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POW CENSORSHIP

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SECURITY BRANCH.
APO 39.

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20 July 1944.

Ref. : SB/150.02.

Subject : Political Prisoners.

To : Regional Commissioner, Reg.V. (Att. R.F.S.O.)

1. Reference your R5/511/31 of 14 July 1944. I have passed the matter to Administrative Section for decision and a reply will be sent in due course as regards your "political prisoners".

2. The sacks of mail should be retained pending their being dealt with by Censorship, who have been informed.

For the Director:


JOHN A. MCKAY,
Major,
SECURITY BRANCH.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
SECURITY INTELLIGENCE

29 November 1943.

SUBJECT : Comment Sheets

TO : P.O.W., Censorship Unit Hq., A.B.S., APO 759

1. Reference your letter RLM/hvw of 10 Nov 43,
request you continue to forward comment sheets.

A. E. YOUNG,
Colonel,
Security Intelligence.

Sgt. Lyle
PA
Nov 30

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PRISONER OF WAR CENSORSHIP UNIT
Headquarters, A.B.S.
APO 759

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29 January 1944

SUBJECT: Comment Sheet.

TO : Allied Military Government, Region Headquarters, APO
394, U. S. Army.

Transmitted herewith for your information is a copy of
Comment Sheet No. IPW 2357, taken from an Italian Prisoner of War
Outgoing letter, in which Italian prisoner names Fascists to par-
ents.

Romie L. Melton
ROMIE L. MELTON
Major, Infantry,
Commanding.

1 Incl.
One copy of Comment Sheet No. IPW 2357.

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U. S. MILITARY CENSORSHIP
 Prisoner of War Censorship Unit
 APO 759, c/o Pm. N.Y., N.Y.

Serial No. IPW 2357

FROM:		TO:	
TANONI, Bruno Soldato 81-I-364503 PWID 53 Oran, Algeria.		TANONI, Gaetano Montelupone (Macerata) Italia.	
DATE/POSTMARK of Letter	TYPE OF MAIL	ACTION TAKEN -- ORIGINAL COMMUNICATION	
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C O M M E N T

ALLEGED FASCISTS IN ITALY

Italian PW names fascists to parents, stating:

"I beg my brother to destroy those fascist leaders, particularly
 TINIASINI, SAN MORLESII and their companions."

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Prisoner of War Censorship Unit
APO 759, c/o Pm. H.E., H.N.

PM/as

Serial No. 1915

FROM:		TO:	
GRASSO, Carmelo Gratignani, 162 Catania, Sicily		GRASSO, Antonino Ten. 51-I-50839 PW Camp 127	
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COMMENT

SICILY RETURNED TO NORMALCY UNDER ALIENS

Brother of PW, residing in Catania, writes:

My genuinely brotherly wish is that you come back to us, that this most horrible war may end, and that, as your youth has been spoiled, you may live a while in peace. You may be curious over things in Italy: You will be glad to know that in Sicily, generally speaking, things are all right, there are no more curfew laws (officially, it lasts from 2300 hours to 0400 hours), there are no more (air) alarms, and everyone lives in town now, and many are taking part in the work of reconstruction. Trains are running to Ionia and Caltagirone, living is a little high, but by now everything has re-appeared on the market, and if the prices weren't too steep, one would think the old days were back. Even in the part of Italy occupied by the English, conditions are of the best; hunger makes itself known somewhat, since the Germans, in their retreat, are systematically looting farms and factories. In Republican Fascist Italy things are going very badly. People live in mortal terror, because they know they are at the mercy of a few barbarians, to whom everything is lawful. You must in fact have known the savage laws which the Germans put in force; they commit all sorts of robberies and arbitrary actions, and they call us traitors. It seems as tho the dark ages of the barbaric invasions have returned to our most civilized Italy.

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PRINCIPLES OF WAR CENSORSHIP UNIT

Rim/as

Serial No. IFW 1818

Italian: "Il mio augurio veramente fraterno è che tu torni di nuovo fra noi, che finisca questa maledettissima guerra e che, sperata la gioventù, si possa vivere un po' in pace. Sarai forse curioso di avere notizie dall'Italia? Ti basti sapere che in genere in Sicilia si sta bene, non vigono più leggi di coprifuoco (ufficialmente s'inizia alle 23 fino alle 4). Non ci sono più allarmi e tutti ormai abitano in città e tanti, si danno all'opera di ricostruzione. I treni arrivano a Ionia e da Valagione. Solo la vita è un po' cara, però ormai tutto s'è riappreso sul mercato e se i prezzi non fossero troppo saliti sembrerebbe che i tempi antichi fossero tornati. Anche nell'Italia occupata dagli Inglesi le condizioni sono ottime tranne un po' la fame giacché i tedeschi ritirandosi depredano sistematicamente tutte le fattorie e i paesi. Nell'Italia quella repubblicana e fascista le cose vanno malissimo, la gente vive col batticuore, perché sanno di essere alla mercé di alcuni barbari cui è lecito tutto. Avrai infatti saputo le leggi ferocissime che vigono da parte dei tedeschi, essi commettono ogni sorta di ruberie e di delitti e si chiamano brividi. Pare che nell'Italia civilissima siano tornati i tempi oscuri della irruzione dei barbari."

U.S. MILITARY CENSORSHIP
Prisoner of War Censorship Unit
APO 755, 9/4 Pa. H.Q., D.C.

Serial No. IPW-1746

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FROM: TOCCO, Grazia Via 28 Ottobre Terrasini, Palermo		TO: Soldato TOCCO, Paolo (NA/T 25773) # 210 POW camp Information Bureau Washington, D.C.	
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COMMENT

SECRET INK MESSAGE

Wife asks husband, Italian POW, to escape.
The secret ink message, translated, reads as follows:

"For I can take care of myself. I know that you are in Tunisia so, my dear husband, can't you do something about escaping because all those who escaped are at home. If you want some money to give someone to make you out of there I will send it to you."

Original secret ink message, in Sicilian, as follows:

"On io mi so guardar o capito che ti trovi a Tunisi la caro marito non putissi fari gai di tu scapari perche gai tutti quelli che scappara sunnu tutti alle casi--si vuoi moneta per tu della qualche duno per farti levare di duoco io ti lo mando."

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PRISONER OF WAR CENSORSHIP UNIT
Headquarters, A.B.S.
APO 759

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1 December 1943

SUBJECT: Comment Sheets.

TO : AMGOT, Headquarters Sicily, U. S. Army.

Transmitted herewith for your information, Comment Sheet
No. IFW 1850 which refers to possible corruption in rationing in
Sicily.

Romie L. Melton
ROMIE L. MELTON
Major, Infantry,
Commanding.

I Incl.
Comment Sheet No. IFW 1850.

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Prisoner of War Censorship Unit
APO 759, c/o Pm. B.Y., N.Y.

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Serial No. IFW 1850

FROM: CALAZZO, Francesca
Via Michelangelo, 32
Comiso
Ragusa, Sicilia.

TO: PARISI, Bacio
NAT 5337 R.E.
POW Camp 131.

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POSSIBLE CORRUPTION IN RATIONING IN SICILY

Mother writes to POW son:

"It's four months since they gave us any macaroni, because the old gang is still in the City Hall and they keep the Americans in the dark, so that we are worse off than last year."

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PRISONER OF WAR CENSORSHIP UNIT
HEADQUARTERS, A.B.S.
APO 759

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26 November 1943.

SUBJECT: Comment Sheets.

TO: AMGOT, Sicily, U.S. Army



Submitted herewith for your information, four (4) Comment
Sheets on Italian Prisoner of War mail.

Russell L. Melton (for)
RUSSELL L. MELTON
Major, Infantry
Commanding

4 Incls.
Comment Sheets No. IPW-1831, 1833, 1834, 1837.

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U. S. MILITARY CENSORSHIP
Prisoner of War Censorship Unit
APO 750, c/o P.O. N.Y., N.Y.

Serial No. IPW-1831

FROM: SIRAGUSA, Rosa
Sclafari Bagni
(Palermo)

TO: SIRAGUSA, Silvio
S. Tenente
POW Camp 127

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DATE / DOZZLE of Letter 28 October 1943		TIME OF MAIL Incoming	ACTION TAKEN -- ORIGINAL COMMUNICATION Passed (P) Confiscated (C) Returned (R) Held (H) P Deleted (D) Photo (Ph) Or forwarded with Consent to:
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COMMENT

COST OF LIVING IN PALERMO EXORBITANT

Palermo woman writes to husband:

"As it often happens on such occasions as this, there are classes that are destined to ruin while other classes become rich. The exchange (of money) has ruined the white collar workers because prices are 'sky-high' owing to the value of the dollar. A month's salary is hardly sufficient for 8 days. There is talk of tripling salaries but so far we haven't heard anything definite. I assure you that even if they triple salaries it will not help things any."

"Just think that even in a little village such as ours, prices are 'sky-high': eggs at £10, chick-beans at £30 a kilo, lentils at £30, and so on!... as matter of fact the people are thinking of hoarding everything again. We are now doing without eggs, meat, fish, etc. All that is left for us to eat are greens....On the other hand, the merchants are getting rich very rapidly. Porters earn £100 a day, wash-women earn much more. This is a transitory period and we hope that soon...we can rebuild our wretched Italy upon firmer bases..."

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Prisoner of War Censorship Unit
APO 759, c/o Pm. H.F., H.F.

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Serial No. IPW 1833

FROM: CIMINO, Maria
Via Fratelli Campo 1
Palermo

TO: CIMINO, Giuseppe
Maggiore Medico
POW Camp 129

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DATE / FORWARDED of Letter 5 November 1943.		TIME OF MAIL Incoming	ACTION TAKEN -- ORIGINAL COMMUNICATION	
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COMMENT

ITALIAN CIVILIAN COMPLAINS ABOUT REQUISITIONING

Sicilian woman, writing to husband (Italian POW) states:

"The English have taken our "Eronte" machine without leaving us any receipt for the requisition."

Exam. Note: Italians sometimes refer to automobiles as machines. Therefore the writer may be referring to such when she says "Eronte" machine.

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Serial No. IPW- 1834

FROM: CALPOCHIARO, Gina
Via Novara 16
Gela, Caltanissetta
Sicilia

TO: FISCHETTI, Antonino
Capitano
POW Camp 127

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COMMENT

SICILIAN WOMAN LACKS MEANS OF SUPPORT

Sicilian writes to husband (POW):

"In regard to the suggestion that I should find an honest employment, I am willing to, but where can I find work here? You know that in this town there aren't any factories or industries; in the offices women were displaced by men. However, do not worry, because I would die rather than sacrifice my virtue. In the meantime I am continually crying and despairing, since I do not know what to do to feed our daughter, who, at her age, is suffering so much for lack of food.

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U. S. MILITARY CENSORSHIP RLW/PSJ
 Prisoner of War Censorship Unit
 APO 759, c/o Pm. H.I., H.I.

Serial No. IPW-1837

FROM: LAURIA, Giuseppe
 Doctor (civilian)
 POW Camp 203

TO: Major Hencarch (sic)
 (possibly HANCOCK)
 Commissioner of Civil Affairs
 Agrigento, Sicily

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COMMENT

ITALIAN INTERNEE CLAIMS HE WAS "FRAMED" BY ENEMIES

Italian doctor, formerly a high official in Licata, attempts to exonerate himself to the Military Governor (English or American) of Agrigento:

"My dear Major,

"My deportation to Africa will be as much of a check to you as it was to me. Brief as your stay at Licata was, I believe it was sufficient for you to appraise me as sincere, exacting in the discharge of my duty, and above all honorable.

"And your successor as Commissioner of Civil Affairs, Major F.E. Toscani, was not slow in going so far to evaluate my painstaking labor as to make me considerable promises. In holding a responsible office (especially in the days following the landing of the Allies), meeting the needs of the people and fulfilling the conditions of the orders laid down first by your self and then by your successor -- in fulfilling these functions, it was natural that I should collide with the interests of a certain class of people, especially with the shopowners who sold priority goods. These merchants, together with the Secretary of the Comune, preferred to remain in the country, out of danger.

A certain Arturo Verderone and this same Dr Re, my enemies, succeeded through their old grudges against me in slyly and subtly informing the American police that I was persona non grata.

Now as to my history as a fascist. My enemies know that I can prove by documentary evidence that I was enrolled in the Party in 1929, although as a result of the Nationalist Movement (Associazione Nazionalista), I did hold a Party office in 1923 as a result of the amalgamation of the two elements. In 1929

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U. S. MILITARY CENSORSHIP
Prisoner of War Censorship Unit
APO 759, c/o Pm. N.Y., N.Y.

my registration as a fascist was purely a matter of convenience and necessity: to hold my present position as Assistant Chief Secretary* of the Municipality of Licata.

From 1929 until the shake-up of the Fascist Party, I have assumed no fascist obligations except one that was most modest and of no political significance -- Group Leader of Public Employment, a position inherent in my post as an employee of the Municipality.

You, with your cultivation and long experience with human nature, will not be slow in discovering that my arrest is the result of long-planned malice and considerable pains on the part of my enemies. As a token of the esteem you have shown me, I beg you to make an effort in my misfortune, initiating a precise and minute investigation, to bring to light the tricksters who have slandered me, and to restore me to the love of my people, with the complete rehabilitation of my dignity as an honorable citizen and an unimpeachable office-holder."

Examiner's Note:

*Third highest office in an Italian commune. Intentionally or otherwise, Dr Lauria uses the old name of the office; Mussolini changed the titles.

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PRISONER OF WAR CENSORSHIP UNIT
Headquarters, A. B. S.
APO 759

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15 December 1943

SUBJECT: Comment Sheets

TO : AMCOT, Headquarters, Sicily.

Transmitted herewith for your information, twenty-one (21)
Comment Sheets on Italian Prisoner of War Incoming Mail pertaining
to economic conditions in Sicily.

Romie L. Melton
ROMIE L. MELTON
Major, Infantry
Commanding.

21 Incls.: Comment Sheets No.
IPW-1917, 1918, 1920,
1921, 1923, 1926,
1928, 1929, 1931,
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U. S. MILITARY CENSORSHIP
 War Relocation Authority
 1400 15th St., N.W., Wash., D.C.

Serial No. 1917

FROM: MUSCO, Vincenzina Stromboli, Messina Sicily.		TO: LO SCHIATO, Giuseppe James Island Wellington, New Zealand. Or P.O. Port Chiriqui Napier Wellington, New Zealand.	
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COMMENT

SICILIAN WOMAN BEGS FOR HUSBAND FOR MONEY

Wife and son write to Italian PW:

"My dear Peppino,
 This is the fourth letter I have written to you since the Americans came. I want you to know that they are not giving me any allowance now, and the American colonel said that our husbands must send us money. So please send me some money, as I have none at all except the coupons. No one exchanges them anymore - they talk about exchanging them at the end of the war, but don't take them now... Some families who are without money sell everything; but what have I got to sell? As you know, so many things cannot be written. Have you heard them from Cortale or Nicco? Everyone is going the same way; there are no more rich or poor... For God's sake send me some money - don't make me sell the sheets as the others do. You can now send money easily. Inquire of the English consul... I am sure that I will die of _____ and will not see you again, and that is your wish. If you want me to live a little peacefully send me some money for I cannot live. No one exchanges the coupons any more."

Enclosure: "Dear Father, I and mother and grandma and grandpa are all well, but have no money; send money, as we are not getting the allotment any more... we cannot buy even a loaf of bread, as we have no money. The coupons which we have mother says we can use for toilet paper because that is what you wanted. An American colonel came to Stromboli, and I brought him some flowers and he said he would give me some candy. The colonel said that you should send some money, as he could not give any to anyone."

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U. S. MILITARY CENSORSHIP
 Prisoner of War Censorship Unit
 AFM 757, c/o Pm. H.I., H.E.

Serial No. ~~1318~~

FROM: COGLITORE, Selvatrice
 Civilian
 Salita Gibilato, 2
 Porto Empedocle Agrigento,
 Sicily.

TO: COGLITORE, Antonino
 Sergente R. Marina
 Pm Camp 132.

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Examiner	D.A.C.	Date of Submission
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COMMENT

SICILIAN COMPLAINS OF HIGH PRICES

Woman writes husband, Italian PW:

"Mino, you must know that I cannot get along on the allotment, because here they give us nothing but 200 grammes of bread a day; no macaroni is given. Everything is dear. On the ration card they give us nothing but bread. Therefore, dear Mino, do not think that I still have that money that I used to have; that's all gone, because as you know, formerly you were here to take care of everything. Now I have to buy everything myself, from water to salt. For instance, for a loaf of bread bought without a ration card I pay 18 lire; for a kilo of flour 40 lire. Formerly your children threw macaroni away; now they cry of hunger. And it breaks my heart to see them suffer from hunger. Everything is dear. A person would need unlimited financial means to get along. Kohl-rabbi cost 10 lire a kilo, wood 3 lire. Besides you are lucky if you can get anything at all."

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U. S. MILITARY CENSORSHIP
Prisoner of War Censorship Unit
(APO 750), c/o Pm. H.M., N.Y.

Serial No. 1920

FROM: QUATTROGGI, Gratio Via Medina 5, 16 Giarratole (Catania) Sicilia.		TO: QUATTROGGI, Sebastiano PW Camp 210.	
DATE / Reference of Letter 8 November 1943	TYPE OF MAIL Incoming	ACTION TAKEN -- ORIGINAL COMMUNICATION Passed (P) Confirmed (C) (C) Returned (R) Held (H) Deleted (D) Photo (Ph) Or forwarded with Comment to:	
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Examiner De Bargo	D.A.C. C.P.E.		

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- ✓ PIX, NETCONS.
- FWZ, AFHQ
- G-2, ETCONS.
- G-2, MRS
- G-2, LBS
- G-2, IBS
- G-2, PBS
- G-2, MBS
- ✓ AMRO, SICILY

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G-1, British

Copies to:

- ✓ MID, WASH, D.C.
- ✓ G-2, NETCONS.
- WI-12, London

COMMENT

SICILIANS LACK BASIC NECESSITIES OF LIFE

Wife in Catania, writes husband, Italian PW:

"...There are no houses available in Catania nor in surrounding towns...there is starvation all around....We are very weak; we fall like dry pears from a tree...A tunale (i.e., about 11 kilograms) of wheat costs about 700 lire...How can we buy it at such a price?...We have to live on 200 grams of bread a day. We are allowed one kilogram and twenty grams of bread a day for five persons...For six months we haven't eaten a spoonful of macaroni, ...for we can't get it through the ration cards. Every day our babies ask for bread and we don't have it...Imagine how we suffer. ...If you could come here and work, we could buy food. With the small allowance we can't buy enough to live..."

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U. S. MILITARY CENSORSHIP
 Prisoner of War Censorship Unit
 APO 750, c/o Pm. B.I., N.Y.

Serial No. 1921

FROM: ALBERTA, Maria Via Nazionale, 1121 Messina Sicilia Messina, Sicily.		TO: GICALA, Flacido # 32997 30 Regg. Art. Armata Rep. Anticri P.W.I.B. Wash. D.C.	
DATE / Reception of Letter 11 November 1943		TYPE OF MAIL Incoming	
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- ✓ ANDOT, SICILY

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- ✓ G-2, NATOUSA
- MI-12, London

C O M M E N T

DAILY EXISTENCE A PROBLEM IN MESSINA, SICILY

Sicilian writes to Italian PW:

"I urge you not to worry about us because the dangers of war are now past, but there now remains a much greater danger: That is, the problem of existence. We are rationed 100 grams of bread daily, per person, but not every day; soap materials can't be found; everything must be bought on the black market - for example, a kilo of bread cost 70 lire, a kilo of any kind of cereals, 35, 40 or 45 lire. Who can afford such expenses? Nothing has been had from the farms this year."

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Prisoner of War Censorship Unit
APO 759, c/o Pm. H.E., H.E.

Serial No. IP-1923

FROM:		TO:	
GAMBINO, Giuseppe Via Stella, 45 Cibali (Catania) Sicilia		GAMBINO, Francesco Cibali PO Camp 127	
DATE / RECEIPT of Letter 15 November 1943		TYPE OF MAIL Incoming	
Serial number(s) of Previous Record(s)		ACTION TAKEN -- ORIGINAL COMMUNICATION	
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 - PEG, AFHQ
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 - ✓ G.O. Camp 127
 - G-1, British
 - Copies to:
 - ✓ MID, WASH, D.C.
 - ✓ G-2, MATOUS.
 - MI-12, London

COMMENT

VEILED FINANCIAL TRANSACTION

Sicilian business man writes to his brother (Italian PW), a former partner in his business:

"Yesterday I saw Turi Cappella, who, among other things, told me worriedly that he had had an offer of 300,000 lire for the three measures."

"I replied that I didn't think you had any intention of selling; for naturally it was your business to make the decision, so that I could tell him nothing definite. And lastly, the price was not adequate to vines like these. Today you have to talk in terms of 700,000 to 800,000 lire, not of a mere 300,000."

Examiner's Note:

"The word used is grape. What this 'measure' is, other than a liquid weight, is not known."

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U. S. MILITARY CENSORSHIP
Prisoner of War Censorship Unit
APO 759, c/o Pm. U.S., N.Y.

Serial No. LPW 1828

FROM:

ARRIGO, Maddalena
Via Palermo Dazio, 241
Messina, Sicily

TO:

ARRIGO, Gaetano
No. 190351
PW Camp 210

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DATE / ~~Month~~ of Letter
9 November 1943

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SPHOFFA

D.I.C.
JWH

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PWS, AFHQ

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G-2, HPS

G-2, EES

G-2, IDS

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✓ AMC Sicily

G.O.

G-1, British

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✓ HID, NLSH, D.C.✓ G-2, NTCOS.

SI-12, London

COMMENT

MESSINA LANDLORD WANTS TO TRIPLE RENT

Wife writes husband (Italian PW):

"Right now, we are battling the esteemed landlord;
the wretch wants nothing less than to raise the monthly
rent from 219 lire to 600 lire."

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U. S. MILITARY CENSORSHIP
Prisoner of War Censorship Unit
APO 759, c/o P.M. I.A., N.Y.

Serial No. IBW 1928

FROM: FODALE, Mario
Via Di S. Montalto 59
Pacene Prov. Di Trapani,
Sicilia.

TO: FODALE, Alberto
Serg.
PWIB
Washington, D. C.

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DATE / ~~Received~~ of letter 2 November 1943
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PWB, AFHQ

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✓ AMGT, SICILY

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✓ MED, WASH, D.C.

✓ G-2, NATOS.

✓ MI-12, London

C O M M E N T

STUDENTS IN SICILY PLEASED WITH NEW SCHOOL SYSTEMS

Nephew writes to uncle (Italian PW):

"The Americans have done away with the Fascist schools. They were a great drudgery for us. Now I am in the *Ginasio* * which we all like very much."

EXAMINER'S NOTE: *Ginasio is an Italian secondary school.

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U. S. MILITARY CENSORSHIP
Prisoner of War Censorship Unit
APO 750, c/o Pm. H.Q., N.Y.

Serial No. 1929

FROM: RANDAZZO, Maria
Via Battista No. 3
Catania.

TO: RANDAZZO, Sandro
Tenente
PW Camp 127.

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DATE / POST of Letter 24 November 1943	TYPE OF MAIL Incoming	ACTION TAKEN -- ORIGINAL COMMUNICATION Passed (P) (P) Continued (C) Forwarded (F) Held (H) Deleted (D) Photo (Ph) Or forwarded with Comment for
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LANGUAGE: Italian		
Examiner Donadio	D.A.C. J.F.H.	

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✓ PWB, NEPOUS.

PWB, AFHQ

G-2, EPICUS.

G-2, IIS

G-2, ESS

G-2, IDS

G-2, PPS

✓ G-2, ADS
AMMO, SICILY

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G-1, British

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✓ MID, WASH, D.C.

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HI-12, London

COMMENT

SICILIAN COMPLAINS OF HIGH PRICES AND BLACK MARKET

Wife in Catania writes husband, Italian PW:

"You cannot realize how difficult life has become. Everything is extraordinarily high. Meat sells at 80 lire (per kilo), fish from 80 to 100 lire, eggs 12 lire each, cheese at 100 lire, milk 30 lire per litre. I won't mention macaroni and flour. Imagine what it takes to care for a family, especially for one who must nurse and feed children. All this is sold in public, not on the Black Market. Bread and flour are bought on the Black Market."

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Prisoner of War Censorship Unit
APO 759, c/o Pm. H.Q., N.Y.

RIM/as

Serial No. 1931

FROM:

UCCELLATORE, Francesca
Mancavilla
Catania

TO:

UCCELLATORE, Giovanni
Tenente
PW Camp 127

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DATE / POSTMARK of Letter 10 November 1943	TYPE OF MAIL REGULAR	ACTION TAKEN -- ORIGINAL COMMUNICATION
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PW, AFHQ

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G-2, HES

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COMMENT

VANDALISM IN CATANIA

Sicilian woman writes to relative (husband or brother) thus:

"Turison went to Papatello to inspect the good deeds of the robbers. They must have opened the door with a skeleton key, as it was in perfect condition. But they left nothing in the house-- in fact, every house was looted three times over: by the civilians, by the German soldiers, and by the..... what more can you expect after such vandalism!"

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Prisoner of War Censorship Unit
APO 759, c/o Pm. N.Y., N.Y.

Serial No. IPW 4932

FROM:

GRASSO, Antonio Christaldo
Via Vittorio Emanuele 275
Catania, Sicilia.

TO:

GRASSO, Alfredo
Captain
PW Camp 127

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DATE / PERIOD of Letter 25 Nov. 1943		TIME OF MAIL Incoming	ACTION TAKEN -- ORIGINAL COMMUNICATION Passed (P) (P) Condemned (C) Returned (R) Held (H) Deleted (D) Photo (Ph) Or Forwarded with Consent to:
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LANGUAGE: ITALIAN			
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✓ G-2, HATONS

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COMMENT

SICILIAN COMPLAINS OF HIGH PRICES
AND INCOMPETENT AUTHORITIES IN CATANIA

Father in Catania writes son, PW:

"Catania is slowly regaining her former aspect, and life begins to better itself; but foodstuffs have leaped to exorbitant prices, thanks to the unbridled sharpers and thieves and the authorities who have shown themselves to be incapable of controlling these fabulous prices. So we live in want, we are missing sugar, oil, medicines, and the essential materials of industry. Meat sells at 80 Lire per kilo - fish at 100 Lire - and proportionately - fruit, vegetables, etc."

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 APO 759, c/o Pm. H.F., H.F.

RIM:vap

Serial No. IPW-1934

FROM:

CANTONE, Sebastiano
 Via Giovanni Di Prima, 83
 Catania, Sicilia

TO:

REITANO, Vincenzo
 Capitano
 PW Camp 127

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✓ HED-12, London

COMMENT

CHAOTIC MARKET CONDITIONS AND PROFITEERING
IN SICILY

In a letter to his business associate (Italian PW) Sicilian civilian writes:

"Here in Catania the cost of living is excessively high and impossible, especially for those without means. As for life in the city, everything is back to normal except the transportation service, although the railroads are running everywhere on the island. Regarding the markets, however, things are beginning to take on a certain small accessibility. The authorities have been trying to reestablish order and, thanks to energetic judiciary intervention, they have begun to eradicate the irksome sore of illegal activity by means of police raids.

"From the first day of the State of Emergency, every morning a dozen or so shops, warehouses, etc. were found to have been broken into, especially in the official district.

"Much of the stolen goods was put in circulation at uncontrolled prices, which caused the market to rise. The market, thanks to the work and desires of the competent Authorities, was forced down or at least stabilized as before, so that now, by reason of new legal enactments, selling became a problem to all the merchants unless they wanted to risk being arrested or having their merchandise confiscated.

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"Your stock, on account of the humidity in the house, had begun to deteriorate. You can understand the beautiful position in which I found myself, being the one most responsible, having in my possession all the papers of consignment. Therefore, taking advantage of the chaos and uncertainty of the market which could rise only with difficulty above what it was, I put into execution the plan** which I had at one time proposed to you and to which you had agreed. To make the long story short, I can say that I had no competition inasmuch as 70% of the goods was not on the market; and, besides, the controlled prices did not make marketing practicable. That is the truth. But having seen and considered the root of all this rottenness---Galatá, I then played my last card, and I will not conceal from you the fact that I was very lucky. I brought the affair to a happy conclusion by recuperating to the point previously set, so that up to now, I have no cause for regrets....."

"Despite my insistence that he continue to operate, and just when life began to return to normalcy, (at this time we might have been able to clear enormous profits), Marino did as he pleased and operated in the city exclusively on his own."

Examiner's note:

* The word used in the original text is "Intrallazzi", obscure in itself, but whose meaning can be inferred from the context.

** The exact meaning of much of this letter is vague, presupposing a knowledge of the subjects to which the writer refers. This is especially true in the case of the "proposed plan", alluded to but not revealed.

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U. S. MILITARY CENSORSHIP
 Prisoner of War Censorship Unit
 APO 759, c/o Pm. I.I., N.Y.

RIM/vap

Serial No. IPW 1935

FROM:

CASAMENTO, Nunziatina
 Via Stazione, Patti
 Messina, Sicilia

TO:

CASAMENTO, Umberto
 Soldato - NA/T 31391
 PW Camp 211

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✓ MI-12, London

COMMENT

HIGH PRICES AND NO ALLOTMENT CAUSE HARDSHIPS
IN SICILY

In a letter to her husband, an Italian PW, woman writes:

"My heart craves for fruit, but I cannot buy it since I don't have the wherewithal. I won't speak of bread, because it is very dear: a loaf of bread costs 55 lire; therefore, I am helpless. I must content myself with things that cost one lira. On the question of necessities I worry more about you. At least, if I had the good fortune of being united with you once more, it would not matter to me even if I should have to become a servant. If it keeps up like this, that's just what will happen, because without an allotment, what can you do? Even if my family gives me something to eat, they cannot give me money as they, too, have their backs to the wall. You would never believe how much money you need for food. We have had no macaroni since the month of July. But with a hundred grams of bread, together with vegetables we manage to sustain ourselves. Tomorrow I must go to Patti to see what they are doing about the allotment. Before, when I had made some inquiries, an official came to secure what information I could give him, and I explained to him my situation. I told him I was left without a home, without money, and without a husband. Tell me, therefore, what I should do. I don't know what they are doing now. Tomorrow when I present myself at the city hall I must register, as the official told me to do. What I say now is: send me to my husband and you can have the thousand lire which you owe me and I'll add two thousand more to that. Humbert, the farmers are filling their pocketbooks: one bunch of broccoli, twenty lire—I am weeping tears of blood. I have planted 900 feet of broccoli; I have hired five men and spent 300 lire and 200 lire for a fence and stakes as an enclosure to prevent theft. But I am sure I won't make any money. Anyway, I'm trying. I have planted a few beans and that's enough."

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Prisoner of War Censorship Unit
APO 759, c/o P.M. H.E., H.E.

RUM:vap

Serial No. IPW-1937

FROM:

LAZZARO, Maria
Palma Montechiaro
Via 28 Ottobre No. 174
Agrigento, Sicilia

TO:

LAZZARO, Attilio
C.M. 81-1-76
PW Camp 101

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MI-12, London

COMMENT

WIFE OF PW RECEIVES MONEY AND FOOD FROM AMERICANS

In a letter to her husband, a Sicilian woman writes:

"As soon as the Americans came my allotment was suspended, and you know very well how I had to manage to get enough to eat. My help came from the American orderlies at the infirmary here. Because of dire necessity I went there two hours a day to get something to eat for me, the babies and another lady. I did this for a month and a half and took in 1000 lire, together with gifts of money and other things which they gave to the children. After only one month they had given me many things to eat: meat, coffee, sugar, etc. And so we are now doing very well and do not lack anything."

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NIM:vap

U. S. MILITARY CENSORSHIP
 Prisoner of War Censorship Unit
 APO 759, c/o Pm. H.M., H.M.

Serial No. IPW-1338

FROM:

GRASSO, Mino
 Via Leopardi, 1
 Paterno, Catania
 Sicilia

TO:

GRASSO, Angelo M Vincenzo
 Sotto Tenente
 PWIB, Washington, D.C.

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✓ AMG, Sicily

✓ G-2, 1st Dist.

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✓ G-1, British

Copies to:

✓ HED, WASH, D.C.

✓ G-2, NATOIS.

✓ HI-12, London

COMMENT

HUMORS IN SICILY THAT PW'S WILL BE FREED

Brother in Sicily writes Italian PW:

"There are many contradicting stories here regarding the policy of liberating prisoners of war. The most plausible of these seems to me to be the one that says they will be liberated on the condition that they collaborate in a civil or military capacity with the Allied Anglo-American Forces."

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U. S. MILITARY CENSORSHIP
 Prisoner of War Censorship Unit
 APO 759, c/o Pm. M.E., N.Y.

Serial No. IPW 1944

FROM: MARIANO, Esterino
 Via Puccio, 54
 Corleone
 Palermo, Sicily.

TO: MARIANO, Michele
 Sgt.
 PW Camp 127.

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DATE / POST of Letter 26 November 1943		TIME OF MAIL Incoming	ACTION TAKEN -- ORIGINAL COMMUNICATION	
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G-2, EES

G-2, IES

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G-2, AFS

✓ AMCT, SICILY

✓ Sarg. General
IDS

C.O.

G-1, British

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✓ HED, WASH, D.C.

✓ G-2, NATOUSA

SI-12, London

COMMENT

INABILITY TO PURCHASE MEDICINE IN SICILY

Sicilian wife writes to her husband, HW:

"You want to know the condition of my health. Do you know that the medicines I need can't be had? Understand that a little bit used to cost 75 lire, who's going to give me the money? I can't spend it - even Di Nicoli wants to take away the house."

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U. S. MILITARY CENSORSHIP
Prisoner of War Censorship Unit
APO 759, c/o Pa. H.Q., N.Y.

RIP/33k

Serial No. IPW 345

FROM: COMISI, Aldo
Via Ventimiglia, 219
Ortania, Sicily.

TO: RIBIZZI, Giuseppe
Captain, Civil Police
PW Camp 171.

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COMMENT

CIVILIAN REQUESTS THAT PW WAS UNJUSTLY IMPRISONED

Civilian in Catania, Sicily, writes to PW, who is former captain of Civil Police:

"Your anti-Fascist sentiments, the same as my own, your hatred for him who always had reason to ruin Italy, would never have made you foresee that you could fall, against your will, into such an unfortunate situation. Remember how many times we prophesied and foresaw the unsteadiness of the false and corrupt Fascist tyranny! Remember how many times, close in front of the radio, enclosed within four walls in most silent meditation, we listened to the voice of London! Remember how many times with our friend D'Arrigo we drank to the victory of the democracies! All (this) I recall, my dearest Dr. Ribizzi, and all (this) tortures me in thinking about your sad situation. But do not despair! Have faith in the high sense of justice, which has ever marked the governments of the United Nations, and you will see that presently will come the hour of your liberation. Pray the Lord, as I also pray, and Divine Providence will illuminate the (captors') minds and will cause your innocence to triumph!"

EXAMINER'S NOTE: Another submission sheet was made this date to cover a letter written to above PW by Tiralonga D'ARRIGO, of Catania, in which writer expressed that PW was unjustly imprisoned.

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Serial No. IFW 945

FROM: D'AMICO, Tiralongo, Giuseppe
Catania, Sicily.

TO: RIBIZZI, Dr. Giuseppe
Captain, Civil Police
PW Camp 171.

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COMMENT

FASCISTS ARE FREE IN CATANIA--ANTI-FASCIST IS IMPRISONED

Friend of PW writes from Catania, Sicily:

"Even in a case like this, human injustice triumphs, and while an anti-fascist like yourself is in a concentration camp, we see many number of fascists here who run at large, undisturbed, and many of them even in positions of authority, to carry on subversive work, but the hour of justice is not far distant. Today, it was the turn of a Chairman who was chased out of the Institute by a delegation of citizens; let's hope that the same thing will soon happen to some more fascists. The governing body of the Social Republic has been set up in Catania, with an absolutely anti-fascist program, and for the purpose of digging out of all the offices and public administrations, the fascists who are camouflaged as liberals. The Republican party presents a federal platform, but all its components, at least in Catania, are hoping for a Sicilian Republic which has been guaranteed to us by the Atlantic Charter. All your friends are anxious for your return, and then we shall talk of the future of our Sicily."

EXAMINER'S NOTE: Another submission sheet was made this date to cover a letter written to above PW by Aldo GATISO, of Catania, in which the writer expressed indignation over the imprisonment of Ribizzi.

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Serial No. 1348

FROM:

ARREZZONE, Orlando
Via Montenero No. 151
Palermo, Sicilia

TO:

ARREZZONE, Napoleone
Cardano 21 I 49715 R.S.
PW Camp 110

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COMMENT

ALLIED FORCES SICILIANS FROM "FILTHY MUD" OF FASCISM

Sicilian states in letter to son, Italian PW

"...God will help the oppressed, the martyrs, and the poor people... May He raise you from the unfortunate situation into which you were thrown by an infamous government which brought us into a war we neither asked for nor wanted. We did not want to fight and least of all, the Allies who had always treated us well. Be courageous, dear Gino, for certainly you understand that this state of affairs is the result of two damned madmen who thought they were going to conquer the world by deceiving humanity. They didn't think that they were leading us to the precipice and that they were bringing that accursed Fascism and Nazism to an eternal end. Everything comes to an end; and we owe this to the Allied Forces, which, through their power, freed us from those regimes. We must thank the Allied command of Sicily wholeheartedly, for they are treating us not as conquered people, but like real brothers. Our city has resumed its normal rhythms of life: we go out day and night, most of the movies are operating again as are the cafes, bars, etc. Our trains are running throughout all of liberated Sicily. All of us Sicilians are grateful to the Allied Governments for having freed us from all that 'filthy mud' which kept us powerless to move our limbs at will. They have freed us, and to them we owe our life and liberty. We must obey them blindly and with all the force of our mind...Of course, you are suffering...but who is to be blamed? It isn't we, who have fought Fascism, sacrificing our possessions and our future. It is the fault of that criminal and his satellites who duped the people with lies."

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FOLLOWER OF WAR CENSORSHIP UNIT

Italians

"...Iddio solleva i martiri, i plebei...che sollevi te da questo stato in cui ti trovi per un governo infame di averci trascinata in una guerra ad oltranza, ad ostilità spietata contro la potente Alleanza che tanto bene avevano operato alla nostra patria. Caraccio, Caro Rino, certo tu comprendi che questo stato di cose sono conseguenza di due maledetti Paesi che credevano di conquistare tutto il globo e farla di ingannare l'umanità senza pensare che ci portavano incontro al precipizio ed alla fine eterna del maledetto fascismo e nazismo. Ma ogni cosa ha il suo fine, e questo lo dobbiamo alla forza Alleanza che grazie alla loro potenza ci hanno liberati da questi malfattori. Dobbiamo ringraziare di tutto cuore il comando Alleanza della Sicilia che ci trattano non da vinti, ma da veri fratelli. La nostra città ha ripreso il suo ritmo normale di vita, di lavoro di giorno e di notte, i cinema funzionano quasi tutti, come i caffè, bar ecc. I treni percorrono tutta la Sicilia liberata ed i Siciliani siamo tutti grati ai governi Alleanza di averci liberato da tutto questo viscido fango che ci teneva avvinti da non potere fare aggirare la nostra memoria a nostra volontà. Essi ci hanno liberato, ed a essi dobbiamo la vita e la libertà ed ad essi dobbiamo obbedire ciecamente con tutta la forza dell'animo nostro... Ma il dolore s'avviva... Ma di chi la colpa? Certo non nostra che abbiamo combattuto il fascismo sacrificando i nostri averi ed il nostro avvenire--ma da quel criminale e dai suoi complici che hanno ubbidito al messaggio il popolo."

HM:VAP

U. S. MILITARY CENSORSHIP
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Serial No. IPA-1949

FROM:		TO:	
SINIGLI, Tonino Via Certiglio Venetico (Messina) Sicilia		SINIGLI, Giuseppe Capo. PK Camp 1769 Camp. 4	
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COMMENT

STARVATION AND BLACK MARKET IN SICILY

In a letter to her brother, Italian PW, civilian states:

"There is a great deal of suffering here among civilians; above all, for food, because the harvest this year has been very small. We live on 100 grams of bread a day, nothing else. Many people have starved to death. If we want to buy some black-market bread, we have to pay 100 lire a kg. On this island, a lot of blood was shed; practically every person endured some bad moments."

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Serial No. 11352

FROM:		TO:	
POMERISIPIO, Giuseppe Mancala (Palermo) Sicilia.		FITTI, Gastano Soldato, T 77782 c/o Rep. 113 PW Administration Center Algiers, Algeria.	
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✓ Commanding Gen.

7th Army.

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ALLIES RESTORE DEMOCRACY AND END SLAVERY

Sicilian woman writes to relative, Italian PW:

"Although the war is not over, we have the proof that the allied American and English forces are fighting for the liberty of Italy, and that we were no longer worthy of our liberty: the fascists had stamped it out, and the Sicilian population had completely lost its faith.

"Dear Tony, I assure you that when the American Seventh Army entered Palermo, it was a historic sight. They came like members of the family - so quietly, so orderly - and they were welcomed by the population and by me as if only in a dream. From the day the Allied forces liberated Sicily, peace and tranquility returned to our hearts, and no one bothered us day or night....

"...The Americans and the English are fighting to shorten the war, to destroy Germany, to restore democracy in Italy, to end our slavery to the Germans, and to restore the honor we had in 1918."

ITALIAN:

"Ebeni ancora la guerra non e finita, ne abbiamo le prove che le forze alleate americane e inglese lottano per la liberta dell'Italia che noi non eravamo piu degni della nostra liberta: il fascio ci aveva soffocato e il popolo siciliano ne aveva perduto completamente la fiducia.

"Caro Tonino, quando sono entrata la Settima Armata Americana, ti assicuro che fu una entrata storica - come se fossero persone di famiglia, tanto sereno, tanto tranquillo - e accolte della popolazione e anche

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da me, che mi pareva un sogno soltanto, ma da quel giorno che le forze
alleate hanno liberato la Sicilia, e ritornata la pace nei nostri cuori
e la tranquillita, nessuno ci ha disturbato ne di giorno ne di notte..."

"...Le forze americane e inglesi lottano per abbreviare la guerra, dis-
truggere la Germania, e portare l'Italia all'antica democrazia e non
essere piu schiavi della Germania, e avere l'onore del 1918."

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Serial No. IPW-1953

FROM:

MICHEL, Giuseppe
Vico Costanza 7
Acireale, Catania
Sicilia

TO:

MICHEL, Giuseppe
Serg. Maggiore 13419
Seely Alien Internment Camp
Fort Leonard Wood
Missouri, U.S.A.

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COMMENT

BLACK MARKET AND EXORBITANT PRICES IN SICILY

Father in Acireale writes son, Italian PW:

"We are under the Allied nations troops. As regards food we are badly off, because they allow us only 150 grams of bread per day and nothing more. Everything is high in the black market: bread, 17 lire per kilo; macaroni, 50 lire; meat, 50 lire; pork, 80 lire; litre of oil, 90 to 100 lire; broad beans, 2 1/2 lire per kilogram; chickpeas, 35 lire; green beans, 3 1/2 lire; peas, 25 lire; fruit and green vegetables very dear; cheese, 90 to 100 lire per kilo. Fish sells at ridiculously high prices. Clothing prices are extreme: suits sell at 2500 lire; 900 to 1000 lire for a pair of shoes. Since the tobacco has not been supplied for 5 months, we are forced to pay, in the black market, 30 to 40 lire for a pack of cigarettes; 10 lire for a cigar. I had to pay 12 lire for a box of wooden matches. As you can see, we are really bad off. We hope this state of affairs is remedied quickly. If not, there is no telling where it will end."

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HEADQUARTERS, A.B.S.
A.P.O. 759

RLM/ccs

14 December 1943

SUBJECT: Comment Sheets.

TO : AMGOT, Headquarters, Sicily.

Transmitted herewith for your information, twelve (12)
Comment Sheets on Incoming Italian Prisoner of War Mail.

Ronnie L. Melton
RONNIE L. MELTON,
Major, Infantry,
Commanding.

12 Incls:

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APO 750, c/o Pm. H.Y., N.Y.

Serial No. IPW 1897

FROM: MANGERI, Rosina Aci S. Antonio (S. Maria La Stella) Prov. Catania		TO: CANNAVO, Antonio P.O.W. T 202383 Arti. Algiers, Algeria	
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"I advise you, that when you come home, don't come by the big inclosure, because it is still full of mines. Don't forget, keep out of the vineyards, because the other day, a soldier was blown to bits by a German mine planted there. It is so dangerous that we did not harvest the grapes."

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Serial No. IPW-1898

FROM:		TO:	
MORABITO, Carmela Via S. Francesco Camaro Superiore (Messina) Sicily		DARRICO, Letterio 30481 PW Camp 210	
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COMMENT

SCARCITY OF FOOD AND HIGH PRICES IN
SICILY

Sicilian mother writes to son (Italian PW):

"Dear son, you cannot realize the pain that our family is enduring, suffering because food is not obtainable. The cost of bread is 70 lire a kilo, and we have not eaten any macaroni in 5 months. You can imagine the state to which we are reduced."

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Serial No. IPW-1899

FROM:

GIANCIO, Maria
Via Cacciatore Alpi 339
Vittoria (Ragusa)
Sicilia

TO:

AMENTA, G. Battista
Caporale NA/T 28001
PW Camp 210

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COMMENT

FOOD SHORTAGE IN VITTORIA, SICILY

In a letter to Italian PW, writer states:

"I want to tell you about the food they give us in Vittoria--the use of 'pasta' is a thing of the past. Then, let's not talk about bread; they give us 5 grams a day; sugar, 10 grams a month, but not always; only when they think of it. As for other things, they give us nothing at all. Therefore, can dealing in the black market be done away with? It will not be, neither now nor ever because, with the rations they give, one cannot live. Do you understand?--instead of increasing them, they have diminished them."

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APO 759, c/o Pm. H.Q., N.Y.

Serial No. IPW 1993

FROM:

UCCELLATORE, Francesca
biancavilla, Catania, Sicily

TO:

UCCELLATORE, Giovanni
PW Camp 127

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COMMENT

SHORTAGE OF MEDICINE IN CATANIA, SICILY

Wife writes husband, Italian PW:

"Medicines can't be found and all the remaining old
and mildewed stocks in the stores are sold at 350%
profit. Imagine what the poor customer must pay, if
he has the good fortune to find any!"

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Serial No. IPW 1907

FROM: BANDINI, Tina
Via Pong Munissale 5
Fiume Freddo, Catania
Sicilia

TO: BANDINI, Gastone
Tenente
P.M. 3500
American Red Cross
Ospedale, Tunisi

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COMMENT

EPIDEMIC OF BLOOD POISONING IN CATANIA-SICILY

Wife in Catania writes Husband, PW in Tunis
hospital:

"There is a strong epidemic of Septicemia here -
poor Doctor Rao died after a matter of a few days. I
haven't been able to get rid of my fever."

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Serial No. IPW 1908

FROM: PERINI, Francesco
 Via Torrent, 16
 Mangano Superiore (Catania)
 Sicilia.

TO: PARISI, Biagio
 Caporale
 PW Camp 210.

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COMMENT

SEPARATIONIST SENTIMENT IN SICILY

Sicilian writes to PW:

"We are doing very well, inasmuch as we are not with that 'Scum', Mussolini. I would be very happy to be either with the Americans or with a republican party and not even under an Italian government, which is far worse than any other. Italian forms of government have left us poor and crazy."

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APO 902, c/o Pan. H.Q., N.Y.

Serial No. IPW 1909

FROM: ZAPPALA, Agatina
Via G. Lavaggi, 7
Catania, Sicily.

TO: ZAPPALA, Salvatore
Sotto tenente
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COMMENT

WANTS SICILY TO BE AN AMERICAN PROTECTORATE

Father of Sicilian, 2nd Lt. (PW), writes:

"All our people wish and pray God that Sicily may remain a little state under the protection of the American government."

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Serial No. IPW 1910

FROM: CAPPONI, Pietro
Via Vodge, 5
Palermo, Sicilia.

TO: CAPPONI, Manlio
Sergente MA/T 39869
PW Camp 205
Algiers, Algeria.

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BLAMES ITALIANS FOR PILLAGE IN SICILY

Father writes to son (Italian PW):

"I found out that while we were fugitives in the country, the Italians robbed us of everything we had at Termini - clothes, linen, everything! Just think of it! The Americans were the ones who found my radio and returned it to me. We are all very well off with the Americans; and everything that goes wrong is the fault of the Italians."

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APO 950, c/o P.M.H.A., N.Y.

Serial No. LPW 1911

FROM: AJELLO, Andrea Avvocato Via G. De Spuches 6 Palermo.		TO: Capitano Avv. CAVARETTA, Pietro Malta PW Camp 127.	
DATE / POSTMARK OF Letter 6 November 1943	TYPE OF MAIL Incoming	ACTION TAKEN -- ORIGINAL COMMUNICATION	
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COMMENT

FASCISTS STILL HOLD OFFICES IN CITIES OF SICILY

Palermo Lawyer, writes to Italian PW:

"...Here we are in great confusion and competition with continuous happenings. This is a confused den of ambitious opportunists who deny and denounce for the sake of personal profit and satisfaction. They change words, but not their hearts. Those who hold public offices here are more or less the same persons who have done nothing but change masks. Believe me, on the other hand it does not pay to have any political beliefs. It is best for us to work and take care of our families."

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APO 750, c/o Pm. R.T., N.Y.

RM/jjk

Serial No. IFW 1913

FROM: COSENTINO, Maria Concetta
Riposto - Ionia
Via Mangibello, 90
(Catania).

TO: COSENTINO, Antonio
Sold. T 200627
PW Camp 211.

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COMMENT

SICILIAN CIVILIAN CRITICIZES CANADIAN TROOPS

Writer ends letter to husband, Italian PW, with the following statement:

"...We can't go outdoors very often or have any feeling of freedom because the town is taken over by the Canadians, and these people are not educated and well-mannered as are the English. They are even capable of robbing and raping women."

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APO 752, c/o Pa. H.Q., N.Y.

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Serial No. IPW 1915

FROM: FLORIO, Sarina
Piazza Palestro 29
Catania.

TO: FLORIO, Salvatore
Tenente
PW Camp 127.

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COMMENT

CIVILIAN COMPLAINTS OF HIGH PRICES IN CATANIA, SICILY

Writer states to husband (Italian PW):

"If you were to see the prices in the shops you would be amazed. For example, men's pants sell for 200 lire, women's pants 300 lire, a plain shirt 400 lire and so on. Cloth sells for 500 lire a metre. If I had not been far-sighted, I would now be in trouble."

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PRISONER OF WAR CENSORSHIP UNIT
HEADQUARTERS, A.B.S.
A.P.O. 759

RJM/hvw

10 November 1943

SUBJECT: Comment Sheets.

TO : AMGOT, Sicily.

1. Transmitted herewith are eleven (11) Comment Sheets on information extracted from Italian Prisoner of War Mail showing various types of attitudes of the Italian people, rise in cost of living, and lack of food.

2. Request information as to the value of this type of information to you.

Romie L. Melton
ROMIE L. MELTON,
Major, Infantry,
Commanding.

11 Incls:
Comment Sheets No 1604, 1619, 1622, 1627, 1681,
1683, 1701, 1702, 1703, 1709,
and 1712.

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FROM: PRINZI, Gianina
Via Archimede 77,
Comiso, Ragusa.

TO: (NAME OMITTED)
Maresciallo Magg. R.A.
Matt. 10,801.

Date of Letter
(or postmark if letter is undated)

9 October 1943

Serial Numbers of Previous Record:

Examiner
J. S. Lombardi

DAC Initials
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LANGUAGE: ITALIAN

COMMENT

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through O.I.
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SICILY

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SOARING COST OF LIVING, SMALL INCOME

Translation:

"You tell me not to suffer, but if only you knew how the cost of living has gone up since you went away. Do you know how much has been allowed us? A miserable allowance of 8 liras for me and 3 liras for each of the babies; thus you see with 17 liras a day (17¢) 5 persons must live and also pay rent; so in August, September, and October I did not pay the rent, for otherwise it would have meant starving to death....Signor Selleni (Landlord) called me in to announce that if I do not pay the rent I shall be evicted..."

NOTE: The writer probably meant 4 persons and not 5 as stated. (3 babies and herself).

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U. S. MILITARY CENSORSHIP PRISONER OF WAR CENSORSHIP UNIT		SERIAL NO. TPW 1619
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FROM: MANZELLA, Prof. Gesualdo Acitrezza Catania, Sicilia		TO: MANZELLA, Franco, Tente. PWC 24 c/o GPO, Bombay
Date of Letter (or postmark if letter is undated)	Disposal of Original Letter:	
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Examiner L. Wikander	DAC Initials WAR	
Date of Submission:	LANGUAGE: ITALIAN.	
20/10/43		
C O M M E N T		
Has Been Submitted to:	<u>SICILIAN PROFESSOR WISHES TO WRITE</u> <u>CONDEMNATION OF MUSSOLINI.</u>	
A.F.R. 4. G-2	TRANSLATION:	
OSDIC (Navy)	Writer States:	
Psy. W.	"We shall bring to trial he who deceived us.	
through G.I.	Regarding our potentialities, who has already	
G-2 A.F.H. 4.	paid (but who must pay more dearly) for our	
G-1 British	betrayal and that of the whole Sicilian people	
P.M.G.	whom he befuddled, wounded, fooled. I want to	
AMGOT, Sicily.	write the last of my books, which will be the	
	most beautiful and most powerful. If the English	
	authorities will permit me, I want to write it	
	immediately--while my heart is still bleeding."	
G-2, I.B.S.		
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U. S. MILITARY CENSORSHIP PRISONER OF WAR CENSORSHIP UNIT		1622 SERIAL NO.
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FROM: GRASSO, Antonio Via Vittorio Emanuele 275, Catania, Sicily.		TO: GRASSO, Alfredo (Camilano), P.O.W. Camp 127.
Date of Letter (or postmark if letter is undated) 13 October 1943	Disposal of Original Letter:	
Serial Numbers of Previous Forwardings None	Attached _____ Forwarded _____ Registered _____ Indexed _____ Classified _____ Photostamped _____ Photostored _____	
Examiner H. Sieber	Unit Initials H.A.R.	
Date of Submission: 25 October 1943		LANGUAGE: ITALIAN
Has been Submitted to:	C O M M E N T	
A.F.M. 6-2	<u>LACK OF FOOD, AND FUTURE RAINFOREST IN CATALIA</u>	
CSDIC (Navy)	Translation:	
Psy. W. through C.I. 6-2 A.F.M. 6-2	"Here in Catania we suffer very much from the lack of food. We have had no pasta in various months, no rice, sausage, vegetables or cheese. Fish is priced at L 90 (90¢) a kilo-gram at the black market. Butchers are on strike. Bread is still 150 grams per person and the quantity is not sufficient for the population. All in all, everything has vanished, and here we are at the mercy of thieves, robbers, and thugs who are enriching themselves at the expense of the honest people, and the authorities do not care at all, in fact it seems as though they encourage it, because here we are still under the command of the same persons, that were under the Fascist rule. Thievery is the reigning power here."	
6-1 British		
P.M.G. AMGOT SICILY		
6-2, I.B. 3.		
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IPW - 1647

FROM:

TO:

ARCADE, Giuseppe
677 P/W Labor CampDate of Letter, Algeria
(or postmark if letter is undated)MUSCARA, Cristina
Via Umberto I No. 43
(Black) Reggio Calabria, Italy

Disposal of Original Letter:

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Examiner

None

D.W. Pittman

Date of Submission:

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CSDIC (Navy)

Pay. H.
through G.I.
G-2 A.P.K. 2.

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G-2M.I.D.
Wash., D.C.M.I. - 12
London

C.P.I. 1-3-3

G-2 - PMS

ITALIAN P/W FILE PASTE TERMS DISHONORABLE

Translation

"News is spread around in this enclosure by all of us prisoners and also by the English themselves, that our beautiful Italy has requested an armistice. From the moment when I heard the bitter news that Italy wasn't even granted an honorable peace, I cannot find peace. I am always sad. To think that all of my sacrifices, yours, and those of many millions were all in vain. But the hand of God will not err in finishing those who were found lacking. 'Is the M----- alive? (La M----- e viva?)"

NOTE: Possible that "M-----" may refer to the Mafia, (Black Hand Society).

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U. S. MILITARY CENSORSHIP PRISONER OF WAR CENSORSHIP UNIT		SERIAL NO. <u>IPW-1681</u>
FROM: PIAZZA, Cav. Raimondo Mussomeli, (Caltanissetta).		TO: PIAZZA, S. Tenente Franco P.O.W. Information Bureau, Office of P.M.G., W. D., Washington, D.C.
Date of Letter (or postmark if letter is undated) 4 October 1943.		Disposal of Original Letter: Attached _____ Re-sent _____ Re-transmitted _____ Defunct _____ Condensed _____ Photographed _____ Photostated _____ Language: Italian
Serial Numbers of Previous Receipts:		
Examiner Alexander	D.C. Initials W.A.R.	
Date of Submission: 19 October 1943.		
COMMENT <u>ITALIAN PEOPLE DID NOT WANT WAR AGAINST ALLIES</u>		
Has Been Submitted to:		Translation: Italian civilian states: "We learned that yesterday you embarked for Tunis for the unknown destination of the prisoners of war, but to tell you the truth the hope in our hearts was that you might reach the soil of the United States. There so much beauty smiles in every city and in every village, in the midst of the profuse wealth and progress, which make the American people great. There is between this people and ours that affinity of sentiments and civility that the Fascist regime, without the comprehension which distinguishes Great Governments, sought to eradicate from our hearts. They threw us, without any conscience, into the claws of those Huns, who have known only the sense of barbarity, a sense of which has never been a trait of the Italian people. They are a great people tempered for that evolution which does not permit a war for the goal of a vile and hated rule. If the two delinquents, Hitler and Mussolini, have laid waste to Italy, there is now only one hope that remains: being close to these two nations, America and England. Italy which has fought so much for her liberty and independence may yet have a worthy place in the world; for one cannot deny the fact that it was not the Italian people that lined up against these two nations which were on their side in the Great War, but the madness of those two men to whom go all our curses... We are confident that the treatment which will be given you by the Americans will be that of a most civilized people." 270
A.F.M.G. G-2		
CSBIC (Kevr)		
Psy. W. through C.I. G-2 A.F.M.G.		
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U. S. MILITARY COUNSEL PRISONER OF WAR COUNSELING UNIT		SERIAL NO. <u>IPW - 1683</u>
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FROM: SAITTA, Pietro (Father) Via Mario Ruffardi 216 Palermo, Sicily, Italia		TO: SAITTA, Giuseppe (Lieut. Medico) # 90876 P/W Block #8 Union of South Africa.
Date of Letter (or postmark if letter is undated) 4-10-43		Disposal of Original Letter: Attached _____ Retained ☒ _____ Returned _____ Delayed _____ Copies _____ Photographed _____ Photostated _____ Language: Italian
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Examiner Joseph De Stefano	DAC Initials J. D.	
Date of Submission: 18-10-43		
Has Been Submitted to: A.F.H.Q. G-2 CSDIC (Navy) Psy. W. through O.I. G-2 A.F.H.Q. G-1 British R.M.G. 210 AFHQ G-2, I.E.S. Copies to: HAFOUSA G-2 Base Hdqts. G-2 M.I.D. Wash., D.C. M.I. - 12 WFO, Sicily WFO, Rome C.P.I. Form 7 C O M M E N T <u>CIVILIAN COMPLAINT ABOUT CONDITIONS IN PALERMO</u> Translation: Writer, civilian living in Palermo states: "The 5th of April our house collapsed and most of the furniture was destroyed by the bombardment. Of what remained we stored in the garage of Professor Scoduto. We only took with us the suitcases and the trunks to Gungi. Dear son, we have not received any allotment since the month of June so I decided to return again to Palermo. Imagine my surprise when I arrived there to find that the Aeronautical command headquarters did not exist anymore and also the garage where I had stored some of our personal property. When the Americans arrived they requisitioned the Villa Scoduto and also the garage and our property in the garage was thrown away. The gardener was good enough to pick up this property and store it in a stable near here although he did not recover all of it. I then presented myself at several offices of the Allied Command and the Italian Personnel there who were at the door, after listening to my story, sent me away telling me that they could do nothing for me. From Gungi with the permission of the English I wrote you two letters. Also the English received me and treated me well but in Palermo I did not receive any consideration because the Fascist cancer still lives." 269 CONFIDENTIAL		

U. S. MILITARY CENSORSHIP PRISONER OF WAR CENSORSHIP UNIT CONFIDENTIAL		SERIAL NO. <u>IPW-1701</u>
FROM: LEONARDI, (No first name) Via Tinocchiaro Aprile N. 9, Catania		TO: LEONARDI, Geniere Giuseppe P.O.W. Camp 207
Date of Letter (or postmark if letter is undated) 5 October 1943.		Disposal of Original Letter: Attached _____ Referred _____ Reviewed _____ Deleted _____ Conserved ☒ _____ Photographed _____ Photostated _____ Language: Italian
Serial Numbers of Previous Record:		
Examiner A.E.Gioielli	D.C. Initials D.V.T.	
Date of Submission: 21 October 1943.		
Has Been Submitted to: A.F.H.Q. G-2 CSDIC (Navy) Psy. W. through C.I. G-2 A.F.H.Q. G-1 British P.M.G. AMGOT, Sicily G-2, I.B.S. Copies to: MATOUSA G-2 Base Hdqts. G-2 M.I.D. Wash., D.C. M.I. - 12 London	COMMENT <u>SKYROCKETING PRICES IN SICILY</u> Translation: Civilian in Sicily writes to Italian POW: "The people are going back to work once more; let us hope that things will return to normal again. Thus far, they (English) have given us no food, with the exception of 150 grams of bread. At this rate, we cannot continue. Everything costs ten times as much as when the Germans and Fascists were here, and so we all complain. Just think, that cloth which formerly cost five lire per meter now costs 200 lire, and, moreover, a pair of stockings costs from 200 - 300 lire. We will be completely ruined if this lawlessness and neglect does not cease." CONFIDENTIAL 268	
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U. S. MILITARY CENSORSHIP PRISONER OF WAR CENSORSHIP UNIT CONFIDENTIAL		SERIAL NO. <u>IPW-1702</u>
FROM: PIZZO, Rosalia Via Alessandro La Marmora #49, Palermo, Sicilia, Italy.		TO: CASELLA, Giovanni (Corporal) 70687, Camp #353 Compound A, East Africa Command.
Date of Letter (or postmark if letter is undated) 7 October 1943		Disposal of Original Letter: Attached _____ Released <u>✓</u> Returned _____ Deleted <u>✓</u> Condemned _____ Photographed _____ Photostated _____
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Examiner J. De Stefano	DAC Initials J.D.	
Date of Submission: 21 October 1943		
Language - Italian		
C O N T E N T <u>BLACK MARKET IN SICILY</u> Translation: Civilian, writing to Italian P.O.W., states: "Here we are now living sufficiently well, and daily life is again normal. Living conditions would be better if it weren't for the grafting Black Market which the Americans have been unable to wipe out in spite of their good intentions." NOTE: Writer may have intimate knowledge of Black Market operatives. CONFIDENTIAL		
Has Been Submitted to: A.F.H.Q. G-2 CSDIC (Navy) Psy. W. through O.I. G-2 A.F.H.Q. G-1 British P.M.G. <u>AMCOT, SICILY</u> ✓ G-2, I.B.S. ✓ Copies to: NAFOUSA G-2 Base Hdqts. G-2 H.I.D. Wash., D.C. ✓ H.I. - 12 London C.P.I. Form #1		

U. S. MILITARY CENSORSHIP PRISONER OF WAR CENSORSHIP UNIT		SERIAL NO. IPW-1703
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FROM: CARABETTA, Tonino Via Colonna Rotta #265, Palermo.		TO: CARABETTA, Giovanni (Civile) #259035, Italian POW Camp, Union of South Africa.
Date of Letter (or postmark if letter is undated) 7 September 1943		Disposal of Original Letter: Attached _____ Reviewed _____ Retained _____ Deferred _____ Condemned _____ Photographed _____ Photostated _____
Serial Numbers of Previous Record: None		
Examiner H.F.F.	DAC Initials J.D.	
Date of Submission: 21 October 1943		
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Has been Submitted to:	I. CLAIM THAT AMERICANS ARE UTILIZING FASCISTIC CONSULTANTS	
A.F.H.S. G-2	II. CONDEMNATION OF FASCISTS WHO HAVE FLED WITH DESPOILED RICHES	
CSDIC (Navy)	Translation:	
Psy. W. through C.I. G-2 A.F.H.S.	Civilian, in Palermo, states:	
G-1 British	"Here at Palermo, everything is straightening out. Still, a lot of things remain to be settled; we still have to be freed of many administrative officials, people who still live under the illusion of Fascism, who are acting as advisers right now, to the Allies, thinking to further themselves, but who are really giving away the best interests of the people. Let's hope to heaven that everything turns out for the best. Otherwise the disorganization will increase day by day through the doing of these Fascistic delinquents who enjoy seeing these spectacles of confusion."	
P.M.C. SICILY	"I have heard what state they (here at home) reduced your financial position to. It's the deed of rapacious Fascism. Family after family of high respect, ability, and integrity here at Palermo has been reduced to beggary whereas all the crass good-for-nothing knaves of the party (Fascist) have gathered all the riches and fled into Germany, leaving behind starvation and wretchedness."	
G-2, I.B.S.		
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U. S. MILITARY CENSORSHIP PRISONER OF WAR CENSORSHIP UNIT		SERIAL NO. 17-1767
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FROM: MARCHESI, Carmela Via Formica 6 Catania, Sicily		TO: MARCHESI, Ignazio, V.C. Sq Reg. PWC Wing IIA No. 241562 c/o CTO, Bombay, India.
Date of Letter (or postmark if letter is undated)		Disposal of Original Letter: Attached _____ Released _____ Returned _____ Deleted _____ Condemned ☒ _____ Photographed _____ Photostated _____ Language: Italian
Serial Numbers of Previous Record:		
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Has Been Submitted to:	<u>HIGH COST OF LIVING IN ITALY - BLACK MARKET</u> Writer, civilian in Sicily, states: "Today our daughter Clema and I went to the bank of Rome and drew out the last 1000 lire. Please forgive us for eating up all the money but how can we buy food without any other income? I can't do anything to earn a living because there is no domestic work to be had and the only thing left is to work for the English, who treat us little better than dogs. However, we have this 1000 lire left, but when it is finished we will be on God's mercy. We feel as if everyone has forgotten us.....a kilo of bread costs 35 lire, spaghetti 65 lire, flour 35.40 lire--and all of that bought on the black market--and I can't tell you everything--a pair of shoes, 1500 lire (I bought a 2nd-hand pair for Angelina for 500 lire)...I had never told you before because under duress we were told: 'Work and keep your mouth shut'.....Do you know how much bread they give us per day? One hundred and fifty grams! (about 5 oz.) Can we live on 150 grams of bread a day? The black market is necessary because they don't give us any spaghetti....." 265 CONFIDENTIAL	
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COMMENT <u>CIVILIAN DENOUNCES FASCIST LEADER IN PALERMO</u> The writer, an inhabitant of Palermo, addresses this letter to Allied Military Command, 7th Army, G-2 Section, and states: *The informant (writer) GOZZI, Luigi, son of the deceased Paul, denounces to this command Mr. Michele Graziano, residing in Palermo on Via Mondola # 78, as an hierarch of Fascism. The above-mentioned Graziano, until the entrance of the Allies into the island, was the Athletic director of the G.I.L. (Gioventu Italiana del Littorio). As soon as the Allied troops disembarked into Sicily, Graziano took absolute command of the G.I.L. and affiliates and, profiting by such seizure, he succeeded in taking possession of many objects of equipment and barracks which belonged to the above-mentioned affiliates large quantities of blankets, wool mattresses, bed sheets and other objects disappeared. He has sold part of that material. The informant affirms that there still is much of the seized material in the house of the above-mentioned Graziano. Thus, I consider myself always your informant, 264		
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