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INVESTIGATION, CONTE DE FIRMAIN, LATTAZIO
JAN. - JUN. 1944

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11 Feb 44 - 14614/75 - To RCRD - Investigation - Firma Lattagis

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G.F.S.....

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394.

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: 1022/17/EC.

4th June 1944.

SUBJECT: Case of CONTE de FIRMAIN LATTANZIO.

TO : Administrative Section
(Attn. Public Safety Sub-Commission).

Noted I return herewith your file ACC/14614/PS relating to the
above case, together with a letter addressed to Countess Isabel Firmain
for disposal as you think fit. *att. to min. sheet.*

AJS/JC.

W. J. Stewart
Major,
PA to Executive Commissioner.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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SUBJECT: Transmittal of File on Conte De Fernain, Lettarie.

NO	DATE	FROM	TO	REMARKS
	10-4-66	B3G	SG	1. Forwarded as requested. 2. When this file has serve its purpose, please return to this office. <i>Frank J. Dykstra</i> FRANK J. DYKSTRA Captain, AGD Deputy Secretary General 1 Incl - File ACC/14622/PS

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Public Safety Sub-Commission
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ACC/14614/PS

10 April 1944

SUBJECT: Conte DE PERMAIN, Lattazia

TO : Capt, F.J. Slaughter, Dep, Secy. Gen.

1. The Secretary General at Naples has requested that the attached file (ACC/14614/PS) be passed to him by you in connection with correspondence now before the Chief Commissioner.

2. When the file has served its purpose will you return it to this sub-commission.

FOR/hgc

PAUL G. KIRK * 1903
Colonel, Inf.
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

31 March 1944.

ACG/2261N/PS

SUBJECT: GENTE DE FIRMATA LATTALIO.

TO : AAI - Adm. Ech. CRY.

With reference to correspondence on this matter, a report has now been received from the PPSO, Messina Province, in which he states:-

(1) On January 20th, 1944, one "GENTE De FIRMATA", age 64, a resident of MESSINAGROSA, ITALY, identity card number 7059544 and his son "GENTE PHILIPPO", age 15, resident of same city were arrested by the English Military Police in Messina charged with "Having in their possession property of the Allied Government" and turned over to this office for prosecution, on said charge.

(2) A full investigation and interrogation was made, and a conference was held with the Commanding General of the area (General Whitefield) and the ACG legal officer (Capt. Matthews), and a prosecution was deemed inadvisable.

(3) The three letters mentioned in basic letter were not given to this office, it is thought they were handled by the PPS.

(4) The bayonets and other equipment were found and kept by the son as souvenirs of the war, due to his age (Juvenile) the response was accepted and no charge was rendered against him. (Juvenile)

PAUL C. KIRK,
Colonel, Infantry,
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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PER/:

SUBJECT: Investigations - AMG
Comme DE FIRMAIN LANTAZIO.

The Deputy President,
Allied Control Commission.

Admin Sec.
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HQ AAT ADM ECH, CMF.

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23 Mar 44. 14614

Ref this HQ letter 3073/A(0) of 8 Mar 44.

Please expedite your reply.

Not C.A. BR
" SECURITY BR.
" SECRETARY GEN.

Adams
Brigadier, *Asst.*
DAG.

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Public Safety
Rac. HQ 64
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From P.C., Messina Province, 14 March 1944, To Chief, Public Safety Division,
Sicily Region Headquarters.

1. The Provincial Commissioner of ACC confiscated the entire WD property
of De Firmain.

2. It would appear that the inquiry from the Commanding General of No.1
District was for the purpose of investigating the circumstances as to why this
individual was in possession of these stores. As this authority was not given
at this H.Q., it is suggested that this correspondence be forwarded to A.C.C.
at Termoli

C. Norman Ramsey
C. NORMAN RAMSEY
Major, Finance
PC - Messina

4th Ind.
FILE NO. - RPS 371.2

20/3/44.

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION SICILY REGION HQ APO 394

TO - CHIEF, PUBLIC SAFETY SUB-COMMISSION ACC., HQ.

FORWARDED.

FOR THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER

Russell A. Snook
for RUSSELL A. SNOOK
LT. COLONEL
REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER
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FILE- P.P.O. Messina-1000

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, MESSINA PROVINCE HQ, MARCH 7th, 1944.
TO- HQ., ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, PUBLIC SAFETY, SUB-COMMISSION
(ACC-I4614/PS.9)
A.P.O. 394. (THRU-Channels)

I. In compliance with paragraph 3, basic letter from Office of CHIEF of PUBLIC SAFETY, SUB-COMMISSION, the following report is submitted.

2. On January 20th, 1944 one "CONTE De FIRMAIN" age 64, a resident of MEZZOCORONA, ITALY, identity card number 7050544 and his son "CONTE PHILLIPPO" age 15 resident of same city were arrested by the English Military Police in Messina charged with "Having in their possession property of the Allied Government" (as shown in exhibit-(2) case report attached) and turned over to this office for prosecution, on said charge.

3. A full investigation and interrogation revealed the following facts. (a) Exhibit-(5) attached signed by an officer of AMF. gave the CONTE the permission to possess the automobile in question. (b) Exhibits (6)(8) permitted him to travel in said machine. (c) Exhibit (7) requested all possible assistance for the CONTE. Due to the full cooperative story told by the count and his son, and in view of the exsistant documents a conference was held with the Commanding General of this area (Gen. Whitefield) along with the Legal Officer AGC (Capt Matthews) and both agreed the prosecution in this case was not the solution, Exhibit (II) shows this to be true. If these documents had not existed there would have certainly been a court case and a conviction. How ever, it was decided to relieve the CONTE and his son of all property legally the property of the Allied Government and allow him and his son to proceed to their destination.

4. The three letters mentioned in basic letter were not given to this office, it is thought they were handled by the PSS.

5. All original documents are on file in this office.

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6. The bayonets and other equipment were found and kept by the son as souvenirs of the war, due to his age (Juvenile) the response was accepted and no charge was rendered against him.

Matthew F. Sheehan
Matthew F. Sheehan-0289978

Major, Int. AUS.

P.P.S.O. Messina Province.

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Matthew J. Sheehan-C280978

Major, Inf. AUS.

P.P.S.O. Messina Province.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394.

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23rd February 1944.

SUBJECT: INVESTIGATION.

TO: CHIEF, PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION, NO. 1 REGION HQ.

1. Reference attached papers from H.Q. A.C.C. relative to the activities of one Conte DE FIRMAIN LATTAZIO at Messina.
2. There is no record of this case in this Section and nothing can be traced detrimental to the character of the individual involved.
3. Suggest papers be passed to Provincial Commissioner, Province of Messina, for compliance with instructions contained in letter dated 11th February 1944 from Chief, Public Safety Sub-Commission, H.Q. A.C.C.

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G. Richardson
G. Richardson, Major,
Special Police Section.

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FILE RPS. 371.2

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS., APO 394.
26/2/44.

TO - PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER, MESSINA.

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1. Forwarded in accordance with 3 of basic report.

By Order of A. N. HANCOCK, Regional Commissioner.

R. A. Snook
RUSSELL A. SNOOK
Lt. Colonel.

Chief Public Safety Division

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ACC/14614/PS

11 February 1944

SUBJECT: Investigation

TO : RCAPC, Region I
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1. The attached confidential report with related papers is forwarded for prompt and complete investigation.
2. If any violation of law or Military regulation is established immediate steps will be taken to bring the individual or individuals to trial.
3. Full report with return of all papers will be submitted to this Headquarters without delay.

Paul G. Kirk

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

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11 February 1944

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

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SUBJECT: Investigations - A.M.G.H.O.,
AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon,
C.M.S.Conte DE FIRMAIN LATTAZIO

I have to report that the above named civilian in company with his son were detained by Military Police at Messina on the 20th Jan 44 under the following circumstances.

As a result of their endeavouring to obtain petrol on payment from military sources their credentials were examined and their car searched.

A copy of the original police report is attached at Appendix 'A'. - 6

It appears that Conte De Firmain Lattazio was well known in TELLOLI and that British Officials gave him every assistance to make the journey from that place to PALERMO.

It is not however understood why, if he was a bona fide traveller, he was not in possession of papers carrying more authority than those attached at Appendix 'B'.

In view of the fact that he was carrying signal pistol and cartridges and sealed letters addressed to civilians in Sicily the A.M. authorities were asked to detain him.

This they declined to do and suggested he be permitted to resume his journey to PALERMO where the car would be 'confiscated'.

The Area Commander decided to impound the car and contents pending further investigation and the A.M. representative has been informed that Conte De Firmain Lattazio may be allowed to proceed but should be required to register his address at PALERMO.

It would appear that the following offences have been disclosed:

- ✓ 1. Driving an unlicensed car which he appears to have no legal right to possess.
- ✓ 2. Being in illegal possession of M.D. Property, i.e. one Goodyear Tyre 600 x 16. **1895**
- ✓ 3. Endeavouring to obtain M.D. petrol and offering military personnel money for same.
- ✓ 4. Being in possession of M.D. Cigarettes, tobacco, whisky, gin etc., without being able to give a reasonable explanation.

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Conte DE FIRMAIN LATTAZIO

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- ✓ 3. Endeavouring to obtain W.D. petrol and offering military personnel money for same.
- ✓ 4. Being in possession of W.D. Cigarettes, tobacco, whisky, gin etc., without being able to give a reasonable explanation.
- ✓ 5. Being in possession of one W.D. torch, electric, one verrey light pistol (German pattern), two verrey light cartridges, and two bayonets, all of which might well be used to the detriment of the Allied cause.
- ✓ 6. Carrying sealed letters with intent to deliver contrary to Censorship Regulations.

As AMT representatives on the Mainland are concerned and the local SCAC has declined to take action the matter is referred to you for your instructions.

CMP.
RAC/GAW.

C.A. Heydeman
Major General,
Comms. Staff,
No 1 District.

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COPY
REPORTD.A.P.M.
40 DIV.

SIR,

I have to report that at MESSINA on the 20th Jan 1944 I was on duty at Det. H.Q. when I was approached by 13036448 Sgt. JACOBS, 172 PIONEER COY. In consequence of what he said I accompanied him to VIA SANTA AGUSTINA and there saw a BLANCH motor car. Sitting inside the car were two civilians CONTE DE FIRMAIN LATTAZIO and his son CONTE PHILIPPO DE FIRMAIN (Both could speak English).

The son was sat in the driver's seat, I approached him and asked him for his A.M.G. permit to use the motor car. He produced a note signed by Capt. L.P.B. COILING, R.A., or Capt. L.P. BLOING, R.A.; C.A.O., TERABOLI (Italy), to the effect that his father had put the car in running order at his own expense, he could not produce any permit to use the car.

On examination I noticed that one rear wheel was fitted with a tyre marked PIRELLI M.D. 600 x 16 No. 249334 and the other rear wheel was fitted with a GOODYEAR tyre marked 600 x 16 Heavy Duty No. 6001047.

The car had no registration number, but on the offside front wing was a black square with a number 40 on it which had been white but was painted over to conform to the remainder of the square. The square and number had the appearance of a British Army Unit Serial No.

I then brought the civilians and the car to the Det. H.Q. The car was searched and the following articles, the property of the Allied Forces, were found:-

- 13 pkts of 20 Gold Flake cigarettes marked "Duty Free H.M. Ships only".
- 1 tin of 50 Capstan Navy Cut Cigarettes.
- 1 tin containing 3 Senior Service Cigarettes.
- 1 - 4 oz. Tin of St. Bruno Tobacco.
- 1 tin of Corned Beef.
- 1 tin of Cocoa.
- 1 tin of Mustard (Colmans).
- 1 bottle of Gilbey's Scotch Whisky.
- 1 bottle of Dry Gin.
- 1 - 14 oz. Tin of Jam.
- 2 tins of Herrings.
- 1 lb. (approx.) Brown Sugar.
- 4 lb. { " } Mince Meat.
- 1 Torch, Electric, M.D. Pattern.
- 2 Rayonets.
- 1 Very Light Pistol (German Pattern).
- 2 Very Light Cartridges (German Pattern).

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When asked where he obtained the above articles CONTE DE FIRMAIN LATTAZIO said they were given to him as a present.

The car also contained 3 large sacks of flour (approx) 10 stone in each, 2 small sacks of flour, approx 20 lbs in each. When asked for an explanation as to why he was in possession of so much flour, he answered a permit signed by the

LATTAGIO and his son CONTE PHILIPPO DE FIRMAIN (both could speak English).

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On examination I noticed that one rear wheel was fitted with a tyre marked PIRELLI W.D. 600 x 16 No. 2119934 and the other rear wheel was fitted with a GOODYEAR tyre marked 600 x 16 Heavy Duty No. 6001047.

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1 Very Light Pistol (German Pattern).

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The car also contained 3 large sacks of flour (approx) 10 stone in each, 2 small sacks of flour, approx 20 lbs in each. When asked for an explanation as to why he was in possession of so much flour, he produced a permit signed by the Mayor of Ternoli (Italy) authorizing him to transport 200 Kg. of flour to Palermo.

Four suit cases and a hat box were also found in the car, these were searched and 3 sealed letters were found addressed to civilians in Sicily.

I informed the S.G.A.P.O., Major Sheehan and Sgt. Housell of 340 P.S. Section. They both came to the Det. H.Q. and interrogated the two civilians. Sgt. Housell was satisfied that there was nothing to report from the security angle but took the three letters for censoring.

The civilians were then taken to the Carabinieri H.Q., and handed over to be detained.

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The articles listed above, property of the Allied Forces, were handed over to Lt. Bartlett, S.C.A.P.O., Messina, and a receipt obtained from him. The other property and the car is at present held at the Det. H.Q.

CONTE DE FIRMAIN LATTAGIO was in possession of 3 notes signed by G.A.O., Termoli, 1 note signed by the N.O.I.O., Termoli, and a permit to transport flour signed by the Mayor of Termoli.

The above documents, together with a statement by Sgt. JACOBS, are attached hereto.

In the field.
20-1-44.

(signed) E. Taylor, Cpl.
200 Provost Coy.

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ADJUTANT	_____
ASS'T. ADJ.	_____
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C.O., CO. A	_____
(Capt. Levert)	_____
ECONOMICS & SUPPLY	_____
EDUCATION	_____
FINANCE	_____
REVENUE OFFICER	_____
MAJOR	_____
LEGAL	_____
RECORDS CENTER	_____
CONFIDENTIAL, PMS 4445	_____
& ARCHIVES	_____
POSTAL	_____
PROPERTY CONTROLLER	_____
PUBLIC HEALTH	_____
" DEPT.	_____
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Palermo, February 16th 1944
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To A.C.C. Palermo

By request of Colonel Poletti .

The 20th of January in Messina as I was coming by car from Termoli to Messina, a great injustice was done to me.

My home is in Mezzocorona near Trento and when the Germans started to invade Northern Italy the first days of August, I decided to come south with my family to meet sooner the Allied troops. The third of October with the landing in Termoli this wish became a reality. From the first day till we left there was the best harmony and friendship between my family and the Navy and Army.

One day I discovered near Termoli a wrecked car that was abandoned by the Germans after a collision; the left fender and the left wheel were smashed, the whole rear seat was stolen, the leather taken off the front seats as well as the spare wheel, watch and several parts of the engine. In a few days nothing would have been left of the car. I spoke with the A M G O T officer who gave me the right to fix the car at my expense. I took a good mechanic who worked for several weeks and bought the missing parts with much trouble. For all I spent over twenty thousand liras. I intended to drive to Palermo with my son. Till Messina everything went well thanks to a letter of recommendation I had from the A M G O T in Termoli. But one half hour after we arrived in Messina we were arrested and treated like criminals. It was about noon. We were kept five hours in the police station without lunch. Everything was taken out of the car, all my baggage opened and my private letters etc. taken. After that we were taken in a truck to another police station between armed carabinieri and English police. There we were told that the car will be confiscated and to come there the next day and we would be told by what means we could get to Palermo. We went there for three days without conclusion, then Major Sheenen who had our persecution in his hands, and who had always spoken English to us, turned to his interpreter and said: "tell these people that tomorrow or after tomorrow I will find a way to send them to Palermo". After that I decided to go to A M G O T where I met the only gentleman I met in Messina, Major Ebsworth, who was indignant at the way we had been treated. He wanted to help us but unfortunately had to leave for Naples. Two days later I went again to Major Sheenen asking him to let us use the car as far as Palermo. He said yes but one hour later he said no

* Via St. Agostino Messina

had orders to confiscate the car and all the gifts that our officer friends had given us for the trip, a flash light, a bottle of whisky and one of gin. He confiscated even several liters of Italian olive oil and a half kilo of sugar because they were in English cans. Then he tore up the papers belonging to the car (it was a Bianchi 59 chassis 1.1400, motor N° 5856, series 2) and my recommendations from AMGOT and SNOAL. It made no impression to remind him of AMGOT's letter, that my wife is an American citizen, that I am a noted artist belonging to one of the oldest families of Italy, and that before the landing we had hidden two French soldiers belonging to the Eighth Army who had escaped from a prison camp, thus risking to be shot by the Germans who had occupied Termoli.

I beg you for a repatriation of this injustice and I think that the smallest satisfaction would be to give me back the car and confiscated gifts and letters.

I trust that the A.C.C. will take my case in serious consideration;

Lattanzio Firmian

Count Lattanzio di Firmian

Castello Zisa

Palermo.

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Investigation of
Conte De Firmain, Lattazio and his
Son
Phillipo De Firmain
By
S.O.A.P.O.
Messina Province,
January 20, 1944.
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Investigation of
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Son
Phillipo De Firmain

By
S.C.A.P.O.
Messina Province.
January 20, 1944.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

Office of Civil Affairs
S.C.A.P.O.
Messina Province.

22-January, 1944.

SUBJECT; Conte De Firmain and his son Phillip.
TO ; Senior Civil Affairs Officer, Messina Province.

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During the interview it was established that both the father and the son were at one time in the employment of AMG in the city of "TERMOLO" Italy. From the true documents in their possession, signed by certain Officers of the Allied Forces it was also established that both were considered in a high standard.

The automobile in question as shown in Document-No(5) is without doubt ALLIED MILITARY PROPERTY but from all angles this office can not say it is UNLAWFULLY in his possession due to the above numbered document. How ever this office has at this date notified the Provost Guard not to release the car and condone any mistake that has previously been made by any Officer of the Allied Forces, in an unprejudiced manner, and the automobile in question is still in control of the Provost Guard.

The little rations of English issue, property of the English Army, given to him by his friends, certain Officers, along with whiskey and gin have been taken from him due to a decision reached by the undersigned and assigned to the custody of the Provost Guard in Messina.

The Conte and his son with their personal ~~1938~~ ¹⁹³⁹ things were released from custody without any further action taken against them but a copy of this report with all allied papers will be forwarded to headquarters Region One, Palermo for what ever action that headquarters may deem necessary in view of the documents attached.

Matthew R. Sheehan.
Matthew R. Sheehan-0289973

22-January, 1944.

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TO ; Senior Civil Affairs Officer, Messina Province.

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Matthew R. Sheehan.

Matthew R. Sheehan-0289978

Major, Inf. AUS.

S.C.A.P.C. Messina Province.

EXHIBIT (I)

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIALC.A.P.O.

Name Filippo Conte Di Firmain
 Address..... Mezzocorona, Trento
 Age 15 Years Old
 Arrested By Cpl Taylor 200 (I of C) Provost Coy.
 Witnessed By Cpl Jacobs 200 (I of C) Provost Coy.
 Date 20-January , 1944
 Place Messina
 Time 1345 Hours
 Charge In Possession of Allied Property.

In the field
 19-I-44.

SIGNED- F. Taylor Cpl.
 200 Provost Coy.

C. A. F. B.

Name Lattanzio Conte Di Firmain.
 Address..... Mezzocorona, Trento.
 Age 64 Years Old
 Arrested By Cpl Taylor 200 (I of C) Provost Coy.
 Witnessed By Cpl Jacobs 200 (I of C) Provost Coy.
 Date 20-January, 1944
 Place..... Messina
 Time 1345 Hours
 Charge In Possession of Allied Property.

In the field
 20-I-44

SIGNED- F. Taylor Cpl.
 200 Provost Coy.

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 [Signature]

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In the field
 19-I-44.

C. A. P. D.

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Major, Inf. A.U.S.

S.C.A.P.C. Messina Province

EXHIBIT (2)

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CONFIDENTIALREPORT

TO: - D.A.P.M.
40 Div.

Sir;

I have to report that at Messina on the 20th Jan 1944 I was on duty at Det.H.Q. when I was approached by I3036448 Sgt. Jacobs I72 Pioneer Coy. In consequence of what he said I accompanied him to Via Santa Augusta and there saw a Bianchi motor car. Sitting inside of the car were two civilians CONTE DE FIRMAIN LATTAZIO and his son CONTE PHILIPPO DE FIRMAIN (both could speak English)

The son was sat in the drivers seat, I approached him and asked him for his AMG permit to use the motor car. He produced a note signed by Capt L.P.H. Coling R.A. or Capt L.P. Bloling R.A. C.A.O. of TERMOLI, Italy to the effect that his father had put the car in running order at his own expense, he could not produce any permit to use the car.

On examination I noticed that one rear wheel was fitted with a tire marked PIRELLI WD 600 x 16 number 2II993I and the other rear wheel was fitted with a goodyear tire marked 600 x 16 heavy duty number 600I047.

The car had no registration number, but on the outside front wing was a black square with a number 40 on it which had been white but was painted over to conform to the remainder of the square. The square and number had the appearance of a British Army Unit serial number.

I then brought the civilians and the car to the Det H.Q. The car was searched and the following articles, the property of the Allied Forces were found:-

I3-Pkts of 20 Gold Flake cigarettes marked "Duty Free H.M. Ships Only"

I -Tin of 50 Capstan Navy Cut Cigarettes

I -Tin containing 3 Senior Service Cigarettes

I -4 oz Tin of St. Bruno Tobacco

I -Tin of Corn Beef

I -Tin of Cocoa

I -Tin of Mustard (Colmans)

I -Bottle of Gilbys Scotch Whiskey

I -14 oz Tin of Jam

2 -Tins of Herring

I -lb (Approx) brown Sugar

4 -lbs(") mince meat

I -Torch Light WD pattern

2 -bayonets

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On examination I noticed that one rear wheel was fitted with a tire marked PIRELLI WD 600 x 16 number 2119931 and the other rear wheel was fitted with a goodyear tire marked 600 x 16 heavy duty number 60C1047.

The car had no registration number, but on the offside front wing was a black square with a number 40 on it which had been white but was painted over to conform to the remainder of the square. The square and number had the appearance of a British Army Unit serial number.

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4 -lbs(" ") mince meat

I -Torch Light WD pattern

2 -beyondets

I -Verry Light pistol (German Pattern)

2 -Verry Light cartridges (German pattern)

When asked where he had obtained the above articles, CONTE FIRMAIN LATTAZIO said they were given to him as a present.

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The car also contained three large sacks of flour (Approx) 10 stones in each, 2 small sacks of flour approx 20 lbs in each. When asked for an explanation as to why he was in possession of so much flour he produced a permit signed by the MAYOR of TERMOLI, Italy authorizing him to transport 200 kg of flour to Palermo.

Four suitcases and a hatbox were also found in the car, these were searched and 3 sealed letters were found addressed to civilians in Sicily.

I informed the S.C.A.P.O. Major Sheehan and Sgt Hounsell of the 310 P.S. Section. They both came to the Det. H.Q. and interrogated the two civilians. Sgt Hounsell was satisfied that there was nothing to report from the security angle but took the three letters for censoring.

The civilians were then taken to the Carabinieri H.Q. and handed over to be detained.

The articles listed above, property of the Allied Forces were handed over to Lt. Bartlett S.C.A.P.O. Messina and a receipt obtained from him. The other property and the car is at present held at the Det. H.Q.

Conte De Firmain Lattazio was in possession of 3 notes, signed by the C.A.C. TERMOLI, I note signed by the M.O.I.C. TERMOLI and a permit to transport flour signed by the MAYOR of TERMOLI.

The above documents together with a statement by Sgt Jacobs are attached hereto.

In the field
20-I-44.

SIGNED- F. Taylor, Cpl.
200 Provost Coy.

This is a True Copy

Matthew F. Sheehan

Matthew F. Sheehan-0289978

Major, Inf. AUS.

S.C.A.P.O. Messina Province.

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EXHIBIT (3)

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I3036448 Sgt. Jacobs H.H. 172 Pioneer Corps.

States:-

At Messina on the 20th January 1944 a civilian approached me and asked to see an Officer, I asked him the reason for wishing to see an Officer, he replied that he wanted some petrol. When I stated that it was impossible for military personnel to supply civilians with petrol and suggested that he should approach AMG authorities, he replied that he only needed enough to take him out of the town and would pay for it.

My suspicions were aroused so I asked him for his permit, we approached the car in which was another civilian, this person on my request to see their permit, produced a written statement but not a permit. The back of the car was full of goods so I looked for the vehicles registration No., the car was not registered, so I told them to wait a moment while I tried to procure some petrol. I then went straight to the Military Police and told them all I knew. The military Police took over.

SIGNED - H.H. Jacobs. Sgt; I3036448
20-I-44

This is a True Copy

Matthew F. Sheehan

Matthew F. Sheehan-0289978

Major Inf. A.U.S.

S.C.A.P.O. Messina Province.

1883

EXHIBIT (4)

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SIGNED - H.H. Jacobs, Sgt; I3036448
20-1-44

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Matthew F. Sheehan

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Major Inf. A.U.S.

S.C.A.P.O. Messina Province.

1883

EXHIBIT (4)

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

A.M.G. TERMOLI .
10 January 1944.

TO:- Whom it may concern;

Motor car BLANCHI Chassis No. 1400 Engine No.M9 No.
5856 Temporary No. "ROMA 6" 2833 was found abandoned
by Count Firmain and has been put in running order by
him at his own expense.

SIGNED- L.P.Bioling.Capt. R.A.
C.A.O. TERMOLI.

Stamp of Issue
TERMOLI 10-I-44

This is a True Copy

Matthew F. Sheehan
Matthew F. Sheehan-0289978
Major, Inf. A.U.S.
S.C.A.P.O. Messina Province.

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EXHIBIT (5)

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SIGNED- L.P. Bloling. Capt. R.A.
C.A.C. TERNOLI.

Stamp of Issue
TERNOLI 10-1-44

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Matthew F. Sheenan-0289978
Major, Inf. A.U.S.
S.C.A.P.O. Messina Province.

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EXHIBIT (5)

CONFIDENTIAL

C O N F I D E N T I A L

A.M.G. Termoli, 15 January 1944.

TO:- Whom it may concern

The bearer DI FIRMAI CONTE LATTANZIO (ID card N. 7050544)
has permission to proceed to Bari with his family by motor car,
for the purpose of seeing A.C.C. Bari.

Period of validity of this pass; 10 days from today date.

Stamp of Issue
Termoli 15-I-44

SIGNED- L.P. BOLLING, Capt, R.A.
C.A.C. Termoli

This is a True Copy

Matthew F. Sheehan
Matthew F. Sheehan-0289978
Major, Inf. A.U.S.
S.C.A.P.O. Messina Province.

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EXHIBIT (6)

A.M.G. Termoli, 15 January 1944.

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Period of validity of this pass; 10 days from today date.

Stamp of Issue
Termoli 15-I-44

SIGNED- L.P.BLOLING. Capt, R.A.
C.A.O. Termoli

This is a True Copy

Matthew F. Sheehan
Matthew F. Sheehan-0283978
Major, Inf. A.U.S.
S.C.A.P.C. Messina Province.

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EXHIBIT (6)

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NAVY HOUSE.
Termoli, January 16th, 1944.

To Whom it May Concern

Please give any assistance possible to Count Firmain
who is travelling from Termoli to Palermo.

Stamp of Issue
N.O.I.C.
16th January 1944

SIGNED-Ian R.H. Black, R.N.
Captain I.R.H.Black R.N.

This is a True Copy

Matthew P. Sheehan
Matthew P. Sheehan-0289973
Major, Inf. A.U.S.
S.C.A.P.O. Messina Province.

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EXHIBIT (7)

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Major, Inf. A.U.S.
S.C.A.P.O. Messina Province.

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EXHIBIT (7)

CONFIDENTIAL

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A.M.G. TERMOLI.
5 January 1944.

TO:- A.C.C. Bari or Elsewhere;

The bearer Count Firmain accompanied by his wife and three children is desirous of travelling to Palermo so that the children can be sent to school.

Both the count and his wife (an American Lady) have been of very great assistance to A.M.G. here both in the inauguration and administration of the civil hospital and in many other matters and his two sons have acted as interpreters here.

We are very sorry to loose these good people and if you can assist them in any way on their journey it would be much appreciated and compensate them somewhat for all the good work they have done in this area.

Signed- I.P. Blotins, Capt. R.A.
C.A.C. Termoli.

Stamp of Issue
Termoli 5-I-44

This is a true copy.

Matthew F. Sheehan
Matthew F. Sheehan-0289978
Major, Inf. A.U.S.
S.C.A.P.C. Messina Province.

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Stamp of Issue
Termoli 5-I-44

Signed- L.P. Bloling, Capt. R.A.
C.A.C. Termoli.

This is a true copy.

Matthew P. Sheehan.

Matthew P. Sheehan-0289978

Major, Inf. A.U.S.

S.C.A.P.O. Messina Province.

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EXHIBIT (8)

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CONFIDENTIALLEGIONE TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERI REALI DI BARI
COMPAGNIA DI TERMOLI

L'autovettura Bianchi S.9 targata ROMA 62833è stata data in consegna al conte Lattanzio Di Firmain da parte dell A.M.G. di Termoli, giusta risulta dalla dichiarazione rilasciata dalla prefetta autorità esibita a questa compagnia, in visione.

Termoli, Li 13 Gennaio 1944

IL Capitano Comandante

SIGNED-

Mario Ferrari.

Stamp of
Carabinieri.

This is a True Copy.

Matthew F. Sheehan
Matthew F. Sheehan-0289978
Major, Inf. A.U.S.
S.C.A.P.O. Messina Province.

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EXHIBIT (9)

LEGIONE TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERI REALI DI BARI
COMPAGNIA DI TERMOLI

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Termoli, Li 18 Gennaio 1944

SIGNED- IL Capitano Comandante
 Mario Ferrari.

Stamp of
 Carabinieri.

This is a True Copy.

Matthew F. Sheehan

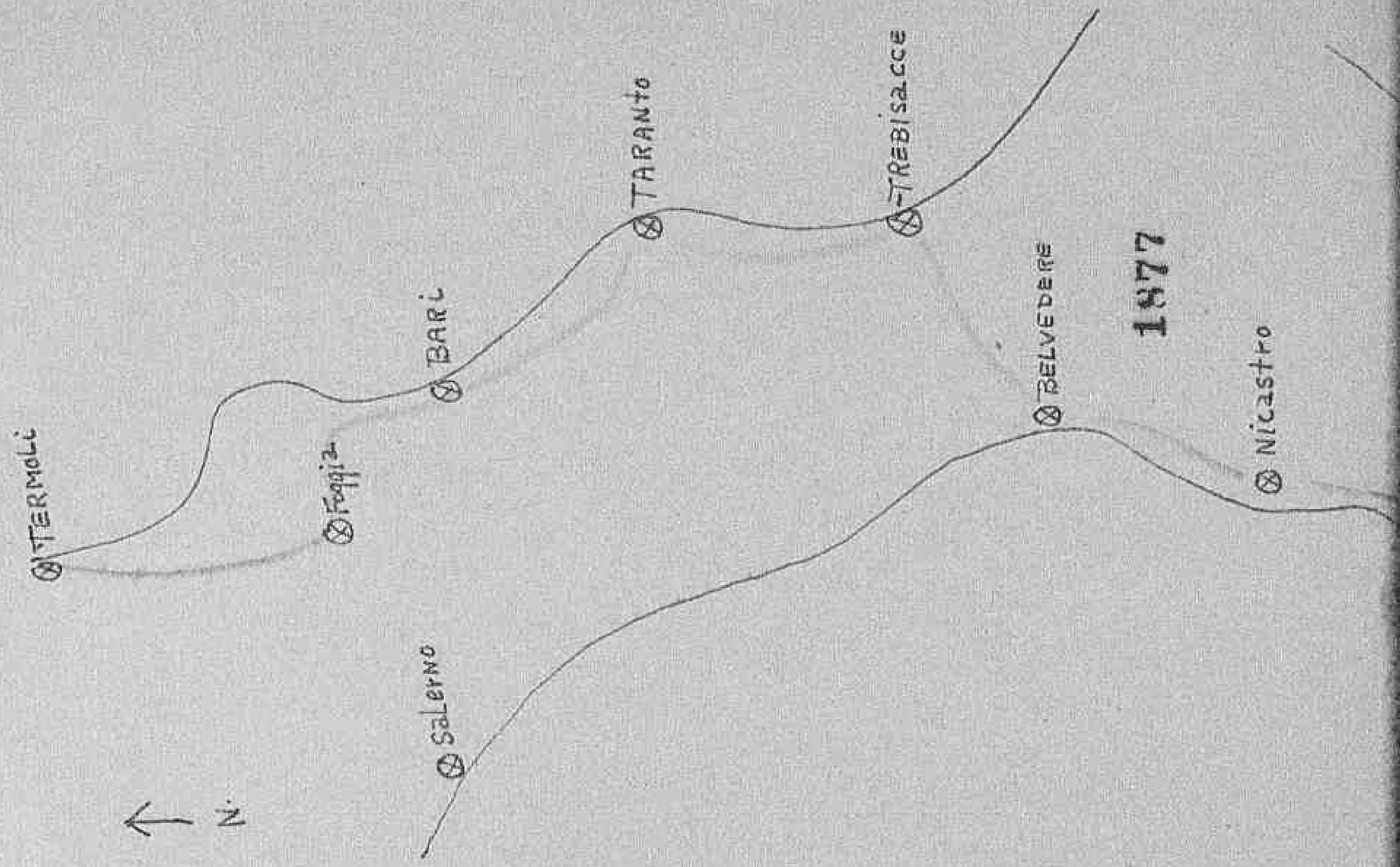
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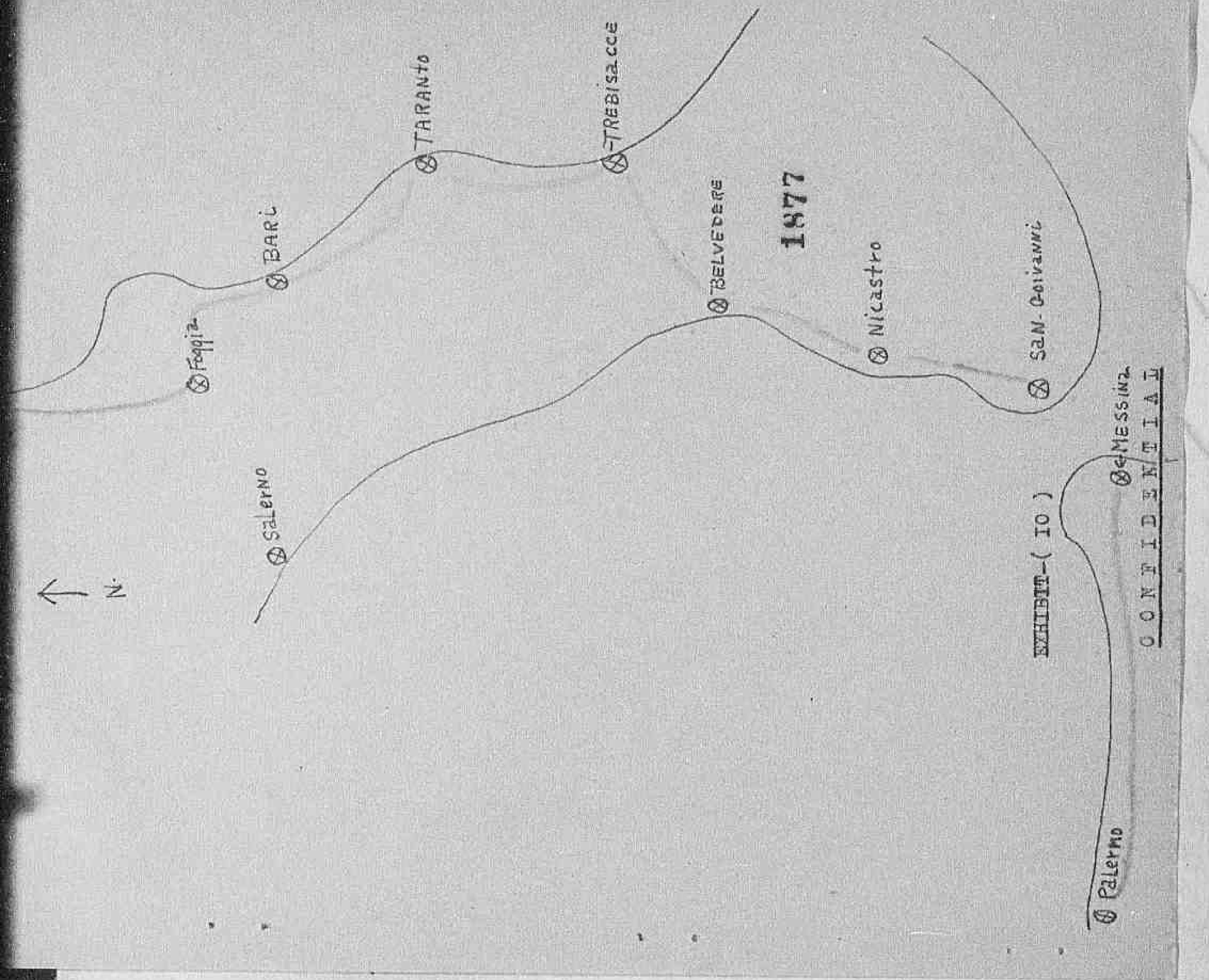
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EXHIBIT (9)

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CONFIDENTIALALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT.

TO:- S.O.A.P.O. Messina

FROM:- S.L.O.

Subject:-Conte De Firmain.

On the facts given to me in this matter it appears that the above-named could be charged with wrongful possession of a motor vehicle and food-stuffs. He seems however to have acted in complete good faith and his story is largely supported by the various passes etc signed by Allied Officers. Further investigation might well reveal that his possession is not "wrongful" within the meaning of the AMG Proclamations. I do not feel that on the facts known at present I should be justified in inflicting an substantial penalty if the accused was found guilty and having regards to our instructions that this occupation is a benevolent one and to the facts generally I respectfully suggest that proceedings should not be taken at any rate at this stage.

SIGNED- E.K.MATTHEWS.CAPT.

E.K.Matthews.CAPT.

S.L.O.

Messina Prov.

January 21, 1944.

This is a True Copy

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Matthew J. Sheehan-0289978
Major, Inf. A.U.S. EXHIBIT (II)
S.O.A.P.O.
Messina Province.

TO:- S.C.A.P.O. Messina
 From:- S.L.O.

Subject:-Conte De Firmair.

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 Major, Inf. A. U.S. EXHIBIT (II)
 S.C.A.P.O.
 Messina Province.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Province of Messina.

CR/R/12.

SUBJECT:- COMTE DE FIRMAIN and Son.

TO :- D.A.P.M. H.Q. 40 Div.

1. After consulting the legal Officer A.M.G. stationed at Messina and after a careful investigation of facts and papers pertaining to these people mentioned above, it becomes my honest and sincere obligation as an Officer of the Allied Forces to release both from custody.

2. The car and rations, along with the Liquid refreshments (Whisky and Gin) will now ever be confiscated and returned to Allied Military Control.

3. Forwarded for your information.

24-Jan. 44.

Matthew P. Sheehan.
Major, Inf. A.U.S.
S.C.A.P.O. Messina Province.

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Matthew P. Sheehan-0289978
Major, Inf. A.U.S.
S.C.A.P.O. Messina Province.

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Province of Messina.

CP/3/12.

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Major, Inf. A.U.S.
S.O.A.P.O. Messina Province.

EXHIBIT (12)

CONFIDENTIAL

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL MISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

Folio 5A for action/information

C.P.S.

D.C.P.S.

Police

Prisons

Fire & C.D.

Regn. & Licensing

Adm. Officer

Remarks:

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MESSAGE

19 MAR 1944

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TO : FATIMA FOR FATIMA REAR

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Reference is 2473. Investigation continuing and report will follow.

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SIGNED MACFARLANE PAREN CONCERNING LATTAZIO FORWARD IMMEDIATE REPORT ON SUBJECT
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13 March 1944

ACC/14614/PS

SUBJECT: Conte DE FERMAIN LATTAZIO

TO : RPSO Region I

Further to this office letter
ACC/14614/PS dated 11 February, 1944
forwarding papers relating to the above
named and confirming cable of 13 March,
it is requested that an immediate report
be forwarded on the subject as it now
stands.

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

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SUBJECT: Investigations - AMG
Conte DE FIRMAIN LATTAZIO

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8 Mar 44

The Deputy President,
Allied Control Commission

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Admin
Sec 8/1/44 - 10/1/44

Ref this HQ letter 3073/A2 dated 5 Feb 44.

May this HQ be informed whether it has proved possible
to take action in this case.

ACP/FA

Adviser
for Brigadier,
DAC.

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Folio 14 for attention of
C.P.S.....
D.C.P.S.....
Civil Police.....
Special Police.....
Prisons.....
Fire & CD.....
Regn. & Licensing.....
Adm. Officer.....

Remarks.

RCAPCO Reg. I should
be called upon for report
after investigation. Matter
should be handled as
urgent

yes, forward all
correct. RCH
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11 February 1944

SUBJECT: Investigation

TO : ROAFPO, Region I

1. The attached confidential report with related papers is forwarded for prompt and complete investigation.
2. If any violation of law or Military regulation is established immediate steps will be taken to bring the individual or individuals to trial.
3. A full report with return of all papers will be submitted to this Headquarters without delay.

PAUL G. PIRA
Colonel, Inf.
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission

* 3073/A.2. of 5 Feb. 44 from
AFHQS. Adv. Adm. Echelon
prodg report from Comd. No. 1
District ref. Conte DE
FIRMAN LATTAZIO.

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