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V.P. C.A.S.

The attached letter is submitted  
for signature if appd. pcc.

28.5.46.

E. J. Byr Colonel.

P.S. S/C.

2.

may a copy of letter SD/550.35 of 9 May '46 referred to in  
folio 1A be attached to the file please for perusal by V.P.

J. K. S. Maj  
C.A. Dickins.

28 May 46

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Copy is now attached to file at 1E. Robinson Maj  
pcc.

P.S. 8/5.

Letter signed file returned.

J. K. S. 30/5. All byt.



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ATTED WILLYKA COLEBYW 1433



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Translation

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CIVIL AND PENAL TRIBUNAL OF CATANZARO

N. 1071/44 RG

SUBJECT :- Mannarino and Corea - Internees -

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30 May 1945

To :- Public Safety Sub-Commission

R O M E

I inform you that the penal proceedings against Mannarino Michele and Corea Nicola, accused of the crime as by art. 5 R.A. 28.12.43 n.29, interned at the concentration camp of Padula, transferred here, has been postponed from the 29 May 45 to the 12 June 45, as the advocate for the defence was unable to attend.

THE PRESIDENT  
/s/ Foderaro

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DOCUMENTO D'IDENTITÀ PROVVISORIO

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# **TEMPORARY IDENTITY DOCUMENT** **DOCUMENTO D'IDENTITÀ PROVVISORIO** **ZEITWEILIGES AUSWEIS DOKUMENT**

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Outside Italy  
 Domicilio fuori d'Italia  
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 Temporary  
 Attuale  
 Gegenwaertige Adresse

Patronymic  
Nome del padre  
Vaters name

Place of Birth

Nato in  
GeburtsortDate of Birth  
il  
DatumNationality  
di nazionalità  
Staatsbürgerschaft

Former Nationality if any

Nazionalità anteriore  
Ehemalige StaatsbürgerschaftMarried/Single  
Sposato/Celibe  
Verheiratet/ledig

Other Identity Documents held

Altri documenti d'identità  
Welche anderen Ausweispapiere besitzen Sie noch

Height

Generalità complete  
Höhe

Build

Altezza  
Körperbau

Eyes

Colore degli occhi  
Farbe der Augen

Hair

Colore dei capelli  
Haarfarbe

Visible distinguishing marks

Segni particolari  
Sichtbare Erkennungszeichen

SPECIMEN SIGNATURE

Firma particolare  
Unterschrift des Besitzers

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER ISSUING

Firma dell'Ufficiale  
Unterschrift des Offiziers

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Condizioni e limitazioni applicabili al portatore  
Bedingungen und Beschränkungen die sich auf den Eigentümer dieses Dokuments beziehen



*P. Safelov* (Security Div)  
SECRET.

SUBJECT: Review of Civilian Internees.

WEEKLY REPORT.

371 P.W.CAMP, C.P.  
 22 Oct 44.

TO Major Richardson. R.F.S.O. Southern Region.

1. There are now 2,060 Civilian Internees in the Camp, of these 130 are females. Releases up to date now total 1,570.
2. Release are not expected in the future to continue at a high rate and should from now on average about 50 a week. This is due to the fact that practically every case has now been inspected and the documentation is now very much improved to what it was six months ago;
3. Newarrivals are very much down and during the past fortnight veryfew new cases have arrived, mostly German women. The interning agencies seem to be more active in respect to these.
4. The policy respecting the release of Germans who have been resident in Italy for a good many years, or who are desirous of marrying Italian Subjects is still under consideration by AFHQ. and the AAI memorandum is for the moment ~~is~~ suspended. This causes some mystification amongst the German females in view of the fact that four or five German<sup>s</sup> have already been released on the grounds of age and long residence in Italy.
5. Internees who are aged and infirm are at the moment giving cause for some concern especially in view of the Climatic conditions in this District, of six male internees who arrived this week three were over seventy years of age and were to all appearances immediate candidates to the Camp Hospital, P.S.S. are still interning people of very low grade security importance, and it still reflects on the lack of training of their personnel.

Copy to Chief Commissioner Public Safety,  
 H.Q. Allied Control Commission.  
 and Commandant 371 P.W.camp.

(F.G.GEACH)

Capt.

Reviewing Officer, 371 P.W.Camp.  
 Public Safety Sub-Commission,  
 Southern Region **1429.C.**

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 26 OCT 1944

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
SECURITY BRANCH  
A.P.O. 394

JAM/nb

Ref : SB/550

31 August 1944

Subject : Civilian internees

To : Capt. Geach, 371 P.W. Camp.

1. Forwarded for your information and retention  
is copy of report on civilian internees from AFHQ.

*Copy of Base sent*

JOHN A. MCKAY,  
Major,  
Security Branch.

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ROME AREA COMMAND  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
A.P.O. No 394, U.S. ARMY  
POLICE HEADQUARTERS

16 June, 1944

Subject: Civilians Arrested on Security Grounds.

To : Lt. Col. FISCHER

1. There are over 200 civilians confined at present in Carceris Regina Coeli. They have been arrested on security grounds and the responsibility for their arrest and detention lies with Lt. Col. FISCHER, G-2 Section, Rome Area Command.

2. These political prisoners are segregated in a separate wing of the prison and they are being well looked after in the way of food and are in complete charge of C.I.C. of Rome Area Command.

3. It is contrary to International<sup>al</sup> law for political offenders to be kept in civil jails and I know that Col. FISCHER, who is alive to the problem, is doing what is possible to move them elsewhere.

4. From an A.G.C. Public Safety angle, the sooner these prisoners are moved, to other accommodations preferably out of the Rome area, the better.

*J. R. Pollock*  
J.R. POLLOCK,  
Lt. Col.,  
Chief, AMG Police  
ROME

Copies to :- Lt. Col. Fischer  
Brig. Lush

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SERIAL NO. D50

TO A. A. I. Rptd PAC also for Rome Region

FROM ACC MAIN

ORIGINATOR'S NO. 6402 DATE 20

*Security Detainees*  
SECRET. ROR G.S.I. (b). UNDERSTOOD 200 RPT 200 POLITICAL INTERNEES CONFINED  
IN CIVIL GAOL ROME. THIS IS CONTRARY TO INTERNATIONAL LAW AND PRINCIPLES  
ADMINISTRATION. IF NOT ALREADY MOVED GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD HAVE THEM DISPOSED  
OR OTHERWISE IN CONSULTATION WITH AMO ROME REGION AND AREA COMMANDER.

## DISTRIBUTION:

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COL. FISKE 1  
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*Don't worry about this  
Reply correct.*

*See Major Harvey*

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FROM ADV AAI 261000B

TO ACC MAIN

INFO ROME AREA COMMAND

QQY R 129

ICB 466

CONFIDENTIAL. REF YOUR MESSAGE DATED 20 JUNE REGARDING

INTERNEES CONFINED ROME. MESSAGE NOT PROPERLY UNDERSTOOD AS  
PARTIALLY CORRUPT. SPECIAL WING OF REGINA COELIGOAL BEING ~~USE~~ USED FOR CONFINEMENT ALL PERSONS ARRESTED  
BY ALLIED AUTHORITIES ON SECURITY GROUNDS. GREAT MAJORITY  
ARE BEING DETAINED PENDING INVESTIGATION IN CONNECTION LARGE  
ESPIONAGE SABOTAGE ORGANISATION LEFT BY ENEMY IN ROME.IN THESE CASES INVESTIGATIONS PROCEEDING AS RAPIDLY AS  
POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE WHETHER INDIVIDUALS ARE TO BE RELEASED

INTERNEED OR TRIED.

SMALL PROPORTION THOSE CONFINED ARE PROMINENT FASCIST TYPE  
ARRESTED WITH VIEW INTERNMENT.

DISPATCH OF THESE TO 371 PW CAMP IS IN PROGRESS.

NO POLITICAL INTERNEES INVOLVED ALL ARE SECURITY CASES.

ABOVE BELIEVED <sup>IS</sup> IN ACCORDANCE INTERNATIONAL LAW AND IS

SIMILAR TO PROCEDURE FOLLOWED THROUGHOUT ITALIAN CAMPAIGN

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REPTN 613 2 261000 129 ICB 466 20 REGINA COELI

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SUBJECT: Personal Effects of Internees

Adv. HQ, Allied Armies in Italy

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AAI/1401/7/GSI(b)

11 August 1944

TO: G-2, Fifth Army  
GSI, Eighth Army

GSI, 1 District  
GSI, 2 District  
GSI, 3 District  
G-2, P.E.S.  
G-2, R.A.A.C.  
16 F.S. Section

1. Numerous complaints have been received from 371 PW Camp of money, watches etc. being taken from internees prior to and during the despatch of the latter to the Camp.
2. It is considered that, in view of the frequency of these complaints, some justification for certain proportion of them may possibly exist.
3. It has already been laid down that internees will be permitted to pack a bag before leaving for 371 PW Camp (our AAI/1401/7/GSI(b) dated 24 Apr 44 refers). It is the responsibility of FSP/OIC to check the contents before departure to ensure that there are not included any arms, files, or other such articles (except money) which would be of assistance to the internee in effecting his escape. The internee should then carry this bag himself, if physically possible, during the journey to the internment camp.

4. Personal effects such as watches, money, fountain pens, clothing etc. will NOT be removed from his possession. There is no security reason why such articles should be carried by the escort or despatched separately, and their retention by the owner will considerably reduce the possibility of loss en route.

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GSI, 3 District  
G-2, P.B.S.  
G-2, R.A.A.C.  
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Copy to: Security Branch, ACC  
Public Safety Sub-Commission, ACC  
26 BLJ  
371 PW Camp  
"A" Branch

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Brigadier,  
B.G.S.(I).

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Hq. AGC, Security Branch APO 394

12 August 1944

To : G.S.I. (b) Hq. AAI

1. Forwarded.

JOHN A. McKAY,  
Major,  
Security Branch.

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Salvatore CASSERA

(former quartermaster Palermo)

now internee.

Papers sent to I & I



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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
SECURITY BRANCH  
A.P.O. 394

Ref : SB/550-47

5 September 1944

Subject : GASSERA, Salvatore

To : G-2, AFHQ.

1. Forwarded are copies of letters dealing with the case of the a/m. For your information and whatever action you deem necessary.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

JOHN A. McKAY,  
Major,  
Security Branch.

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C O P Y

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
SECURITY BRANCH  
A.P.O. 394

Tel : 478708

11 August, 1944

ACC/14613/10/PS

SUBJECT : Salvatore CASSERA - Internee

TO : Security Branch H.Q., A.C.C.

1. The attached letter dated 24th July 1944 from Lt. General Traina, Procuratore Generale Militare, has been forwarded to this Sub-Commission.

2. It is understood that Salvatore CASSERA: an official in the Palermo Questura was arrested on 26th July 1943 at Pretralia Sottana, Sicily, upon the occupation by Allied troops. He is at present interned at Necharia (South Orano) Camp "D" C.S.S.

3. Forwarded for any action you deem necessary.

(t) PAUL G. KIRK  
(s) PAUL G. KIRK  
Colonel Inf.  
Director Public Safety  
Sub-Commission

APW/G

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS  
A.P.O. 394

SUBJECT : Public Safety Officials  
arrested by Allies

1/8/44

To : Chief, Public Safety  
Sub-Commission ACC. HQ.

With reference to attached letter from General TRAINA  
Procuratore Generale Militare.

1. The present position of Commissario CASSERA was referred  
to in our report dated 28/7/44 which was in reply to your Memo dated  
21/7/44 (ACC/14613/10/PS)

2. The attached is therefore passed on to you for information  
and any action deemed necessary.

For the Regional Commissioner:

Russel A. SNODG,  
Lt. Colonel,  
Regional Public Safety Officer.

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Translation RV.

Palermo, 24 July 1944

Subject :Commissario Cassara'

To :A.C.C. Legal Office

After request I inform you:

I directed for many years up to June 1943 the Military court of Palermo,. In that period and especially during the War, I had occasion to appreciate the clever and steady action of the mobile squad of the Palermo questura, directed with ability by the chief Commissario Cassara'.

Said Commissario, knowing very well the people and the events, that were going on in the Palermo Province, succeeded in his struggle against the delinquency, which procured him a great number of animes.

It appears to me, that in 1940 he has been accused by criminals, who had been arrested by him. But a carefull inquiry, disposed by the Ministry of Interior, ascertained, that he had been slandered. Amongst others, the Commissario Cassara' succeeded in finding out the authors of a nefarious murder, committed by criminals against a gunner, because taken by surprise, whilst stealing petrol and they were condemned to death.

For this brilliant action I offeres a special compliment to Commissario Cassara'.

As far as I am informed, the Commissario Cassara' in performing his duties, has never been troubled with politics, but conformed himself only to the supreme interests of justice.

The greater was his action, the more extended was the hatred against him and the accusations must be examined considering, that delinquency fears him very much.

At this very difficult time, the presence of Commissario Cassara' would be an efficacious help in the fight against the delinquency of the Palermo Province.

Military general Attorney

(Lt. General Trajna Francesco)

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HEADQUARTERS MILITARY BASE SECTION.  
A.P.O. 782.

23 July 44.

Subject:- Release of Interned German Nationals.To:- G.S.I. (b) Advanced Allied Armies in Italy.

1. Reference is made to your letter 1491/7 of 8 July 44., Subject:- Internment of German and Japanese Nationals, and to letters dated 21 July from the Commandant 171 P. Camp, addressed to GIC, PSC with copies to you recommending the release of Internees Reiser and Hamburger.

2. While the application of the mitigating factors listed in your letter of 8 July might have resulted in the omission of a few names from the list of individuals interned because of their nationality it would seem inadvisable to apply these factors as a basis for release of those already interned. It is believed that the release of German nationals at this time for any other reason than medical would be misunderstood by the majority of the Italian population and cited by them as another indication of Allied weakness and indecision. There is scarcely a German national now interned who could not present a case for his release on one or more of the points mentioned, especially the one concerning anti-Nazi sympathies.

3. With reference to the mitigating factors mentioned in your letter of 8 July, it is suggested that individuals belonging to religious orders and those in poor health should normally be exempted from internment. It is further suggested that "advanced age" and continuous absence from Germany for "many years" be made more explicit. For example, the reviewing officers at 171 Camp consider 56 and 58 as advanced ages, whereas this officer would not consider anything under 65 as "advanced". As for continuous absence from Germany, it would seem reasonable to consider favourably those individuals who had not visited Germany since 1933.

4. Your advice and further comments on this matter would be appreciated.

For the ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-2:

JAMES ARNOLD,  
Major, P.A.  
Deputy G-2.

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To Director, A.C.C. Security Branch.

3 rd August, 44.

Forwarded for your information.

F. G. GEACH  
Capt.



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CONFIDENTIAL 6499

SUBJECT: Civilian Internees held at the disposition  
of the Italian Government.

371 P.W. CAMP, C.M.P.  
371/1400/AC.  
2 Aug 44.

Security  
Br. J  
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G.S.I.(b) Adv. HQ AAI. Ref letter AAI/1401/7/GSI(b). dated 28 Jul 44.

1. With reference to the above quoted letter, we are still in some doubt ~~as to~~ as to the action to be taken respecting these internees' who are recommended in approved lists, "Handed over to Italian Government".
2. These internees' appear to have been interned for a number of widely varying activities and in some cases quote Security Instruction No. 63 dated 28 Dec 43, other quote A.M.G. Rear Eighth Army Instruction 05/23 dated 6 Jan 44. which we are given to understand is regarded by your department as a rather ambiguous document. This particular instruction is being rigorously enforced in the PERUGIA area, arrest reports received within the last few days from that area show that a certain Lt. A.A. Simpson of A.M.G. and various P.S.S. units have been very active. In most cases the recommendation on the arrest report is internment for duration.
3. In contrast to this up to the present not one case has been received from G.I.C. 5th Army or G.I.C. P.B.S.
4. We are forwarding details of sixty five cases for your perusal, approximately forty more are being "vetted" at this moment.
5. Forwarded for your information we should appreciate your advice and directions in this matter.

Copy to Director, Security Branch Allied Control Commission.

FCG.

(R. C. P. HINGCH) Major.  
Commandant 371 P.W. Camp, C.M.P.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,  
SECURITY BRANCH.  
A.P.O. 394.

3rd August, 1944.

PERMIT TO ENTER REGINA COELE PRISON.

This is to certify that:

Francesco DE SCISCIELO, and secretary,  
is permitted by this Headquarters to visit REGINA COELE PRISON, to  
interview CARUSO Pietro (ex-Questore of ROME) so often as it is necessary  
to complete his duties on behalf of the HIGH COMMISSION FOR THE  
PUNISHMENT OF FASCIST CRIMES.

A.E. YOUNG,  
Colonel,  
DIRECTOR OF SECURITY.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
SECURITY BRANCH  
A.P.O. 394

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43  
1 August 1944

Ref. : SB/550/1372.

Subject : Political Prisoners

To : Regional Commissioner, Reg. V  
( Att. R . P . S . G . )

1. Reference your letters of 14 and 26 July 44  
R5/514/31.

2. Your attention is called to Executive Memorandum  
67 of 5th July 44 which should be your basis for action.

3. As regards the holding of persons at the disposi-  
tion of the N.C.L. it is presumed that by this is meant  
that these persons are being held for disposal by the  
Commission of the Italian Government for the punishment  
of Fascists. The instructions governing this are contained  
in ACC/14764/PS of 13 July 44 which says that Action will  
be initiated by the Italian Commission itself.

4. Unless these persons are potentially dangerous  
they should be released.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

*John A. McKay*  
JOHN A. MCKAY,  
Major 415  
Security Branch.



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TO : Security Sub-Commission, M.C.C.

FROM : R.P.S.O., Region 5, A.M.G.

SUBJECT : Political Prisoners.

REF : R5/514/31.

DATE : 26 July 1944.

29 JUL 1944

Reference our R5/514/31 14 July 44, a British F.S.C.  
Section has now in Teramo Province and is completing the enquiries,

For Regional Commissioner.

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Lt-Colonel,  
R.P.S.O.

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

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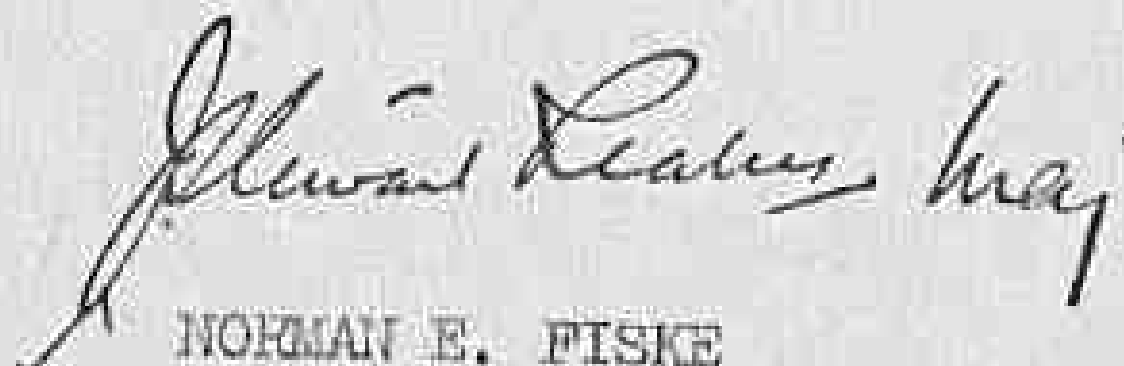
29th July 1944

SUBJECT: Political Prisoners

TO : Security Branch

1. There is forwarded to you letter from Public Safety Sub-Commission (Ref ACC/14029/PS) of 25th July 1944 for your attention.

2. Will you please deal with the inquiries released in that letter and the correspondence attached.



NORMAN E. FISKE  
Colonel  
Deputy Executive Commissioner

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REAR FIELD UNITERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
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| Security Officer         |    |
| Transportation Officer   |    |

FOR:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Remarks/Recommendation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Information & Return \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approval/Disapproval **1412** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Appropriate Action \_\_\_\_\_  
 Investigation & Report \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS:

(Initials)



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Public Safety Sub-Commission  
APO 394

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Tel. 489081-Ext. 502

25 July, 1944

ACG/14029/PS

29 JUL Recd

SUBJECT : "Political" Prisoners.

TO : Admin. Section.

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1. The attached correspondence has been passed to this Sub-Commission for an appropriate reply to be prepared.

2. This Sub-Commission is prepared to deal with all questions of persons arrested for criminal offences, but is not competent to deal with "political" or "security" prisoners.

3. In criminal matters the position is well known to Public Safety Officers in the field; if it is found that persons have been arrested for crime on insufficient evidence, they are released.

4. As far as the letter dated 10th July, 1944 from the PPSO Teramo Province is concerned, this Sub-Commission has no knowledge of Eighth Army letter of 6th June 1944, nor of the authority of "MCL" to detain prisoners.

5. The term "political prisoners" is not clear. If it refers to persons specified in Lists A & B of Executive Memorandum 67 dated 5th July, 1944 then the instructions contained in that memorandum should be followed.

6. As regards the apparent variation in instructions between PSS & AMG, Executive Memorandum 67 was issued by RC & MG Section and it is not known whether AAI (GS IB), who are not shown on the distribution list, were consulted.

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7. Persons arrested on grounds of military security can only be released on the authority of AAI (GS IB).



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8. It would seem that fuller facts are required in order that RC & MC Section and AAI (GS IB) may reach an agreement on policy and procedure and issue precise instructions.

*Paul G. Kirk*

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

APW/ngd

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RCMG

The policy as to screening these persons and how they were to be dealt with is in your hands and you have issued instructions. Will you please deal with the specific cases to which the attached papers relate.

*Admin*

28 JUL 1944

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*St. Whitely*  
for VP.

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| Secy. Gen. to Chief Commissioner |    |
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| PW & Displaced Pers Sub Com      |    |
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| War Material Disposal            |    |
| Public Relations Officer         |    |
| Liaison Section Hq A.C.M.F.      |    |

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Remarks/Recommendation  
Information  
Approval/Disapproval  
Appropriate Action  
Investigation & Report  
Dispatch

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REMARKS: Col Curry. These papers found their way back to me via Major Talbot's courier and that you wished to reply to the memoir. I had already agreed to beg of it and told them that Literary Section would reply as the "political prisoners". (see enclosure)



TO : Security Sub-Commission H.Q. A.C.S.  
FROM : H.Q. Region 5 A.M.G.  
SUBJECT : Political Prisoners.  
REFERENCE : R5/514/31.  
DATE : 14 July 1944.



Province. Herewith copy of letter from P.P.S.O. Teramo  
Could we please have your observation thereon.

1. As to the Political Prisoners.
2. The disposal of 41 sacks of Italian civilian mail, which is mostly addressed to Northern Areas.

For Regional Commissioner

*S. Pickering*  
S. PICKERING,  
Lt. Colonel,  
R.P.S.O.



C O P Y

SUBJECT: Political Prisoners.

TO:- HQs, A.M.G. REGION 5.  
(For attention of R.P.S.O.)

Ref.- TP/507.

10 July, 1944.

FROM:- AMG. TERAMO PROVINCE.

1. On arrival at Teramo on 18th June, 1944, 132 Political prisoners were detained in local prisons. All had been arrested by Partisans and Carabinieri. No F.S.S. Section was at that time in this Province.

2. No evidence was forthcoming to warrant the detention of many of these persons, and if they were not in the categories mentioned in A.M.G. Eighth Army letter of 6th June, 1944 (Ref:- OA/23 Gen. Admin) their release, in several cases, was ordered by P.P.S.O. after enquiry. A Section of F.S.S. attached to 2 Polish Corps arrived at TERAMO on 21st June, 1944 and all relevant documents were handed to them. Many persons in the categories named in the Eighth Army letter above referred to have been released after interrogation by F.S.S., who state they do not regard the letter referred to as binding in view of subsequent instructions they have received. The F.S.S. left here on the 7th July, 1944, after removing 29 persons for possible internment. They left i/c A.M.G. the remainder of their documents and 41 sacks of Italian civilian mail, posted during occupation and seized on arrival, together with approximately 120 Political prisoners in this Province, many of whom have been interviewed by them and left in the prisons "at the disposition of the N.C.L."

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(Signed) H. MICHALL

Major  
Provincial Public Safety Officer,  
Taramo Province.

HM/JM.



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SUBJECT: Review of Civilian Internees. Weekly Report.

371 P.W. Camp, C.M.F.  
16 Jul 44.

I. An analysis of the cases reviewed, recommendations made and releases up to date 16 Jul 44, is given below.

| Period recommended on approved lists. | Cases Reviewed. | Cases Not Rec. for release. | Cases Rec. for Release. | Actually Released. |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Duration of War.                      | 244.            | 115                         | 129                     | 64                 |
| Over 3 mnths                          | 105             | 20                          | 85                      | 50                 |
| 3 mnths or under.                     | 95              | 12                          | 83                      | 53                 |

2. There are no w I, 442 Internees' in the Camp of these 63 are women. The release figures are increasing rapidly and there is definitely an improvement on the part of Districts to release Internees who have been inerted since 1943, especially now that the line has advanced so far North;

3. The number of Reviews is still low and there is no prospect of an improvement or speeding up of the system. Approved Lists govern the situation completely. Duration cases cannot possibly be given long and careful examination, so the activities of the Reviewing Officer are more and more taken up with the close perusal of Arrest Reports of new arrivals and the careful weeding out of apparent mistakes. There is a growing tendency to use the Camp as a Central clearing house for all classes of persons and a typical case during the past week, is the arrival of two German soldiers who had been fighting with the guerillas after they had deserted.

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6. Members of the Guardia Repubblicana are arriving in ever growing numbers, it does not appear as though any attempt is made prior to them reaching this Camp to divert them to a Military P.W. Camp. The policy seems to send them to 37I P.W. Camp, for sifting. C.I.C. are adopting this method. 51 Cases arrived in one draft and correspondence has been made with A.A.I.

Copy to the Commandant.

*M. H. Beach*  
F. G. GEACH  
Capt.  
Security Branch A.C.C.  
Attached 37I P.W. Camp.



*Pls. be referred to Security Br.*



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SUBJECT: Civilians held at disposition  
of Italian Government.

Adv. HQ, Allied Armies in Italy

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AAI/1401/7/GSI(b)

O.C. 371 P.V. Camp

28 July 1944

Ref your letter 371/1400/AC dated 24 Jul 44.

1. Since the recommendation in the Approved List states only "Hand over to Italian Government" it is presumed that the 33 persons in question are not guilty of any offence but are liable for military service or are otherwise wanted for reasons known to the Italian government.
2. In these circumstances, GSI 3 District should be asked to take them over from you for disposal to the appropriate Italian authorities.
3. It is regretted that in the absence of the names of these persons or the channel by which they come into your hands more precise guidance cannot be given.
4. Should you still remain in doubt, please furnish this information to this HQ so that detailed enquiries may be made.

Quinn Stewart.  
Brigadier. Capt  
B.C.S.(I).

Copy to: GSI, 3 District  
ACC Security Branch.

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SECURITY BRANCH  
A.P.O. 394

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Ref. : SB/550

29 July 1944

Subject : Civilian Internees

To : Deputy Executive Commissioner

1. Reference attached correspondence G-5:383.7-15
2. This matter has been the subject of discussion between this Branch and G.S.I. (b) HQ. A.A.I. and we are in agreement with the views of I (b) on the matter our recommendation being, from the point of view of convenience of transport, that another camp be established north of Rome as the location of the present camps causes much difficulty in transportation.
3. 371 P.W. Camp is entirely under the command of HQ. A.A.I. and this Branch is affected only to the extent that we assist the Commandant in an advisory capacity in reviewing internments.
4. It is my opinion that 371 P.W. Camp will soon be full of persons who cannot safely be released until the war is over, therefore further accommodations becomes essential.
5. In relation to para. 6 of the basic letter, it is suggested that Italian Refugee Branch or Displaced Persons Sub-Commission may have some suggestions to offer.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

JOHN A. MCNAY,  
Major,  
Security Branch

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
G-5 Section  
APO 512

G-5: 383.7-15

CMS/D-W/seb  
26 July 1944

SUBJECT: Civilian Internees.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission  
APO 394 (RC & MG Section)

Attached copy of HQ. AAI letter AAI/3055/A(0) of 2 July 44, is forwarded for your information and any comments considered necessary.

*[Signature]*  
for CHARLES M. SPOFFORD  
Colonel, G.S.C.  
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5

Incl:  
as above.

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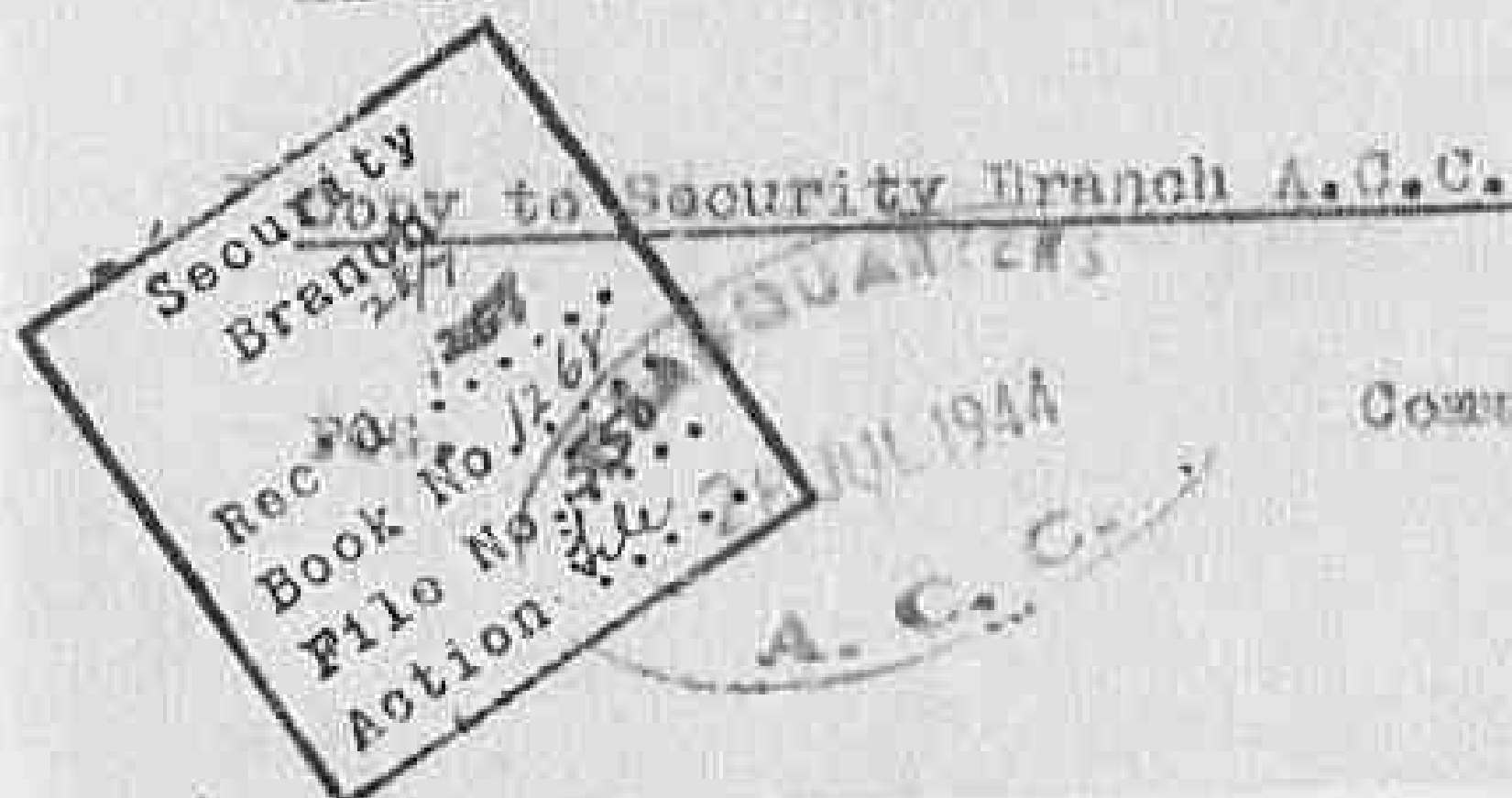
SUBJECT: Civilian Internees held at disposition of  
Italian Government.

37I P.W.CAMP, C.M.F.  
37I/I400/ AC.  
24 Jul 44.

G.S.I. (b) Adv. H.Q. AAI.

1. There are now interned at this Camp, 33 (Thirty three) Civilian Internees who have appeared in Approved Lists, with the following recommendation, "Hand over to Italian Government". To the present time no directions have been received concerning the disposal of these Internees.

2. Forwarded for your information, we should be grateful for your advice in this matter.



to Security Branch A.C.C.

(R.G.B. MINORIN)

Commandant 37I P.W.Camp, C.M.F.

Major.

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COPYSUBJECT: Public Officials. Interred.

371 P.W.CAMP, C.M.F.  
371/1400/AC  
16 July 1944.

Director, Security Branch, Allied Control Commission.

1. With reference to your letter SB/550.2 dated 13 Jul 44, this matter has already been dealt with by Public Safety Sub-Commission at an earlier date, a reply was sent to Security Branch.
2. For information of the Department, ACI/1479/3/GSI(b) dated Jul 44, refers, as follows:-

SE DOLA - Has been released on medical grounds.

DAUGLI - In the very near future a review of  
RIBIZZI - their cases will be made to decide  
whether they will be released.

COVIELLA } Will remain interred for the duration.  
PILLITONE }  
COMTE }  
LAQUANITY }  
BAMBO }

SALERNO } There is no trace of these persons at  
CASSERA } 371 P.W. Camp.  
FORESTA }  
PRIVILE }

(signed) T.G. GRACE, Capt.  
Attached 371 P.W. Camp. C.F.

1st Ind.

Ref: SB/550  
HQ. A.C.C. SECURITY BRANCH. APO 394.

20 July 1944

To : Public Safety Sub-Commission.

1. Reference your File No. 1 of 10 July 1944.



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There is no trace of these persons at  
371 P.M. Camp.

(signed) F.G. GRACH. Capt.  
attached 371 P.M. Camp. O.F.

1st Ini.

20 July 1944

Ref. 55/550  
Hq. A.C.C. SECURITY BRANCH. APO 394.

To : Public Safety Sub-Commission.

1. Reference your letter No. 1 of 10 July 1944,  
File 550/14613/10/PS.

2. Above is reply received from Capt. F.G. GRACH.  
371 P.M. Camp.

S.J. GRACH,  
Major,  
SECURITY BRANCH.

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CONFIDENTIALSUBJECT: Public Officials. Interned.37I P.W.CAMP, C.M.F. 5911  
37I/I400/AC.  
16 Jul 44.Director, Security Branch, Allied Control Commission.

1. With reference to your letter SB/550.2 dated 13 Jul 44. this matter has already been dealt with by Public Safety Sub-Commission at an earlier date, a reply was sent copy to Security Branch.

2. For information of the Department, AAI/I479/3/GSI(b) dated 8 Jul 44, refers, as follows:-

MENDOLA :- Has been released on medical grounds.

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M. G. Leach.  
(F.G. GEACH) Capt.

Attached 37I P.W. Camp, C.M.F.

20 JUL 1944

A. C. C.

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Subject: Internment of German and Japanese Nationals.

HQ ALLIED ARMY IN ITALY

CG, Fifth Army.

Eight Army

1 District

2 District

3 District

CG, P.B.S.

CG, Allied Garrison SARDINIA.

CG, Rome Allied Area Command.

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WII/1101/7/CSI(b).

8 Jul 44

1. Civilians of German nationality residing in Allied occupied ITALY will normally be interned on the grounds that they present, by virtue of their nationality, a threat to our security.
2. There may, however, be various mitigating factors which should be taken into consideration in favour of certain individuals concerned, and German nationals of the following categories will only be interned if deemed to present a potential danger to our security in spite of such mitigating factors:
  - (a) Those of advanced age.
  - (b) Those who are known to have strong anti-Racial sympathies
  - (c) Jewish Refugees.
  - (d) Those who have been continuously absent from GERMANY for many years.
  - (e) Ex-Austrian subjects.
3. A similar policy will be adopted in respect of Japanese nationals.

W.D. Gibson - Lt-Col  
Chief of General Staff.



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*W. D. Gibson - Lt-Col*  
Lieut-General,  
Chief of General Staff.

Copy to:-

G-2, A.P.H.C.  
Executive Commissioner, A.C.C.  
Security Branch, HQ, A.C.C. ✓  
1 S.C.I. Unit.  
O.S.S., X-2 Detachment.  
374 P.W. Camp.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
APO 512

AP-202

26 November 1944

AG 383.01/215 GBI-O

SUBJECT: Internment of German and Japanese Nationals

TO : Commanding General, Peninsular Base Section, APO 782  
Commanding General, Home Area Allied Command, APO 794  
General Officer Commanding, Number 3 District

1. Due to the advance of the Allied Armies northward, thereby carrying the zone of actual operations an increasing distance from Southern Italy, a relaxation of the policy concerning the internment of German nationals, as set forth in letter, Headquarters Allied Armies in Italy, reference number AAI/1401/7/GSI(b), dated 8 July 1944, can now be permitted.

2. In the Line of Communications area as defined in letter, this headquarters, file AG 323/035 GGT-O, dated 26 September 1944, German nationals will not henceforth be interned merely on the grounds of their nationality, but only if they appear, on reasonable evidence, to constitute a danger to the security of the operations of Allied forces or Military Government, by virtue of their position, personality, sentiments or record.

3. The following will be taken into account in considering whether an individual constitutes a danger to security:

- a. Continuous absence from Germany since 1933.
- b. Having no relatives in Germany.
- c. Never having been a member of any National Socialist organization.
- d. Being of advanced age or in a poor state of health.
- e. Being of Jewish origin or in any other respect a refugee from persecution by the Germans.
- f. Ability to produce reliable evidence of having assisted Allied prisoners of war, or of having in any other way worked against the Germans and in favor of the Allies.

4. The cases of all persons at present interned in 371st Prisoner of War Camp, whose normal place of residence is in the above mentioned area, will be

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Ltr AFHQ, AG 383.01/215 GBI-O,  
dated 28 November 1944 (Cont'd)

reviewed in the light of this directive and recommendations forwarded to this headquarters for consideration of release.

5. The policy regarding Japanese nationals is not altered.

By command of General WILSON:

*C. W. Christensen*  
C. W. CHRISTENSEN,  
Colonel, AGD,  
Acting Adjutant General

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AC Dir

CA Sec

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
SECURITY BRANCH  
A.P.O. 394

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Ref. SB/550.2

13 July 1944

Subject : Internees - Officials

To : Capt. Geach, c/o 371 P.W.O. Camp.

1. The attached letter from the Minister of the Interior relates to officers of Police agencies who are detained in internment camps.

2. Can you provide any information which will enable a reply to be sent, please.

FOR THE DIRECTOR :

*S.J.H.*  
S.J. HARVEY  
Major  
Security Branch

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

SD/550-35

28 May 46

SUBJECT : Employment of Questura Officials.

TO : Ministry of Interior,  
Director General of P.S.

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1. With reference to your letter 333/1068 regarding the suggested reemployment of MENDOLA Alfredo, in the Questura service.

2. The question of the employment of this official can now be considered as a matter to be decided by the Italian Government.

No objection will be raised by this Headquarters to the reemployment of this official but for your information it is the opinion of the Allied Authorities that Mendola whose release was originally authorized on medical grounds, is not suitable for reinstatement into the Public Safety Force.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

*M. Carr Brigadier*M. CARR, Brigadier,  
VP CA Section.

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## TRANSLATION C.C.

MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR  
P.S. General Direction

Div. Personale  
N.333/1068

27 May 1946

NOTE

In Jan. 1944, After the liberation of Taranto, where he appointed to direct the Questura, the 2nd class Questore MENDOLA Alfredo, was arrested by order of the Allied Authorities, and delivered to concentration camp of Padula.

The Ministry of Interior, in consideration of the a/m officer's delicate health, addressed a petition to the Allied Commission to kindly consider the possibility to release Mendola. The said Commission adhered to the petition - please note copies included of letters from same - but with the expressed condition not to re-take service again, not even in the territory given back to the Italian Administration.

Mendola has been set free since July 1944 and has not, up to the present day, taken service to fulfill the promise given.

The P/S Gen. Inspector IO SPINOSO has conducted an enquiry in Taranto to find out the truth about the charges against Mendola, but failed to find any.

In consideration of the new circumstances stated above, and of the urgent necessities of the P/S services of the present moment, it would be intention of the P/S Administration to re-utilize Mendola in service, for being a young officer, well prepared and reliable, and full of our trust to usefully accomplish the task of director of this Questura.

But before adopting any measures to the case, the Allied Authorities is kindly requested to state, in respect to the a/m prohibition, of the opportunity to reintegrate Mendola in service or not.

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( Translation M.B. )

MINISTRY OF INTERIOR  
P.S. General Direction  
Personnel Division

20th February 1944

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Regional Control Section

To : MARSHALL BADOGLIO

Dear Marshall BADOGLIO,

As on your request forwarded with your letter of 3rd February 1944, I have asked for informations about the arrest of the Questore of Taranto.

I learnt that the aforesaid Questore was removed from his position because he did not collaborate with the Allied Military Authorities and because his attitude was such as representing a potential danger for the security conditions.

In spite of repeated requests, he did not proceed to the arrest and trial of many persons charged with grave crimes against the security situation.

The opinion of the Allied Military Authorities is that his faults probably contributed to the Taranto incidents.

Nevertheless, the Chief Commander is disposed to release the Questore from the internment under the condition that he is not granted any official position in the Italian Government and be not permitted to return to the Taranto Province.

If you assure me that this is going to be done and inform me about the place you intend to send him to, I shall issue disposals for his release.

Sincerely, yours

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General Noel Mason MACFARLANE

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TRANSLATION S.C.

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C O P Y

MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub Commission  
APO 394

AC/14760/3/PS

31 /8 / 1944

SUBJECT : Alfredo MENDOLA

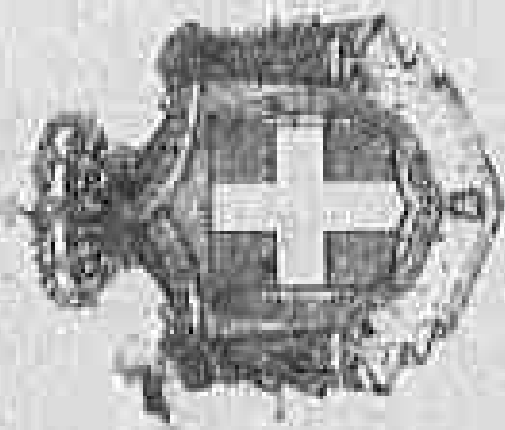
TO : Ministry of Interior  
General Direction of P.S.

1. With which was requested the possibility for Alfredo Mendola to be employed with Official attributes outside Taranto.
2. Alfredo Mendola was arrested by the Allied Forces on Jan. 1944 for security measures.
3. The officer Medio of the concentration camp certified that Mendola was affected from chronic-cardiacal bronchitis and that his general health condition was deplorable; during the period in which he was kept under observation by the doctor of the camp, his health conditions were getting worse. In July 1944 he was released for absolute health reasons.
4. It was stated that Mendola would retire to private life as soon as he would be freed; that declaration had much to do during the proceeding of his release.
5. If the health conditions of Mendola are such to enable Mendola to take up service again as Questore, we think that there are no opposing sanitary reasons for his re-enstatement.
6. The Sub Commission is firmly opposed to re-enstate Mendola on any kind of official work.
7. This Gen. Quarters would be greatly concerned in your decision on the subject.

FOR THE COLONEL  
Sgd/ Paul G. Kirk.

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*Il Ministro dell'Interno*

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA P.S. - DIVISIONE PERSONALE

N° 333/1068

Roma, li 27 Maggio 1946

A P P U N T O

Il Questore di 2° classe MENDOLA Alfredo, nel gennaio 1944, dopo la liberazione della provincia di Taranto ove lo stesso dirigeva allora quella Questura, venne, per disposizione delle Autorità Alleate, arrestato ed internato nel campo di concentramento di Padua.

Successivamente il Ministero, in considerazione delle menomate condizioni di salute del predetto Funzionario, rivolgeva premure alla Commissione Alleata perchè fosse esaminata benevolmente la possibilità del rilascio del Mendola. La detta Commissione - come rilevasi dalle sue lettere che si alligano in copia - aderì alle premure avanzate come sopra, sotto, però, l'espressa condizione che il Mendola non dovesse essere, in modo assoluto, reimpiegato in servizio, neppure nel territorio già restituito all'Amministrazione Italiana. Pertanto, nel luglio 1944 il Mendola è stato dimesso dall'internamento ed è tutt'oggi, giusta l'impegno assunto, non è stato riutilizzato in servizio.

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Anche la Commissione di epurazione, cui il Mendola venne a suo tempo deferito, lo ha di recente mandato esente da qualsiasi sanzione, non essendo emersi, a di lui carico, elementi di addebito.

In considerazione delle nuove circostanze di cui sopra e delle necessità dei servizi di polizia nel momento attuale, sarebbe intenzione dell'Amministrazione di P.S. di poter riutilizzare in servizio

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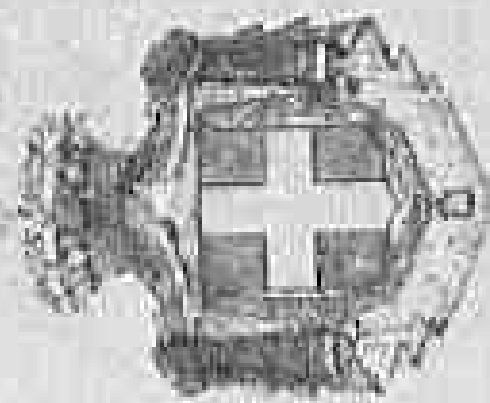


il Mendola, funzionario giovane, ben preparato e competente e che dà pieno affidamento di poter assolvere utilmente l'incarico della direzione di una Questura.

Prima, però, di adottare qualsiasi provvedimento al riguardo, si pregano i competenti Organi Alleati di esprimere, in relazione al precedente divieto di cui sopra è fatto cenno, nuovo avviso sulla opportunità o meno della riutilizzazione in servizio del Mendola.

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C O P I A

*Ministere dell'Interno*

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA P.S. DIVISIONE PERSONALE.

~~22222~~ 20 febbraio 1944

COMANDO COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO  
Sezione Controllo Regionale e Governo

A. S. T. IL MARESCIALLO BADOGLIO

Caro Maresciallo,

Ho fatto assumere informazioni in merito all'arresto del Questore di Taranto, come mi avete richiesto con la Vostra

lettera del 3 febbraio 1944.-

Mi risulta che il Questore è stato rimosso dalla sua carica e inter-nato perché non ha collaborato colle autorità militari alleate e perché non ha collaborato colle autorità militari alleate e perché il suo atteggiamento era tale da farlo ritenere un pericolo potenziale per la sicurezza.-

Malgrado frequenti richieste, egli non fece arrestare e processare un numero notevole di persone incolpate di gravi reati contro la sicurezza.-

Nell'opinione delle autorità militari alleate le sue mancanze hanno probabilmente contribuito agli incidenti di Taranto.-

Il Questore in capo è tuttavia disposto a liberare il Questore



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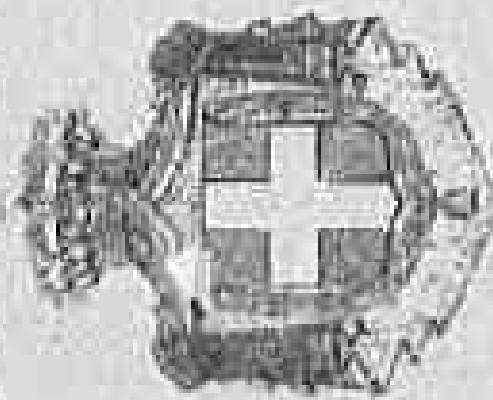
Il Comandante il capo é tuttavia disposto a liberare il Questore dall'internamento, a condizione che non abbia alcuna carica ufficiale nel governo italiano e che non ritorni nella provincia di Taranto.-

Se posso avere l'assicurazione che ciò verrà fatto <sup>1391</sup> mi informate dove si intende inviarlo, disporrò per il suo rilascio.-

Molto sinceramente e cordialmente

GENERALE NOEL MASON MACFARLANE





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*Ministero dell'Interno*

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QUARTIERE GENERALE COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO  
SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER LA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

A P O " 394

ACC/14760/3/PS

Oggetto: Alfredo Mendola

31 agosto 1944

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6. Questa Sottocommissione si oppone fermamente ad un reimpiego del Men-  
sola in qualsiasi attività ufficiale.

7. Questo Quartiere Generale gradirà essere informato circa le Vostre  
decisioni al riguardo.-

PER IL COLONNELLO DIRETTORE  
DELLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER LA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

F.to Paul G. Kirk



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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff G-2  
APO 512 U.S. Army

GBI.389-455/5-D

16 May 1946

SUBJECT: MENDOLA, Alfredo.

TO : Public Safety Sub Commission, Headquarters Allied Commission,  
A.P.O. 394.

Reference your SD/550-35 dated 9 May 1946.

1. Subject was arrested and interned in January 1944 by reason of his strong Fascist background, coupled with the fact that, while in office as Questore of TERNI, he refused to collaborate with the Allies and obstructed civil arrests. Further, his release (in July 44) was authorized on purely medical grounds, and not because of any evidence that MENDOLA had in any way suffered a change of sentiment.

2. In view of the foregoing, this Headquarters does not consider Subject to be a suitable candidate for reinstatement in the PUBBLICA SICUREZZA.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff G-2

*Earle B Nichols*  
EARLE B NICHOLS

Colonel G.S.C.  
A/A.C. of S. G-2

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
A.P.O. 394  
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION  
SECURITY DIVISION

9 May 1946

REF : ID/550-35  
SUBJECT : MENDOLA Alfredo  
TO : G-2 (CI) AFHQ

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E. J. BYE,  
Colonel,  
A/Director Public Safety  
Sub-Commission.

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ALLIED COMMISSION  
Public Safety S/C  
A.P.O. 394

A CC. 14760/3./P.S.

31 Aug. 1944

SUBJECT: Alfredo MENDOLA.

S.E. IL DIRETTORE GENERALE  
DELLA P.S.  
MINISTERO DELL'INTERNO  
R O M E

1. Ref is made to your letter n. 333.1068 dated 2 Aug. 44 asking us if Alfredo MENDOLA, ex-Questore of Taranto, can be transferred from Taranto to some official employment, elsewhere.
2. Alfredo MENDOLA was interned by the Allies, in Jan. 44, for security reasons.
3. The medical officer of the concentration camp stated that MENDOLA was suffering from chronic cardiac bronchitis and during the observation period his health was becoming worse and worse.
4. In July 44 he was released, only for health reasons. It was stated that, in case of release, MENDOLA would live as a private person: this statement was very important for his release.
5. If the health of MENDOLA allows him to fulfil his duty as a Questore, health reasons can no longer impede his re-internment.
6. Our sub-commission is against employing subject in any official capacity.
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PER IL COLONNELLO DIRETTORE  
della Sottocommissione  
per la pubblica Sicurezza

( Paul G. Kirk )



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QUARTIERE GENERALE  
COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO  
SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER LA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

A P O 394.

31 agosto 1944

A CC. 14760/3./P.S.

Oggetto: Alfredo Mendola.

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MINISTERO DELL'INTERNO

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Per il COLONNELLO DIRETTORE  
DELLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER LA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA  
( Paul G. Kirk )

Firmato illeggibile.



HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
A.F.O. 394  
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION  
SECURITY DIVISION.

21 August 1945

SD/ 550.B - 35

Subject: MANNO Alessandro

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

1. In accordance with AFHQ letter Ref G-5:  
383.7-15 of 20 December, 1944, forwarded herewith is an appeal  
on behalf of Subject, an internee at "R" Civilian Internee  
Camp.

*C. Hayes*  
f JOHN W. CHAPMAN  
COLONEL J.A.G.D.  
DIRECTOR, PUBLIC SAFETY  
SUB COMMISSION.



TRANSLATIONMINISTRY OF INTERIOR  
General Direction of Public SafetyDiv: Personnel Sec: I  
Ref No: 333.1815

Rome, 8 August 45

SUBJECT: MANNO Alessandro -- Deputy Vice Commission of P.S.  
TO : Public Safety Sub-Comm.Hq. AC. Rome.

For your information we herewith enclose a copy of the verbal interrogation executed by the Vice Prefect Giacomo AMODEO SALE' on behalf of the P.S. Deputy Vice Commissioner MANNO Alessandro who is at present interned in the concentration camp of Fudula.

Following the declaration made by the a/m Official, we beg you to please re-examine MANNO's position, and if its the case, to dispose for his release.

Anyhow, we assure that the same will not be reassumed in service until a favourable judgement in relation with the operation measures will be concluded.

For the Minister  
/s/ (Illegible)

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TRANSLATIONC O P Y

Dr. MANNO Alessandro, Deputy Vice Commissioner of P.S. appeared on the 17th of June 45 in a room of the concentration camp of Padula. At My request Dr. MANNO declared as follows:

" A.D.R. I entered in career on the 18th of August 1942 and I have always rendered service at the Questura of Palermo until the 13th of September 1943. I have never belonged to the Political office of said Questura, nor have I ever been interested in general politic services. Being in charge of the pass office I have exclusively occupied myself in the administrative services, and in such quality I never had the occasion to obstacle the Allied police activities. Even during the period previous to the Allied occupation, my activities have always been inspired to the sentiment of duty, and to the justice and impartial opinion.

/s/ Dr. MANNO Alessandro  
Deputy Vice Commissary of P.S.  
/s/ Giacomo Omodeo Salé

cc.

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MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

14-6-44

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SUBJECT : P.S. Officials interned by Allied Police Agencies  
TO : ACC. PS Sub-Commission.

From the records of this office it appears that the following officials who were stopped by the Allied Police Agencies, are still in concentration camps.

|       |                     |   |                                                 |
|-------|---------------------|---|-------------------------------------------------|
| Dott. | Mendola Alfredo     | - | ex questore di Taranto                          |
| "     | Antonio Dalogli     | - | " " Agrigento                                   |
| "     | Salerno Vincenzo    | - | " " Enna                                        |
| "     | Caviello Francesco  | - | Comm.Chief ex Director Colonia of Trimiti       |
| "     | Cassera Salvatore   | - | Comm.Chief ex-permanent duty in Palermo         |
| "     | Pollirone Biagio    | - | Comm.Chief ex-permanent duty in Palermo         |
| "     | Foresta Luigi       | - | Attached Comm. Palermo-on perm. duty in Genova. |
| Avv.  | Conte Alfredo       | - | Comm.on perm.duty in Naples.                    |
| Dr.   | Ribizzi Giuseppe    | - | Attached Comm.Catania                           |
| "     | Lacquiniti Girolamo | - | " " Messina                                     |
| "     | Papillo Michele     | - | Vice Comm. Enna                                 |
| "     | Manno Alessandro    | - | " " Attached. Palermo                           |

An other officials who were also stopped by <sup>the</sup> same police agencies have been released and have reassumed service with the consent or at the disposal of the Allied Military Authority will you please communicate us the status of the above listed officials and let us know whether they will be still kept in concentration camps.

THE MINISTER

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+ Permission given for interrogation  
SD/550.03-17 - 16 May 1945



SUBJECT:- Internment of Civilians

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

AAI/5064/7/4(O)

1 JUN 44.

1. It has been decided that children under the age of 5 years may accompany their mothers who are arrested with a view to internment.
2. Arrangements for the accommodation of these children have been made at 374 PW Camp and if necessary a female Red Cross worker will visit or live at the camp.
3. Where a woman is arrested or taken from a party of refugees or displaced persons with a view to internment she will be allowed to take with her any children under 5 years of age and the children will not be segregated and dispatched elsewhere for disposal.
4. This HQ letter AAI/5064/7/4(O) dated 27 Apr (not to all addressees) is therefore cancelled.

VRS.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
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APO 394

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Ref : SB/311.5/550.

23 May, 1944.

Subject: Scheda Personale.  
To : Hq, Region 5, AMG.

1. Reference your letter R5/707/1 dated 19 May 1944. Forwarded herewith are the Schedas requested.

2. Please acknowledge receipt.

For the Director:

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JOHN A. MCKAY,  
Capt.,  
Security Branch.



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Will you please forward a further 2000 copies of "Schada Personale", at your earliest convenience.

For Regional Commissioner.

For Regional Commissioner.

*J. H. G. Worswiley*  
J. H. G. WORSWILEY,  
Capt.,  
For Adjutant.

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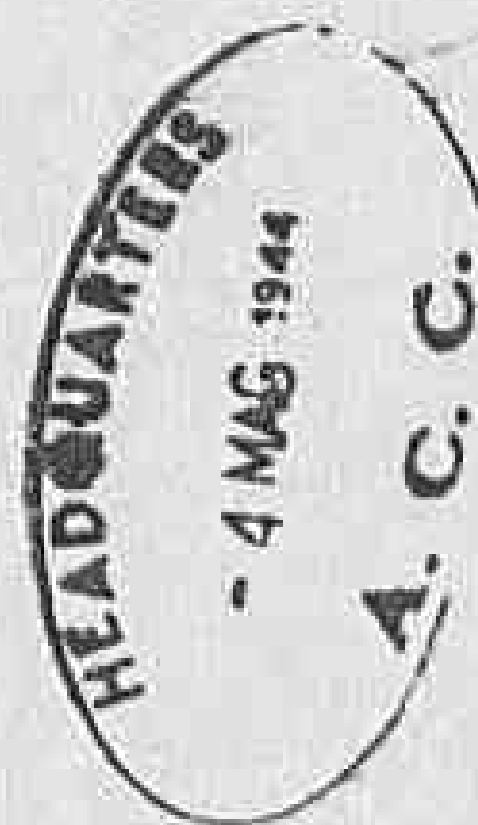
SUBJECT: RELEASE OF CIVILIAN INTERNEES.

Ref: 371/1300.  
2nd May 1944.

Col. A. E. Young, and S.P.P.O., AMG FOGGIA; Ref SB/311/5/550.

1. With reference to the new system of persons released from internment being now required to have passes issued prior to being allowed to return to their homes in Army Area. It is not possible for lengthy correspondence to be entered into concerning these persons. Many of the internees are without Identity Cards.
2. It is suggested that an office situated in the SALERNO Area would be in a better position to issue passes or temporary Identity Cards, if these are considered essential, as at the present moment the liability of the Camp Commandant finishes when they leave the Gates of the Camp, and if they reside outside the Army Area they are not required to have any document before proceeding to their homes.

*M. G. Leach*  
(F.G. LEACH)                      Lieut.,  
A.C.C., SECURITY BRANCH    Att.,  
No 371 P.W.CAMP., C.M.F.

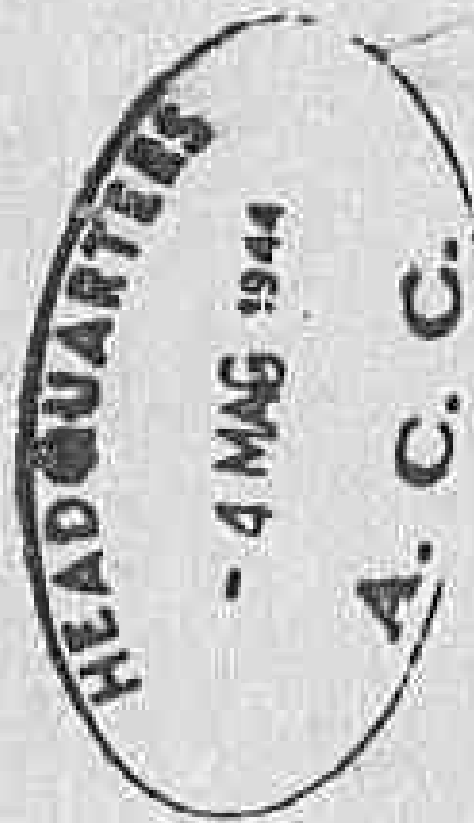


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present moment the liability of the Camp Commandant finishes when they leave the Gates of the Camp, and if they reside outside the Army Area they are not required to have any document before proceeding to their homes.

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*N. H. Geach*  
(F.G. GEACH)      Lieut.,  
A.C.C., SECURITY BRANCH Att.,  
No 371 P.W.CAMP., C.M.F.

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*File*

Dear Mac.

The new system in operation.

Coops moved to 371, Frank.



COPY.

SUBJECT. Released P.O.W.s.

371 P.O.W. CAMP. C.M.F.  
371/1200.  
22 April 1944.To Provincial Commissioner,  
A.M.G. Foggia.MAZZA Antonio - DELICETO.  
VARRINCOLA Alessandro - Ditto.  
STEFANUCCI Paolo . Orsara.  
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The a/m P.O.W. are due to be released from this Camp, their homes are in the Province of FOGGIA, two of them are domiciled at DELICETO, one comes from ORSARA. As they are not allowed to enter Army area without permission from A.M.G. it would be appreciated if you could forward their permits to this camp to enable these men to reach their homes.

Please treat this matter as urgent.

Signed. J.F. MARSHALL Major.  
Commandant 371 P.O.W. Camp.  
C.M.F.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
FOGGIA PROVINCE.

Public Safety Division.

TO: 371 P.W.Camp., C.M.F.

REF: GHB/1/27

DATE: 27 April 44.

*Refused see reason below.*

Herewith return of applications with ~~pass~~ attached where approved. Please note precise home address and identity card number are always required.

Signed ?????? for

*gib*

Senior Provincial Police Officer,  
AMG FOGGIA Province.

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TO : H.Q. A.C.O. (For Security Branch)

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FROM : H.Q. Region 5, A.M.G.

SUBJECT : Scheda Personale.

REF : R5/707/1.

DATE : 5 May 44.

Reference your SB/311.5/550 dated 3 May 44, receipt is hereby acknowledged of this 2,000 copies of "Scheda Personale".

For Regional Commissioner :

*J. H. G. Womersley*  
J. H. G. WOMERSLEY  
Captain,  
for Adjutant.

JHCW/10

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
SECURITY BRANCH  
APO 394

(31)

Ref : SB/311.5/550

3 May 1944.

Subject: Scheda Personale.

To : A.M.G., Hq., Region V.

1. Reference your letter R5/707/1 of 1 May 1944. Forwarded herewith are 2,000 copies of "Scheda Personale".

2. The "Civil Police Special Identity Cards" will be forwarded by Public Safety Sub-Commission, Rear Hq., ACC. This office forwarded your request for the Identity Cards on "Public Safety."

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

*[Signature]*  
JOHN A. MCKAY,  
Capt.,  
Security Branch.

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( C O P Y )

TO : HQ ACC (For RC &amp; MG Section)

FROM : HQ Region 5 AMG.

SUBJECT : Scheda Personale

REF : R5/707/1

DATE : 1 May 1944

Will you please forward 2,000 Copies of each  
of the attached at your earliest convenience.

For Regional Commissioner

/S/ Earl A. Heassler

/T/ EARL A. HEASSLER  
Capt., CMP  
Adjutant.

TC/LL

The "Civil Police, Special Identity Card" part of order - forwarded to  
Public Safety for filling out. - 3-5-44.



HEADQUARTERS

- 1 MAG 1944

A. C. C.

Subject: Personal effects of Detainees.

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

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I/1401/7/GSI(b)

24 APR 44

To: Distribution below.

1. Cases have occurred recently in which persons who have been detained have been sent for further interrogation without their personal effects. Such persons have also complained that money and effects have been taken from them and no receipt has been given.
2. All arresting agencies should be instructed that personal effects should accompany arrested personnel, when such personnel are sent for further interrogation. Receipts should be given for any personal effects of value which have to be taken from arrested persons for security reasons.

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 16 F.S. Section.

For Lt-General,  
 Chief of General Staff.

For Information:

Security Intelligence, ACC. ✓  
 Public Safety Commission,  
 ACC.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
SECURITY BRANCH  
APO 394

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Ref : SB/311.5/550.

2 May 1944.

Subject: Civilian Internees at Padula.

To : G.S.O.1 (Ib), HQ., A.A.I.

1. Reference your AAI/1401/7/GSI(b) of 30 April 44.
2. I forward herewith a copy of the ACC Orders published in agreement with your AAI/1401/10/GSI(b) of 9 April 44. for your information in the event that you have not received a copy of these orders from another source.
3. Copies have also been forwarded to the ACC Reviewing Officers at 371 PW Camp with instructions that they are to ensure that every person released from Padula is in possession of any pass that may be necessary to travel home.
4. Thereby difficulties of holding these persons at Salerno will be avoided.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

  
JOHN A. MCKAY,  
Capt.,  
Security Branch.See Travel File  
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Sec. Br 5-2/21

Subject:- Civilian Internees  
in PADULA.

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

CONFIDENTIAL.AAI/1401/7/GSI(b)A.C.C. Security Branch.30 Apr 44.

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Reference SB/311.5/550 dated 26 Apr 44.

The following comments are offered.

1. We agree with the suggestion put forward in your paras 1 and 2.
2. Reference your para 3 it is pointed out that, in accordance with para 2(b) of this headquarters AAI/1401/10/GSI(b) dated 9 Apr 44, refugees proceeding to territory under AMG control in the rear of Army areas will also require a pass to enable them to cross Provincial boundaries where necessary.

It is deemed advisable that these refugees should all be directed to SALERNO for disposal, rather than that they should disperse immediately from the Camp at PADULA.

caol Young  
for Lt-Col.,  
G.S.I.(b).

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
SECURITY BRANCH  
APO 394

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Ref : SB/311.5/550.

2 May 1944.

Subject: Release of Internees - Passes.

To : Reviewing Officers ACC.  
371 PW Camp, C.M.F.

1. Reference our letter under even number of 26 April 44.
2. Fresh instructions, of which a copy is inclosed, have now been issued in relation to Control of (Civilian) Movement.
3. Please undertake to see that before a person is released from 371, he is in possession of any pass that may be necessary for him to travel to his destination, in accordance with the instructions on the point. For this purpose, you will be acting as Civil Affairs Officers within the Camp.
4. Please advise the Civil Affairs Officer responsible for the area of the action you are taking.
5. Two books of passes Nos. 9201-9300 are forwarded herewith for action in accordance with par 4 (b) and 4 (j).

FOR THE DIRECTOR:



JOHN A. MCKAY,  
Capt.,  
Security Branch.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
SECURITY BRANCH  
APO 394

Ref: SB/311.5/550.

26 April 1944

Subject: Civilian Internees at Padula.

To : Lt. Col. Gibson, G.S.O.I.(b)., A.A.I.

1. In order to eradicate difficulties which have previously existed regarding the release of internees into the Army areas i.e. North of the River Volturno and North of the Southern boundaries of Foggia - Campobasso provinces, it is suggested that before release, application be made for permits enabling them to proceed there, to the Provincial Commissioner, A.M.G. for the Province concerned, by the A.C.C. reviewing officers stationed at 371 P.O.W. Camp.
2. This would preclude the possibility of such persons either having to be turned back from the boundaries or waiting in Salerno until such time as a permit reaches them.
3. Otherwise, internees who can proceed unaided to their residences can be allowed to do so from Salerno or any place en route thereto, but those who are destitute and unable to get home should be referred to the Italian authorities, viz. Minister of the Interior, Salerno. In any case of doubt, Major Green, Provincial Police Officer, A.M.G., Salerno, will assist with the Italian authorities.
4. Released internees do not come under the Category of Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, which deals solely with non - Italians. The Italian Refugee Branch of A.C.C. could only assist by passing them through one or other of their camps to private billets in Southern Italy, and it seems that the most practical way of dealing with them is as stated above.

Copies: Commandant 371 POW Camp.  
A.C.C. Officers at 371 POW Camp.  
Major Green, Provincial Police Officer, AMG, Salerno,

Colonel,  
Director,  
Refugee Branch.

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SUBJECT: RELEASE OF INTERNEES.  
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371 P.W.Camp.  
371/1200.  
22nd April 44.

H.Q., A.C.C., Security Branch.  
Copy to: GSI (b) A.A.I.  
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Ref your letter dated 18th April 1944.

Released personnel from this Camp are all taken to SALERNO. Those who's homes are in Southern Italy as well as those domiciled in Army Areas.

For those moving South, it is thought they stand a better chance of obtaining transport from a town, as opposed to this small village.

For those others who's residence is in Army Areas, it is thought that once they have been reviewed and are considered no longer a danger to Allied Security, they then become an A.C.C. responsibility. A.C.C., have the machinery in the shape of Displaced Persons Sub Commission, to deal with these. If a branch of this does not exist in SALERNO, A.C.C., then can pass them on to the nearest one available.

The clerical side of this formation is at present working to capacity, and to engage in extra correspondence regarding persons who's homes are in Army Area, is not possible.

The solution appears to be for a branch of Displaced Persons Sub Commission to be formed in SALERNO Area, where our freed persons can be sent.

*J. E. Marshall*

(J.E. MARSHALL)

Major.,  
Commandant No 371 P.W.Camp., C.M.F.

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HEADQUARTERS

24 APR 1944

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Subject: Internment of Civilians.

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITA

HEADQUARTERS  
25 APR 1944  
A. C. C.

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ALL/1401/7/GCH(O).

24 Apr 44.

1. When civilians are arrested with a view to internment, they must, whenever possible, be permitted to pack and take with them a bag or suitcase of personal effects, spare clothing etc., which they will require during their period of internment.

2. This should always be possible when persons are arrested in or near their homes.

3. It must be borne in mind that internees are NOT criminals, and they must at all times be treated with reasonable consideration. Moreover, if internees arrive at 371 P.O.W. Camp with no spare clothes, etc., they have to be supplied from Army resources.

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For information:

Security Intelligence, A.C.C.  
 Public Safety Sub-Commission, A.C.C.  
 371 P.O.W. Camp.  
 "A" Branch, I.D.S.

W. D. Gibson, Lt. General,  
 Chief of General Staff.

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Chief of General Staff.

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271 P.O.W. Corp.  
"A" Branch, ...I.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
SECURITY BRANCH.

18th. April, 1944.

P.4 SB. 3115/590

SUBJECT: Civilian Internees at Padula.To: Camp Commandant, 371 P.O.W. Camp, Padula.

1. There still appears some slight misunderstanding in regard to the disposal of internees after they have been released from Padula. On 17th. April, 1944 some were taken to Major Green, A.C.C. Salerno, who was unable to provide any assistance, owing to the fact that this territory has now been taken over by the Italian Government.
2. As to the release into that part of Italy south of the River Volturno and the southern boundaries of Campobasso and Foggia Provinces, the persons concerned may be liberated at any point, to make their way to their chosen destination. A.C.C. can only assist by referring them to their Italian authorities.
3. The Allied Military Government in the Provinces of Campobasso, Foggia and North of the Volturno will only permit entry into these areas on exceptional grounds, and the person must be in possession of a permit. Application should be made for this permit to the Provincial Commissioner, A.M.G. of the location concerned, before the person leaves the internment camp.
4. Should it be decided to release any person whose home is in the Army area to an address as in paragraph 2, he must clearly understand it is useless to try to enter the Army area without a proper permit.

Copy to GSO I(b) AAI.

  
A.E. YOUNG,  
Colonel, Director  
A.C.C. Security Branch.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
SECURITY BRANCH

13th April, 1944

SUBJECT: Civilian Internees at Padua, ex Potenza.

TO: COL. A. A. YOUNG.

1. As directed in the course of my duties in reviewing the cases of internees at Padua, I made a special investigation of eight men interned by orders of Provincial Commissioner, AGC, Potenza. It may here be stated that these men are the only ones at Padua who were interned by AGC, the others having been dealt with in the more normal manner by OLC or PMS. Authority is given however in Proclamation No. 2, Article 7, Section 2, for the S.C.A.O. to detain any person whom he believes to be either an actual or potential danger to military security. A proviso is added that a full report is to be submitted to the Chief Legal Officer for his consideration, approval or otherwise. There is no delegation of this authority by the S.C.A.O. and the responsibility remains his alone, subject to confirmation by C.L.O. It will be observed that this power only relates to detention (and this for a period of three months, not internment for the duration as ordered in these cases).

2. The history of the internments is centered upon the activities of two committees formed in Potenza for the purpose of reducing and suppressing Fascist personalities. On 15th October, 1943, was organized a "Committee of Investigation" consisting of the Legal Officer (Capt. Laty), Mr. ROTUNDO, Mr. NAPOLI and Mr. YOUNG - all anti-Fascists. The objects of this Committee were to investigate Fascist leaders who have escaped prosecution, but have offended against the "Italian law". On 15th November, 1943, a further committee called the "Committee of Public Safety" was formed and consisted of S.C.A.O. (Capt. Laty), AGC (Capt. Howell), Legal Officer (Capt. Laty), C.L.O. (Mr. O'Neill), the Prefect, the Quastore, Mr. ROTUNDO, Mr. NAPOLI, Mr. YOUNG. The object of this Committee was to enquire into the relative importance of Fascist personalities as regards their danger to military security. It will be seen that all the members of the Committee of Investigation were also members of the Committee of Public Safety and therefore <sup>there is</sup> little cause for

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3. The Committee of Public Safety divided the people whom they reviewed into the following categories:-

- (a) Those who introduced Fascists, and provided it violently with Fascist protection until the fall of Fascism.
- (b) Squadristi who were good executives for members of the first category and who carried <sup>1364</sup> their orders with resort, if necessary, to violence.
- (c) These people who profited from their position in the Fascist Party, but who vacillated on many occasions.



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In speaking of the decisions of the Committee the infliction of "punishment" was repeatedly mentioned in the correspondence in existence in Region. For instance, those people in Category (a) above were to be "punished by immediate imprisonment followed by investigation and subsequent confinement". Category (b) people "should be punished by removal from office and 'ammonizione', Category (c) were to receive a 'diffida'. Confinement either took the form of detention in a P.O.W. Camp or being put into "confinio" i.e. being sent from the Province under rigid movement restrictions, or in other words, banishment. "Ammonizione" is movement rigidly restricted and regular reports must be made to the police. "Diffida" is in effect a warning.

4. During the course of their activity the Committee considered numerous cases and the final figures were:-

|                         |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Detained in P.O.W. Camp | 8         |
| Confinio                | 34        |
| Ammonizione             | 55        |
| Diffida                 | 49        |
| Removed from office     | 53        |
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The system of "confinio" and "ammonizione" was purely a fascist instrument and it is to be regretted that A.M.O. lent itself so readily to such practices. The committees possessed no powers of actual decision and the responsibility for such decisions as were made above must rest with the S.O.A.O.s concerned. Where the power to impose "confinio" came from is not apparent to me, but it is argued by Region that if the S.O.A.O. had power to detain people he could also impose the lesser evils.

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6. Changes were made from time to time in the construction of the Committee of Public Safety. ~~136~~ September 1943 Major Nicholls became S.O.A.O. in place of Capt. Ellis; Lt. O'Neill was transferred, but his successor, Lt. Anderson, had no dealings with the Committee at all; Avv. Reale severed his connections with the work soon after its inception and indeed he is now Minister of the Interior for the Badoglio Government. Capt. Howell frequently did not attend the meetings owing to other duties and this left Capt. Paty as the sole A.M.O. representative assisted by the Prefect, Questore, Av. Rotunno and Di Napoli.



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Capt. Pety after a period of sickness has left the country and is not in a position to give an account of the workings of the Committee which was suspended in February 1944, following enquiries by the Regional Legal Officer, Lt. Col. Cousins, who at once realized the damage being done generally by its activities. His predecessor, Major Howe, was not of the same opinion and had been kept informed throughout of the work being done.

7. I have searched the files in possession of Lt. Col. Cousins and Major Nicholls and have also interviewed Avv. Rotunno, Scognamiglio and Rignatori, all anti-Fascist lawyers in Potenza in an endeavour to obtain solid evidence which would justify the continued internment of the eight persons in detention. Both the Committee and Major Nicholls had recommended as recently as 6th April, 1944, that in their opinion the only one of the eight who should be released was one, BRUVIGNATI Guido. I am sure this arose out of a confused idea of the reasons for detention, as when such is judged from the standard of "danger to military security", little objection can be found to the release of most of the others. For instance, crimes committed in the early Fascist days, acts of friend or other enrichment, in more recent years suspected "black market operatives", the reaction by the rest of Potenza etc., were all given as reasons for continued internment, whereas the only point now at issue is "will he be a danger to military security if he is released now?". With Potenza much in the rear of Army area and with so little military traffic through the town it is difficult to appreciate how some of these men could be construed as potential military dangers now. Admittedly they might not be wanted in Potenza, but such does not justify continued detention, and any crimes committed by them as Fascists or war criminals, can and should be dealt with elsewhere.

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9. It must have been a difficult position for Major Nicholls to take over a Province with such a Committee functioning, apparently with the approval of the Regional higher officers, but looking back, it is a pity he did not enquire thoroughly into its activities and more particularly into the powers conferred upon him by Proclamation No. 2. His precarious position would soon have been apparent to him.

10. Following these enquiries Col. Young visited Potenza on 11th April, 1944, and in conjunction with Lt. Col. Cousins, Capt. Germain (Provincial Legal Officer) and Capt. Howell, considered the cases where the Committee had previously given decisions. In the first place it was decided to remove all restrictions of "confino" and "ammonizione". Major Nicholls had reported two cases where he considered, if such measures were taken, the persons should be interned, but the evidence in these cases was so slight that their internment could not be justified at this late stage. The records and results of interviews regarding the eight internees were placed before the officers and it was decided as under:-

|                |            |                                                                          |
|----------------|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. BENVIGNATI  | Guido      | Release immediately                                                      |
| 2. ZAPPALOGATA | Silla      | Review in normal way by A.C.C. Officers at Padula, as early as possible. |
| 3. DONOFRIO    | Donato     | --do--                                                                   |
| 4. DONOFRIO    | Carmino    | --do--                                                                   |
| 5. ARGENTINI   | Amedeo     | Review after enquiries of witnesses regarding definite anti-allied acts. |
| 6. PAGELLA     | Carmino    | Review early, bearing in mind stronger Fascist record.                   |
| 7. CATALANO    | Francoisco | Review later - Fed; Party.                                               |
| 8. CARRIARO    | Nicola     | --do--                                                                   |



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| 6. PAGELLA    | Carmine   | Review early, bearing in mind stronger Fascist record.                   |
| 7. CATILLANO  | Francesco | Review later -- Fed; Secty.                                              |
| 8. CARRIERO   | Nicola    | --do--                                                                   |

11. On 12th April, 1944, I, together with Ident. Billie of A.C.C., reviewed cases Nos. 1 to 4 and in no case could continued internment be justified, a recommendation was made accordingly to the Camp Commandant who will arrange for their release at an early date.

12. Enquiries are proceeding regarding No. 5 and the remaining cases who were more active Fascists will be considered in due course. All the details and 4381ts available are at No. 371 P.O.F. Camp.

13. As regards the activities of the Committee the only criticism I have to make is that more trust was not placed in the Public Safety Division, who, apart from Lt. G'Neill, in its early stages have not been represented on the Committee. Capt. Luty, the Legal Officer, seems to have taken upon himself the complete duties of Public Safety and I fail to see how he came into the picture at all as the internment suspected dangers to security is essentially a matter for



Public Safety Division working with F.B.I. or C.I.O. It has been said that there were no F.B.I. available but I notice in each case an F.B.I. officer actually delivered the internee into the camp. Had the matter been referred to them, as had been done in every other Province, much less onus would have devolved upon ACC/AMG.

14. However, I think local feeling, which is directed more against Italian informers than the Allies, will simmer down and no hitch is anticipated in the reviewal of the interned cases in the normal course of events.

*J. J. Harvey*  
J. J. HARVEY, Capt.  
A.C.G. (Security Branch).

15. The enquiries into case No. 5 revealed that of the five witnesses whose names were given to me by AV. Rotunno as being in a position to give evidence of Angelini indicating to the Germans a petrol dump, four could only repeat hearsay evidence. The fifth stated that Angelini had shouted down from a balcony to him to tell the Germans to go up the road where there was petrol. The Germans at this time were breaking open garages and shops on the opposite side of the road and the informant says it was obvious that Angelini was in a panicky state and that his statement was made to get the Germans away from his immediate vicinity. Two days later he apologised for his cowardly behaviour. The informant says he told all this to the Committee of Public Safety, but it is difficult to see how they admitted this evidence and that of four people who were not present, as to be so damning as to cause his internment months later.

16. Release was recommended in this case as in fact in all the others except No. 8, where the man was a Federal Secretary, a Lt. Col. in the Italian Army, and (I am strongly of this opinion) still a potential danger to us.



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17. The position now is, therefore, that seven releases have been recommended and I anticipate these being put into effect at an early date.

16 Apr. 44.

*L. C. Luke*

*W. T. Long*

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SUBJECT: Civil Internees: Review.

C.S.I. (6),  
HQ A.A.I.

Ref A.A.I./1479/1/GSib dated 8 Apr 44.

1. Ref para 2 of the above-mentioned letter.

Your deductions in this para are confirmed as correct. The term "NEW CASES" is used to indicate that these persons were arrested and interned prior to the Fifth Review Board but after the Fourth, and had consequently never been officially classified as A(2), although already evacuated to 374 P.W. Camp.

2. Similarly with the "OLD CASES"; the Fifth Review Board merely confirmed actions which had ~~been~~ already been taken (i.e. release) or decided to hand to 1st District, No. 1 District, certain military personnel who had previously been held as political prisoners.

None of the persons mentioned under "OLD CASES" was evacuated to 374 P.W. Camp.

3. It is improbable that any further Review Boards will be held in SICILY, as only individual cases will now have to be considered, either for internment or release, and these will have previously been agreed between No. 1 District and A.C.C., Region I.

In any case, all recommendations in respect of Sicilian internees held in 374 P.W. Camp will be dealt with in accordance with your para 3.

C.M.F.

27 Lieut-Col,  
G.S.O. 1,  
No. 1 District.

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C.M.P.

*Agg. Document by*  
*Major*  
Lieut-Col,  
G.S.O. 1;  
No. 1 District.

Copy to:- Security Intelligence, HQ A.C.C.

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Subject: Arrest and Internment of  
Offenders on Security Grounds.

HQ ALLIED ARMS IN ITALY

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ALL/1401/7/5(Ib).

10 Apr 44.

Allied Garrison Sardinia.

1. Forwarded herewith are the main directives issued by this H.Q. on the above subject. The principles and procedure outlined therein will be followed as closely as local circumstances permit.
2. The procedure described refers to cases initiated by the Allied authorities, and not to those initiated and dealt with entirely by the Italian authorities.
3. Persons whose internment is authorized by your HQ, will in future be despatched to 374 (Civil) P.O.W. Camp on the Italian mainland. In addition, persons who have in the past been interned at the instigation of the Allied authorities, and who are now confined in jails, will be despatched to 374 Camp as soon as possible. In all such cases proper records must be forwarded to this HQ and to the Commandant, 374 Camp, in accordance with the attached instructions, and persons sent to the Camp must always be accompanied by a document (carried by the escort) showing brief particulars of the case.
4. It is emphasized that only internees should be sent to 374 Camp, and not persons arrested and charged with a security offence, nor those detained on security grounds pending investigation.

GP.

Copy to:-

G-2, JMB.  
G-2, EAF.  
Public Safety Sub-Commission, JOC  
Security Intelligence, JOC.  
374 POW Camp.  
"Branch 5-1, HQ, JAI (Adm Sec).

Local  
enclosures.

W. J. Gibson 11-Col  
Lt-General,  
Chief of General Staff.



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Copy to:-

G-2, JFH.

G-2, M.F.

Public Safety Sub-Commission, JCC

Security Intelligence, JCC.

371 POW Camp.

4th Branch/G-1, H. J. (Adm. Ech).

Less  
enclosures.

W. J. Cohen, Lt. Colonel,  
Chief of General Staff.

Enclosures:

15-G/1400/2/G (B) dated 1 Sep 43  
15-G/1404/7/G (B) dated 22 Oct 43  
JCC/1404/7/G (B) dated 23 Oct 44  
JCC/1404/7/G (B) dated 29 Feb 44  
JCC/1404/7/G (B) dated 2 Mar 44

JCC/1404/7/G (B) dated 3 Mar 44.

"Arrest of Civilians on Security Grounds" (a)  
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"Internment of Civilians" (1358) (b)  
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"Arrest of Civilians: Connection between  
Security/Counter-Intelligence organiza-  
tion and J.C.C."  
"Internment of Civilians: Civil P.O.W." (b)

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Security Br.

Subject:- Civil Internees - Review Board.

H.Q. ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.

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AAI/1479/1/GSI(b).

8 Apr 44.

G.S.I.,  
No.1 District.

1. We have received, through Hq, A.C.C., a copy of a Memorandum prepared by Hq Sicily Region, on the results of the Fifth Review Board held at PALERMO on 17 Mar 44.

2. According to our records, the persons listed under the heading 'New Cases' are all confined in 371 POW Camp, PAIDUA, and those listed under 'Old Cases re-classified' are not, and never have been, in 371 POW Camp, so are presumably in SICILY. Will you please confirm that this is the case? If so, it will be unnecessary for the recommendations of this particular Board to be communicated to the Commandant of 371 Camp.

3. If any future such review boards are held in SICILY, involving persons interned in 371 Camp, the recommendations of the Board should be forwarded by Hq 1 District (NOT Hq 1 Region) to the Commandant of 371 Camp, with a copy to this Hq. This procedure would conform with the principle that internees are the responsibility of the ordinary military authorities and not the A.C.C.

W. J. Libman. Lt Col

Brigadier,  
B.G.S. (I).JH.  
Copy to:-

Security Intelligence, A.C.C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
A.P.O. 394  
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION  
SECURITY DIVISION

Ref : SD/550-20

17 March 1945

Subject : MOTOLESE Pietro.

To : Commandant "A" Civilian Internee Camp, C.M.F.

Reference your A/200 of 23 Feb. 1945.

1. Please acquaint subject with contents of the attached letter from the Ministry of Grace and Justice.

  
JOHN W. CHAPMAN  
Colonel, J.A.G.D.  
Director, Public Safety  
Sub-Commission

CBH/af

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Translation.

MINISTRY OF GRACE & JUSTICE

*Security*

11th March, 1945.  
N. 71485/356

Reply to letter dated 1st instant n. 550

Subject : Dr. Motolese Pietro, internee.

To : A.C. Public Safety Sub-Commission

Would you please inform the internee in question, that the authority issued by him for the withdrawal of salary (for the month of January 1945) and of mission indemnity for the 5th, 6th and 7th October, 1943, have been sent by this Ministry to the Treasury of the Bank of Italy in Siracusa.

For the Minister

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Subject:- MOTOLESE Pietro.

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23 Feb 45.

To:- Allied Commission,  
Public Safety Sub Commission, C.M.F.

May the attached correspondence from a/m please be  
forwarded to interested parties.

C.M.F.

LRD/EN.

W.L. CARISS.

Commandant, "A", Civilian Internee Camp. C.M.F.

*W.L. Cariss*  
Lieut Col.



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Subject:- MOTOLESE Pietro.

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Lieut Col.



HEADQUARTERS CONTROL COMMISSION  
A.P.O. 394  
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION  
SECURITY DIVISION

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REF : SD/550

1 March 1945

SUBJECT : MOTOLESE Pietro - Internee

TO : Ministry of Grace and Justice

1. Attached for your attention are three letters received from the above named interned at "A" Civilian Internee Camp, Padula, Italy.

2. Reply may be made direct to MOTOLESE at the address referred to in Para. 1.

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JOHN W. CHAPMAN,  
Colonel J.A.G.D.,  
Director Public Safety,  
Sub Commission.

CBH/nb

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TRANSLATION

20 - 2 - 1945

ALLA SEZIONE DI R.TESORERIA  
Banca d'Italia  
Siracusa

For the receipt of my wages for the month of January 1944 (Lire 3779, if I am not in error) and for the indemnity for a journey from Siracusa to Palermo to a meeting, as I am the Director of the Jail of Siracusa (5, 6 & 7 October 1943-Lire 200) I enclose two letters addressed to Mrs Eice Gatti Motolesi (my wife) and a letter of advise to her c/o of the Direction of this jail.

The two attached letters have been indorsed by this Command for the authenticity of my signature.

Yours sincerely

Pietro Motolesi  
Provincial Director of the  
Prison of Siracusa

Present address

Ministry of Grace and Justice

MOTOLESE PIETRO  
"A Civilian Internee Camp  
C.M.F. Italy.

af.

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20 - 2 - 1945

TO: The Treasurer - Siracusa -

For the receipt of my wages of January 1944  
I authorize Mrs. Bice Gossi Motolesi to collect the  
the sum of lire due to me.

/S/ Pietro Motolese  
Director of the Prison of  
Siracusa

This is the authentic signature of the  
civilian internee Pietro Motolese.

/S/ L.R. Davidson, Capt. f Lt.Col.  
"A" Civilian internee  
Camp C.M.F.

23 February 45.

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20 - 2 - 1945

TO:- R.Treasurer - Siracusa -

For the receipt of the indemnity due to me when I went on mission as Director of the Judicial prisons, the 5, 6 & 7 October 1943 from Siracusa to the Prison of Palermo.

I authorize  
Mrs. Eice Gossi Motolese, to collect the sum due to me of Lire

/S/ Pietro Motolese  
Director of the Judicial Prison of  
Siracusa

This is the authentic signature of the  
civilian internee Pietro Motolese.

/S/ L.R. Davidson, Capt. f Lt.Col.  
"A" Civilian internee  
Camp C.W.F.

23 Feb.45



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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
SECURITY BRANCH  
A.P.O. 3394.

Ref : SB/311.5/520.  
550  
5 April 1944.

Subject : Civilian Internees - Review Board.

To : Lt. Col. GIBSON, GSO 1 (Ib), HQ. A.A.I.

1. This is the report about which I spoke this morning.
2. As you will see, a copy was sent to No. 1 District by Region I.
3. I enclose an extra copy which you may wish to forward to 371 P. Camp.

*[Signature]*  
R.L. YOUNG, Colonel,  
DIRECTOR: SECURITY BRANCH.

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31 Mar 1944.

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FILE NO. RPS/383.7.

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, SICILY REGION HQ., APO 394.

25/3/44.

TO - (1) ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION HQ.  
(2) G.O.C., HQ., No. 1 District.

1. Forwarded.

For the Regional Commissioner.

S/ Russel A. SNOOK,  
T/ RUSSEL A. SNOOK,  
Lt. Col.,  
Regional Public Safety Officer.

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## C O P Y

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS  
A.P.O. 394

(PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION- SPECIAL POLICE SECTION)

FILE NO. RPS/583.7.

20th March 1944.

SUBJECT: CIVILIAN INTERNEES. FIFTH REVIEW BOARD OF

TO: REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER, A.C.C. H.Q.  
REGION NO. L.

1. Further reference to the correspondence quoted which deals with the subject of civilians arrested in Sicily on political or security grounds.

2. The Fifth Review Board was held at Palermo on 17th March 1944 when examinations of new cases and re-examinations of certain cases classified at the previous Boards were conducted in respect of both the American and British zones.

3. The detainees dealt with at this Fifth Board were classified or re-classified into the categories set out in existing directives, namely,

- |       |                                                                                        |
|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| A(a)- | to be interned indefinitely                                                            |
| A(b)- | to be interned for a period and then for release on conditions without further review. |
| B(-)  | for prosecution                                                                        |
| C(-)  | for further enquiries before final classification                                      |
| D(a)- | to be released unconditionally.                                                        |
| D(b)- | to be released on conditions imposed by AMG(now AGS).                                  |
| E(-)  | to be treated as prisoners of war.                                                     |

4. Re American Zone

(a) One new case was subjected to careful consideration and the recommendation is illustrated on the attached list.

(b) A total of three cases dealt with at the previous Boards were re-considered and the recommended re-classifications are shown on the list.



3. The detainees dealt with at this time are those who have been re-classified into the categories set out in existing directives, namely,

- A(a)- to be interned indefinitely  
 A(b)- to be interned for a period and then for release on conditions without further review.  
 B(-) For prosecution  
 C(-) for further enquiries before final classification  
 D(a)- to be released unconditionally.  
 D(b)- to be released on conditions imposed by AMG(nor ACC).  
 E(-) to be treated as prisoners of war.

#### 4. Re American Zone

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#### 5. Re British Zone

- (a) A total of five new cases were examined and the recommendations are set out on attached List.  
 (b) A total of eleven cases dealt with at the previous Boards were re-considered and the recommended re-classifications are shown on the List.

I now ask Regional Commissioner's approval for the recommendations of this Board in order that the release documents may be despatched to the proper authorities in the cases applicable; further, that for such has been given, copies of this report and attached List be forwarded to

- (1) H.Q. Allied Control Commission, and  
 (2) H.Q. No. 1. District.

/s/ G. RICHARDSON, Major,  
 G. RICHARDSON, Major,  
 Special Police Section.

1st Ind.

To Regional Commissioner, A.C.C., H.Q. No. 1. Region,

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Submitted for your information and with a request that approval be given to the recommendations referred to in para. 6 above.

Russel A. Snook, Lt. Col.,  
Regional Public Safety Officer,  
A.C.C. N.Y. No.1 Region.

2nd Ind.

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION SICILY REGION HQ. APO 394

TO: Public Safety Division Region 1.

24 March 1944.

Recommendations of Board approved.

A.W. HANCOCK,  
Lt. Col.,  
Regional Commissioner.

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A.B. HANCOCK,  
Lt. Col.,  
Regional Commissioner.

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## CIVILIAN INTERNEES, 5th REVIEW.

At a Review Board held on March 17th between representatives of H.Q. No. 1 District and Public Safety Division, H.Q. Region I, the following cases were dealt with.

NEW CASES.AMERICAN ZONE

1. BUTERA Sardo Pasquale A(a).

BRITISH ZONE

1. BUSCEMI Filippo A(a).  
 2. DRAGO Gaetano A(a).  
 3. INDRILLI Giuseppe A(a).  
 4. LIOTTA Gaetano A(a).  
 5. MOTOLISE Pietro A(a).

Old cases re-classified owing to further information being available.

AMERICAN ZONECLASSIFICATION  
Previous

New.

1. GIUSEPPI Gaetano A(a) D(b).  
 2. PROFENZANO Vincenzo A(a) D(b).  
 3. GIAMBERTONE Ignazio D(a) "C".

BRITISH ZONE

1. CAMPO Paolo A(a) D(a).  
 2. PIERALDO Mario A(a) D(b).

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NEW CASES.

AMERICAN ZONE

1. SUTERA Sardo Pasquale A(a).

BRITISH ZONE

1. SUSCENI Filippo A(a).  
2. DRAGO Gaetano A(a).  
3. IMBRIILLI Giuseppe A(a).  
4. LIOTTA Gaetano A(a).  
5. MOTULISE Pietro A(a).

Old cases re-classified owing to further information being available.

AMERICAN ZONE

CLASSIFICATION  
Previous

|    |             |          |      |             |
|----|-------------|----------|------|-------------|
| 1. | GIUFFRIDA   | Gaetano  | A(a) | <u>Rev.</u> |
| 2. | PROVENZANO  | Vincenzo | A(a) | D(b).       |
| 3. | GIAMBERTONE | Ignazio  | D(a) | D(b).       |
|    |             |          |      | "C"         |

BRITISH ZONE

|    |       |       |      |       |
|----|-------|-------|------|-------|
| 1. | CAMPO | Paolo | A(a) | D(a). |
|----|-------|-------|------|-------|

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| 2. | DRAGO    | Gaetano  | A(a). |
| 3. | INARILLI | Giuseppe | A(a). |
| 4. | LIOTTA   | Gaetano  | A(a). |
| 5. | MOTULISE | Pietro   | A(a). |

Old cases re-classified owing to further information being available.

#### AMERICAN ZONE

| No. | Name       | CLASSIFICATION<br>Previous | Rev.  |
|-----|------------|----------------------------|-------|
| 1.  | GIUFFRIDA  | A(a)                       | D(b). |
| 2.  | PROVENZANO | A(a)                       | D(b). |
| 3.  | GIABERTONE | D(a)                       | "C"   |

#### BRITISH ZONE

|     |           |           |      |       |
|-----|-----------|-----------|------|-------|
| 1.  | CAMPO     | Paolo     | A(a) | D(a). |
| 2.  | FERRALORO | Mario     | A(a) | D(b). |
| 3.  | FORNARO   | Francesco | A(a) | D(b). |
| 4.  | GALITTO   | Giuseppe  | A(a) | D(b). |
| 5.  | LO FARO   | Antonio   | A(a) | D(b). |
| 6.  | MINISSALE | Antonio   | A(a) | D(b). |
| 7.  | PALERMO   | Francesco | A(a) | D(b). |
| 8.  | VERDERA   | Giuseppe  | A(a) | "E".  |
| 9.  | SALONIA   | Vincenzo  | D(a) | D(b). |
| 10. | HUDGLOTTO | Pietro    | D(b) | "E".  |
| 11. | FERRAUTO  | Francesco | "E"  | D(b). |

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Subject: Arrest, detention and  
internment of civilians  
on security grounds.

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

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U/14017/G(TD).

12 APR 44.

1. General.

Very full instructions have been issued on the procedure to be followed in respect of the arrest, detention and internment of civilians on security grounds, but reports continue to be received at this HQ of cases which have not been properly dealt with in accordance with such instructions.

In order to avoid injustice, confusion and delay, the greatest care must be exercised by all concerned in each individual case involving the arrest of a civilian, from the time of arrest until the final disposal of the case.

Recent experience has shown that the following points require particular attention.

2. Detention.

It is essential that cases in which a person is detained pending interrogation or investigation should be handled and disposed of with the minimum delay. Such cases must NOT be allowed to "drag on" or remain "pending" for an indefinite period: the investigation of such cases must be pursued vigorously and continuously until a decision can be reached as to whether the detainee should be released, interned or charged with an offence.

Delays have sometimes been caused through uncertainty as to which agency is primarily in charge of the case when several such agencies are involved, e.g., C.P.C. Section/O.I.C. Detachment, a S.O.I. Unit, the French Security Liaison etc. In such cases it must be ensured that, at any one time, all concerned are clear as to who is actually responsible for the conduct of the internment, and the case must be properly handled over at each stage until finally disposed of.

Persons detained pending investigation must NOT be sent to 374 100 Camp.

3. Communication.

Communication has tended to arise through the use of P.O. channels for two



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Delays have sometimes been caused through uncertainty as to which agency is primarily in charge of the case when several such agencies are involved, e.g., in cases of persons other than German POW, viz. internees and refugees. In such cases it must be ensured that, at any one time, all concerned are clear as to who is actually responsible for the conduct of the investigation, and the case must be properly handed over at each stage until finally disposed of.

Persons detained pending investigation must NOT be sent to 371 Inter Camp.

## 3. Exemption.

Confusion has tended to arise through the use of POW channels for two main classes of persons other than German POW, viz. internees and refugees. It is essential that these two classes should be clearly distinguished, since the handling and destination of each differs accordingly.

Only persons who are recommended for internment, and who are accompanied by a record of arrest indicating this recommendation, should be sent to 371 (Civil) POW Camp.

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Cases must be taken to ensure that refugees who are sent back through POW channels for internment when not making are segregated from internees at the receiving station to avoid any confusion (Army or Air Force), and thence diverted to R.I.P.

When POW channels are used (either to look after other persons) for the evacuation of internees from R.I.P., to R.I.P. or R.I.P. for further internment, etc., by C.I.P. or C.I.P. Unit, arrangements must be made for the collection of the internees from the R.I.P. or C.I.P. concerned. Such arrangements must NOT be made for persons sent to 371 (Civil) POW Camp.



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After interrogation at R.I.P's, refugees who are NOT suspect should be evacuated through A.C.C., NOT POW channels, adequate warning being given to the A.C.C. Officers concerned.

#### 4. Documentation.

Reports continue to be received of persons arriving at POW cages or camps unaccompanied by any document or record of any kind. This is bound to lead to confusion, delay and, possibly, to the release of dangerous elements.

It is essential that all civilians who are taken into custody or evacuated through POW channels should be accompanied at all times by a record, (carried by the escort), showing when, where, why and by whom they were taken into custody, and indicating how they should be disposed of.

In addition, the papers and belongings of the person concerned, if taken from him, should accompany him, (via the escort), wherever he may be sent, and handed over to the authority into whose custody he is delivered.

Records of arrest in respect of civilians interned in the Army areas tend to indie to the reason too briefly, thereby making the task of the receiving authorities unduly difficult.

Such records must always be signed: many "arrest slips" have reached 371 POW Camp bearing no signature whatever.

*W.J. Gibson A.C.C.*

*Lt-General,  
Chief of General Staff.*

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WJ Gibson 18/68

1 Lt-General,  
 Chief of General Staff.



SUBJECT: Visits to PW and Internee Camps

*Security Br*  
AAI ADM BCH, CEF.

AAI/3072/12/A(0)

28 Mar 44

Dr PAUL BURKHARD,  
Delegation of the International Red Cross,  
(Comite International de la Croix-Rouge  
Delegation),  
Naples.

1. Your letter of 18 Mar 44 addressed to HQ, AOC, has been passed to this HQ for attention.
2. We should be pleased to provide the facilities for your visits to the various PW and internee camps referred to in paras I and II of your letter.
3. In order that the necessary detailed arrangements may be made you are requested to call on myself (AAG) at this HQ.

*W. Welch*  
Lt COL,  
AAG.

TW/FA

Copy: HQ AOC - your SB/311.5/550  
dtd 20 Mar refers.

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SECRET

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INTERNEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS SUB COMMISSION  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Office of the Director.

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IDP/531/43.24 Mar 44.SUBJECT: Guards at Camps.TO : Executive Commissioner,  
H.Q. A.C.C.

Attached copy of Signal 5119/43 dated 12 Mar 44 is forwarded  
for your information.

For the Director.

C.F. POTTERGILL.  
Lt. Colonel.  
Deputy Director.

*Copy to: Security Branch.  
from (C.A.B.)*

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## MESSAGE FORM.

FROM : DISPER BARI

Date 22

TO : DISTWO - For information, 71 Sub Area 1 Sub Section, Displaced Persons, LECCE.

Originators No 5113/43.

SECRET (.) Ref your SD1/162 dated 12 Mar (.) When GREEN HOWARD Coy move this Sub Commission unable to find guard on D.I.D. MAGLIE would you arrange replace them.(.) It is understood C.S.O. has arranged replacement for duties carried out by Green Howard Signal Platoon (.) Understood you are prepared accept lessening of security due to withdrawal of plns from refugee camps this Sub Commission unable to supply guard.

Sgnd. R.C. BROWN Major

IMMEDIATE

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
SECURITY BRANCH  
A.P.O. 394.

SB-3  
Security Br

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Ref : SB/311.5/500.

23 March 1944.

Subject : Scheda Personale.

To : O/C Rear AMG, Right Army.

1. Reference your cable of even date, herewith 2000 copies of the Scheda Personale.
2. Please acknowledge receipt on the attached copy of this letter.

JOHN A. McHAY Capt.,  
for  
A.E. YOUNG, Col.,  
DIRECTOR of SECURITY.

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SUBJECT :- International Red Cross - Visits to POW  
and Civilian Internee Camps

Security Br.

HQ AAI ADM ECH, GMP.

3072/12/A(O)

Security Branch,  
HQ Allied Control Commission

25 Mar 44

Ref your SE/311.5/550 dated 20 March 44.

Receipt of the enclosed letter from the Delegate of the  
International Red Cross Society is acknowledged.

This HQ will communicate with the Delegate direct.

GGE/AJM

*S. Jones*  
for Brigadier, *Explan*,  
DAC.



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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
SECURITY BRANCH  
A.P.O. 394

Feb  
Internals  
*[Signature]*

Ref : SB/3II.5/550.

20 March 1944.

(15)

Subject: International Red Cross:  
Visits to POW and Civilian Internee Camps.

To : H.Q. A.A.I.I.- "A" Branch.

The attached letter, which has been acknowledged,  
is forwarded to you for what action you may deem desirable.

L.R. DAINES, Lt. Col.,  
ASST. DIRECTOR OF SECURITY.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
SECURITY BRANCH  
A.P.O. 394.

Ref : SB/311.5/550.

March 20, 44.

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Subject : Visits to POW and Civilian Internee Camps.

To : Dr. Paul BURKHARD, Delegate of the International  
Red Cross.

Reference your A.S./P.O.W. I of 18 March 1944,  
I have to inform you that your letter has been forwarded to  
H.Q. Allied Armies in Italy, which will communicate with you  
on the matter.

L.R. DAINES, Lt. Col.,  
ASST. DIRECTOR of SECURITY.

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SB / 311.5/550.

Naples, March 18th 1944.

COMITE' INTERNATIONAL  
DE LA CROIX-ROUGE

DELEGATION

No A.S./P.O.W. I.

N.B. - A.C.C.  
N 7 PL 53.

Attention to : Director of the Security Branch Naples.

The International Red Cross Committee Geneva ordered me, as Delegate for Naples and Mainland, to carry out detailed and periodically reported visits to the internment and prisoner camps in Italy, in accordance with the Allied Authorities.

I) I should have to visit:

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- b) all Italian prisoners' camps in Southern Italy (prisoners captured before and after the armistive).
- c) all camps for civil internees in Southern Italy.

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- a) the number and the locality of all internment- and prisoners' camps in Southern Italy.
- b) the offices with which the singular visits could be arranged to their convenience and to my own.

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I should be greatly obliged if these informations could be given to me as soon as possible. - I think it would also be useful if I could be accompanied in all my visits by an Officer of your Staff.

(S) Dr. Paul Burkhard

(T) Dr. Paul Burkhard

The Delegate of the International Red Cross.

C O P Y



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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
R.C. & A.C. Section  
AIO 394

Ref/312/D/CA

5 March 1944

SUBJECT: Internment of Civilians

TO : All Regional Commissioners,  
S.C.A.O.'s 5 and 8 Armies.

1. Attached memorandum No. ACMF/1401/7/A(b) of 2 Feb 44 lays down new procedure for the internment of civilians. This memo has been approved by this H.Q. and immediate steps will be taken to implement it.

2. Consequent upon the adoption of the procedure referred to above General Order No. 10 issued by H.Q. AMG (then at Palermo) on 3 Dec 43 is cancelled.

3. In view of recent changes there is now no reason why Sicily and Sardinia should be excluded from the scheme (see para. 6 of ACMF memorandum) and H.Q. ACMF is being asked to take the necessary action. Copies of the amending instruction issued by ACMF will be sent to Regions I and VI.

4. For ease of reference a copy of the instruction referred to in the first sentence of the ACMF memo is also attached.

NORMAN E. FLEEKE,  
Colonel, Cavalry,  
Deputy Executive  
Commissioner.

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SUBJECT: Internment of Civilians:  
Civil F.O.W.

Headquarters  
Allied Central Mediterranean Force

PER CONFIDENTIAL - U.S. CONFIDENTIAL

TO: Fifth Army  
Eighth Army  
No. 2 District  
No. 3 District

REF/1401/7/GI(b)

2 Feb 44

Reference this HQ instruction 1545/1400/2/3(1b) dated 1 Sept 43.

# 1. INTRODUCTION

- (a) 371 POW Camp has now been established at PADULA (F 4194) in POTENZA Province as an internment camp for civil POW. It will be ready on 7 Feb 44, and it can accommodate females as well as males.
- (b) The following instructions set out the procedure which will be adopted with regard to (i) the disposal of civilians already arrested in ITALY and interned since the beginning of the Italian campaign (3 Sep) and (ii) future cases of internment of civilians in ITALY.
- (c) It is emphasized that the following instructions refer only to internment cases, and NOT to civilians arrested and charged with a security offence, nor to those detained pending further investigation.

(d) AHCQ and AHCQ Adv Com Ech have agreed these instructions and approved their application throughout ITALY.

# 2. DISPOSAL OF CIVILIANS ALREADY INTERNEED

- (a) All civil internees located in POW Camps in ITALY and any who may, wrongly, be confined in civil prisons, will be evacuated to 371 Camp forthwith.
- (b) This H.Q. will supply the Commandant of 371 Camp with a list of all those persons whose internment has been officially authorized by Armies since the beginning of the Italian campaign. 2 District will supply forthwith a similar list in respect of interments authorized by that H.Q. P.F.S. is requested to do likewise.

(c) The Commandant of 371 Camp will then list the names of those persons



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(d) AFHQ and AFHQ Adv Adm Ech have agreed these instructions and approved their application throughout ITALY.

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(a) All civil internees located in POW Cages in ITALY and any who may, wrongly, be confined in civil prisons, will be evacuated to 371 Camp forthwith.

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(c) The Commandant of 371 Camp will then list the names of those persons in the Camp who do NOT feature in the lists described in para 1 (b) above and about whom he holds no record. He will submit this list to this H.Q. 2 District, P.S.S. and A.C.C. These several H.Q.'s should then notify the Commandant 371 Camp whether or not they know anything of the cases and whether or not they see any objection to the release of the persons concerned. The Commandant will then arrange for the immediate release of those to whom no objection is raised.

(d) Those persons whose recommended period of internment <sup>1336</sup> already expired will be released at once, i.e. as soon as they reach 371 Camp. <sup>1336</sup> recommended period, provided that the Commandant sees no objection to their release, and provided that he is not notified in the meantime of any such objection by the H.Q. which authorized the internment or by A.C.C. or by this H.Q.

(e) Persons whose names feature in the lists described in para. 2 (b) above, who do not arrive within reasonable time at 371 Camp, will probably have been evacuated to N. FRIGIA. A list of these will be sent by the Commandant (through the usual channels) to AFHQ, with the request that they be returned to ITALY as soon as possible for confinement in 371 Camp or release, priority as regards their return being given to those who were recommended for a short or limited period of internment.



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(f) In addition, AFHQ will be requested by this HQ to arrange for the despatch to 371 Camp of any other civilians who may be confined in POW Camps in K. AFRICA and who are known to have been evacuated from ITALY, but who do NOT feature in the Commandant's list described in 2(e) above. On the arrival of any such persons at 371 Camp, the Commandant will deal with them in the same way as with those described in 2(c) above.

### 3. FUTURE CASES OF INTERMENT.

#### (a) General.

The following instructions on the procedure to be followed in future with regard to the interment of civilians should be read in conjunction with this HQ instruction dated 1 Sep 43, quoted above, the latter remains valid except where modified by the following.

#### (b) Disposal.

Civilians arrested with a view to interment will continue to be placed in the nearest POW Cage. Thence they will be evacuated through POW Channels to 371 Camp.

#### (c) Records.

##### (i) Arrest Slips.

As laid down in para 3 of this HQ instruction quoted above, a record of arrest ("Arrest Slip"), signed by the officer i/c the FS Section or CIC Detachment making the arrest, will be handed over to the authority i/c the POW Cage in which the prisoner is originally placed. This slip must accompany the prisoner to 371 Camp; it will be carried by the escort, and handed over to the Commandant of the Camp.

##### (ii) Authorisation.

Although any FS/CIC officer can arrest a civilian with a view to interment, the Army or District HQ concerned will be responsible for authorising interment. When the HQ concerned receives its "arrest slip" or report of the case, it will consider whether interment is justified or whether the arrestee should be released. In the latter event it will arrange for his immediate release. In the former event, it will indicate its authorisation in the manner shown in (iii) below.

##### (iii) Consolidated records.



As laid down in para 3 of this HQ instruction quoted above, a record of arrest ("Arrest Slip"), signed by the officer i/o the RS Section or CIO Detachment making the arrest, will be handed over to the authority i/c the POW Cage in which the prisoner is originally placed. This slip must accompany the prisoner to 371 Camp; it will be carried by the escort, and handed over to the Commandant of the Camp.

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(iii) Consolidated records.

Army and District HQ's will forward half-monthly to this H.Q. and to the Commandant of 371 Camp a consolidated record of persons arrested whose internment is authorised, giving particulars as hitherto.

(iv) Reason for internment.

The reason for arrest and internment will be stated on both the "arrest slip" accompanying the prisoner and on the half-monthly consolidated record. In both instances, this reason will be stated more fully than has been the custom hitherto, in order that both this HQ and the Commandant of the Camp may be properly informed concerning the case.

(v) Arrests initiated by ACC.

When ACC officers wish to have a person arrested and interned on political grounds, they will, whenever possible, arrange for the actual arrest to be carried out by RSE/CIC. On the rare occasions when this may be found impracticable, they will hand over the prisoner to the RSE/CIC as soon after the arrest as possible. The disposal and records procedure described above will then be followed in such cases. This principle is laid down for the sake of uniformity and simplicity.



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(7) Release and Review.

(a) The practice of MS/CIC officers and Army or District HQ's intern- ing persons for a definite period, e.g., 6 months, or recommending their internment for such a period, will be discontinued, as this practice, though not contrary to the letter of international law, resembles too closely an arbitrary term of imprisonment without trial.

Instead, MS/CIC officers will recommend, and the HQ concerned will authorize the internment of the person in question, and they will recommend either that such internment should be for the duration of the war, or that the case should be reviewed after such and such a period (e.g., six months).

(1) At the end of this period the Commandant of 371 Camp will review the case, with the assistance of his interpreter/intelligence officer. If he considers that there is no objection to the release of the prisoner, and if the HQ which authorized the internment or this HQ or JCC have not in the meantime notified the Commandant that they consider that the prisoner should continue in internment beyond this period (owing to fresh evidence coming to light or to the general security situation or for any other reason), the Commandant will arrange for the release of the prisoner.

(c) Apart from reviewing cases at the end of the period recommended by the HQ concerned, the Commandant, with the assistance of his interpreter/intelligence officer, should review all cases from time to time (as frequently as practicable). If he considers that there is good reason on compassionate or other grounds why an internee should be released before the time recommended by the HQ concerned for the case to be reviewed, he will refer the case to this HQ for consideration and decision. If the internment was instigated by AGC the latter will be consulted by this HQ.

4. ADMINISTRATION.

371 Camp will be responsible for all administration and documentation of civil POW.

5. PENITENTIARY REGULATION.

It is requested that P.F.S. adopt the same procedure, in order that this may be uniform throughout the Italian mainland, and it is suggested that, where reference is made above to District HQ in connection with authorization for internment or release, P.F.S. should be regarded as the equivalent of a District for this purpose.



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4. ADMINISTRATION.

371 Camp will be responsible for all administration and documentation of civil POW.

5. PENITENTIAL BASE SECTION.

It is requested that P.B.S. adopt the same procedure, in order that this may be uniform throughout the Italian mainland, and it is suggested that, where reference is made above to District HQ in connection with authorisation for internment or release, P.B.S. should be regarded as the equivalent of a District for this purpose.

6. SICILY AND SARDINIA

The above arrangements and procedure with regard to 371 Camp, will NOT, anyway at present, be applicable to SICILY or SARDINIA.

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/s/ W. D. Gibson, Lt Col,  
for Lieut General,  
Chief of General Staff,  
A.C.M.F.



C O U N T Y

SUBJECT: Arrest of Civilians on Security Grounds SECRET

FIFTH ARMY  
SEVENTH ARMY  
EIGHTH ARMY  
PORTBASE

15 AG/1400/2/G/Is/

1 Sept. 1943

1. The following instructions regarding the arrest of civilians by military personnel on security grounds are issued in amplification of this H.Q. instruction 15/AG/1400/2/G (15) dated 23 Aug. 43.

The procedure set out below will be adopted forthwith in the case of CIVILLY and will be followed in future operations.

## 2. Categories of Arrest.

It must be clearly understood by all concerned, in particular by security personnel, that there are three categories of civilians who may be arrested on security grounds.

(a) Those who have committed, or are alleged to have committed, in the territory occupied by our forces, a security offense under international law or the provisions of our regulations. These should be charged with the offense and tried by a military court.

(b) Those who are not chargeable with a security offense, but who appear on reasonably evidence to constitute a threat to the security of our forces, operations or Military Government, by virtue of their position, personality, sentiments or record. These should be interned.

(c) Those against whom there is insufficient evidence to charge with an offense or to intern, but whom it is desirable in the interests of security to detain pending further investigation.



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### 3. Records and Disposal

#### (a) General

(1) Whenever a civilian is arrested by military personnel on security grounds, a record of such arrest must be made. This record will include the following items:

Particulars of individual arrested.

Date and place of arrest and by whom arrested.

Where confined.

Reason (in brief) for arrest and classification or categorization (see par. 2 above).

(2) A copy of such record will be handed over with the prisoner to the authority in charge of the prison or cage in which he is confined.

A second copy will be submitted to the local Civil Affairs Officer or Civil Affairs Police Officer.



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A third copy will be forwarded to the Army H.Q. concerned or will be retained to form the basis of a Fuller report to Army H.Q. as laid down by ARMs.

(iii) Army H.Q. will forward consolidated lists of such records to this H.Q. and to AMCOOT H.Q., Palermo, at not more than fortnightly intervals.

(b) Security Offences.

A civilian arrested for the commission of a security offence will be placed in the nearest civil prison or police station approved by AMOT. If no such establishment is available they will be placed in the nearest P/W cage.

In addition to the brief arrest records prescribed in (a) above, a full report of the case will be submitted to the local Civil Affairs Officer, who will then arrange for the case to be tried by a military court, and for the subsequent dispatch of the prisoner.

(c) Internment

A civilian arrested with a view to internment will be placed in the nearest P/W cage.

In addition to the records prescribed in (a) above, a Fuller report of the case will, where necessary, be forwarded to the Army H.Q. concerned. The Army H.Q. will then consider at once whether internment is justified, the Army Security Staff and AMOT representative consulting. The Army H.Q. will either authorize continued internment or order release, informing the P/W cage accordingly.

Records of arrest in internment cases, forwarded by ARMs to this H.Q. and AMOT H.Q., Palermo, will show whether continued internment or release was authorized by the Army H.Q. concerned.

NOTE: Authorization of internment will be the responsibility of this H.Q. in respect of the area in S.E. SICILY for which this H.Q. is directly responsible as regards security.

(d) Retention pending investigation.

A civilian detained on security grounds pending further investigation will be placed either in the local prison or in the nearest



in the movement of the case.

In addition to the records prescribed in (a) above, a full report of the case will, where necessary, be forwarded to the Army H.Q. concerned. The Army H.Q. will then consider at once whether intervention is justified, the Army Security Staff and AGOY representative consulting. The Army H.Q. will either authorize continued intervention or order release, informing the P/W accordingly.

Records of arrest in internment cases, forwarded by Army H.Q. and AGOY H.Q. (FALCON), will show whether continued internment or release was authorized by the Army H.Q. concerned.

Authorization of internment will be the responsibility of the H.Q. in respect of the case in S.E. SICILY for which this H.Q. is directly responsible as regards security.

NOTE:

(1) Interim Investigation.

A civilian detained on security grounds pending further investigation will be placed either in the local prison or in the nearest P/W Camp, according to whether investigations are proceeding with a view to internment or to the ordering of a charge for a security offence.

The Chief Legal Officer of AGOY H.Q. or the Senior Legal Officer of the Province should be informed of any such action and

any agreement obtained.

The investigation of the case must be pursued as rapidly as possible by the security personnel concerned, so that the civilian detained may be either interned, released or charged with an offence with the minimum delay. If the Security Section making the investigation moves to another area before the case is disposed of, the case must be handed over to the incoming security section.

If the detention is to last longer than three months the agreement of the Chief or Senior Legal Officer should again be obtained.

In addition to the records prescribed in (a) above, the ultimate disposal of the case will be reported to those to whom the original record of arrest was sent.



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1. Evacuation from P.O. Camp.

Where possible, every Marshall and officers in charge of P.O. camps will ensure that arrested civilians are not evacuated from the camps in which they are originally placed until:

- (a) They are removed by A.S.G. for trial or to a civil prison pending trial, in the case of those charged with an offense.
- (b) Their internment or release is authorized by Army H.Q., in the case of those arrested with a view to internment.
- (c) Their release is authorized by the appropriate agency in the case of those detained pending investigation (i.e. by Army H.Q. A.S.G. or the local Security Officer, according to whether the prisoner is to be interned, tried or released).

5. Security Personnel

The procedure outlined above is based on the principle that security arrests should normally be carried out by Security Personnel (F.S.P. or C.I.S.).

It is realized however, that the arrest of civilians for security reasons may sometimes be initiated by a military personnel. In such cases, the civilian arrested should wherever possible be handed over to the appropriate F.S. or C.I.S. Section: where this is not practicable, the latter should be informed of the particulars of the arrest. The case then is handled in accordance with the procedure laid down above.

Major General,  
 Chief of General Staff,  
 15 Army Group.

21. 15 Army Group  
 C.I.S.

Copy to: A.S.G.  
 A.S.G. H.Q. Section  
 16 F.S. Section  
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The procedure should normally be carried out by Security Personnel (S.S.I. or S.I.C.)

It is realized however, that the arrest of civilians for security reasons may sometimes be initiated by a military personnel. In such cases, the civilian arrested should wherever possible be handed over to the nearest S.S.I. or S.I.C. Section: where this is not practical, the latter should at least be informed of the particulars of the arrest. The civilian should be handled in accordance with the procedure laid down above.

HQ. 15 Army Group

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Major General,  
Chief of General Staff,  
15 Army Group.

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SECURITY BRANCH

12th March 1944.

Ref :- SB/3II.5/6IO.  
Subject :- Security Situation in Santa Maria C.V.  
To :- Major WILCOX, Public Safety, Reg. 3 H.Q.

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Attached letter refers to a matter in which,  
Major ZANCHINO, CC.BW. and yourself are interested.

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JOHN A. McKAY Capt,  
for  
A.E. YOUNG, Col.,  
Director of Security;.

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C O P Y

Subject: Security Situation in Headquarters  
SANTA MARIA C.V. Allied Central Mediterranean Force

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ACMF/1479/I/G(Ib).

9 Mar 44.

Colonel A. YOUNG,

Security Intelligence, A.C.C.

1. Reference is made to a report which was handed by Colonel YOUNG to Colonel Gibson concerning the security situation in SANTA MARIA C.V.
2. An investigation has been initiated based on information received from this report and from other sources.
3. Cases of all individuals interned from that community are being re-investigated.
4. Mr. GAETA has been apprehended by A.M.G. SANTA MARIA and has subsequently been sent to PALERMO in SICILY.
5. A recommendation was made on 20 Feb by Fifth Army to the Commander 371 P.W. Camp that TROIANO Giuseppe should be released. Petitions for the release of GABLIONE Giulio and SACCONA Enrico were referred to him on 26 Feb 44.

C O P Y

Brigadier  
E.G.S. (I).

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
R.C. & H.C. Section  
APO 394

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Ref/512/20/CA.

11 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Civilian Internees.TO : H.Q. A.C.H.F.  
(Attention : GI(b).)

Attached hereth is a copy of H.Q. A.C.H.F. Adv. Echelon memorandum No. 3073/4/A.1 of 26 Feb 44, concerning political prisoners in Sicily. This is now a matter which is entirely under your control, but the Security Branch of the Allied Control Commission is willing to assist with personnel for screening should you require them.

For Shipp List  
C. W. L. SHIPP

NEWMAN S. FINCH.  
Colonel, Cavalry,  
Deputy Executive  
Commissioner.

Copy to: H.Q. A.C.H.F. Adv. Echelon.  
No. 1 District, C.M.F.  
Public Safety Sub-Commission.  
Security Branch, R.C. & H.C. Section.

For information.

Capt Mackay

Please see if we can help to get  
Gibson in this.

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SUBJECT: Political PrisonersAFM: ADV ADM ECH,  
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26 Feb 64RE: ADM. ASST

1. It has been reported that there are a number of political prisoners in SICILY, many of whom are aged and infirm and hospital inmates.
2. Apart from taking up hospital beds they also require guards.
3. It is considered that the position regarding these political prisoners in SICILY should be reviewed with a view to releasing as many as possible subject to security.
4. Will you please investigate the matter.

Brigadier,  
ADAG.

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Copy: 1 District.



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ACME/1401/7/G(Tb).

To: See DISTRIBUTION.

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Reference this H.Q. instruction of even number dated 2 Feb 44.

1. Two officers of the Security Intelligence Branch, A.C.C. are to be attached to 371 (Civil) P.W. Camp to assist the Commandant in reviewing the cases of persons interned therein.
2. In order to enable the reviewing authorities properly to perform the functions assigned to them, the maximum information about the cases must be made available to them. At the same time, it is important that such reviews should not involve a large volume of correspondence between 371 Camp and the H.Q.'s which authorized the internees.
3. Liaison, Districts and Base Sections will therefore forward to the Commandant of 371 Camp all relevant information which they have on the cases in the way of reports or other records. Complete files may be sent if considered appropriate. To save unnecessary clerical work, it is recommended that the originals and not copies should be forwarded.

4. It is realized that this procedure will leave the H.Q.'s concerned with nothing more than a brief record of such cases, in the form of cards or file copies of arrest forms. Should it be necessary, therefore, for the reviewing authorities to refer the case back for any reason, e.g. to request further information or to suggest release prior to the date originally recommended, any such requests or suggestions will be accompanied by the documents concerning the case.
5. Any question arising out of the review of cases or concerning the release of informers will be referred by the Commandant of 371 Camp direct to this H.Q. Where possible, this H.Q. will deal with the question, consulting only when necessary the H.Q. which authorized the informant.
6. When a H.Q. which has authorized the informant of a civilian considers that the latter should be released before the date recommended for review or that he should continue in informant after that date, the H.Q. concerned will notify the Commandant of 371 Camp direct, with a copy to this H.Q.



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5. Any question arising out of the review of cases or concerning the release of internees will be referred by the Commandant of 371 Camp direct to this H.Q. Where possible, this H.Q. will deal with the question, consulting only when necessary the H.Q. which authorised the internment.
6. When a H.Q. which has authorised the internment of a civilian considers that the latter should be released before the date recommended for review or that he should continue in internment after that date, the H.Q. concerned will notify the Commandant of 371 Camp direct, with a copy to this H.Q.

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SUBJECT:- In termination Procedure.

Headquarters  
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Col. Young  
Security Intelligence  
A.C.C.  
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ACMF/1401/7/GI(b)

14 Feb 44.

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Ref our conversation to-day.

subject.

Herewith relevant documents on the above

I also enclose a memo on "Security and Politics" recently issued by this HQ, which may be of interest to you.

W.D. Gibson

Lt. Colonel,  
G.S.I.(b),  
A.C.M.F.

Col Young to see — Jan 8

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SUBJECT: Internment of Civilians.

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Headquarters

Allied Central Mediterranean Force

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ACW/1401/7/3(1b)

29 February 1944

TO: Fifth Army  
Eighth Army

1. Examination of the records of the arrest and internment of civilians, recently submitted to this HQ, has revealed that the power to intern civilians is in many cases being improperly applied.

2. It is most important that this power should NOT be used as a convenient means of arbitrary confinement without trial in any type of security case.

3. Attention is drawn to this HQ instruction 15AG/1400/2/3(1b) dated 1 Sep 43 on "The Arrest of Civilians on Security Grounds." This instruction defines the categories of civilians liable to arrest, and the paragraph referring to internment reads as follows:

"2 (b). Those who are NOT chargeable with a security offence, but who appear on reasonable evidence to constitute a threat to the security of our forces, operation or military government by virtue of their position, personality, sentiments or record. These should be interned."

4. It will be seen that the right to intern has a limited application, that it can be used only in respect of a particular category of persons, and that it must be based on certain definite principles or grounds. It is NOT designed for cases where the subject has committed a security offence, nor for those where he is vaguely suspect, and it must NOT be used in this manner.

5. Numerous cases have occurred in which a person should have been charged with a security offence rather than interned. A typical example is the case of the person who is found attempting to cross the lines into enemy territory, having come possibly some distance from a rear area; such a person should be brought to trial for contravention of the movement regulations. Not only is it legally right that such persons should be tried rather than interned, but also

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6. I.S./C.I.C. officers should make themselves thoroughly familiar with the provisions of Proclamation No. 2, which describes the very wide range of security offences, which may be made the subject of a charge and trial by Military Court. Such trials can normally be held locally and involve little publicity or delay. I.S./C.I.C. officers should ensure that convictions for security offences receive local publicity, and armies should arrange wide publicity for heavy sentences in serious cases.

7. A person who is found acting suspiciously or appears vaguely or generally suspect from the security point of view should NOT be interned. Instead, he should be interrogated and the case investigated. If necessary he can be detained pending further investigation. It may happen that after thorough investigation the security agency concerned, though unable to establish a positive case against such a person, is not sufficiently satisfied of his innocence to feel justified in allowing him to remain at liberty in a particular area; in this event, he can be evacuated to the rear as a person whose presence in the forward areas is undesirable; he can thus be disposed of through A.C.C. channels.



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as a "displaced person." The type of suspect referred to here is, for example, the man who questions troops or who tells conflicting stories regarding his movements.

8. There have recently been cases of persons being interned with the recommendation that their case should be revisited with a view to release after 30 or 60 days. When such a short period is involved it is an indication that the case is not a proper one for internment. No person should be interned unless it is considered that the security situation requires that their internment should last at least three months.

9. The above points will be brought to the notice of F.S./C.I.C. officers under your command.

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Copy to:

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W.D. Gibson. M.C.R.  
Lieut. General,  
Chief of General Staff,  
A.C.C.M.F.



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INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION  
APC. 394.

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ACC/42/3/INT.

18th February, 1944.

SUBJECT: Precis of findings of Regional Review Boards in cases involving internees who are local government officials.

TO : Executive Commissioner, (Security Branch) ✓

1. Attached is a copy of a letter sent to RC. Region I, requesting a precis of findings of the Regional Review Boards in cases involving local government officials.

2. Similar letters were sent to RC. Region II, and RC. Region VI.

3. The Interior Sub-Commission would appreciate your direction that similar information should be submitted by Regions III, IV, V, and 5th and 8th Armies when and as Review Boards are established in those areas.

*R. R. Giff*  
for THE LORD STANSFORD,  
Vice President,  
Administrative Section.

Encl. Copy letter as above.

*To Sir,*  
*An Acknowledgement is being issued shortly covering this*  
*White matter.*

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
INTERIOR SUB-COMMISSION  
APO.394.

18th February, 1944.

AC2/42/3/INT.  
RCBE/pw

SUBJECT: Precise of findings of Regional Review Boards in cases  
involving internees who are local government officials.

TO : RC. Region I.

1. Reference is made to General Order Number 10, dated 3 December 1943, entitled "Procedure Regarding Civilian Internees" which provided for the setting up of Regional Review Boards to classify and review all cases of Civilian Internees within their jurisdictions.

2. This Sub-Commission requests that your Regional Review Board will help this Sub-Commission in its work by furnishing this Headquarters with a precise of the findings to date, and in the future, of all cases involving the following local government officials:

Prefect

Vice-Prefect, Vicario

Vice-Prefect, Ispettore

Consiglieri

Director of Religious Affairs

Sindaci of Communes containing over  
15,000 population.

R. G. B. PICKER  
Lt. Colonel  
Acting Director  
Interior Sub-Commission

Copy to: Executive Commissioner, RC &amp; EC Sections.

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To be initialed when  
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Col. Young  
Lt. Col. Daines  
Capt. Scott  
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APO 512

John.

3 December 1943.

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# PROCEDURE REGARDING CIVILIAN INTERNEES.

I. All Regions will institute a Regional Review Board to classify and review all cases of Civilian Internees within their respective jurisdiction.

Each Regional Board will be composed of :-

- A representative of Public Safety
- A representative (a, of Military Security Services
- A representative of Legal

II. Regional Boards will sit in session at least every two months, and will deal with all cases, including internments made within 7 days of the convening of each Board.

III. Categories - Cases will be classified in one of the following categories:-

a. (a) For indefinite internment

- (1) Dangerous Fascists
- (2) Pro-Nazi

(3) Persons considered as politically dangerous to allied Military or Civil Services.

(b) For internment for not less than 3 months and then for release on conditions as set out hereafter:-

Serious cases to (a) of a minor nature.

2. For handing over to proper authorities for criminal prosecution where record shows commission of crime for which no trial has been had.

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Lt. Fehr - D



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Similar cases to A (a) of a minor nature.

B. For handing over to proper authorities for criminal prosecution where record shows commission of crime for which no trial has been had.

C. For continued internment pending further inquiry.

- (a) For immediate unconditional release.
- (b) For release on conditions as shown hereafter.

D. Special cases POW, deserters, etc.

Conditions of release for categories A (b) and B (b)

- (1) That following release and immediately upon arrival at his intended address, he will report in person to the officer in charge of the Carabinieri Station having jurisdiction. (The intended address chosen by the internee must be approved by Public Safety).

- (2) That he will report thereafter and until further notice to the officer in charge of the said Police Station all continuous absences of a period of 48 hours or more from his registered address.

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- (3) That he will thereafter and until further notice report in person to the Officer in Charge of the said Police Station any permanent change of address and will supply information as to the intended address. In addition, within 24 hours of attaining the district where the intended address is situated, he will report in person to the Officer in Charge of the Police Station having jurisdiction.
- (4) That he will thereafter and until further notice, report in person to the Officer in Charge of the said Police Station where his permanent address is situated, between 9.00 hours and 10.00 hours on each Sunday.
- (5) To preserve this license and to avoid any on demand to any authorized Public Safety agent.

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IV. Breach of any of the foregoing conditions may be considered sufficient grounds for revocation.

V. The consideration will be given to U.I.C. and P.I.C. views, but in the event of a G.O.P. desiring more severe action, a decision will be taken accordingly by the Board. The chief difficulty will be the actual location of a number of lodges. Regional G.O.P.'s in each case, will circulate all persons and detention camps within the region to determine if the missing person is in their custody. If all replies are in the negative, Chief Public Safety, S.S., will be informed.

VI. The Board will carry out no interrogations and will not only on the decision, unless special circumstances demand the best.

VII. At the conclusion of each sitting of the Board, a summary report will be made to A.C.C. S.S., covering the following:

- (a) Number of cases considered.
- (b) Reasons made of cases by categories.
- (c) Number of cases still pending.
- (d) Name and place of imprisonment of those in categories (a) and (c).

By Command of Brigadier General (Signature)

C. E. SUTHER  
Col. V.C.M.



will be informed.

VI. The Board will, every six months, submit a report on the progress, unless special circumstances otherwise warrant.

VII. At the conclusion of each sitting of the Board, a summary report will be made to the U.S. Hqs. covering the following:

- (a) Number of cases considered.
- (b) Dispositions made of cases by categories.
- (c) Number of cases still pending.
- (d) Name and place of imprisonment of those in custody (a) and (b).

By command of Brigadier General [Signature]

C. L. SCOTT  
Col. (R.S.C.)

Acting Deputy Chief of Staff (G & S-1)

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SUBJECT: Security and Politics.H.Q. 15 Army Group.  
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1. In order that FSP/CIG may best fulfill their proper function, and that their activities may be directed along the most useful and effective lines, it is desired to set out the general principles which should be followed regarding the relationship between security and politics.

It is most important that military security personnel should not "debile in politics", whether local or national, more than is necessary for the performance of their security duties. Such "debility" can only prejudice their normal security work, owing to the time wasted, and it may incidentally have a detrimental effect on the political situation. At the same time it cannot be said that FSP/CIG should not concern themselves at all with politics.

It is hoped that the following guidance will enable them to strike the right balance in dealing with the political aspect of their work.

2. In general, it can be said that the political situation has an effect on the security situation, and that the political beliefs and background of an individual have a bearing on the potential danger which he may present or the possible assistance which he may afford to our security.

This reaction is particularly pronounced in ITALY, where the country is divided into two, not only militarily by the opposing Allied and German armies, but also politically by the corresponding Italian Governments.

There is no doubt that, other things being equal, the long-standing, prominent and ardent Fascist is likely to present a greater danger to our security than the person who has never a true supporter of Vassien or who surfaced under the Fascist rule for his lack of enthusiasm for the Party. Similarly, an extreme Communist who believes in Revolution by violence is a greater potential danger than a moderate democrat.

3. This interrelation of politics and security indicates that it is right and proper that military security personnel should take into account the political aspect of a case when attempting to assess its security implications.



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2. In general, it can be said that the political situation has an effect on the security situation, and that the political beliefs and background of an individual have a bearing on the potential danger which he may present or the possible assistance which he may afford to our security. This position is particularly pronounced in ITALY, where the country is divided into two, not only militarily by the opposing Allied and German armies, but also politically by the corresponding Italian Governments. There is no doubt that, other things being equal, the long-standing, predominant and ardent fascist is likely to present a greater danger to our security than the person who was never a true supporter of Fascism or who suffered under the fascist regime for his lack of enthusiasm for the Party. Similarly, an obvious Communist who believes in Revolution by violence is a greater potential danger than a moderate democrat.

3. This interrelation of politics and security indicates that it is right and proper that military security personnel should take into account the political aspect of a case when attempting to assess its security implications. In view, however, of the limited numbers, the end qualifications of such personnel, a distinction must be made between the direct and indirect influences of politics on our security.

FSE/CIC should only concern themselves with politics insofar as they have a direct bearing on our military security. It is difficult to define this more precisely, but, as a general guide, FSE/CIC should confine their political investigations and enquiries to cases where the political aspect may have an immediate and specific effect on the security aspect of a particular situation, person or group of persons.

Where politics merely have an indirect bearing on our military security, they should not be regarded by FSE/CIC as a proper subject for their attention, investigations or enquiries: that is to say, military security personnel should not concern themselves with a political situation or with the political sympathies and activities of individuals, which may have only an indirect, general, long-term effect on our security, and which are not linked to any specific security situation or case.

This type of indirect relationship between politics and security may be described as a "political security" matter, and, as such, falls within the sphere of A.M.C. and P.W.S., rather than I/C.I. It should therefore be watched and handled, as necessary, by the former, and FSE/CIC should not concern themselves with it, unless asked for assistance in limited and specific instances, or unless it develops into a matter of direct security interest.



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4. It felt that the arrest and internment of civilians should not be initiated by FSP/CIC if the grounds for internment of persons whom they consider dangerous to our military security. The fact that such internment cases are frequently, even usually, based on political record or sympathies, does not affect this principle, and should not be allowed to lead military security personnel into a misconception of their functions and responsibility. Thus, when, for example, ex Federal Secretaries are arrested by FSP/CIC and interned, (as they normally should be), they should be regarded, not merely as late holders of a Fascist political appointment, but rather as persons whose past tenure of such an appointment makes them out as probably having been leading, active and ardent Fascists, and, as such, a potential danger to our security.

There is no objection to FSP/CIC carrying out a purely political arrest at the request of an officer of AMF; in fact, this would be the normal procedure, as all persons arrested and interned on political grounds become civil POW, and FSP/CIC are the most convenient arresting agency for the purpose: but in such cases the arrests should be initiated by AMF and the part played by FSP/CIC confined to the physical removal to custody of the persons concerned. If no FSP/CIC are available such arrests will be effected by AMF and the persons disposed of in the normal way to a POW Camp.

5. In this connection, it has sometimes been argued in defense of undue political emphasis on the part of FSP/CIC that, since AMF has no intelligence organization, it must rely with military security personnel to supply C.I.C.s. with information on the local political situation and personalities and other matters of interest to AMF.

This principle, however, is contrary to the policy of both this HQ and AMF HQ. The J.C.M.O. has said that Civil Affairs Officers must be their own intelligence officers and that they should, by their own observation and contact, keep themselves informed on local political matters, and on the administrative efficiency or financial integrity of officials, etc: they should, in general, only rely on FSP/CIC for information and action in the sphere of security.

6. The above policy applies equally to economic as to political matters.

FSP/CIC should only concern themselves with economic questions, e.g. Black Market, if these have a direct bearing on security. For example, they should not devote their attention to investigating a Black Market or other "racket", unless they consider it likely to become the direct and imminent cause of so much discontent and ill feeling as to create a situation, which would positively threaten our military security.

7. It is noted that in the above, FSP/CIC should not concern







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RSP/CIC should only concern themselves with economic questions, e.g. Black Market, if these have a direct bearing on security. For example, they should not devote their attention to investigating a black market or other "racket", unless they consider it likely to become the direct and imminent cause of so much discontent and ill feeling as to create a situation which would positively threaten our military security.

7. Although, as laid down above, RSP/CIC should not concern themselves with political and economic matters unless security is directly involved, it is appreciated that, in the course of their security investigations and enquiries, they may well obtain information on such matters which would be of value to other agencies. Any such items of information should, of course, be passed to the agency concerned, such as AIR, FIB, CIP(SIB) etc.

W. J. Gibson. D-61  
Major-General,  
Chief of General Staff,  
15 Army Group.

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Subject:- Security and Politics.H.Q. 15 Army Group,  
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Reference this H.Q. instruction of even number dated 23 Dec 43 on the above subject.

The following amendment should be made:

Delete first sentence para 4 and substitute:

"It follows that the arrest and internment of civilians should not be initiated by RSP/CIO if the grounds for internment are purely political. They should confine their attention to the internment of persons whom they consider dangerous to our military security."

*H. D. Gibson* 11 68  
Major-General,  
Chief of General Staff,  
15 ARMY GROUP.

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SUBJECT: Internment of Civilians on  
Security Grounds - Civil P.O.W.

H.Q. 15 Army Group.  
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15AG/1401/7/G(Ib).

14 December 1943.

TO: Lt. Col. Welch A.A.C., AFHQ Adv. Adm. Ech.  
Lt. Col. Mc Cleary A/C., No. 2. District.  
Colonel Thorne-Thorne, C.S.O. AMG Hq., 15 Army Group.  
Lt. Col. Rowe, C.I.O. AMG Hq., 15 Army Group.  
Major Tetlow, A Rep. 15 Army Group.

Attached is a memorandum on the meeting held to-day at this Hq. on the  
above subject.

If there are any points in the memorandum with which you disagree or on  
which you wish to comment, will you please forward such comments as soon as  
possible.

WDG/ALB.

*W.D. Gilson*  
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Lt. Colonel,  
G.S.I. (b).



H. Q. 15 Army Group.  
C. M. P.

15.0/14.04/7/3(IV).

see - file No. 500.2

1. A meeting was held at HQ. 15 Army Group on 14 December 1943 to discuss the question of the custody and documentation of Civil P.O.W. (Civilians interned on security grounds), and the question of the setting up of internment camps in Italy.
2. The following were present:
- |                        |                               |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Colonel Thorne-Thorne, | C.S.O. MG                     |
| Lt. Col. Bawo          | C.L.O. MG                     |
| Lt. Col. Welch         | Adj. G. MG                    |
| Lt. Col. Mc Cleary     | Adj. G. MG                    |
| Lt. Col. Gibson        | No. 2, District.              |
| Major Hottel           | G.S.O. I, I(b) 15 Army Group. |
|                        | A Rep. 15 Army Group.         |
3. It was agreed that:
- (a). The custody and documentation of Civil P.O.W. is the responsibility of A and not of MG.
- (b). The present procedure, as laid down by 15 Army Group, is correct, whereby persons arrested in the Army area as Civil P.O.W. are placed in P.O.W. Cages.
- (c). Such persons must not be placed in ordinary Civil goals, nor should they be evacuated to R. AFKCa.
- (d). In order to overcome difficulties of limited accommodation in ordinary P.O.W. camps, and in order to facilitate the orderly handling, custody, documentation, further interrogation, review of cases, and release, when appropriate, of Civil P.O.W., it is necessary that a special civil P.O.W. camp be established in S. Italy.
- (e). Adj. G. MG. Echelon will arrange as soon as possible to allot a P.O.W. camp for this purpose and A/G. 2. District will select a suitable site for it in 2 District, convenient for the evacuation of Civil P.O.W. from both Army areas.



3. It was agreed that:

- (a). The custody and documentation of Civil P.O.W. is the responsibility of A and not of AFK.
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- (e). AFK, AFHQ, AFM, AFM, AFM will arrange as soon as possible to allot a P.O.W. camp for this purpose in A/Q. 2. District will select a suitable site for it in 2 District, convenient for the evacuation of Civil P.O.W. from both Army areas.
- (f). There is no reason why the camp should NOT be located in territory administered by the Italian Government.
- (g). When this camp is established, all persons arrested as Civil P.O.W. in ITALY will be passed through P/W channels to the camp, where they will remain until finally released.
- (h). The Commandant of the camp will be responsible for documentation and records of the Civil P.O.W. confined in the camp.
- (i). A short record of arrest ("Arrest Slip") should accompany the Civil P.O.W. to the camp and should be handed over to the Commandant by the escort on arrival. Consolidated records of arrest, officially authorizing the internment, should be forwarded periodically to the Commandant of the camp by AFHQ, Districts or Base Sections.
- (j). An intelligence officer should be attached to the camp staff to assist in the review of cases.
- (k). The release of Civil P.O.W. should only be authorized by the AFHQ, Districts or Base Sections. The Commandant

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of the camp will be responsible for implementing such release when authorized.

(1). The practice of recommending that a civilian should be interned for a definite limited period of so many months is undesirable, but not an infringement of international law. When the camp is established, 15 Army Group will issue instructions that recommendations should be worded in the following form, e.g. "Case to be reviewed after 6 months", instead of "Recommend internment for 6 months".

(m). The above arrangements should put an end to the difficulties and deficiencies at present involved in the handling of Civil P.O.W.

As regards the present position:

(a). Lt. Col. Gibson stated that he was satisfied that the procedure laid down in 15 Army Group Instruction dated 1 Sept. 43 for the disposal of Civil P.O.W. was now being followed by Fifth and Eighth Armies.

(b). Lt. Col. McCleary stated that it was fully understood by No. 2, District H., that Civil P.O.W. should not be placed in civil gaols and they were not being disposed of in this way.

(c). Col. Thorne-Thorne stated that Major Pellock, AG 2 Region, had now completed his review of cases of civilians confined in civil prisons in 2 Region and was now satisfied with the position in that Region.

(d). Lt. Col. Gibson and Lt. Col. Ross stated that they believed that the position in P.B.S. was not satisfactory, and that there were still many civil P.O.W. confined in P.B.S. prisons.

Lt. Col. Welch undertook to arrange for instructions to be issued to P.B.S. to the effect that:

(i) Civil P.O.W. must not be placed in ordinary gaols.

(ii) Those already so confined should be removed to a

P.O.W. Camp.

(iii) P.O.W. Cases must accept Civil P.O.W.

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SUBJECT: Arrest of Civilians on Security Grounds

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C.M.P.

SECURITY DETAILS U.S. SECRET

15AC/14000/4(Tp).

22 Oct. 43

TO: Eighth Army  
Eighth Army  
H.Q. No. 2 District

Reference this Hq. letter of even reference dated 1 Sept. 43, para 3 (a) (111).

1. Consolidated lists of records of civilian arrests will in future be forwarded as indicated below instead of to AMSG, Hq. EIGHTH:

(a) Eighth Army Records to AMSG Hq. Eighth Army.

(b) Eighth Army Records to AMSG Hq. Fifth Army

(c) No. 2 District Records to AMSG Hq. No. 2 Region.

2. It will then be the responsibility of the AMSG Hq. with liaison to hand over such records at the appropriate time to the AMSG Hq. of the Region covering or taking over the area in which the arrest were made.

3. Copies of such records will continue to be forwarded to this Hq. by AMSG Hq. by No. 2 District.

W.D. Gibson Hq.

For Major General,  
Chief of General Staff,  
15 Army Group.

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covering or falling over the road in which the front wheel is.

- 3. Copies of such records will continue to be forwarded to this HQ. by  
mailing box No. 2 District.

W.D. Gibson, Jr.

for Major General,  
Chief of General Staff,  
15 Army Group.

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SUBJECT: Arrest of Civilians on Security Grounds

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15AG/1400/2/G(Ib)

1 Sept 43

FIFTH ARMY  
SEVENTH ARMY  
EIGHTH ARMY  
FORTBASE

1. The following instructions regarding the arrest of civilians by military personnel on security grounds are issued in amplification of this H.Q. instruction 15AG/1400/2/G(Ib) dated 23 Aug 43.

The procedure set out below will be adopted forthwith in the case of SICILY and will be followed in future operations.

2. Categories of Arrest

It must be clearly understood by all concerned, in particular by security personnel, that there are three categories of civilians who may be arrested on security grounds.

- (a) Those who have committed, or are alleged to have committed, in the territory occupied by our forces, a security offence under international law or the provisions of our proclamations. These should be charged with the offence and tried by a military court.
- (b) Those who are not chargeable with a security offence, but who appear on reasonable evidence to constitute a threat to the security of our forces, operations or Military Government, by virtue of their position, personality, sentiments or record.  
These should be interned.
- (c) Those against whom there is insufficient evidence to charge with an offence or to intern, but whom it is desirable in the interests of security to detain pending further investigation.

3. Records and Disposal

(a) General

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Particulars of individual arrested.

Date and place of arrest and by whom arrested.

Where confined.

Reason (in brief) for arrest and classification or category of arrest (ref para 2 above).

- (ii) One copy of such record will be handed over with the prisoner to the authority in charge of the prison or cage in which he is confined.

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A second copy will be submitted to the local Civil Affairs Officer or Civil Affairs Police Officer.

A third copy will be forwarded to the Army H.Q. concerned, or will be retained to form the basis of a fuller report to Army H.Q., as laid down by Armies.

- (iii) Army H.Q. will forward consolidated lists of such records to this H.Q. and to AMCOF H.Q., PALERMO, at not more than fortnightly intervals.

#### (b) Security Offences

A civilian arrested for the commission of a security offence will be placed



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in the nearest civil prison or police station approved by AMGOT. If no such establishment is available, they will be placed in the nearest P/W cage.

In addition to the brief arrest records prescribed in (a) above, a full report of the case will be submitted to the local Civil Affairs Officer, who will then arrange for the case to be tried by a military court, and for the subsequent disposal of the prisoner.

(c) Internment

A civilian arrested with a view to internment will be placed in the nearest P/W Cage.

In addition to the records prescribed in (a) above, a fuller report of the case will, where necessary, be forwarded to the Army H.Q. concerned. The Army H.Q. will then consider at once whether internment is justified, the Army Security Staff and AMGOT representative consulting. The Army H.Q. will either authorize continued internment or order release, informing the P/W cage accordingly.

Records of arrest in internment cases, forwarded by Armies to this H.Q. and AMGOT H.Q., PALERMO, will show whether continued internment or release was authorized by the Army H.Q. concerned.

NOTE: Authorization of internment will be the responsibility of this H.Q. in respect of the area in S.E. SICILY for which this H.Q. is directly responsible as regards security.

(d) Detention pending Investigation

A civilian detained on security grounds pending further investigation will be placed either in the local prison or in the nearest P/W Cage, according to whether investigations are proceeding with a view to internment or to the preferment of a charge for a security offence.

The Chief Legal Officer of AMGOT H.Q. or the Senior Legal Officer of the Province should be informed of any such detention and his agreement obtained.

The investigation of the case must be pursued as rapidly as possible by the security personnel concerned, so that the civilian detained may be either interned, released or charged with an offence with the minimum delay. If the Security Section making the investigation moves to another area before the case is disposed of, the case must be handed over to the incoming security section.

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If the detention is to last longer than three months the agreement of the Chief or Senior Legal Officer should again be obtained.

In addition to the records prescribed in (a) above, the ultimate disposal of the case will be reported to those to whom the original record of arrest was sent.

4. Evacuation from P/W Cages

Where possible, Provost Marshalls and officers in charge of P/W cages will ensure that arrested civilians are not evacuated from the cage in which they are originally placed until:

- (a) They are removed by AMGOT for trial or to a civil prison pending trial, in the case of those charged with an offence.
- (b) Their internment or release is authorised by Army H.Q., in the case of those arrested with a view to internment.
- (c) Their disposal is authorised by the appropriate agency in the case of those detained pending investigation (i.e. by Army H.Q., AMGOT, or the local Security Officer, according to whether the prisoner is to be interned, tried or released).



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5. Security Personnel

The procedure outlined above is based on the principle that security arrests should normally be carried out by Security Personnel (F.S.F. or C.I.C.).

It is realised however, that the arrest of civilians for security reasons may sometimes be initiated by military personnel other than security personnel. In such cases, the civilian arrested should wherever possible be handed over to the nearest F.S. or C.I.C. Section: where this is not practicable, the latter should at least be informed of the particulars of the arrest. The case can then be handled in accordance with the procedure laid down above.

H.Q. 15 Army Group  
C. M. P.

*W. J. G. L. Sen. Jr. Col*

Major General,  
Chief of General Staff,  
15 Army Group.

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A.F.H.Q.  
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Provost Marshall (U.S.)

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
Public Safety Sub-CommissionIn reply refer to:  
AMG/14029/PB

November 11, 1943.

SUBJECT: Civilian Internees.

TO : Chief of Staff.

1. A Review Board sits monthly at Palermo to classify and review all cases of political prisoners. The Board is composed of:

|                          |                                  |                   |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| A representative of P.S. | Region I                         | (Maj. Richardson) |
| " " " G-1                | No. 1 District (British Zone)    | Capt Landy        |
| " " "                    | C.I.C. of I.B.S. (American Zone) | Capt Brod         |
| " " "                    | Legal                            | for Amgot         |

2. The 1st Board was held on 9th Sept 1943 and dealt with approximately 1200 cases. All cases were classified in Categories. A to E (See below). This includes all arrests up to 31 Aug. No board was held in Oct.

3. The 2nd Board started on 5th Nov. and is still in progress. It has classified and reviewed all cases from No. 1 District (British Zone) including arrests made by Amgot - 255 cases have been dealt with, including all revisions and appeals from the 1st Board. Cases from the American Zone will be dealt with in the course of the next few days, and all cases will be disposed of.

4. Categories. All cases are placed in the following categories:

A. a. For indefinite interment.

- (1) Dangerous Fascists
- (2) Pro-Nazi
- (3) Persons considered as politically dangerous to Allied Military or Civil Services.

b. For interment for not less than 3 months and then for review.

Similar cases of minor nature.

B. For prosecution Criminally.

C. For further inquiry.

D. a. For immediate unconditional release.

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b. For release on conditions imposed by Angot. (See below)

E. Special cases, P.O.W., deserters, etc.

New conditions of release of D (b) are:

- (1) That following release and immediately upon arrival at his intended address, he will report in person to the Officer in charge of the Carabinieri Station having jurisdiction.

(In practice the place of residence chosen by the Internee must be approved by P.S.)

- (2) That he will report thereafter and until further notice to the Officer in charge of the said Police Station all continuous absences of a period of 48 hours or more from his registered address.
- (3) That he will thereafter and until further notice report in person to the Officer in charge of the said Police Station any permanent change of address and will supply information as to the intended address. In addition, within 24 hours of entering the district where the intended address is situated, he will report in person to the Officer in charge of the Police Station having jurisdiction.
- (4) That he will thereafter and until further notice report in person to the Officer in charge of the Police Station where his permanent address is situated, between 0900 hours and 1000 hours on each Monday.
- (5) To preserve this license and to produce it on demand to any authorized P.S. agent.

5. No. 4 District had asked Angot to agree to treating A(b) in the same way as D(b), that is to say to release after 3 months, without further review on conditions imposed. It is felt that these conditions impose sufficient guarantees to enable us to rearrest this category in case of need. Region I agrees. No case has yet been recorded of non-compliance with the conditions.
6. Priority is given to C.I.O. and F.S.S. views, but in the event of Angot desiring more severe action, a decision is taken accordingly by the Board and agreement is complete. The chief difficulty so far has been the actual location of a considerable number of bodies. Instructions have been sent out to all prison and detention camps to locate these persons, but results are slow in coming and many persons have not so far been traced.
7. The Board carries out no interrogations and acts only ~~131~~ <sup>134</sup> the dossiers.

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The mechanical process in progress as described above is working smoothly and expeditiously and it is not recommended that any change in procedure be made. I recommend that a member of A.C., P.S. should sit on the Board and that A.C. Prisons be contacted for locating lost cases.

8. Recommendations submitted for approval.

PAUL G. KIRK,  
Col., Inf.,  
Chief, P.S.  
Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ARMED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
Public Safety Sub-Commission

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In reply refer to:  
AMG/14752/PS

November 9, 1943.

SUBJECT: Displaced Person Commission.

TO : C of A.

1. Major Sawyer, representing P.S., attended a meeting yesterday with Col. Young and Col. MacFarland to discuss the mechanics and principles of screening displaced persons, as directed by the C. of A.
2. The conclusions reached are enumerated in the attached memoranda.

*See*  
*the index column I advised*  
*af*

PAUL G. KING,  
Col. Inf.,  
Chief, P.S.,  
Sub-Commission.

Copy to: D. P. S/C.  
Security Intelligence.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENTSUBJECT: Displaced Persons Sub-Commission. (Public Safety Aspect).

1. A number of Camps, are being set up throughout Italy to accommodate displaced persons of various nationalities of the United Nations.
2. Missions composed of specially chosen nationals of the nations concerned are en route from A.P.H.C., to operate under the direction of the D.P.S.C.
3. These missions are to undertake the screening of their own nationals for security and intelligence.
4. Combined missions of the nations concerned will form circuits of the camps, visiting each camp in turn, keeping this H.Q. informed of the plan of their circuit.
5. Intelligence officers from the D.P.S.C will be attached to the mission and not to individual camps.
6. The duties of the I.Os will be to supervise and control the screening to be carried out by the missions.
7. I.O's will receive a brief course of instruction from Public Safety on the following lines:-

A. GENERAL

I.O's will not themselves undertake interrogation. This must be left to the officers of the missions. In general the verdict of the missions will have to be accepted, but I.O's will see that interrogations are carried out in a proper manner and that there is no victimisation for political or personal motives. Each interrogation will serve a dual purpose, (1) indicating the effect of the individual on security of his own country, (2) the effect on the security of Allied operations.

B. Security

Persons to be detained:-

1. Important Fascist and Nazi sympathisers.
2. Persons who have given active help to the enemy.
3. Persons potentially dangerous to the security of the Army or A.M.G.

C. Intelligence.

Particular attention to be paid to obtaining information of use to G.2/M.I., relating to all enemy activities, conditions in enemy countries, including Japan, etc.

Prior notice of interrogation should be given to local or area C.I.C. and Public Safety Services and they should be given an opportunity of being present.

Contents of Letter :

SUBJECT : Identification of Civilians other than Italians  
who are without papers.

TO : HQ. Allied Control Commission.

FROM : Region III.

DATE : 2 February 1944.

TEXT : Requesting action be taken regarding non- Italians  
who are without proper identification papers.

ACTION : Sent on to Public Safety.

We stated that in future aliens who are released  
from 37I Pow (Padula) will comply with requirem-  
ents.

Date action taken: 25 February 1944



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