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Capt. Fielders

To:- ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
 From:- Lt. Col. W.M.G.L. ESLIE.

M. ST SECRET.

6 Feb., 1944.

SUBJECT:- MAPLES RESTAURANTS.

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On 3 Feb. 44 I was invited to "sit" with Capt. TALK upon the Bench of No.2 Summary Court, MAPLES.

1. Amongst the cases to be tried was one involving a small restaurant which was reported to have charged 5 British soldiers a sum exceeding L. 100 for a meal.

2. The man against whom the charge had been brought was found guilty and sentenced to one month's imprisonment.

3. I remarked to Capt. GORDON, an American Police Officer who was present, that although it was satisfactory to see such cases dealt with, yet it was no good "hauling in the little fellows" and letting the big ones go free.

4. Capt. GORDON agreed with me but suggested that nothing could be done about the "big fellows" whilst they were under AMGOT "protection".

5. As an example he quoted the case of a restaurant called, I believe, JACONA'S. He said that this had been closed three times for overcharging, but that on each occasion it had been almost immediately reopened upon instructions from AMGOT.

*Not true
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6. Capt. GORDON also stated that on another occasion he had met Col. CRAIGIE in the street and had mentioned that he was so late that he had probably missed his lunch. Col. CRAIGIE replied that he had just lunched himself at JACONA'S and that Capt. GORDON could possibly get something there. He, Col. CRAIGIE, had had an excellent meal, including chicken, and it had only cost him L. 50. Capt. GORDON took this advice but had to pay nearly L. 200 for an indifferent meal without any chicken.

(1 for himself & one other)

7. Capt. GORDON suggested that Col. CRAIGIE and other high AMGOT officers frequently had free meals at JACONA'S, and that when they insisted upon paying, the ~~usual~~ legal price only was demanded, i.e. L. 50.

8. The inference from the above statement, which was made in an undertone, and somewhat disjunctedly, whilst we were sitting on the Bench, was that certain high AMGOT officials, including Col. CRAIGIE, were enjoying better meals at cheaper rates at JACONA'S Restaurant (and possibly at others, such as ZITURNA'S) as a result of their protecting the proprietors or their ~~members~~

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from the application of AMGOT law.

10 I have no doubt that no restaurant can serve a decent meal at the maximum price laid down by AMGOT and make a profit from it. Indeed, the fact that the British Officers' Club (presumably a non-profit making concern) charges 1.60 for a meal speaks for itself, for unless I am mistaken the maximum legal price is 1.50. But that the petty offender should be punished whilst the large proprietor, who is probably making a fortune anyway, should go free, is to my mind a flagrant travesty of justice.

11 In making this report I am not prepared to swear that the conversation took place exactly as I have stated. The circumstances were not such as to enable me to give it my undivided attention, for it was in open court. But Capt. FALK heard some, if not all, of Capt. GORDON's remarks, and I have no reason to believe that the latter would wish to retract them. At all events the substance of what I have said above represents my understanding of Capt. GORDON's remarks.

12 I have considered this matter very carefully before finally deciding that I should be failing in my duty did I not report it. I do so with particular reluctance as I understand that Col. CHAICHE is an American officer, and it is very much against my principles to take any action which could give rise to a misunderstanding between the British and American elements representing AMGOT. I feel, however, that the matter is too serious to be allowed to pass; it appears that action is called for whether or not the allegations are found to be true.

*M. J. Leslie*

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Lt. Colonel,

Intelligence Corps.

Naples,  
6 Feb. 44.

Note. Saw X re above on 8 Feb. He said he would  
7.2.44. Take no action.  
8.2.44 Lunched with Falk & Gordon & showed latter this  
statement. He denied receipt of letter & said  
price was 1.50 - otherwise agreed facts as stated.  
9.2.44 Gordon tried to get hold of me. Met him  
in No. 2 Court. He suggested this with-  
drawing report or at all events expressing  
C's name.

1st March 1944.

CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM :

Bagnetti's Club.

1. A Club has been founded at Bagnetti 134 Via Cricchia for the object of providing a select place of entertainment for A.M.G. Officers and their friends in the Services to meet, and entertain civilian friends to lunch, tea and dinner.
2. The Club will open formally on the 4th March.
3. A copy of the Rules of the Club attached herewith.
4. A Committee has been formed consisting, of Col. W.H. Crichton, Lt. Col. the Lord Forester, Lt. Col. Dorg, the Duchess Nives di Bagnoli, the Duchess Clotilde del Balzo, and the Noble Achille di Lorenzo.
5. A.M.G. Officers are invited to apply for Membership to Hon. Sec. Bagnetti's Club.

W.H. Crichton  
Colonel,  
Regional Public Health Officer

## BAGNETTI'S CLUB

## RULES

1. Site:- Bagnetti's Club is established at 134 Via Chiaia, Naples.
2. Object :- The aim of the Club is to provide a select place of entertainment for Officers of the A.M.G. and their friends in the Services where they can meet and entertain civilian friends to lunch, tea, dinner.
3. Use of the Club :- Use of the Club will be restricted strictly to members and their Guests.
4. Membership :- Its Membership will be limited to a maximum of 200 and will include a number, not exceeding 30, of Italian Members.
5. Election :- Members will be elected by the Committee on introduction by a Member.
6. Membership Cards :- Elected members will be issued with a membership Card which is to be shown on demand by any authorized Club official.
7. Admission Fee :- There will be an Admission Fee of 150 Lire.
8. Temporary Membership :- Temporary Members may be elected for a maximum period of 7 days on introduction by a member and approval by a Member of the Committee the fee for temporary membership will be 50 Lire the receipt for which will constitute the Member's authority to use the Club.
9. Guests :- Ordinary Members only may invite guests to the Club and these will be limited to a maximum of ten in any one month. Temporary Members will not be entitled to invite guests.
10. Committee of Management :- The Club will be under the direction of a Committee composed of a President, Hon. Sec. and Treas. Two Officers of the A.M.G. and two Italian representatives.
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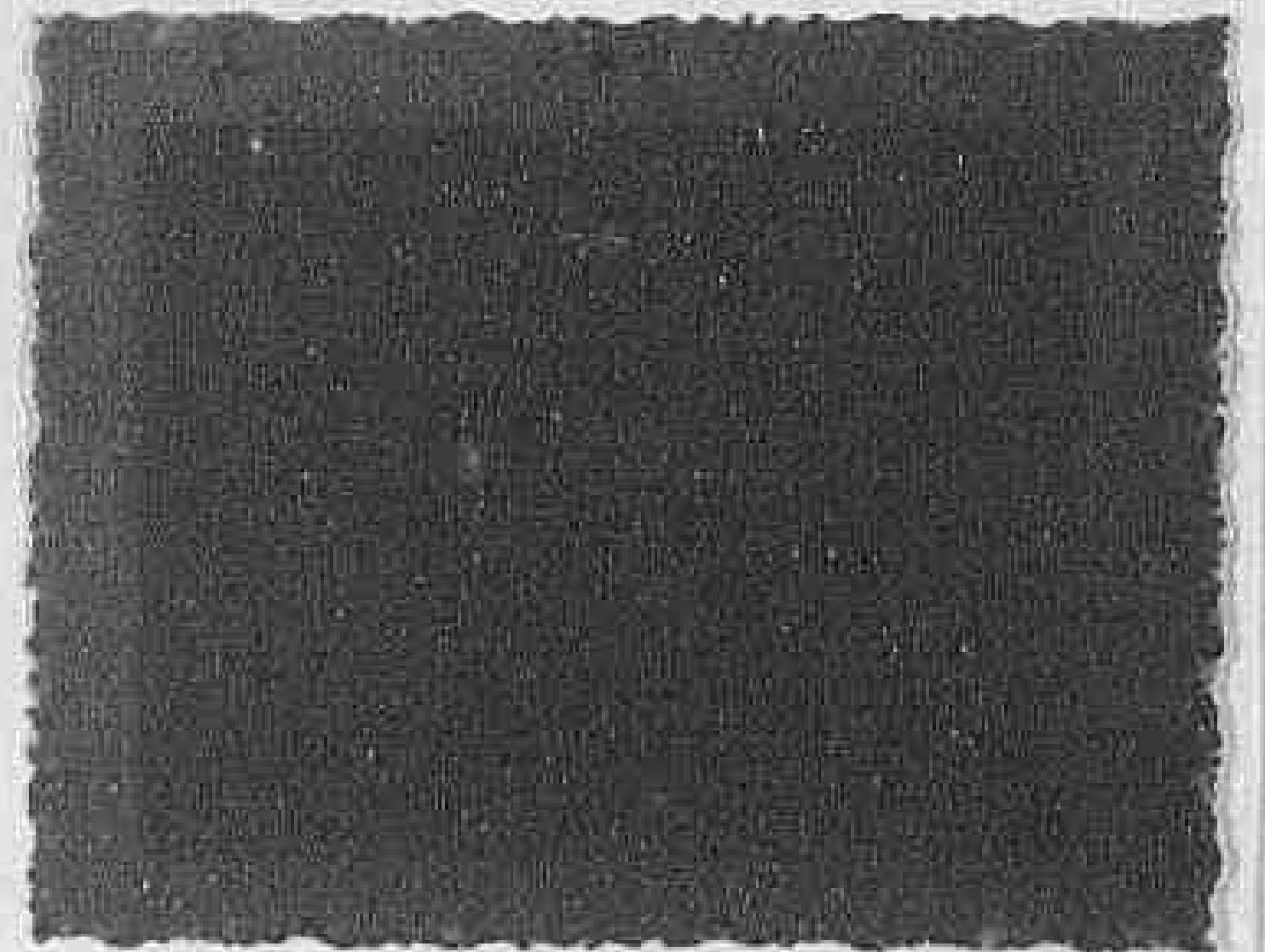
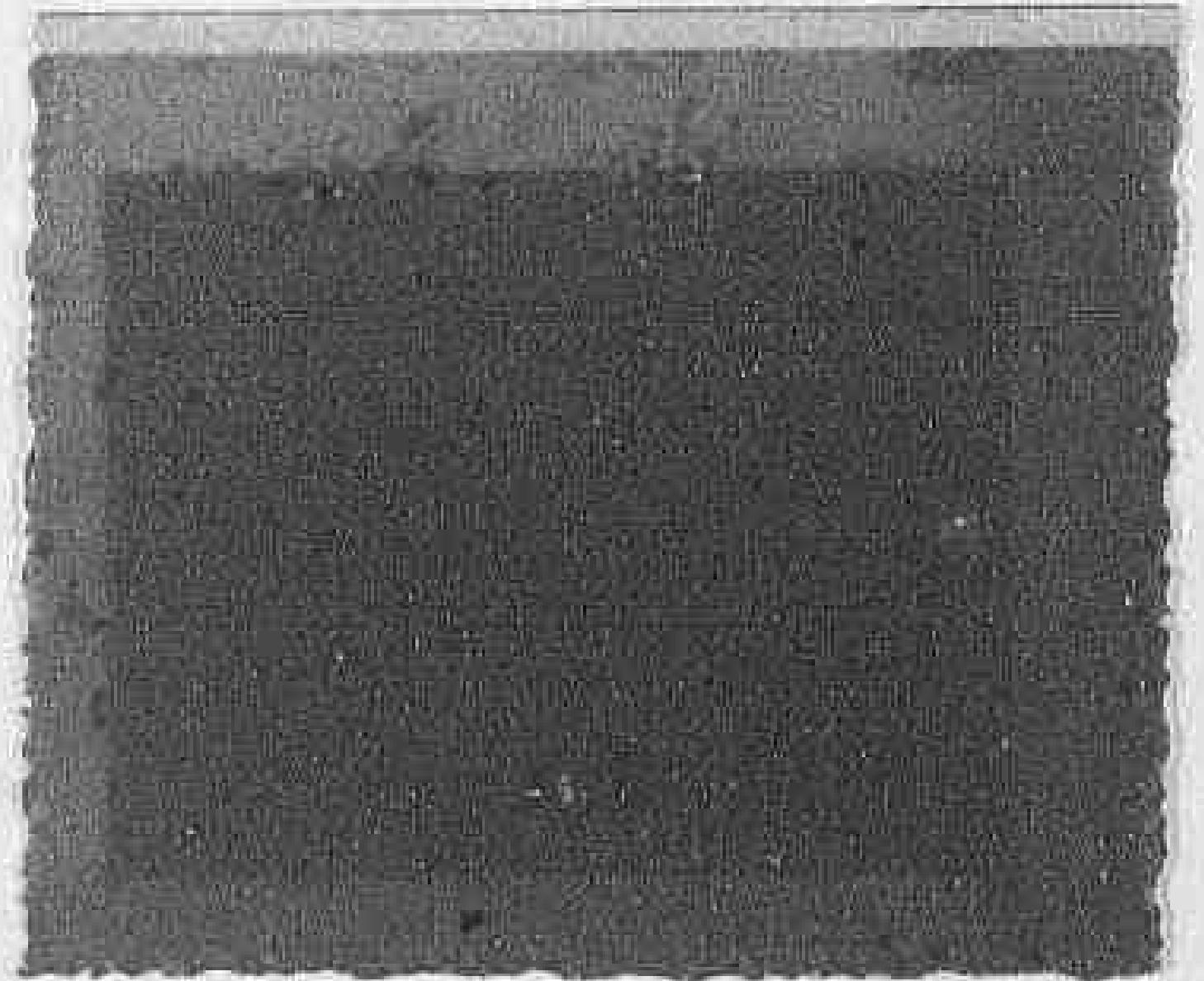
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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785016



15th March

My dear Colonel,

This is to introduce  
you to Mr. di Lorenzo, well known to  
Gen. Hume and I.

I rang up the Questura  
at night and finally discovered that  
the C.P.s had arrested eleven people  
from "Baghetti's" on the incredible  
charge of prostitution! They included  
Mrs. Baghetti, her daughter, her son's  
fixer and the domestic staff besides  
the two sons of Mr. Baghetti. Nothing  
more fantastic I have ever heard. These  
are the people whose Restaurant as  
you are aware we had proposed using  
as a Club but which plan has  
been postponed owing to a technical  
hitch.

Who could possibly have laid  
a charge of prostitution against a place

of his character it is impossible  
to understand, but I should like  
to know. The P.P.'s appear to be  
directed by someone who has  
a personal grudge against the  
P.P.s because their intentions  
almost amount to being a caution.  
Nevertheless will you be good  
enough to make the necessary  
release of the party (Lushbaugh,  
Miss Bayliff & the friends were  
misled as to what) on our  
personal guarantee of good  
conduct.

Yours sincerely

W. H. C. C. C.

HEADQUARTERS.

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

Security Branch.

SA/Eng/West

13th April, 1944.

SUBJECT:- Motor car alleged to have been obtained in an improper manner.

TO :- Colonel A.E. Young, Director, Security Branch, A.C.C.

1. I have to report that Francesco ODORINO, Piazza Leonardo 4, Naples, the proprietor of a small gents outfitters shop, is the owner of a Fiat, "1500" saloon motor car, N.A. 26069.

2. Early in December, 1943, three unknown Italians came to look at his car saying it was going to be requisitioned. ODORINO was out, and as the car was locked in a garage they failed to see it. ODORINO did not possess a Permit to drive the car, which was without wheels and tyres.

3. ODORINO sought the advice of Giovanni AIELLO, via Girolamo S. Croce 23, Naples, as he was afraid he was going to lose his car. AIELLO is a ship's radio operator, and apparently a man with many contacts who can get things arranged. According to ODORINO, whose statement is attached and marked A, AIELLO said that he could stop the requisitioning, get a permit for the car, or lend it to some one. He said the lending might be to an American Officer, but he did not mention any name. ODORINO says he agreed to let AIELLO see what he could do and he handed ODORINO the Log Book (Libretto) as he says he realised that AIELLO could not do anything without the Log Book.

4. A few days before this AIELLO had met Lt. Bellotti (American) of Region 3, and another Italian named NIGLIAROTTI. Lt. Bellotti had mentioned to AIELLO that he was looking for a car as he was without one. AIELLO told the Lieutenant that he could find one for him.

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6. Lt. Bellotti had by this time secured another car and as he knew Major Gray (American) Region 3, was looking for a car, he passed the note on to him.

7. NIGLIAROTTI, whose statement is marked D, and others, went

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6. Lt. Bellotti had by this time secured another car and as he knew Major Gray (American) Region 3, was looking for a car, he passed the note on to him.

7. MIGLIAROTTI, whose statement is marked D, and others, went and examined the car with AIELLO, and found it to be in good condition. The owner was not present.

8. The next day, Major Gray, MIGLIAROTTI, and others, met AIELLO and went to fetch the car. ODORINO was out at the time. AIELLO tried to get the key of the garage from ODORINO's wife, but she did not possess it. Eventually they forced one lock on the garage door and opened the other lock with another key and took out the car, after first putting on wheels, which they had brought with them.

9. CORINALDESI EUGENIA, ODORINO's wife, whose statement is marked E, says she only spoke to AIELLO and one American soldier, who spoke Italian, at the time the car was taken away. She did not speak to Major GRAY. AIELLO told her the car would be returned

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in one to two months. He did not say it was being requisitioned. AIELLO says that Major Gray spoke to ODORINO's wife through an interpreter, when he told her he was only borrowing the car, for one to two months.

10. Just before the car was towed away ODORINO arrived. He says he did not speak to Major Gray, but only to AIELLO, who said the Major required his car for one to two months only and that he was only borrowing the car. AIELLO used the word "PRESTATO". The car was then towed away after AIELLO had handed the Log Book over to Major GRAY.

11. In AIELLO's first statement marked C, he says ODORINO's wife handed Major GRAY the Log Book, which she denied when I saw her. I saw AIELLO a second time and he eventually admitted that he had handed the Log Book over to the Major, see AIELLO's second statement marked D.

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14. This took place sometime in February, 1944, and was the first time ODORINO knew that his car had been requisitioned. He had never been told so before by Major GRAY, or anyone else. He had not been given a Requisition Form, or anything else in writing, and still had not until the commencement of this enquiry in April, 1944.

15. ODORINO then went and told AIELLO what the Major had said. AIELLO still maintained that the car was only lent. AIELLO said he would go and look at the list of requisitioned cars at Region 3. Later he returned and assured AIELLO that his car was not on the list of requisitioned cars. ODORINO then says he made three or four attempts to see Major Gray, but was always told that the Major was out, or too busy to see him.

16. One day this year, the date cannot be fixed, according to both ODORINO and AIELLO, MIGLIAROTTI came and tried to persuade ODORINO to sign a form transferring the ownership of the car to Major GRAY. ODORINO refused. (See ODORINO's statement marked A and AIELLO's second statement marked D.) MIGLIAROTTI, who I found most evasive and untruthful, partly admits this saying he advised ODORINO that the only way to save his car from leaving Naples, was to make out a certificate of lending or transfer of ownership, which ODORINO refused to do. MIGLIAROTTI goes on to say he showed ODORINO a form already filled in transferring the ownership of

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17. Another unsavoury feature about this case was supplied by MIGLIAROTTI, who said that one day soon after Major GRAY obtained possession of the car, the Major showed him the Log Book (Libretto) and asked if it was necessary to obtain a new Log Book in order to transfer the ownership to himself. (Major GRAY). MIGLIAROTTI said that it was not necessary.
18. Sometime during February, 1944, Major GRAY asked Lt. Colonel BORG, (British) of Region 3, if he would change a Lancia car, which Lt. Col. BORG had had allotted to him by the Region, for this first car, N.A. 26069. Major Gray said he had bought this Lancia car, which Lt. Col. BORG says bore the markings, "U.S.A. A.M.G. I. 358." Lt. Col. BORG agreed to exchange cars, but only used the Fiat once as it had to go into the garage for repairs.

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19 Lt. Col. BORG says he did not ask Major GRAY if the Fiat N.A. 26069 was a requisitioned car, and Major GRAY did not offer any information as to the car's previous history.

20. In March, 1944, ODORINO's Fiat, N.A. 26069, was transferred, with two other requisitioned cars, to Headquarters, A.C.C., from Region 3, and it is now in the motor pool at 61, Via Medina, where the owner, ODORINO, has seen it and identified it as his own car and the one taken from him by Major GRAY. The Log Book has been handed by Lt. Col. Borg to Major Fletcher, Transportation, Region 3. I have examined this Log Book, which bears ODORINO's name and address as the owner. No transfer to the name of Major Gray has been entered into this Log Book.

21. No requisition forms for ODORINO's car can be found at the headquarters of Region 3.

22. On 3rd March, 1944, Major James A. GRAY, 0290921, was transferred from Region 3 to the Land Forces Sub-Commission at Lecce.

23. In view of the manner in which this car was obtained from the owner, ODORINO, it may be thought necessary to ask Major GRAY to give a full explanation as to how he obtained this car, did he borrow it, or requisition it, and if so why the proper requisition form was not given to the owner and a record made at Region 3 Headquarters.

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Security Branch, A.C.C.

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HEADQUARTERS.

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

Security Branch.

6th April, 1944.

Francesco ODORINO says:-

I live at Piazza Leonardo 4, Naples. I am the owner of a gents outfitters shop.

I am the owner of a Fiat 1500 motor car, ivory coloured with red wings and hood. It was a four seater saloon, registered number N.A. 26069.

Early in December, 1943, four Italians came to my address and saw the Portiera. They tried to get the key to my garage to get at the car. They said they wanted to requisition it. I do not know who these men are.

The same day I met Giovanni Aiello and told him what had happened in my absence and asked for his help. Aiello said he could help me. He said he could stop the requisitioning, or get me a permit to drive the car, or lend my car to someone. At the time I could not use my car as I had no permit. I gave Aiello my Log Book (Libretto) as I knew he could not help me without the Log Book. Aiello did not mention the name of Major Gray, but did say he might be able to lend my car to an American Officer.

Two or three days later, an American Officer, Migliaretti, two American soldiers and an interpreter, arrived at about 10 am. I was out at the time. In my absence they saw my wife. They waited for over an hour for me. Then they forced the lock of the garage and took out the car. They put four wheels and tyres on my car, which was without tyres. I arrived at about 11.40 am and saw Aiello and an American Officer.

I asked what was happening, and Aiello said that Major Gray required my car for one to two months only. He said the Major had borrowed the car and used the word "PNESTATO". Aiello said the car would be taken to Villa Maria at Posillipo. Aiello said I had nothing to worry about as the car was in safe hands and would only be used by Major Gray. When I arrived the wheels were on the car and it was ready to be towed away. I did not speak to Major Gray, but only to Aiello. The car was then taken away.

After a few days I asked Aiello where ~~WHEN~~ Villa Maria was, and he said the car was not at Villa Maria as the garage was not ready, but was at a big garage in Posillipo just near the Villa Maria.

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After a few days I asked Aiello where ~~where~~ Villa Maria was, and he said the car was not at Villa Maria as the garage was not ready, but was at a big garage in Posillipo just near the Villa Maria.

I visited the garage and saw my car there without wheels. I visited the garage several times and still saw the car. After two or three weeks I noticed that the car had gone. I asked Aiello where the car was and he said at the Villa Maria now.

Next I went and saw Major Gray at Villa Maria. I told Major Gray that I was the owner of the car N.A. 26069. I told Major Gray that I had only lent my car, through Aiello, to him for two months and now the time was up. Major Gray said the car had been requisitioned and that if I wanted further details I must come back in a few days.

Then I went to Aiello and told him that my car had been requisitioned. Aiello said that he would look at the list of requisitioned cars and see if it was requisitioned.

Later I saw him again and he assured me that it was not on the list of requisitioned cars.

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I went several times to try and see Major Gray. (three or four times.) I was always told that Major Gray was out, or too busy to see me. One day I met Lt. Bellotti and spoke to him. I told him what had happened. He said he did not want to be troubled about my car as it was not his concern.

I have therefore never been able to get my car back, or get any satisfaction.

Until Major Gray said the car had been requisitioned I always understood it had only been lent to Major Gray. Aiello always says and still says it is only lent.

I have never received any requisition Form from Major Gray, or any one else, or have I received any money from anyone for my car. It was never sold with my knowledge or consent.

The following was written in Italian by Odorino in his own handwriting

What is written above was read to me in Italian and corresponds with the truth. The Log Book was given by me to Aiello. I only lent my car for a couple of months to Major Gray.

I met casually Lt. Bellotti with Migliorotti in a car, which was not my car. I stopped to speak. Migliorotti-i asked me to make a declaration for the transfer of ownership. I refused to do it.

(Signed) Odorino Francesco.

Statement taken down by me, read over to and interpreted by George Missikoff, at the Security Branch, A.C.C. at 5-0pm 6-4-44.

(Signed) Richard Fielders.  
Captain.

At 10-0am on Monday 10th April, 1944, I went to a car pool in Via Medina and there saw a Fiat 1500, N.A. 26069. I identify this car as my car and property and the car I lent to Major Gray.

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HEADQUARTERS,

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

Security Branch.

6th April, 1944.

Corinaldesi Eugenie says:-

I am the wife of Francesco Odorino and I live at Piazza Leonardo 4, Naples.

My husband is the owner of a Fiat car N.A. 26069.

One day in December, 1943, Aiello, an American Officer, two American soldiers and two Italian civilians, came to our house. Aiello asked me for the key of the garage. I said I had not got it as my husband was out. They waited for about one hour. Aiello said they had come for my husband's car. Eventually they forced open the garage door and took out the car.

I had no conversation with anyone except Aiello and one of the two American soldiers. I never spoke to the American Officer, or to him through an interpreter.

Aiello told me that they were taking the car away and that it would be in safe hands. Aiello did not say that the car was being requisitioned. He told me the car would be returned in one or two months. One of the American soldiers who spoke Italian said the same thing to me.

I saw my husband arrive before the car was taken away. He arrived after the wheels had been put on.

I did not give the Log Book of the car to Aiello. In fact I never had it in my possession. It is not true if Aiello says I gave it to Major Gray.

One American soldier said that if I wanted to go out in the car occasionally that I could do so.

The following was written in Italian by Eugenia in her own handwriting.

This statement was read to me in Italian and corresponds with the truth. I never gave the Log Book to Major Gray and I never spoke to Major Gray, and Aiello said that the car will be back in one or two months.

(Signed) Eugenia Corinaldesi.

statement taken down by me, read over and interpreted

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(Signed) Eugenia Corinaidesi.

statement taken down by me, read over and interpreted by George Missikoff, at the Security Branch, A.C.C. at 2-45pm, 6-4-44.

(Signed) Richard Fielders.  
Captain.

HEADQUARTERS.

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

Security Branch.

6th, April, 1944.

Giovanni Aiello, says:-

I live at Via Girolamo S. Croce 23, Naples. I am a ship's radio operator. I am employed by the Unione Cente del Mare.

I know Francesco Odorino and have known him for about one year. We lived in the same block of apartments.

About 10 days after the Allies entered Naples I was approached by an Italian named Migliarotti, who was employed at the Prefettura by the Allied Military Government, also by Mario Cernia, an Italian dressed BSM as an American soldier, and an American, Lt. Bellotti, of A.M.C. They came together to my house.

Lt. Bellotti said he wanted me to help the two Italians, Migliarotti and Cernia, to look for motor cars, especially cars owned by Fascists. I had already met Lt. Bellotti when the Allies first arrived in Naples. I had not seen the two Italians before. Lt. Bellotti told me to help the two Italians to locate cars and then inform him of the whereabouts etc. I agreed to do this. I told them where to find three cars.

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A few days later ODORINO told me that he had a 1500 Fiat and that he was afraid he was going to lose it, as three Italians had come and told him he must get his car ready as it was going to be requisitioned. I suggested to Odorino he might care to lend his car to Major Gray for one or one and a half months to save it being requisitioned. Odorino agreed and I wrote to Lt. Bellotti saying I had a friend who had a Fiat 1500, who was willing to lend the car to Major Gray.

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The next day I wrote to Lt. Bellotti as Major Gray had not given any receipt for the car. I wanted assurance that everything was regular. I sent this letter by hand to the Prefecture. The next day Migliarotti, Cernia and another Italian, came to my address in my absence and told some of my friends that everything was in order

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and that there was nothing to worry about.

About 15 days later, Lt. Bellotti and Migliarotti arrived and asked me if I could find four wheels for the Fiat 1500. I told them that a Dr. Abate and a Signor Pironillo had four wheels. Migliarotti said they wanted the four wheels for the car Major Gray was using. Dr. Abate and they went off with him to get the wheels. Migliarotti said they wanted to borrow the wheels for Major Gray.

Oderino and I then went several times to the Prefettura to see what had happened to the car. Migliarotti, who we always saw, said Major Gray was still using the car and everything was alright. He told me not to worry him. I used to ask Migliarotti if I could see Major Gray. Migliarotti used to say that Major Gray was out, or that he was busy.

I have also seen Lt. Bellotti about the car and asked him if it was possible to see Major Gray. He used to send me on to see Migliarotti, but I never saw Major Gray.

I have seen Oderino's car four or five times since it was taken away, always being driven by an Italian civilian. I have never at any time received anything in writing from Major Gray about this car, or the four wheels obtained from the doctor. I have not received any money or commission for obtaining this car.

The following was written in Italian by Aiello in his own handwriting.

I declare that the car was lent to one Allied Officer. I declare that what is written above was translated to me and corresponds to the truth.

(Signed) Aiello Giovanni.

Statement taken down by me, read over and interpreted  
by George Missikoff, Security Branch, A.C.C. 6-4-44.

(Signed) Richard Fielders.  
Captain.

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Captain.

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HEADQUARTERS.

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

Security Branch.

7th April, 1944.

Second statement of Giovanni Aiello - translation of statement written by him in Italian.

When Odorino came to me alarmed to say to me that three or four Italian civilians wanted to take the car away from him, I suggested to him that the Allies should requisition it, or to lend it to some Allied Officer, who some days before had asked for a car for Major Gray, in order to save the car from some person unknown.

From the moment Odorino came to me to tell me that four civilians wanted to take a car, until the day of the handing over of the car to Major Gray, I think the day after, the Log Book remained in my possession and was given to me by Odorino.

The particulars of yesterday's statement concerning the handing over of the Log Book I don't remember exactly. Following upon reflection I remembered that the Log Book was given by me to Major Gray and that he handed it to some one else present. This happened at the time the car was taken away.

When Odorino, after speaking to Major Gray, came to say that the car had been requisitioned by him (Major Gray), in order to convince myself of the truth, I went to Migliarotti for confirmation. He answered that it was not true. I declare also that I asked several times for the car to be requisitioned, but always Migliarotti answered neither "yes" or "no".

Migliarotti came to me and and to Odorino in order to obtain a written declaration in legal form about the transferring of ownership of the car to the name of Major Gray. I opposed this request because doing it would lose right of ownership. Migliarotti was alone. This happened before Odorino went and spoke to Major Gray.

I never said to Major Gray or anyone else, that the car was mine. All that I wrote to-day is the truth.

Following the discussion of the particulars I remember exactly that I had the Log Book from Odorino. Now I remember giving the Log Book to Major Gray on the day the car was taken away.

(Signed) Giovanni Aiello.

Statement written by Aiello in my presence.  
Security Branch. A.C.C. 7.6.44. H. Con.

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The particulars of yesterday's statement concerning the handing over of the Log Book I don't remember exactly. Following upon reflection I remembered that the Log Book was given by me to Major Gray and that he handed it to some one else present. This happened at the time the car was taken away.

When Odorino, after speaking to Major Gray, came to say that the car had been requisitioned by him (Major Gray), in order to convince myself of the truth, I went to Migliarotti for confirmation. He answered that it was not true. I declare also that I asked several times for the car to be requisitioned, but always Migliarotti answered neither "Yes" or "No".

Migliarotti came to me and to Odorino in order to obtain a written declaration in legal form about the transferring of ownership of the car to the name of Major Gray. I opposed this request because doing it would lose right of ownership. Migliarotti was alone. This happened before Odorino went and spoke to Major Gray.

I never said to Major Gray or anyone else, that the car was mine. All that I wrote to-day is the truth.

Following the discussion of the particulars I remember exactly that I had the Log Book from Odorino. Now I remember giving the Log Book to Major Gray on the day the car was taken away.

(Signed) Giovanni Aiello.

Statement written by A-iello in my presence. .  
Security Branch. A.C.C. 7-4-44. II-30am.

(Signed) Richard Fielders.  
Captain.

HEADQUARTERS.

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

Security Branch.

7th April, 1944.

Francesco Migliorotti says:-

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The same day I went and inspected the car with Aiello, Cernia and an American soldier. It was a Fiat 1500, saloon, ivory coloured and maroon wings. It was in very good condition. It was in a room in the same house as Aiello lived in. It was without wheels and tyres. I returned and told Lt. Bellotti it was a very fine car. Lt. Bellotti said it was too late as he had made arrangements to get a car from some one else.

Two or three days later Lt. Bellotti told us to go with Major Gray and take possession of the car. I then went with Major Gray, Cernia and two mechanics. We took an American truck containing four wheels. Major Gray went by car. We met Aiello at his house. We found that the room in which the car was stored was locked. Eventually after about half an hour we managed to open the door. We had to force one lock, opening the second with a key. Aiello could not find the owner of the car.

When we opened the door we put the wheels on the car and got it ready to tow away. Just before the car was taken away the owner arrived. I saw the owner, Aiello and Major Gray speaking together. I do not know what the conversation was about. I saw Aiello hand the Log Book over to Major Gray.

I may have gone back to Aiello's house to say everything was alright over the car, but I cannot be certain.

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One day Major Gray showed me the Log Book. He asked me if it was necessary to have a new book in order to transfer the ownership, to himself. I said it was not necessary. This took place about 15 days after Major Gray got the car.

The owner of the car has seen me twice since the Major has had the car. The owner has asked me what has happened to the car. I told him not to worry, as if Major Gray had promised to return the car he would do so.

I have also seen Aiello several times, and he has mentioned the car. I assured him it was alright. Then he said Major Gray had sold the car.

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He also said he had seen the car being driven by an Italian civilian. This conversation took place about a month ago. I do not know if the car has been requisitioned or borrowed. I never told the owner or Aiello that it had only been borrowed.

The following was written by Migliarotti in Italian in his own handwriting.

I declare that when I met the owner of the car, he asked me how he could make the car safe. I asked him what was the condition between him and the Major. He said that the Major should give back the car at the time he will leave. He then said, "and if it will be requisitioned, what will be the end of the car?" I answered that it will be at the disposal of the Allied Command like each requisitioned car. The owner wanted to know the best manner to stop the car being moved from Naples. I said to him that it would be a good thing to make a certificate of the lending or the transfer of ownership. The owner would not agree to this and from this day we never spoke about this again.

I can assure that I never had some money for this transaction. I don't know where the car actually is, or what has happened to it. I never said to either the owner or Aiello that Major Gray had borrowed the car, because the conditions of the transferring were unknown to me.

I declare that in all my conversations with Aiello over his requesting of the car, I showed him how I made the transfer of ownership from Picca to Lt. Bellotti, and I showed him this on a form.

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6th April, 1944.

Joseph Bellotti says:-

I am a 2nd Lt. in the American Army and am Purchasing and Contracting Officer, Region 3, Headquarters, at the Prefecture.

On 6th December, 1943, the car I had been using for my work was turned over to the motor pool, Region 3, on the instructions of Colonel Ashley, 5th Army, A.M.C. This left me without a car.

A few days later I went to Aiello's house to have dinner. I had previously met Aiello as I was billeted at his wife's sister's house. This is the only time I have ever been to Aiello's house. I took Migliarotti with me as he knew the way. Migliarotti was employed by Region 3 at the Villa Maria Headquarters Company. Migliarotti used to work with me sometimes. He was useful to help find the way about Naples when I was after supplies. He knew Naples and the people very well.

During the meal I told Aiello that I was without a car. He replied straight away that he ~~WHEWHEWHEWHEWHEWHEW~~ could find me a car. He said he knew where there were some cars stored away owned by fascists. I said, "Alright, if you find one for me O.K."

I told Aiello that we had several Italian cars without wheels, and that if he knew where we could find wheels we should be very pleased. There was a man present who said he had some wheels. After the meal he produced four wheels, without tyres, pedals type to take size 16 tyres. The man gave me the wheels. He did not ask for payment and I did not give him a receipt. I handed the wheels over to Lt. Zarra at the motor pool for use on A.M.C. requisitioned cars. This is the last time I saw them.

A few days later I received a note from Aiello saying he had found a good car for me, a Fiat 1500. He advised me to come and get the car if I still wanted one as some other people were going to requisition it. In the note Aiello did not say the owner only wanted to lend the car to an Allied Officer.

By this time I had secured another car and no longer wanted one. Major Gray was present and saw the note. He said he was looking for a car and I handed him the note.

From then onwards I had nothing more to do with the car, although I did see it in the possession of Major Gray. I did not go and fetch the car with Major Gray. At no time did I tell Aiello to go and help Cernia and Migliarotti find cars for me.

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Aiello is not correct when he says I visited his house about 10 days after the Allies entered Naples. This is absolutely untrue. I only went to his house and that was shortly after 8th December, 1943. I did not meet Aiello for the first time until sometime in November, 1943.

I never received any other note from Aiello and most certainly no note from Aiello after the car was taken asking for a receipt, for the car, or for assurances that the car was alright.

A long time after the car was obtained by Major Gray, the owner came and saw me at Villa Maria. He asked me what could be done over his car as he could not get it back. I told the man that he must see Major Gray, who had the car, and Aiello, who was the one who arranged for the car to be handed over. He said he had seen Major Gray once.

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I have no knowledge of Migliarotti trying to get the owner to transfer the ownership of the car to Major Gray.

Migliarotti was not employed under me at the Prefecture until 1st February, 1944, which contradicts what Aiello says. Migliarotti previously during November, December, and January, was employed at Villa Maria by Captain Black and then by Major Gray.

(Signed) Joseph Bellotti.  
2nd Lt. U.S.A.

Statement taken down by me, read over to and signed by Lt. Bellotti at the Prefecture at 11-5am 8-4-44.

(Signed) Richard Filders.  
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HEADQUARTERS.

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

Security Branch-B.

9th April, 1944.

Stephen J. Borg says:-

I am a Lt. Colonel in the British Army and an Assistant Provincial Commissioner for Naples Province.

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I used the Fiat 1500 on the day of the exchange. It was in a bad mechanical condition, and went into the workshops, the next day, from where it was taken out after a few days by Major Fletcher for delivery to A.C.C. I later passed the Libretto on to Major Fletcher.

I do not know where the car came from and whether it had been requisitioned or not. I do not know its previous history. Major Gray did not give me any explanation as to where the car came from.

(Signed) S.J. Borg. Lt. Col.  
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Napoli, 23 Marzo 1944.

DI LORENZO Achille fu Carlo e di Carrelli Maria, nato a Napoli il 13.5.1909, abita in Via Parco Marcherita n° 1.-

E' coniugato con Tomacelli Mercedes ed ha una figlia, a nome Maria, di anni 7.- La detta signora, assieme alla figliuola, dal giugno 1943 si trova in Svizzera, ove si era recata per visitare i genitori, colà residenti.-

Il Di Lorenzo ha un fratello a nome Arturo, coniugato, e 2 sorelle: Antonietta, coniugata De Green, Capitano d'aviazione; e, Carolina, coniugata al Duca Di Giovanni Giovanni.-

E' impiegato da molti anni presso la Compagnia Campana del Gas a Matano, con sede in Via Roma n° 123.-

E' stato iscritto al disciolto partito fascista dal 1932 (a seguito della disposizione che rendeva obbligatoria l'iscrizione a tutti i impiegati), non ha ricoperto cariche pubbliche, non ha partecipato a manifestazioni politiche né risulta abbia avuto rapporti con autorità civili e militari tedesche.-

La madre del Di Lorenzo è proprietaria della Villa Maria, al Parco Marcherita n° 1; ove abitano, e di altro stabile sito alla Maddalena, distrutto da incursione aerea.- Un fratello del padre del Di Lorenzo, deceduto circa 2 anni orsono, ha lasciato in eredità ai nipoti alcuni quartini nei pressi della Torretta.-

Tutti i componenti della famiglia, vivono in buone condizioni economiche.-

Tre quartini dello stabile di Villa Maria, sono stati requisiti dagli Alleati.-

Risulta che il Di Lorenzo Achille, assieme ad una cognata, da circa 4 mesi, gestisce un ristorante (vuolisi il Pinguino), in Via Chiaia.- In detto ristorante si praticerebbero prezzi esosi.-

Risulta che il Colonnello Hum, abitante nello stabile del Di Lorenzo, abbia conservato a costui una piastrina di riconoscimento per incarichi (onorarsi quali), affidategli.-

Serba buona condotta politica. Gli atti di quest'Ufficio risulta nel 1938 contravvenzionato ai sensi art. 145 legge di P.S., nel 1941 denunciato alla P. Procura per injurie, diffamazione e appropriazione indebita e nel 1943 contravvenzionato ai sensi art. 650.C.P.-

Non è in possesso di titoli accademici né è insignito di onorificenze cavalleresche.-

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
SECURITY BRANCH

TRANSLATION-

16 March, 1944.

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Given, though, the insistence of many Allied officers, especially those in transit from the front lines, who absolutely wanted to buy food in this locale. Even going so far as to ask that their rations be cooked there. On the other hand, not wanting to transgress any AMG order the undersigned, in accordance with previous approval of the Allied Authorities ~~it was~~ decided to transform the premises into a restricted (private) club. And from the AMG came a circular containing the announcement of the constitution and the rules of the Club.

Nearly all of the officers of the AMG started proceedings to enroll in said Club.

As a result of this the Metropolitan Command sent out an American Non-Commissioned officer to remove the "OFF LIMITS" sign, which, for unknown reasons, had been put up on the premises, the only

restaurant in Naples to suffer such a humiliation. For all restaurants are "OFF LIMITS".

Due to the fact that the food allotted by the Allied Command was insufficient, the opening of the said Club was suspended.

In these circumstances, on the evening of March 14, at 1945, there occurred a deed absolutely unqualifiable:

Some American M.P.'s under the Command of a Lieutenant knocked on the closed door of the restaurant at the said time, they asked to be let in, stating their reasons for the visit. Upon entering they instituted a very careful search of immediate surroundings, where there was, other than the employees, two Italian clients, and an Officer with a French nurse, who were in the act of leaving. Nothing out of the ordinary was found. In spite of this the fore-mentioned agents proceeded to arrest Sigg. GIORGIO & MASSIMO BAGHETTI, Sig. BAGHETTI, Signa SALVI (Sig. Massimo Baghetti's fiancée) and all of the feminine employees, who worked in the kitchen and the waitresses. No reasons were given.

Immediately informed of the happenings the undersigned the very same night interested a high ranking officer of AMG. He understood the situation very well. He immediately contacted the Police Authorities. In the first place he communicated that the charge against the arrested was "Prostitution" Imagine.... He said that he he had protested and guaranteed, under his responsibility, the honesty of the accused, who were well known to high ranking Allied Officers. He then requested the release of the same, stating that they had made a mistake.

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This unheard of procedure which assumes the character of an inexplicable persecution can not be endured by the undersigned, who are well known in Italy and abroad, where they have relatives and friends in the highest spheres.

It follows that explanations are to forthcome.

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Light Lunch - Cakes - Tea

Sale of Artistic Objects for Present

Napoli 16 Marzo 1944

AL COMANDO MILITARE ALLEATO

N.A.P.O.L.I.

I sottoscritti Duchessa Nives Benfelice di Baglietti, Duchessa Clotilde del  
3 sive di Caprigliano, Mte. Achille di Lorenzo, espongono quanto segue:

All'inizio di quest'anno i sottoscritti, a seguito di vive interessamento  
ed incoraggiamento da parte di Alte Personalità dell'A.M.G., ed sono vari promotori dell'  
l'apertura di un ristorante - con tutto il cui carattere, tutti gli organizzatori e la  
persone per le quali lo stesso è stato organizzato, è stato sempre ispirato alla più  
alta dignità. - Lo scopo principale era di creare un luogo accogliente per gli Of-  
ficiali del Comando Alleato e Personalità Italiane potessero incontrarsi per il lunch  
e per il tea.

Lo stesso A.M.G. inviò i cartelli assicurati che il locale era riservato  
ai soli Ufficiali.

Per un mese circa il locale ha perfettamente funzionato con un grande suc-  
cesso ed incoraggiamento di tutti coloro che lo frequentavano.

A seguito della disposizione del A.M.G. che faceva divieto agli Ufficiali d'  
dell'A.M.G. di prendere cibo in ristoranti italiani, il locale ha usufruito degli Of-  
ficiali Alleati solo come tea room e bar.

I sottoscritti, sulla loro parola di gentiluomini americani nella maniera  
più categorica che nessuna transgressione è stata mai fatta alla suddetta disposizione  
dell'A.M.G. i vari Ufficiali Alleati possono far fede di quanto sopra: ed essi è stato  
servito soltanto con il tea dei pasticcini e dei sandwich, commensale che gli stessi  
possono fare in tutti i bar, rosticceria e locali di Napoli, ove detti generi sono paganti  
alla vendita al pubblico.

A maggior conferma di quanto suddetto sta il fatto che la M.P. americana,  
che da oltre un mese specialmente visita il locale, malgrado tutte le ispezioni mai con-  
cepito affermazioni da qualsiasi parte provenienti, non ha mai trovato nel locale alcun  
Ufficiale Alleato che preserva, ed in alcun modo contravveniva al regolamento, ed ha mai  
rinvenuto alcun genere alimentare di provenienza alleata.

A questo punto si precisa che i generi alimentari del ristorante stesso

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serviti, parte erano di provenienza regolarmente assegnata dalla Sez. Provinciale della Alimentazione di Napoli come per tutti i ristoranti di Napoli, ed il restante era acquistato nei pubblici negozi della città e della provincia ove i predetti generi sono tutt'ora esposti con i relativi prezzi alla vendita al pubblico, cosa che usano fare del resto tutti, meno escluso, i ristoranti di Napoli.

Data però l'insistenza di molti Ufficiali Alleati, in ispecie quelli di paese saggio, reduci dalle linee del fronte, che volevano assolutamente prendere cibo nel locale stesso, chiedendo alle volte persino di farsi cucinare le proprie razioni, e d'altra parte non avendo mai voluto i sottoscritti per nessuna ragione mai contravvenire ai regolamenti dell'A.M.G., di accordo e previa approvazione delle Autorità Alleate proposte si decise di trasformare il locale in un ristretto Club, e, dallo stesso A.M.G. fu emessa una circolare contenente l'annuncio della costituzione ed i regolamenti del Circolo.

La quasi totalità degli Ufficiali dell'A.M.G. inviò lettere di calda adesione al Circolo stesso.

A seguito di ciò, per ordine del Comando della Metropolitan Area fu inviato un sottufficiale americano a rimuovere il cartello "Off Limits" che, per cause inspiegabili, la M.P. aveva apposto alla porta del locale, unico ristorante di Napoli sottoposto a tale umiliazione, pure essendo tutti allo stato "Off Limits" -

Per ragioni di carattere alimentare e di assegnazione di generi da parte delle Autorità Alleate, la apertura del circolo stesso fu, di accordo sospesa.

Così stando le cose, la sera del 14 marzo u.S. alle ore 7.45, è avvenuto un fatto assolutamente inqualificabile:

Alcuni agenti della M.P. Americana, al comando di un Tenente, hanno bussato alla predetta ora alla porta del ristorante che era chiusa, chiedendo di salire e declinando le proprie mansioni: regolarmente introdotti essi hanno effettuato una minuziosa visita al locale stesso ove si trovavano, oltre al personale, due clienti italiani ed un ufficiale con una maresciallo francese in procinto di andar via: nulla di normale fu da essi notato, e, ciò non ostante i predetti agenti hanno proceduto all'arresto dei Sigg. Giorgio e Massimo Baghetti, della Sig. Baghetti, della Sig. na Baghetti, della Sig. na Salvi fidanzata del Sig. Massimo Baghetti, e di tutto il personale femminile, sia di sala che di

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cucina, senza dirne la ragione.

Informati prontamente dell'accaduto, i sottoscritti la sera stessa hanno interpellato un Alto Ufficiale dell'A.M.G. che molto bene conosceva l'ambiente e le persone che lo componevano perché chiedesse spiegazioni ed intervenisse prontamente in merito. Questi si mise in pronto contatto con le Autorità di Polizia e, per il primo egli stesso meravigliatissimo cominciò di avere saputo che le imputazioni fatte al locale ed alle persone arrestate erano di "meretrizio" (sic!) : aggiunto di avere protestato e garantito sotto la propria responsabilità circa la perfetta insospettabile onestà degli incolpati, molto ben conosciuti da lui stesso e da Alte Autorità Alleate, e chiese il rilascio dei medesimi essendo evidente l'errore.

E' un fatto incredibile che nessun provvedimento fu preso, e le signore, in numero di nove, furono trattenate in Questura come pubbliche meretrici, ed al mattino seguente subirono la pubblica vergognosa visita medica di controllo delle meretrici.

Questo inaudito provvedimento che assume carattere di inspiegabile persecuzione, supera ogni limite di dignitosa sopportazione e fa sì che i sottoscritti, i cui nomi e le cui persone sono ben noti in Italia ed all'Estero, ove hanno parentale ed amicizie nelle più alte sfere, esigano da chi di dovere le più ampie soddisfazioni in merito.

Si chiede anzitutto l'intervento per l'immediato rilascio delle persone ancora trattenate da oltre 24 ore, ciò essendo anche in contrasto alla legge sugli arresti da cotesto spottabile A.M.G. promulgata. Al Sigg. Baghetti si fa imputazione di avere appeso senza autorizzazione il cartello "Off.Limits", il che è assolutamente falso e dovrebbe risultare anche negli uffici della M.P. poiché, come già è stato innanzi detto, il cartello fu rimosso da un sottufficiale americano dietro ordine del Comandante della P.B.S.

Poiché la M.P. ha nuovamente creduto di dovere apporre al locale varie scritte "Off Limits" i sottoscritti chiedono che i predetti cartelli siano rimossi e si impegnano, sotto la loro personale responsabilità, ad impedire che nel locale si contravenga alle disposizioni dell'A.M.G. riguardanti i ristoranti.

Monica e Vera Sampaio e  
di Baghetti

Plot. ede del Babo  
di Papargliano

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Adulio di Torino

HEADQUARTERS  
METROPOLITAN AREA  
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION  
APO 782

W. R. DAVIES

10. 30. 44

22 March 1944

Subject: Report of Investigation, Raid on Baghetti Club.

To : Commanding General, Metropolitan Area.

1. This investigation includes the following documentary evidence with exhibits "A" to "F":

Letter, subject: Investigation of Civilian Arrests.  
Exhibit "A"

Affidavit of 1st Lt. James H. Davis. Exhibit "B"

Photostat copy letter, Col. Crichton. Exhibit "C" *Examine in file*

Statement of Captain Cherry. Exhibit "D"

Letter to General Insell. Exhibit "E"

Memo, Major Ralph A. Tolve, Closing of Baghetti Club. Exhibit "F"

## 2. FACTS:

On or about the 14th of March 1944, the Vice Control Squad in command of 1st Lt. James H. Davis raided the Baghetti Club located at 134 Via Chiaia, Naples area, at approximately 1945 hours. The Vice Squad had received instructions from Captain Cherry of the Provost Marshall's Office to lock up all personnel except allied military personnel, who if found were to be booked and released, they also had instructions to confiscate all liquor. Nine women were arrested and taken to Military Police District Number 1 where they were booked and examination was made by an Italian medical officer, three were released on the 15th of March, three were released on the 14th of March and three were hospitalized, but were released on the 17th of March. Six were reported virgins, and three clean. Two co-owners were arrested. One French Lieutenant was found eating food, was booked and then released. The women were booked as being suspected of prostitution. This was done at the direction of the Provost Marshall's Office, and the women were to be released the following morning if found to be free from venereal disease. Mrs. Baghetti, her daughter and her son's fiancée were released after spending a short time in jail. These three women were not examined at this time, but were later examined. On numerous occasions allied personnel have been found eating at this club. Flour, sugar, tea, coffee, Canadian cigarettes and GI blankets were found in the club, and at the home of Baghetti. Off Limits signs have from time to time been placed on this club, due to the proprietor selling food to allied personnel, but at the time of the raid this sign was not displayed, but has again been placed at the door.

## 3. FINDINGS:

a. On or about the 19th of February 1944 at approximately 1000 hours a raid was made on the Baghetti Club by Captain Lewis, Public Service Officer Region 5, along with a sergeant and a civilian policeman, who was employed by Public Service. Ten packages of Canadian cigarettes

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were found in office of the club, twelve pounds of flour, three pounds of sugar, six pounds of tea, and one and one half pounds of coffee were found in the kitchen. A small boy working at the club informed Captain Lewis that he had been bringing food from Mr. Baghetti's home to the club and inspection of the home of Mr. Baghetti was made and two American Army blankets, Army chocolate, coffee and sugar were found. The explanation of this finding, by Mr. Baghetti, was that allied officers had brought this food requesting the club to prepare a few delicacies for some of their lady friends. Questions have been recently asked of the proprietor what his charges were for meals, and the reply was one hundred and fifty lire. It had been reported by some officers that the club charges were far exceeding this price.

b. The raid on the 19th of February caused quite a discussion between Captain Lewis and a Colonel Crichton, British Public Health Officer Region 3, Colonel Crichton appeared to be very much annoyed and the prosecution of this case was not pressed at this time, which was very displeasing to Captain Lewis. Captain Lewis has recently been transferred to the U. K.

c. Major Carruthers, British Provost Marshal, reports that on one occasion he dropped by the Baghetti Club at approximately 2345 hours and found several allied officers eating food. On another occasion he saw several officers sitting down at a table which was set for the serving of food, but no food was on the table at this time. On another occasion Major Carruthers saw a large side of meat in the kitchen of the club. On the 13th of March Major Carruthers dropped by the club and found three British officers being served food, one of the British officers was writing out a curfew pass for one of the waiters.

d. Major Carruthers is very much interested in the high rate of venereal diseases among officers and on several occasions noticed a number of cars parked in front of the Baghetti Club. At one time an American officer whose name he does not remember informed Major Carruthers that the women who were acting as waitresses in the club were contacting officers at the club and charging as high as two thousand lire for intercourse. The assumption was that the Baghetti Club was a meeting place for this purpose.

e. Major Carruthers has been in personal touch with the American Provost Marshall as to the activities of this club, and with the above information it was deemed necessary to raid this club to endeavor to find proof of the serving of food and the type of women working there.

f. On one occasion Captain Cherry, Police Inspector MA, noticed that the proprietor had placed a small sign above the Off Limits sign stating he could sell wine to allied troops. The proprietor at this time was informed that if any allied troops were caught in his club again he would be arrested.

g. The shutter over the door is kept down and unlocked, and the officers that wished to enter can lift the shutter, enter, and close it after him.

h. Immediately following the raid 14th of March 1944, and while the women who were arrested and being detained at Police District Number 1, the night duty officer stated that he released Mrs. Baghetti, her daughter and her son's fiancee due to receiving a telephone call from Colonel Crichton. Colonel Crichton was very indignant over the raid, and demanded their release. At the same time a Captain of a Railway Service called by telephone and asked Lt. Davis if he realized what he had done to himself by raiding this establishment, and the Captain was informed that they were simply following their instructions.

i. It was reported that the Di Lorenze brothers owned and

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controlled the Baghetti club. They are personnel friends of Mr. Baghetti and own a spacious villa in Naples, a portion of which is occupied by Brigadier Hume and Colonel Oricton. It is also reported that the Di Lorenzo brothers are very wealthy.

j. A few weeks ago it was planned to make an AMG Club of the Baghetti Club but for some reason due to certain technicalities it did not materialize.

k. Colonel Young, British officer, has complete file covering the raid of the 19th of February and a few other incidents prior to the raid of the 14th of March 1944.

l. Captain Dellosso, Public Safety Officer AMG Region 3, reports that a meeting was held on 29th of January covering the activities of restaurants in the city of Naples. There had been several violations of serving food to the allied personnel by restaurants. A good many restaurants had been issued temporary license, but not for the sale of food to allied personnel. This meeting was called due to complaints from various restaurant owners about protection being given to some restaurants and not the others.

m. The Baghetti Club has violated directives of this headquarters and other headquarters by serving food to allied troops, and having in their possession food that appeared to be government rations.

n. Mr. Baghetti had been warned several times with respect to this violation, and informed that he would be arrested if this situation again existed.

o. Actual proof of prostitution by women waitresses of this club is not obtainable due to not being able to secure names of officers who have stated that some women of this establishment have charged as high as two thousand lire for intercourse, and that these women were there for the purpose of making this type of contact with allied officers.

p. With all the attached exhibits as evidence it is felt that the Provost Marshall was acting in good faith and in line of duty in making the raid on the Baghetti Club as of the 14th of March 1944.

LEWIS D. BLOUNT  
Major, A. C. D.  
Investigating Officer

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*Please return to*

SECURITY BRANCH

30. Nov. 44

Memorandum - Pastry cook shop in Via Supportico Vita.

No pastry cook shops exists at the above mentioned address, not even a clandestine one. The nearest one to that address is located at Via S. Vincenzo 6, and it is owned by Ferrucci Michele, born in Campania (Salerno) on November, 16th, 1887.

About a month ago the Ferrucci's shop was searched by Questura Police Officers and a certain amount of pastry was confiscated.

Further enquiries have not revealed alleged bribery committed by a Police Officer who visited the shop in the first days of February, 1944.

*This confirms previous report*

*Ro.*  
27th March, 1944.

HEADQUARTERS.

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

Security Branch.

4th March, 1944.

SUBJECT :- Signora TORNABENE Teresa.

TO :- Colonel A.E.Young.

1. I have to report that the above-named woman has been employed as a secretary by Region 3 since early in October, 1943. A report on her from the Questore is attached.

2. She was employed by Colonel Kraege in the Municipio in the first place, and when this Officer removed to the Prefettura she was also transferred and continued to work under this Officer.

3. Certain Heath, Security Officer, Region 3, received information that Tornabene was receiving a salary of 15,000 (fifteen thousand) lira per month. (A37-10-0d.)

4. In order to check this story I called upon Lt Bellotti, Employment and Purchasing Officer, Region 3. I told him I came from A.C.C. that I was thinking of employing a British subject, and as I understood Region 3 employed several American subjects, could he advise me on the matter. I then asked if these persons received similar pay to Italian subjects and worked under the same conditions.

5. He replied that they did and received from 4,000 to 6,000 lira per month. I then asked if a person had special qualifications, would they be paid more. He said they had only one person highly paid, Signora Tornabene, who was receiving 15,000 lira per month, and still employed to-day.

6. To make certain there was no misunderstanding I repeated the figure back to him, and he again said, "15,000 lira per month." For fear of raising suspicion I did not ask who had authorised this very high wage and why?

7. Two Region 3 Officers have told me that this woman is related to the Di Lorenzo brothers, in whose villa several Region 3 Officers live, but I have been unable to obtain evidence to support this.

8. Lt. Bellotti said that P.B.S. had issued and sent to Region 3 a copy of Procurement Regulations, in which <sup>16</sup>was set out the wages to be paid to civilian employees. I have obtained this from P.B.S. together with an amendment, copies attached.

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9. At the back of both the original and the amendment is set out the rates of pay for each grade. The maximum figure is only 10,000 lira per month for professional men. In the amended edition, dated 26 Jan 44, the highest paid female is shown as "Typist, Shorthand (stenog) English speaking," at 120 lira per DAY, which for 31 days is only 3720 lira.

Contents given Verbally to Col.  
Crawshaw (Finance) and copies  
of two circulars handed to him.

5 MAR 44.

Agreed.  
Capt.

Approved.  
Captain.

Col. Young - Sports with

Col. Young in this subject

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TRANSLATION

R. QUESTURA di NAPOLI

Letter File n. 1034023

Naples, 23 February 1944

SUBJECT: Information on behalf of TERNABENE Teresa.

TO : C.T. FRANCIS, Lt. Colonel, Public Safety, NAPLES.

In answer to your letter communication is given regarding information obtained of Ternabene Teresa daughter of the late Salvatore and the late Musacchia Ninfa, born in Palermo on 28 September 1897, resident in Naples in Via Aniello Falcone 442, III floor internal 4:-

At the age of 12 she emigrated with her family to New York where she lived up to July 1928, acquiring the American citizenship. In August of the same year she returned to Italy and took up her residence in Palermo where she has a job as secretary with the American Consulate. In October of 1929 she was transferred to this town continuing her duty with the local Consulate, up to March 1941, date in which she married Avvocato Pepe Luigi, son of the late Aniello and the late Sessa Rachele born in Pagani on 31 January 1905.

They were very soon separated because of incompatibility of character.

Ternabene remained in this town. During the night of September 4, 1941, it is said that she was searched for by the Germans. She has never shown sympathy towards them.

Her conduct, in general, is good and she is esteemed by the public. Her economic situation is good.

jms/tp.

IL QUESTORE  
(G. Lauricella)15  
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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
SECURITY BRANCH  
A.P.O. 394.

4 March, 44.

SUBJECT : Raid on Baghetti 's tea Rooms.  
TO : Colonel A.E. YOUNG.

1. Attached hereto is a file of statements received from Lt. Col. Francis, regarding the above, together with a circular memorandum and list<sup>6</sup> rules relating to a Club to be run on the premises of these tea Rooms. Also my original report dated 27-2-44.

2. Unfortunately Capt. Lewis, who was in charge of the raid, is leaving to-day for another theatre of operations. However, the property is still in the possession of Region 3 Public Safety.

3. It will be seen from Lt. Col. Francis's report, 2nd para, that shortly after the raid Colonel Crichton, telephoned to Lt. Col. Francis to inform him that only a small quantity of property had been found for which there was a reasonable excuse.

4. Lt. Col. Francis replied that he had only had verbal information of the result of the raid, and that it was probable proceedings would be taken against the proprietors.

5. Then two days after the raid, on 21st February 1944, Lt. Col. Francis and Captain Lewis went to Colonel Crichton's Office, at this Officer's request and there found di Lorenzo and Duchess Nives di Bagnoli. The whole question was discussed and explanation given. This certainly does seem an extraordinary way of deciding whether or not a prosecution should take place, when one of the proprietor's (di Lorenzo) is present.

6. Colonel Crichton is Regional Public Health Officer and he is said to live in that portion of the di Lorenzo villa which is occupied by Allied Officers.

*Richard Fielding*  
Captain

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REGION 3, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
APO 394, U.S. ARMY  
REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE

2 March 1944

On Saturday 19 February 1944, about 1000 hours, a raid was made on the Baghetti Tea Room located at 134 Via Chiaia, by Capt. Alden A. Lewis of AMG Region 3 Public Safety. He was accompanied by Sgt Dante Riccitelli, AMG Region 3, Public Safety, Franta Kohn a civilian employee AMG Region 3, and Migliaccio Gaetano an Agent of the Pubblica Sicurezza.

The Agent Migliaccio was posted at the front door and ordered to prevent any civilian from leaving the tea room while the place was searched. I proceeded to search the premises for Allied goods and found the following:

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| 1 sack of American flour         | approx 10 lbs    |
| 1 jar of flour                   | approx 2 lbs     |
| 1 jar of sugar                   | approx 3 lbs     |
| 1 sack of tea                    | approx 6 lbs     |
| 10 packs 20's British Cigarettes |                  |
| 1 can of coffee                  | approx 1 1/2 lbs |

*I took possession of this*  
At the time of the search pasta was in the process of ~~being~~ prepared, on the kitchen table. The pasta was being made of American flour.

There were at the time of the raid several employees in the kitchen. There were no Army officers in the tea room during the time of the raid. While the raid was in progress several Italian women came in the Tea Room and seated themselves at the tables.

Mr Geo Baghetti who claimed he was a partner in the operation of the tea room, and the cook were brought to the Office of Public Safety, Region 3, by Agent Gaetano Migliaccio and Sgt Riccitelli.

Capt Lewis accompanied by Franta Kohn proceeded

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to the house occupied by Mr. Baghetti where a search was made for Allied goods. In Baghetti's house were found two U.S. blankets, 6 bars of U.S. D ration chocolate, a small amount of coffee and a small amount of sugar. These articles were brought to the Office of Public Safety, Region 3 and are now in our possession.

I then proceeded to the Office of Public Safety Region 3, where I questioned Mr George Baghetti. Sgt Riccietelli interpreted.

Mr Baghetti stated that the cigarettes had been traded by British Officers for four bottles of Vermouth and a few drinks at the bar. That the flour had been brought to the Tea Room by Air Corp Officers and requested that a cake be prepared for a party they were giving at the tea room. That the flour that was found was left over after the party and was left at the tea room. That the sugar had been brought to the Tea Room by Air Corp Officers. That the tea had been brought to the place by Canadian Officers.

Mr Baghetti and the cook were informed to leave and to return at 1500 hours 19 February with Achille Di Lorenzo his partner in the operation of the Tea Room.

At 1500 hours Mr Baghetti, Mr Di Lorenzo and the cook came into the office. di Lorenzo stated that he had stopped at the office of Col. Crichton AMG Public Health and Welfare Reg. 3 on his way to this office. He stated that Col. Crichton had given him a letter in regard to the operation of the tea room. di Lorenzo handed his letter to Capt. Lewis. The letter was addressed to Col. Crichton and signed by Gen. Iamel C.M. Metropolitan Area.

The letter was obviously in reply to a letter from Col. Crichton. In substance the letter stated that it was satisfactory to operate the tea room as an officers club composed of AMG officers and civilian members. The club would be under the direction of a committee composed of AMG officers and Italian representatives. This letter was returned to di Lorenzo. di Lorenzo was questioned regarding the contraband found in the restaurant and he stated that he was not interested in the kitchen. He did however give the same explanation of the contraband as Baghetti. Capt. Lewis then told them they could leave and await further orders.

ALLEN LEWIS  
Capt. Main, S.R.  
Public Safety Officer

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REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
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REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE

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2 March 1944

SUBJECT: Report of Raid on Baghetti Tea Room.

TO : Lt.Col. Francis, RPSO, Region 3.

A raid was made on Saturday, 19 February 1944, at about 10.00 hours on the Baghetti Tea Room, located at 134, Via Chiaia, Naples.

The raid was conducted by Capt. Lewis (A) of this office in the company of Franta Kohn, (a civilian employee of this office), an Agent of the Pubblica Sicurezza and myself T/4 Dante Riccitelli (A) also of this office.

I interpreted for Capt. Lewis, and before entering the premises, instructions were given by Capt. Lewis, to the P.S. Agent to stand at the front door and not allow any civilian to leave the Tea Room, but to permit entry.

When we entered the Tea Room, I spoke to some civilians working there and told them that Capt. Lewis was from the Public Safety Office, HQ. AMG Region 3, and that we were there to search the place for Allied property.

In the course of the raid, several civilians came in and started to ask a great number of questions. One of them claimed to be a Duchess or Countess and a friend of the proprietor, Di Lorenzo. She asked if we had a search warrant. I told her we did not, but explained to her <sup>what</sup> our object was in being there. She told me a story of knowing many high ranking officers in this City, including among them, General Hume, Lt.Col. Warner (P.S. Officer, Naples City) and Col. Crichton of Public Health and Welfare of HQ. AMG Region 3. She said that an attempt was being made to organize an Officers Club at the Tea Room, and that these officers knew all about it.

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While there, I spoke to a George Baghetti. He told me the Room was formerly a dry-goods shop. I asked him for the restaurant licence. He showed me one with a name not his own. I asked him who was the owner of the licence, and he said it was the cook. He then went on to explain that he was only the proprietor of the premises, that the cook had the licence for the restaurant and that Di Lorenzo was a third partner. He then told me the same story that the Duchess or Countess had previously told about organizing an Officer's Club.

During this time Capt. Lewis had found about ten packages of British or Canadian cigarettes. When I questioned Baghetti about them, he said that some British Officer had bought some bottles of Vermouth and had paid for them in cigarettes. Some flour and sugar were also found. When I asked him about that, he said that some Air Corps Officers had brought it and asked them to prepare some luncheon and sweets for some ladies they were entertaining, and the flour and sugar we had found was what was left over.

Franta Kohn and the P.S. Agent took some goods downstairs into the car, as I left I helped to carry a small sack of tea.

Before leaving I noticed two civilian women mixing some white flour to make macaroni. The flour was very white and it looked like our Army flour.

The last instructions Capt. Lewis gave before leaving was for me and the P.S. Agent to take George Baghetti and the cook, to our office at the Prefettura. He told me to walk them there.

Capt. Lewis and Franta Kohn arrived later. Capt. Lewis then asked Baghetti, the cook and me to go into his office. When we did, the Captain re-questioned Baghetti, but he just repeated the same story as to how they obtained the sequestered goods. The cook did not say a thing.

When Capt. Lewis finished his questioning, he told these two civilian to return that afternoon at 1500 hours and to bring with them their third partner, Di Lorenzo.

At about 1515 hours, Di Lorenzo, Baghetti and the cook arrived. This time Di Lorenzo did most of the talking. His story was the same as Baghetti's. In addition he showed Capt. Lewis a letter that stated that there was going to

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a meeting of some AMG Officers and some civilians at 1530 hours that afternoon in the Prefettura building. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the organization of the previously mentioned Officer's Club and to establish, its policy. I believed Col. Crichton's name was mentioned in the body of the letter.

Capt. Lewis then told them that was all, and that they could go.

*Dante Riccitelli*

Dante Riccitelli

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Chief Clerk

Regional Public Safety  
Office, AMG. Region 3.

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HEADQUARTERS  
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
APO 394, U.S. ARMY  
REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE

3 March 1944

SUBJECT: Raid on Baghetti Tea Room, 134 Via Chiaia, Naples.  
TO : Lt.Col. FRANCIS, RPSO, Region 3.

I, Franta Kohn, civilian employee of Public Safety  
HQ. Region 3 testify as follows:

About 15th February 1944 Capt. Rawlings (B), to whom I was recently an Interpreter, informed me that at Baghetti's Tea Room, 134 Via Chiaia, Naples, Allied cigarettes and food were being sold. I informed Capt. A.A. Lewis. On 17th February, Capt. Scott (A) told me that he had seen in this same Tea Room one of the civilian employees selling a pair of Allied Army gloves to another civilian.

On the 19th February 1944, at about 10.00 hours, Capt. Lewis, Sgt. Riccitelli, a civilian policeman and I, raided the Rooms. I accompanied Capt. Lewis and found in the office about 10 packages of Canadian cigarettes. In the kitchen we found a small bag of flour, some sugar, tea and coffee, which appeared to be Allied property. Sgt. Riccitelli and the civilian policeman Agente Migliaccio Gaetano took two civilians that were in the Tea Room to the Prefettura. Capt. Lewis and I went to the home of Mr Baghetti at Via Calascione N° 16, Monte di Dio, with a small boy we had found in the Tea Room, who had previously told me that he had been bringing food from Mr. Baghetti home to the Tea Room.

At this house we found two American Army blankets several pieces of Army chocolate and a small amount of coffee and sugar which we brought to our office.

At about 1500 hours the same afternoon Mr Di Lorenzo, Mr Baghetti and the cook arrived at our office and they and Sgt. Riccitelli went into Capt. Lewis's office. I joined them. They were questioned by Capt. Lewis, and Mr.

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Di Lorenzo attempted to justify the possession of the Allied goods by saying that some Allied Officers had brought them to the Tea Room in order to have prepared some dishes for some ladies they were bringing to the Tea Room and that the goods found were used and were left over. He showed Capt. Lewis a letter from a Colonel which said that the Tea Room was going to be an Officer's Club, where the officers could entertain their civilian friends.

Capt. Lewis then told them that they could leave and await further orders.

*Franta Kohn.*

Franta Kohn employee of  
Public Safety HQ. AMG.  
Region 3.

STATEMENT

During the late afternoon of 19 February, 1944, Captain LEWIS verbally reported to me that that morning, with others, he had raided the "Daghatti Tea Rooms" at 134 Via Chiaia, Naples, and had found therein Allied foodstuffs, that later the same morning he had searched Mr. Daghatti's house and had found a further small quantity of food and two blankets. He expressed disappointment that more was not found. He anticipated a much larger amount and, not finding it in the Tea Rooms, hoped he would discover further quantities in the house.

Shortly afterwards - about 1700 hours - Colonel CRICHTON, who is the Regional Public Health and Welfare Officer, rang me on the telephone and said he had been informed of the raid and that only a small quantity of Allied goods had been found, for the possession of which a reasonable explanation could be given by the proprietor. He further stated that the place was clean and of good repute and being run by responsible persons who would not, he was sure, knowingly do anything contrary to the law. I told him that I had so far received only a verbal report on the subject and that it was probable that proceedings would be taken against the proprietors for the unlawful possession of the property. He said he was sorry but did not suggest that this action should not be taken.

During Sunday morning, 20th, Colonel CRICHTON called at my office and spoke in the same strain adding that General IMBELL was willing for the Tea Rooms to be an Officers' Club. I told him that I had no further information and that proceedings were contemplated.

On Monday morning, about 9 a.m., Colonel CRICHTON asked me to go along to his office. I did so, accompanied by Captain LEWIS, and there found with Colonel CRICHTON a lady and gentleman - I believe the Duchessa Nives de Bagnoli and Mr. di Lorenzo.

Further explanations were given that the property seized was brought in by Allied officers or was the personal property of the proprietors and Colonel CRICHTON emphasized the desirability of such a place so that Allied Officers could entertain their Italian friends.

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I then told him that no further action would be taken but that if the place was to be used as a Club it would be necessary to put the "house in order" by forming a Committee and have rules. I stressed the necessity of the latter including restriction of membership to Allied Officers and their guests. I also said that price lists should be displayed. Colonel CRICHTON did not at any time ask that proceedings be dropped.

A circular memorandum enclosing the rules has since been received. The latter is signed by Colonel CRICHTON.

*B. S. Hamel*

Lieut. Colonel.

3<sup>rd</sup> March 1944

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## CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM :

Baghetti's Club.

1. A Club has been founded at Baghetti 134 Via Chiaia for the object of providing a select pease of entertainment for A.M.G. Officers and their friends in the Services to meet, and entertain civilian friends to lunch, tea and dinner.
2. The Club will open formally on the 4th March.
3. A copy of the Rules of the Club attached herewith.
4. A Committee has been formed consisting, of Col. W.H. Crichton, Lt. Col. the Lord Forester, Lt. Col. Borg, the Duchess Nives di Bagnoli, the Duchess Clotilde del Balzo, and the Noble Achille di Lorenzo.
5. A.M.G. Officers are invited to apply for Membership to Hon. Sec. Baghetti's Club.

W.H. Crichton  
Colonel,  
Regional Public Health Officer

## BAGHETTI'S CLUB

## RULES

1. Site:- Baghetti's Club is established at 134 Via Chiaia, Naples.
2. Object :- The aim of the Club is to provide a select peace of entertainment for Officers of the A.M.G. and their friends in the Services where they can meet and entertain civilian friends to lunch, tea, dinner.
3. Use of the Club :- Use of the Club will be restricted strictly to members and their Guests.
4. Membership :- Its Membership will be limited to a maximum of 300 and will include a number, not exceeding 30, of Italian Members.
5. Election :- Members will be elected by the Committee on introduction by a Member.
6. Membership Cards :- Elected members will be issued with a membership Card which is to be shown on demand by any authorized Club official.
7. Admission Fee :- There will be an Admission Fee of 100 Lire.
8. Temporary Membership :- Temporary Members may be elected for a maximum period of 7 days on introduction by a member and approval by a Member of the Committee the fee for temporary membership will be 50 Lire the receipt for which will constitute the Member's authority to use the Club.
9. Guests :- Ordinary Members only may invite guests to the Club and these will be limited to a maximum of ten in any one month. Temporary Members will not be entitled to invite guests.
10. Committee of Management :- The Club will be under the direction of a Committee composed of a President, Hon. Sec. and Treas. Two Officers of the A.M.G. and two Italian representatives.
11. Prices :- Prices of meals and of drinks will be determined by the Committee and displayed prominently on the Premises.
12. Service Charge :- Charge for Service will be 10%.
13. Hours of opening :- The Club premises will be open from 1000

hours to 2200 hours.

- I4. Management :- The Club will be under the management of Mr. George Baghetti subject to such condition as the Committee may see fit to impose.

HEADQUARTERS.

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.  
Security Branch.

27th February, 1944.

SUBJECT:- Naples Restaurants.

TO :- Colonel A.E. Young.

- I. I have to report that I have to-day discussed three restaurants with Major Zanchino, of the Carabinieri. They are the chief restaurants in Naples.
2. ZI' TERESA. Situated on the front opposite the Fort Dell'Ovo, and owned by an elderly woman of the same name. She is very rich and can be seen in the restaurant daily. She is believed to be receiving some sort of protection from some one at the Questura. The charges are most high, for recently Captain Heath, Security Officer, Region 3, visited the premises for lunch with a friend. He was charged 650 lira, but after some conversation with Zi'teresa, she reduced the bill to 500 lira. The restaurant is Out of Bounds now, but it is not known if she is obeying this order and supplying Officers with meals.
3. GIACOMINO'S. Situated in Via Vittorio Emanuele II. Owned by a man of the same name, who also receives some sort of protection from someone at the Questura according to Major Zanchino. The identity of the person is not known. Has been closed at least once, but always managed to re-open. Now Out of Bounds, and recently when two Allied Officers called there, Giacomino told them that he could not serve them.
4. Both Zi'teresa and Giacomino's restaurants were frequented by Allied Officers, especially Region 3 Officers, before being put Out of Bounds.
5. BAGHETTI. In the Via Chiaia, and managed by a man of the same name, but said to be owned and controlled by one of the Di Lorenzo brothers. Brigadier Hume and his staff occupy part of the villa owned by the Di Lorenzo brothers. The brothers are said to only live in a small portion on the ground floor. They are very rich. We are awaiting a report from the Questura about them.
6. Baghetti's was recently raided by Captain Lewis, (American) Region 3, Public Safety. A quantity of tea and a small quantity of American flour was found. Captain Lewis asked Baghetti what charges he had been making for meals and he said, "150 lira". This is an understatement, as Allied Officers have had to pay much ~~more~~ more for meals.
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8. The restaurant has now been turned into a club, but the details are not known. Col. Crichton used the restaurant to entertain his Italian friends, and used the club for the same purpose now.
9. Major Zanchino is continuing his enquiries and any further information that comes to his knowledge he will pass on to me.
10. On 24th February, 1944, I saw Lt. Col. Francis, but he was unable to supply much information about this raid. He could not produce any report. He said very little had been found and that no

prosecution had followed. He did mention that Colonel Crichton had visited him soon after the raid and discussed the matter with him and also that he personally had seen the man Baghetti and made certain that the club was going to be run on proper lines

// There are No copies of this report.

*Richard Felder*  
Captain.

