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Re 1A

On 15th May this matter was discussed with the Chief of Staff, GQFF. All arrangements were in hand. The matter having been referred to Gen. Morreca by the Italian Supreme Command.

There is no need for any

action by Public Safety.

W. L. Cox

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SUBJECT: Coastal Security

IR, Allied Armies in Italy

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16 May 1944

TO: G-2, Fifth Army
GSI, 2 District
GSI, 3 District
G-2, P.E.S.
G-2, Allied Garrison Sardinia.

1. Attached is an outline of a scheme drawn up by the S.I.M. (CS) for supplementing the existing security control of the Italian coastline. This scheme has been approved by this Headquarters and IRGO, and it is to be implemented by S.I.M.: it should be in operation before the end of the current month.

2. Routine coast watching is normally the responsibility of Italian coastal defence troops, Italian naval coast guards, Port CC.RR. and the Guardia di Finanza (uniformed). The efficiency of this service varies considerably in different areas, and the S.I.M. C.S. plan is devised to reinforce these stretches of the coastline which appear most likely to be used for the embarkation and disembarkation of enemy agents, namely:

- (a) GAIANO Peninsula (Lake LESSINA - TORRE DI RIVOLI)
- (b) "Heels" of ITALY (MONTEFIORE - S. MARIA DI LEUCA)
- (c) Gulf of NAPLES (MIRAZZO - P. CAMPANELLA)
- (d) NW Coast of SARDINIA (Gulf of ASINARA - Gulf of ORGOSI)

3. The S.I.M. C.S. agents will work in close collaboration with local RS/CIC personnel and any individuals arriving from overseas or from enemy territory will be turned over to the latter.

4. Arrangements are being made for addressees to be supplied with the names and addressees of CS agents operating in their areas.

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- (a) GARGANO Peninsula (Lago Lesina - Torre di Rivoli)
- (b) "heel" of ITALY (MERCURI - S. MARIA DI LEUCA)
- (c) GULF OF NAPLES (MISERICORDIA - F. CAMPANELLA)
- (d) NW coast of SARDEGNA (Gulf of ASINARA - Gulf of ORCSEL)

The S.I.M. C.S. agents will work in close collaboration with local PS/OIG personnel and any individuals arriving from overseas or from enemy territory will be turned over to the latter.

4. Arrangements are being made for addressees to be supplied with the names and addressees of OS agents operating in their areas.

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G-2 (CI), AMO.
Forward Counter Intelligence, CSE.
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Public Safety Sub-Commission, A.C.C.
Major Dotti, S.I.M. (C.S.). Comando Supremo

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PLAN FOR COASTAL SECURITY CONTROL

1. PURPOSE

The special S.I.M. O.S. service engaged on coastal security work will have the following functions:

- (a) To extend a network of informants along the coastal area concerned.
- (b) To introduce its own agents among the crews of suspect local fishing craft.
- (c) To maintain observation of individual suspects.

Cases of routine police nature (e.g. infringement of fishing regulations (b.o.)) will be handed over to the ordinary police and custom service.

2. PERSONNEL

Personnel will be drawn from the Guardia di Finanza but will work independently of the latter and under the direct control of S.I.M. (OS). They will wear plain clothes.

3. DISPOSITION

In the first instance agents will be located as follows. Local reinforcements may later be made as the situation demands.

(a) GARGANO PENINSULA (from Lido LESINA to TORRE di RIVOLI inclusive)

MANFREDONIA	- 1 Officer i/c 3 O.S's.
VESTE	- 3 O.S's.
VIESTE	- 2 O.S's.
RODI	- 4 O.S's.
TRINITI Isola	- 3 O.S's.
LESINA	- 2 O.S's.
VIESTE	- 3 O.S's.
SAVIGNO	- 2 O.S's.
VIESTE	- 3 O.S's.

(b) Islands of ITALY (from exclusive MONOPOLI to inclusive S. MARIA di LEUCA).

S. MARIA di LEUCA	- 3 O.S's.
TRICASE	- 3 O.S's.
VIESTE	- 3 O.S's.

3. DISPOSITION

In the first instance agents will be located as follows. Local read-justments may later be made as the situation demands.

(a) GARGANO Peninsula (from 1 to LESINA to TORRE di RIVOLI inclusive)

IMPRONDIA - 1 Officer i/c 3 O.R's.
 VIESTE - 3 O.R's.
 PESCHICI - 2 O.R's.
 RODI - 4 O.R's.
 TREMITI Islands - 3 O.R's.
 LESINA - 2 O.R's.
 APRICENA - 3 O.R's.
 SANNICIANDRO - 2 O.R's.
 OGGIORE - 3 O.R's.

(b) "heel" of ITALY (from exclusive MURCIOLI to inclusive S. MARIA di LEUCA).

S. MARIA di LEUCA - 3 O.R's.
 TRIGLIE - 3 O.R's.
 S. CESAREA - 3 O.R's.
 GERANO - 1 Officer, 3 O.R's.
 FARO S. CARLO - 3 O.R's.
 TROCELLIAROLE - 3 O.R's.
 CASLINO - 2 O.R's.
 BRANDESI - 3 O.R's.
 S. VITO dei NORMANNI
 area - 3 O.R's.
 OSTUNI area - 3 O.R's.
 FASCANO area - 3 O.R's.

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(c) GULF OF NAPLES (from exclusive MINICHINO to inclusive P. CAMPANELLA).

MINICHINO - 2 O.R's.
 MAGDALE - 3 O.R's.
 CASTELLONARDO - 4 O.R's.
 POLTUOLI - 1 Officer, 4 O.R's.
 PORTICI - 3 O.R's.
 TORRE DEL GRECO - 2 O.R's.
 TORRE ANNUNZIATA - 3 O.R's.
 CASTELLARE - 2 O.R's.
 SORENTO - 3 O.R's.
 PROCIDA - 2 O.R's.
 CAPRI - 3 O.R's.
 FORZA - 3 O.R's.
 VENTOTENE - 3 O.R's.

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(c) NW Coast of SARDINIA (from Gulf of ASINARA to the Gulf of OROSEI)

Isola ASINARA	- 3 O.R.'s.
PORTO TORRES	- 3 O.R.'s.
CASTEL SARDO	- 3 O.R.'s.
S. Maria CALLURA	- 3 O.R.'s.
CARRERA Group of Islands	- 1 O.R., 20 O.R.'s.

4. SEWARD PATROLS

U.S.S.G. has undertaken to arrange for the provision of patrol boats for each of these sectors. Each boat will carry S.I.M. U.S. personnel and the crew (numbering six) will be armed with pistols and rifles.

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