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answer to the letter n.ACC/14760/46/PS, dated 24/6/44.

Subject : INTRIERI Vincenzo of Francesco, P.S. guard.
Discipline.

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

Ref. to a/m letter, we are informing you, that on 30/5/1944, the Command of the Allied Police in Cosenza has been informed, that the P.S. guard Intrieri Vincenzo of Francesco stated that it was possible to obtain permits for the transportation of goods by railway, if payment was made in advance.

Inquiries have been made immediately which were conducted in the presence of the Allied Police and it has been ascertained, that Intrieri for the purpose of "joking", had De Paola Antonio, a simple-minded young man, believe that he was able to obtain permits in question.

The inquiry however resulted in placing the responsibility upon 2 civilians, Battaglia Libero of Vincenzo and his father, who were denounced before the judicial authorities for attempting to corrupt.

Disciplinary measures have been adopted against Intrieri, i.e. 10 days of rigorous punishment and 15 days of simple punishment.

He was also transferred from Cosenza Questura to that of Bari by virtue of a Ministerial order, dated 15/6/1944.

Public Safety Sub-Commission

Folio for action information

for the Minister
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24 June, 1944

ACC/14760/46/PS

SUBJECT : INTIERI Vincenzo
Agent of Public Security, Cosenza

TO : Minister of the Interior (Director of Public Security)

1. It has been reported that Vincenzo INTIERI an Agent of Public Security at the Cosenza Questura has been sentenced to 10 days arrest and 15 days imprisonment for attempting to obtain passes by corrupt means.
2. May this Sub-Commission please be informed of any subsequent action taken by the Ministry in respect of this employee.

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

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HEADQUARTERS REGION VII

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

File Ref: RV11/PS/410

Date: 18th June 1944

SUBJECT: ALLEGED CORRUPT PRACTICE BY ITALIAN OFFICIALS
AND CIVILIANS

TO: THE CHIEF, PUBLIC SAFETY SUB-COMMISSION,
REAR HEADQUARTERS, A. C. C.

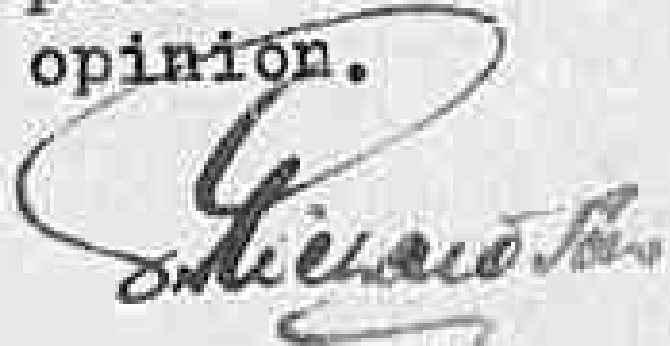
1. The attached report and enclosures submitted by Captain L. A. EDDINGS, Provincial Public Safety Officer, Province of Cosenza, appertain to an attempt to obtain unlawfully passes for the conveyance of goods out of the Province and same are forwarded to you for information as :-
 - (1) a British Officer of ACC has been mentioned in the enquiry, and
 - (2) an Agent of Public Security attached to the Questura, Cosenza, is involved in the case.
2. It appears that one INTRIERI Vincenzo, a young Agent of Public Security with only 12 months service at the Cosenza Questura, told a clerk employed at the Prefettura that he could obtain passes for the conveyance of supplies out of the Province on the payment of a sum of 15,000 per pass. It was intimated that the cash was for an ACC Captain, namely, Captain O'BRIEN formerly Supply Officer at Cosenza, later H.Q. Commandant; H.Q. Region VII and now of H.Q. ACC.
3. Through various channels the information received by the Prefettura clerk was passed to certain Cosenza merchants and between them they conspired to obtain passes, but were unsuccessful.
4. In consequence of information received it was at this time that the police enquiries were instituted and these resulted in the arrest of three persons one of whom was the Agent of P.S. For his complicity he has received 10 days arrest and 15 days imprisonment and the particulars have been reported to the Italian Minister of the Interior for further consideration. The remaining two prisoners who are civilians have been formally denounced and are awaiting trial under the Italian Penal Code.
5. It may be thought on ~~786~~ ⁷⁸⁸ reviewing the attached that our P.P.S.O.
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has actually effected the arrests in this case contrary to the existing regulations - such extracts should not be read too literally; on all occasions the P. P. S. O. was accompanied by Questura officials, furthermore, he naturally took an active 'part' in the case as a British Officer's name had been mentioned and because the offence directly affected ACC.

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Regarding the position of Captain O'BRIEN: By a thorough investigation, Captain EDDINGS is satisfied that this Officer was not implicated in or had knowledge of the attempted improper issue of the passes - by examination of the documents and having spoken to the P.P.S.O. upon the subject, I am of the same opinion.



G. Richardson, Major,
Regional Public Safety Officer,
for Regional Commissioner.

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ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION PROVINCE OF COSENZA

ARMED CONTROL

June 12th, 1944

Ref: POLICE 8/15

SUBJECT: Attempted corruption by Italian civilians to A.C.C. officials.

TO: The Regional Public Safety Officer, Region VII, Calabria.

1. Reference the attached denunciations and statements, numbered 1 to 14.
2. This deals with a case that was reported to me on 30th May 1944 by a Miss Flora Imberelli, age 18 years, of Cosenza, who alleged that a young man, age 21 years, named Battaglia Libero (referred to in this report as Prisoner No 1) had endeavored to obtain passes for the shipment of goods out of this Province by corrupt means, i.e., a tentative offer of payment to an official of A.C.C.
3. Throughout the enquiry, the name of Captain O'Brien was frequently mentioned as the Captain who supplied these passes, but extensive enquiries have been made by me, and there is not the slightest evidence, and I do not suggest in any way that Captain O'Brien had knowledge of this affair. Further, from the statements taken, it is definitely an attempt by Prisoner No 1, and Prisoner No 2 (referred to later) to commence corruption for the purpose of obtaining the passes and enriching themselves.

4. The story starts first with a man named Intieri Vincenzo, Agent of Public Security, age 22 years, 1 years service in the Questura, who told another man named De Paolo Antonio, age 24, a clerk in the Prefettura, that he could obtain passes for shipment of goods out of the Province, provided a sum of 15,000 lire was paid for the pass. This sum he stated was for the Captain.

5. De Paolo Antonio then became interested and repeated the story to Prisoner No 1, excluding the name of the Agent of Public Security, with the intention that Prisoner No 1 should believe that he was the agent for the principal.

6. Prisoner No 1 evidently consulted his father, Prisoner No 2, Battaglia, who was friendly with industrial people, and between them

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6. Prisoner No 1 evidently consulted his father, Prisoner No 2, Battaglia Vincenzo, who was friendly with industrial people, and between them they contrived to get various passes, but without success.

7. Prisoner No 1 and 2 are denounced by the Italian authorities and will be tried by Italian Law. Both prisoners were arrested by me.

8. The agent of Public Security has been punished for his part in this affair by 10 days arrest, plus 15 days imprisonment and the facts reported to the Minister of Interior for further consideration.

9. I have personally taken charge of these investigations and have been present at all the interrogations, primarily as there was a suggestion that an Allied Officer was involved, and I repeat that I am satisfied that my statement concerning Captain O'Brien on irregular issue of passes is
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
PROVINCE OF COSENZA

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without foundation.

K. Corporal Joseph Mennico, acted under my instructions, when dealing with prisoner No 1, in order to obtain further evidence as to the activities of this man, and I would record that he carried out his instructions in a diligent and proper manner, with a view to detect any form of corruption.

Leonard A. A. R. R. R.

Leonard A. MANNING, Captain
Provincial Police Officer
Province of Cosenza

of corruption.

Leonard A. Eddings
Leonard A. EDDINGS, Captain
Provincial Police Officer
Province of Quebec

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Annexed Book may not be kept by Capt. [unclear]

*Persons
father
son.*

Denounced of Battaglia Libero di V. Verzò, born at Cosenza on August 13th 1923, here residing at Via Roma No 7 and of Battaglia Vincenzo di Bernarò, born at Cosenza on July 14th 1896 and here residing at Via Roma No 7

In the last ten days of the last month, Prof. Vincenzo Battaglia accepted the task from two industrialists to take interest on making them have the passes for shipping and transporting goods.

Where the passes are given is only an Office of the Allied Command of this Province; it is undeniably known by the Professor. He accepted the commission, having present the relations between his son Libero and Miss Flora Imbardelli who is now engaged to an Officer of the Allied Command. So she knows about all the Officers of the Command and therefore she could opportunely take an interest to get all the documents settled with success.

The statement (No 1) made by Prof. Battaglia brings, as said before, to this knowledge:

" He accepts the Commission, with the air of friendship, only knowing he cannot have taken advantage of the possibilities of his son Libero, who knowing the needs of the two industrialists, disclosed to his sight accepts directly the Commission. From this comes the great contradiction and it's easy to assure that many others like this will follow later.

Although Battaglia Libero, it's not known if driven by the father or by his own purpose, went to the residence of Miss Imbardelli Flora, di Aristide, age 18, from Verde, living here in Bivio Viraglia Street No 8, and asked her to take interest for the passes of the industrialists, known by his father and introduced to them. Who are the two industrialists? One is named by Battaglia father and son as Marzullo, and has been identified as Marzullo Antonio di Domenico, 29 years old, from Semeraria (Avellino) residing at Cetraro. The other one is unknown. This last one according to the statement of the young Battaglia, was introduced to him by the father and it finishes to be unknown by him also. Very funny things.

The young Battaglia, as it has been told after he asked Miss Flora Imbardelli to get interested for the passes, let her know he heard many passes of that kind had been given with paying a certain amount of money.

Battaglia interrogated by me from where he had got this information, replied to my question, he knew it by De Paola Antonio fu Giallino (attached No 6) who's statements are that given by a not artful fellow, victim of a joke, to which the same Battaglia stated, he was joking.

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Why did Battaglia give this information to Miss Imbardelli? It is easy to understand. He wants to let him know that the two industrials will also give money for the passes.

The statements of Battaglia had offended the officers of the A.C.C. because no officer has ever done this kind of things, therefore Miss Imbardelli asked him for more explanations about the corrupted officer, as she felt it an offence against herself. She also asked about the name of the industrial and about the passes got on help of corruption.

Battaglia stated about what above said, he had no knowledge, but in the latter written to Miss Flora Imbardelli it seems he had contact with the industrialists, who gave him the charge, and it leads to identify the Captain dealing with the passes, that took money for them, showing also that a pass was given on May 20th 1944.

Which value do these informations have? None.

Battaglia answered the provenience of the necessity to pay came from De Paolo

in which he doesn't know himself.

The Officer is that who makes this service and informations were got by Mr. Francesco Grandinetti, teacher, employee of the Allied Command. The date of the permit is the same referring to a permit not to be investigated, because regular.

Battaglia is a young man that wants to have practice of life, but he is without experience. He wants to take Miss Imperilli because a possibility for him to have the passes, that he knows are now very difficult to obtain. But he wants to obtain them by friendship or by money. So, on May 30th he went to the Allied Command with Miss Imperilli and talked with Cpl. Monasco of the Allied Command, where according to a statement of the same Monasco, in presence of the Vice Questore, Battaglia told him he wanted to have the passes and tried the corruption. He offered to the same Cpl. Monasco an amount of money.

What interest have Battaglia's father and son got to have these passes? Battaglia's father is not to be excluded from the conception and the realizing of the criminal idea, being the son only his instrument, after pleading his honesty known in Caserta since many years (?)

He finishes to assure, that being a teacher and professionalist he has no material interest, but only sentimental, for the passes. That is not to be believed, because one of the industrials was not known by Battaglia's father, as he states, and it has to be excluded the sentimental relation, that Battaglia, wanting to be stupid, would like to put in the matter. But he really tries to speculate and to make money, and what he has planned, proved by the many contradictions in the statement of Battaglia's father and son. In fact as he says the industrials were not known by him and introduced to him by his father and he spontaneously accepted the commission. The introducing was only done to his son, as the father says, for Verzullo (this last one denies it) and the other industrial was not known by him, although Battaglia's father has his application, which although accepted, seems fallen from the sky.

Battaglia Vincenzo with his mischievous statement (it happens to that persons that don't tell the truth) doesn't know how it came or who presented it, and for explanation indicated Dr. Fiore, after that Verzullo, indicated by Prof. Battaglia in his first interrogatory as the man who could solve the enigma, completely denies with his affirmations the statements of the tortuous Prof. Battaglia.

For the above said facts, I denounce under arrest, for their responsibility with relation to the already exposed facts, Battaglia Vincenzo, and

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For the above said facts, I denounce under arrest, for their responsibility with relation to the already exposed facts, Battaglia Libero di Vincenzo, and Battaglia Vincenzo di Riccardo, who is one denounced but not arrested. Battaglia Libero is actually in the local prisons at your disposal.

I attach the verbal of arrest of Battaglia Libero, the interrogatory's verals of Battaglia Libero and Battaglia Vincenzo, Flora Imbardelli, Morzullo Antonio, De Paolo Antonio and Infreri Vincenzo, and also a letter signed by Libero Battaglia addressed to Flora Imbardelli, two copies of the application signed Uire Massa, two copies of the application signed by Tabiano Vincenzo; a copy of the contract made between Morzullo Antonio and the firm Tabiano Vincenzo - Ercule De Gregorio.

Signed : The Commissioner of P.S.

May 30th - 1944

STATEMENT OF BATTAGLIA LIBERO.

About two years ago, being employed as advertisements with the Provincial Corporation Committee of Cosenza, I knew De Paola Antonio, that was also employed with the same Office, where he was considered as a not very artistic fellow, and everybody was making fun of him. In the Office he was often called "spoiled monk" because he was before in the seminary. I left this Office after a month of service, going to the Polytechnic at Turin. A month ago I saw De Paola near the Station, and he told me he had been in Bari for about ten days, where he had to spend much money. Afterwards he told me he knew a Captain in the Prefettura, employed with the Office dealing with passes for shipping and transporting goods by railway, and so he could have passes for all the persons that needed them. So, he told me, he could take money from the interested individuals. From his words you could understand he was already doing this, but I didn't believe him for the bad opinion I have of him, because I had the impression, he was speaking like a farfaron. So after a few days I saw De Paola again and asked him about his business; he told me that there are many difficulties to obtain the passes and also he has to give 15,000 Liras to the Captain. I told him it was too much, always thinking that this was not true. So at the end of our conversation De Paola asked me if I knew any industrial wanting passes, because he would provide for.

Fifteen days ago my father introduced to me two individuals, one of which named Morzullo, with industry of wood at Cetraro. I can't remember the name of the other one. They told me they were needing a pass, to get I answered I know Miss Flora Imbardi engaged to a Captain of the Allied Command. She knew about all the officers of the said Command and could have taken interest in having the passes issued more easily. So I went to ask Miss Flora Imbardi to do something to get the passes. She told me, she would have done it. After that I let her know that I heard (by De Paola) some passes were given by paying some money. A few days later I gave her the applications of the two individuals, closed in an envelope. Attached to the application there was a letter with which I was answering her about the questions she asked me, and for the name of the Captain issuing the passes, the names of the industrial who got the passes, and the date when they were issued. I answered

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Through the statements made by one of the industrial, not to me, but to my father, I knew that a pass was issued on May 20th, so I let Miss Imbardelelli know it. Yesterday at 17 hours I called on the phone Miss Imbardelelli, telling her I didn't know the name of the industrial, but that he had more passes before, and that the Captain who issued them might have been Captain O'Brien. I now transferred.

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I heard it a little before, calling on the phone, by Mr. Francesco Grandinetti, an interpreter of the Allied Command, that came to my house for visit. Grandinetti is a colleague of my father, because they are teaching in the same school.

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Through this call Miss Imbardelli told me to go to her house to see her at 9,30 am.

This morning, when I came from Banda I went to see Miss Imbardelli, as we made up, and she informed me, that who was giving the passes in a Cpl. of the Allied Command, and that it was necessary to pay some money for the passes, and that at about 11,30 am. we were going together to speak to the Cpl.

About 11,30 (of this same day) I went to the "Cassa di Risparmio" & from where I took Miss Imbardelli and so we went to the above mentioned office.

After the introducing between me and the Corporal, Miss Imbardelli went away, so we were alone, and answering to his questions I told him I heard that before passes were given by money. I knew that by De Paolo. For the translating questions of the Corporal and for the arrival of the Police Captain, I understood it was a Police inquiry.

So to decline any liability, I let him know all the matter in every particular so as I have done for you.

Signed: Battaglia Libero

Signed : Commissioner of P.S.

*This was done
on instructions
by Capt. Libero*

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Signed: Battaglia 12580

Signed : Commissioner of P.S.

→ This was done
on instructions
by Capt. Ladd

STATEMENT OF DE PAOLO ANTONIO.

May 30th, 1944

I know the Agent of I.R. Intrieri Vincenzo since August, because I met him at Celico, where I was refugee. Near the end of April 1944, taking a walk with Intrieri in these Public Gardens, he told me he was able to let have passes for shipping goods from Celico to another place, because he knew a Captain (he did not tell me if it was an Officer of the Allied Command or of the Italian Army). This matter was discussed in a conversation about the live difficulties existing now, especially for employees, who have today a very miserable salary, and must therefore in some way find something else to meet the daily needs. Coming back to the offer made by him, he told me that he had to pay 15,000 liras to have the pass, and if there would be some one wanting a pass that I knew, I should have sent the person to him.

Intrieri told me his possibilities to get passes in a friendly way, and not with the intention to associate me on this job in furnishing persons wanting to pay for get the passes, but I had not taken any interest in this matter. About 15 days ago I saw at Celico several my companion of ex-convict, Battaglia Libero, and so I spoke him about many things, knowing that he was and in Intrieri's ear, and told him just what Intrieri told me, and that let him know to which Command the Officer was belonging, and who had told me all this. Battaglia replied me, the price was too high, so we said nothing else about this matter.

Six or six days ago, I saw Battaglia again and he asked me to take an interest so that the Captain could reduce the price. I went therefore to Intrieri and informed him about Battaglia's intentions, without let him know his name. In this occasion Intrieri referred me, it was impossible to reduce the amount required by the Captain. After that he told me, that nothing more could be done in this matter, as the passes were suspended.

I never thought Intrieri was talking idle stories.

I state that I took interest in it, but not for money.

So, when I told Battaglia about the possibility of having the pass, I told him I could have let the Captain be directly known, and remain in this way extraneous.

Signed: De Paolo Antonio.

Witnessed: Antonio Giuseppe, Comm. P.S.

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Signed : De Paolo Antonio.

Signed : Amato Giuseppe, Comm. P.S.

STATEMENT OF INTERIERI VINCENZO.

30th May, 1944

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In the last summer I met Paolo Antonio at Celico, who was refugee there. De Paolo is very arid, and in Celico we were making fun of him, as it happens for a person who has been in seminary. I don't know when, perhaps last month we saw in Cosenza and took a walk in the Public Gardens. Then he told me that if he had the means for transporting, he could have transported goods to make money. He also said, that for doing that he was needing permits for railway wagons, that were not issued.

So, only joking, I told him: "Do you want to have the permits?" I got no answer from De Paolo, and so I thought he understood I was joking. I was very surprised this morning in hearing the reasons for my arrest. I deny I have been talking with De Paolo about an Officer of the Allied Command, who could furnish the permits, neither by joke.

I also deny to have told De Paolo about the necessity of pay some money for getting these permits.

I also state I don't know any Officer of the Allied Command.

Being stationed to the Railway Station as Agent of P.S., I could know persons of the Allied Command, interpreters, of which I don't know the names. I met a certain Catalano Michele, a certain Giovanni (I don't know the names. Surname) and also 2 brothers interpreters, of which I don't know the names. All these are known by me only by sight; I know better only Catalano Michele, because he is a countryman of mine and has been living in my room for a month. I think it for necessary to inform you that he was living in my room not because I invited him, but he moved in my room when I was sick, and out of town, and because my landlady decided so.

Signed: Interieri Vincenzo

Signed: Angelo Giuseppe, Comm. P.S.

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Signed: Intrieri Vincenzo

Signed : Angelo Giuseppe, Comm. P.S.

9. STATEMENT OF MISS FIOR (IMBARDIELLI).

June 2nd. 1944

I know Battaglia since a long while and we are good friends, now more than before, because he is engaged to a girl belonging to a family, good friends of mine.

Last week Battaglia came to my house, asking me to try to get the passes. He gave me this commission, knowing that I am engaged to an Officer of the Allied Command, so that I could have helped him in overcoming all the difficulties existing for the issuing of such a permit. When he asked me this favour, he also told me, that before passes were given by money and that, if it was necessary, the industrials represented by him, would have paid.

I do not know whether he spoke about money paid for passes, to take up this matter in an irregular way or not. He only told me that such passes were issued before, by paying some amount of money.

I promised him I would have taken an interest in it, and I would have spoken to a Col. of the Allied Command, called Moraco, competent for the issuing of passes. I thought that Battaglia knew well that the payment for the regular issue of these passes was not needed. The day after which he came to see me, I spoke to Col. Moraco about the passes that Battaglia wanted to get for transporting goods by railroad, telling him also he had informed me, that passes had been given before by payment. The Col. promised me he would give the pass and invited me to let Battaglia go to his office. That happened in the morning of the 27th of May.

I gave Battaglia no instructions about the containing of the application, but only told him to type it on a good paper.

Signed: Clara Imbardelli

- Checked and found to be in order and properly issued*
- T.S. " When Battaglia came to speak to me, he also told me what he heard
 " a pass was given on March 20th and issued by Capt. O'Brien, taking
 " some money. It is to be excluded that - if it is true - and I am sure
 " it is not, that an interpreter has something to do with this matter
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Signed: Flora Imbardelli

7 Checks & forms to be in order and probably returned

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" about officers of the Allied Command."

*These young women reported to
Lopez Melendez, head of the Command on
the instructions of Capt. Melendez*

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STATEMENT OF BASTIEN VINCENZO, PROFESSOR.

May 31st, 1944

I know the industrial Marzullo, because person of my same idea. We had met many times and in that circumstance he told me about the deficiency of transport for shipping his goods.

So he asked me if I knew a person, that could make him obtain the passes. I answered: No. I remembered later, that my son Libero knew Miss Flora Imbardelli since a long time, and especially now, that my son is engaged to one of the daughters of Dr. Nicoletti from Genoa, good friends of Miss Imbardelli.

I asked my son if he could have the pass through Miss Imbardelli, recommending the documents of Marzullo for obtaining the pass to ship the goods. So I entrusted my son, to try to obtain the passes, without pretending to do it in an irregular way. As I had only a relative interest, I did not care if the result would have been positive or negative.

My son went to see Miss Imbardelli and ask her if there was any possibility to obtain them, and to get some instructions how to do it, as my son and I, we did not know all the formalities.

Miss Imbardelli kindly accepted the commission, and when my son delayed to go, she came to my house to speak to my son herself, and to get the application in duplicate, as she let us know.

As my son did not know the industrial Marzullo, sitting for the interest of his other colleague, not known by me, and not being in possession of the applications, he told her, he would have brought them to her, if it was possible, the same day.

When he came home, my son told me all the facts and I was already annoyed and didn't want to take anymore interest in this matter. He went out together and it happened we saw Marzullo near the industrial and hearing from me a written application was wanted, he wrote the same. ~~THANKS VERY MUCH~~ and so did the other industrial, known by Marzullo, who was together with him, and who, by the same occasion wrote also an application for a permission to transport some goods. The applications were taken by my son, who brought them to Miss Imbardelli.

After that my son left for Genoa, where he stayed for two days.

When he came back from Genoa yesterday, my son regularized some documents of his for the University and about 12 o'clock, he told me he would have gone to see Miss Imbardelli, to know the result of the applications, and that

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Miss Imbardelli kindly accepted the commission, and when my son delayed to go, she came to my house to speak to my son herself, and to get the applicant on in duplicate, as she let us know.

As my son did not know the industrial Marshall, acting for the inst. sent of other colleagues, not known by me, and not being in possession of the applications, he told her, he would have brought them to her, if it was possible, the same day.

When he came home, my son told me all the facts and I was already annoyed and did not want to take anymore interest in this matter. We went out together and it happened we saw the Marshall and hearing from me a written application was wanted, he wrote the same. ~~THE MARSHALL WROTE~~ and so did the other industrial, known by Marshall, who was together with him, and who, by the same occasion wrote also an application for a permission to transport some goods. The applications were taken by my son, who brought them to Miss Imbardelli.

After that my son left for Reide, where he staid for two days.

When he came back from Reide yesterday, my son regularized some documents of his for the University and about 11 o'clock, he told me he would have gone to see Miss Imbardelli, to know the result of the applications, and that he should have left later for Reide.

It did not happen because my son was arrested.

I think it for necessary to let you know, that either I or my son, have never been occupied in commerce.

I teach in the Technical Industrial School and give private lessons when I am free, my son is studying engineering and gives private lessons also, and nothing else.

He also stated clearly that the second industrial arrived when Marshall was giving to Battaglia Libero his application, so ~~774~~ the other one wrote him and gave it to him.

Signed: Prof. Vincenzo Battaglia
 " Amato Giuseppe, Commissioner
 of P.S.

STATEMENT OF PROF. VINCENZO BATTAGLIA.

June 1st 1944

As I stated yesterday, I absolutely don't know the Industrial that committed the application after Marzullo, signed "Ciro Messa". Yesterday I said that Marzullo knew that industrial, because so I thought, seeing him with some persons of which I know Prof. Fiore (chemical Doctor) and Marzullo. So I think if Marzullo doesn't know that industrial, certainly Dr. Fiore knows him; this last one however, did not tell me anything about the industrial, that gave me the application signed "Ciro Messa". The applications of Marzullo and of Fiore were in the hands of my son, who was with me, as before said. I think that the industrial known by me, knowing by Marzullo or Fiore about application for passes, taking advantage of that occasion, wrote his own one, and gave it to me, being present Fiore and may be also Marzullo. It was publicly happening, in the "Caffè" of the Imperial Hotel, where we stopped seeing Marzullo. In that circumstance I introduced my son to Marzullo; he knew Dr. Fiore since before.

Signed: Prof. Vincenzo Battaglia

Signed: Comm. Giuseppe Amato, Comm. P.S.

P.S. "The industrial Marzullo exchanged me to see if there was any possibility to obtain some passes for shipping goods 7 or 8 days before arriving me that application; it happened on May 27th."

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STATEMENT OF MARCELLO ANTONIO.

May 31st - 1944

Since many months ago I became friend of Prof. Battaglia Vincenzo, because we have the same ideas.

Until 1942 I was working with Industry and Commerce of wood and coal, in the Province of Cosenza, after I had to go on Army. For that reason and for the difficult transport and supply conditions I had to leave my job. After I left the Army, on May 25th I began my activity, buying 1000 quintals of coal, as you can see on the contract I presented you.

So I had to ship the coal to Naples, or better to Caserta, and on the 25th of this same month, near the Imperial Hotel I saw the Prof. Battaglia and told him I had to have issued a pass for the transporting of goods. So, for our brotherly friendship, I asked him to take an interest for this matter, because I had to go back to Cetraro, and I couldn't stay in Cosenza and wait for the development of this matter.

The Professor promised me he would have done it, and the day after, it happened I saw him, so he told me how I had to make the documents, he told me how I had to write an application to the Alimentation Office in duplicate.

So I went away to write the application at once, but before the Professor told me that, if I did not find him, when I returned, I should have given the application to a young fellow he showed me.

After I had written the application, I gave it to that young fellow I did not know, because the professor had gone away.

When I gave him my application no other industrial was with me and I did not see him receive any other application, except mine.

What I told the Professor was to try to have all the documents regularly settled to get the pass issued.

It is to be excluded that I authorized the Professor to pay money for the pass, what is also proved by the price of the coal (320 lire per quintal) by the cost of transport and by the price of the coal fixed for Naples at 5.40 liras per Kg., so that the price difference does evidently not allow me to pay any amount, however the least, for getting the permits. The authorities can control as they like, to see if I am telling you the truth. I think it necessary to give you a copy of the application that I gave to the young fellow showed by the Prof. on the 27th of May. I also give you a copy of the contract made between me and the Society Tobiano-Bi Gregorio, that sold me the coal.

The application presented by me was signed by Tobia Vincenzo, to avoid that

our brotherly friendship. I asked him to take an interest for this matter, because I had to go back to Cetraro, and I couldn't stay in Bologna and wait for the development of this matter. The Professor promised me he would have done it, and the day after, it happened I saw him, so he told me how I had to make the documents, he told me how I had to write an application to the Alimentation office in duplicate. So I went away to write the application at once, but before the Professor told me that, if I did not find him, when I returned, I should have given the application to a young fellow he showed me. After I had written the application, I gave it to that young fellow I did not know, because the professor had gone away. When I gave him my application no other industrial was with me and I did not see him receive any other application, except mine. What I told the Professor was to try to have all the documents regularly settled to get the permission. It is to be excluded that I authorized the Professor to pay money for the pass, what is also proved by the price of the coal (320 lire per quintal) by the cost of transport and by the price of the coal fixed for Naples at 5.40 liras per KG., so that the price difference does evidently not allow me to pay any amount, however the least, for getting the permits. The authorities can control as they like, to see if I am telling you the truth. I think it necessary to give you a copy of the application that I gave to the young fellow showed by the Prof. on the 27th of May. I also give you a copy of the contract made between me and the Society Tabiano-Si Gregorio, that sold me the coal. The application presented by me was signed by Tobia Vincenzo, to avoid that the coal would have been submitted twice to the disposition of block for supplying the Province. If I would have signed the application, I should have given the third part of the coal to the block, at the price of 200 liras, while the consent would have been done by the contractor commercial house. I have got nothing else to say.

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Signed : Marzullo Antonio

Signed : Amato Giuseppe, Commissario di P.S.

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Pagnano Castello May 15th 1944

To the Commercial House Antonio Fornillo,

LETTER.

According to what we made agreement, we confirm you that there remain about 1.000 quintals of coal (beech wood) at the following conditions:

Quality : Coal from the pile existing in Garfagnolo Street, that is now in the same conditions in which you left it and will be put in the sacks by a three-pronged fork.

Consignment: Free the Wagon Station of Cetraro? If the wagons won't be delivered for the month of June, the coal will be committed to you in a warehouse or on the square of the station, so we will be free from the load of the wagons.

Wagons : They will be asked by us, but you must take interest in letting us have them in the month of June.

Price: The coal will be paid at 320 liras per quintal, for each wagon, when the bill will be presented. You shall give us as advance 50.000 liras, every time the coal arrives 50 lire per quintal will be given in less.

Our best regards:

Signed: To: Piero Vincenzo
" Broccia de Gregorio

Consignment: Free the wagon Station of Gettray? If the wagons won't be given for the month of June, the coal will be committed to you in a warehouse or on the square of the station, so we will be free from the load of the wagon.

Wagons: They will be asked by us, but you must take interest in letting us have them in the month of June.

Price: The coal will be paid at 320 livres per quintal, for each wagon, when the bill will be presented.

You shall give us as advance 50,000 livres, every time the coal arrives 50 livre per quintal will be given in less.

Our best regards:

Signed: Giovanni Vincenzo
" Ercolo De Gregorio

Cosenza, May 28 -1944

I am applying for having the following railway wagons for the transport of goods as specified hereunder, and every control that you want to do about the goods, can be done:

- 1 wagon for load of 100 Quintals of chestnut flour from the Cosenza Station to the Station of Palma S. Gennaro
- 1 Wagon for load of carob bears from the Cosenza Station to the Station of Palma S. Gennaro
- 1 Wagon for load of 100 Quintals of dried figs from the Cosenza Station to the Station of Palma San Gennaro.

The goods that are going to be shipped will have the regular permits issued by the authorities showed whenever they will be asked.

Signed : Ciro Massa

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On May 31st 1944 at 12 o'clock the undersigned agents of P.S. arrester Battaglia Vincenzo di Bernardo, for trying corruption. Battaglia was arrested on the same day for dispositions of this Allied Command and already passed at the disposal of this Office.

Signed by Previtera Salvatore Agent P.S.
Scancarello Giovanni Agent P.S.

Commercial House Tobiano Vincenzo,
Fagnano Castello

May 27, 1944

To the Alimentation Office,
Cosenza.

The undersigned Commercial House asks for
10 Railway Wagons for transporting vegetable coal
from the Station of Cetraro to the Station of
Caserta (Naples).

I state that every control the competent authority
want to do, if they think so, can be done.

respectfully yours

Signed : The Commercial House
Tobiano Vincenzo

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My kind Flora,

I attach the applications of the persons for whom you have to take an interest.

They don't remember the name of the Captain who issued the passes, but it is easy for you to know it, because in the Prefettura there is only one officer attached to the passes.

Thanks and greet my best regards

Signed: Libero Battaglia

18.
R. QUESTURA DELLA PROVINCIA DI COSENZA

Cab. 025722

June 5th 1944

Reference the report N° 3034 of June 4th, regarding Battaglia Libero and Vincenzo, we inform you that the Agent of P.S. Intrieri Vincenzo, since August 1943, belonging to the Mobile Battalion of Rome, and working for this Office, has been punished for his bad acting, with 10 days of arrest of rigour and 15 days of regular prison for the act 235 N° 25 of the Regulations of the Agents of P.S. for the following reason: "For bad behaviour as Agent of P.S., provoking a justified reproach by the Allied Authorities too."

We have also informed the Home Secretary-General Direction of P.S., proposing the immediate transfer of Intrieri to another place.

Signed by the
Vice Questore