. I refer to a report emanating from your office dated 5th September 1946 which was forwarded to Allied Commission Austria, from where a copy was sent to this Commission, relative to the purchase of a number of forged Bank of England notes in Milan by a Swedish subject through the intermediary of one GIAR FRANCO CAMPISI.

2. This matter was referred to the Ministry of Interior of the Italian Government and a translation of a communication which has now been received from the Ministry is forwarded for information.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER,

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H. L. H. H. H.
E. J. HYE, Colonel
Director.

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Copy to:- Controller, Public Safety Branch,
Allied Commission Austria.
(Your letter of 17th Sept. 1946 refers).

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MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR
PS General Direction

23 December 1946.

N. 224/91218

SUBJECT : Forged Bank of England notes.
TO : Public Safety Division - A.C. - Rome.

With reference to your letter AC/14387/PS of 23/9/1946, I inform you that thru enquiries made by the Questura of Milan, Campisi has been identified as Campisi Gianfranco di Cirino and di Pozzi Adela, born in Milan the 2/10/1919, residing there in Via Mayr n.10, employed with his father who is a money exchange agent at the Stock Exchange of that city.

He, upon interrogation has stated that, during the month of July 1946, in Milan, and exactly in the Bar Campari, he became acquainted with two Swedish citizens, one of whom qualified himself as an officer of the Swedish air-force and the other as a student.

The officer spoke English and conversing with Campisi, who knew said language well as he had been in England for almost two years, he expressed the desire of wishing to purchase some pound sterling.

Campisi tried to dissuade him from such proposition, pointing out, as he was sure, that the sterling in circulation and especially the £5 and £20 notes were nearly all false.

The Swede, instead stuck to his proposition and on the following day, going to the Stock Exchange, where also Campisi was, he bought a few sterling from an unknown person, whose particulars correspond with those indicated.

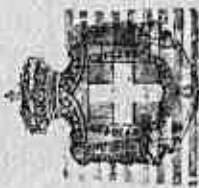
Campisi, moreover, has made clear that the very offerer, expressly asked by the Swede on the validity of the money replied not being able to guarantee it.

From all the enquiries effected by the a/m Questura, no probatory elements have come to light so as to be able to make a denunciation against Campisi, while, up till now, it has not been possible to find out the identification of the person who sold the sterling.

Nevertheless, enquiries are continuing and should there be any positive result, your Commission will be informed.

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For the Minister
/s/ Ferrari.



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Roma, 23 dicembre

1946

Ministero dell'Interno

DIREZIONE GENERALE
DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZAAll'On. COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
S. Commissione per la P.S.

ROMA

Divisione S.I.S. Sez. II^a

Prot. N. 224/91218 Allegato

Risposta al Foglio del 23.9.n.s.
Dir. N. 404/14387/P.S. N. 2

OGGETTO Falsificati della Banca d'Inghilterra falsificati

Con riferimento alla nota sopradistinta si comunica che, dagli accertamenti svolti dalla Questura di Milano, il nominato CAMPSI è stato identificato per Campisi Gianfranco di Cirino e di Pozzi Adele, nato a Milano il 2.10.1919, qui abitante in Via Mayr n. 10, impiegato presso il padre, che è agente di cambio alla Borsa della città.

Lo stesso opportunamente interrogato ha dichiarato che, nel mese di luglio u.s., in Milano e precisamente al Bar Campari, fece conoscenza con due sudditi svedesi, di cui uno si qualificò come ufficiale dell'aviazione svedese e l'altro come studente.

L'ufficiale parlava l'inglese e, conversando con il Campisi, il quale conosce bene detta lingua per essere stato circa due anni in Inghilterra, gli espresse il desiderio di acquistare delle sterline.

Il Campisi cercò di dissuaderlo da tale proposito, facendogli presente, per averne egli sicura cognizione, che le sterline in circolazione e specie quelle di taglio da 5 e 20 unità erano, per la maggior parte, false.

Lo svedese invece si mantenne fermo nel suo proposito e il giorno seguente, recatosi nel Palazzo della Borsa, ove era anche il Campisi, acquistò da un individuo sconosciuto - i cui connotati sono rispondenti quelli indicati - alcune sterline.

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Dal complesso delle indagini esperite dalla predetta Questura non sono emersi elementi probatori per poter far luogo a denuncia a carico del Campisi, mentre non è stato possibile, finora, poter addurre alla identificazione dello sconosciuto che vendette le sterline.

Tuttavia le indagini vengono proseguite - ed in caso di esito positivo - se ne informerà codesta On.le Commissione.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 734

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AC/14587/23

23 September 1946

SUBJECT : Forged Bank of England Notes.
TO : Ministry of Interior
General Direction of P.S.

1. Information has been received from New Scotland Yard, London, that a Swedish subject, who is in custody in Stockholm had admitted having bought on 15th July 1946, thirteen £5 and ten £20 Bank of England notes, probably all forged, at the Stock Exchange in Milan, through the intermediary of GIAN FRANKO CASPICI, of Via MARZ No. 10, Milan.

The seller, who is believed to be a friend of Caspici, is described as age 35-40 years, height 160-165 cm, hair dark, fat face, stocky built, very well dressed.

2. It will be remembered that in 1945, immediately after the collapse of the German Army in northern Italy, a large number of forged Bank of England notes were in circulation in Milan and the surrounding districts.

3. It would be greatly appreciated if enquiries could be made to trace the persons mentioned above and this Hqs informed of the result, including any action taken should either or both be found to have contravened Italian law.

E. J. Boyle
E. J. Boyle Colonel
Acting Director.

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ALLIED COMMISSION FOR AUSTRIA
(British Element)

Subject : Forged Bank of England Notes

To : APM, GHQ CMF;
HQ, Allied Commission for Italy (for Public Safety
Branch);
HQ, Vienna Area (for SPSO).

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Forwarded herewith¹³ is a copy of a report received
from the Criminal Investigation Department, New Scotland Yard.

You are requested to take whatever action may be
possible in connection with this report and to communicate
any development to New Scotland Yard, and copy to this HQ.

John Mackay hr. lcl
MA/Controller,
Public Safety Branch,
Internal Affairs Division.

VIENNA,
17 September 1946,
JAMCK/ALS.

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METROPOLITAN POLICE

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT,
NEW SCOTLAND YARD.SUBJECT:
FORGED BANK
OF ENGLAND
NOTES.

5th day of September 1946.

TO CHIEF INSPECTOR

With further reference to the attached papers.

On 29th August, 1946, a cablegram was received at this office from Dr. HARRY SOEDERMAN, the Chief Director Statens Kriminaltekniska Anstalt, Stockholm 8, Sweden, giving certain information respecting forged Bank of England notes.

In the cable it is alleged that a Swedish subject who was in custody in Stockholm had admitted having brought on 15th July, 1946 thirteen £5 and ten £20 Bank of England notes, probably all forged, at the Stock Exchange in Milan, through the intermediary of GIAN FRANCO CAMPISI, of VIA MAYR 10, MILAN. The seller, who is believed to be a friend of Campisi, is described as aged 35-40 years, height 160-165 cms., fat face, hair dark, stocky build, and well dressed.

In July, 1946, Captain M. Turner, Essex Regiment, attached to the Public Safety Office, Vienna, called at this office in respect to other forged notes found in Austria and, in the course of conversation, mentioned the question of trafficking in forged Bank of England notes in Italy.

It may be that the information furnished by Dr. Harry Soederman will be of interest and assistance to Captain Turner in the course of his enquiries.

I ask that a copy of this report be forwarded to the Senior Public Safety Officer, Internal Affairs Branch, Allied Control Commission for Austria (British Element), G.M.F., for his information and any action he may deem necessary.

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Detective Inspector.

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