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LECCISO PIETRO  
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Ref.: SB/140 J

HQ. AOC Security Branch APO 394

24 July 1944

To : Public Safety Sub-Commission.

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1. Regional Commissioner, Region 2, has been asked by RC & MG Section to provide the facts in this case.

There is no indication that it is a Security arrest or that the subject has been sent to 371 P.O.W. Camp.

2. Apart from the action already taken we have no means of finding out the reasons for the arrest.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

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S.J. HARVEY,  
Major,  
Security Branch.

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
R.C. & M.C. SECTION  
APO 394

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Ref/3D-186/CA

22 July 1944

SUBJECT: Arrest of Avv. Pietro Lucciso.

TO : R.C. Region II

1. Herewith is translation in duplicate of a memorandum from the Ministry of Justice concerning the arrest of the above at LEOC

2. Will you please ascertain the facts of the case and let us know as soon as possible.

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NORMAN E. FISKE  
Colonel  
Deputy Executive  
Commissioner

Copy to:

Admin. Sect. (for Legal &amp; Public Safety Sub-Commissions.)



TRANSLATION

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MEMORANDUM

On 18th July the Allied Police arrested at Lecce Avv. Pietro Lecciso Provincial Treasurer (Vicesciario) of the Christian Democratic Party, a man courageous and highly esteemed professionally, a member of the Committee of Liberation since the first fall of fascism; a man of high and unblemished character both social and political, a member of the Consiglio dell'Ordine degli Avvocati of the Province of Lecce.

The arrest was made following a sudden visit by an Officer and an S.O.S. of the aforesaid Police who asked Avv. Lecciso for information regarding the subject matter of a conversation of a professional nature which he had had two days before with a certain Paticchia of Carmiano (a little Comune in Lecce Province about 3 Km. from the Provincial capital).

Avv. Lecciso admitted that Paticchia had visited him but refused to divulge the subject matter of the conversation claiming that professional secrecy forbids it. After a thorough search of all the papers in his office, without any success as with the opposition of Avv. Lecciso was bound to be the case - the said officers of the Police asked Avv. Lecciso to follow them and from that day he has been detained in the "Penitenziario" at Lecce.

The following wish to know the reasons for the arrest : H.E. the Archbishop of Lecce (who has personally guaranteed the integrity and the moral and professional status of Avv. Lecciso) - H.E. the Prefetto of the Province; the members of the Party are most eager to guarantee from any point of view Avv. Lecciso, being fully convinced that they will not be called upon to answer for anything in the least for a man of such outstanding worth and exemplary professional character, seriously-minded and correct.

Even if the aforesaid avv. (whose practice is civil and commercial and not penal) was asked for advice or help by Paticchia regarding lawful or other matter, it must be most strongly denied that he could thereby compromise himself in any way at all.

It is necessary and indeed most urgent for pressing reasons of personal and political nature that Avv. Lecciso should be freed.

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
APO 394

Tel. 489081-Ext. 502

ACG/14760/56/PS

23rd July, 1944

SUBJECT : LECCISO Pietro.

TO : Security Branch.

The attached translation of a memorandum received  
by Legal Sub-Commission is forwarded. Legal Sub-Commission  
would like some information regarding this matter.

*Howell Capt*  
PAUL C. HOWELL,  
Colonel, Inf.  
for Chief, Public Safety  
Sub-Commission

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Copy to: Legal Sub-Commission  
(Your memo re Lecciso Pietro refers)

TRANSLATIONMEMORANDUM

On 12th July the Allied Police arrested at Lecce Avv. Pietro Lecciso Provincial Treasurer (fiduciario) of the Christian Democratic Party, a man courageous and highly esteemed professionally, a member of the Committee of Liberation since the first fall of fascism; a man of high and unblemished character both social and political, a member of the Consiglio dell'Ordine degli Avvocati of the Province of Lecce.

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