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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION FOR SARDINIA

Cagliari, 7 February 1944

TO: Brigadier LUSH, H.Q., A.C.C.

1. I am sorry that I took away the enclosed papers with me from Naples in my wallet. I am taking the opportunity presented by the journey of Colonel Simmons to return the papers to you by hand.
2. I have the following observations to make:
 - (a) The Sassari Party of Action could not be considered as representing a very large proportion of the Sardinian population. In fact I have not heard the proposal for a Sardinian Division mentioned in any discussion which I have had during the past six weeks with any of the leading inhabitants.
 - (b) It is perfectly agreed that Sardinians would fight all the better if they were organised into a territorial unit. The exploits of the Brigade of Sassari in the last war were quite legendary. There are, however, only a few combatant Sardinian troops among the Italian Army in the island and the task of gathering together Sardinian volunteers from among the thousands of Prisoners of War in North Africa would probably raise a large number of difficult questions.
3. In this connection it is interesting to note that the Under Secretary of State speaks about "our soldiers in Sardinia". It is important to realise that the vast proportion of Italian soldiers in Sardinia come from the Continent. As you are already aware, the best units in Sardinia are probably the Arditi, the Bersaglieri and the Nembo Division. All these are recruited mainly from the Continent.
4. It is suggested that if special units are to be recruited voluntarily from Sardinia, they might conceivably take the form of Carabinieri units. The Sard is a stolid, disciplined individual who would probably do good work in the Carabinieri.

J. K. DUNLOP,
Brigadier,

Regional Allied Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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30 January 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Gaccia *Brig. Dunlop*

There is forwarded herewith a letter from Under-Secretary Reale which has been acknowledged. While the subject matter is essentially military, I think you will agree that it is also of political significance.

After reviewing it, you may wish to pass it on to Colonel Dunlop in Sardinia.

Ellery W. Stone
 ELLERY W. STONE
 Captain, USNR
 Acting Chief of Staff

- 1 Incl:
 Ltr, Ministry of the Interior,
 26 Jan 44 (with 2 Incls)

Brig. Dunlop

*R. read and
 then speak.*

*Wm H
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TRANSLATION

MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

The Under-Secretary of State

P.M. 151 - 26 January 1944

To Allied Control Commission

Brindisi

I am sending on to you the order of the day of Sardinia.

Our soldiers in Sardinia shot not one bullet against Allied troops, have helped in chasing the Germans out of Italy, are now proud to fight at the side of the Allies.

The heroism of the Sardinians is legendary, the Allied Forces will have at their side combatants who will be worthy of them.

The Government is delighted to accept the resolution of the population of the Island, trusts that it will be accepted by you, and that the Vote of Sardinia will constitute a reality that will soon come to pass.

THE UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE

/s/ V. Reale

2 Encls.

Sgt Sorisi - Transl.

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TRANSLATION

SARDINIAN PARTY OF ACTION
Office of the Regional Trustee

Sassari, 2 January 1944

To His Excellency General Pietro Badoglio
Chief of the Italian Government

Bari

As per orders of the assembly of the Sardinian Party of Action, at which the Sassari population took part and the delegates of all political parties were present, I send Your Excellency the order of the day which was unanimously approved.

If the proposal of the formation of an armed Sardinian division, equipped by Sardinia, should find a favorable acceptance on the part of Your Excellency's Government, we mean to initiate immediately the work of propaganda for recruiting and financing the same; in the meantime, we wait your authority and indispensable decision.

It is also necessary that the establishment of a unified regional department be instituted, which would have the authority to accept contributions so as to guarantee reimbursement in the future of those sums expended for the formation of the SARDEGNA Division.

With deep respects,

THE REGIONAL TRUSTEE

/s/ Attorney Luigi Battista Puggioni

Sgt Sorisi - Transl.

TRANSLATIONTHE SARDINIAN PARTY OF ACTION

in popular assembly convened in the free city of Sassari,

considers

that it is necessary to liberate the country from Fascism, its members and institutions, and to proceed without delay to the country's moral, political, administrative and economic reconstruction, while it adheres to resolutions formulated in the order of the day adopted in MACOMER by the provincial committees of the anti-fascist united front,

asks

the Government, Political, Administrative and Military Authorities, that said order of the day be put into activation so that all fascist elements who are held to be politically and socially dangerous may be eschewed immediately from public life;
that there be an abrogation of all fascist laws which are incompatible with the present conditions of liberty, and first among them the fascist codes, police regulations and scholastic legislation;
that all fascist organs, now useless or obnoxious to the normal functioning of the life of the country, be suppressed;

invokes

the formation of a central regional civic administration, with a council of technical experts, to provide for re-organization of the administrative and economic life of the region, reducing the present prefectures to offices of simple execution, hoping that other Sardinian political parties will collaborate in this reform;

proposes

the formation of a Sardinian division, organized and commanded by Sardinian officers, armed and equipped by Sardinia, to aid in the national and world war of liberation; and to that end

invites

the Italian Government to negotiate immediately with the American Government to obtain arms and equipment through lend-lease, and to establish with the administrative authorities of the island the methods of reimbursement to Sardinia for financing obtained;

sends out a strong plea

to the Allied Commission to interest the American Government to extend lend-lease to Sardinia to serve in arming and equipping the Sardinian Division;

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deliberates

to invite all other Sardinian political parties to collaborate actively for a quick formation of the Sardinian Division, within which voluntary units should also be incorporated;

expresses

its own deep sympathy and admiration for the Allied peoples and armed forces who, with unexhausted spirit of sacrifice and with unsubdued bravery on the battlefields all over the world, defend the supreme values of human spirit, of liberty and justice, against the re-born barbarity, the racial insanity and the demoniacal thirst for domination and oppression of Nazism and of the German people;

voices the hope

that the victory of arms of free peoples, by this time certain and near, may signal the triumph of the soul over brute force, and that it may realize, with the peace they desire, justice and brotherhood among the nations which are worthy of it;

gives mandate

to the Regional Trustee so that the present order of the day may assume the character of regional importance.

THE REGIONAL TRUSTEE

/s/ Attorney Luigi Battista Puggioni

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SECRETALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Headquarters Fifth Army - Rear Echelon

5 January 1944

Colonel Young,
Chief Special Intelligence Department,
ACC.

Dear Colonel:

In connection with Rome policing, it is necessary to move between 1400 and 1500 Carabinieri from Sardinia to Naples.


At present these men are being collected together and shipment has been arranged for them to be taken from Cagliari to Naples on the 12th of January 1944.

In connection therewith it will be necessary for one of our police officers to go across by air within the next 2 or 3 days and bring them back to Naples.

As Captain Fielders under your command has been working in Sardinia, knows where all the Sardinia Officers are and possesses the initiative necessary to collect every available man, I would greatly appreciate if you could possibly allow him to do this job for me as I have not yet obtained a suitable police officer to control the whole of the Carabinieri contingent for Rome.

I fully recognize your difficulties with staff shortage, like myself, and will fully understand if you are unable to release Fielders. On the other hand, if you can loan him to me, I give an assurance that he would be returned to you after the contingent is housed near Naples.

Sincerely yours,



Early given to O'Leary as requested.

Replied and furnished

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