

ACC 10000/143/2526 140 /GD DIAGO CARLO

DEC. 1943 - JUNE 1944

SUBJECT: Civilian Internees. DRAGO Carlo.

37I P.W.CAMP, CMF.
37I/1400/ AC.
23 June 44.

DIRECTOR, SECURITY BRANCH, A.C.C.

I. The above named man was released to-day 23 June 44, the
File is herewith returned as requested.

F. G. Geach Capt.
(F.G. GEACH)
37I P.W. Camp, C.M.F.
Attached.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SECURITY BRANCH
APO 394.

REF: SB/311.5/140.

20 March, 1944.

SUBJECT: DRAGO Carlo.

TO: Colonel A.E. Young.

1. Reference attached file, as shewn in Enclosure 4, after consultation with H.Q. A.A.I.I. and I.B.S., it has been decided to release Subject upon arrival at 371 POW Camp.

2. I have already spoken about the matter with Capt. L.I. Landy, Intelligence Officer, No.1 District, who informed me that No.1 District would have no objection to release of Subject.

3. The matter will be brought to the notice of the officers of this Branch who will assist at 371 POW Camp and will receive priority attention.

John A. McKay

JOHN. A. MCKAY, Capt.

1st. Ind.

TO: Col.N.E. Fiske.

For information. The return of this file is requested.

W. Daines
L.F. DAINES, Lt. Col.
Ass't Director
Security Branch.

20 March, 1944.

Seen by Col. Fiske who wrote to Brig Gen Mori & requested 35 of result.

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Subject: DRAGO Carlo.

371 PW Camp.

19 MAR 1944

A. C. C.

H.C. A. C. C. Arrived in 1943.

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ACI/1456/2/1(19).

18 DEC 44.

1. DRAGO Carlo of FRANCE was arrested and interned in Dec 1943, and it is understood that he is now confined in a PW Camp in H.AFRICA.
2. At the request of A.C.C., this case has been considered by this H.C. in consultation with I.C.C., and it is felt that his continued internment is unnecessary and that should be released as soon as he is sent back from H.AFRICA.
Re
3. This matter is referred to you as it is likely that DRAGO will be despatched to 371 Camp from H.AFRICA.

W. J. Gibson

13.001.

G.S.I.(b).

JH.

Copy to: 1 District. (Please notify this HQ if you have any objection).

I.C.C.

Security Int, A.C.C.

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

29th Feb. 1944.

REF : 311.5/140.
SUBJECT : Drago Carlo of Trapani.
TO : Lt. Col. Gibson G.S.O.I. I(b).
H.Q. A.C.M.F.

- (1). The file on this subject is submitted for your information.
- (2). I am of the opinion that Drago should now be released from internment particularly having regard to the fact that he appears to have been interned for the offence of failing to register as an Italian Army Officer.
- (3). If you agree I should be glad if you would arrange his release.
- (4). The early return of this file would be appreciated.

*Seen by Lt. Col. Gibson & Sec. I.B.
Drago to be taken to Security
by Capt. McRae when he goes
home -*

*Allyoung.*A. E. YOUNG, Colonel,
Director : Security Branch.

*Discussed with Col Gibson at Palermo March 15.
Will be released when arrives at 313 P.M.
March 15*

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SECURITY INTELLIGENCE, A.C.C.
SICILY.

26th. February, 1944.

TO: i- Col. A.E. Young.
FROM: - Capt. W.R. Hare.
SUBJECT: - DRAGO Carlo, of Trapani.

1. With further reference to Subject.
2. Further enquiries have been made in Trapani by an Agent of C.I.C., and a copy of his report is attached. This report was handed to me by Lt. Col. Fish (U.S.A.) of the Judge Advocate's Office, L.B.S. He informed me that having read this latest report, and bearing in mind the previous reports and circumstances of the arrest of Subject, he has no objection to Subject being released from internment, should A.C.C. desire it.
3. In view of the fact that this enquiry originally asked whether there was any connection with the DRAGO case at Messina, and as the C.I.C. reports are comprehensive, I have not been to Trapani to make any enquiries in this matter.


W.R. Hare.
Captain.

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C.I.C. DETACHMENT,
I.B.S. HQ., 310th F. of E.,
APO 550

CFG:vb

February 18, 1944
Case No. E-475

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

SUBJECT: DRAGO, Carlo fu Giuseppe, (Barone),
Italian Captain.

RE : Interviews with: Aventino Costa,
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Cino Catalano, and
Francesco Comò.

On February 17, 1944, this agent, accompanied by Agent Herman Hegyi of this Office, proceeded to Trapani, Sicily, in order to conduct an investigation of Subject, Barone Carlo DRAGO, as requested by the Officer in Charge. The Subject is presently interned in Africa and the purpose of this investigation is to determine Subject's connection with one certain D'Ali family, as well as to learn other background information concerning Subject's politics.

As a preface to this report this agent wishes to point out certain facts of which he is aware. When the Subject was placed on trial in Trapani on the charge of having an unregistered pistol in his home, every influential person in Trapani, including Manzo, then Sindaco, and the present Prefect of the Province, testified as to the excellent character of Subject. Therefore, in view of this fact, it was impossible to interview the leading citizens of Trapani concerning Subject. Those who testified in favor of Subject came from both pro-Fascist and anti-Fascist groups.

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Upon further interrogation, Costa stated that Rosalina D'Ali Drago had for a number of years been the Secretary of the Fascista Feminile (Women's Fascist Party or Auxiliary) for the Province of Trapani and, so far as he knew, gave up her position only because of the American Occupation; that Pietro Drago has always been considered a

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pillar of the Partito Nazionale Fascista and actively engaged in all rallies and propaganda methods used by the Party. The foregoing facts are stated in order to give a clear picture of Subject's connections with the Fascist Party and the D'Alì family.

Concerning Subject directly, informant advised that the Subject was a lawyer but had always been inactive in his profession; that he spent the greater portion of his time at his baronial mansion in Paceco, located some six or seven miles from Trapani. Upon further interrogation, Costa advised that Subject had been recalled to the Italian Army as a Captain and had served in both Trapani and Marsala in the administrative branch of the Infantry; that Subject was later promoted to grade of Major which grade he held at the time of the Occupation; that, prior to the Occupation, Subject always appeared in uniform, but when the Americans landed, he appeared in civilian clothes; that after the Occupation Subject remained at his estate in Paceco and seldom made public appearances. Informant advised that he had every reason to believe that Subject did not register as an Italian Officer as required by Allied authority. Informant stated, however, that he had never spoken with Subject concerning Subject's status in the Army either before or after the Occupation.

With reference to Subject's Fascist political activities, Costa stated that he had to state honestly that he had never seen Subject in any public Fascist demonstrations, had never heard Subject make any utterances in favor of Fascism, and he believed Subject never held office under Fascist regime. He knows that Subject did make large contributions of money to the Fascist party before the Occupation.

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This agent next interviewed Francesco Paceco, presently employed in the office of the A.C.C.C. in Trapani. Paceco has, in the past, been of great assistance to the D.E.I. and the Allied cause, and his observations may be deemed to be reliable. He stated that he has known Subject, a single man, for many years; that he knows Subject is related to the D'Alì family by marriage but was unable to explain the exact relationship. Paceco further stated that Subject was a member of the Fascist Party and a Major in the Italian Army.

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that Subject had been released by the Americans. Informant further advised that he had never seen Subject in public fascist demonstrations nor had he ever heard Subject talk publicly in favor of fascism. Informant did know that Subject was one of the large financial contributors to the Fascist Party.

Informant then stated that, in his capacity as the U.S.C.O., he has learned Subject is now interned in Africa since the brother of Subject, Pietro, receives mail from a priest stationed in the office of the Arch Bishop of Palermo; that this priest wishes to correspond with Subject in Africa. Informant stated that it was his opinion Subject was an inactive member of the Fascist Party limiting manifestations of his loyalty to the Party to financial aid. Informant could make no observations concerning Subject's beliefs after the Allied Occupation but did state that Pietro, Subject's brother, has always had the reputation of being pro-fascist before and after the Occupation. He could advance no direct proof concerning Pietro's activities in this regard.

Proceeding with the investigation, this Agent next interviewed Gino Catalano, employed by the office of the U.S.C.O. in a confidential capacity. Catalano has also been of great assistance to the Allied Cause and especially to the C.I.S. since the Occupation. Catalano stated that Subject, a Baron possessing vast landed estates, had always been held in high regard in the community and that he has been deemed to be a loyal member of the Fascist Party; that he was a major in the Italian Army but ceased all activity against the Allies after the Occupation, deserting his military position and returning to his estate as a civilian. Informant stated that he believed Subject was, in some way, connected with the D'Alì family but was not able to state the exact relationship. Catalano further advised that, to his knowledge, Subject took no part in fascist activities publicly and that little was known of Subject's true feelings in this regard.

The last person to be interviewed concerning Subject was Rng. Francesco Como of Trapani. Como is probably the leading anti-fascist of Trapani. Sig. Como informed this Agent that Subject is related to the D'Alì family through marriage but that Subject, himself, is not married. Como verified the relationship set forth by Aventino Costa. He further stated that the entire Lago family and D'Alì families have always been associated with all fascist activities; that Rosalina D'Alì Lago, sister-in-law of Subject, besides being Secretary in the Fascista Reinforce, was also head of the women's group of the C.V.R.A. Continuing, he stated that Subject had been a major in the Italian Army prior to the Occupation, being stationed in Trapani and Marsala as an administrative officer in an Italian Infantry Division; that after the Occupation, Subject deserted his military post, removed his uniform and returned to his estate near Paceco; that Subject had said on several occasions that he had done so because he did not wish to be taken as a prisoner by the Allies. Informant stated that it was to be presumed that Subject did not report himself to the Allied authorities. After the Occupation, according to informant, Subject remained at his home in Paceco confining himself to caring for his estate.

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public interest in Fascism; that it was well known that he was a heavy financial contributor to the Party and that the brother of Subject, Pietro, was a rabid Fascist; the latter always engaging in public rallies and demonstrations of the Fascist Party. Como expressed his personal belief that it was money advanced by the Drago family which financed the young Fascist group of Trapani which group was recently convicted by a military court. Como stated he had no proof to offer in this regard.

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3. Concerning Pietro Drago, brother of Subject, this Agent wishes to state that efforts have been made by C.I.C. of Trapani to prove charges of pro-Fascism against Pietro to the extent where Pietro's apartment in Trapani was thoroughly searched in November 28, 1943.

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C.I.C. but no incriminating evidence was found at that time. It is this Agent's recommendation, therefore, that, unless some definite anti-Allied action on the part of Pietro is discovered, no further action be taken on Pietro Drago at this time.

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5. This Agent wishes to point out at this time that he has worked in Trapani Province as a Special Agent of C.I.C. for six months and was partly instrumental in apprehending Subject on the charge of possessing an unregistered weapon. This Agent knows the feelings of the average people of Trapani at the time Subject was fined \$500 by the court on the gun charge. Many comments were made to the effect that the sentence was much lighter than a person in a less favorable financial and social position would have received. However, the opinion of these same people was considerably changed when it was learned that Subject was interned in Africa on another charge. They felt that justice for both the high and the low was at last in operation.

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SECURITY INTELLIGENCE, A.C.C.
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17th. February, 1944.

TO: COL. A.E. Young.
FROM: Capt. W.R. Hare.
SUBJECT: DRAGO Carlo, of Trapani. (Interim Report)

1. The Subject of this enquiry is not the same as the Subject of reports in the name of DRAGO Gaetano, of Messina.

2. The Subject of this report is variously known as:-
Baron Drago.
Captain Carlo Drago.
Avvocato Drago.

He is a native of Trapani, and on the 4th. December, 1943, was arrested by Special Agents of C.I.C., on grounds of Military Security.

3. Attached are copies of reports of various C.I.C., Agents who dealt with this case, and it would appear that they made this arrest and recommendation that the Subject be interned for the duration of hostilities, on the following grounds:-

(a) The Subject was a Captain in the Italian Army assigned to Trapani in charge of the Recruiting Office. He wore his Military Uniform until the 15th. July, 1943, when he changed into civilian clothes. When the Allied Armies occupied Trapani, Subject failed to report himself and his Military Status to the local military Commander, as he undoubtedly should have done.

(b) When Subject's house was searched he was found to be in possession of a pistol and a large amount of ammunition, which he had no authority to retain.

(c) The C.I.C., Agents were acting on information that a gang of Fascists were actively engaged in Sabotage in Trapani, which led to the arrest of several people; one of whom was sentenced to death. One of this party was a young woman, and Subject is related to her.

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4. I have conferred with Capt. Mario Brode, C.I.C., on this case and he readily admits that arrest was made on Suspicion, supported by a certain amount of circumstantial evidence as set out above.

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2. further enquiries are being made at Irapana in connection with this matter, and a further report will be submitted when these enquiries are complete.

W.R. Here.

Captain.

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C.I.C. SECTION, IBS,
APO #550

FCS-vv

7 December 1943.

SUBJECT: DRAGO, Carlo fu Giuseppe, Italian Captain.

TO : Provost Marshal, IBS, APO #550, U. S. Army.

1. Forwarded herewith for your information is a memorandum report on Subject, who is presently incarcerated in the P.O.W. Cage, Palermo.

2. It is recommended that Subject be interned for the duration of the war as he represents a threat to military security of the Allied Forces.

FLOYD C. SNOWDEN,
Major, M.I.,
Commanding

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C.I.C. SECTION I.B.S.
APO 550

7 December 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

SUBJECT: DRAGO Carlo fu Giuseppe. Italian Captain

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

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During the search of the home several Italian Army Officer's uniforms were found and when SUBJECT was asked to explain their presence in his possession he admitted having served as a Captain in the recruiting service in the Italian Army from April 1941 until July 15, 1943, at which time he removed his uniform, dressed himself in civilian clothes, and proceeded to his home never reporting his status to proper Allied authorities saying that he did not believe it was necessary to do so as he considered Italy an ally of the United States.

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SUBJECT is also related to a leading member of a Fascist organization which is at the present time under investigation by this office.

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BRUNO A. FRANCAZZI,
C.I.C. SPECIAL AGENT

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C.I.C. SECTION, I.B.S.,
APO 550.

December 10, 1943

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

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CASSIN F. GRAHAM
Spl. Agt., CIC.

PETER GORDON
Agent, CIC.

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C.I.C. SECTION I.B.S.
APO 550

26 November 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

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BRUNO A. FRANCAZZI SP AGENT C.I.C.

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25 November 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

TO: SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER IN TRAPANI.

SUBJECT: DRAGO Carlo fu Giuseppe

RE : Search of Subject's home.

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Agents' Note: Subject's home was searched because of the belief that he was implicated in some way with a youthful Fascist organization, presently under investigation by this office.

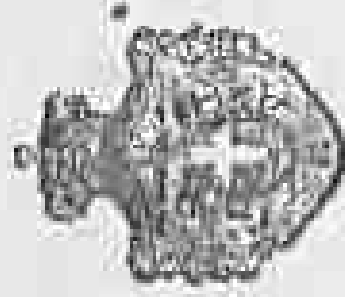
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COMANDO SUPREMO

P.M. 154, li 31 gennaio 1944

il Generale capo reparto

Al Sig. Colonnello di Cavalleria NORMAN E. FISKE
incaricato delle funzioni di capo di S.M. della
Sezione Militare della Commissione Alleata di Controllo

APC 394

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mi rivolgo alla Vostra cortesia per un benvenuto interessante presso il Comando in Capo Alleato in favore del barone Carlo Drago, di Trepani (Sicilia), attualmente internato nel campo di concentramento n° 127 in Crano.

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Si tratta di un'avvocato cinquantenne, indotto alle fatiche di guerra, la cui presenza in Patria sarebbe particolarmente necessaria perchè egli ricopre importanti cariche.

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Infatti egli è presidente della commissione delle imposte dirette, dell'Ospizio Marino, del tabaccolosario Serraino Volpitta e, cosa di particolare importanza, è presidente della Banca Operaia di Trapani che ha già ottenuto il parere favorevole delle Autorità Alleate per la domanda di rimpatrio del barone Drago, qui unita.

In sua presenza, in altri termini, gioverebbe notevolmente e ristabilire le condizioni normali di vita in quella città nella quale occupa una posizione particolarmente importante.

Vi sarò grato, caro Colonnello, di un vostro cortese interessamento e di quelle notizie che crederete di comunicarmi a suo tempo.

Sinceramente vostro

Giuseppe S. Novi

Banca Operaia

SOCIETA' COOPERATIVA ANONIMA

SEDE IN TRAPANI

Trapani, December 27 th 1943

COMMANDING OFFICER OF ALLIED PRISONERS OF WAR

STOCKARDES OF SEVENTH ARMY

PALERMO

Baron Carlo Trago, a lawyer, being one of the most eminent, trustworthy, beloved persons in our town, since several years has been and is the President of the Banca Operaia (Workers Bank) in Trapani, to which Bank he has always devoted all his activity with love, and and disinterest.

It is well known that the Banca Operaia, since 1887 uninterruptedly, lower classes(workmen, small proprietors,) who find an efficient help to superate the actual difficult economical condition helping in this way the re-establishment of the commercial intercourse.

Carlo Trago, a lawyer, fifty years old, was called on military service for the actual war and assigned as Captain to the Distretto Militare in Trapani because he was unable to bear war fatigues, on December 4th 1943 he was taken prisoner by the C.I.C. in Trapani, because at the entrance of the Allied troops he did not give himself up to the Allied Military Authority.

It is well known that the above mentioned Captain Trago was sent free from military service by the Colonel Commander of the Distretto before the occupation of Sicily by the Allied troops and that the ^{Order} issued by the Allied Command which regarded the duty that every military man of the Italian Army had to give himself up to the said Command, was never published in Trapani.

For the above said reasons Avvocato Trago did not give himself ¹⁷up to the Allied Military Authority.

*Received favorably
by Bomber Division
Major R. J. ...
Trapani*

The absence of Avvocato Drago from the Administration of the Bank is rendered more heavy by the contemporary absence of the Vice President of the Bank Paolo Cavarretta; who went to Milan before the occupation of Sicily in order to undergo a surgical operation, and couldn't return to Trapani.

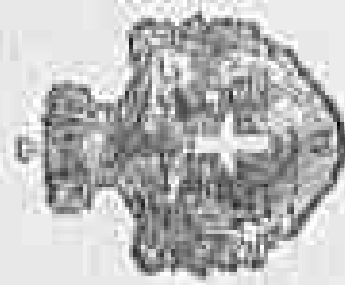
In consequence of the absence of the President and of the Vice President the Bank is deprived of its directive men just in a moment when their presence is indispensable for its regular work.

On the interest of the Bank, I beg to ask the Commanding Officer to release avvocato Drago to put him in a condition to return to his work as President of the Bank, work that is well appreciated both by the Bank and its customers and therefore by the whole town which will, certainly, be very grateful to you for the asked release.

Moreover I beg to inform you that Avvocato Drago is also the President of the Commissione Distrettuale delle Imposte Dirette ; Vice President of the Ospizio Marino Barone Sieri Pepoli; President of the Tubercolosario Serrraino Vulpitta; Commissario di Sconto del Banco di Sicilia e della Cassa di Risparmio per le Provincie Siciliane.

BANCA OPERAIA

Marcone Bartolomeo



COMANDO SUPREMO

10 January 1944

The general chief of section

To: COLONEL M.S. PIERA

Acting Chief of Staff, Military Section
Headquarters Allied Control Commission

ADG 324

Dear Colonel,

I apply to your kindness for a friendly interest by the AFHQ on behalf of Baron Carlo Drago, from Trapani (Sicily), who is at present interned in the Allied P.O.W. Camp, number 127 in Oran.

Baron Drago, infantry captain of the Reserve, was exempted from military service for health reasons before the occupation of Sicily by the Allied Forces. He has been interned because he did not deliver his own pistol and because he did not present himself to Allied Authorities, as ordered by the ban issued in Sicily. This ban was never published in Trapani and therefore Baron Drago, as well as all the officers of that town, could not comply with it because he did not know it.

Consequently, the Allied Military Tribunal fined ¹⁵ Baron Drago 50,000 lire, having paid which he was set free. A few days later, nevertheless, he was again arrested by the American Military Authorities, still on the same ground; and about December 15th he was sent to Africa, P.O.W. Camp number 127 in Oran.

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Acting Chief of Staff, Military Section
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AFO 104

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In fact he is the president of the Tax Commission, of the Marino Poor house, of the TB hospital Serraino Vulpitta, and, above all, he is

president of the Workers Bank of Trapani. This Bank has already obtained from Allied Authorities a favourable answer on the subject of his repatriation request, enclosed herein.

Baron Drago's presence, in other words, should be very useful to reestablish the normal conditions of life in that town, in which he holds a first rate situation.

I should be very grateful to you, dear Colonel, if you could kindly take an interest in this matter and let me know something about it in course of time.

Yours sincerely

S. Rossi

Silvio ROSSI, brig. Gen.

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

AOC/B/22/44

6 February 1944

General Rossi
Supreme General Staff
Brindisi

Dear General:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your communication on behalf of Baron Carlo Drago of Trapani, presently interned as a prisoner of war in Oren. I am causing the case to be reinvestigated in the light of information which you have furnished me and shall let you know the results of that investigation when it has been completed.

Assuring you of my continued regard, I remain,

Most sincerely,

J
NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel, Cavalry
Deputy Executive Commissioner

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[Signature]

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

29th Feb. 1944.

REF : III.5/I40.
SUBJECT : Drago Carlo of Trapani.
TO : Lt. Col. Gibson G.S.O.I. I(B).
H.Q. A.C.M.F.

(1). The file on this subject is submitted for your information.

(2). I am of the opinion that Drago should now be released from internment particularly having regard to the fact that he appears to have been interned for the offence of failing to register as an Italian Army Officer.

(3). If you agree I should be glad if you would arrange his release.

X (4). The early return of this file would be appreciated.

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

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C.I.C. SECTION I.C.S.
APO 550

25 November 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

TO: SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER IN TRAPANI.

SUBJECT: DRAGO Carlo fu Giuseppe

RE : Search of Subject's home.

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DEBONO A. FRANCAZZI, Spl. Agt.,

CASSIN F. GRANAM, Spl. Agt., CIC

PERRY A. DEVERE, Spl. Agt., CIC

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C.I.C. SECTION I.H.S.
APO 52

26 November 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

SUBJECT: DRAGO Carlo fu Giuseppe

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BRUNO A. FRANCHIZZI SP AGENT C.I.C.

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C.I.C. SECTION, I.B.S.,
APO 550

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December 10, 1943

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GASTIN F. GRAHAM
Spl. Agt., CIC.

PETER CORDIN
Agent, CIC.

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C.I.C. SECTION 1.3.3.
APO 550

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7 December 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

SUBJECT: DRAGO Carlo fu Giuseppe. Italian Captain

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BRUNO A. FRANCAZZI,
C.I.C. SPECIAL AGENT

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C.I.C. SECTION, IBS,
APO #550

FCB-VV

7 December 1943.

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TO : Provost Marshal, IBS, APO #550, U. S. Army.

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FRANK G. SNOWDEN,
Major, M.I.,
Commanding

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SECURITY INTELLIGENCE, A.C.C.
SICILY.

17th. February, 1944.

TO:- COL. A.S. Young.
FROM:- Capt. A.B. Hare.
SUBJECT:- DRAGO Carlo, of Trapani. (Interim Report)

1. The Subject of this enquiry is not the same as the Subject of reports in the name of DRAGO Gaetano, of Messina.

2. The Subject of this report is variously known as:-
Baron Drago.
Captain Carlo Drago.
Avvocato Drago.

He is a native of Trapani, and on the 4th. December, 1943, was arrested by Special Agents of C.I.C., on grounds of Military Security.

3. Attached are copies of reports of various C.I.C., Agents who dealt with this case, and it would appear that they made this arrest and recommendation that the Subject be interned for the duration of hostilities, on the following grounds:-

(a) The Subject was a Captain in the Italian Army assigned to Trapani in charge of the recruiting office. He wore his military uniform until the 15th. July, 1943, when he changed into civilian clothes. When the Allied Armies occupied Trapani, Subject failed to report himself and his military status to the local military Commander, as he undoubtedly should have done.

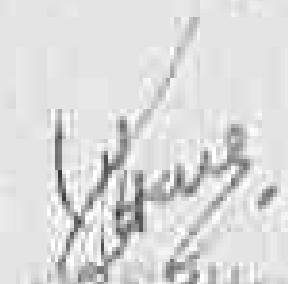
(b) When Subject's house was searched he was found to be in possession of a pistol and a large amount of ammunition, which he had no authority to retain.

(c) The C.I.C., Agents were acting on information that a gang of fascists were actively engaged in sabotage in Trapani, which led to the arrest of several people; one of whom was sentenced to death. One of this party was a young woman, and Subject is related to her.

4. I have conferred with Capt. Mario Brode, C.I.C., on this case and he readily admits that arrest was made on suspicion, supported by a certain amount of circumstantial evidence as set out above.

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5. Further enquiries are being made at Trapani in connection with this matter, and a further report will be submitted when these enquiries are complete.


W. Hare.

Captain.

CFC:vb

February 15, 1944
Case No. 1-475C.I.C. DETACHMENT,
I.S.S. No. 1, 10th F. of S.,
APO 350

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

SUBJECT: DRAGO, Carlo fu Giuseppe, (Barone),
Italian Captain.RE : Interviews with: Aventino Costa,
Francesco Mardese,
Gino Castellano, and
Francesco Lomb.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

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Concerning Subject directly, informant advised that the Subject was a lawyer but had always been inactive in his profession; that he spent the greater portion of his time at his hereditary mansion in Paceo, located some six or seven miles from Trapani. Upon further interrogation, Costa advised that Subject had been recalled to the Italian Army as a Captain and had served in both Trapani and later promoted to grade of Major which grade he held at the time of the Occupation; that, prior to the Occupation, Subject always appeared in uniform, but when the Americans landed, he appeared in civilian clothes; that after the Occupation Subject remained at his estate in Paceo and seldom made public appearances. Informant advised that he had every reason to believe that Subject did not register as an Italian Officer as required by Allied Authority. Informant stated, however, that he had never spoken with Subject concerning Subject's status in the Army either before or after the Occupation.

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public interest in Fascism; that it was well known that he was a heavy financial contributor to the Party and that the brother of Subject, Pietro, was a rabid Fascist; the latter always engaging in public rallies and demonstrations of the Fascist Party. Como expressed his personal belief that it was money advanced by the Drago family which financed the young Fascist group of Trapani which group was recently convicted by a military court. Como stated he had no proof to offer in this regard.

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26th. February, 1944.

TO:- Col. A.E. Young.
FROM:- Capt. W.R. Here.
SUBJECT:- DRAGO Carlo, of Trapani.

1. With further reference to Subject.
2. Further enquiries have been made in Trapani by an Agent of O.I.C., and a copy of his report is attached. This report was handed to me by Lt. Col. Fish (U.S.A.) of the Judge Advocate's Office, I.B.S. He informed me that having read this latest report, and bearing in mind the previous reports and circumstances of the arrest of Subject, he has no objection to Subject being released from internment, should A.C.C. desire it.
3. In view of the fact that this enquiry originally asked whether there was any connection with the DRAGO case at Messina, and as the OIC reports are comprehensive, I have not been to Trapani to make any enquiries in this matter.


W.R. Here.
Captain.

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