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SICILIAN SEPARATISM  
JULY 1944 - FEB. 1945

Minute Sheet

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CA Sec. 5A/D for your information, please.

*W. J. P. Morgan*

Col. Director,  
Public Safety, S.C.

27/1/25.

Ext. 686

Room 8, 5th floor.

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in succession

*W. J. P. Morgan*  
Col. Sec.

*W. J. P. Morgan* You may wish to see 5A.

*W. J. P. Morgan*  
Col. Sec.

27/1/25  
29 JUN 1945

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To CA Sec.

Folio 8-A for approval and signature please.

*W. J. P. Morgan*

Colonel  
R. P. S.

6/2/45  
PS/S/C

To CA Sec.

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*W. J. P. Morgan*  
Colonel  
R. P. S.

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8/2/45

To C.A. Sec.

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10. G.S.

See I which has been slightly re-drafted.  
 I am sure no reason for making this file TOP SECRET.

the only reason being photo. 7a. As this rating is

decided by a staff officer grade III in J. C. and 7a. 7a. 7a.

file we can well delete it. Do you agree?

O.P.S.

8 Feb 45.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APD 398  
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel: 489031 Ext. 686.

8 February 1945

Ref: AC/11760/47/PS

SUBJECT: Meeting of Separatist Party - Sicily.

TO: AFHQ, G-5 Section.

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Reference your G-5: 000.1-5 dated 3 Feb 45, above subject, with enclosure.

- 1 Attached for your information are copies of correspondence and literature in possession of this Commission, all of which probably refer to or are connected with, the meeting cited in your letter.

- (1) Letter of Headquarters Sicily Region, Allied Commission. 5A  
(2) Secret report of ESB containing text of "Order of the Day" of the so-called "National Committee". 5B  
(3) Leaflet which appeared in Palermo 21-22 January. 6B  
(4) Covering letter from the General Commanding CC.RR. 6A

For the Chief Commissioner:

*Re*G.R. UPJOHN, Brig.,  
VP CA Section,  
DCOS AC.*Original Chaff. in with v. Synt. R.C.*

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
G-5 Section  
APO 512

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G-5: 000.1-5

3 February 1945

SUBJECT: Meeting of Separatist Party - SICILY.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

The attached copy of this HQ memo, G-2(PW) 1045/245 dated 1 Feb 45 and translation of report are forwarded for your information.

For the Acting Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

K. P. MANNOCK  
Jnr/Comd

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| COL. CHAPMAN    |                 |  |
| COL. YOUNG      |                 |  |
| LT. COL. WILCOX |                 |  |
| MAJ. LUDEN      | Incls: 1/1, 2/2 |  |
| MAJ. WILSON     | as above        |  |
| MAJ. HANCOCK    |                 |  |
| MAJ. BALLANCE   |                 |  |
| CAPT. BROWN     |                 |  |

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A reliable source states that while in SICILY a few days ago, he heard that a secret meeting of the Separationist Party, presided over by FINOCCHIARO, Aprile, was held during the last few days, at which it was decided:-

a) That the Separationist Party, in view of the inability to govern shown by the BONOMI Govt, is determined to obtain by all means in its power, the separation of SICILY from Italy, and to form an independent government.

b) That to this end strikes and disorders were to be fomented at the end of Jan and beginning of February.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2

G-2(PW)1045/245

TOP SECRETTo: G-2(CI)  
A.F.H.Q.

1 Feb. '45

Subject: Meeting of Separationist Party: SICILY

Herewith translation of information received from Ufficio "I"/CSDIC (Rome) which may be of interest to you. No further circulation has been given to this information except that Col REVETRIA of CSDIC/IAI has been informed.

For the AC of S, G-2.

Copy to: G-5

(E. Angas, J/Comd)  
GSO III, G-2(PW) Sect.

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CC.BR. FORCE GENERAL HQ.  
No. 136/2

23rd Jan. 1945

SUBJECT: Underground pamphlet printed by the Sicilian Independence Party.

TO : A.C. - P.S./ S/C

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The Sicilian Independence Party has had the attached underground pamphlet printed and distributed in Palermo. The pamphlet bears an appeal to the Sicilians by Andrea Finocchiaro Aprile.

| TO               |  |
|------------------|--|
| COL CHAPMAN      |  |
| COL YOUNG        |  |
| LT COL WILKINSON |  |
| MAJ JACKSON      |  |
| MAJ WILSON       |  |
| MAJ HANCOCK      |  |
| MAJ BALLANCE     |  |
| CAPT POWELL      |  |
| CHIEF CLERK      |  |

COMMANDING GENERAL  
sig. Taddeo Orlando

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SICILIANS,

Although the feeling of the independence of our land has always been in the hearts of the people, it never was so strong and general as during the year which is going to close. This year will be considered in the history of our Island as that of the revival of the civil and political consciousness of our strong and generous people and of the affirmation of their incoercible wish of freedom and justice.

The Italian Government, the Liberation Committees (which are nothing but assemblies of ambitious and incapable men) and the recognized unity parties are vainly trying to oppose your wish that the Sicilian Country may rise again and make its way towards a better destiny. Mr. Churchill, the great British Premier, was right to say that no one of those persons is troubling himself about their not having been elected by anybody and that no one of them can be held responsible by his electors. This is why we do not recognize to them the right of ruling us; this is why we are their deadly foes and will give them no quarter.

The Sicilian Independence Party, which can rely on 600,000 members, is master of the situation and one movement would be enough to smash down the staggering governmental structure. As you know, we have abstained from moving out of respect to the Allies. Our strength is proved by the cowardice of the so-called Authorities, who run away during the recent riots and came back, haughty and slandering, as soon as they realized that there was no further danger.

I wish now to recommend you to keep quiet, as I did on that occasion. Victory is near and we are ready to lay down our lives to gain it. But we must give the Italian Government to commit any further massacre and murder.

no occasion The Italian Government is deceiving itself by thinking that they will be once again able to seduce us with their usual and useless promises. Instead, they are unconsciously continuing to dig a moral abyss that nothing will be able to fill up any more.

The Italian unity which has been the cause of all our misfortunes and miseries, is finished for ever. Sicily has broken it irremediably.

TO SICILIANS,

1945 will be the year of the shining triumph of the sacred cause to which we have consecrated ourselves. Deserve it! Owing to your productive work, Sicily will have again an honourable place in the world as well as progress and prosperity, which are the symbols of democracy. God wants this.

Hurrah for the Sicilian Independence!

Palermo, 30 th December 1944

Andre Finocchiaro Aprile



# Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO SERVIZIO - SITUAZIONE E COLLEGAMENTI

N. 136/2 di prot. R. P. e

Roma, li 25 gennaio 1945

Risposta al

del

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Allegati n.

OGGETTO: Manifestino stampato alla macchina del movimento per l'indipendenza siciliana.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

Sottocommissione per la P.S. -

R O M A

In Palermo, il movimento per l'indipendenza siciliana ha fatto distribuire l'unico manifestino - edito alla macchina - che reca un appello di Andrea FINOCCHIARO-APRILE ai siciliani.

IL GENERALE DI CORPO D'ARMATA  
COMANDANTE GENERALE  
- Taddeo Orlando -

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ALLIED COMMISSION  
SICILIA REGION HEADQUARTERS  
APO 394

FILE : REC/000.5

SUBJECT: Separatist Activities - Sicily

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission  
Attention: Public Safety Sub-Commission

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| TO              | DATE |
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| COL. CHAPMAN    | 27/1 |
| COL. YOUNG 1945 |      |
| LT. COL. W. X   |      |
| MAJ. LUCK       |      |
| MAJ. WILSON     |      |
| MAJ. HANBY      |      |
| MAJ. BALANCE    |      |
| CAPT. POWEL     | 27/1 |
| CHIEF CLERK     |      |

1. With respect to possible connection of Separatist movement with recent disorders in Sicily, I do not have definite information but I am forwarding herewith a report on the latest Separatist movements based on: Report from F.S.S. (A) attached, and leaflets (B & C) attached received from the Italian police.

a. The report (A) attached refers to a meeting of the National Committee held on the 15th and 16th of January and the action taken by it.

b. The leaflets (B & C) attached were received by this Headquarters from the Italian police after the receipt of the report from PSS, and in general confirm the information contained in the report. The leaflets were placed on the walls in two principal streets of Palermo during the night 21-22 January.

2. This latest information seems to confirm previous persistent rumors that the Separatists would not conform to the present or any Italian government and that they wanted Allied Military Government to return. While it has not been reported that the Separatist movement is definitely identified with recent disorders in Sicily, the leaflets, unless falsified, indicated a hope on the part of the Separatists that general disorder beyond control of the Italian government would further their purpose, whether or not the Allies conceded to any request to consign to them the government of Sicily.

For the REGIONAL COMMISSIONER

*R. A. Snook*  
RUSSELL A. SNOOK  
Lt. Colonel, CMP  
Executive Officer

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- 1st Incl - Special Report (A)
- 2nd Incl - Poster (B)
- 3rd Incl - Poster (C)



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19th January, 1945.

SPECIAL REPORT ON THE SEPARATIST MOVEMENT.

On the 15/16th inst. the following decisions by the Separatis National Committee were taken at their Headquarters.

The Committee was summoned to examine the general political situation and the line of policy to be adopted towards the Allies and the Italian Government. This meeting was brought about by the fact that, as we have already reported, in the various provinces the local exponents of the Movement have had strong pressure brought to bear on them to cause immediate and violent action. At the meeting of the National Committee more than 40 delegates of all the provinces of the island participated. After four long laborious and animated sessions, the National Committee decided in view of the attitude adopted by the Allies towards the island, which has been one of agreement with the Italian Government, to send an ultimatum demanding -

- (i) either the handing over of power to the Separatist Movement, or
- (ii) Military re-occupation of the island on the part of the Allies.

To this end a stirring Order of the Day was approved, which is attached with its complete text. In the event of neither of the two proposals being accepted, the National Committee decided that the Movement would seize power with all its forces, proclaiming an independent Republic of Sicily. For this purpose the National Committee gave full powers to an Executive Committee, who should be responsible for organization. This Committee already started its work on the evening of the 16th January, sending inflammatory communications to all the Provincial sections of the island, to the Separatist Youth League were communicated precise instructions to initiate intense propaganda, particularly writing large Capital with clay, chalk and coal on the tramways, trains and walls everywhere. It was further decided that in the preparatory phase of the struggle against the Flag (by which they mean that all Italian Flags wherever they are flown should be torn down) and disfigured with ink, chalk or coal. One Squad left on the evening of the 16th to carry out operations on the Flag flown outside the Lega Italica.

Text of the ORDER OF THE DAY

The National Committee met in plenary session on the 15th January with the representatives of all the Provinces of the Island. They took into consideration the situation created on the island by the Italian Government by making regulations which did not correspond with public necessity and which acted against the interests of the people, causing outbursts of indignation which can only please the enemies of Liberty. It considered -

- that the Bonomi Government shows itself more clearly every day to be more violently anti-democratic and reactionary than any Government which has come to power in Italy, and which has determined to deny to the Independence Movement - which identifies itself with the Sicilian people - every liberty in spite of repeated warnings

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that the Italian Government is determined to support the interests of the Monarchy in war and in peace, the Monarchy which has covered itself with shame.

that the so-called Committee of Liberation, which is without any following in Sicily, supports and encourages the authorities on the island in their liberty destroying conduct, and is striving to maintain their own illegitimate position of dominance.

that the High Commissioner, instead of looking after the well being of the people, occupies himself in gaining support for his political parties and does not try to carry out the work in accordance with the views of the people, with serious prejudice to collective needs.

that persecution of the adherents of the Movement has been intensified with decidedly Fascist methods and that the independent Mayors nominated by the Allied Command from among the most worthy elements on the spot have been substituted and that all employees registered with the movement have been dismissed.

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that in Sicily the Italian Police have adopted the most abominable and most inhuman methods of the past regime and have shown the complete incapacity of the Italian Government seriously to help Sicily and to maintain public order, and have done nothing but harm to the Sicilian people who are desirous of being governed by their own men liberally chosen.

that for the island to remain under the inept Italian Government, loathed and despised by the Sicilian people, either at the hand of in local Government, constituted a grave danger for Sicily.

that the pretended promise of autonomy is a new and ignoble swindle of the Italian Government, which the Sicilian people have already rejected, considering that the Italian Government has given and is giving with its incapacity a daily demonstration that Italian unity cannot be maintained and has itself dug a ditch between Sicily and Italy.

that the people is firmly decided to create a new sovereign independent state of Sicily and to confederate eventually with the state or states which will rise in Italy and that this supreme aim will be achieved at the opportune moment at whatever cost.

The National Committee decide -

1. To send heartfelt greetings to the victims of the hatred of the Italian Government and to come to the aid of their families.
2. To appeal to the Allies because of the existence in Sicily of an absolutely intolerable state of affairs, which if allowed to continue, could give rise to a general insurrection.
3. To demand from the Allies the cession of the Government to the National Committee, the only and true representative of the Sicilian people, or failing that the re-occupation of the island on the part of the Allies.
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## MOVIMENTO PER L'INDIPENDENZA DELLA SICILIA

Il Comitato Nazionale, nella ricerca della soluzione opportuna, per assicurare con l'indipendenza la tranquillità, il benessere ed un pacifico sviluppo sociale ed economico dell'Isola nel quadro della nuova Europa, che deve sorgere dalla felice risoluzione dell'attuale conflitto, e di portare un notevole contributo alla pace mondiale, mentre chiede alle Nazioni Unite di affidare al Comitato Nazionale per l'indipendenza della Sicilia, quale rappresentante della grande maggioranza della popolazione siciliana, oppure di prendere direttamente il governo dell'Isola, espone quali sono gli intendimenti politici coi quali il Comitato stesso assumerebbe la detta delegazione:

- 1) Provvedere all'amministrazione dell'Isola con l'assistenza e con adeguati aiuti da parte degli Alleati ed al mantenimento dell'ordine pubblico;
  - 2) Fare opera perchè la Sicilia dia il massimo contributo allo sforzo bellico degli Alleati in conformità e nei limiti delle precedenti dichiarazioni del Comitato;
  - 3) Convocare immediatamente i comizi elettorali sotto il controllo delle Nazioni Alleate, per la formazione di una assemblea costituente siciliana, fondata sui seguenti principi:
    - a) La Sicilia sarà divisa in cento circoscrizioni elettorali di quarantamila abitanti ciascuna;
    - b) Ogni circoscrizione nominerà un rappresentante nell'assemblea costituente;
    - c) Avranno diritto a voto i cittadini dai diciotto anni e saranno eleggibili a venticinque anni;
  - 4) L'assemblea costituente avrà il compito di deliberare sulla costituzione siciliana che sarà fondata sulle tradizioni storiche dello stato di Sicilia, assicurando ai comuni ed ai valli dell'Isola la maggiore autonomia.
- Il Comitato Nazionale per l'indipendenza della Sicilia invita le Nazioni Alleate, sotto la cui garanzia sorgerebbe il nuovo stato di Sicilia (che avrà nel cuore del Mediterraneo la missione di neutralità assoluta dalla Svizzera nel cuore dell'Europa), ad assicurare all'Italia la disposizione dei Siciliani ad unirsi eventualmente in federazione con lo stato o con gli stati che potranno sorgere nella Penisola, ove ciò venisse richiesto dalle circostanze politiche che sorgeranno alla fine della guerra.

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Il Segretario Generale

Antonino Varvaro

Il Presidente

Andrea Finocchiaro-Aprile

# Movimento per l'indipendenza della Sicilia

Il Comitato Nazionale riunito in assemblea plenaria a Palermo il 15 gennaio 1945 con le rappresentanze di tutte le provincie dell'Isola.

presa in esame la grave e dolorosa situazione creata in Sicilia dal governo italiano con provvedimenti che non hanno corrisposto alle pubbliche necessità e che hanno offeso gli interessi delle popolazioni, determinando dappertutto esplosioni di indignazione che possono giovare soltanto ai nemici della libertà,

considerato che l'azione delle autorità si è svolta in senso offensivo per la gente siciliana sino a giungere a repressioni brutali e sanguinose,

considerato che il gabinetto Bonomi si afferma ogni giorno più fieramente antidemocratico ed il più reazionario dei governi che si sono succeduti in Italia e che esso ha proseguito a negare al movimento per l'indipendenza, che si identifica con il popolo siciliano, tutte le libertà, nonostante i ripetuti ammonimenti dei capi dei governi alleati circa la concessione ai popoli delle libertà fondamentali,

considerato che il governo italiano si è fatto a sostenere gli interessi della monarchia che, in guerra ed in pace, si è coperta di ludibrio e di vergogna,

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considerato che il popolo è fermamente deciso alla creazione di uno stato sovrano e indipendente di Sicilia, da confederare eventualmente con lo stato o con gli stati che sorgeranno in Italia, e che questo scopo supremo sarà raggiunto, al momento opportuno, a qualunque costo,

## D E L I B E R A

- 1) di rivolgere un commosso saluto alle vittime dell'odio del governo italiano e di venire in aiuto alle loro famiglie,
- 2) di fare appello agli Alleati perché cessi in Sicilia uno stato di cose assolutamente intollerabile che, continuando, potrebbe determinare una generale insurrezione,
- 3) di chiedere agli Alleati la consegna del governo dell'Isola, essendo il Comitato Nazionale unico e vero rappresentante del popolo siciliano; o quanto meno la rioccupazione dell'Isola da parte degli Alleati medesimi,
- 4) di dare incarico al Comitato Esecutivo di predisporre tutto il necessario sia per l'attuazione della presente deliberazione, sia, e sopra tutto, per affrettare la realizzazione dell'indipendenza, secolare e santa aspirazione del popolo siciliano.

Il Segretario Generale  
**Antonino Varvaro**

Il Presidente

**796 Andrea Finocchiaro-Aprile**

TRANSLATION.

To H.E. Ivanoe Bonomi,  
President of the Council of Ministers.

and for information to the Chief Commissioner, Allied  
Commission, Rome.

Trapani 23/12/1944.

I bring to attention the fact that there do exist  
Sicilians who, despite twenty years of Fascism have not  
lost their moral sense or that of the solidarity of the  
human race, cost what it may.

It profoundly grieves me that separatism is discussed  
on the political plane and not on that of the penal war code.

Liberty does not in any way mean licence, anarchy or  
consummate egotism or the self-sufficiency of one region or  
zone, but self-control and social understanding and  
collaboration as between men and not beasts.

So-called separatism (mafia) is headed by the Bank of  
Sicily together with the landed proprietors, dregs of society,  
by the Sicilian Socialist Federation now absorbed into the  
Socialist Party as well as by the various democratic unions  
absorbed into the Workers' Democracy. Now these gentry hide  
in the shadow of decentralization (self-sufficiency) or  
autonomy.

Sicily, being pre-eminent agricultural, that in to say,  
benefited by the war and helped by the lack of competition  
due to transport difficulties, separatism has only economic  
and not political foundations and has for programme the  
prevention of loss to the land owners and blackmarketeers  
both Fascist and non-Fascist of directive dominion and the  
capital extorted by their stranglehold of alimentary goods  
and by Fascist protectionism.

It is an astute subterfuge to camouflage vulgar protection-  
ist economic greed and dominion under noble political and  
historic robes.

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So-called separatism (mafia) is headed by the Bank of Sicily together with the landed proprietors, dregs of society, by the Sicilian Socialist Federation now absorbed into the Socialist Party as well as by the various democratic unions absorbed into the Workers' Democracy. Now these gentry hide in the shadow of decentralization (self-sufficiency) or autonomy.

Sicily, being pre-eminent agricultural, that is to say, benefited by the war and helped by the lack of competition due to transport difficulties, separatism has only economic and not political foundations and has for programme the prevention of loss to the land owners and blackmarketeers both Fascist and non-Fascist of directive dominion and the capital extorted by their stranglehold of alimentary goods and by Fascist protectionism.

It is an astute subterfuge to camouflage vulgar protectionist economic greed and dominion under noble political and historic robes.

I beg you to interpret this letter as my humble encouragement to you that you may stand firm and if necessary resort to extreme measures which are, after all, legitimate and right, against these twisters who dare to wish further to tare apart our country, already mangled by the war of liberation, by exasperated nationalism.

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I hope you will use this letter in any way you may think fit for the good of the country and to clear up the equivocal and tragic situation and I ask you merely to keep secret my name and address so that I may not fall a victim to ambush or other reprisals because given the contingency of the war separationism has bred many unscrupulous people who exhibit vulgar egotism, innate in human nature.

Believe me, yours faithfully,

(Signed) LIBORIO MASSIMO SAIVO Rag. Dott.

p Umberto I No. 3;

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| MAJ. HAMBURY    | W. J. | 6/11 |
| MAJ. BALANCE    | W. J. | 6/11 |
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RAG. DOTT. LIBORIO M. O. SALVO  
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TRAPANI

comandante

Trapani 23/12/1944

a S.E. Ivanoe Bonomi  
Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri

e per conoscenza al Capo della Commissione Alleata

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Faccio presente che esistono dei siciliani che non hanno perduto malgrado il ventennio fascista il senso della morale e della solidarietà umana, costì quel che costi.

Mi spiace profondamente che il separatismo si discute sul piano politico e non su quello del codice penale di guerra.

Libertà non significa affatto licenza, anarchia o gretto egoismo o autarchia regionale o campanilismo, ma autocontrollo e sociale comprensione e collaborazione da uomini e non da bestie.

Il cosiddetto separatismo (mafia) fa capo al Banco di Sicilia unito alla cricca terriera, feccia della società, alla Federazione Socialista Siciliana ora assorbita dal Partito Socialista nonché alle varie unioni democratiche assorbite dalla Democrazia del Lavoro. Ora questa gentaglia si camuffa all'ombra del decentramento (prego autarchia) o autonomia.

Essendo la Sicilia prettamente agricola, cioè beneficiata dalla guerra ed agevolata dalla mancanza di concorrenza per difficoltà dei trasporti, il separatismo ha solo fondamento economico e non politico ed ha il programma di non far perdere ai terrrieri ed interallazisti fascisti e non fascisti il dominio direttivo ed i capitali estorti con lo strangolamento alimentare e col protezionismo fascista.

E' un sotterfugio astuto camuffare la volgare ingordigia economica protezionista e di dominio sotto la nobile veste politica e storica.

Vi prego interpretare la presente come un utile mio incoraggiamento che Vi faccio affinché Voi teniate duro e se necessario usiate mezzi estremi che del resto sono legittimi e morali contro questi avvoltoi che osano voler dilaniare la nostra Patria massacrata dalla guerra di liberazione dall'esasperato nazionalismo.

Vi do facoltà di fare della presente l'uso che crediate opportuno per il bene della Patria per chiarire l'equivoco su detta trarica ed assicurare a Voi prego di

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RAG. DOTT. LIGORIO MASSIMO SALVO  
P. Umberto I n. 3 - C. S. P. n. 17

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*Libero, Massimo Salvo*

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CG.RR. General H.

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22 December 1976/74

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TO : Allied Commission - P.S. Subcommission  
SUBJ.: Sicily - separatist activity.

The General Commanding the VI CG.RR. Brigade, on the 17th inst., has communicated:

"From a confidential source it has been ascertained that bonds have been issued in the all Island, as a loan for <sup>further</sup> order to favour the Sicilian independence movement.

In several meetings of the leaders, it has been noticed the financial difficulties met by the movement, since no account can be made on the help of rich categories of members, who have already given all what they could.

It was foreseen the issuing of ~~these~~ loan bonds, for sums between 1000 and 5.000 lire.

The idea was favourably accepted, but, as we are told, results are being very small.

Double receipt books ~~seem~~ seem to have been printed, bearing the effigy of ~~MINACOLA~~ ; the detachable part is the bond.

It has not been possible to detect the people who places them, and the one who buy them, since everything is done very secretly.

In order to finance the movement, it seems that the provincial committees have organised Sunday lotteries, with small prizes. Each ticket costs 5 lire.

the Commanding General  
Taddeo Orlando

RISERVATO PERSONALE**Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali****UFFICIO SERVIZIO - SITUAZIONE E COLLEGAMENTI**

N. 76/74 di prot. R.P.

Roma, li 22 dicembre 1944

Risposta al

del

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Allegati n.

OGGETTO: Sicilia - Attività separatista.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

- Sottocommissione per la Pubblica Sicurezza -

R O M A

Il Generale comandante della VI Brigata CC.RR., in data 17 corrente, comunica:

"Da fonte confidenziale viene assicurata l'emissione di speciali polizze in tutta l'Isola, a titolo di prestito per favorire il movimento d'indipendenza della Sicilia.

In diverse riunioni i dirigenti hanno dovuto constatare le difficoltà finanziarie che il movimento stesso incontra non potendo fare ulteriore assegnazione sugli elementi di agiata posizione che già hanno elargito quanto potevano.

Sarebbe stata proposta la istituzione di titoli di prestito per somme variabili da L. 1.000 a L. 5.000.

L'idea per quanto bene accolta, a quanto viene assicurato, avrebbe dato risultati non modesti.

Sarebbero stati stampati blocchetti a madre e figlia, con l'effigie della "FEDERAZIONE", in cui il titolo è rappresentato dalla parte staccabile.

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Non è stato possibile identificare collocatori e sollecitatori perché le sottoscrizioni si svolgono con carattere di segretezza.

Per sovvenzionare il movimento, in seno ai comitati provinciali sarebbero state indette lotterie comunali con sorteggio di piccoli oggetti.

Si vuole che il costo dei biglietti sia di L. 3.000.

IL GENERALE DI CORPO D'ARMATA  
COMANDANTE GENERALE  
- Teodoro Orlando -

*Teodoro Orlando*

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SPECIAL SITUATION REPORT. AFRILA SEPARATIST LEADER INVOLVED IN INCIDENT  
PALESTINE ON 17TH SEPT. ITALIAN AUTHORITIES CONSIDERING ARREST. HAVE AGREED LINE OF  
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HEADQUARTERS  
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS  
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Open Personal file  
on Finocchiaro

1 July 1944

FILE:RC/000.1

SUBJECT: SICILIAN SEPARATISM.

TO : Executive Commissioner  
R.C. & M.C. Section  
R.C. A.C.C. Naples

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Reference letters 3/CA of 13 JUN 44 and 15/92/CA of 23 JUN 44, with attached documents addressed to the Chief Commissioner and the Allied Control Commission.

1. The Sicilian separatist movement in the person of FINOCCHIARO APRILE, a Watch List suspect, having inevitably clashed with the Communists at a separatist meeting held at REGALBUTO (ENNA Province) on 29 MAY 44, protests in the name of free speech and liberty, and enlists A.C.C. support and sympathy against the reactions which separatist doctrine provokes in the minds of Sicilians who are loyal to ITALY.
2. The late Badoglio government, and the former Minister of the Interior ALDISIO in particular, embarked on a policy to suppress separatism in SICILY and difficulties were put in the way of holding meetings on the grounds of public security.
3. An application to A.P.B. Naples to publish a weekly newspaper was rejected on the grounds that the movement does not represent a recognized Italian political party.
4. Recent speeches by Finocchiaro Aprile have contained passages inciting farmers not to deliver wheat to the people's granaries and also against the Italian Army and military service. I am informed that the Italian government has been so acquainted.
5. I have informed Finocchiaro Aprile as follows:

(Translation)

With reference to the papers sent me on 19 and 20 JUN regarding the distressing incidents at REGALBUTO, it is contrary to Allied Control Commission policy to intervene in or interfere with the Italian Administration.

The sole concern of the Allied Control

Commission is that SICILY, as co-belligerent, make the greatest possible contribution to the successful prosecution of the war and that it does not hinder the war effort, which imposes obligations upon all, with inopportune demonstrations, and that the consequences of the war be considered in their ultimate effect on every country.

6. The question is essentially one for the Italian government to decide upon and in my opinion there is sufficient evidence to take action under the law.

7. If I were asked for a recommendation I should say that in the best interests of the war effort and public security in SICILY, Finocchiaro Aprile's removal to an internees camp, with other members of his group for company, is to be advocated.

*A. H. Hancock*  
A. H. HANCOCK  
Colonel  
Regional Commissioner

Copies TO: Interior sub-Commission  
Public Safety sub-Commission —  
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