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21st October, 1944.

SUBJECT : Highway Militia.

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

1. In accordance with your verbal request copies
of the following letters are enclosed :

- a) Letter dated 7th October, addressed to A.C.C.
by Luigi GIUNGO.
- b) Letter dated 1st October, addressed to A.C.C.
by G. Battista FORTINO.

2. As far as this Sub-Commission is concerned there
is no reason why former members of the Highway Militia
should not be considered for enrolment in the Corps of
Agents of Public Safety provided their characters are
satisfactory and they possess the necessary qualifica-
tions.

W. W. L. S.
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JOHN W. L. S. 4136
Colonel, D.A.C.D.,
Director, Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

Enclosures / 2 Letters.

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Major Wilson - Public Safety Council 2A

Sir,

Highway Miles

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Enclosed to you for information

and any action necessary.

John L. Dutcher

Public Works Utilities Sub. Commission

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TranslationAvellino, Oct. 1st, 1944.To: the A.C.C. R o m e" H.E. Ivanoe Bonomi, President of the Cabinet - R o m e" H.E. Count Carlo Sforza - High Commissioner
for Epuration - R o m e" H.E. Pietro Mancini, Minister of P.W., President of the AASS.
R o m e.

The undersigned ex-first class militiaman of the dissolved Road-Militia, Avellino detachment, G. Battista FORTINO, son of Eugenio Fortino and Filomena Barone, born in Moschiano (Avellino) on Sept. 15th 1907, at present residing in Avellino in Via Trinità 69, sets forth what follows:-

The Road Militia was established by a special R. Legislative Decree of Nov. 26th 1928 - No. 2516 and the administration (trattamento giuridico) of the Forest Militia (equal to the one of the R. Carabinieri) was extended to it by the Law of June 8th 1931 - No. 836, and the regulations of the specialty were approved by R.D. of Oct. 20th 1932, No. 1554, published in the Official Gazette of Dec. 13th 1932, No. 286. Its members were recruited by a regular examination set by the Minister of P.W., president of the Road Concern and were appointed regular militiamen after a two years' trial, and attached to the various territorial units, after ratification by a decree of the Ministry of P.W.

In order to be promoted to the higher grade the interested parties, who had completed the necessary years of service, had to undergo a regular examination by special examining commissions appointed by the Ministry itself and the corresponding promotion was ratified by a Ministerial decree recorded at the Court of Accounts.

The member of the Road Militia carried out the normal functions of juridical police, of the Police, and of road police, defending the entire road system and road-works; regulating the circulation on public roads and grounds; keeping up the road signals, and supplying information on the safety of the roads, & automobile aid to all users of the same. Tasks of a political nature were not asked of them.

Owing to the well-known vicissitudes of the war and of the armistice by which all the Military Commands of the various Armed Forces had to conform to the orders issued by the competent Territorial Military Authorities they depended from, the undersigned found himself in the following circumstances, behaving as follows.

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On Sept. 1943, all the members of the Avellino detachment were placed at the disposal of the Garrison Command of the same province continuing to police the roads in the same way, and carrying orders to the various Military Commands located in different parts of the country.

But on Sept. 14th of the same year Avellino was repeatedly and violently bombed and the city was evacuated for the entry of the German troops. The Commander of the Detachment came to the necessary agreements with the Colonel commanding the Military Garrison, and ordered all cars and motorcycles to be taken to the prefecture to be at the disposal of the said Command.

Once at liberty each one did his best to procure himself civilian clothing in order to escape German raids and to hide his identity and his condition under false appearances. But at the beginning of October of the same year the city of Avellino was liberated and therefore, according to the proclamation issued by the Allied Military Command, the undersigned, together with the other members of the Detachment presented himself to the Command of the Legion of the R. Carabineers in Avellino remaining at its disposal.

As to the monthly salaries not paid the disbanded personnel, the A.A.S.S. Department of Caserta paid them off. Subsequently, by the R. Legislative Decree of Dec. 6th, 1943, N. 16/B art. 12, 15, the regular militiamen of the Road and the Harbour Militias disbanded by the same decree of Oct. 31st 1943 were allowed to ask to be put on the regular roll of the R. Carabineers. On Jan. 1st 1944 the entire Bodies of the disbanded Road and Harbour Militias were taken over by the R. Carabineers of Naples, while waiting for the road service to be set up again. Accordingly the undersigned, father of 3 very small children, found himself out of work, and on the street, with no prospect of another post owing to his long absence from civil life, having served twelve consecutive years in the Road Militia (see service record enclosed). He asks himself:-

- 1) why he has not been allowed to enter another Body of Police or another administration;
- 2) if there is nothing against him as far as ~~4133~~ ⁴¹³³ is concerned, his never having taken part in acts of Violence against individual liberty, nor in the March on Rome, nor having been "squadrista", "sciarpa littorio", "antemarcia" or "gerarca", but having

simply carried out orders relating to his judicial road-policing service, why can he not be drafted into another road administration ?

- 3) should he not be treated like the dependant of the other administrations to whom the rules fixed for defascistization do not apply, its being well-known that all the members of the various Government Departments belonged to the dissolved Fascist Party?
- 4) and in the present case, does not the undersigned deserve special consideration, having refused to follow and cooperate with the nazi-fascist troops, and having abandoned his unit, presented himself to and put himself at the disposal of other Military Commands in the part of Italy under Allied rule?

For the abovementioned reasons, the undersigned asks that his situation should be benevolently re-examined and that he should be employed in some State Concern, having served a long time in a State organization.

Lastly he permits himself to point out that the members of the disbanded Railway and Postal Militias have gone over to their civil service regularly in the same Railway and Postal Administrations, and the same can be said of the Forest Militia that remained in service only changing its name.

Trusting in the wisdom of the measure to be taken on his behalf he signs himself

Ex regular road-militiaman

Via Trinità 69,
Avellino

signed: G. Battista Fortino

P.S. I enclose the name of the
Garrison Commander, FINNIZIO.

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*Any comments
anyhow, but in broken
and badly to put together
of them.*

17 OCT. 1944

TRANSLATION NO. 369

S. GIORGIO DEL SANNIO, 7 October, 1944

TO: A.C.C. IVANOE BONOMI, PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
 HIS EX. CARLO SFORZA, HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR EPURATION
 HIS EX. MANCINI, MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS

R O M E

Following the report forwarded on 25 July 1944, the writer, Luigi CIULLO, the son of Gennaro Ciullo and Anna Tota, born in Foggia on 20 March 1906, in referring to the statements continually published in the newspapers that the superior authorities wish to strike a blow against the ex-fascist party heads and those truly responsible for its existence, respecting as much as possible all those who are in no way guilty, the writer on behalf of the population wishes to point out that it would be an act of charity to amend article 1 of the R.D.L., No. 139 of 29 May, 1944 dissolving the National Road Militia Corps (Corpo della Milizia Nazionale della Strada), and submit the personnel to the Commission for Epuration, "as was done in respect of the forest militia still in service", thus re-employing in the new National Police Security Corps (Corpo della Guardia Nazionale di

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The writer, his home destroyed by air-raids, is the father of five unfortunate, suffering children.

/s/ Luigi Ciullo

Refugee at S. Giorgio del Sannio, Via Nisco.

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S. GIORGIO DEL SANTO 7 GENNAIO 1944

ALTA COMMISSIONE MILITARE ALLATA DI CONSIGLIO

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A S.E. IVANOE BONCI-PRESIDENTE CONSIGLIO MINISTRI

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A S.E. CARLO SCARPA-ALTO COM. PER L'EDUCAZIONE

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A S.E. MANOIRI-MINISTRO DEL M. PR.

ROMA

A seguito esposto rimesso in data 23 luglio 1944, io scrivente CIULLO LALINI di Genova e di Fola Anna, nato a Fola il 20-3-1905; riferendosi a tutto ciò che continuamente pubblicano i giornali; che le Autorità preposte vollero colpire i vari responsabili ed i dirigenti del presunto partito fascista salvaguardando per quanto possibile tutti coloro che non hanno alcuna colpa; il sottoscritto e nome della collettività si permette per presentare una istanza di amnistia motivata l'art. 1 del R.D.L. 25/5/1944 n° 139 che prevede lo scioglimento del corpo della milizia naz. della stessa e di sottoporre i componenti di essa alla Commissione per l'educazione "come è stato fatto per la milizia fascista rimasta in servizio" onde permettere incorporati nel nuovo corpo della Guardia Nazionale di Polizia tutti quegli elementi incombenti ritenuti ancora validi.

A seguito esposto rimesso in data 25 luglio 1944, lo scrivente CIULLO Luigi di Genova e di Tote Anne, nato a Pollia il 20-3-1908; riferendosi a tutto ciò che continuamente pubblicano i giornali; che le Autorità preposte vogliono eliminare i vari responsabili ed i difensori del passato partito fascista salvaguardando per questo l'ordine della patria e non hanno alcuna colpa; il sottoscritto e come della collettività si permette di presentare che sarebbe opera umanitaria modificare l'art. 1 del R.D.L. 29/3/1944 n. 139 che prevede lo scioglimento del Corpo della Milizia naz. della strada e di sottoporre i componenti di essa alla Commissione per l'ispezione "come è stato fatto per la Milizia forestale rinviata in servizio" onde ridare merito incolorati nel nuovo Corpo della Guardia Nazionale di Polizia tutti quegli elementi incolorati ritenuti ancora degni di vivere lo Stato e che danno sicuro affidamento per l'avvenire. Così si risolverebbe un importante problema, evitando a tanti poveri di famiglia onesti ed incolorati quel tempo di pena necessario per il sostentamento dei propri cari che porta spesso morte e dolore nella più comune vita umana. Lo scrivente si impegna per i bisognanti e per i padri di GIACCA diseredati e diseredati.

Ciullo Luigi di Genova

SPOLLATO A S. Giorgio del Sarnio in via Bisce

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