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Ref: 3626/275/EC.

SUBJECT: Auxiliary Police in NMS.

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TO : Allied Force Headquarters.
Attn: G-5 Section.

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1. When he was recently in NMS the Supreme Allied Commander was informed by General HUBERT that there were 2000 auxiliary police, late partisans, functioning in NMS and that they were armed more adequately than the ordinary police. The report was subsequently reworked in a slightly modified manner by RAC.

2. At the Supreme Allied Commander's direction I have had investigations made and enclose the result. I should be glad if this could be brought to the personal notice of the Supreme Allied Commander who naturally evinced concern at the reports made to him.

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M. S. LUSH
Brigadier,
Acting Chief Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 304

13 April 46.

SUBJECT: Allegation of Armed Auxiliary Police in Rome.
TO : Executive Commissioner, Allied Commission.

1. Acting, on your telephonic request, investigation has been made into the report that there are approximately 2000 well armed auxiliary police in Rome. The report is categorically denied. The facts are submitted.

2. Since about 1943 there have been auxiliaries in both the G.I. and the Agents of Public Security. This was necessary due to war conditions. For the most part these auxiliaries were drawn from former policemen who had retired from the forces. They should not be compared with the partisan police of the present day. There are approx. 500 of these auxiliary police still on duty in various stations in Rome. They are armed and equipped exactly the same as other Agents of P.S.

3. At present there are two schools for P.S. Agents in Rome - one, the Guido Rene School, which is the old established school, just opened this month in the Caserma Ferdinando di Savoia, received 240 recruits of whom 140 have already been dismissed as unsuitable. There is a third school operating at Nettuno which has an enrolment of approx. 1200 and which has been established for about 4 months.

4. The recruits undergoing training at these schools are drawn from every section of Italy and some of them are ex-partisans enlisted in accordance with the government decree of last fall which offered a priority to qualified ex-partisans and war veterans. However, the percentage of ex-partisans in the schools is small. Should any recruit present himself at a school armed, his arms are immediately withdrawn. No cadet is permitted to have arms of any kind except when and as issued for training purposes.

5. The 240 recruits who came in to the Ferdinando di Savoia School this month were mostly ex-partisans from North Italy wearing a type of partisan uniform. This may possibly have given rise to the rumor of partisan auxiliary police in Rome. There are no partisan auxiliary police in Rome.

(Sgd) E. J. BIE, Col.,
for, JOHN W. CHAPMAN,
Colonel, A.S.C.D., 5610
Director.



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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APC 394

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13 April 46.

SUBJECT : Allegation of Armed Auxiliary Police in Rome.
TO : Executive Commissioner, Allied Commission.

1. Acting on your telephonic request, investigation has been made into the report that there are approximately 2000 well armed auxiliary police in Rome. The report is categorically denied. The facts obtained are submitted.

2. Since about 1943 there have been auxiliaries in both the CC.RR. and the Agents of Public Security. This was necessary due to war conditions. For the most part these auxiliaries were drawn from former policemen who had retired from the forces. They should not be compared with the partisan police of the present day. There are approximately 300 of these auxiliary police still on duty in various stations in Rome. They are armed and equipt exactly the same as other Agents of P.S.

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4. The recruits undergoing training at these schools are drawn from every section of Italy and some of them are ex-partisans enlisted in accordance with the government decree of last fall which offered a priority to qualified ex-partisans and war veterans. However, the percentage of ex-partisans in the schools is extremely small - not exceeding 10 per cent. Should any recruit present himself at a school armed, his arms are immediately withdrawn. No cadet is permitted to have arms of any kind except when and as issued for training purposes.

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This statement applies only to the Guido Rene School's formation telephone to Big Desk 10:20 AM 14 April 1944.

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JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel J.A.G.D.
Director.

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