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DR. AMERIGO DE BONIS
JULY, AUG. 1944

Translation RV.

MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

14613/2/3 10A
August 1944.

N. 14613, dated 9/8, answer.

Subject : Dr. Amerigo De Bonis.

To : A.C.C. Public Safety Sub-Commission.

As it is noted, even though this Ministry received the approval from your Sub/Com (letter dated 28 July, n. 14613/2/3), it has not appointed the prefect Dr. Amerigo De Bonis as Deputy Police Chief.

This reply has for its purpose to furnish to your Sub/Com the requested informations about the foundation of the accusations communicated in letter n. 14613/13, dated 4 August 44. This Ministry does not insist in said appointment.

Regarding the political and service precedents of the Prefect Amerigo De Bonis, this Ministry ascertained as follows:
In 1931 he was Chief of Section at the Ministry of Interior
In 1933 he was assigned to the Presidency of Council Secretary's office of the Under-Secretary Rossini, whom he did not know before and with whom he had no personal contacts, so that he did not accept the offer to follow Rossini, when he was appointed as Minister of Agriculture.

He remained, instead, in the same office of Secretary's office of the Under-Secretary at the Presidency of the Ministers' Council, when in this charge Rossini was replaced by Medici del Vascello, till 1940.

In that year De Bonis exercised the functions of General Inspector of the Ministry of Interior.

In 1941 he was appointed Chief of the Division of Police Armed Force, from which P.S. agents depend.

While he held said office it was not his duty to reorganize the P.S. agents Corps and neither did he receive direct orders from Mussolini or Petacci.

It is not true, that the examining Commission for the appointment of the Commander of the agents Corps favored the appointment of Pitino, in fact he told the members of the Commission, actually residing in Rome, that the Pitino in his opinion did not possess the necessary qualifications for the position.

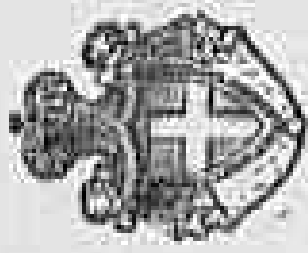
At least it is to be excluded, that the prefect De Bonis has been a platter and that he used his influence for corruptive purposes. On the other hand, it can be said that he is an official, known for his independence of character and his rightness.

Therefore, the only part which answers the truth is that he performed duties under the two Under-Secretaries of the Fascist State.

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The Minister

Sged. Ivanoe Bonomi.



Ministero dell'Interno

Roma, 13 agosto 1944=

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Risposta alla lettera

N. 14613 del 9/8

OGGETTO

Dr. Amerigo De Bonis.

ROMA

=Sottocommissione Pubblica Sicurezza =

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con la successiva lettera in data 4 corr. n. 14613/13, non ritenendo
questo Ministero d'insistere in detta nomina.

In merito ai precedenti politici e di servizio del prefetto
Amerigo De Bonis, a questo Ministero è risultato dai disposti accerta-
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Nel 1933 fu assegnato alla Presidenza del Consiglio-Segrete-
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e con il quale non era legato da rapporti personali, tanto che non ac-
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E' vero, invece, che egli rimase nello stesso ufficio di se-
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THE QUARTERS

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Risposta alla lettera

N. 14613 del 9/8

OGGETTO

Dr. Amerigo De Bonis.

SUB:

Nominazione di Amerigo De Bonis, ex Deputy Police Head

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

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fino al 1940.

In tale anno il De Bonis esercitò le funzioni di Ispettore
Generale del Ministero dell'Interno.

Nel 1941 fu nominato Capo della Divisione Forze Armate di Po-
lizia, dalla quale dipendono gli agenti di P.S.

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Egli non ebbe, in tale ufficio, l'incarico di riorganizzare il Corpo degli Agenti di P.S. e tanto meno ricevette ordini diretti da Mussolini o dalla Petacci; egli non conobbe in alcun modo quest'ultima.

E' altrettanto infondato che nella Commissione Giudicatrice per la nomina del comandante del Corpo degli Agenti abbia caldeggiato la nomina del Pitino, infatti, secondo quanto attestano i membri della Commissione attualmente residenti a Roma, egli riferì alla Commissione stessa che il Pitino, a suo avviso, non riuniva le qualità necessarie per disimpegnare funzioni superiori.

E' da escludersi infine che il prefetto De Bonis sia stato un intrigante e che abbia usato la sua influenza dietro corruzione; può affermarsi, al contrario, che trattasi di un funzionario noto per la sua indipendenza di carattere e per la sua dirittura morale.

Ciò premesso, l'unica circostanza rispondente a verità è quella relativa al servizio prestato dal De Bonis alle Segreterie di due Sottosegretari di Stato fascisti,

IL MINISTRO

Francesco Saverio

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17 AGO 1944
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel: 478703

AGC/18619/16/PS

9 August, 1944.

SUBJECT : Dr. Amerigo DE BONIS.

TO : 1. His Excellency,
The Director General of Public Security,
Ministry of the Interior.

1. Reference is made to your letter No. 555 dated 7th August 1944.
2. Your action in suspending the activities of Dr. De Bonis is appreciated.
3. As regards the formulation of specific charges against Dr. Bonis, this Sub-Commission is not in possession of more positive facts.
4. It is felt that it is the duty of this Sub-Commission to bring to your knowledge general allegations of this nature and to leave to the Italian Government the collection of evidence to prove or disprove the allegations.

PAUL G. KIRK
Colonel Infantry
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

To GPR

Handed to H.E. Ferrari personally with an
AGC/C explanation of our attitude

HE Ferrari said that the degree
appointing DE BONIS had not been signed.

A thorough investigation will be undertaken.

9th Aug 1944

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H. W. L.

TRANSLATION

MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR
GENERAL DIRECTION OF PUBLIC SECURITY

7 August 1944

Prot.555/

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TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

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Of the charges, DE BONIS, when interrogated by me admits only of having worked on the Rossoni and Medici del Vascello Cabinets. Also the he had been commanded to do so and that his functions were very modest. He excludes having worked on Mussolini's Cabinets when he was President, he denies the other charges and intends to defend his honor indicating numerous testimonies.

While getting ready to make the necessary investigations, I would like you to furnish me if possible, positive facts on the third from the last and the last of the charges on your letter. These charges being in a rather vague form do not help in the development of the investigation.

Chief of Police
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 Ministero dell'Interno
 DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

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N°555/

Roma, li 7 agosto 1944

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
 SUB-COMMISSIONE PER LA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

R O M A

OGGETTO: Dott. Amerigo DE BONIS.

In riscontro alla nota del 4 corrente n°ACC/14613/13/PS comunico che ho invitato il Dr. Amerigo DE BONIS ad astenersi da ogni attività della sua carica di Vice Capo della Polizia, e che egli ha aderito all'invito allontanandosi dall'ufficio.

In ordine agli addebiti, il DE BONIS, da me interrogato, ammette soltanto di aver prestato servizio, perchè comandato e con funzioni assai modeste, nel Gabinetto Rossoni e nel Gabinetto Medici del Vascello. Esclude di aver prestato servizio nel Gabinetto del Presidente del Consiglio Mussolini, nega gli altri addebiti e rivendica la propria onorabilità indicando numerosi testimoni.

Mentre mi accingo alle necessarie indagini, pregherei fornirmi, ove sia possibile, dati di fatto concreti sul terzo e sull'ultimo degli addebiti di cui alla nota di codesto Ufficio, addebiti che essendo formulati in modo troppo vago non consentono un utile sviluppo dell'inchiesta.-

IL CAPO DELLA POLIZIA

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January

Roma, lì 7 agosto 1944

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

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ACC/14613/12/23

4 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Dr. Amerigo De Bonis.

TO : His Excellency the Director General
of Public Security, Ministry of Interior.

See 10A

1. In confirmation of our conversation this morning it is requested that Dr. Amerigo De Bonis, be prohibited from exercising the powers and duties of Vice-General Director of Public Security until a full investigation of his past career has been made by the Italian Government and a report submitted for my consideration.
2. The information on the attached sheet, which has been brought to my notice, is forwarded to assist the investigation.

PAUL G. HIRK.
Col. Inf.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

9:8

AMERIGO LUIGI DE BONIS

The following is a summary of his career since 1931. The dates are given from memory and are only approximate.

1931. A member of the Cabinet advising the President of the Council of Ministers (Mussolini).
- 1933-1936 A counsellor in the Cabinet of Rocco (Under Secretary to the Council of Ministers). Rocco was a well known Fascist.
- 1936-1940 Remained in the same position when BENITO MUSSOLINI replaced Rocco.
- 1940 Vice Prefect and head of the Personnel Branch of the Director of Public Security, dealing with promotions, transfer, discipline, etc. of Agents of Public Security.
- 1942 Appointed Prefect of Piacenza by the Mussolini Government.
- 30th Sept. 1943 Replaced by the Fascist Republican Government and placed at disposal.
- 16th Feb. 1944 Retired

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DE BONIS intrigued to secure the appointment of Antonio Pitino as General Commanding the Corps of Agents of Public Security. He failed, but at the time of the Armistice in Sept. 1943 Pitino was appointed to the position by the Germans.

It is said that De Bonis is well known as a former collaborator with the best known Fascists, that he is an intriguer and opportunist and that in the past he used his influence corruptly.

His reputation must be well known to everyone who was familiar with Italian Government officials during the period 1933 - 1942.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

3 August 1944

ACC/14613/13/PS

SUBJECT : Dr. Amerigo DE BONIS

TO : Director of Public Safety

1. The following information has been submitted to me regarding Dr. Amerigo DE BONIS, who has recently been appointed Vice Director General of Public Security on the recommendation of the Italian Government.

2. This information has been compiled from a report received from Security Branch, HQ A.C.C. and from interviews with two permanent officials - one connected with the Ministry of the Interior and the other connected with the Ministry of Justice.

It is thought that the information is reliable (although records and documents are not available) and that it can easily be confirmed or denied on investigation by the Italian Government:-

Amerigo Luigi DE BONIS (residing at 13 Via G.B. Martini, Rome)

Identity Card No. 4099

1887 Born at Potenza

Became a Doctor of Law

1912 An official in the Prefecture (further details unknown)

1931 Member of the Cabinet advising the President of the Council of Ministers (Mussolini)

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R. W. Cox

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Il Prefetto *De Bonis- Luigi*

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E' arrivato a quel posto di comando per la protezione del Vice Direttore generale della P.S.

Lo stesso faceva parte dell'O.V.R.A. e ha preso parte a varie Commissioni per l'invio al confino.

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Prefect De Bonis Luigi was head of the personnel of the Public Security Agents. He was partial, protecting those who procured him and his friends food that could not be found in Rome. He unjustly punished those who were not recommended to him. He is known as a man of personal ignorance.

He reached the position of command by the protection of the Vice General Director of Public Security.

He also was active with the O.V.R.A. and has been on various Confinement Commissions.

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De Bonis - Luigi

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Per a *Arenig* *Luigi* *DE BONIS* *WOW*

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 489081
Ext : 502

28 July, 1944.

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ACG/14613/24

SUBJECT : Vice Director General of
Public Security.

TO : His Excellency,
The Minister of the Interior.

see 10A

1. In response to the request made by Comm. CAMERA during his visit today, this Sub-Commission raises no objection to the appointment of Dr. Amerigo DE BONIS as Vice Director General of Public Security.

PJK.

PAUL G. KIRK
Colonel Inf.
Chief Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SECURITY BRANCH
APO 394

GEF/mdp

Ref : SB/I40 K 27th July 1944

SUBJECT : Screening of Prefects.
Dr. Amerigo DE BONIS

TO : Colonel Young

Following your instructions I have screened Dr. Amerigo De Bonis and have found the following.
Dr. Amerigo De Bonis was born in Potenza 1887 and began his career in 1912. He was appointed Prefect in 1942 and held office in Piacenza.

He has not carried any fascist honours, however he seems to have lot of fascist characteristics such as accepting gifts for favours etc... He is known as an opportunist without too many scruples when it comes to advance or to enrich himself. His honesty has been questioned by several of my sources of informations, and after a personal interview I too have not been too favourably impressed by his character personality and capacity.

I therefore recommend that he should not be considered for any important public office.

CARL E. FEHR
Lieutenant
Security Branch

1st Ind.

Ref : SB/I40 K
HQ. A.C.C. Security Branch A.P.O. 394
TO : Interior Sub-Commission A.C.C.
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FOR THE DIRECTOR :

Security are unable to
produce facts or evidence
against DE BONIS & consider
further investigation will be futile

JOHN A. MCKAY
Major
Security Branch

W. J. L. H. G.

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Dr. Amerigo DE BONIS - Prefect 2nd Class.

Born at Potenza in 1887

Began his career in 1912

Appointed Prefect in 1942

Offices held: Piacenza

Immediately after the German occupation he was replaced by the fascist republican government and placed at disposal (30-9-1943)

Later retired on 16th February 1944.

Home address: Via G. B. Martini, No. 13 - Rome

No if Identity Card 4099

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dott. DE DONIS Amerigo, di anni 57, prefetto di II classe.

E' stato per molti anni in servizio presso la Presidenza del Consiglio. Per ultimo-dopo qualche anno a disposizione-fu posto a capo della Divisione Forze Armate di Polizia presso il Ministero dell'Interno, dove si manifestò funzionario di scarsa capacità e competenza.

Promosso prefetto, circa due anni addietro, fu destinato a Piacenza. Durante la permanenza a Roma non diede buona prova di sé, appalesandosi per niente pratico nell'Amministrazione delle Forze Armate di Polizia, contribuendo alla disorganizzazione di questo Corpo. Basterebbe fare una inchiesta sul modo come avvenivano le ammissioni e le promozioni nel Corpo degli Agenti di P.S.

Trattasi in complesso di funzionario notoriamente opportunista, di scarsa attitudine e competenza e pertanto non è ritenuto idoneo a coprire incarichi delicati e importanti.

Non è squadrista, nè sciappa littorio, nè marcia su Roma.

(a. 506 anni addietro)

P.S.-Viene riferito che ha un villino con annesso terreno nel comune di Morlupo (Roma).

*If he accepted this for payment of money
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of the situation*

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