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SUBJECT: Alleged illegal sales and dispositions of official Allied Commission sale releases and transportation allotments.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters, G-5 Section, APO 512.

1. Reference is made to your letter G-5: 000.5 of 8 February 1945.

2. The officer concerned has been ordered to Three District, 54 Area, for disciplinary action.

3. The Security Division of the Public Safety Sub-Commission, in conjunction with CID and SIB, has for some time been giving very careful attention to matters of this kind. Cases which come to the attention of the Commission are turned over to the respective British and American criminal investigation agencies, to be investigated and prepared for trial. Vigilance on the part of Directors of Sub-Commissions, Regional and Provincial Commissioners, as well as the Security Division, has proved an affective deterrent and should go far toward the prevention of corruption on the part of personnel and employees of the Commission.

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6709th CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION PLATOON (PROV)

This case originated at: Bari, Italy		File No. CID-AAF/MTO Case # 676
Report made at: Bari, Italy	Date when made: 16 January 1945	Period for which made 26 Nov. 1944 - 12 January 1945
Title: Major C. KNIGHT (Br.), A.C. Supply Officer, Bari - Accused Mrs. Mini ANGELLI - Accused Dr. Giorgio CAVAZZUTI - Accused		Character of case: ILLEGAL SALE AND DISPOSITION OF OFFICIAL ALLIED COMMISSION SALE RELEASES AND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES

Synopsis of facts: Reports received 25 Nov. 1944 from Major Edward EVANS (British), U.S., Lt. Col. Printing Press, Bari, through 1st Lt. Patrick N. O'LEARY (U.S.), Allied Comm. Acctg. Officer, Bari, that an Italian printer paid 5,000 lire to procure an A.C. sale release for American printing paper. Investigation revealed that during Sept. and Oct. 1944 Major C. KNIGHT (Br.), A.C. Supply Officer, Bari, authorized sale releases of A.C. property, including American printing paper, and issued A.C. transportation permits, knowing they were being sold. Maj. KNIGHT gave official authorizations and permits to a lady friend, Mrs. Mini ANGELLI, who, with Dr. Giorgio CAVAZZUTTI, interpreter for Maj. KNIGHT, illegally sold them to the parties to whom they had been regularly issued for 7,481,720 lire ($24,817.20). Mrs. ANGELLI received 1,579,000 lire ($16,790.00), Dr. CAVAZZUTTI 578,000 lire ($5,790.00), and agents acting for them received 327,000 lire ($3,272.00). Civilians will be denounced in due course. In re Maj. KNIGHT, a copy will be sent to interested commands for information. Case closed.

Report made by: William N. Burden, WILLIAM N. BURDEN, Agent, C.I.D. — Thomas F. Hohney, THOMAS F. HOHNEY, Agent, C.I.D.

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Approved and forwarded: S. J. LUCKMAN, Acting Agent-in-Charge

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PETAILS:

1. 1st Lt. Patrick E. O'LEARY, Port Liaison Officer and Accounting Officer of the Allied Commission, Bari Zone, called this office on the morning of 29 November, 1944, and stated that Major Edward BUDD, (Br.), Officer Commanding, British Military Printing Press, Bari, had complained to him that an Italian employed in the office of the "Gazzetta del Mezzogiorno", and Italian newspaper, had illegally paid the sum of 5,000 lire to another civilian to procure a sale release of a quantity of A.C.-controlled American printing paper.

2. The undersigned Agent BURDEN, together with Lt. O'LEARY, visited Major Edward BUDD and learned that Abele LOJOLI, fl17 via Vittorio Veneto, Bari, employed by Major BUDD as director of the "Gazzetta del Mezzogiorno" and a partner in a private editorial printing establishment at 141 via Cairoli, had informed him he paid 5,000 lire to an Italian civilian to procure a release of a quantity of American paper from the A.C. office. Major BUDD told the said agent that he knew local Italian printing shops were in possession of Allied paper and did not understand how it was possible for them to obtain it.

3. The undersigned Agent BURDEN questioned Abele LOJOLI, fl17 Via Vittorio Veneto, Bari, who stated that it had been very difficult for him to secure paper for the operation of his private shop, either on the open market or through A.C. channels. Repeated requests for paper directed to the A.C. were turned down. On 17 October, 1944, a Mr. Marcello LAMBERTI, #5 via Piave, Bari, accompanied by an other Italian, came to his office and asked him if he needed printing paper similar to that issued by the P.W.B. through the A.C. He was told by Mr. LAMBERTI that he must pay the regular A.C. price plus a gift to them after the release had been obtained. Mr. LOJOLI made out a request to the A.C. for 1,500 kg. of paper and turned it over to Mr. LAMBERTI. On 21 October, 1944, the request was returned by Mr. LAMBERTI, approved by the A.C. Mr. LOJOLI deposited 22,500 lire in the "Banca Commerciale Italiana", Bari, the regular A.C. price of the paper. Upon presentation of the deposit slip and approved request, the A.C. paper warehouse at 217 via Estramurale Capurso, Bari, issued 1,500 kg of paper. Mr. LOJOLI further stated that, according to his agreement with Mr. LAMBERTI and his companion, he paid them the additional sum of 55,000 lire in cash on 22 October, 1944. Mr. LOJOLI expressed the belief that these men had done business with several other printing establishments of Bari in the same manner. (See Incl. #1.)

4. Mr. Marcello LAMBERTI, #5 via Piave, Bari, was next questioned by Agent BURDEN. He stated that he was told by a Mr. Riccardo LAMBERTI and a Mr. Virginio SBORGI, two friends of his, that they could procure printing paper reasonably if he knew anyone interested in buying it. Accordingly, he, LAMBERTI, contacted Mr. LOJOLI and arranged

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that he make a request to the A.C. which would in turn be forwarded by the Messrs. ZAMPIERI and SBORICI. A few days later the approved request was returned by Mr. ZAMPIERI and about 85,000 lira was collected from Mr. LUPOLI. Mr. SBORICI was given the money. Mr. LAMBERTI received about 14,000 lire for his services. (See Incl. #2.)

5. Virginio SBORICI, #272 Via Calefati, Bari, and Riccardo ZAMPIERI, also of #272 Via Calefati, were arrested on 27 November, 1944, by Agent BURDEN. Upon questioning they stated that they had received the authorization for paper releases through a lawyer, Dr. Vittorio BERNARDINI, #162 Via Crisanzio, Bari, but they refused to divulge the extent of their business with him. Both SBORICI and ZAMPIERI were confined at the Italian Prison.

6. Dr. Vittorio BERNARDINI, attorney, was arrested on 28 November, 1944, and questioned by Agent BURDEN. Dr. BERNARDINI claimed that sometime during September, 1944, a Mrs. Nini ARMIZZI, #162 Via Crisanzio, Bari, informed him it was possible for her to obtain releases from the A.C. for a quantity of printing paper. Mrs. ARMIZZI solicited him to interest himself in finding Italians who might be interested in buying the paper. Accordingly, Dr. BERNARDINI told Mr. SBORICI and Mr. ZAMPIERI, two friends of his daughter Giovanna. Mr. SBORICI and Mr. ZAMPIERI obtained shortly thereafter, requests for A.C. controlled paper from Italian firms and turned them over to Dr. BERNARDINI, who in turn gave them to Mrs. ARMIZZI, who had them approved by Major C. KNIGHT, A.C. Supply Officer. Mrs. ARMIZZI always stipulated that, in addition to the normal price paid for the paper to the A.C., an additional sum, ranging from 2,000 to 4,500 lire for each quintal received, be paid by the merchants receiving the paper. It was understood that of the additional sum paid, a "cut" of 1,000 lire a quintal, (of the quantity of paper obtained), was for Mrs. ARMIZZI and a similar amount of money for Dr. BERNARDINI. Any additional money left over was to be paid to a third person. (See Incl. #3.)

7. Agent BURDEN contacted Lt. Patrick O'LEARY, acting Supply Officer, A.C., Bari, and obtained from him a complete list of all paper releases granted by Major C. KNIGHT. Agent BURDEN was also informed at this writing time that Major KNIGHT had been transferred to Lucca, Italy.

8. Examination of the list referred to in paragraph 7 with Dr. BERNARDINI, disclosed the names and addresses of seven firms he was sure of as having purchased paper through himself, Mrs. ARMIZZI, Mr. ZAMPIERI and Mr. SBORICI. Dr. BERNARDINI insisted he could not remember all of them, pointing out four other firms that might have purchased paper through himself and Mrs. ARMIZZI. (See Incl. #3.)

9. On 4th December, 1944, photostatic copies of all original requests for printing paper, as approved by Major KNIGHT were made. (See attached Exhibits.)

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10. During the course of the investigation it was learned that Mrs. ARMIZZI no longer lived in Bari. On 30 November, 1944, Agent BURDEN contacted relatives of Mrs. Nini ARMIZZI in Bari and, posing as a friend of hers, was able to learn that she went to Lucca, Italy, where she was supposedly in the employ of Major KNIGHT as a secretary in the Supply Office of the Allied Commission at Lucca. It was further learned that Mrs. ARMIZZI's brother, Alfonso, resided at #18 Via Santa Angelica Americi, Rome, and that Dr. Giorgio CAVAZZUTI of Bari, who had worked in Major KNIGHT's office as an interpreter, was living with him.

11. Agent BURDEN, accompanied by an interpreter, proceeded to Rome on 27 November, 1944, where, posing as a friend of Mrs. ARMIZZI, he visited Alfonso ARMIZZI and Giorgio CAVAZZUTI. Alfonso ARMIZZI and Dr. CAVAZZUTI were most receptive and when informed of the intent of Agent BURDEN to visit Mrs. ARMIZZI in Lucca, both requested as a favor that written notes be delivered to her. Dr. CAVAZZUTI stated that he intended to return to Bari by automobile the following day.

12. The notes directed to Mrs. ARMIZZI were read by Agent BURDEN. The note written by Dr. CAVAZZUTI clearly indicated that he was acting with Mrs. ARMIZZI in the illegal sale of A.C. transportation authorizations. Dr. CAVAZZUTI made reference to one transaction involving a man named ROCA, stating that because of legal entanglements he was forced to agree to pay back 250,000 lire, half of the sum received by himself and Mrs. ARMIZZI. He referred to another transaction involving a man named PANSA, wherein CAVAZZUTI believed complete restitution would have to be made since the wine transportation anticipated had been blocked by the A.C. of Rome. He instructed Mrs. ARMIZZI not to worry and to "continue producing". (See Incl. #4 and 5.)

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13. On the evening of 27 November, 1944, Agent BURDEN telephoned the Bari C.I.D. office and instructed Agent Thomas F. HOLMES to arrest Dr. Giorgio CAVAZZUTI as soon as he arrived at his home at #182 Via Crisanzio, Bari.

14. On the morning of 28 November, 1944, Agent BURDEN proceeded to Lucca. Major KNIGHT was contacted at the A.C. Supply Office. He agreed to accompany Agent BURDEN in delivering the notes to Mrs. ARMIZZI. Upon arriving at the home of Mrs. ARMIZZI, Major KNIGHT was informed that it was necessary to take Mrs. ARMIZZI to Bari for questioning in a case involving being investigated by this office. When Major KNIGHT was told that Mrs. ARMIZZI and Dr. CAVAZZUTI had been selling releases granted by him, he stated that CAVAZZUTI, while working in his office as his interpreter, was considered by him to be his "second in command" but he knew of no abuses of the privileges granted him. Mrs. ARMIZZI was returned to Bari for questioning.

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16. During the period of 27 November to 10 December, 1944, Agent Thomas HOLMES questioned the owners of all local printing establishments that had received printing paper or ink through releases granted by Major KNIGHT's office. It was found that the following firms had paid the amounts set opposite their names either to Mr. BERNARDINI or his agents.

Printing shop, "RIETA", #187 Via Principe Amedeo, Bari, paid 105,000 lire for the release of 2 quintals of printers ink and 1500 kilo of paper.

Printing Shop, "CASIMI", #29 Corso Sonnino, Bari, paid 160,500 lire for the release of 3000 kilo paper.

Stationery Shop, "VASANELLI", #27 Corso Cavour, Bari, paid 60,500 lire for 1500 kilo paper.

LUIGI MACRI, #10 Via Putignani, Bari, paid 60,000 for the release of 1500 kilo paper.

Printing house "Del Commercio", #13 Via Colentano, Bari, paid 13,820 lire for the release of 327 kilo of ink and 84,000 lire for the release of 1500 kilo of paper.

Giuseitta Capposzi, #139 Via Abate Gimma, Bari, paid 45,000 lire for the release of 1500 kilo of paper.

Cavalli Vittorio, #10 Via Raffaelo D'Addosio, Bari, paid 60,000 lire for the release of 1500 kilo of paper.

Printinghouse Levanti, #48 Via Crisanzio, Bari, paid 88,000 lire for the release of 2000 kilo of ink and 2000 kilo of paper.

Agostino Gesta, #144 Via Roberto da Bari, Bari, paid 30,000 lire for the release of 1000 kilo of paper.

Abele Lojoli, #41 Via Cairoli, Bari, paid 85,000 lire for the release of 1500 kilo of paper.

Puglia, Giambattista, #47 Via Carruba, Bari, paid 143,750 lire for the release of 2300 kilo of paper.

The total amount of money paid by the merchants amounted to 938,070 lire and was distributed among the parties involved as follows:

Mrs. Nini ARMENI	610,350 lire
Mr. Vittorio BERNARDINI	158,270 "
Mr. Virginio SBORDI	85,500 "
Mr. Riccardo ZAMPIERI	67,950 "
Mr. Marcello LAMBERTI	13,500 "
Mr. Giovanni MODUGNO	2,500 "

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(See Incl. #6 to #18 inclusive.)

16. SBORDI Virginio and ZAMPIERI Riccardo, together with MODUGNO Giovanni, #283 Via Calefati, Bari, who it was learned had worked with them, were again questioned at length by Agent HOLMES on 12 December, 1944. When confronted with the statements of Dr. BERNARDINI and of the print shop owners involved, they confirmed all to be the truth. They stated that were told of the possibility to procure by Giovanna BERNARDINI, A.C. releases on a quantity of printing paper by

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the daughter of Dr. BERNARDINI. She told them that the transaction must be carried out through her father. (See Inc/1. #19, 20, 21 and 22.)

17. Giovanna BERNARDINI, #162 Via Crisanzio, Bari, was questioned by Agent BURDEN on 13 December, 1944. She stated that she learned from her father of the possibility of obtaining releases of printing paper and ink through Mrs. Mini ARMUZZI, a friend of hers, living in the same apartment building. Miss BERNARDINI stated that, knowing this, she informed three boy friends of hers, Mr. SBORIGI, Mr. ZAMBERRI, and Mr. MOLFINO, with whom she had become acquainted at her tennis club. The three boys were introduced to her father and he acted as an agent in procuring requests for paper and ink for Mrs. ARMUZZI. She further stated that on many occasions she delivered the requests to Mrs. ARMUZZI and also collected money for her from the boys when her father was not at home. (See Inc. #23.)

18. (a) Dr. Giorgio CAVAZZUTI was arrested at his home, #162 Via Crisanzio, Bari, on 6 December, 1944. He was placed in confinement in the Italian Prison, Bari, and questioned by Agent BURDEN on several occasions. Dr. CAVAZZUTI stated on 13 December, 1944, that he was a physician and had practised medicine in Milan, Italy. After escaping from the Germans he came to Bari where he met and became friendly with Mrs. Mini ARMUZZI and her family.

(b) On 20 September, 1944, he was employed by Major C. KNIGHT, Land Economics and Supply Officer, Bari, as an interpreter and representative. Dr. CAVAZZUTI, as stipulated in a letter given him and signed by Major KNIGHT and addressed "To whom it may concern", was a representative of Major KNIGHT's office and authorised to take control of affairs during his absence. Dr. CAVAZZUTI stated that he remained with Major KNIGHT until 20 October, 1944, at which time Major KNIGHT was transferred to Lucca, Italy.

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(c) During the latter part of September, 1944, Dr. CAVAZZUTI stated, he was approached by a Mr. ROCA who introduced himself as a representative of the lumber firm MATRELLA and who asked him if he knew how he could obtain transport and A.C. releases for lumber. Mr. ROCA was sent by Dr. CAVAZZUTI to see Mrs. ARMUZZI and he was instructed by her to make out a written request addressed to the A.C. Offices. The releases were to be directed to the firm of TROPIANO & xxxxx SIANI, Provinces of Potenza, Italy. The request was taken to Major KNIGHT by Mrs. ARMUZZI and approved by him. On 26 October, 1944, a notice, signed by Major KNIGHT, was sent to the firm of MATRELLA informing them that 130 cubic meters of lumber belonging to the firm of TROPIANO & SIANI had been released to them. On 26th of October, 1944, a letter signed by Major KNIGHT was sent to the Italian "Society of Motor Transporters" of Bari, instructing

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them to effect the transportation of the lumber for the firm of NATIELLA. Dr. CAVAZZUTI stated that Mrs. ARMENI delivered the request which Major KNIGHT had approved to Mr. ROCA and collected from him 500,000 lire. Dr. CAVAZZUTI received 200,000 lire and Mrs. ARMENI kept 300,000 lire.

(d) Dr. CAVAZZUTI stated that Major KNIGHT's office was informed by the Rome A.C. office, a short time before Major KNIGHT left Bari, that a ship which was to proceed from Brindisi to Rome within a week had available space for 500 tons of wine. The "Consorzio Agrario", an Italian society which works with the A.C. in such matters, was to arrange for the loading of the ship but was unable to find sufficient cargo upon such short notice. Mrs. ARMENI told Dr. CAVAZZUTI that Major KNIGHT had asked her if she knew anyone who might be interested. Accordingly, Dr. CAVAZZUTI suggested that Mrs. ARMENI contact Mr. Paolo MESSA, a representative of wine producers. Mr. MESSA made out a proper request and Mrs. ARMENI took it to Major KNIGHT for his approval. When Mrs. ARMENI returned the approved request to Mr. MESSA she was paid 750,000 lire by him, which sum she devided equally with CAVAZZUTI. He further states that although he worked in Major KNIGHT's office for two months, he was never placed on the official payroll and was never paid by that office. He know of no money ever having been given Major KNIGHT. (See Incl. #24 and #25.)

19. On 3 January, 1945, Agent BURDEN visited the Civil Labor Office, Bari, where it was confirmed by Lt. Colonel E.S. ORMWOOD, (Br.), Bari Zone Commissioner, that Mr. Giorgio CAVAZZUTI was never officially placed on the payroll as an interpreter in the office of Major KNIGHT. It was found however, that prior to the time he started working in Major KNIGHT's office, he was employed by the A.C. in the capacity of a medical doctor and paid 8,000 lire per month for his services.

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20. (a) Mrs. Nini ARMENI, #102 Via Crisanzio, Bari, was questioned by Agent BURDEN on several occasions between 6 and 13 December, 1944. She stated that she was employed by the Sud-est Railway at the time she met Major KNIGHT and that she quit working there at his request, since he promised her employment in his office. She was told by him that she was abused and underpaid at the Sud-est.

(b) Mrs. ARMENI admitted having collected money on numerous occasions from Mr. BERNARDINI, which money he had obtained from the sale of A.C. rations, paper and ink she had had approved by Major KNIGHT. She would present Major KNIGHT with the written request, he would authorize it and return it to her. She stated that Major KNIGHT continually suggested that she contact persons in need of permits, stating that he would approve them whenever possible.

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(c) After approving the request of Mr. MESSA for a transportation allotment on a boat going from Brindisi to Rome, Major KNIGHT told her that she must have collected at least 500,000 lire from Mr. MESSA.

(d) On one occasion, Mrs. ARMENI stated, Major KNIGHT asked her to find someone who would be interested in transporting 50 quintals of liquor or alcohol from Bari to Rome in a Yugoslav truck, suggesting to her that she should collect at least 300,000 lire from the party in need of the permit. She alleges that this particular transaction was never effected.

(e) Besides the money collected by her from paper and ink sale releases, Mrs. ARMENI admits having collected 750,000 lire from Paolo MESSA for a transportation allotment request approved for her by Major KNIGHT and 500,000 lire from Mr. ROCA for the release and transportation authorization on a quantity of lumber. Mrs. ARMENI further stated that although the releases and authorizations were given for both the lumber and wine and the received payment for them, these particular transactions were not completed. The A.C. in Rome stopped the transportation of wine and road conditions and other difficulties prevented the transportation of lumber. Both Mr. MESSA and Mr. ROCA are now threatening legal action against Mr. CAVARRETTI and Mrs. ARMENI to recover the money paid for the releases and permits which have since proven useless.

(f) Mrs. ARMENI also stated that 134,000 lire was paid by a Mr. LIPPOLIS, after having obtained from Major KNIGHT the authorization for Mr. LIPPOLIS to transport merchandise in railway cars, and 150,000 lire from a Mr. RAFFA for authorization to use 4 or 5 tank cars. This latter sum was paid to her through Mr. Francesco MORRIS, 25 Lungomare Sauro, Bari, a friend of hers.

(g) Mrs. ARMENI stated that whenever she hesitated about taking an approved request from Major KNIGHT, he would always insist and assure her that there was nothing illegal about their doings. (See Incl. #26 and 27.)

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21. Mr. Paolo MESSA, #23 Via Cattaro, Bari, was questioned by the undersigned agents on 13 December, 1944. Mr. MESSA stated that he was told by Giorgio CAVARRETTI on 20 October, 1944, of the possibility of obtaining permission to transport 500 tons of wine on a ship going from Brindisi to Rome, providing he was willing to pay an additional price of one lire per liter. Accordingly, Mr. MESSA contacted the wine firm of PANZA, at Corato, large shippers of wine. The firm PANZA, through their manager, Mr. PANZA, agreed to pay the price asked. Mr. MESSA was contacted a few days later by Dr.

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CAVAZZUTI and told that the official authorization had been granted by Major KNIGHT and that it might be obtained from Mrs. Nini ARMUZZI at her home. At this time Dr. CAVAZZUTI insisted on a payment of 1# lire per liter instead of the original 1 lire ler liter. Mr. FERRARA then agreed to pay the higher price. Both Mr. ROCCA and Mr. FERRARA went to the home of Mrs. ARMUZZI and paid her the sum of 730,000 lire for the transport authorization. Mr. ROCCA claims he did not receive anything for his services but merely acted to assist the firm of FAR-RA. (See Incl. #28 and #29.)

22. Dr. Sebastiano ROCCA, #6 Piazza Eroe Del Mare, Bari, was questioned by the undersigned on 14 December, 1944. Dr. ROCCA stated that he was employed as a clerk and representative of the furniture firm of S. NATRELLA, Bari. On the 22nd or 23rd of October, 1944, he was told by Dr. Giorgio CAVAZZUTI of a quantity of beechwood to be released by the A.C. in the near future and asked if he was interested. The following day a well dressed lady came to his home posing as a Polish refugee and told him that 180 cubic meters of wood had been released to the firm of NATRELLA by the Allied Commission. Mr. ROCA informed the lady that the purchase of the wood depended on their ability to have it transported. The lady then agreed to arrange for the transport for a fee of 500,000 lire and promised to return the following day with the authorization for transport approved by the A.C. The following day she returned with two authorizations signed by Major KNIGHT. One was an authorization for the sale of wood to the firm of NATRELLA and the other was an order for the C.A.B., (Consorzio Autotrasportatori Baresi), to contact the firm of NATRELLA and arrange to transport the lumber for them. Mr. ROCCA then paid the money from a local bank to the lady. On the same evening Mr. ROCA contacted the C.A.B. office and found that because of former difficulties involving A.C. orders for transportation, they were not willing to honor the request for the transportation. Upon learning that the lady had departed from Bari and that Major KNIGHT was no longer in Bari, Mr. ROCA contacted Dr. CAVAZZUTI who, although no longer employed at the A.C. office, promised to make some arrangement to have the lumber transported by another firm. CAVAZZUTI, having failed to accomplish this and after being threatened with legal action, promised to return at least 250,000 lire to Mr. ROCA.

23. On 16 December,1944 the undersigned agents contacted Mr. Alfredo SPADLA, #107 Via De Rossi, Bari, director of the C.A.B., an Italian trucking company, and Dr. Francesco BIASI, at Villa Cianelo, Taranto, both of whom dealt with Mrs. ARMUZZI and Dr. CAVAZZUTI in securing the sale release and transportation authorization for ROCA in purchasing the lumber. The statements of both confirmed everything that had been said by ROCA, CAVAZZUTI and ARMUZZI. (See Incl. #31 and 32.)

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24. The undersigned agents contacted the A.C. Supply office, Bari, on 19 December 1944 and obtained from them two copies of certificates, both dated 26 October 1944, one of which authorized the firm of TROPIANO and SIANI to sell the lumber and the other directed the C.A.B., to transport the lumber for the firm of S. NATRELLA. (See Incl. #33.)

25. Mr. Francesco NOMMIS, #25 Lungomare Nauro, who acted as agent for Mrs. ARMENISI in obtaining an authorization to transport wine for the firm of BAFFA, was questioned by Agent BURDEN on 29 December, 1944. He confirmed the statement made by Mrs. ARMENISI, stating that she was given a request for six tank wagons to transport wine to Naples, which request was made out by NOMMIS for the firm of BAFFA. After Mrs. ARMENISI had obtained the authorization, she was paid 130,000 lire by Mr. NOMMIS. (See Incl. #34.)

26. Mr. Angelo LIPPOLIS, #10 via Cavour, Alberobello, was questioned on 4 January, 1945. He confirms that which Mrs. ARMENISI stated in reference to the obtaining of authorization from the A.C. to transport wine. Mr. LIPPOLIS alleges that he paid Mrs. ARMENISI 130,000 lire for the authorization. (See Incl. #35.)

27. Several of civilians involved are at present of material value to another investigation in progress by this office. All who have taken part in the illegal activities described above will be denounced in due course.

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William B Burden
WILLIAM B. BURDEN,
Agent, C.I.D.

Thomas Holmes
THOMAS HOLMES,
Agent, C.I.D.

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CONCLUSION:

From the confessions, statements and evidence presented in the foregoing investigation, it may be reasonably concluded that:

A. Mrs. Nini ARMUZZI, Giorgio CAVARZUTI and Vittorio BERNARDINI, assisted by their agents, BORIOLI, ZAMPIERI, BERNARDINI, LAMBERTI and MONDINO did unlawfully conspire to sell and did sell official release for the sale of allied properties controlled by the A.C., and official transportation permits. The said sale releases and permits were approved and signed by Major KNIGHT, A.C. Supply officer, Bari. The above named conspirators did illegally profit from the sale of the aforementioned releases and permits to the extent of at least $24,617.20, which sum was divided among the conspirators and their agents in the following manner:

Nini ARMUZZI	$15,790.00
Giorgio CAVARZUTI	5,750.00
Vittorio BERNARDINI	1,992.70
Virginio BORIOLI	855.00
Riccardo ZAMPIERI	879.50
Marcello LAMBERTI	135.00
Giovani MONDINO	25.00

B. The unlawful conspiracy was made possible and condoned by Major KNIGHT, a conclusion which is evident for the following reasons:

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1. The releases and permits in question, to be valid, had to bear the signature of Major KNIGHT, A.C. Supply Officer, Bari.

2. Mrs. Nini ARMUZZI on several occasions had been asked by Major KNIGHT to secure written requests for permits from individuals interested, and to bring same to his attention, which he obviously intended that she sell.

3. Major KNIGHT personally tendered the signed releases and permits to Mrs. Nini ARMUZZI who, in turn, delivered them to applicants at a personal profit.

4. Mrs. Nini ARMUZZI states that Major KNIGHT repeatedly approved the legality of the transactions she was engaged in, and upon at least one occasion he ventured to approximate the sum of $00,000 lire which he believed she should have personally profited for the delivery of a transportation permit approved by him.

5. There is strong indication that Major KNIGHT persuaded Mrs. Nini ARMUZZI to leave her former place of employment with the Sudfat Railway Company and that she could improve herself economically

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accepting employment in his office. However, after associating herself with Major KNIGHT, she was never officially placed on the payroll, but she did, however, improve her economic status.

6. Major KNIGHT was fully cognizant of the business relationship between Mrs. Nini ARNESI and Dr. Giorgio CAVAZZUTI. Dr. CAVAZZUTI, like Mrs. ARNESI, was never officially on the payroll of the Allied Commission, and notwithstanding the lack of connection with the Allied Commission, was deputized to act as "second in command" in the Allied Commission Supply Office by Major KNIGHT.

C. The illegality and irregularity in the manner of obtaining sales releases and transportation permits from the Allied Commission reached such proportions as to become common knowledge in the Bari area that said releases and permits could be obtained through the payment of graft. Such knowledge is a detriment to the Allied Governments who have set up such agencies as the Allied Commission to assist occupied countries, with the application of prudence and justice, to restore themselves to normality.

William B Burden
WILLIAM B. BURDEN,
Agent, C.I.D.

Thomas Holmes
THOMAS HOLMES,
Agent, C.I.D.

INCLOSURES:

Incl. #1 - Statement of LOFGLI Adolo.
" #2 - " " LAMBERTI Marcello.
" #3 - " " BERNARDINI Dr. Vittorio.
" #4 - Note written by CAVAZZUTI Georgio.
" #5 - " " " ARNESLI Alfonso.
" #6 - Statement of SUBLIO Gianbattista.
" #7 - " " Raffaele TITRO (30 November, 1944).
" #8 - " " Raffaele TITRO (9 December, 1944).
" #9 - " " CAVALLI Mario.
" #10 - " " CAVALLI Vittorio.
" #11 - " " DE DONATO Carlo.
" #12 - " " VASANELLI Nicola.
" #13 - " " SCOPPIO Franco.
" #14 - " " RESTA Giuseppe.
" #15 - " " D'ALESIO Tullio.
" #16 - " " PANNARALE Francesco.
" #17 - " " CANTA Agostino.
" #18 - " " D'NICOLESIA F.lli.

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Incl. #19 - Statement of MORIGI Virginio.
" #20 - " " ZAMPIERI Riccardo.
" #21 - " " MORIGHI Giovanni (5 December, 1944).
" #22 - " " MORIGHI Giovanni (12 December, 1944).
" #23 - " " BERNARDINI Giovanna.
" #24 - C " " CAVAZZUTI Giorgio.
" #25 - Authorizations issued by Major KNIGHT.
" #26 - Statement of ARMUZZI Nini (6 December, 1944).
" #27 - " " ARMUZZI Nini (16 December, 1944).
" #28 - " " MASSA Paolo.
" #29 - " " FERRARA Domenico.
" #30 - " " ROCA Sebastiano.
" #31 - " " BASI Francesco.
" #32 - SPALLA Alfredo.
" #33 - Authorizations and releases made by Major KNIGHT.
" #34 - Statement of NOMIS Francesco.
" #35 - " " LIPPOLIS Angelo.

EXHIBITS:

Photostatic copies of A.C. official sale releases for printing paper.

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DECLARATION

In the year 1944, on the 28th of November, at 1000 hours, at the office of the American Secret Police.

Before us, CID Agent, [redacted], and CID Interpreter F.G. [redacted] LER, LOJOLI Abele, son of the late Carlo and De Cinzei Giuseppa, born in Rome, on 28th May 1878, residing at Bari, #117 Via Vittorio Veneto, director of the printing house of the "Gazetta del Mezzogiorno", declares as follows:

I am partner in the Editorial printing establishment, Bari, #41, Via Cairoli.

On the 16th or 17th of October 1944, Mr. Marcello LAMBERTI, living at Bari, #8 Via Fiume, representative, came to my office with an officer in British uniform with a white pip on his shoulder-strap. They asked me if I was in want of print paper of the P.W.B. group, since they had learned that my request addressed to that group had been denied. I asked for the price, whereupon Mr. LAMBERTI replied I should have the paper at the regular price but should let him have a present as soon as I had received the consent. Being in urgent want of work and of paper which I could in no manner procure on the market, I accepted. As soon as I received OK from P.W.B. I gave order to the transport-firm, GONDRAND, to pick up the merchandise, that is, 1900 kg of paper, at the P.W.B. store by L.& C. MONTINI, Bari. I deposited L. 28,500.- at the Banco Commerciale Italiana, and on presentation of the receipt of the shipment and of the permit of P.W.B. the paper was consigned by MONTINI to my transport agent, the firm GONDRAND. Mr. LAMBERTI and the aforementioned Allied Army officer came to my office on the same day - I think, it was the 30th, 31st or 32nd of October 1944 and I gave them, according to our agreement, a present of L. 25,500.- in cash.

I am almost certain that this kind of business was practised by these two gentlemen with nearly all printing establishments of Bari as well as with many merchants of this place.

I have nothing else to add.

Read, confirmed and undersigned.

/s/ Abele Lojoli

Bari, 28th November 1944.

Translated by Fanny Lieblein,
Interpreter, C.I.D.

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C.I.D.

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DECLARATION

In the year 1944, on the 28th day of November, at the office of the American Secret Police, at Bari, 26 Via De Rossa.

Before us, William H. BURDEN and T.F. HOLMES, Agents of C.I.C., and Interpreter P.C. ZANOLIN, LAMBERTI Marcello, son of the late Francesco and of Cassano Maria, born at Bari, 18th February 1903, residing there at 45 Via Fiume, declares as follows:

I have known Mr. ZANFINO Riccardo and Mr. BORIGI Virginio for several months as they are friends of a friend of mine, Mr. VALLINO, who lives on the third floor of the same house as I.

In the first days of October the two young men, in the course of a conversation, alluded to the possibility to buy Italian paper at a cheap price, asking me if perhaps one of my acquaintances might be interested in the business. I promised them to occupy myself with the question. I went to an acquaintance of mine, one Mr. LOTOLI, and asked him if he would like to buy a quantity ream of printing paper. Having received his affirmative reply I informed Mr. BORIGI, who told me that the interested party had to address a regular request to A.C.C. which would be given to him for further forwarding. I explained the matter to Mr. LOTOLI, owner of the firm S.E.T., who, after having asked me if the procedure was legal, consigned me a request for 15 quintals. The price fixed by agreement included besides the regular payment for the paper, that is, about L. 1,750 payable at the bank, a compensation of Lit. 3750 for each quintal.

After some days BORIGI brought me the request of the S.E.T. with the respective OK of the office, which I took to S.E.T. There I found only an employee to whom I explained that now, after having obtained the sale permit, the amount for the paper had to be paid to the bank. I accompanied the clerk to the bank and then, with the receipt and request, to the firm MORVINI where we received 15 quintals of paper released by A.C.C. Thereupon the employee of S.E.T. consigned me the compensation of about L. 75,000. I turned this sum over to Mr. BORIGI who gave me back about L. 900 for each quintal, that it, about 13-14,000 Lire for my intervention. I mention that I was sure that the paper was of Italian origin and that the deal was lawful.

I recollect that BORIGI, proposing me the business, had alluded to the necessity of conducting the procedure through an Italian establishment the name of which, however, I don't remember.

I mention that I acted as mediator for Mr. BORIGI and ZANFINI only in this case and was not interested in any further deals with them.

I have nothing else to add.
Read, confirmed and undersigned.

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Bari, 28th November 1944.

/s/ Marcello Lamberti

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Interpreter, C.I.C.

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[redacted] (Translation)

In the year 1946, on the 14th day of December, at 1430 hours, at the CID office, US Army, Bari, 66 Via De Gasperi.

Before us, CID Agents, William F. [redacted], and CID Interpreter, Paul G. [redacted], Lawyer Dr. Vittorio [redacted], son of the late Raffaele and of Carolina [redacted], born at Terni, April 14th, 1888, residing at Bari, Piazza Vittoria, Secretary of the Provincial Council of Economy (Consiglio Provinciale dell'Economia), declares as follows:

Mrs. [redacted] resided with her father and sister and a young man whom I don't know here lived for several years on the third floor of my house. In the month of September, 1945, Mrs. [redacted] told me she could obtain a sale-permit for a quantity of paper from A.C.C. and asked me to be interested in the sale. Through my daughter Giovanna I made the acquaintance of two refugees, [redacted] Virginio and [redacted] Riccardo, as well as of their friend [redacted] Giovanni who were living in extremely poor circumstances. To help them, I told them of the business. Some days later, the two refugees came and told me they had found some firms inclined to buy the paper. I reported this to Mrs. [redacted] who asked me to bring her the requests. A few days later, [redacted] and [redacted] brought me the first request which I turned over to Mrs. [redacted] successively Mrs. [redacted] returned me the request with the regularly signed sale permit and with the A.C.C. stamp at its bottom. I turned it over to the two refugees who by means of it received the paper. Successively several other paper sale permits - I don't remember their exact number - were obtained in the same way. I mention that each time the two refugees or [redacted] paid a compensation in proportion to the weight, ranging from 2000 to 3000 lire for each quintal, which were divided as follows: 1000 lires for Mrs. [redacted], 1000 lires for me; the rest had to be given to Mrs. [redacted] and turned over by her to other persons as she told me. The compensation was determined by Mrs. [redacted].

Once, Mrs. [redacted] also offered me the possibility to obtain transportation to Rome with an Allied military (I think, Yugoslav) vehicle, of a quantity of liquor, but I decidedly refused to occupy myself with the matter as it did not seem legal.

I know that frequently civilians and Allied officers came to Mrs. [redacted]'s apartment, but I was never in touch with them.

I wanted to bring Mrs. [redacted] into direct contact with the two refugees but she decidedly refused, declaring that she would not appear in the business. I learned that [redacted] afterwards became acquainted with Mrs. [redacted] at my home, but I was not present when this occurred.

I want to mention that as far as I remember the firms who requested paper releases from A.C.C. through Mr. [redacted], Mr. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted], which requests I consigned to and received back from Mrs. [redacted] with the approval of A.C.C., are the following:

[redacted], Bari, 187 Via Principe Amedeo.
[redacted], 150/A Via Crispi.
[redacted], 220 Corso Cavour.
[redacted], 10 Via Putignani.
[redacted], 18 Via Palestro.
[redacted], 200 Via Cavour.

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Besides these, there are the following of which I am not sure if they received there permits through us:
GEUDITTA GASPARRI, #158/161 via Alata Cimm.
AURELIO LOMBARDI, #218 via Roberto de Nari.
FRANCESCHINI ARVANITA, #46 via Crisanzio.
FRANCESCHINI ANGELINA.

I had to deliver the price immediately to Mrs. AURELLI as soon as the permit was obtained and the refugees, AURELLI and ZAMPIERI, and MONTEO gave me the money. Besides this, the firms interested in the sale permits paid through the bank the price of the paper itself for amounts of Lst=.

I have nothing else to add.

Read, confirmed and undersigned.

Bari, 14 December, 1946.

THE DECLARANT
/s/ Vittorio Bernardini

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TRANSLATION

FIGO

Dear Nini,

Taking advantage of the trip these two friends of Bernardini are making to Lucca, I send you a message.

Business first.

Dear ROSA: On account of threatenings of legal measures he would take, I had to make an agreement, according to which 250.000, half of the total sum paid, are given back, which, however I have not yet done. The matter is presented as very unfavourable to us (I will explain you everything orally), so that I think we shall have to give back.

Dear Fanny: Since not even one liter of wine has been transported, they claim total restitution. The A.C.C. of Rome, changing opinion, have assigned the merchandise to Roman societies. However, we did not yet restore anything.

To-morrow I shall leave for Bari. I will ask FIGO for advice and eventually turn over to him the two proceedings. I believe, we shall be able to save something.

Alfonso is waiting for the permits (you know, which,) from Lucca: he is waiting for them anxiously, fearing lest he should miss the business.

We decided that Alfonso immediately after coming back from Florence, shall go to Bari and pick me up there, and I then will go to Lucca or Florence. Acting in the triangle, Lucca-Florence-Pistoia-Siena, I shall be able to acquire directly the merchandise which will then be transported by Alfonso. Turning the proceedings over to FIGO, the matter will be delayed, and even if we should have to give back the sum, there will be three months left to us in the course of which the money will be at our disposal and can be taken advantage of. Don't worry; only continue producing meantime. I have combined something for about 60,000 net, but I have not yet collected the money.

In the meantime, please look if you can find me a decent room. Don't tell FIGO anything, at least at present - or do as you think best. Perhaps I shall spend Christmas at Lucca.

Dear Nini, we are missing you very much but, at least, I hope to see you again before long.

I trust FIGO, and you know, why. You will see, we shall better our situation. I want to reach such a position that I may be considered among the first at Bologna.

Dear Nini, I hope you are well. Don't worry !

Yours

/s/ Giorgio.

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P.S. Tell KNIGHT that HARWOOD would not pay me; Lucie will have written to him about the matter. Tell him to pay to you (please, sign for me !) He shall not send the act again to Berl, otherwise we shall not see the money.

In other handwriting:

Dear Nini, we are now at home and learned, that you left some days ago. We wanted to speak to you. When shall we meet again ? Also Giorgio will leave soon and then we shall be really lonely. Shall we see you at Christmas ?

Love from all of us

/s/ lilia

Write us soon !

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/s/ Ford E. Stinson
FORD E. STINSON
Major A.C.

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TRANSLATION

Dear Nini, I am always awaiting your news. If you have to tell me anything send me word by the bearers of this letter who will return to Rome. The same if there is anything for Giorgio.

Cilia and Guido are here; they will leave Friday for Bari.

I might come any moment to your place as I have to go to Florence for a load.

Tell the bearers they may leave your reply at the gate if I were not at home. How are things going on there ?

I hope we shall be able to work. I made agreements with Giorgio aiming at a development -

Remember the tires and some chance for cars.

BERNARDINI's cousin came here. He will go to see you as soon as possible. He told me he had bought a car Lancia Ardea for scarcely 35,000.-

There must be a lot of such possibilities.

Do what you can as soon as possible.

Best regards to Major KNIGHT. I hope to see you soon.

Love from
/s/ Alfonso

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

STATEMENT (Translation)

In the year 1944, on December 1st., at 1500 hours, at the office of the firm LANCIARESCO, at Bari, #61, Via Calefati.

Before us, CIC Agent [illegible], and CIC interpreter, P.de.BASILIS, Giambattista SCALA, son of the late Francesco and Clemamina RUSSO, born at Valenzano (Bari) on November 10th, 1903, living at Bari, #47, Via Cerruba, declares as follows:

I am the owner of the firm LANCIARESCO, Bari, #61 Via Calefati. On October 13th Mr. ZANFIERI Riccardo (when I saw them for the first time) came to my office and, showing me a paper sample, asked me if I was in want of a quantity of paper. He asked for the merchandise, (2,500 kg), the price of 7,500 lire a quintal, and as this price as well as the quality of the paper were convenient, I accepted.

I went with Mr. ZANFIERI first to the Banca d'America e d'Italia to withdraw lire 250,000.- from the current account I have there, which sum I needed for the payment of the paper and for other purchases, and then to the Banco Commerciale where Mr. ZANFIERI had me make the payment of L.18,750.- which had to be deposited at the bank before the necessary documents could be obtained and the merchandise withdrawn from the storehouse. Immediately afterwards we drove in a horse carriage to the storehouse of the firm ZANFIERI on Via Matteucci Capruzzi, where Mr. ZANFIERI presented a permit-coupon for 25 quintals of paper. The storekeeper took the coupon and delivered the paper without hesitation, and the paper was loaded on a horse cart which had been ordered and paid by Mr. ZANFIERI, as the price for the paper had been fixed with the condition "free my office". When the loading was finished, I paid to Mr. ZANFIERI the difference between L. 1750. deposited at the Banco Commerciale, and the established price of L.7,500.- a quintal, that is, L.18,750.-. Thereupon Mr. ZANFIERI consigned me the documents of accompaniment which I had been requesting since the beginning of the dealing. As soon as I held these documents in my hands, I became aware that they were made up to the name of the Tipografia del Commercio (Printinghouse of Commerce), Bari, and not to me. To my question about this fact, Mr. ZANFIERI replied, that he was selling the paper for the account of said printing house who had received an assignment superior to what they needed and were selling now through him part of this assignment and that I could be sure that the business was lawful.

My brother reported to me, that about 10 days later, (while I was in Rome), Mr. ZANFIERI came and offered paper of a better quality than the one contracted for the first time, but that on account of my absence nothing had been concluded.

I have nothing else to add to the truth.

Read, confirmed and undersigned.

Bari, 1st of December, 1944. /s/ Giambattista Scala

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FRED E. STEVENS
Major A.C.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

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DECLARATION

In the year 1944, on the 9th of December, at 1400 hours, at the office of the American Secret Police, Bari, #5 Via De Giosa.

Before us, CID Agent Thomas F. HOLMES, and CID Interpreter, Paul J. SANDIER, TETRO Raffaele, son of the late Pietro and of Maria Milano, born at Bari, August 17th, 1902, living at #48 of Via De Giosa, declares as follows:

In the first part of October, 1944, a young man whom I know to be employed by the stationer ROMANELLI, came to my printinghouse, #13 via Celentano, and offered me 15 quintals of news print at the total price of 7500 lire a quintal. Being in great need of paper and wanting to keep my men working, I accepted the offer. As I did not know the seller sufficiently well I could not anticipate the amount and so the young man invited me to accompany him in the various operations till I should be in the possession of the merchandise. I went with the young man to the firm MORFINI where he undersigned the respective notes, then to the Banco Commerciale Italiana where the young man presented my account current check by the credito Italiano of more than 100.000 lire and from where he withdrew the amount. The young man then paid in my presence another cashier's window a part of this sum, whereafter we went to MORFINI for the coupon and then to the storehouse of this firm, on Extramurale Capruzzi, where the young man, after consignment of the coupon, ~~kikkxxxx~~ withdrew 1500 kg of newsprint which were taken to my establishment. I paid the young man for 1500 kg of paper at 7300 lire a kg, the sum of 113.300 lire.

A few days later the same young man called on me together with another youth and offered me his assistance for the acquisition of printingpaper blocked by the A.C.C. About the course of this transaction I informed you in my statement of November 30th, 1944.

I have nothing else to add.

Read, confirmed and undersigned.

Bari, December 9th, 1944.

The Declarant

/s/ tetro raffaele

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Interpreter, C.I.D.

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Major, AC.

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DECLARATION

In the year 1944, on the 30th day of November, at 1530 hours, at the office of the American Secret Police, at Bari, 85 Via De Cicco.

Before me, CIC Agent, Thomas F. HOLMES, and CIC Interpreter P.G. RANDLEN, TETRO Raffaele, son of the late Pietro and Maria Elaino, born at Bari, 17th August 1902, residing there, at 248 of Via De Cicco, declares as follows:

I am the owner of the printing house of Commerce (Tipografia di Commercio) at Bari, 215 Via Calentano.

One day in the month of October, 1944, a young civilian whose name I don't know but whom I could identify, came to my office and offered me a quantity of printing paper and ink. He explained that I had to address a regular request for the sale-permit to the A.C.C., which request I should give to him. He would give it back to me very soon with the OK of A.C.C. I made two requests to A.C.C. writing them on sheets of my office paper; one for 600 kg of ink, the other for 8000 kg of newspaper printing paper. About 8 - 10 days later, the same young man brought me my ink-request with the OK of A.C.C. for the reduced quantity of 4 bottles, that is, for 227 kg. He asked the price of Lit. 250 a kg which I refused to pay. The young man went away. Once or two days later, a business friend of mine, Mr. Agostino GADTA, papermache manufacturer, Bari, Via Roberto da Bari, came to ask me if I would yield him the ink-permit I had refused to accept the day before. On the following day the said young man came again telling me that I had to withdraw the merchandise since the permit had been granted to my name. He further told me that the price of the ink was Lit. 140.- net, and that he would be very thankful if I would give him some present. I paid the price asked for, that is 227 kg at 140 lire a kilo - Lires 31,780, and gave to the young man a present of 200 lire. I mention that the sum of 31,780.- was paid by me directly to the Banca Commerciale for account of the firm MORFINI, responsible holder of the A.C.C. store.

I refused to accept the permit for the printing paper as a price of L. 6,000.- including the sum payable directly to A.C.C. was asked for the paper, and also because the hurry in which the deal should be concluded made me suspect that there was something wrong in it.

Since that time I have not seen the young man again. I did not treat any deals with him besides the two indicated above.

I mention that the paper was offered to me as Italian merchandise coming from the paper factories of Foggia. As to the origin of the ink, I did not make any enquiries about it, having the address my request to the A.C.C., I was sure that the business was lawful.

I have nothing also to add.

Read, confirmed and undersigned.

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Bari, 30 November 1944.

/s/ tetro raffaele

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A.A. TUTTLE,
1st Lt., C.M.P.

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DECLARATION

In the year 1944, on the 4th day of December, at 1530 hours. Before us, CID Agent Thomas F. HOLMES, and CID Interpreter, F. G. HANDLER, CAVALLI Mario, son of Raffaele and Nunzia D'Alleonardo, born at Bari, 16th February 1916, residing at Bari, #26 of Via Trento, printer, declares as follows:

I am the responsible clerk of the firm "Levante", which belongs to my father, Raffaele, Bari, #45 Via Crisanzio.

About six weeks ago, a young engineering student whom I have known for a long time, Mr. Giovanni MORICHO, living at #288 of Via Celefati, came to my establishment, asking me if I was in want of paper. He explained to me that I should address my request for release of the paper to A.M.G., that I should make the payment for the paper directly to the Banca Commerciale, and give a compensation to him. I made a request for 20 quintals of newsprint sheets and 20 quintals of black ink. A few days later, Mr. MORICHO brought me the two requests with the respective OK's and, after having paid to the Bank the amount for the merchandise itself, I gave to Mr. MORICHO the compensation established before, that is 60,000 lires. I wishes to mention that Mr. MORICHO assured me that the business was perfectly lawful, adding, that I might obtain information from other firms in Bari who had obtained goods in the same legal manner from A.M.G.

I also remember, that about one week after I had received the merchandise, Mr. MORICHO told me he could obtain some more paper assignments for me, replied that for the moment I did not need any further quantities but that later on I should be interested in a second assignment.

Since that day I have not seen Mr. MORICHO again.
I have never had any other A.M.G. paper release business.
I have nothing else to add.
Read, confirmed and undersigned.

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/s/ mario cavalli

Bari, 4th December 1944.

Translated by Fanny Liebkein,
Interpreter, C.I.D.

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E.A. TURROU,
1st Lt., C.M.P.

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DECLARATION

In the year 1944, on the 11th day of November, at 1430 hours, at the office of the American Secret Police, Bari, #5 Via De Cicco.

Before us, CID Agent Thomas F. HOLMES, and CID Interpreter Paul G. BANDLER, CAVALLI Vittorio Emanuele, son of Raffaele and d'Alessandra Annunzia, born at Sannicandro Garganico (Foggia), 24th May, 1911, residing at Bari, #10, Via Raffaele D'Addosio, printer, declares as follows:

On or about 24 October 1944, I met in the vicinity of Bari University, a friend of mine, Gianni MONTRONE, living at #202 of Via Calefatti, who offered to procure me the release of 30 to 50 Quintals of paper. He said I should address a regular request to A.C.C. and he himself would obtain for me the approval. I made a request in the name of my brother-in-law, Mr. LONGHETTI Aurelio, Bari, #132 Via Roberto da Bari, asking for a quantity of about 40 or 50 quintals. On or about 27 October 1944 brought me my request with the approval of A.C.C. and, after having paid 28,250 lire by the Banco Commerciale Italiana, I went to the firm MONTINI where I received the coupon for delivery of 1500 kg of paper. On the same day I picked up the merchandise at the storehouse of the firm MONTINI, on Ostrovarola Capruani. To Mr. MONDONE I paid the agreed surplus of 60,000 lire promising to give him 300 or 400 notebooks as soon as they would be stamped. Mr. MONDONE offered me also release of ink in which, however, I was not interested as I have not yet started my own printinghouse.

I have nothing further to add.

Read, confirmed and undersigned.

Bari, 11th December 1944. /s/ CAVALLI Vittorio Emanuele

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Interpreter, C.I.D.

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T. A. TORREY,
1st Lt., C.M.P.

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DECLARATION

In the year 1944 on the 11th day of December, at 1500 hours, at the CID office, Bari, 28 Via De Cinna.

Before us, CID Agent Thomas F. ROLFE, and CID Interpreter Paul G. HANDLER, lawyer Dr. DE DONATO Carlo, son of the late Michele and of Luisa De Nuvo, born at Molfetta on 1st April 1898, living at Bari, at 56 Via Calefati. declares as follows:

I am the associate of the Editor, Mr. Luigi BACRI, Bari, 193 Corso Cavour. On 7th October 1944, one Mr. SPORICI Virginio, whose acquaintance had made at some party, came to our shop and asked Dr. BACRI in my presence if he needed printing paper in sheets of the size 70 x 100 cm which he could obtain for us from A.M.G. by means of a regular request against a compensation which, after a short discussion, was fixed at the rate of 4000 lire for each quintal and should be paid on issuance of the authorization.

Being in urgent want of paper for the printing of work authorized by P.W.B. for which we were not able to obtain any adequate assignment, we consented to the transaction. On 14th October our original request with the approval of A.M.G. for 1500 kg written at the bottom of it was given back to us. On the same day, we paid 26,250 lire for the paper by the Banco Commerciale Italiana, and 60,000 lire to Mr. SPORICI. On that occasion Mr. SPORICI declared that this sum was destined entirely to Dr. BONARRINI who, taking advantage of his relations, would procure permits of this kind.

I never received other paper deliveries, neither through Mr. SPORICI nor through other mediators.

I have nothing else to add.

Read, confirmed and undersigned.

Bari, 11th December 1944. /s/ avv. carlo de donato

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Interpreter, C.I.D.

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K.A. TINKOV,
1st Lt., C.M.P.

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STATEMENT (Translation)

In the year 1944, on the 6th day of December, at 1130 hours, at the CIB office, Bari, 85 Via De Rosa.

Before us, CIB Agent, Thomas F. HOLMES, and CIB Interpreter, Raul C. BANDINI, VASANELLI Nicola, son of Lorenzo and Laura SPADAFINO, born at Bari, August 20th, 1919, residing at Triggiano, 296 Via Roma , declares as follows:

My brother Giuseppe and I are the owners of the firm FRATELLI VASANELLI, Bari, 2207, Via Carbour. In the last part of September or in the first days of October, my friend, Engr. MARABALE, asked me in the course of a conversation, if I needed a quantity of paper, adding that a friend of his, one Mr. MODUGNO, at Bari, could obtain an assignment from A.C.C. I replied that I was inclined to buy a certain quantity of paper. About ten days later, Mr. MODUGNO, notified by Engr. MARABALE, came to my shop, at 2207 Via Carbour. He explained to me that I had to address a regular request to A.C.C., which he personally would forward and then bring me back with the OK of A.C.C. The price asked by Mr. MODUGNO for the paper was 5750.- lires a quintal, 4000.- lires of which sum should be paid to himself and the remaining 1750.- to the bank or in the store. I addressed a request for 1600 kg to A.C.C. On the following day, that is, Dec.5th,1944, Mr. MODUGNO came back bringing me my request with the regular stamp and signature on it. As it was already late, I asked Mr. MODUGNO to return on the next day for the performing of the transaction. On Oct. 6th, 1944, at about 1000 hours, Mr. MODUGNO came accompanied by a boy of about 15 years and, after having ascertained that I could withdraw from the firm MARINI 16 quintals of paper, I consigned to Mr. MODUGNO a check of the Credito Italiano, # 156051, for 60,000 lires. Thereupon I paid the amount for the paper, that is, 20,250.- lires, to the Banco Commerciale Italiano.

For the time Mr. MODUGNO had spent for this business and for his interest shown in it, the brothers VASANELLI sent him through Engr. MARABALE 2000.- lires enclosed in an envelope.

On the 3rd of December, I obtained another paper-release successively to a request made personally to A.C.C. by the R. Supervisor (Provveditore) of Studies of Bari, countersigned and consigned into my hands at the A.C.C. office located at the Townhall of Bari, 1st. floor.

Besides these paper-releases I have never had nor treated other assignments by the A.C.C.

I have nothing else to add.

Read, confirmed and undersigned. 00066

Bari, December 6th, 1944. /s/ nicola vasanelli

Translated by Penny Liebling, CIB.

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FORD E. STINSON

Major A.C.C.

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DECLARATION

In the year 1944, on the 11th day of December, at 1430 hours, at the CID office, Bari, As via De Gioia.

Before us Thomas F. HOLMES, CID Agent and Paul G. HANDLER, Interpreter of the CID, Dr. Franco SCOPPIO, son of Michele and Teresa TIPALDI, born at Bari, 15th November 1915, living there, at 229 of Corso Benarino, declares as follows:

I am the responsible clerk of the printing house CARINI, 238 Corso Romano. In the last part of October 1944, two young men came to my office; both of them were rather lean, the taller one brown-haired, were Allied uniform, the other was blond and had a nervous twitch of the lips. They asked me if I was in want of paper as they, having relative who was in good relations with a Major of the A.C.C., would be able to procure me a good quantity of it. I addressed a request for 60 quintals to the A.C.C., Bari, and consigned it to the said two young men. Two or three days later the young men brought me my original request back with the approval for 30 quintals of printing paper written in red pencil (signature illegible) at its bottom. The young men explained to me that I had to pay Lire 64.000 (3000 kg at 21,00 lire) to the account of A.C.C. whereafter I could withdraw the paper from the storehouse of the firm MORFINI, Extramurale Capruzzi. Besides this, the two young men requested a compensation of 03,50 lire for each kg. When I had made the payment by the Banco Commerciale Italiana, I picked up the paper at the store of MORFINI and then paid to the young men a compensation of 150,000 lire.

Besides this assignment I have never requested or received for my firm or for any other cause any assignment of released paper from A.A.C.

The aforesaid young men have never made me any offer besides the one mentioned above.

I have nothing further to add.

Read, confirmed and undersigned. 00063

Bari, 11th December 1944. /s/ dott. franco scoppio

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Interpreter, C.I.D.

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Salvatore
C.A. TURRO,
1st Lt., C.M.P.

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In the year 1944, on the 26th day of November, at 1700 hours, at the office of the American Secret Police, Bari, #6 Via De Gasperi.

Before us, CID Agent Thomas F. HOLMES, and CID Interpreter Paul G. HANDLER, ROSSI Giuseppe, son of Francesco and of the late Orsi Maria, born at Turi (Bari) on 31st July 1908, residing at Bari, #5 Via Domenico Fiore, declares as follows:

I am the owner of the printing shop "ROSSI", Bari, #187 Via Principe Amedeo. One day - I think, it was in the month of September - a good looking young man, tall, brown-haired, whom I know now to be MARINI Virginio and whom I could identify, called on me telling me that he could procure me a quantity of ink. As I was in urgent need of this article and not able to buy it at Bari, I asked the young man how I could obtain it. Thereupon he told me that the Allied made requirements which I by myself could not obtain but which he could obtain immediately. According to his instructions I wrote a request on a sheet of my paper and gave it to him. About 10 days later, the young man returned to me my request with the permit written on it in English with red ink. On 26th October I paid to the bank the price for 8 quintal of ink, that is, 10,000 lire, and to the young man a compensation of 30,000 lire.

With the same young man I contracted a deal for printing paper, that is, I obtained through him a permit from A.M.G. for 1800 kg of printing paper at £1,50, in the whole, Lire 32,350. I received this paper on the 30th of October. Two days before, a friend of the said young man, a fair-haired youth, a little shorter than the first, with a cut near the lip, brought me the signed request and received from me the surplus of 40,000 lire. He asked for a higher sum, but as I did not have it, he went away.

On Saturday, 25 November, or Monday, 27 November 1944, before noon, I was called up by this second youth. I recognized him at the telephone by his incapacity to pronounce the letter "r". He told me that to anyone who should come to question me about the paper permit, (if I had sent it by post or by messenger), I should say I had sent it by post.

I am able to identify both young men if they are presented to me.

Besides the above said two deals I did not make any further business with these two young men.

I have nothing else to add.

Bari, 28th November 1944. /s/ Giuseppe Rossi

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Interpreter, C.I.D.

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A.A. [illegible],
1st Lt., C.M.P.

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DECLARATION

In the year 1944, on the 2nd day of December, at 1600 hours, at the office of the American Secret Police, at Bari, 80 via De Gloss.

Before me, CID Agent James O. HOLMES, and CID Interpreter, P.G. BANDLER, D'ALESIO Tullio, son of Raffaele and Maria Malagodi, born at Triggiano, 19th August 1918, residing at Triggiano, #34 Piazza Novelle, declares as follows:

I am working as book-keeper for the firm ROMANELLI, Bari, #80 Piazza Umberto.

In the first part of October 1944 while I was present at the office of my firm, a young man in British uniform came and asked my boss, Mr. ROMANELLI, if he needed printing paper. He declared he could procure Italian printing paper from the paper factories of Fossia, which paper had been released for sale by the Allied. He explained that the firm had only to make a request and that he himself would procure the sale permit from A.C.C.

My boss refused, declaring that the proposed type of paper did not interest him, whereupon the young man went away.

When I left the store at about 1650 hours, I met in the street the same young man waiting for me. He approached me and, introducing himself as BARTOLI Riccardo, asked me if I knew some firm who might be interested in the type of paper he could procure. I promised him to occupy myself with the matter.

I went to the firm MOGLIA and, after having explained the proceeding, obtained from the owner a request for 13 quintals of paper. This request was turned over by me to BARTOLI who, after 2 days, gave it back to me with the OK of A.C.C. When I took it to Mr. MOGLIA, he told me that the price of 7000 lire was no longer convenient to him. Meeting again BARTOLI, I asked him what was to be done with the paper. He advised me to offer it to the Tipografia del Commercio (printing house of Commerce), Bari, #13 via Calentano, which I did. The owner of that firm, Mr. TETRO, went with Mr. BARTOLI and myself to the store of the firm MORLINI, on via Matrarale, where the convoy note was undersigned and the paper withdrawn. I mention that Mr. TETRO, before going to the storehouse, went with me to the Banca Commerciale Italiana and there paid by check the sum due for the paper itself. At the store of MORLINI, Mr. TETRO paid to Mr. BARTOLI and myself the agreed surplus, the difference between lire 7000 and 1750, that is, (5250.- for each quintal), 78,750.- lire.

Mr. BARTOLI received from Mr. TETRO the whole sum and told me I should have a commission of about Lit. 5000.-, adding, that he wanted to see first how much he himself would earn in this business. I mention that I have never received the said sum.

If I remember well, Mr. TETRO made on the same day a request for 20 quintals of paper and 6 quintals of ink.

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Since Mr. MARPICRI refused to pay me the commission due to me, I broke off our relation and had nothing further to do with him.

Once MARPICRI had told me that he could obtain from A.C.C. releases of quantities of timber, leather and fertilizer and that he had also the possibility of procuring transportation by Allied vehicles with British drivers, or empty railway cars at Lit. 70,000.- each. I, however, did not occupy myself with these deals.

I have nothing else to add.

Read, confirmed and undersigned.

Bari, 2nd December 1944.

/s/ Tullio d'Alessio

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Interpreter, C.I.D.

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R.A. TURNER,
1st Lt., C.M.P.

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DECLARATION

In the year 1944, on the 5th day of December, at 1660 hours, at the office of A.M.I.C. (Associazione Nazionale Imprenditori Costruttori), Bari, Via Bodugno.

Before us, CID Agent, Thomas F. MILNER, and CID Interpreter, F.C. HANDLEY, PANNARALE Francesco, son of the late Cronzo and of Carbonara Angela, born at Triggiano, 24th October 1911, residing at Bari, by A.M.I.C., Engineer, states as follows:

In the latter part of September 1944, Mr. Gianni MORENO, whom I have known for a long time, asked me in the course of a conversation, if I knew some firm who was in want of paper. I promised him to occupy myself with the matter. Some days later, having learned that the firm Fratelli VARANELLI needed a quantity of paper, I introduced Mr. MORENO to the owner of that firm, mentioning that I myself had neither the time for nor the interest in the matter. I don't know how the business was contracted; I only know that VARANELLI succeeded in obtaining the paper through Mr. MORENO. Mr. VARANELLI gave me an envelope, asking me to take it to Mr. MORENO. If I remember correctly, this envelope contained a present of about 1750 lires from Mr. VARANELLI for Mr. Gianni MORENO. I had no gain whatever in this deal between the firm VARANELLI and Mr. MORENO. As to the contents of the envelope I had to bring from Mr. VARANELLI to Mr. MORENO, I cannot tell the exact sum, as I did neither see nor count it.

I have nothing else to add.

Read, confirmed and undersigned.

Bari, 5th December 1944. /s/ ing. Francesco Pannarale

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Interpreter, C.I.D.

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T.A. TURNER,
1st Lt., C.M.P.

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DECLARATION

I, the undersigned, BARTA Agostino, son of the late Giovanni, born on 30th April 1886, at Castellammare, residing at Bari, #144 of Via Roberto da Bari, merchant, declare before CID Agent, Mr. W.B. BURDEN, and CID Interpreter, Dr. F. NEMIROVSKY, as follows:

In September 1944 I once spoke with the lawyer Dr. BERNARDINI, of my want of paper, and informed him that a request I had addressed to A.C.C. to obtain paper, had been unsuccessful. Dr. BERNARDINI advised me to make another request and give it to him, adding, that he would have it forwarded to the competent authorities and promising me a favorable result. In fact, a few days later, he sent me, through his daughter, Miss Wanda BERNARDINI, the document of release, and I paid to Miss BERNARDINI the sum asked by them, that is thirty thousand (30.000.-) lires, whereas the original price of Lit. 1750 a quintal was paid by me to the Bank for the account of A.C.C.

In the beginning Dr. BERNARDINI, spoke to me about the total price of three thousand seven hundred fifty (3750.-) lires a quintal, without telling me that the sum had to be divided. Later on, he told me that one part, that is, 3000 lires for each quintal had to be paid to him on receipt of the releasing document, whereas the difference should be paid at the Bank for the account of A.C.C.

In the course of our conversation, Dr. BERNARDINI mentioned he could procure me a timber release. I, however, was not interested in the matter as this article is not connected with my business.

Bari, 6th December 1944.

THE DECLARANT

/s/ agostino gaeta

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Witnessed by:

/s/ w.b. burden, agent CID

/s/ dr. f. nemirovsky, Interpreter, CID

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Interpreter, C.I.D.

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1st Lt., C.M.P.

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DECLARATION

In the year 1944, on the 1st day of December, at 1030 hours, at the office of the firm F.lli D'ECCLESIA, Bari, 271 via Putignani.
Before us, CID Agent, T.F. HOLMES, and CID Interpreter, F.O. MANDOLINI, D'ECCLESIA Florindo, son of Giovanni and De Santis Giuseppa, born at Bari, November 30th, 1903, residing at Bari, 97 via Putignani, states as follows:

I am the owner of the bookshop F.lli D'ECCLESIA di Giovanni, Bari, 271 Via Putignani. I obtained a printing paper permit on May 6th 1945 for two cwts, and on June 23rd 1944 for one cwt for university volumes, from the P.W.B. office. The procedure required was performed by Prof. BRIENZA Giuseppe, assistant at the R. University of Bari.
On 8th October 1944, Mr. D'ALESSIO, known by me as a clerk of the firm ZAVORANNI, Bari, 81 Piazza Umberto, came to tell me that a big quantity of printing paper owned by Italian firms, P.W. SANTACROCE and ACCOLTI Gil, would be released, and that I should address a request for the quantity I needed directly to P.W.B. I did so, requesting 15 cwts of paper for the edition of an English grammar by Prof. LATTANZIO, which I had to print, and for an Italian grammar by Prof. Mario BRIENZA.
Mr. D'ALESSIO took my request, telling me that only he was able to conduct the procedure to a successful end as soon as possible.
From that day I have neither seen Mr. D'ALESSIO, nor do I know what happened to my request, nor have I received the paper.
I have nothing else to add.
Read, confirmed and undersigned.

Bari, 1st December 1944.

/s/ Florindo d'Ecclesia

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Interpreter, C.I.D.

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T.F. HOLMES,
1st Lt., C.M.P.

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DECLARATION

In the year 1946, on the 29th of November, at 1000 hours, at the office of the American Secret Police, 26 Via De Sious.

Before us, CID Agent Thomas F. HOLMES, and CID Interpreter Paul C. BINDER, SERGEANT Virginio, son of Aldo and Amelia Krone, born at Milan, September 12th, 1921, residing at Bari, 3278 Via Calefati, declares as follows:

I came to Bari with my friend, LAMPERTI Riccardo, in June 1944, after leaving the German prison on the island of Rhodes. In September 1944, during a conversation at the Tennis club of Bari, an acquaintance of mine, Miss Giovanna BERNARDINI, residing at Bari, 61A-A Via Crimmmio, asked me, if I wished to earn some money. I asked her for an explanation whereupon she told me that there was a chance to sell a quantity of paper. She invited me to her home telling me that her father could give me further informations.

A few days later, coming to her home, I was introduced to the father, lawyer Dr. BERNARDINI who asked me to find out a printing house in want of printing paper. As I do not know the firms of Bari, I applied to an acquaintance of mine, Mr. LAMBERTI, whom I had met in the house of my friends VALLINO and informed him of the case. He promised me to occupy himself with the matter. In fact, a few days later, Mr. LAMBERTI informed me that the printing house S.E.T. would like to buy 15 quintals of paper. I went to Dr. BERNARDINI and asked him for the price, telling him that I had found a buyer. Dr. BERNARDINI explained to me that the interested firm had to address a regular request to A.C.C. which request I should bring to him; the paper should be paid for directly to the bank and besides this, about 4000-4500 lire should be paid for each quintal withdrawn. I explained all this to Mr. LAMBERTI who, after some days, brought me the request addressed to A.C.C., signed by the firm S.E.T. This request was turned over by me to lawyer BERNARDINI. A few days later the request with the respective OK was given back to me and consigned by me to Mr. LAMBERTI. He himself took it to S.E.T. and gave me on the same day the amount of about 75,000 lire received from S.E.T.

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I brought the total sum to lawyer Dr. BERNARDINI, receiving from him 22,000 lire of which sum I gave 15,000 lire to Mr. Marcello LAMBERTI as compensation for his service while I took the remainder for myself.

Successively I went to the printing firm Dal Lago MACRI, Bari, 210 Via Putignani, and after having explained to the owner the whole procedure, received from him a request for sale permit for 15 quintals of paper. He agreed to the overprice of about 4000 lire per quintal. After some days I received the request back with the respective OK and consigned it to the printing firm MACRI who paid me the sum of about 60,000 lire which I turned over entirely to Dr. BERNARDINI, declaring that, as a friend of the family, I did not want anythin for myself.

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A few days Later I come added with the printing firm CASINI, #39 Corso Domino, a deal for 3000 kg of paper. Having received from Dr. BERNARDINI the OK of A.C.C. and submitted it to CASINI, I received from the latter the overprice amount of about 140,000 lire, of which Dr. BERNARDINI gave me 500 lire for each quintal, that is, 15,000 lire.

Towards the end of October, I concluded a similar business with the printing firm "GRETA", Bari, #187 via Principe Amedeo, for 1300 kg and, after obtaining the OK of A.C.C. through Dr. BERNARDINI, received from "GRETA" about 70,000 lire of which sum Dr. BERNARDINI gave me about 700 lire per quintal, that is , a total of 10,000 lire.

Thereafter I did not make any further business with Dr. BERNARDINI, since he told me that no more paper permits could be obtained.

I mention that I was certain that the paper was of Italian origin, as Dr. BERNARDINI has told me that it was National Italian paper blocked by A.C.C.. This statement can be confirmed by my friend Riccardo CAMPANI who was present when Dr. BERNARDINI informed me of the origin of the paper.

Once Dr. BERNARDINI also told me he would be able to obtain a sole permit for aluminium, leather or wood, but I was not interested in a business of this kind and did not occupy myself with it.

Dr. BERNARDINI alluded also to the possibility of obtaining transportation permits, but this also was of no interest to me.

I have nothing else to add.

Read, confirmed and undersigned.

Bari, 29th November 1944.

/s/ Sbarigi Virginio

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Interpreter, C.I.D.

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[signature]
E.D. TURNER,
1st Lt., C.M.P.

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STATEMENT (translation)

In the year 1946, on the 12th day of December, h 1600 hours, at the CID office, Bari, PS via De Cicco.

Before us, CID Agent Thomas L. Grimes and CID interpreter, Paul G. [redacted], Sergeant Riccardo, son of the late Paolo and Maria [redacted], born at Trieste, February 16th, 1921, living at Bari, at #272 of via Colecchi, declares as follows:

One day in September 1944, Miss Vanna BERNARDINI, living at #16A via Crispi, meeting me at the Tennis Club, invited me to come to her house if I wanted to earn some money. Her father, she said, would explain to me the particulars of the transaction. Her father, lawyer Dr. BERNARDINI, explained to me he could procure the release of various material allotted by decree, i.e. paper, ink, and others. I made the acquaintance of Mr. D'ALESSIO Tullio, employee of the firm BERNARDINI, and asked him who knew that kind of material, to look for a buyer. A few days later, Mr. D'ALESSIO brought me a request of the firm BERNARDINI. Five days later, Miss Vanna BERNARDINI gave me the request back, regularly signed and approved by A.C.C. which I turned over to Miss Vanna BERNARDINI. Some days later, Miss BERNARDINI gave me the request back, regularly signed and approved by A.C.C. I gave this authorization for the release of 1600 kg to D'ALESSIO who, after having brought it to D'AGOSTINO, returned declaring that D'AGOSTINO no longer wanted to buy the paper. D'ALESSIO told me we might try to trade the paper with the printing house of Cannone (Tipografia del Commercio), #15 via Valenzano. The owner of said printinghouse declared himself inclined to buy the paper. After the performance of the banking proceedings and the withdrawal of the paper, Mr. TATEO, owner of the Tipografia del Commercio, paid the amount of 80,250.- liras which were given to me by D'ALESSIO. I paid to Miss Vanna BERNARDINI the agreed sum of 60,000 liras and to the cart-driver for the transportation. To Mr. D'ALESSIO I had promised a commission of 5,000 liras which, however, on account of some divergencies, were not paid.

A few days later, I received from the owner of the Tipografia del Commercio a request addressed to A.C.C. for 25 quintals of paper and another one for 600 kg of ink, which I turned over to Miss Vanna BERNARDINI. After a few days, I received the approval for the paper as well as for the ink, the quantity of which latter, however, was reduced to 4 barrels (about 227 kg). I took the two letters of assignment to Mr. TATEO, who, however, refused to accept the merchandise. After a discussion he decided to accept the ink at the price of 120 liras a liter, which was the price agreed by BERNARDINI of me. The sum received from Mr. TATEO was given by me entirely to Miss Vanna BERNARDINI. I remember that it amounted to about 40,000.- liras. The payment for the ink was effectuated by Mr. TATEO directly by the same Commercials Italiana.

The 2500 kg of paper released to the name of the Tipografia del Commercio and not accepted by this firm, were given by me to the firm LACCHARINO, #21 via Calefati, at the price of 7000.- liras a quintal. I received from Mr. LACCHARINO, the total sum of 145,750.- liras, about 100,000.- of which I turned over to Miss Vanna BERNARDINI.

A few days later, I accepted from LACCHARINO another request for release of paper which, however, I did not turn over to BERNARDINI and the release of which was not effectuated.

I have nothing else to add.

Read, confirmed and undersigned.

Bari, December 16th, 1946.

/s/ angelari riccardo

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DECLARATION

In the year 1944, on the 5th day of December, at 0900 hours, at the CID office, Bari, 65 Via De Gioss.

Before me, CID Agent, Thomas F. HOLMES, and CID Interpreter, F. G. RADDLER, MONGERO Giovanni, son of Pietro and Capponi Elisa, born at Bari, 7th March 1922, residing there, at 2666 of Via Calefati, declares as follows:

About 2 months ago, I met at the Tennis Club of Bari, on Via Calefati, Miss Giovanna BERNARDINI, living at 2162 Via Crisanzio, who asked me if I knew any firm interested in the transportation of liquors from Bari to Rome. She invited me to come to her home so soon as I could indicate any such firm to receive precise information from her father. Speaking with Giovanna's father, lawyer Dr. BERNARDINI, I learned that an Allied truck was in question, which would be driven by a soldier with the red star on his cap. The price to be paid for the truck itself would be 150,000 liras, and a compensation of 100,000 liras should be paid to the person who would issue the permit. As neither the price nor the business was convenient we did not conclude anything.

Then, about one week later, that is, in the first part of October 1946, I met Miss Vanna BERNARDINI again at the Tennis Club, she told me she had some other business for me, much easier than the preceding and which was to be concluded at once. I went to her house where Dr. BERNARDINI explained to me that he could obtain from A.C.C. the release of certain quantities of paper. I spoke about the matter to an acquaintance of mine, Sig. PANCRAZIS, of the A.N.I.C. (Associazione Nazionale Idrogenazione Combustibili) at Bari, residing at Triggiano who, about 2 days later told me a friend of his needed a quantity of paper. I went with Sig. PANCRAZIS to the firm VARANELLI, 2207 Via Cavour, where I received a request addressed to A.C.C. for release of 1500 kg of paper for calendars. This request was turned over to me to Dr. BERNARDINI who, after some days, sent it back to me with the approval of A.C.C., through his daughter Vanna. As Dr. BERNARDINI did not trust me and requested payment in cash, he had his son accompany me. With young BERNARDINI I went to the firm VARANELLI, and the owner of this firm, after having ascertained at the office of MORFINI that the proceedings were in order, gave me a check on the Credito Italiano, addressed to me, for the sum of 60,000 liras. I went with young BERNARDINI to the Credito Italiano, cashed the check and turned the entire sum over to the son of Dr. BERNARDINI. I mention that I did this work only for the sake of my friendship with Sig. PANCRAZIS who, 2 or 3 days later, made me a present of 2,000 lire. Besides the said 60,000 lire, VARANELLI paid to the Banca Commerciale Italiana for the account of A.C.C. the price of 15 quintals of paper.

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As I wanted to have my university notes printed, I went to the firm CAVALLI (tipografia "Levante"), 245 via Crisanzio. The owner of that firm told me, he would very willingly print my notes if he had the necessary paper. I explained to Mr. CAVALLI the procedure required to obtain the release of paper and ink by A.C.C. Whereupon he gave me two requests, one for ink and one for paper, which I turned over to Dr. BERNARDINI. I proposed to bring the interested firm into direct touch with Dr. BERNARDINI, which I had already tried in the CAVANELLI case, but Dr. BERNARDINI not only decidedly refused to receive the interested persons at his home but forbade even his name to be pronounced by those who conducted the business, declaring that he wished at any cost to avoid figuring in it. In this way, he said, there would be no witness against him. He told me he knew the English Major who was inclined to issue the permits against payment of the asked sum. He further told me that he was acting only as mediator between the English Major and the interested persons. Two days later I received from Dr. BERNARDINI the release of 8 quintals of ink. On consignment of this permit to Mr. CAVALLI from him 8,000 liras, which I turned over to Dr. BERNARDINI's daughter. A few days later I received from Dr. BERNARDINI the permit for the paper, for which Mr. CAVALLI gave me 60,000 liras which sum I turned over to the daughter of Dr. BERNARDINI.

Successively Dr. BERNARDINI procured me a release for 1500 kg of paper to the name of my aunt, Giuditta CAPOZZI, #139-141 Via Abate Gimma, for which I paid to Miss Vanna BERNARDINI the sum of 45,000 lire. I myself used this paper for notebooks I had printed by the printing house "Levante" and which I sold to people who needed them. The price for this paper was paid by me directly to the Banca Commerciale Italiana.

I mention that I paid the sums received from CAVALLI and CAPOZZI to Miss Giovanna BERNARDINI who took a certain part of the amounts for herself.

I recollect that once Dr. BERNARDINI proposed me also a remunerative business regarding timber existing in the province of Potenza. The price was 4000 lires per cubic metre. On account of the great distance from the place and of the high price none of my acquaintances were interested in the business. Dr. BERNARDINI promised me some other deals (leather and aluminium) in the future. He proposed also release of empty rail wagons at a price of 60,000 lires on the part of the English, and 80,000 lires on the part of the Italians. I, however, never occupied myself with this kind of business.

About one month ago Dr. BERNARDINI's daughter notified me that the English Major was leaving for Bari and therefore no further business could be concluded.

I remember, that once I met Mr. SBORICY Virginio at Dr. BERNARDINI's house. He stayed in one room while I was taken to another room by Miss Vanna to treat business.

I have nothing else to add.

Read, confirmed and undersigned.

Bari, 5th December 1944.

/s/ Modugno Giovanna

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STATEMENT (translation)

In the year 1946, on the 18th. day of December, at 1600 hours, at the CID office, Bari, 96 Via De Gasperi.

Before me, CID Agent, Thomas F. HOLMES, and CID interpreter, Paul Co BACCILE, REGINALD Giovanni, son of Pietro and CAPOZZI Elisa, born at Bari, March 7th, 1922, residing there, #266, Via Celadtti, declares as follows:

On October 25th, 1944, I was stopped in the vicinity of Bari University by one Mr. Cavalli Emanuele, living at #39 of Via Matteotti D'ANNUNZIO. He asked me if I could procure him a paper release from A.C.C., as he had learned from his brother, owner of the printinghouse "Levante", that I had procured for the latter such a release. I explained to him the proceedings necessary, and he made on the same day a request by a name which I don't remember. This request was turned over by me to Miss Vanna BERNARDINI, living at #102 Via Crisanio, who gave it me back after a few days with the approval of A.C.C. written at the bottom. I consigned the request to Mr. CAVALLI who paid me the sum of Lit. 40,000/ which I turned over entirely to Miss Vanna BERNARDINI. Mr. CAVALLI promised to give me a small quantity (some kilograms) of copy books as compensation, which, however, till today I have not received. I went also with Mr. CAVALLI to the Banca Commerciale Italiana to make the payment for the paper itself whereupon he, alone, went to BORSINI to pick up the paper at the A.C.C. store.

I have nothing else to add.

Read, confirmed and undersigned.

/s/ Reginald Giovanni

Bari, December 18th, 1946.

Translated by Penny Lieblein, CID.

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DECLARATION

I, the undersigned Giovanna BERNARDINI, daughter of Vittorio, born at Trani on 5th February 1919, residing at Bari, Via Gra-sanelo, declare before CIC Agent, Mr. M.E. HERDEN, and CIC Interpreter, Mr. F. MENIKOVSKY, as follows:

On the third floor of our house in the apartment of Mrs. CONELLI Nina whom I have known for several years. I often saw Allied officers enter her home but I did not know why they were coming there. One day in the month of September I heard my family speak about an agreement taken with Mrs. CONELLI for the release of paper, as my father is in the habit of discussing all his business with his family. I had introduced to my father Mr. LENTINI, Mr. GEORGI and Mr. MONTANO as members of the tennis club. He made with them an agreement for the sale of the paper.

As my father works all day long at his office, he told me, that if anybody brought money, I instead of him, should consign it to Mrs. CONELLI. I received money several times from the above named gentlemen and turned it over to Mrs. CONELLI. In the same manner I brought to her also some requests for release of merchandise. I remember neither the names on the requests nor the cyphers of the amounts which I brought to Mrs. CONELLI, as I did not pay any attention to them.

The declarant

/s/ giovanna bernardini

Witnessed by:

/s/ dr. fedor menirovsky, CIC

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I, the undersigned, Dr. CAVAZZUTI Giorgio, son of Gaetano, born at Milano, 4th January 1917, residing at Bari, PIAZZA, Via Crisanzio, declare before CID Agent, Mr. [illegible] and CID interpreter, Dr. F. MEZZROVSKY, declare as follows:

One day, in the latter part of SEPT. 1944, Mr. ROCA, of the firm MATRELLA, came to see me at Major KNIGHT's office where I worked, asking for transportation of a quantity of wood. I told him that this was impossible on account of the restriction of transportation, but that I could introduce him to a person who would occupy herself with the matter. In fact, I sent Mrs. CORELLI Nina to his house. Mrs. CORELLI and Mr. ROCA address a request to A.C.C. for a quantity of wood to be brought from the firm TROIANO & GIANI in the province of Potenza. Dr. ROCA made a request for account of the firm MATRELLA. This request was presented and approved by Major KNIGHT who, of course, had been informed by Mrs. CORELLI. The approved request was brought by Mrs. CORELLI to Mr. ROCA.. On her return from Mr. ROCA Mrs. CORELLI reported me that she had received 300,000 lire. This amount was divided between myself and Mrs. CORELLI, that is, I received 200,000 lire for having her introduced to Dr. ROCA.

Two or three days previous to Major KNIGHT's departure we received information from Rome that a vessel of 2000 tons was going to start from Brindisi for Rome within a week. About 500 of these 2000 tons should be loaded with wine that had remained on land at a preceding expedition and which belonged to Roman firms. The Consorzio Agrario was to provide for the forwarding of wine of their own property and the property of local producers, to fill up the remaining tonnage. As the Consorzio Agrario was neither able to supply more than 1000 tons nor to give in due time the remainder to private firms, Major KNIGHT assumed the task to find a person who might be able to complete the load in due time. Major KNIGHT did not mention anything about the matter, speaking with me; but on the same evening, in a private conversation with him, asked her if she could find anybody who could complete the cargo in time. When Nina reported this to me on the next morning, I advised her to contact Mr. Paolo MERRA, who, as I knew, was the representative of wine producers. And so she did. I know that Mrs. CORELLI caused a regular request to be submitted to Major KNIGHT, which was approved by the Major. Mrs. CORELLI brought the authorization to Mr. MERRA by whom she later on received a present of L. 750,000 for the assignment of the transportation. I received one half of this amount from Mrs. CORELLI directly, because I had made her acquainted with Mr. Paolo MERRA.

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Although I myself was not called up, I know that 24 hours after Mrs. CORELLI had been arrested at Lucca, Major KNIGHT phoned to her brother, Alfonso ARRIGHI, at home, to inform him of what had happened, saying "Cavazzuti is also involved".

I mention that I was not paid for the two months of work at the office, as the Major had not put me officially on the payroll, though he had repeatedly (also in writing) confirmed me my employ.

The document

/s/ dr. giorgio cavazzuti

Witnessed by:

/s/ w.b. burden, Agent, CID

/s/ dr. fedor nemirovsky, Interpreter, CID

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SOUTHERN REGION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
BARI ZONE

To Whom It May Concern: 19 Sept. 44.

Doctor G. Cavazzuti is representative of Major Knight, Allied Control Commission, Zone Economics & Supply Officer Bari, and takes control of affairs during my absence.

When on outdoor comissions he should be given every assistance to obtain informations, etc., on my behalf.

/s/ C. Knight
C. KNIGHT
Major
Zone Economics & Supply
Officer

(Stamp of Allied Control Commission,
Supply's Office, Bari)

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A Chiunque possa riguardare:

Dott. G. Cavazzuti e il rappresentante del Major Knight, Allied Control Comision, Zone Economics & Supply Officer Bari, e in assenza di cui controlla gli affari.

Per i comisioni fuori dell' Ufficio ogni assistenza per ricevere i dete gli deve essere data.

/s/ C. Knight
C. KNIGHT
Major
Zone Economics & Supply
Officer

(Stamp of Allied Control Commission,
Supplies Office, Bari)

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STATEMENT (Translation)

I, undersigned, CONSILI-ARMIENI Clementina, born at Bari, Sept.1st.,1914, residing at Bari, #162, Via Crisanzio, declare before CID Agent, Mr. W.B.HINDEN, and CID Interpreter, Dr.Feder NEMIROVSKY, as follows:

One day in September, 1946 I called on Mrs. BERNARDINI who is living in the same building as I. In the course of our conversation Mrs. BERNARDINI asked me if I couldn't do something through some friends of mine to help her family as they had had to make great expense for the marriage of their daughter. I told her that for the moment I could not do anything as I did not have any job, but that I would try to help her as soon as some possibility would occur.

A few days later they brought me, (I don't remember if it was the mother or the daughter, Vanna), three or four requests for the transportation of dry figs and wine. I don't remember the names of the persons nor of the places. I took these requests to Major KNIGHT who was my friend, begging him to help me in the obtaining of the permits. But Maj. KNIGHT replied this matter did not regard him and he could not do anything in it. So I brought the requests back to Mrs. BERNARDINI. They had promised me one-half of 50.000 liras for each wagon that should be transported, being the amount promised by the interested persons.

Some days later, daughter or mother BERNARDINI brought me a request for the release of paper (I remember neither name nor quantity in question), promising me 500 liras for each quintal. I took the request to Maj.KNIGHT begging him to take it into favorable consideration; the major replied he would see if the applicants had a right or not to obtain the release and his decision would depend on the result of this examination. He looked at the list and, seeing that the name was not contained in it, which meant that the applicant had not received any assignment before, he gave me his approval, however not for the whole quantity.

I told him I was very thankful to him, as I should receive a present for my intervention. In the same way I forwarded other requests for release of paper quantities, which were brought to me by the BERNARDINIS and taken by me to Maj.KNIGHT who did me the favour of undersigning them. For these requests the BERNARDINIS paid me 1000 liras for each quintal. I don't remember how many requests I brought to Maj.KNIGHT for signature, but I recollect that one was a request for 2 quintals of ink. Maj.KNIGHT knew that also for these other requests I should have a compensation.

One day in October, 1946, Dr.Giorgio CAVALIOTI came to my house and told me I should call on Mr. ROCA who wanted to speak to me and with whom he had already made an appointment for me. When I came there, Mr. ROCA asked me if I could help him to obtain transportation for a quantity of wood which was lying in some place in Cala-

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bria. I replied this would be very difficult but I would occupy myself with the matter. Dr.ROCA further asked me if I could procure him some quantity of wood of which he was in great need, whereupon I told him, he should make a request and I would see what could be done in the matter. Dr.ROCA gave me the request at once. I took it to Maj. KNIGHT who three or four days later gave me the letter of release. This letter was given by me to Dr. ROCA who paid me 300.000.- liras. of this sum I gave 200.000 to Dr. CAVAZZUTI because he had indicated to me Dr. ROCA.

I did not introduce myself to Dr. ROCA by my true name as I knew that this gentleman had previously been in business relation with my father.

The amount was paid to me for the wood and not for the transportation the cost of which latter would have been about 1,000.000.- at that time.

One evening in the month of October, I saw Major KNIGHT, who told me he was at a loss not knowing how to complete a wine load which was to be sent to Rome by steamer, as the Consorzio Agrario had not got the whole quantity of wine in jugs. There were 500 tons wanting and he asked me if I could find him anybody who had this quantity.

On the following day I spoke about this matter to Dr.CAVAZZUTI who told me to go to Mr. MEDEA who, he thought, might have to transport this quantity as he had requested transportation before. In fact, when I called on Mr. MEDEA he told me he had this quantity and would be extremely glad if he could obtain the transportation. He consigned me the request. We agreed that he should pay me 1,80 liras for each liter of wine forwarded. I took the request to Major KNIGHT and two or three days later, Mr. MEDEA was authorized to make the transportation. When I brought him the letter of authorization he paid me 750.000.- liras, one half of which amount I gave to Dr. CAVAZZUTI.

I told Major KNIGHT that I had received a present, whereupon he asked me if this present was satisfactory, as the business was an important one.

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/s/ clementina conelli armani

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STATEMENT (Translation)

I declare that in view of my friendship with Major KNIGHT many persons asked me to assist them in the obtaining of transportation. I don't remember exactly names and dates, but will state what I remember.

The following persons were among those who asked for railtransportation:

Ing. ARENA, employed by Anic.; request presented through South-East;
Mr. LIPPOLIS, owner of the Alberobello mills;
Mr. BAFFA Carlo - Massilli; (I think, this is the exact name);
Mr. VENALE, known through Mr. Adole CONVERTINI by the South-East;
Cav. ROSANO, known by South-East;
Mr. BLASI, employee of South-East,
and others whose names I - in faith - don't remember.

Among these persons whose regular requests I introduced to A.C.C. (Major KNIGHT) the followins have obtained rail wagons:
Mr. BLASI - 1 wagon for which I did not receive any compensation;
" LIPPOLIS - 6 wagons nominal, of which only 3 effective according to what he himself reported to me; I don't recall the amount given, but I think it was 50.000.-lires for each wagon.
At other times I obtained wagons for internal transportation for which I received a little sack of flour and - I think - 30.000 lires, and 20.000 for another one bound for Naples, I believe. The transports were performed between Bosegna and Alberobello.-
" BAFFA - 8 tank wagons nominal, I don't know how many effective, 4 or 5 or 6; compensation: 130.000.- lires, from which sum the expense for Nanda's tomb is to be deducted; as far as I remember, nobody else has obtained wagons through me. Major KNIGHT always said that this was the regular way to obtain transportations and, relying on his word, I never thought I was transgressing against any disposition.

I mention that Dr. BLASI one day came to see me asking me if it were possible to obtain an authorization for the vessel "Giuseppe Padre" (which, according to what he told me, had to go to Naples for repair) to make the last trip with a wine cargo for the firm SCHIATTI Pietro. The Captin of "Giuseppe Padre", he said, was associated with the firm and therefore interested in the execution of the transport, which he would not have performed for others. I took the request to Maj. KNIGHT who told me that he could not give any order directly; but he gave me a letter of request to the "Comune". I turned this letter over to Dr. BLASI who, on the following day, brought it back to me asking me to have "Comune, Bari", changed into "Comune, Naples", which Maj. KNIGHT did immediately. I don't know anything about the further development of the transaction. I did not receive any compensation for my assistance.

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I further affirm with emphasis that I left my job by the South-East only on the repeated requests of Maj.KNIGHT who promised me to employ me at A.C.C. (which I never obtained). He told me I was abused by the South-East where I did not receive adequate pay. Maj. KNIGHT further suggested I should contact persons requesting permits of any kind, saying, he meant to grant those permits whenever it was possible. It was understood that he was speaking of permits for which I should receive an adequate compensation. To my objections about the lawfulness of these transactions he would reply, it was exclusively his business to think of this and that he was acting in perfect conformity to law. We frequently returned to this matter as Dr. CAVALLOTI was always worrying about it. But Major KNIGHT would answer to all our objections in the way reported before and I relied on his word. And it was on his suggestion exclusively that I accepted these requests for transportation, paper and lumber; it was only on his invitation that I dealt with MEDIA for the firm PAPIA. Speaking of this last permit Maj. KNIGHT told me he thought I had gained by it at least 500.000.- liras. It was also Maj. KNIGHT who once asked me to find him somebody who wanted to transport 50 quintals of liquor or alcohol to Rome, I think, by a Yugoslav truck, as Maj. KNIGHT was acquainted with Capt. KRGO to whom, as he told me, he had done some favour regarding paper, I think. Maj. KNIGHT told me, he would issue a permit for the event that the truck should be stopped, declaring that the truck was sent from A.C.C., Bari, to A.C.C., Rome.

He told me I should ask at least 800,000 liras for this transport which was never effectuated.

To my objection that the matter did not seem lawful, Major KNIGHT told me I should not worry since the persons who eventually would effect this transport were authorized to forward anything. When I told him that I had not the courage to ask such a high sum if I should happen to find somebody, he replied I should not be silly, as he knew people who offered exorbitant cyphers (I don't remember if the amount he mentioned was a million).

There was one fact more confirming my supposition that a Yugoslav truck was in question: when leaving for Rome I received a note of recommendation from Major KNIGHT to Capt. KRGO, whereupon my brother Guido and I obtained two seats on the truck which makes two trips a week to Naples and Rome. During this journey we saw that a big barrel which was unloaded in a place near Naples (I don't remember the name) contained oil.

I forgot to say that one day Dr. ROMANO came to my house, for the first time personally, to bring me some requests for transportation of wine, whereas before he had sent me one or two

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through BLASI. He asked me if I had received a check of 11.000.- Lires which he had sent me through Mr. BLASI for the event that I should have had to spend money to obtain the weapons. I replied that I had not received anything, this being in fact the first time I heard of the matter.

THE DECLARANT

Rome, December 19th, 1944. /s/ Clemente Conelli armand

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Major A.C.C.

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DECLARATION

In the year 1944, on the 12th day of December, at 1300 hours.

I, Paolo MENGA, son of Francesco, living at Bari, at #23 of via Cattaro, declare as follows:

On 7th December 1944, that is, on the same day when I made my declaration regarding Dr. CAVACIUTI, a fair-haired boy of about 18 years whom I saw for the first time, came to my office on via Veneto, at about 1745 hours declaring himself to be a messenger of Mr. CAVACIUTI and Mrs. ARMIENI. He asked me if I should be inclined to state that Mrs. ARMIENI had been my representative in the transaction obtained from A.C.C. The boy then offered to pay me 1000 lire as compensation for my expenses. I refused and, turning him out of the door, told him he should not let himself be seen again.

From that day neither that boy nor Mr. CAVACIUTI and Mrs. ARMIENI tried again to contact me.

I have nothing else to add.

Read, confirmed and undersigned.

Bari, 12th December 1944. /s/ paolo menga

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Interpreter, C.I.D.

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S.A. TURRI,
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DECLARATION

In the year 1944, on the 15th of December, at 1130 hours, at the office of the firm PARRA ALLEGRO & FIGLI, Corato, #89 Vale Diaz.

Before us, CID Agent T.F. HOLMES and CIC Interpreter Paul C. BANDELLI, Domenico FERRARA, son of the late Catalde and Luisa Terentini, born at Corato, April 27th, 1899, residing there, at #73 of Via M.E. Imbriani, declares as follows:

In my quality of responsible clerk of the firm Parra Alessandro & Figli, Corato, I, the undersigned, was acquainted with Mr. Paolo MERRA from Bari who was a member of the wholesale wine association ANCVINT.

In the month of October 1944, Mr. Paolo MERRA asked me if I was inclined to send 500 tons of wine to Rome by sea. I told him I was interested in the matter considering that the want of transportation was a great difficulty for our firm since great quantities of our merchandise are lying in our various storehouses in Apulia. Mr. MERRA informed me that he would cede me the relative exportation permit for a compensation of 1,50 lire for each liter. So I paid to Mr. MERRA in his office 420.000.- lire for 280 tons, that is, 1,50 a liter. Mr. MERRA, placing the money into his portfolio, invited me to make use of one of my friend's car parked in front of the office. I consented and accompanied him to a street in the vicinity of the central station where Mr. MERRA had the car stop. About half an hour later, Mr. MERRA came back, handing me a sheet of paper with an illegible signature and the A.C.C. stamp at the bottom.

On the following day, Mr. MERRA handed me in his office a second permit for 280 tons like the preceding one and I paid to him the relative amount of 280.000 lire.

I left for Squinzano (Lecce) to prepare the expedition and in fact, advertisements of expedition for 28 wagons from Squinzano to Brindisi and for 22 wagons from Molfetano to Gallipoli arrived a few days later. These expeditions were annulled a few hours later by order to the railway station master.

I have nothing else to add.

Read, confirmed and undersigned.

Bari, 15 December 1944. /s/ Domenico Ferrara

Translated by Fanny Lioblein,
Interpreter, C.I.D.

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STATEMENT (Translation)

In the year 1946, on the 7th day of December, at 1500 hours, at the C.I.D. office, Bari, (2 via De Rosa.

Before us, CIC Agent, Thomas F. Rollins, and CIC Interpreter, Raul GARBELLI, lawyer Dr. Nino Sebastiano, son of the late Luigi and of Anna RATELLI, born at Bari, January 14th, 1901, residing at Bari, 69, Piazza Eroi del Mare, declares as follows:

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I am the responsible clerk of the firm G. RATELLI, furniture factory, Bari, and president of the Federation of Wood Industrials and Artisans. In this latter quality I received, in July 1944, an offer of the firm Fratelli FELTRINELLI, Bari, for the purchase of 250 cubic metres of beechwood, of the production of the firm TROPIANO & RIMMI, Terravova di Pollino (Potenza). The firm FELTRINELLI received this material by release regularly issued by the Provincial Supply Council (Consiglio Provinciale d'Economia) of Potenza, on authorization by A.C.C., Bari. When already some trucks had been sent to Terravova to begin with the transportation of the wood which was destined for the manufacture of furniture ordered by various Allie Commands, TROPIANO & RIMMI notified the firm FELTRINELLI by letter that the release of the wood had been recalled by the Consiglio dell'Economia, Potenza, successively to a wire of Major KNIGHT received from A.C.C., Bari. The letter further informed that the wood quantity in question had been assigned by Major KNIGHT to one Mr. MENNI, Bari, at Martina Franca (Taranto) with other 80 cubic metres that previously had been assigned to a firm BRUNI at Taranto. Surprised by such communications, I caused the firm FELTRINELLI to send a messenger to Potenza, by whom I forwarded a letter, at the bottom of which the General Secretary, I have sub Area declared that the wood was destined for the performance of regular military orders. The messenger wrote to FELTRINELLI from Potenza that they had to apply to Major KNIGHT from whom the Consiglio dell'Economia, Potenza, had received the order to revoke the release.

In view of these facts, I applied to Capt. ROLLINS of the C.I.C., office, begging him to contact Maj. KNIGHT for the purpose of having the matter settled. Some days later, Capt. ROLLINS informed me that he had spoken with Major KNIGHT about the matter which, however, had not been settled. He advised me to go directly to the office of A.C.C.

A few days later, I went with Mr. BALETTI, manager of the firm FELTRINELLI, Bari, to Major KNIGHT. After having discussed the matter with him through his interpreter, I was invited to come again on the following day on which I should receive the definitive reply. On the next day I was received only by the interpreter, who told me the Major's reply was negative, and that FELTRINELLI had made a mistake by not having applied for a direct authorization of A.C.C. for the purchase of the wood. I objected that what he said was not right, since the Consiglio dell'Economia of Potenza had given the release on regularly approval of A.C.C., Bari. Thereupon Dr. CAVAZZUTI replied there were no further discussions to be made as it had been decided that the wood belonged to the firm MONTANARI, Martina Franca. By informations received from the firm BRUNI of Taranto, the firm FELTRINELLI learned that MONTANARI was only an improvised merchant who had never been registered at the House of Commerce (Camera di Commercio).

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Some months later, on or about the 22nd or 23rd of October, 1944, I was called up by Dr. CAVARETTI who asked me if I was still interested in the purchase of that lot of beechwood from Terranova di Pollino. I agreed for the conditions and Dr. CAVARETTI told me he would let them know to me on the following day at my home, where he would come with another interested person at about 1100 hours. However, on the next day, at 1100 hours, a well-dressed lady who declared to be from Poland, came and told me the A.C.C. had issued an assignment of 180 cubic meters of wood at the price of 1,400.- liras a m³ to the firm NATRELLA. I replied at once that the convenience of the purchase was depending entirely on the transportation problem, whereupon the lady said, this would be her task for a compensation of 500,000.-liras. I replied that I could not see how this problem might be resolved. But she replied she would communicate to the solution on the following day provided that I was ready to pay the said sum. On the following day about noon, the lady came again, bringing two letters from A.C.C. signed by Major KNIGHT, one of which, addressed to the firm NATRELLA, contained the communication of the assignment of wood, the other, addressed to CAB (Commercial Autotransportuari Reuni), inviting this commercio to contact the firm NATRELLA for the purpose of making an agreement about the transportation modalities. Without further discussions the lady then asked me for the payment of 500,000.- liras. I told her that I had not got them, asking her if she could wait till the next day. She said this was not possible as she had to leave; she explicitly assured me that the transportation had already been disposed and that, in the event of my difficulties, I could apply to Dr. CAVARETTI who was perfectly informed of the matter. Owing to her friendship with me, Dr. CAVARETTI who added, the Major wanted to help her because she was a Pole and the Major was interested in procuring assistance to Polish refugees. After these declarations and confirmations, I asked the lady to wait me, and went to the credito italiano to pick up the sum which, on my return home, I consigned to the lady. On the same evening at about 1700 hours, I went to the CAB office to ascertain if the CAB really had accepted to perform the transportation according to the letter and declarations of the lady. To my surprise, however, I learned from Mr. Vittorio TELESCA, president of the CAB, and from the manager that they had been invited on the same morning by Dr. CAVARETTI to come to A.C.C. Only the manager had gone there and had been informed by Dr. CAVARETTI that a transportation was to be performed for the firm NATRELLA, of which fact he (the manager) then notified the president. Then, however, they learned, that the road of Terranova di Pollino was in question, they reported me that already several months before they had been called by A.C.C. to perform the transportation for the account of Dr. MONTANARI from Terranova Prunos, that they had gone to Terranova di Pollino with two trucks and performed the transportation of about 80 m³ from Terranova to the station of Nova Siri but had been compelled to abandon their work as the firm TROPIANO & BIANI who had not been paid by MONTANARI would not continue the delivery, and they (CAB) themselves had not been paid by Dr. MONTANARI according to the agreement made by them. They told me that Dr. MONTANARI owed them more than 300,000.- liras.

On the following day I went to A.C.C. to ask for explanations about the facts learned by CAB. I was told, that Maj. KNIGHT had left and that Dr. CAVARETTI did no longer work at that office. I succeeded in tracing by phone Dr. CAVARETTI when I threatened to denounce the matter if the transportation were not performed or the

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money given back to me. Dr. CAVALLOTTI called me, saying, he was informed of the refusal of CAR and would immediately provide to take agreements with some other motor transportation firm. He assured me he would call on me and see me as he had done so. I think it was two days later when I met Dr. CAVALLOTTI again who told me I could obtain the transportation of the wood if I were inclined to pay 87.000 Lires for each truck without trailer. Making the account on the reverse side of a package of cigarettes belonging to Dr. CAVALLOTTI, I proved to him that only a fool could pay for 100 m³ the total of 8.162.000.- Lires, that is, 17.000 Lires or more for 1 m³, adding that I was extremely surprised at this request, having already paid for the transportation 800.000.- Lires to the lady. Now it was Dr. CAVALLOTTI's turn to be astonished, and he told me that Major KNIGHT had ordered him to look for a transportation firm inclined to perform the transportation of wood for the account of the firm MATERNIA at the best conditions possible. I replied I could no way believe this and should wait 48 hours more after which time I should take the steps necessary for the protection of my firm's interests against them (Dr. CAVALLOTTI and the mentioned lady) as well as against Major KNIGHT. Dr. CAVALLOTTI begged me to give up this project and give him time to obtain the address of the lady (undisclosed since as Mrs. ARRIZZI) who, he thought, was staying at home, adding, he would try to join her there and ask her to restitue the money.

A few days later, Dr. CAVALLOTTI called me up asking me to come to see him at OMGRA on the Grimaldi. I went there and Dr. CAVALLOTTI, giving me a full account of the trick that had been played to him, told me that he was perfectly alien to these facts. He added, he had succeeded in getting back 1.0.000.- Lires which he offered to give me, promising that he would try to obtain the restitution at least of an important part of the sum as soon as he would be able to join the lady. He told me this, as he knew the lady was a spendthrift and might have wasted already a considerable part of the money. I replied him that I would on no account be responsible of having proposed to my firm a business as lawful which now was appearing very foul to me; and that, at the end, I might find me involved in a transaction the ends of which might fall on my shoulders. Thanking me for the time I was granting to him for the regulation of the matter, he most formally assured me that the smaller amount he would bring back from Rome would be 250.000.- Lires more. He further said that the difference - or a considerable part of it - could be covered if I helped him to place a wooden log on which might be earned 10 Lires for each kg. (A quantity of 100 quintals was in question).

I declare and confirm that besides the aforesaid I have never had any relation with Giorgio CAVALLOTTI nor with Mrs. Erica ARRIZZI.

I have nothing else to add.

Read, confirmed and undersigned.

Bari, 7 December, 1946. /s/ illegible. 00029

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1st Lt., OMP

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DECLARATION

In the year 1946, on the 18th of December, at 1430 hours, at the office of the American Criminal Police, Bari.

Before us, William B. BURDEN, CID Agent, and Paul G. BANDLER and Fedor NEMIROVSKY, CID Interpreters, BLASI Francesco, son of Alessandro and Ernesta Bernabe, born at Martina Franca (Taranto), March 11th, 1914, residing there at Villa Ciancio, declares as follows:

In the first days of September, 1944, Mrs. Nini CONELLI told me she could obtain the release of a certain quantity of lumber, adding that I should indicate to her some names to which the coupon of release might be addressed. I replied I would occupy myself with the matter at Martina. Some days later she spoke to me again of the business, insisting that I should tell her some names. To my remonstrance that I had not been able to find any timber merchant, she said that any name would serve. Thereupon I told her the name of MONTANARO Vito from Martina Franca. A few days later, CONELLI gave me a release-coupon for about 870 m³ of beech wood by the firm BIANI of Terranova del Pollini. She asked for the sum of 700.000 lire which I reserved the right to pay later on. One day - I don't remember the exact date - she sent for me and told me that she had to leave for Rome and therefore was in want of money. The following day, I gave to CONELLI at her apartment the amount of 50.000 lire. We had agreed - on her own proposal - that she would be interested in the transportation of the lumber to the place of destination.

She spoke also about eventual concession of rail cars which she could obtain having them included in the requests by A.C.C.

I have nothing else to add.

Read, confirmed, undersigned in faith

Witnessed by: /s/ dr. Blasi Francesco

/s/ W.B. Burden, agent, C.I.B.

/s/ Paul G. Bandler, interpreter, C.I.B.

/s/ dr. Fedor Nemirovsky, interpreter, C.I.B.

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Interpreter, C.I.B.

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DECLARATION

The undersigned Dr. of Commercial Science, Alfredo SPALLA, Director of the Consorzio Autotrasportatori del Barese, declares as follows:

On the 17th of September, 1944, I received order from Major KNIGHT of the A.C.C. to send two motor trucks to Terranova del Pollino, to the firm TROPPIANO & DIANI, and to effect the transport of 1000 quintals of lumber to the rail-station of Nova-Siri for account of A.C.

This order, repeated insistently by Dr. CAVARETTI of the same Allied Comission in date of September 19th, was executed without delay by the trucks of the firm Mario PETTI, Bari, and Fratelli PANSINI, Molfetta.

In the period from the 20th September, the truck of the firm Mario PETTI executed 5 trips whereas the truck of the firm Fr/lli PANSINI made only one trip, for a total of about 600 quintals, that is, 75 m³, on account of various difficulties made by the firm TROPPIANO, owing to missing payment for the lumber and to the damages suffered by the trucks on the road.

The firm TROPPIANO having received no payment would not deliver the lumber, and asked for a responsible person who should receive the material. Therefore we had to apply to A.C. for intervention.

A.C. ordered the immediate consignment and we had to send twice a truck to forward these letters to the firm TROPPIANO, whereupon the firm itself provided for the consignment of the lumber.

All the gasoline and lubricating oil needed for the transportation of the lumber and for the trucks was regularly assigned from the A.C. contingent.

On the 30th of September, successively to the Prefect's decree #11663, the work was suspended and the trucks returned to Bari.

In the first days of October, I applied to Maj. KNIGHT for instructions about the payment of the work done by the members of our association. Major KNIGHT answered Dr. CAVARETTI, that this regarded the Allied Comission and that a price of 200.000 lire had been fixed.

Successively Major KNIGHT advised me through Dr. CAVARETTI to apply to the firm MONTEMANO Vito of Martina Franca, as this firm was the addressee of the lumber.

I applied several times to the said firm for the payment of the transport, but up to this moment I did not succeed in obtaining what is due to the Consorzio. I only received L. 26.745,30 which are being kept in account.

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Bari, 16 December 1944.

In faith

(Dr. Rag. Alfredo SPALLA)

/s/ alfredo spalla

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
BARI ZONE

Ref. : Ba/Sez/1/5 October 26th, 1944
SUBJECT : Timber

TO : Consorzio Autotrasportatori Merci (Motortransporteurs of Merit) BARI

We would appreciate your effecting the transportation for the firm
G. BATTISTA according to the enclosed letter.

/s/ Knight
C. KNIGHT
Major
Zone Economics & Supply Officer

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
BARI ZONE

Ref. : Ba/Sez/1/5 October 26th, 1944
SUBJECT : Timber

TO : G. BATTISTA,
Bari

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We inform you that a lot of about 150 m^3 of timber has been released
for you. This timber belongs to the firm [redacted] & CIASI, Terranova di Pollino.
We invite you to contact said firm as soon as possible.

/s/ Knight
C. KNIGHT
Major
Zone Economics & Supply Officer

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Allied Control Commission

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Major, A.C.

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STATEMENT (declaration)

In the year 1944, on December 20th, at 1700 hours, at the CIB office, Bari, (S), Via De Rossi.

Before me, William R. HERRON, CIB Agent, and Dr. Peter MERCATANTE and Paul RADDAR, CIB Interpreters, ROSSIA MASSARO Francesco, son of Nicola and of the late Evelina FORTE, born at Ascoli-Piceno on March 2nd, 1902, residing at Bari, #28 Lungomare Sauro, declares as follows:

I have known Mrs. CORELLI-HOEPLI for many years. At the last time she was employed by the Southwest railways. In the course of her activity Mrs. CORELLI became acquainted with Major KNIGHT of the A.M.G.- After a trip to Rome which she made with the major, she gave up her job as employee of South-East, saying that she had to do so for the sake of her health. Some time later I once spoke to Mrs. CORELLI in my quality as legal manager of the establishment RAFFA di Nova about the difficulties this firm met in the expedition of wine. Mrs. CORELLI kindly offered me her assistance by A.M.G. to obtain the wagons. In fact, I obtained on my request which was presented by Mrs. CORELLI 6 tank wagons about the middle of September 1944. Mrs. CORELLI notified me of the fact by phone telling me that the wagons were already available at Nova station. Two days later I found the tickets and wagons at Nova (Taranto) station and could send the wine to Naples. I then called on Mrs. CORELLI to thank her, telling her that the transportation I had performed by means of the 6 tank wagons had enabled me to save 200.000 lires confronting the expense with the cost of truck transportation, and that I should be glad if she would accept one half of this amount.

At the Associazione Industriali (Association of Industrials) I met lawyer Dr. ROCCA whom I knew to be in business relation with Mrs. CORELLI. As also Dr. ROCCA knew that I was a friend of Mrs. CORELLI's we engaged in a discussion in the course of which Dr. ROCCA reported me about the relation between himself, Mrs. CORELLI and Dr. CAVALCUTI. He further told me that 250.000 lires of the sum anticipated were due to him.

Successively Dr. CAVALCUTI asked me to restitute to Dr. ROCCA 250.000 lires (which I did) and to asked Dr. ROCCA for the issuance of letters proving that he had previously been put in charge to deal lumber transportation.

THE DECLARANT

Bari, 20 December 1944. /s/ Nicola Massaro Francesco

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STATEMENT (Translation)

In the year 1946, on the 4th day of January, at 1330 hours, at the office of the firm LIPPOLIS & CO, Alberobello, Via Cavour.

Before us, Thomas V. POLLEN, CID Agent, and Raul G. BADILLO, CID Interpreter, LIPPOLIS Angelo, son of the late Luigi and Maria MACCI, born at Alberobello, on February 3rd, 1903, wine merchant, residing at Alberobello, #10, Via Cavour, declares as follows:

Every week I go to the South-East Railways to read the lists of transportation authorizations. Last summer I met at the South-East Railways director's office Mrs. CORELLI who was employed there. When I complained of the difficulties I met in the transportation of wine, Mrs. CORELLI hinted at a possibility to help me. She suggested I should address a regular request to the Consiglio dell'Economia which she herself would have presented. I made a request for 6 tank-wagons from Squinzano to Naples and gave it to Mrs. CORELLI. Rather a long time later, Mrs. CORELLI notified me that my request had been approved. I went to Squinzano for the loading of the 6 tanks, but I obtained only four of them as the other two did not arrive at the time established according to the timetable. Mrs. CORELLI's intervention helped me to save time, fatigue and money I should have had to waste in trips from Alberobello to Bari and from Alberobello to Lecce. To thank her for her kindness I gave her the amount of 120,000 lire.

I have never dealt with Mrs. CORELLI any other business than the above said.

I have nothing else to add.
Read, confirmed and undersigned.

Bookkeeper Angelo Lippolis

Alberobello - January 1946

/s/ Angelo Lippolis

Translated by Penny Liebleim, CIC.

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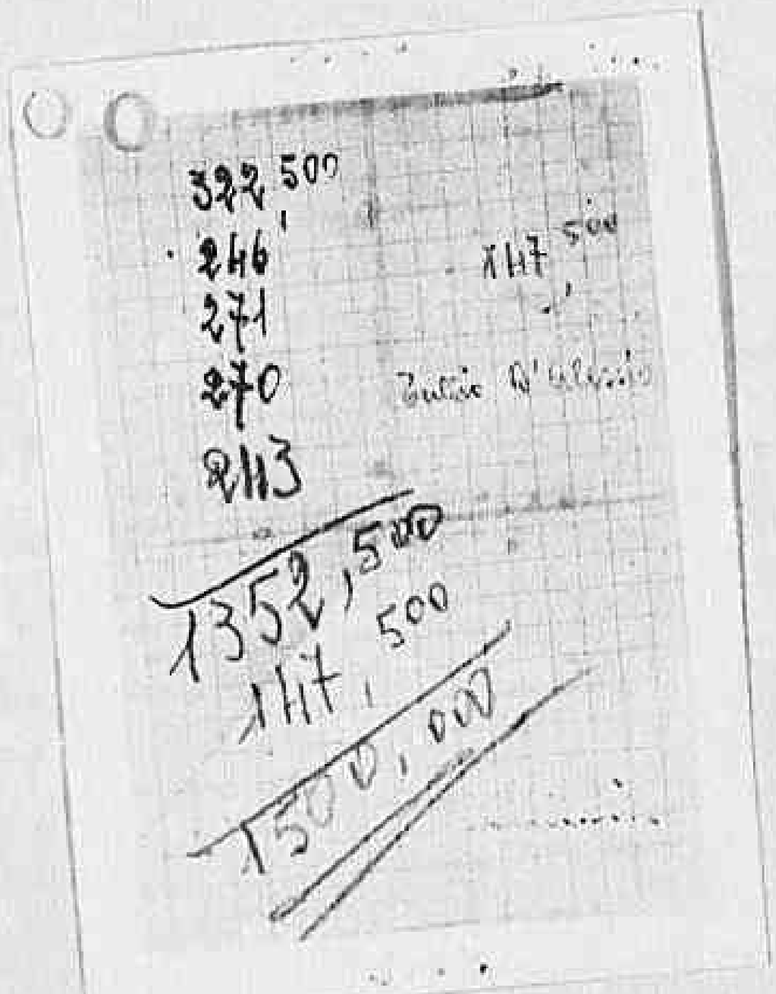

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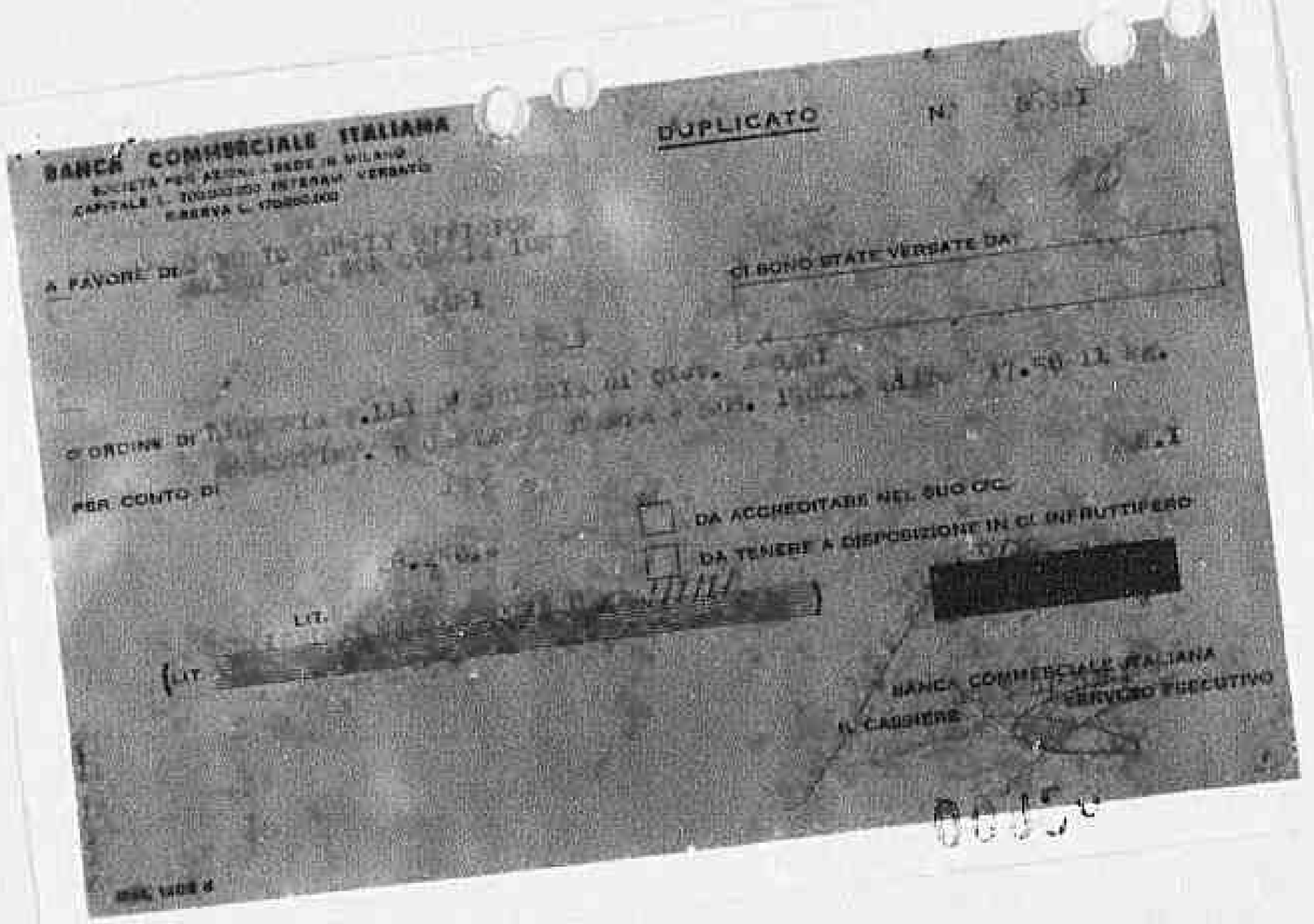
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Dr. Lino Merini
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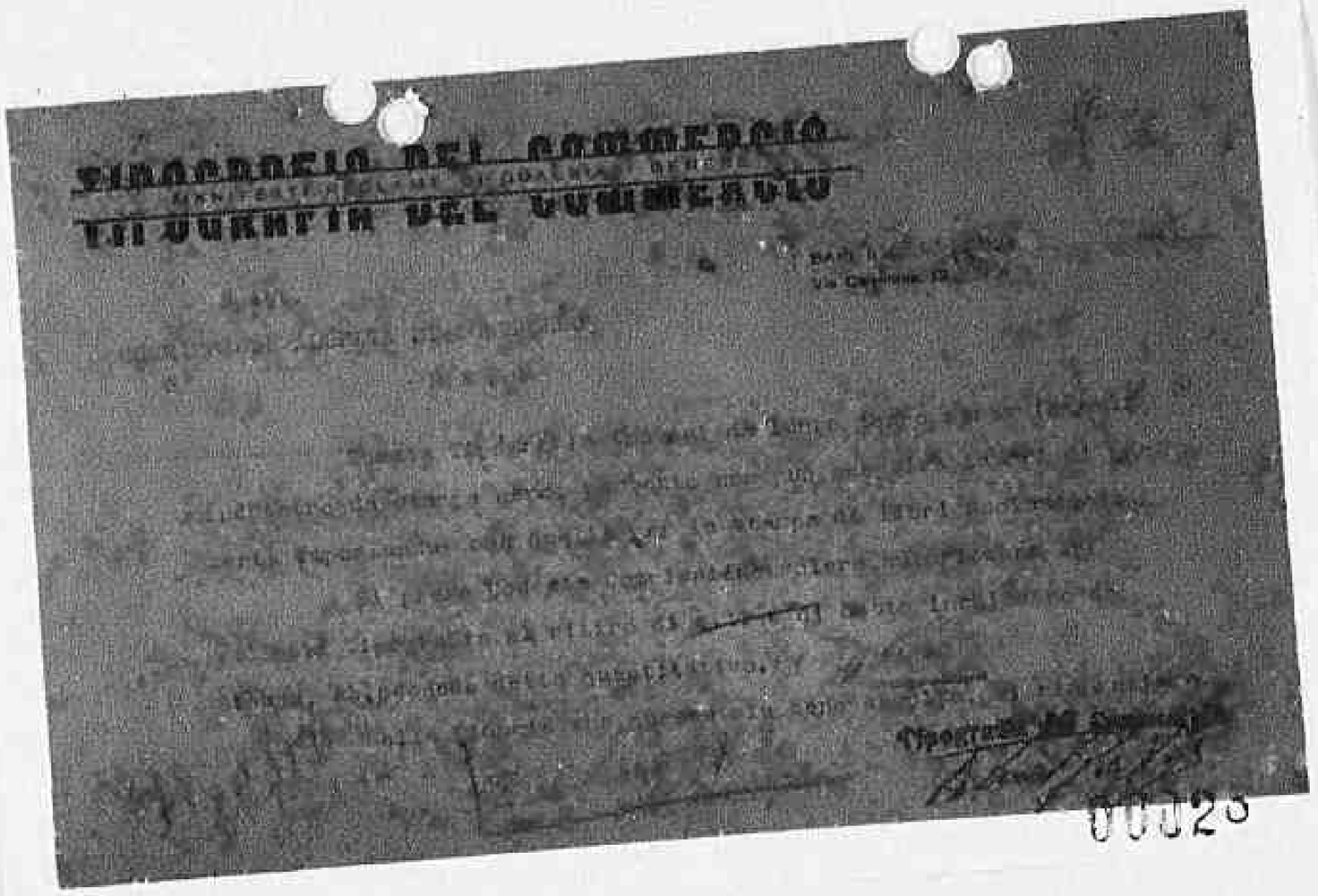

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Description of articles Descrizione dell'articolo	Unit Unità	Quantity Quantità	Price Prezzo	Amount Ammontare
B L A C K - I N K (inchiostro per stampa)	kg.	227	Lire 80 per kg.	Lit. 18.160.oo 00021

Issuing Warehouse
Magazzino (Uscita) Magazzini L. e C. Morfini fu F.sco - Extramur. Capruzzi 16

Payable at
(Pagabile a:) Banca Commerciale Italiana - Bari a.c/ E.S.D. N° 1

Sale/Issue approved by
(Vendita/consegna approvata da:) Major KNIGHT.
Signature and Rank of F. S. O. (Firma e grado dell'Ufficiale)

Date
(Data 18 Ottobre 1944)

1) I certify that the articles described above were received by me on the day of 194
(Dichiaro che gli articoli sopra elencati furono da me ricevuti il

Signature and Rank of Receiving Officer (Firma e grado dell'Ufficiale ricevente)

2) I certify that the articles described above were issued by me to the person (s)
(Dichiaro che gli articoli sopra elencati furono da me consegnati a Totro Raffaele

entitled to receive them on the 18 Ottobre day of 194 4 and that evidence of payment
autorizzato a riceverli il *e che la prova di pagamento*

of the above total amount of Lire 18.160.oo was produced to me in the form of Receipt Voucher No. 6561
del totale relativo importo di L. *mi fu esibita con bolletta n.*

issued by Banca Commerciale Italiana - Bari under date of 18 Ottobre 194 4
emessa da *data*)

Head
(Capo)

Sub-Head
(Sotto Capo)

Store Ledger Folio
(Libro Magazzino Pagina)

Signature & Rank of Issuing Officer (Firma e grado dell'Ufficiale emittente)

Tally Card. No.
(Tagliando No.)

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TIPOGRAFIA DEL COMMERCIO
MANIFESTI RECLAME DI QUALSIASI GENERE
TIPOGRAFIA DEL COMMERCIO

BARI, li 7 ottobre 194 3
Via Celentano, 18

Spett.
COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

BARI

Vi preghiamo vivamente di volerci concedere lo sblocco di n.1 [illegible] di carta da macero per pubblicazioni propagandistiche - libri culturali scolastici.

Nella speranza che accoglierete la nostra richiesta, vi ringraziamo.

Con osservanza.

Tipografia del Commercio

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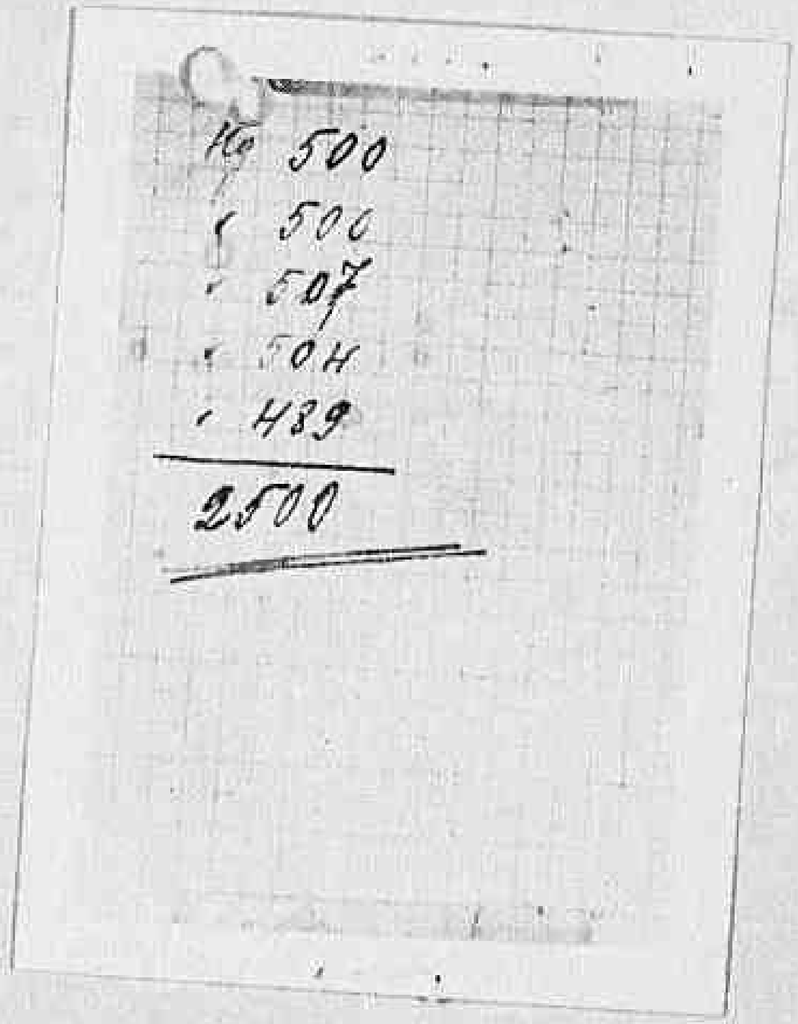

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Roma 13-10-1911 VII

Litografia del Ponteggio
Roma
Carta kg. 2500
(Duemila cinquecento)
Consegnata.

Ritirata
Roma 13/10/1911

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F/F 18

REGION No. 11 (REGIONE No. 11)

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION (COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO)

ECONOMIC AND SUPPLIES DIVISION (DIVISIONE DI APPROVVIGIONAMENTO)

ISSUE VOUCHER (GIUSTIFICAZIONE DELL'USCITA)

TRIPLICATE No. 34

Sold/issued to
(Venduto/consegnato a:) TIPOGRAFIA DEL COMMERCIO BARI

Description of articles Descrizione dell'articolo	Unit Unità	Quantity Quantità	Price Prezzo	Amount Ammontare
RISMALTI (carta da stampa)	KG.	2500	Lire 17.50 per KG.	L. 43750.

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Issuing Warehouse
Magazzino (Uscita) MAGAZZINI CENTRALI CARBONI 16

Payable at
(Pagabile a:) Banco di Sicilia Istituto Naz.

Sale/Issue approved by
(Vendita/consegna approvata da:) C. [illegible] Signature and Rank of C. O. S. D. C. & S. Murfini per Ragioniere Capo Direttore dell'Ufficio

Date
(Data 13/10 *194)*

1) I certify that the articles described above were received by me on the day of 194
(Dichiaro che gli articoli sopra elencati furono da me ricevuti il 194

Signature of Purchaser (Firma dell'acquirente)

2) I certify that the articles described above were issued by me to the person (s) Dr. Lampriani
(Dichiaro che gli articoli sopra elencati furono da me consegnati a

entitled to receive them on the 13/10 day of 194 and that evidence of payment
autorizzato a riceverli il 194 *e che la prova di pagamento*

of the above total amount of Lire 43750. — was produced to me in the form of Receipt Voucher No. 6332
del totale relativo importo di L. *mi fu esibita con bolletta n.*

issued by
emessa da BANCA COMMERCIALE ITALIANA Bari under date of 13/10/ 194
in data 194

Signature & Rank of Issuing Officer Firma e grado dell'Ufficiale emittente

Head
(Capo)

Sub-Head
(Sotto Capo)

Store Ledger Folio
(Libro Magazzino Pagina)

Tally Card. No.
(Tagliando No.)

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REGION No. 11 (REGIONE No. 11)

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION (COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO)

ECONOMIC AND SUPPLIES DIVISION (DIVISIONE DI APPROVVIGIONAMENTO)

ISSUE VOUCHER (GIUSTIFICAZIONE DELL'USCITA)

TRIPLICATE

Sold/issued to
(Venduto/consegnato a:) Ditta [illegible]

No. 12

Description of articles / Descrizione dell'articolo	Unit / Unità	Quantity / Quantità	Price / Prezzo	Amount / Ammontare
WRAPPRINT (carta da stampa)	Kg	1500	Lire 77,50	L. 46.50.

Issuing Warehouse
Magazzino (Ufficio) Magazzini L. [illegible] N° 26

Payable at
(Pagabile a:) Banca Commerciale Italiana [illegible]

Sale/Issue approved by
(Vendita/consegna approvata da:) [illegible]

Date
(Data [illegible] 194 *)*

1) I certify that the articles described above were received by me on the [illegible] day of 194
(Dichiaro che gli articoli sopra elencati furono da me ricevuti il 194

[illegible]
(Signature of receiver) (Firma del ricevente)

2) I certify that the articles described above were issued by me to the person so
(Dichiaro che gli articoli sopra elencati furono da me consegnati a [illegible]

entitled to receive them on the day of 194 and that evidence of payment
autorizzato a riceverli il 194 *e che la prova di pagamento*

of the above total amount of Lire [illegible] was produced to me in the form of Receipt Voucher No. 637
del totale relativo importo di L. [illegible] *mi fu esibita con bolletta n.*

issued by Banca Commerciale Italiana under date of 17/1/44 194
emessa da *in data* 194 *)*

(Signature & Rank of Issuing Officer) (Firma e grado dell'Ufficiale emittente)

Head
(Capo [illegible] *)*

Sub-Head
(Sotto Capo [illegible] *)*

Store Ledger Folio
(Libro Magazzino Pagina [illegible] *)*

Tally Card. No.
(Tagliando No. [illegible] *)*

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ACC REGION II

DIVISION

ISSUE VOUCHER

No. 5

SOLD/ISSUED TO: AURELIO LORENZETTI _ BARI

DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES	UNIT	QUANTITY	PRICE	AMOUNT
( ) n. 1 (trasporto e imballaggio)	Kg.	1500 Litri	L. 20,00 per Kg. 21,00	Lire 31.250.

Issuing Warehouse: [illegible] Corinaldesi Ottaviano Capranica 16

Payable at: [illegible] per trasferimento immediato alla

Sale/Issue approved by: [illegible]

Signature and Rank

Date: 7/12/44 194

(1) I certify that the articles described above were received by me on the ___ day of ___ 194___

Io certifico che gli articoli sopra elencati erano ricevuti da me il giorno del mese

Signature of purchaser

(2) I certify that the articles described above were issued by me to the persons(s) entitled to receive them on the ___ day of 30/10/ 194 4 and that evidence of payment of the above total amount of Lire 3 . 50. was produced to me in the form of BANK DEPOSIT RECEIPT / RECIPT VOUCHER No. 93986 issued by [illegible] under date of 30 - 10 - 194 4

Signature & Rank of issuing Officer

Head: ___

Sub-Head: ___

Store Ledger Folio: ___ Tally Card No: ___

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TIPOGRAFIA CASINI

BARI — Corso Sonnino, 29 - Tel. 13548

NUOVA GESTIONE

Bari, 18 Ottobre 1944.=

Spett.COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
DI CONTROLLO = B a r i

La sottoscritta Ditta chiede un'assegnazione di Q.li 80 di carta da stampa per i seguenti lavori in corso:

N.1'000'000 di bollette Luce a Contatore per la Società Gen.Pugliese di Elettricità di Bari;
Q.li 10'000 Bollette luce per impresa idroelettrica per la Società di cui sopra;
N. 50'000 Moduli vari per la Società di cui sopra;
N. 90'000 Moduli per il Ministero Agricoltura e Foreste;
N. 20'000 Calendari olandesi ad Enti varii;
N.200'000 Lettere e Moduli varii per la Legione dei RR.CC. di Bari. =

Sicuro di essere favorito porgo distinti ossequi

DOTT. [illegible] SCORPIO

Soc. Editrice Tipografica S.E.T.
BARI
Via Nicola Glionna, 12-14-16-18 — STABILIM. FOTOMECCANICO — Via Roberto da Bari, 19 —
Via Cairoli, 49 — Telef. 13-66 — Via Roberto da Bari, 19 —
C. P. E. C. N. 1699

Bari 19 ottobre 1944

On. Commissione Alleata

B A R I

Si prega volere disporre per l'assegnazione di quintali 30 (trenta) carta formato 70x100 rismata per lavori tipografici in corso(libri scolastici, modulario vario, etc.)

Ringrazio in anticipo ed ossequia

P/ Società Anitrice Tipografica

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TIPOGRAFIA LEVANTE
BARI Via CRISANZIO, 45 • TELEF. 13778

C. P. C. Bari 2700
Per Telegr. Tipolevante - Bari

Ditta Cavalli

LAVORI DI LUSSO E COMMERCIALI
TRICROMIE — EDIZIONI — FORNITURE
PER ENTI STATALI E PARASTATALI

N 71

li 12 Ottobre 1944

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

- B.A R I -

Spett/le Commissione,

questa Ditta, da diverso tempo, esplica una lieve quasi tenue attività per penuria di carta.

Poichè è attualmente impegnata con diversi Enti militari - oltre che i civili - per forniture stampati e non trovandosi su questa piazza quel necessario quantitativo di carta per far fronte alle esigenze del lavoro, si permette rivolgersi a cotesta superiore Commissione affinchè si compiaccia concederle un'assegnazione di carta di una OTTANTINA di quintali di qualsiasi formato e tipo, che non sia però rispondente al formato bobinato.

Fiduciosa della concessione di quanto sopra richiesto, porge vivi ringraziamenti e distinti ossequi.

TIPOGRAFIA LEVANTE
S.r.l.

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VIA PRINCIPE AMEDEO, 187 - TELEF. 12.367

TIPOGRAFIA G. POSTA
BARI
Piazzese Amedeo, 187

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ACC REGION II

_____ DIVISION

ISSUE VOUCHER

No. 71

SOLD/ISSUED TO: TIPOGRAFIA LEVANTE - BARI-

DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES	UNIT	QUANTITY	PRICE	AMOUNT
N E W S P R I N T (carta da stampa)	Kg.	2000	L. 17,5o	
CUTTING & TRANSPORT (tagliatura e trasporto)			" 1,5o	
		Lires	19,oo per Kg.=	Lires 38.000

Issuing Warehouse: Magazzini I.S.G. Morfini Estramurale Capruzzi 16

Payable at: Banca Commerciale Italiana per trasferimento immediato alla Banca d'Italia, Napoli, conto A.A.A. 1

Sale/Issue approved by: Major [illegible] Signature and Rank

Date: 27/10/ 194

E. & G. Morfini fu Francesco
Stampatori

(1) I certify that the articles described above were received by me on the ___ day of _____ 194

Io certifico che gli articoli sopra elencati erano ricevuti da me il giorno _____ del mese

_____ Signature of purchaser

(2) I certify that the articles described above were issued by me to the persons(s) entitled to receive them on the ___ day of 27/10/1944 and that evidence of payment of the above total amount of Lire 38.000 was produced to me in the form of BANK DEPOSIT RECEIPT / RECEIPT VOUCHER No. 93960 issued by Banca Commerc. Ital. per trasferimento immediato alla Banca d'Italia, Napoli, - conto A.A.A. 1 under date of 27 - 10 - 1944

_____ Signature & Rank of issuing Officer

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Head: _____

Sub-Head: _____

Store Ledger Folio: _____ Tally Card No: _____

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CARTOLERIA

F.LLI VASANELLI

BARI
CORSO CAVOUR, 207

BARI, 2 ottobre 944

Spett. A.C.C. N. 13
Bari

La sottoscritta Ditta chiede a codesta Spett. Alleata Commissione Controllo la possibilità di poter in qualche modo ~~poter~~ tirare la vita innanzi alla sua famiglia e pertanto prega che gli venga assegnato qli. 15 di carta da stampa bianca dovendo fare calendari, diari, ~~senza~~ pubblicità e altri relativi.

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Fiducioso di una benevole accoglienza, con

Distinti saluti.

Fratelli Vasanelli

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REGION No. 11 (REGIONE No. 11)

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION (COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO)

BARI

ECONOMIC AND SUPPLIES DIVISION (DIVISIONE DI APPROVVIGIONAMENTO)

ISSUE VOUCHER (GIUSTIFICAZIONE DELL'USCITA)

TRIPLICATE

No. 13

Sold/issued to
(Venduto/consegnato a:) FRATELLI VASARELLI - Bari - Via Cavour 207

Description of articles Descrizione dell'articolo	Unit Unità	Quantity Quantità	Price Prezzo	Amount Ammontare
H I M 3 P R I N T (carta da stampa)	Kgs:	1500	Lire 17.50 per Kg:	L. 26.250.-

Issuing Warehouse
Magazzino (Uscita) Magazzini MORINI Via Extramurale Capruzzi 16

Payable at
(Pagabile a:) Banco Commerciale Italiana Bari c/c/ S.S.D. N° 1

Sale/issue approved by
(Vendita/consegna approvata da:) Major Knight
Office and Rank of C. o S. D. (Firma e grado dell'ufficiale)

Date
(Data 4 Ottobre 1944 *194)*

1) I certify that the articles described above were received by me on the
(Dichiaro che gli articoli sopra elencati furono da me ricevuti il 6 Ottobre 1944 *194*

Nicola Vasarelli
Signature of purchaser (Firma dell'acquirente)

2) I certify that the articles described above were issued by me to the person (s)
(Dichiaro che gli articoli sopra elencati furono da me consegnati a VASARELLI

entitled to receive them on the 6/10/44 day of 194
autorizzato a riceverli il *e che la prova di pagamento*

of the above total amount of Lire was produced to me in the form of Receipt Voucher No. 6283
del totale relativo importo di L. 26.250. - *mi fu esibita con bolletta n.*

issued by Banco Commerciale Italiana Bari under date of 6/10/ 1944
emessa dalla *in data*

Signature in block of Issuing Officer (Firma e grado dell'Ufficiale emittente)

Head
(Capo)

Sub-Head
(Sotto Capo)

Stock Ledger Folio
(Libro Magazzino Pagina)

Tally Card. No.
(Tagliando No.)

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ACC REGION II

DIVISION

ISSUE VOUCHER

SOLD/ISSUED TO: Tipografia "R [illegible] A" No. 9

DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES	UNIT	QUANTITY	PRICE	AMOUNT
N E W S P R I N T (carta da stampa)	Kg	1500	L. 20,60	
CUTTING & TRANSPORT (tagliature e transport)			" 1,50	
		Lires	21,50 per Kg.=	Lires. 32.250

Issuing Warehouse: Magazzini L.&.O. MORTINI Extramurale Capuzzi N°15

Payable at: Banca Commerciale Italiana per trasferimento Immediato alla Banca d'Italia, Napoli, conto A.F.A. N°1

Sale/Issue approved by: Major KNIGHT

Date: 30/10/ 1944 Signature and Rank L. & G. Morfini di Francesco Ufficiale Inglese

(1) I certify that the articles described above were received by me on the ___ day of ___ 194___

Io certifico che gli articoli sopra elencati erano ricevuti da me il giorno ___ del mese ___

Signature of purchaser

(2) I certify that the articles described above were issued by me to the persons(s) entitled to receive them on the ___ day of 30/10/ 1944 and that evidence of payment of the above total amount of Lire 32.250 was produced to me in the form of BANK DEPOSIT RECEIPT / RECEIPT VOUCHER No. 43993 issued by Banca Commerc. Ital. per trasferimento immediato alla Banca d'Italia, Napoli, conto A.F.A. N°1 under date of 30-10-1944

Signature & Rank of issuing Officer

Head: ___

Sub-Head: ___

Store Ledger Folio: ___ Tally Card No: ___

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ACC REGION II

DIVISION

ISSUE VOUCHER

No. 3

SOLD/ISSUED TO: TIPOGRAFIA CASINI - B A R I -

DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES	UNIT	QUANTITY	PRICE	AMOUNT
N E W S P R I N T (carta da stampa)	Kg.	3000	L.20,00	
CUTTING & TRANSPORT (tagliatura e trasporto)			+ 1,50	
		Lires	21,50 per Kg.	Lires 64.500

Issuing Warehouse: [illegible]

Payable at: Bank

Sale/Issue approved by: [illegible] Signature and Rank [illegible]

Date: 27/10/ 1944

(1) I certify that the articles described above were received by me on the ___ day of ___ 194___
Io certifico che gli articoli sopra elencati erano ricevuti da me il giorno ___ del mese
Signature of purchaser

(2) I certify that the articles described above were issued by me to the persons(s) entitled to receive them on the ___ day of 27/10/ 1944 and that evidence of payment of the above total amount of Lire 64.500 was produced to me in the form of BANK DEPOSIT RECEIPT No. 03959 issued by [illegible] RECEIPT VOUCHER under date of 27. 10. 1944

[illegible]

Signature & Rank of issuing Officer

Head: [illegible]

Sub-Head: [illegible]

Store Ledger Folio: ___ Tally Card No: ___

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Giuditta Capozzi
CARTA da LUCCERO
BARI - Via Abate Gimma, 141-169

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On.le AC&

Bari

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La sottoscritta dritta essendo da parecchio tempo insofferente per assoluta mancanza di carta pregia codesta onorevole commissione di volerle esse quare una ~~cinquantina~~ (50) di quelle di carta di qualsiasi tipo non imbolli mate per poter in parte riprendere la sua attività ora completamente ferma.

Fiducia
Giuditta Capozzi
29 Ott. 44

In osservanza
Giuditta Capozzi

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AURELIO LORENZETTI
FORNITURE DI CANCELLERIA E STAMPATI IN GENERE
BARI
VIA ROBERTO DA BARI N. 133

Il 26 Ottobre 1944

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

- B A R I -

Spett/le Commissione.

Io scrivente, essendo priva di carta e quindi impossibilitata di poter andare avanti nel suo lavoro, si affida alla benevolenza di codesta Commissione per un'assegnazione di carta di 50 quintali.

Fiduciosa di quanto chiede, porge distinti saluti e ringraziamenti.-

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DOTT. LUIGI MACRÌ
CASA EDITRICE : LIBRERIA : TIPOGRAFIA

BARI
VIA PUTIGNANI, 10 - 12

C. P. C. 35761 — CONTO CORRENTE POSTALE 13/4709 — TELEFONO 12-603 — TELEGRAMMI MACRÌ - EDITORE - BARI

Bari, 7 ottobre 1944

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Spett.
Commissione Alleata di controllo
B A R I

La ditta sottoscritta, che ha in corso di stampa diversi libri scolastici, la cui pubblicazione é stata già regolarmente autorizzata, ha bisogno, per completare la stampa (essendo risultate insufficienti alcune assgnazioni ed essendo del tutto mancate altre) di un quantitativo di carta della grandezza 70 X 100, in quantità non inferiore a ~~venti~~ quintali.

Grata se potrà, con l'aituto di codesta Commissione, sopperire alle esigenze della sua azienda, che poi sono anche le esigenze della scuola, ringrazia e porge distinti saluti.

Ditta DOTTOR LUIGI MACRI'

Luigi Macrì

Fifteen (15)
Approved
14 Oct 44

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REGION No. 11 (REGIONE No. 11)

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION (COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO)

ECONOMIC AND SUPPLIES DIVISION (DIVISIONE DI APPROVVIGIONAMENTO)

ISSUE VOUCHER (GIUSTIFICAZIONE DELL'USCITA)

TRIPLICATE

No. [illegible]

Sold/issued to
(Venduto/consegnato a:) [illegible]

Description of articles Descrizione dell'articolo	Unit Unità	Quantity Quantità	Price Prezzo	Amount Ammontare
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Issuing Warehouse
Magazzino (Uscita) [illegible]

Payable at
(Pagabile a:) [illegible]

Sale/Issue approved by
(Vendita/consegna approvata da:) [illegible] L. P. G. Ufficiale di Consegna
Signature and rank of C. O. S. D. (Firma e grado dell'Ufficiale)

Date
(Data [illegible] *194)*

1) I certify that the articles described above were received by me on the 3 day of 10/44 194
(Dichiaro che gli articoli sopra elencati furono da me ricevuti il 194

[signature]
Signature and rank of receiving officer (Firma e grado dell'Ufficiale ricevente)

2) I certify that the articles described above were issued by me to the person (s)
(Dichiaro che gli articoli sopra elencati furono da me consegnati a [illegible]
entitled to receive them on the 3/10 day of 194 and that evidence of payment
autorizzato a riceverli il 194 *e che la prova di pagamento*
of the above total amount of Lire was produced to me in the form of Receipt Voucher No. 17797
del totale relativo importo di L. [illegible] *mi fu esibita con bolletta n.*
issued by under date of 3/10/ 194
emessa da *in data* 194)

Head
(Capo)

Sub-Head
(Sotto Capo)

Store Ledger Folio
(Libro Magazzino Pagina)

Signature & Rank of Issuing Officer (Firma e grado dell'Ufficiale emittente)

Tally Card. No.
(Tagliando No.)

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DIVISION

ISSUE VOUCHER

SOLD/ISSUED TO: ...3CC. EDIZIONI SI...ION 3.P.C. BARI ... No. 68

DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES	UNIT	QUANTITY	PRICE	AMOUNT
[illegible] (carta da stampa)	Kg.	1500	L.17,50	
CUTTING & TRANSPORT (tagliatura e trasporto)			" 1,50	
		Litros	19,00 per Kg.	Lir e 28500

Issuing Warehouse: Magazzini Morfini via Nazionale Capruzzi 16

Payable at: Banco Meridionale Italiano per trasferimento immediato alla ...nto a. c. n. 1

Sale/Issue approved by: [illegible] Rank ... Signature and Rank

Date: 26/10/ 1944

L. & G. Morfini fu Francesco

(1) I certify that the articles described above were received by me on the ___ day of ___ 194___

Io certifico che gli articoli sopra elencati erano ricevuti da me il giorno ___ del mese

Signature of purchaser

(2) I certify that the articles described above were issued by me to the persons(s) entitled to receive them on the ___ day of ___ 194___ and that evidence of payment of the above total amount of Lire 28500 was produced to me in the form of BANK DEPOSIT RECEIPT / RECEIPT VOUCHER No. 83040 issued by ...

...nca Commerciale Italiana per trasferimento immediato alla Banca d'Italia, Napoli conto a. c. n. 1 under date of 25 · 10 · 1944

Signature & Rank of issuing Officer

Head: ___

Sub-Head: ___

Store Ledger Folio: ___

Tally Card No: ___

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ACC REGION II

DIVISION

ISSUE VOUCHER

No. 8

SOLD/ISSUED TO: Addit. Nazionali - -ti-

DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES	UNIT	QUANTITY	PRICE	AMOUNT
T E [illegible] P R I N T (carta da stampa) CUTTING & TRANSPORT (tagliatura e trasporto)	Kg Lires	1500	L. 20,00 " I,50 I,50 per Kg.= Lires	32.250

Issuing Warehouse: Magazzini L.N.C. Morfini Extramurale Capruzzi N°16

Payable at: Banca Commerciale Italiana per trasferimento immediato alla Banca d'Italia, Napoli, conto A.F.A. N°1

Sale/Issue approved by: Major KNIGHT

Date: 30/10/ 1944

Signature and Rank: L. & G. Morfini fu Francesco

(1) I certify that the articles described above were received by me on the ___ day of _____ 194__

Io certifico che gli articoli sopra elencati erano ricevuti da me il giorno _____ del mese

Signature of purchaser

(2) I certify that the articles described above were issued by me to the person(s) entitled to receive them on the ___ day of 30/10/ 1944 and that evidence of payment of the above total amount of Lire 32.250 was produced to me in the form of BANK DEPOSIT RECEIPT / RECEIPT VOUCHER No. 9399H issued by Banca Commerc. Ital. per trasferimento immediato alla Banca d'Italia, Napoli, conto A.F.A. N°1 under date of 30 · 10 · 1944

Signature & Rank of issuing Officer

Head: _____

Sub-Head: _____

Store Ledger Folio: _____ Tally Card No: _____

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

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REF : SD/600.1

19 January 1945

SUBJECT : Alleged bribery of officer of Allied Commission

TO : Major S.J. HARVEY, Security Division.

1. In response to a report from Major Brereton Commerce Sub Division A.C., I saw him in his office room 45 5th Floor on 18 Jan. 45.

2. Major Brereton handed me a statement (attached) written by Alfredo SICILIANO, of Monterubiaglio di Orvieto, Province of Terni.

3. In the statement the written alleges that he was authorised by the bishop of Orvieto to visit the Commerce Sub Division of Allied Commission to negotiate the purchase of 10 quintals of paraffin wax and 10 Kgs of cotton wick for church purposes.

4. The writer continues that he visited the Commerce Sub-Commission on the 21 Nov. 1944 for this purpose and interviewed Major Brereton who agreed to supply the wax and cotton wick. (This is untrue, as there was no wax available).

5. A short time afterwards, he states, he again visited Allied Commission to expedite delivery of the goods. Major Brereton was absent but he saw another allied officer who confirmed that a favourable view had been taken of the case, and invited the writer to pay 32.000 lire to cover the transaction, which the writer did.

6. From the time of the allegd payment of the 32.000 lire, the writer states be made many visits to AC but could get no satisfaction. This led him to write the statement in question, as he thought he had been led into parting with the money under false pretences.

7. I then interviewed the man, Maresciallo Alfredo SICILIANO of the Italian Army Engineers, Military District of Orvieto, Identity Card No. 132.

8. In reply to questions he said that he had obtained no receipt for the money, he did not know the officer's name, nor whether he was British or American. He had only seen him on the one occasion, but could identify him. With regard to the nationality of the officer, when pressed he said that he only knew the uniform of British officer as there were only British troops at Orvieto. After further questions, he then said the officer was British. He said the transaction took place in Room 47, the date and time being about the beginning of December 1944, 1100 hours.. This room was at that

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9. The only officer in that department during the period was Major Brereton, Room 45 who was not the officer alleged implicated. There where no officers temporarily attached, nor have any officers ever used Room 47 as an office.

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10. About the 12 January, Siciliano visited the Industry Sun-Commission and spoke to Mrs. Cavalli, secretary to Major Maskerry. He then told her that he had paid 25.000 lire to an Italian Officer for the wax. Siciliano denies having said this.

11. In his statement he infers that the money was not his own property. Questioned. he contradicted this and said that 14000 lire was his own, but the remaining 18000 lire was given to him by Dom MARZIO.Miscietti, parish priest of Monterubiaglio di Orvieto to purchase the wax. He could give no satisfactory explanation as to why the priest of a small parish should give him money to purchase wax for the bishop or why he was only given a portion of the price.

12. From the inconsistencies in his explanations and from my personal observation I am of the opinion that Siciliano's story is a complete fabrication concocted to hide his loss or misappropriation of the money.

13. Siciliano is married and has six children. His army pay is 5000 lire a month, a sum which is insufficient to support his large family.

14. No complaint has been received by this Division from the Bishop of Orvieto.

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To May Bureau
A.C. (S.C. Commerce Rome

Don. Mgr. Pasqua
Oviedo 1840.

On behalf of H.E. Mons. Francesco Pisa, Bishop of Oviedo the undersigned, during the recent fortnight of Nov 1940 - and to some point in the first, presented to the Commerce S.C. of Allied Commission a request for the allocation of 10 quintals paraffin wax and 10 Kg cotton wicks needed for the production of ecclesiastical candles to be distributed to the churches in the Diocese of Oviedo. This request, written in Italian and English was presented by the writer to May Bureau (Office on 5th floor annexe Room No 47) the duty officer detailed to handle such matters and was then referred to May Bureau of the Commerce S.C.

Having a conversation which the writer had with May Bureau it was confirmed that an allocation would be made in proportion to availability with a view to speeding up the delivery of the urgent needs of the Diocese the writer returned a short time afterwards to see May Bureau again but found in his place another Allied officer who informed that the case had been handled by him, that a favourable view had been taken and invited the writer to pay over the sum of £32.000 to cover the price which would have to be paid to S.C.P. who would then deliver the Paraffin Wax to the Caserio Pontificio Di Giorgio, charged by S.C. Pius with the manufacture of the candles.

Now, two months later, on 16th Instant, continued awareness of the writer, not only because delivery of Paraffin Wax has not made but

Lord Roo
Mgr Jos

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to the most precious of the [illegible]
Commerce a request for the alteration of 10 grains per [illegible]
and to fix cotton with [illegible] for the production of [illegible]
candles to the detriment of the chandlers in the Province of Quebec.
This request, written in Italian and English was presented by the
writer to May Mackay (office on 5th floor annexe Room No 47)
the ~~Italian~~ officer delegated to handle such matters and was from
referred to May Director of the Commerce D. C.
During a conversation which the writer had with May Director it was
confirmed that an alteration would be made in proportion to availability.
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the writer returned a [illegible] time afterwards to see May Director again
but found on his place another Pilot Officer who confirmed that
the case had been handled by him, that a favorable report had been
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who would then deliver the Paraffin Wax to the Crown Purchasers
The Crown, ~~the~~ charged by S.E Pirie with the manufacture of the
candles.
Now, two months later, notwithstanding continual insistence of the
writer, not only [illegible] delivery of Paraffin Wax has made but
a doubt has arisen in the writer's mind that he has been the
victim of a trap
Added to the [illegible] figure to enter in the case of S.E. de Bishop
from the point of view of indifference, in the face of an appreciable
capital sum of money not his own property as much as he received
or on behalf of a third party.
Under the circumstances he requests a just handling of the case
hoping that there is no desire to injure the interests of a permanent work

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MINISTERO DELLE CORPORAZIONI
ISPETTORATO CORPORATIVO

CIRCOLO DI _____

A numerous family who has no other resource than
a modest salary.

Signor Siciliano Alfredo.

English.

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Illmo Sig. Magg. Bereton
Direttore della Sub-commissione Alleata del Commercio
(Roma)

per incarico dell'Eccellenza Revma. Monsig. Francesco Fiori, Vescovo di Orvieto, il Sottoscritto, nella seconda quindicina di novembre 1944, e precisamente dal giorno 21, ricorse presso gli uffici della Sub-Commissione Alleata del Commercio una richiesta tendente ad ottenere l'assegnazione di gli. dieci di pasta fina e Kg. dieci di estere per l'acquisto necessari per la lavorazione di candele liturgiche occorrenti agli Enti ecclesiastici dipendenti dalla Diocesi di Orvieto. -
La richiesta dell'Ecc. Revma. Monsig. Fiori, redatta in lingua italiana ed inglese, venne presentata dallo scrivente al Sig. Maggiore Mackirey (ufficio al V° piano ascensore stanza n. 47) delegato per la concessione e per lo svolgimento della pratica, richiesta poi alla delegazione del Sig. Maggiore Bereton della Sezione Commercio. -

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per incarico dell'Eccellenza Rev.ma Mons.g. Francesco Pieri, Vescovo di Orvieto, il Sottoscritto, nella seconda quindicina di novembre 1944, e precisamente dal giorno 21, rivolta presso gli uffici della Sub-Commissione Alleata del Commercio una richiesta tendente ad ottenere l'assegnazione di gr. dieci di paraffina e Kg. dieci di zolfo per procedere successivamente alla lavorazione di candele liturgiche occorrenti agli usi ecclesiastici dipendenti dalla Diocesi di Orvieto. -

La richiesta dell'Ecc. Rev.ma Mons.g. Pieri, redatta in lingua italiana ed inglese, venne presentata dallo scrivente al Sig. Maddison Maschirey (ufficio al I° piano ancora stanza n. 47) delegato per la concessione e per lo svolgimento della pratica, rimessa poi alla delegazione del Sig. Maggiore Bereton della Sezione Commercio! -

Successivamente il Sottoscritto nell'udienza concessa

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gli tratto con il Ltg. Maggior Berton dal quale ebbe conferma di assecondarsi in proporzione alla disponibilità di materiale. -
Nell'interesse di realizzare con sollecitudine un quantitativo qualsiasi necessario alla Diocesi, lo scrivente tornò a breve distanza dal predetto Ltg. Magg. Berton, ma in sua vece trovò un'altro ufficiale dell'esercito alleato il quale gli confermò aver lui trattato la pratica molta ora=mai a compimento con esito favorevole e lo invitò a versare l'importo di Lire trentadue= mila (32.000) occorrenti al pagamento della paraffina al C. I. P. (Ubuscorgio Stabilimento Petroli) che avrebbe curato la consegna del materiale alla Ceroria Pontificia Di Ubuscorgio precedentemente incaricata dall'Ecc. Preti della lavorazione delle candele liturgiche. -
A distanza ormai di due mesi, nonostante le continue peregrinazioni fatte dal Sottoscritto, non solo non si è realizzato il quantitativo di candele necessarie per le funzioni religiose nella Diocesi, ma subentrato il dubbio nello scrivente di essere rimasto vittima di un tra=

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Alla tristissima figura a cui è sottoposto nei confronti dell'Ecc. Pereira. il Tesoro per l'incapacità avuta, una più dolorosa sitra, Lisa si creo a Suo Svantaggio, e quella cioè della perdita di un Capitale rappresentevole e con Suo, inquanto avuto a Prestito da terzi. —

Nell'angustia di ciò, confida ancora nel leale Sviluppamento della pratica, sperando non si voglia danneggiare così duramente un povero Padre carico di numerosa famiglia e senza altre possibilità che quelle di un modesto stipendio. —

In attesa di una felice conferma ossequia devoto.

Stefano Alfredo

Di Contenubiaglio di Dervio (prov Como)

Roma 11 gennaio 1945

Allegati: N. 1 copia della richiesta inoltrata dall'Ecc. Pieri alla Sub-commissione Alleata del Commercio. —

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devole e non Suo, inquanto avulso a pressioni da terzi. -

Nell'angustia di ciò, confida ancora nel leale sviluppo della pratica, sperando non si voglia disconoscere così duramente un povero reduce carico di numerosa famiglia e senza altre possibilità che quelle di un modesto stipendio. -

In attesa di una felice conferma ossequia

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Stefano Alfredo

di Conterubiaglio di Dronero (prov. Cuneo)

Roma 11 gennaio 1945

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Il Vescovo di Orvieto

Al Comando Alleato Sezione Commercio

R O M A

Il sottoscritto Vescovo della Diocesi di Orvieto si pregia esporre quanto appresso; la Sua Diocesi é formata da n° 57 Parrocchie, che hanno alla loro dipendenza n° 30 Chiese e figliali:inoltre vivono in Diocesi n° 6 comunità Maschili,e N. 15 Comunità femminili.

Tanto nelle Parrocchie,Chiese e Comunità,si svolgono giornalmente importanti Funzioni Religiose,per l'assistenza religiosa della popolazione.

In mancanza pertanto della Cera liturgica,il sottoscritto rivolge domanda a Codesto Comando Alleato affinché vengano assegnati gli. dieci di Paraffina, e Kg. 10 di cotone, per la lavorazione di candele liturgiche.

I buoni di consegna codesto Commando potrà rilasciarli alla Cereria Pontificia Giuseppe Di Giorgio e Figli in Via San Francesco di Sales,82 Roma,la quale é dal sottoscritto incaricata al pagamento e al ritiro della merce con mezzi propri;ovvero al Maresciallo Siciliano Alfredo.

Dalla suddetta Ditta poi il sottoscritto ~~stesso~~ curerà il ritiro delle candele indispensabili per le Sacre funzioni.

Con osservanza

F:to Francesco Pieri

Vescovo di Orvieto

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Al Comando Alleato Sezione Commercio

R O M A

Received 2.12.44

Il Vescovo di Orvieto

Il sottoscritto Vescovo della Diocesi di Orvieto si pregia esporre quanto appresso:

La sua Diocesi e' formata da n 57 Parrocchie, che hanno alla loro dipendenza n.30 chiese filiali: inoltre vivono in diocesi n.6 Comunita maschili, e n. 15 comunita' femmibili. Tanto nelle Parroccocchie, Chiese e Comunita', si svolgono giornalmente importanti funzioni religiose, per l'assistenza religiosa della popolazione. In mancanza pertanto della cera liturgica, il sottoscritto rivolge domanda a cotesto Comando Alleato affinche' vengano assegnato q.10 (dieci) di paraffina, e Kg.10 (dieci) di cotone, per la lavorazione di candele liturgiche. I Buoni di consegna cotesto Comando potra' rilasciarli alla Cereria Pontificia GIUSEPPE DI GIORGIO e Figli in Via S. Francesco di Sales 82 ROMA la quale e' dal sottoscritto incaricata al pagamento e al ritiro della merce con mezzi propri : ovvero al Maresciallo Siciliano Alfredo. Della suddetta Ditta poi il sottoscritto curera' il ritiro delle candele indispensabili per le sacre funzioni.

Con osservanza

/s/ Franceso .(illegible).
Vescovo di Orvieto

The undersigned, Bishop of the Comune of Orvieto makes known as follows:

His Diocesi are formed of 57 churches, which have at their dependence 30 churches, besides there are n.6 male comunity and 15 female. In all the churches, daily are important religious functions, for the religious assistance to the population. Therefore it is requested, as on short, an assignment of quintals 10 of paraffin, and kilos 10 of that special thread to make candels. This Command may relase the chit of consignment to the Cereria Pontificia Giuseppe Di Giorgio e Figli in Via S. Francesco di Sales N.82 Rome, whom by the writer is in charge of payment when receives the stuff. Afterwards the above Firm shall deduct the candles necessary for the religious functions.

With observation and respect

/s/ Francesco .(illegible)
Vescovo di Orvieto

The above is the Vescovo di Orvieto's own translation.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Establishment Section

Ref/11/Est

NEF/mrd
15 February 1945

SUBJECT: Alleged illegal sales and dispositions of official Allied Commission sale releases and transportation allotments.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters, G-5 Section, APO 512.

1. Reference is made to your letter G-5: 000.5 of 8 February 1945.

2. The officer concerned has been ordered to Three District, 54 Area, for disciplinary action.

3. The Security Division of the Public Safety Sub-Commission, in conjunction with CID and SIB, has for some time been giving very careful attention to matters of this kind. Cases which come to the attention of the Commission are turned over to the respective British and American criminal investigation agencies, to be investigated and prepared for trial. Vigilance on the part of Directors of Sub-Commissions, Regional and Provincial Commissioners, as well as the Security Division, has proved an affective deterrent and should go far toward the prevention of corruption on the part of personnel and employees of the Commission.

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NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commissioner

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6709th CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION PLATOON (PROV)

This case originated at: Bari, Italy	File No. CID-AAF/MTO Case # 676
Report made at: Bari, Italy	Date when made: 16 January 1945
	Period for which made: 29 Nov. 1944 - 12 January 1945
Title: Major C. KNIGHT (Br.), A.C. Supply officer, Bari - Accused Mrs. Mini ARNUZZI - Accused Dr. Giorgio CAVAZUTTI - Accused	Character of case: ILLEGAL SALE AND DISPOSITION OF OFFICIAL ALLIED COMMISSION SALE RELEASES AND TRANSPORTATION ALLOTMENTS

Synopsis of facts: Report received 26 Nov. 1944 from Major Edward WEBB (British), G.S.O. 2, 521. Printing Press, Bari, through Lt Lt. Patrick M. O'LEARY (U.S.), Allied Comm. Acctg. Officer, Bari, that an Italian printer paid 5,000 lire to procure an A.C. sale release for American printing paper. Investigation revealed that during Sept. and Oct. 1944 Major C. KNIGHT (Br.), A.C. Supply Officer, Bari, authorized sale releases of A.C. property, including American printing paper, and issued A.C. transportation permits, knowing they were being sold. Maj. KNIGHT gave official authorizations and permits to a lady friend, Mrs. Mini ARNUZZI, who, with Dr. Giorgio CAVAZUTTI, Interpreter for Maj. KNIGHT, illegally sold them to the parties to whom they had been regularly issued for 7,481,720 lire ($24,817.20). Mrs. ARNUZZI received 1,579,000 lire ($11,760.00), Dr. CAVAZUTTI 875,000 lire ($5,790.00), and agents acting for them received 327,200 lire ($3,272.00). Civilians will be demanded in due course. In re Maj. KNIGHT, a copy will be sent to interested commands for information. Case closed.

Report made by: William B. Burden, Agent, C.I.D. / Thomas F. Hohing, Agent, C.I.D.	Do not write here: 00093 File Grade
Approved and forwarded: C. D. Peyton, Acting Agent-in-Charge	Distribution of report: 1 - Chief Comm., Hqs. A.C., APO 534; 1 - [illegible]; 2 - CO - A.F.H.Q. (Civil Affairs Sect.); 1 - Col. LEGG, Food Sub Comm., Hqs. A.C., APO 534; 1 - Lt.Col. G.A.SHOLORAGS, A.C. Regl. Economics & Supply, APO 534; 1 - Legal office, A.C., Bari; 1 - Ports Liaison & Acctg. Office, AC, Bari; 1 - Maj. LONG, Br.A.C., IV A.F.-A.C.; 1 - HQ - IV A.F.; 1 - CO, 6709 CID Plat.; 1 - CID - AAF/MTO; 1 - CID - AAF/MTO, Sub Stn #1

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DETAILS:

1. 1st Lt. Patrick M. O'Leary, Port Liaison Officer and Accounting Officer of the Allied Commission, Bari Zone, called this office on the morning of 25 November, 1944, and stated that Major Edward BUDD, (Br.), Officer Commanding, British Military Printing Press, Bari, had complained to him that an Italian employed in the office of the "Gazzetta del Mezzogiorno", an Italian newspaper, had illegally paid the sum of 8,000 lire to another civilian to procure a sale release of a quantity of A.C.-controlled American printing paper.

2. The undersigned agent BURTON, together with Lt. O'Leary, visited Major Edward BUDD and learned that Dario LOSOLI, #117 Via Vittorio Veneto, Bari, employed by Major BUDD as director of the "Gazzetta del Mezzogiorno" and a partner in a private editorial printing establishment at #41 Via Cairoli, had informed him he paid 8,000 lire to an Italian civilian to procure a release of a quantity of American paper from the A.C. office. Major BUDD told the said agent that he knew local Italian printing shops were in possession of Allied paper and did not understand how it was possible for them to obtain it.

3. The undersigned agent BURTON questioned Dario LOSOLI, #117 Via Vittorio Veneto, Bari, who stated that it had been very difficult for him to secure paper for the operation of his private shop, either on the open market or through A.C. channels. Repeated requests for paper directed to the A.C. were turned down. On 17 October, 1944, a Mr. Marcello LAMBERTI, #5 Via Piave, Bari, accompanied by an other Italian, came to his office and asked him if he needed printing paper similar to that issued by the P.W.B. through the A.C. He was told by Mr. LAMBERTI that he must pay the regular A.C. price plus a gift to them after the release had been obtained. Mr. LOSOLI made out a request to the A.C. for 1,500 kg. of paper and turned it over to Mr. LAMBERTI. On 21 October, 1944, the request was returned by Mr. LAMBERTI, approved by the A.C. Mr. LOSOLI deposited 88,500 lire in the "Banca Commerciale Italiana", Bari, the regular A.C. price of the paper. Upon presentation of the deposit slip and approval request, the A.C. paper warehouse at #17 Via Antrancile Capurso, Bari, issued 1,500 kg of paper. Mr. LOSOLI further stated that, according to his agreement with Mr. LAMBERTI and his companion, he paid them the additional sum of 88,500 lire in cash on 22 October, 1944. Mr. LOSOLI expressed the belief that these men had done business with several other printing establishments of Bari in the same manner. (See Incl. #1.)

4. Mr. Marcello LAMBERTI, #5 Via Piave, Bari, was next questioned by Agent BURTON. He stated that he was told by a Mr. Riccardo LAMBERTI and a Mr. Virginio BRONZOI, two friends of his, that they could procure printing paper reasonably if he knew anyone interested in buying it. Accordingly, he, LAMBERTI, contacted Mr. LOSOLI and arranged

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that he make a request to the A.C. which would in turn be forwarded by the Messrs. ZAMPIERI and SBORIGI. A few days later the approved request was returned by Mr. ZAMPIERI and about 85,000 lire was collected from Mr. LOPOLI. Mr. SBORIGI was given the money. Mr. ZAMPIERI received about 14,000 lire for his services. (See Incl. #2.)

5. Virginio SBORIGI, #272 Via Calefati, Bari, and Riccardo ZAMPIERI, also of #272 Via Calefati, were arrested on 27 November, 1944, by Agent BURDEN. Upon questioning they stated that they had received the authorization for paper released through a lawyer, Mr. Vittorio BERNARDINI, #162 Via Crimmario, Bari, but they refused to divulge the extent of their business with him. Both SBORIGI and ZAMPIERI were confined at the Italian Prison.

6. Mr. Vittorio BERNARDINI, attorney, was arrested on 28 November, 1944, and questioned by Agent BURDEN. Mr. BERNARDINI claimed that sometime during September, 1944, a Mrs. Nini ARMIZZI, #158 Via Crimmario, Bari, informed him it was possible for her to obtain releases from the A.C. for a quantity of printing paper. Mrs. ARMIZZI solicited him to interest himself in finding Italians who might be interested in buying the paper. Accordingly, Mr. BERNARDINI told Mr. SBORIGI and Mr. ZAMPIERI, two friends of his daughter Giovanna. Mr. SBORIGI and Mr. ZAMPIERI obtained shortly thereafter, requests for A.C. controlled paper from Italian firms and turned them over to Mr. BERNARDINI, who in turn gave them to Mrs. ARMIZZI, who had them approved by Major C. KNIGHT, A.C. Supply Officer. Mrs. ARMIZZI always stipulated that, in addition to the normal price paid for the paper to the A.C., an additional sum, ranging from 2,000 to 4,000 lire for each quintal received, be paid by the merchants receiving the paper. It was understood that of the additional sum paid, a "cut" of 1,000 lire a quintal, (or the quantity of paper obtained), was for Mrs. ARMIZZI and a similar amount of money for Mr. BERNARDINI. Any additional money left over was to be paid to a third person. (See Incl. #3.)

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7. Agent BURDEN contacted Lt. Patrick O'LEARY, acting Supply Officer, A.C., Bari, and obtained from him a complete list of all paper releases granted by Major C. KNIGHT. Agent BURDEN was also informed at this office time that Major KNIGHT had been transferred to Lucca, Italy.

8. Examination of the list referred to in paragraph 7 with Mr. BERNARDINI, disclosed the names and addresses of seven firms he was sure of as having purchased paper through himself, Mrs. ARMIZZI, Mr. ZAMPIERI and Mr. SBORIGI. Mr. BERNARDINI insisted he could not remember all of them, pointing out four other firms that might have purchased paper through himself and Mrs. ARMIZZI. (See Incl. #3.)

9. On 4th December, 1944, photostatic copies of all original requests for printing paper, as approved by Major KNIGHT were made. (See attached Exhibits.)

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10. During the course of the investigation it was learned that Mrs. ARMENI no longer lived in Bari. On 23 November, 1944, Agent BURDEN contacted relatives of Mrs. Nini ARMENI in Bari and, posing as a friend of hers, was able to learn that she went to Lucca, Italy, where she was supposedly in the employ of Major KNIGHT as a secretary in the Supply Office of the Allied Commission at Lucca. It was further learned that Mrs. ARMENI's brother, Alfonso, resided at 6|8 Via Dante Angelica Amorici, Rome, and that Dr. Giorgio CAVALIOTTI of Bari, who had worked in Major KNIGHT's office as an interpreter, was living with him.

11. Agent BURDEN, accompanied by an interpreter, proceeded to Rome on 27 November, 1944, where, posing as a friend of Mrs. ARMENI, he visited Alfonso ARMENI and Giorgio CAVALIOTTI. Alfonso ARMENI and Dr. CAVALIOTTI were most receptive and when informed of the intent of Agent BURDEN to visit Mrs. ARMENI in Lucca, both requested as a favor that written notes be delivered to her. Dr. CAVALIOTTI stated that he intended to return to Bari by automobile the following day.

12. The notes directed to Mrs. ARMENI were read by Agent BURDEN. The note written by Dr. CAVALIOTTI clearly indicated that he was acting with Mrs. ARMENI in the illegal sale of A.C. transportation authorizations. Dr. CAVALIOTTI made reference to one transaction involving a man named ROCA, stating that because of legal entanglements he was forced to agree to pay back 250,000 lire, half of the sum received by himself and Mrs. ARMENI. He referred to another transaction involving a man named PARRA, wherein CAVALIOTTI believed complete restitution would have to be made since the wine transportation anticipated had been blocked by the A.C. of Rome. He instructed Mrs. ARMENI not to worry and to "continue producing". (See Incl. #4 and 5.)

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13. On the evening of 27 November, 1944, Agent BURDEN telephoned the Bari C.I.D. office and instructed Agent Thomas F. HOLMES to arrest Dr. Giorgio CAVALIOTTI as soon as he arrived at his home at 6|62 Via Crisanzio, Bari.

14. On the morning of 28 November, 1944, Agent BURDEN proceeded to Lucca. Major KNIGHT was contacted at the A.C. Supply office. He agreed to accompany Agent BURDEN in delivering the notes to Mrs. ARMENI. Upon arriving at the home of Mrs. ARMENI, Major KNIGHT was informed that it was necessary to take Mrs. ARMENI to Bari for questioning in a case involving being investigated by this office. When Major KNIGHT was told that Mrs. ARMENI and Dr. CAVALIOTTI had been selling releases granted by him, he stated that CAVALIOTTI, while working in his office as his interpreter, was considered by him to be his "second in command" but he knew of no abuses of the privileges granted him. Mrs. ARMENI was returned to Bari for questioning.

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16. During the period of 27 November to 10 December, 1944, Agent Thomas HOLDEN questioned the owners of all legal printing establishments that had received printing paper or ink through releases granted by Major KNIGHT's office. It was found that the following firms had paid the amounts set opposite their names either to Mr. BERNARDINI or his agents.

Printing shop, "BASTA", #187 Via Principe Amedeo, Bari, paid 105,600 lire for the release of 2 Quintals of printers ink and 1500 kilo of paper.

Printing Shop, "CASINI", #29 Corso Semmino, Bari, paid 180,500 lire for the release of 3000 kilo paper.

Stationery Shop, "VASANELLI", #27 Corso Cavour, Bari, paid 60,500 lire for 1500 kilo paper.

LUIGI MACRI, #10 Via Putignani, Bari, paid 80,000 for the release of 1500 kilo paper.

Printing House "del Commercio", #18 Via Calentano, Bari, paid 13,820 lire for the release of 827 kilo of ink and 84,000 lire for the release of 1500 kilo of paper.

Claudetta Capponzi, #139 Via Abate Gimma, Bari, paid 45,000 lire for the release of 1500 kilo of paper.

Cavalli Vittorio, #10 Via Raffaele D'Addomio, Bari, paid 60,000 lire for the release of 1500 kilo of paper.

Printinghouse Levanti, #48 Via Crispiano, Bari, paid 83,000 lire for the release of 2000 kilo of ink and 3000 kilo of paper.

Agostino Gaeta, #144 Via Roberto da Bari, Bari, paid 30,000 lire for the release of 1000 kilo of paper.

Abele Lojoli, #41 Via Cairoli, Bari, paid 85,000 lire for the release of 1500 kilo of paper.

Suglia, Gianbattista, #47 Via Carruba, Bari, paid 143,750 lire for the release of 2500 kilo of paper.

The total amount of money paid by the merchants amounted to 938,070 lire and was distributed among the parties involved as follows:

Mrs. Nini ARNESI	610,350 lire
Mr. Vittorio BERNARDINI	156,370 "
Mr. Virginio SBORIGI	85,500 "
Mr. Riccardo ZAMPIERI	67,350 "
Mr. Marcello LAMBERTI	13,500 "
Mr. Giovanni MODUGNO	2,800 "

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(See Incl. #6 to #13 inclusive.)

16. SBORIGI Virginio and ZAMPIERI Riccardo, together with MODUGNO Giovanni, #285 Via Calefati, Bari, who it was learned had worked with them, were again questioned at length by Agent HOLDEN on 12 December, 1944. When confronted with the statements of Dr. BERNARDINI and of the print shop owners involved, they confirmed all to be the truth. They stated that were told of the possibility to procure A.C. releases on a quantity of printing paper by Giovanna BERNARDINI,

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the daughter of Dr. BERARDINI. She told them that the transaction must be carried out through her father. (See Incl. #19, 20, 21 and 22.)

17. Giovanna BERARDINI, #168 Via Crispanzio, Bari, was questioned by Agent MIRON on 13 December, 1944. She stated that she learned from her father of the possibility of obtaining releases of printing paper and ink through Mrs. Nini AMMURI, a friend of hers, living in the same apartment building. Miss BERARDINI stated that, knowing this, she informed three boy friends of hers, Mr. SBORIGI, Mr. ZAMPIERI, and Mr. MORONO, with whom she had become acquainted at her tennis club. The three boys were introduced to her father and he acted as an agent in procuring requests for paper and ink for Mrs. AMMURI. She further stated that on many occasions she delivered the requests to Mrs. AMMURI and also collected money for her from the boys when her father was not at home. (See Incl. #23.)

18. (a) Dr. Giorgio CAVAZZUTI was arrested at his home, #168 Via Crispanzio, Bari, on 6 December, 1944. He was placed in confinement in the Italian Prison, Bari, and questioned by Agent MIRON on several occasions. Dr. CAVAZZUTI stated on 12 December, 1944, that he was a physician and had practised medicine in Milan, Italy. After escaping from the Germans he came to Bari where he met and became friendly with Mrs. Nini AMMURI and her family.

(b) On 29 September, 1944, he was employed by Major C. KNIGHT, Lend Economics and Supply Officer, Bari, as an interpreter and representative. Dr. CAVAZZUTI, as stipulated in a letter given him and signed by Major KNIGHT and addressed "To whom it may concern", was a representative of Major KNIGHT's office and authorized to take control of affairs during his absence. Dr. CAVAZZUTI stated that he remained with Major KNIGHT until 30 October, 1944, at which time Major KNIGHT was transferred to Lucca, Italy.

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(c) During the latter part of September, 1944, Dr. CAVAZZUTI stated, he was approached by a Mr. ROCA who introduced himself as a representative of the lumber firm NATRELLA and who asked him if he knew how he could obtain transport and A.C. releases for lumber. Mr. ROCA was sent by Dr. CAVAZZUTI to see Mrs. AMMURI and he was instructed by her to make out a written request addressed to the A.C. Offices. The releases were to be directed to the firm of TROPIANO & MIANI, Province of Potenza, Italy. The request was taken to Major KNIGHT by Mrs. AMMURI and approved by him. On 26 October, 1944, a notice, signed by Major KNIGHT, was sent to the firm of NATRELLA informing them that 180 cubic meters of lumber belonging to the firm of TROPIANO & MIANI had been released to them. On 26th of October, 1944, a letter signed by Major KNIGHT was sent to the Italian "Society of Motor Transporters" of Bari, instructing

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them to effect the transportation of the lumber for the firm of NATIELLA. Dr. CAVAZZUTI stated that Mrs. ARMENI delivered the request which Major KNIGHT had approved to Mr. ROCA and collected from him 500,000 lire. Dr. CAVAZZUTI received 200,000 lire and Mrs. ARMENI kept 300,000 lire.

(d) Dr. CAVAZZUTI stated that Major KNIGHT's office was informed by the Rome A.C. office, a short time before Major KNIGHT left Bari, that a ship which was to proceed from Brindisi to Rome within a week had available space for 500 tons of wine. The "Consorzio Agrario", an Italian society which works with the A.C. in such matters, was to arrange for the loading of the ship but was unable to find sufficient cargo upon such short notice. Mrs. ARMENI told Dr. CAVAZZUTI that Major KNIGHT had asked her if she knew anyone who might be interested. Accordingly, Dr. CAVAZZUTI suggested that Mrs. ARMENI contact Mr. Paolo MOSCA, a representative of wine producers. Mr. MOSCA made out a proper request and Mrs. ARMENI took it to Major KNIGHT for his approval. When Mrs. ARMENI returned the approved request to Mr. MOSCA she was paid 750,000 lire by him, which sum she devided equally with CAVAZZUTI. He further states that although he worked in Major KNIGHT's office for two months, he was never placed on the official payroll and was never paid by that office. He knew of no money ever having been given Major KNIGHT. (See Incl. #24 and #25.)

19. On 3 January, 1945, Agent BURDEN visited the Civil Labor office, Bari, where it was confirmed by Lt. Colonel R.B. DURWOOD, (Br.), Bari Zone Commissioner, that Dr. Giorgio CAVAZZUTI was never officially placed on the payroll as an interpreter in the office of Major KNIGHT. It was found however, that prior to the time he started working in Major KNIGHT's office, he was employed by the A.C. in the capacity of a medical doctor and paid 5,000 lire per month for his services.

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20. (a) Mrs. Nini ARMENI, #162 Via Crisanzio, Bari, was questioned by Agent BURDEN on several occasions between 6 and 13 December, 1944. She stated that she was employed by the Bud-pst Railway at the time she met Major KNIGHT and that she quit working there at his request, since he promised her employment in his office. She was told by him that she was abused and underpaid at the Bud-pst.

(b) Mrs. ARMENI admitted having collected money on numerous occasions from Mr. BERNARDINI, which money he had obtained from the sale of A.C. releases on printing paper and ink she had had approved by Major KNIGHT. She would present Major KNIGHT with the written request, he would authorize it and return it to her. She stated that Major KNIGHT continually suggested that she contact persons in need of permits, stating that he would approve them whenever possible.

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(c) After approving the request of Mr. MEDDA for a transportation allotment on a boat going from Brindisi to Rome, Major KNIGHT told her that she must have collected at least 800,000 lire from Mr. MEDDA.

(d) On one occasion, Mrs. ARMENI stated, Major KNIGHT asked her to find someone who would be interested in transporting 50 quintals of liquor or alcohol from Bari to Rome in a Yugoslav truck, suggesting to her that she should collect at least 300,000 lire from the party in need of the permit. She alleges that this particular transaction was never effected.

(e) Besides the money collected by her from paper and ink sale releases, Mrs. ARMENI admits having collected 700,000 lire from Paolo MEDDA for a transportation allotment request approved for her by Major KNIGHT and 800,000 lire from Mr. ROCA for the release and transportation authorization on a quantity of lumber. Mrs. ARMENI farther stated that although the releases and authorizations were given for both the lumber and wine and the received payment for them, these particular transactions were not completed. The A.C. in Rome stopped the transportation of wine and road conditions and other difficulties prevented the transportation of lumber. Both Mr. MEDDA and Mr. ROCA are now threatening legal action against Dr. CAVARRETTI and Mrs. ARMENI to recover the money paid for the releases and permits which have since proven useless.

(f) Mrs. ARMENI also stated that 124,000 lire was paid by a Mr. LIPPOLIS, after having obtained from Major KNIGHT the authorization for Mr. LIPPOLIS to transport merchandise in railway cars, and 130,000 lire from a Mr. MARRA for authorization to use 4 or 5 tank cars. This latter sum was paid to her through Mr. Francesco NOBILE, 25 Lungomare Sauro, Bari, a friend of hers.

(g) Mrs. ARMENI stated that whenever she hesitated about taking an approved request from Major KNIGHT, he would always insist and assure her that there was nothing illegal about their doings. (See Encl. #26 and 27.)

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21. Mr. Paolo MEDDA, #47 Via Cattaro, Bari, was questioned by the undersigned agents on 13 December, 1944. Mr. MEDDA stated that he was told by Giorgio CAVARRETTI on 20 October, 1944, of the possibility of obtaining permission to transport 500 tons of wine on a ship going from Brindisi to Rome, providing he was willing to pay an additional price of one lire per liter. Accordingly, Mr. MEDDA contacted the wine firm of PANZA, at Corato, large shippers of wine. The firm PANZA, through their manager, Mr. PANZA, agreed to pay the price asked. Mr. MEDDA was contacted a few days later by Mr.

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CAVARSUTI and told that the official authorization had been granted by Major KNIGHT and that it might be obtained from Mrs. Nini AMBELLI at her home. At this time Dr. CAVARSUTI insisted on a payment of 1½ lire per liter instead of the original 1 lire for liter. Mr. FERRARA then agreed to pay the higher price. Both Mr. ROCCA and Mr. FERRARA went to the home of Mrs. AMBELLI and paid her the sum of 750,000 lire for the transport authorization. Mr. ROCCA claims he did not receive anything for his services but merely acted to assist the firm of FERRARA. (See Incl. #30 and #39.)

32. Dr. Sebastiano ROCCA, #6 Piazza Croce Del Moro, Bari, was questioned by the undersigned on 14 December, 1944. Dr. ROCCA stated that he was employed as a clerk and representative of the furniture firm of S. NATRELLA, Bari. On the 22nd or 23rd of October, 1944, he was told by Dr. Giorgio CAVARSUTI of a quantity of beechwood to be released by the A.C. in the near future and asked if he was interested. The following day a well dressed lady came to his home posing as a Polish refugee and told him that 180 cubic meters of wood had been released to the firm of NATRELLA by the Allied Commission. Mr. ROCCA informed the lady that the purchase of the wood depended on their ability to have it transported. The lady then agreed to arrange for the transport for a fee of 500,000 lire and promised to return the following day with the authorization for transport approved by the A.C. The following day she returned with two authorizations signed by Major KNIGHT. One was an authorization for the sale of wood to the firm of NATRELLA and the other was an order for the C.A.B., (Consorzio autotrasportatori Bareai), to contact the firm of NATRELLA and arrange to transport the lumber for them. Mr. ROCCA then paid the money from a local bank to the lady. On the same evening Mr. ROCCA contacted the C.A.B. office and found that because of former difficulties involving A.C. orders for transportation, they were not willing to honor the request for the transportation. Upon learning that the lady had departed from Bari and that Major KNIGHT was no longer in Bari, Mr. ROCCA contacted Dr. CAVARSUTI who, although no longer employed at the A.C. office, promised to make some arrangement to have the lumber transported by another firm. CAVARSUTI, having failed to accomplish this and after being threatened with legal action, promised to return at least 250,000 lire to Mr. ROCCA.

33. On 16 December, 1944 the undersigned agents contacted Dr. Alfredo BRALLA, #107 Via De Rossi, Bari, director of the C.A.B., an Italian trucking company, and Dr. Francesco BIANCI, at Villa Ciancio, Taranto, both of whom dealt with Mrs. AMBELLI and Dr. CAVARSUTI in securing the sale release and transportation authorization for ROCCA in purchasing the lumber. The statements of both confirmed everything that had been said by ROCCA, CAVARSUTI and AMBELLI. (See Incl. #31 and 32.)

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24. The undersigned agents contacted the A.C. Supply Office, Bari, on 19 December 1944 and obtained from them two copies of certificates, both dated 26 October 1944, one of which authorized the firm of TROPIANO and SIANI to sell the lumber and the other directed the C.A.B., to transport the lumber for the firm of S. BATTELLA. (See Incl. #33.)

25. Mr. Francesco ROMIS, #25 Lungomare Andro, who acted as agent for Mrs. ARMIZZI in obtaining an authorization to transport wine for the firm of BAFFA, was questioned by Agent BURDEN on 29 December, 1944. He confirmed the statement made by Mrs. ARMIZZI, stating that she was given a request for six tank wagons to transport wine to Naples, which request was made out by ROMIS for the firm of BAFFA. After Mrs. ARMIZZI had obtained the authorization, she was paid 130,000 lire by Mr. ROMIS. (See Incl. #34.)

26. Mr. Angelo LIPPOLIS, #10 Via Cavour, Alberobello, was questioned on 4 January 1945. He confirms that which Mrs. ARMIZZI stated in reference to the obtaining of authorization from the A.C. to transport wine. Mr. LIPPOLIS alleges that he paid Mrs. ARMIZZI 120,000 lire for the authorization. (See Incl. #35.)

27. Several of civilians involved are at present of material value to another investigation in progress by this office. All who have taken part in the illegal activities described above will be denounced in due course.

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CONCLUSIONS:

From the confessions, statements and evidences presented in the foregoing investigation, it may be reasonably concluded that:

A. Mrs. Nini ARMIZZI, Giorgio CAVAZZUTI and Vittorio BERNARDINI, assisted by their agents, BRORICI, ZAMPIERI, BERNARDINI, LAMBERTI and MORUCCO did unlawfully conspire to sell and did sell official release for the sale of allied properties controlled by the A.C., and official transportation permits. The said sale releases and permits were approved and signed by Major KNIGHT, A.C. Supply officer, Bari. The above named conspirators did illegally profit from the sale of the aforementioned releases and permits to the extent of at least $24,617.20, which sum was divided among the conspirators and their agents in the following manner:

Nini ARMIZZI	$15,730.00
Giorgio CAVAZZUTI	5,730.00
Vittorio BERNARDINI	1,582.70
Virginio BRORICI	655.00
Riccardo ZAMPIERI	879.50
Marcello LAMBERTI	135.00
Giovani MORUCCO	25.00

B. The unlawful conspiracy was made possible and condoned by Major KNIGHT, a conclusion which is evident for the following reasons:

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1. The releases and permits in question, to be valid, had to bear the signature of Major KNIGHT, A.C. Supply officer, Bari.

2. Mrs. Nini ARMIZZI on several occasions had been asked by Major KNIGHT to secure written requests for permits from individuals interested, and to bring same to his attention, which he obviously intended that she sell.

3. Major KNIGHT personally tendered the signed releases and permits to Mrs. Nini ARMIZZI who, in turn, delivered them to applicants at a personal profit.

4. Mrs. Nini ARMIZZI states that Major KNIGHT repeatedly approved the legality of the transactions she was engaged in, and upon at least one occasion he ventured to approximate the sum of 500,000 lire which he believed she should have personally profited for the delivery of a transportation permit approved by him.

5. There is strong indication that Major KNIGHT persuaded Mrs. Nini ARMIZZI to leave her former place of employment with the Sud-Est Railway Company and that she could improve herself economically

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accepting employment in his office. However, after associating herself with Major KNIGHT, she was never officially placed on the payroll, but she did, however, improve her economic status.

6. Major KNIGHT was fully cognizant of the business relationship between Mrs. Nini ARMENZI and Dr. Giorgio CAVACIUTI. Dr. CAVACIUTI, like Mrs. ARMENZI, was never officially on the payroll of the Allied Commission, and notwithstanding the lack of connection with the Allied Commission, was deputized to act as "second in command" in the Allied Commission Supply Office by Major KNIGHT.

C. The illegality and irregularity in the manner of obtaining sales releases and transportation permits from the Allied Commission reached such proportions as to become common knowledge in the Bari area that said releases and permits could be obtained through the payment of graft. Such knowledge is a detriment to the Allied Governments who have set up such agencies as the Allied Commission to assist occupied countries, with the application of prudence and justice, to restore themselves to normality.

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Incl.:

Incl. #1 - Statement of LOJOLI Abole.
" #2 - " " LAMBERTI Marcello.
" #3 - " " BERNARDINI Dr. Vittorio.
" #4 - Note written by CAPARESTI Georgio.
" #5 - " " " ARMENZI Alfonso.
" #6 - Statement of RUBLIO Gianbattista.
" #7 - " " Raffaela TETRO (30 November, 1944).
" #8 - " " Raffaela TETRO (9 December, 1944).
" #9 - " " CAVALLI Mario.
" #10 - " " CAVALLI Vittorio.
" #11 - " " DE DONATO Carlo.
" #12 - " " VASANELLI Nicola.
" #13 - " " SCOPPIO Franco.
" #14 - " " RENTA Giuseppe.
" #15 - " " D'ALESIO Tullio.
" #16 - " " PAMARALE Francesco.
" #17 - " " SANTA Agostino.
" #18 - " " D'ECCLESIA F.lli.

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Incl. #19 - Statement of SBORIGI Virginio.
" #20 - " " ZAMPIERI Riccardo.
" #21 - " " MORUCCO Giovanna (5 December, 1944).
" #22 - " " MORUCCO Giovanni (12 December, 1944).
" #23 - " " BERNARDINI Giovanna.
" #24 - " " CAVAZZUTI Sergio.
" #25 - Authorizations issued by Major KNIGHT.
" #26 - Statement of ARMIZZI Nini (6 December, 1944).
" #27 - " " ARMIZZI Nini (16 December, 1944).
" #28 - " " MESSA Paolo.
" #29 - " " FERRARA Domenico.
" #30 - " " ROCA Sebastiano.
" #31 - " " BIAGI Francesco.
" #32 - SPALLA Alfredo.
" #33 - Authorizations and releases made by Major KNIGHT.
" #34 - Statement of ROMIS Francesco.
" #35 - " " LIPPOLIS Angelo.

EXHIBITS:

Photostatic copies of A.C. official exis relenses for printing paper.

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DECLARATION

In the year 1944, on the 26th of November, at 1000 hours, at the office of the American Secret Police.

Before me, CIC Agent, [redacted], and CIC Interpreter F.G. RAMPLER, LOJOLI Abele, son of the late Carlo and De Ciacci Giuseppa, born in Rome, on 26th May 1873, residing at Bari, 117 via Vittorio Veneto, director of the printing house of the "Gazzetta del Mezzogiorno", declares as follows:

I am partner in the Editorial Printing Establishment, Bari, 241, via Cairoli.

On the 16th or 17th of October 1944, Mr. Marcello LAMBERTI, living at Bari, 45 via Piave, representative, came to my office with an officer in British uniform with a white pip on his shoulder-strap. They asked me if I was in want of print paper of the P.W.B. group, since they had learned that my request addressed to that group had been denied. I asked for the price, whereupon Mr. LAMBERTI replied I should have the paper at the regular price but should let him have a present as soon as I had received the consent. Being in urgent want of work and of paper which I could in no manner procure on the market, I accepted. As soon as I received OK from P.W.B. I gave order to the transport-firm, [redacted], to pick up the merchandise, that is, 1500 kg of paper, at the P.W.B. store by L.& G. MORFINI, Bari. I deposited L. 80,000.- at the Banca Commerciale Italiana, and on presentation of the receipt of the bank and of the permit of P.W.B. the paper was consigned by MORFINI to my transport agent, the firm [redacted]. Mr. LAMBERTI and the aforementioned Allied Army officer came to my office on the same day - I think, it was the 20th, 21st or 22nd of October 1944 and I gave them, according to our agreement, a present of L. 80,000.- in cash.

I am almost certain that this kind of business was practised by these two gentlemen with nearly all printing establishments of Bari as well as with many merchants of this place.

I have nothing else to add.

Read, confirmed and undersigned.

Bari, 26th November 1944. /s/ Abele Lojoli

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Interpreter, C.I.D.

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DECLARATION

In the year 1944, on the 28th day of November, at the office of the American Secret police, at Bari, 65 Via De Rosa.

Before us, William B. [illegible] and T.F. Holmes, Agents of O.S.S., and Interpreter F.C. [illegible], LAMBERTI Marcello, son of the late Francesco and of Lazzaro Maria, born at Bari, 16th February 1903, residing there at 65 Via Piave, declares as follows:

I have known Mr. [illegible] Riccardo and Mr. [illegible] Virginio for several months as they are friends of a friend of mine, Mr. [illegible], who lives on the third floor of the same house as I.

In the first days of October the two young men, in the course of a conversation, alluded to the possibility to buy Italian paper at a cheap price, asking me if perhaps one of my acquaintances might be interested in the business. I promised them to occupy myself with the question. I went to an acquaintance of mine, one Mr. [illegible], and asked him if he would like to buy a quantity paper of printing paper. Having received his affirmative reply I informed Mr. [illegible], who told me that the interested party had to address a regular request to A.C.C. which would be given to him for further forwarding. I explained the matter to Mr. [illegible], owner of the firm A.B.T., who, after having asked me if the procedure was legal, consigned me a request for 15 quintals. The price fixed by agreement included besides the regular payment for the paper, that is, about L. 1,750 payable at the bank, a compensation of Lit. 3750 for each quintal.

After some days [illegible] brought me the request of the A.B.T. with the respective OK of the office, which I took to A.B.T. There I found only an employee to whom I explained that now, after having obtained the sale permit, the amount for the paper had to be paid to the bank. I accompanied the clerk to the bank and them, with the receipt and request, to the firm [illegible] where we received 15 quintals of paper released by A.C.C. Thereupon the employee of A.B.T. consigned me the compensation of about L. 75,000. I turned this sum over to Mr. [illegible] who gave me back about L. 900 for each quintal, that it, about 13-14,000 Lire for my intervention. I mention that I was sure that the paper was of Italian origin and that the deal was lawful.

I recollect that [illegible], proposing me the business, had alluded to the necessity of conducting the procedure through an Italian establishment the name of which, however, I don't remember.

I mention that I acted as mediator for Mr. [illegible] and [illegible] only in this case and was not interested in any further deals with them.

I have nothing else to add.
Read, confirmed and undersigned.

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Bari, 28th November 1944.

/s/ Marcello Lamberti

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Interpreter, O.S.S.

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STATEMENT (translation)

In the year 1946, on the 16th day of December, at 1600 hours, at the CID office, 38 Army, Bari, GB via de Gasperi.

Before us, CID Agents, William E. Hamlin, and CID Interpreter, Raul E. Hamlin, lawyer Dr. Vittorio Bonaventri, son of the late Raffaele and of Caroline Bacci, born at Trani, April 11th, 1886, residing at Bari, Piazza Via Crisanzio, Secretary of the Provincial Council of Economy (Consiglio Provinciale dell'Economia), declares as follows:

Mrs. Maria Antonia with her father and sister and a young man whom I don't know have lived for several years on the third floor of my house. In the month of September, 1946, Mrs. Antonia told me she could obtain a sale-permit for a quantity of paper from A.F.H.Q., and asked me to be interested in the sale. Through my daughter Giovanna I made the acquaintance of two refugees, Signori Virginio and Raffaele Ricardo, as well as of their friend Signor Giovanni who were living in extremely poor circumstances. To help them, I told them of the business. Some days later, the two refugees came and told me they had found some firms inclined to buy the paper. I reported this to Mrs. Antonia who asked me to bring her the requests. A few days later, Ricardi and Antonelli brought me the first request which I turned over to Antonelli. Successively Mrs. Antonia returned me the request with the regularly signed sale permit and with the A.F.H.Q. stamp at its bottom. I turned it over to the two refugees who by means of it received the paper. Successively several other paper sale permits - I don't remember their exact number - were obtained in the same way. I remember that each time the two refugees or Antonelli paid a compensation in proportion to the weight, ranging from 2000 to 4000 lires for each quintal, which were divided as follows: 2000 lires for Mrs. Antonia, 2000 lires for me; the rest had to be given to Mrs. Antonia and turned over by her to other persons as she told me. The compensation was determined by Mrs. Antonia.

Once, Mrs. Antonia also offered me the possibility to obtain transportation to Rome with an Allied Military (I think, Turkish) vehicle, of a quantity of liquor; but I decidedly refused to occupy myself with the matter as it did not seem legal.

I know that frequently civilians and Allied officers came to Mrs. Antonia's apartment, but I was never in touch with them.

I managed to bring Mrs. Antonia into direct contact with the two refugees but she decidedly refused, declaring that she would not appear in the business. I learned that Antonelli afterwards became associated with Mrs. Antonia at my home, but I was not present when this occurred.

I want to mention that as far as I remember the firms who requested paper releases from A.F.H.Q. through Mrs. Antonia, Mr. Antonelli and Mr. Ricardi, which requests I consigned to and received back from Mrs. Antonia with the approval of A.F.H.Q., are the following:

[illegible], Bari, 3167 via Principe Amedeo.
Fratelli Amarotti, 260/64 via Trento.
Fratelli Cassini, 249 Corso Cavour.
Fratelli Vanadelli, 197 Corso Cavour.
Ditta Masi, 210 via Putignani.
[illegible], 218 via Solferino.
Fratelli Vanadelli, 2[illegible] Corso Cavour.

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Besides these, there are the following of whom I do not sure if they received these permits through us:
GIUDITTA GRIFFELLI, #139/142 via Aleste Simon,
AURELIO LUCHERETTI, #33 via Monterone 4a Luri,
PRINTENDENZA LEVANTE, #45 via Crimeaia,
PRINTENDENZA 'NOLLEGIA.

I had to deliver the prize immediately to Mrs. ARNELLI as soon as the permit was obtained and the refugees, BORRIGI and GRIFFELLI, and MONTINI gave me the money. Besides this, the firms interested in the sale permits paid through the bank the price of the paper itself for account of A.C.C.

I have nothing else to add.

Read, confirmed and undersigned.

Bari, 14 December, 1944.

THE DECLARANT
/s/ Vittorio Bernardini

Translated by Fanny Liebstein, CIC.

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1st. Lieut. TIRRELL,
1st. Lieut. CIC

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TRANSLATION

Rome

Dear Nini,

Taking advantage of the trip these two friends of Bernardini are making to Lucca, I send you a message.

Business first.

Del Rosso: On account of threatenings of legal measures he would take, I had to make an agreement, according to which 250.000, half of the total sum paid, are given back, which, however I have not yet done. The matter is presented as very unfavourable to us (I will explain you everything orally), so that I think we shall have to give back.

Del Panzo: Since not even one liter of wine has been transported, they claim total restitution. The A.C.C. of Rome, changing opinion, have assigned the merchandise to Roman societies. However, we did not yet restore anything.

To-morrow I shall leave for Bari. I will ask FICO for advice and eventually turn over to him the two proceedings. I believe, we shall be able to save something.

Alfonso is waiting for the permits (you know, which,) from Lucca: he is waiting for them anxiously, fearing lest he should miss the business.

We decided that Alfonso immediately after coming back from Florence, shall go to Bari and pick me up there, and I then will go to Lucca or Florence. Acting in the Triangle, Lucca-Florence-Pistoia-Siena, I shall be able to acquire directly the merchandise which will then be transported by Alfonso. Turning the proceedings over to FICO, the matter will be delayed, and even if we should have to give back the sum, there will be three months left to us in the course of which the money will be at our disposal and can be taken advantage of. Don't worry; only continue producing meantime. I have combined something for about 60,000 net, but I have not yet collected the money.

In the meantime, please look if you can find me a decent room. Don't tell KNIGHT anything, at least at present - or do as you think best. Perhaps I shall spend Christmas at Lucca.

Dear Nini, we are missing you very much but, at least, I hope to see you again before long.

I trust FICO, and you know, why. You will see, we shall better our situation. I want to reach such a position that I may be considered among

the first at Bologna.

Dear Nini, I hope you are well. Don't worry !

Yours

/w/ Giorgio.

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P.S. Tell KNIGHT that HARWOOD would not pay me; Lucie will have written to him about the matter. Tell him to pay to you (please, sign for me !) he shall not send the set again to Neri, otherwise we shall not see the money.

In other handwriting:

Dear Tiny, we are now at Rome and learned, that you left some days ago. We wanted to speak to you. When shall we meet again ? Also Giorgio will leave soon and then we shall be really lonely. Shall we see you at Christmas ?

Love from all of us

/s/ Lilia

Write us soon !

Translated by Fanny Lieblein, CID

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/s/ Ford E. Stinson
FORD E. STINSON
Major A.C.

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TRANSLATION

Dear Nini, I am always awaiting your news. If you have to tell me anything send me word by the bearers of this letter who will return to Rome. The same if there is anything for Giorgio.

Cilia and Guido are here; they will leave Friday for Bari.

I might come any moment to your place as I have to go to Florence for a load.

Tell the bearers they may leave your reply at the gate if I were not at home. How are things going on there ?

I hope we shall be able to work. I made agreements with Giorgio aiming at a development -

Remember the tires and some chance for cars.

BERNARDINI's cousin came here. He will go to see you as soon as possible. He told me he had bought a car Lancia Ardea for some-ly 36,000.-

There must be a lot of such possibilities.

Do what you can as soon as possible.

Best regards to Major KNIGHT. I hope to see you soon.

Love from
/s/ Alfonso

Translated by Fanny Lieblein, CID

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A TRUE COPY
/s/ Ford E. Stinson
FORD E. STINSON
Major A.C.

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STATEMENT (Translation)

In the year 1944, on December 1st., at 1500 hours, at the office of the firm LAUDARIO, at Bari, 251, Via Calefati.

Before me, CID Agent [illegible], and CID Interpreter, Fr. MOLLICA, Giambattista GIGLIA, son of the late Francesco and Clorandina RUSSO, born at Valenzano (Bari) on November 20th, 1903, living at Bari, 247, Via Carrubo, declares as follows:

I am the owner of the firm LAUDARIO, Bari, 251 Via Calefati. On October 15th Mr. [illegible] Nicocardo (whom I saw then for the first time) came to my office and, showing me a paper sample, asked me if I was in want of a quantity of paper. He named for the merchandise, (3,500 kg), the price of 7,800 lire a quintal, and as this price as well as the quality of the paper were convenient, I accepted.

I went with Mr. ZAPPIMI first to the Banca d'America e d'Italia to withdraw lire 259,000.- from the current account I have there, which sum I needed for the payment of the paper and for other purchases, and then to the Banca Commerciale where Mr. ZAPPIMI had me make the payment of L.25,760.- which had to be deposited at the bank before the necessary documents could be obtained and the merchandise withdrawn from the storehouse. Immediately afterwards we drove in a horse carriage to the storehouse of the firm SCHIPPI on Via Katzmanale Capruzzi, where Mr. ZAPPIMI presented a permit-coupon for 25 quintals of paper. The storekeeper took the coupon and delivered the paper without hesitation, and the paper was loaded on a horse cart which had been ordered and paid by Mr. ZAPPIMI, as the price for the paper had been fixed with the condition "free my office". When the loading was finished, I paid to Mr. ZAPPIMI the difference between L. 1750. deposited at the Banca Commerciale, and the established price of L.7,800.- a quintal, that is, L.145,750.-, whereupon Mr. ZAPPIMI consigned me the documents of accompaniment which I had been requesting since the beginning of the dealing. As soon as I held those documents in my hands, I became aware that they were made up to the name of the Tipografia del Commercio (Printinghouse of Commerce), Bari, and not to me. To my question about this fact, Mr. ZAPPIMI replied, that he was selling the paper for the account of said printing house who had received an assignment superior to what they needed and were selling now through his part of this assignment and that I could be sure that the business was lawful.

My brother reported to me, that about 10 days later, (while I was in Rome), Mr. ZAPPIMI came and offered paper of a better quality than the one contracted for the first time, but that on account of my absence nothing had been concluded.

I have nothing else to add to the truth.

Read, confirmed and undersigned.

Bari, 1st of December, 1944. /s/ Giambattista Giglia

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Major A.G.D.

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DECLARATION

In the year 1944, on the 9th of December, at 1400 hours, at the office of the American Secret Police, Bari, 58 Via De Gioss.

Before us, CIB Agent Thomas F. HOLMES, and CIB Interpreter, Paul D. BANDIER, TETRO Raffaele, son of the late Pietro and of Maria Milano, born at Bari, August 17th, 1908, living at 248 of Via De Gioss, declares as follows:

In the first part of October, 1944, a young man whom I know to be employed by the stationer ROMANELLI, came to my printinghouse, 215 via Celentano, and offered me 15 quintals of news print at the total price of 7500 lire a quintal. Being in great need of paper and wanting to keep my men working, I accepted the offer. As I did not know the seller sufficiently well I would not anticipate the amount and so the young man invited me to accompany him in the various operations till I should be in the possession of the merchandise. I went with the young man to the firm MORFINI where he underwrined the respective notes, then to the Banco Commerciale Italiana where the young man presented my account current check by the Credito Italiano of more than 100.000 lire and from where he withdrew the amount. The young man then paid in my presence another cashier's window a part of this sum, whereafter we went to MORFINI for the coupon and then to the storehouse of this firm, on Extramurale Capruzzi, where the young man, after consignment of the coupon, withdrew 1500 kg of newsprint which were taken to my establishment. I paid the young man for 1500 kg of paper at 7350 lire a kg, the sum of 11.2.500 lire.

A few days later the same young man called on me together with another youth and offered me his assistence for the acquisition of printingpaper blocked by the A.C.C. About the course of this transaction I informed you in my statement of November 30th, 1944.

I have nothing else to add.

Read, confirmed and underwritten.

Bari, December 9th, 1944.

The Declarant

/s/ tetro raffaele

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Translated by Fanny Lieblein,
Interpreter, C.I.D.

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/s/ Paul D. Bandier
PAUL D. BANDIER,
Major, AC.

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DECLARATION

In the year 1944, on the 30th day of November, at 1330 hours, at the office of the American Secret Police, at Bari, 28 Via De Cloris. Before us, CIC Agent, Thomas F. [illegible], and CIC Interpreter P.D. [illegible], TETRO Raffaele, son of the late Pietro and Maria Maino, born at Bari, 17th August 1903, residing there, at 349 or Via De Tibbs, declares as follows:

I am the owner of the printing house of Commerce (Tipografia di Commercio) at Bari, 413 Via Colamenco.

One day in the month of October, 1944, a young civilian whose name I don't know but whom I could identify, came to my office and offered me a quantity of printing paper and ink. He explained that I had to address a regular request for the sale-permit to the A.C.C., which request I should give to him. He would give it back to me very soon with the OK of A.C.C. I made two requests to A.C.C. writing them on sheets of my office paper; one for 800 Kg of ink, the other for 8000 Kg of newspaper printing paper. About 8 - 10 days later, the same young man brought me my ink-request with the OK of A.C.C. for the reduced quantity of 4 bottles, that is, for 227 Kg. He asked the price of Lit. 800 a Kg which I refused to pay. The young man went away. Once or two days later, a business friend of mine, Mr. Leontino SANTA, paperstocks manufacturer, Bari, Via Roberto da Bari, came to ask me if I would yield him the ink-permit I had refused to accept the day before. On the following day the said young man came again telling me that I had to withdraw the merchandise since the permit had been granted to my name. He further told me that the price of the ink was Lit. 140.- net, and that he would be very thankful if I would give him some present. I paid the price asked for, that is 227 Kg at 140 lire a kilo - Lires 31,780, and gave to the young man a present of 200 lire. I mention that the sum of 31,780.- was paid by me directly to the Banca Commerciale for account of the firm Monfini, responsible holder of the A.C.C. store.

I refused to accept the permit for the printing paper as a price of L. 8,000.- including the sum payable directly to A.C.C. was asked for the paper, and also because the hurry in which the deal should be concluded made me suspect that there was something wrong in it.

Since that time I have not seen the young man again. I did not treat any deals with him besides the two indicated above.

I mention that the paper was offered to me as Italian merchandise coming from the paper factories of Foggia. As to the origin of the ink, I did not make any enquiries about it, having the address my request to the A.C.C., I was sure that the business was lawful.

I have nothing else to add.

Read, confirmed and undersigned.

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Bari, 30 November 1944.

/s/ tetro raffaele

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[signature]

T.F. TURNER,

1st Lt., C.M.P.

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DECLARATION

In the year 1944, on the 4th day of December, at 1530 hours.
Before us, CID Agent Thomas F. HOLMES, and CID Interpreter, F. G. HANDLER, CAVALLI Mario, son of Raffaele and Nunzia D'Allessandro, born at Bari, 18th February 1916, residing at Bari, 220 of via Trento, printer, declares as follows:

I am the responsible clerk of the firm "Levante", which belongs to my father, Raffaele, Bari, 243 via Crisanzio.

About six weeks ago, a young engineering student whom I have known for a long time, Mr. Giovanni MONDINO, living at #286 of via Celesti, came to my establishment, asking me if I was in want of paper. He explained to me that I should address my request for release of the paper to A.C.C., that I should make the payment for the paper directly to the Banca Commerciale, and give a compensation to him. I made a request for 20 quintals of newsprint sheets and 20 quintals of black ink. A few days later, Mr. MONDINO brought me the two requests with the respective OKs and, after having paid to the Bank the amount for the merchandise itself, I gave to Mr. MONDINO the compensation established before, that is 60,000 liras. I wishes to mention that Mr. MONDINO assured me that the business was perfectly lawful, adding, that I might obtain information from other firms in Bari who had obtained goods in the same legal manner from A.C.C.

I also remember, that about one week after I had received the merchandise, Mr. MONDINO told me he could obtain some more paper assignments for me, replied that for the moment I did not need any further quantities but that later on I should be interested in a second assignment.

Since that day I have not seen Mr. MONDINO again.
I have never had any other A.C.C. paper release business.
I have nothing else to add.
Read, confirmed and undersigned.

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Bari, 4th December 1944. /s/ mario cavalli

Translated by Fanny Liebkein,
Interpreter, C.I.D.

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S.A. TURROU,
1st Lt., C.M.P.

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DECLARATION

In the year 1944, on the 11th day of November, at 1430 hours, at the office of the American Secret Police, Bari, 75 Via De Gasperi.

Before me, CID Agent Thomas F. HOLMES, and CID Interpreter Paul G. BANDINI, CAVALLI Vittorio Emanuele, son of Raffaele and d'Alessandro Emanuela, born at Senniscandro Garganico (Foggia), 24th May, 1911, residing at Bari, 310, Via Raffaele D'Addosio, printer, declares as follows:

On or about 24 October 1944, I met in the vicinity of Bari University, a friend of mine, Gianni SORRENTO, living at 2nd of Via Calefatti, who offered to procure me the release of 30 to 50 quintals of paper. He said I should address a regular request to A.C.C. and he himself would obtain for me the approval. I made a request in the name of my brother-in-law, Mr. LONGHITTI Aurelio, Bari, 2nd Via Roberto da Bari, asking for a quantity of about 40 or 50 quintals. On or about 27 October 1944 brought me my request with the approval of A.C.C. and, after having paid 38,250 lire by the Banca Commerciale Italiana, I went to the firm MORFINI where I received the coupon for delivery of 1000 kg of paper. On the same day I picked up the merchandise at the storehouse of the firm MORFINI, on Extramurale Capruzzi. To Mr. MORFINI I paid the agreed surplus of 60,000 lire promising to give him 300 or 400 notebooks as soon as they would be stamped. Mr. MORFINO offered me also release of ink in which, however, I was not interested as I have not yet started my own printinghouse.

I have nothing further to add.

Read, confirmed and undersigned.

Bari, 11th December 1944. /s/ cavalli vittorio emanuele

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Translated by Fanny Liebloin,
Interpreter, C.I.D.

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/s/ [illegible]
[illegible],
1st Lt., C.M.P.
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DECLARATION

In the year 1944 on the 11th day of December, at 1500 hours, at the CID office, Bari, 26 Via De Gasperi.

Before us, CID Agent Thomas F. HOLDEN, and CID Interpreter Paul G. BARRESI, lawyer Dr. DE DONATO Carlo, son of the late Michele and of Luisa DA RIVA, born at Molfetta on 1st April 1895, living at Bari, at 26 Via Imbriani, declares as follows:

I am the associate of the editor, Dr. Luigi BASSI, Bari, 93 Corso Cavour. On 7th October 1944, one Mr. SHORKI Virginio, whose acquaintance had made at some party, came to our shop and asked Dr. BASSI in my presence if he needed printing paper in sheets of the size 70 x 100 cm which he could obtain for us from A.C.C. by means of a regular request against a compensation which, after a short discussion, was fixed at the rate of 4000 lire for each quintal and should be paid on issuance of the authorization.

Being in urgent want of paper for the printing of work authorized by P.W.B. for which we were not able to obtain any adequate assignment, we consented to the transaction. On 14th October our original request with the approval of A.C.C. for 1500 kg written at the bottom of it was given back to us. On the same day, we paid 26,250 lire for the paper by the Banca Commerciale Italiana, and 60,000 lire to Mr. SHORKI. On that occasion Mr. SHORKI declared that this sum was destined entirely to Mr. BERNARDINI who, taking advantage of his relations, could procure permits of this kind.

I never received other paper releases, neither through Mr. SHORKI nor through other mediators.

I have nothing else to add.

Read, confirmed and undersigned.

Bari, 11th December 1944. /s/ avv. Carlo de Donato

Translated by Fanny Liebloin,
Interpreter, C.I.D.

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M.S. Tinson,
1st Lt., C.M.P.

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STATEMENT (Translation)

In the year 1944, on the 6th day of December, at 1130 hours, at the CID office, Bari, PZ Via De Gasperi.

Before us, CID Agent, Thomas F. HOLMES, and CID Interpreter, Paul G. BADGLEY, VARRICCHIO Nicola, son of Lorenzo and Laura APARATINO, born at Bari, August 20th, 1910, residing at Triggiano, PZ Via Roma , declares as follows:

My brother Giuseppe and I are the owners of the firm FRATELLI VARRICCHIO, Bari, PZCT, Via Cavour. In the last part of September or in the first days of October, my friend, Ing. [illegible]MARALE, asked me in the course of a conversation, if I needed a quantity of paper, adding that a friend of his, one Mr. [illegible], at Bari, could obtain an assignment from A.C.C. I replied that I was inclined to buy a certain quantity of paper. About two days later, Mr. [illegible], notified by Ing. [illegible], came to my shop, at PZCT Via Cavour. He explained to me that I had to address a regular request to A.C.C., which he personally would forward and then bring me back with the OK of A.C.C. The price asked by Mr. [illegible] for the paper was 3700.- lires a quintal, 4000.- lires of which sum should be paid to himself and the remaining 1700.- to the bank or in the store. I addressed a request for 1500 kg to A.C.C. On the following day, that is, Dec. 5th, 1944, Mr. [illegible] came back bringing me my request with the regular stamp and signature on it. As it was already late, I asked Mr. [illegible] to return on the next day for the performing of the transaction. On Oct. 6th, 1944, at about 1000 hours, Mr. [illegible] came accompanied by a boy of about 18 years and, after having ascertained that I could withdraw from the firm [illegible] 15 quintals of paper, I consigned to Mr. [illegible] a check of the Credito Italiano, # 160651, for 60,000 lires. Thereupon I paid the amount for the paper, that is, 26,400.- lires, to the Banco Commerciale Italiano.

For the time Mr. [illegible] had spent for this business and for his interest shown in it, the brothers VARRICCHIO sent him through Ing. [illegible]MARALE 2000.- lires enclosed in an envelope.

On the 3rd of November, I obtained another paper-release successively to a request made personally to A.C.C. by the Ex Supervisor (Sovrveditore) of Studies of Bari, canceled and consigned into my hands at the A.C.C. office located at the Townhall of Bari, 1st. floor.

Besides these paper-releases I have never had nor treated other assignments by the A.C.C.

I have nothing else to add.

Read, confirmed and undersigned.

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Bari, December 6th, 1944. /s/ Nicola Varricchio

Translated by Penny Lieblein, CIB.

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In the year 1944, on the 11th day of December, at 1400 hours, at the CID office, Bari, GS via De Gioia.

Before us Thomas F. HOLMES, CID Agent and Paul G. HANDLER, Interpreter of the CID, Dr. Franco SCOPPIO, son of Michele and Teresa LIPELLI, born at Bari, 10th November 1918, living there, at #29 of Corso Cavour, declares as follows:

I am the responsible clerk of the printing house CASINI, #28 Corso Cavour. In the last part of October 1944, two young men came to my office; both of them were rather lean, the taller one brown-haired, wore Allied uniform, the other was blond and had a nervous twitch of the lips. They asked me if I was in want of paper as they, having relative who was in good relations with a Major of the A.C.C., could be able to procure me a good quantity of it. I addressed a request for 60 quintals to the A.C.C., Bari, and consigned it to the said two young men. Two or three days later the young men brought me my original request back with the approval for 50 quintals of printing paper written in red pencil (signature illegible) at its bottom. The young men explained to me that I had to pay Lire 66,500 (3000 kg at 21,50 lire) to the account of A.C.C. thereafter I could withdraw the paper from the storehouse of the firm MARINI, Antonicale Capruzzi. Besides this, the two young men requested a compensation of 50,50 lire for each kg. When I had made the payment by the Banco Commerciale Italiana, I picked up the paper at the store of MARINI and then paid to the young men a compensation of 100,500 lire.

Besides this assignment I have never requested or received for my firm or for any other cause any assignment of released paper from A.C.C.

The aforesaid young men have never made me any offer besides the one mentioned above.

I have nothing further to add.

Read, confirmed and undersigned. 00063

Bari, 11th December 1944. /s/ dott. Franco Scoppio

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Interpreter, C.I.D.

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L.A. TIMKO,
1st Lt., C.M.P.

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In the year 1944, on the 28th day of November, at 1700 hours, at the office of the American secret police, Bari, 86 Via De Gasperi.

Before us, CID Agent Thomas F. HOLDEN, and CID interpreter Paul C. BADGLEY, ROSSI Giuseppe, son of Francesco and of the late Orsi Maria, born at Turi (Bari) on 21st July 1903, residing at Bari, 45 Via Domenico Loreto, declares as follows:

I am the owner of the printing shop "RAPIDO", Bari, 4187 Via Principe Amedeo. One day - I think, it was in the month of September - a good looking young man, tall, brown-haired, whom I know now to be MARINI Virginio and whom I could identify, called on me telling me that he could procure me a quantity of ink. As I was in urgent need of this article and not able to buy it at Bari, I asked the young man how I could obtain it. Thereupon he told me that the Allied made assignments which I by myself could not obtain but which he could obtain immediately. According to his instructions I wrote a request on a sheet of my paper and gave it to him. About 10 days later, the young man returned to me my request with the permit written on it in English with red ink. On 26th October I paid to the bank the price for 5 quintal of ink, that is, 16,000 lire, and to the young man a compensation of 20,000 lire.

With the same young man I contracted a deal for printing paper, that is, I obtained through him a permit from A.M.G. for 1500 kg of printing paper at 21,00, in the whole, lire 32,500. I received this paper on the 30th of October. Two days before, a friend of the said young man, a fair-haired youth, a little shorter than the first, with a cut near the lip, brought me the aforesaid request and received from me the surplus of 40,000 lire. He asked for a higher sum, but as I did not have it, he went away.

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On Saturday, 25 November, or Monday, 27 November 1944, before noon, I was called up by this second youth. I recognized him at the telephone by his inexpertness to pronounce the letter "R". He told me that to anyone who should come to question me about the paper permit, (if I had sent it by post or by messenger), I should say I had sent it by post.

I am able to identify both young men if they are presented to me.

Besides the above said two deals I did not make any further business with these two young men.

I have nothing else to add.

Bari, 28th November 1944. /s/ Giuseppe Rossi

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Interpreter, C.I.D.

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[illegible],
1st Lt., C.M.P.

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DECLARATION

In the year 1944, on the 2nd day of December, at 1600 hours, at the office of the American Secret Police, at Bari, 78 Via Re Alone.

Before me, CIC Agent Thomas O. Bullock, and CIC Interpreter, F.G. HANDLER, D'ALESSIO Tullio, son of Raffaele and Maria Palmondi, born at Trigiano, 19th August 1918, residing at Trigiano, 234 Piazza Novella, declares as follows:

I am working as book-keeper for the firm ROMANELLI, Bari, 80 Piazza Umberto.

In the first part of October 1944 while I was present at the office of my firm, a young man in British uniform came and asked my boss, Mr. ROMANELLI, if he needed printing paper. He declared he could procure Italian printing paper from the paper factories of Foggia, which paper had been released for sale by the Allied. He explained that the firm had only to make a request and that he himself would procure the sale permit from A.C.C.

My boss refused, declaring that the proposed type of paper did not interest him, whereupon the young man went away.

When I left the store at about 1600 hours, I met in the street the same young man waiting for me. He approached me and, introducing himself as DANIELLI Riccardo, asked me if I knew some firm who might be interested in the type of paper he could procure. I promised him to occupy myself with the matter.

I went to the firm ROCCHIA and, after having explained the proceedings, obtained from the owner a request for 15 quintals of paper. This request was turned over by me to DANIELLI who, after 3 days, gave it back to me with the OK of A.C.C. When I took it to Mr. ROCCHIA, he told me that the price of 7000 lire was no longer convenient to him. Meeting again DANIELLI, I asked him what was to be done with the paper. He advised me to offer it to the Tipografia del Commercio (printing house of Commerce), Bari, 213 Via Calentano, which I did. The owner of that firm, Mr. TATRO, went with Mr. DANIELLI and myself to the store of the firm ROMANELLI, on Via Petrarmile, where the convoy note was underlined and the paper withdrawn. I mention that Mr. TATRO, before going to the storehouse, went with me to the Banca Commerciale Italiana and there paid by check the sum due for the paper itself. At the store of ROMANELLI, Mr. TATRO paid to Mr. DANIELLI and myself the agreed surplus, the difference between lire 7000 and 1750, that is, (5250.- for each quintal), 78,750.- lire.

Mr. DANIELLI received from Mr. TATRO the whole sum and told me I should have a commission of about lit. 5000.-, adding, that he wanted to see first how much he himself would earn in this business. I mention that I have never received the said sum.

If I remember well, Mr. TATRO made on the same day a payment for 25 quintals of paper and 6 quintals of ink.

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Since Mr. ZAMPIERI refused to pay me the commission due to me, I broke off our relation and had nothing further to do with him.

Once ZAMPIERI had told me that he could obtain from A.C.C. releases of quantities of timber, leather and fertilizer and that he had also the possibility of procuring transportation by Allied vehicles with British drivers, or empty railway cars at Lit. 70,000.- each. I, however, did not occupy myself with these deals.

I have nothing else to add.

Read, confirmed and undersigned.

Bari, 2nd December 1944.

/s/ Tullio d'Elseio

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Interpreter, C.I.B.

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In the year 1944, on the 5th day of December, at 1600 hours, at the office of A.N.I.C. (Associazione Nazionale Idrogenazione Combustibili), Bari, Via Nicolai.

Before me, CIC Agent, Thomas F. HOLMES, and CIC Interpreter, F.D. RANDISI, PAMARILI Francesco, son of the late Orazio and of Carbonaro Angela, born at Trigiano, 8th October 1911, residing at Bari, by A.N.I.C., engineer, states as follows:

In the latter part of September 1944, Mr. Gianni MORENO, whom I have known for a long time, asked me in the course of a conversation, if I knew some firm who was in want of paper. I promised him to occupy myself with the matter. Some days later, having learned that the firm Fratelli VANNELLI needed a quantity of paper, I introduced Mr. MORENO to the owner of that firm, mentioning that I myself had neither the time for nor the interest in the matter. I don't know how the business was contracted; I only know that VANNELLI succeeded in obtaining the paper through Mr. MORENO. Mr. VANNELLI gave me an envelope, asking me to take it to Mr. MORENO. If I remember correctly, this envelope contained a present of about 1700 lires from Mr. VANNELLI for Mr. Gianni MORENO. I had no gain whatever in this deal between the firm VANNELLI and Mr. MORENO. As to the contents of the envelope I had to bring from Mr. VANNELLI to Mr. MORENO, I cannot tell the exact sum, as I did neither see nor count it.

I have nothing else to add.

Read, confirmed and undersigned.

Bari, 5th December 1944. /s/ Ing. Francesco Pamarili

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/s/ [illegible]
T.A. THOMAS,
1st Lt., C.M.P.

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DECLARATION

I, the undersigned, CARTA Agostino, son of the late Giovanni, born on 20th April 1888, at Castellamare, residing at Bari, #144 of Via Roberto da Bari, merchant, declare before CID Agent, Mr. W.B. BURDEN, and CID Interpreter, Dr. F. NEMIROVSKY, as follows:

In September 1944 I once spoke with the lawyer Dr. BERNARDINI, of my want of paper, and informed him that a request I had addressed to A.C.C. to obtain paper, had been unsuccessful. Dr. BERNARDINI advised me to make another request and give it to him, adding, that he would have it forwarded to the competent authorities and promising me a favorable result. In fact, a few days later, he sent me, through his daughter, Miss Wanda BERNARDINI, the document of release, and I paid to Miss BERNARDINI the sum asked by them, that is thirty thousand (30.000.-) liras, whereas the original price of Lit. 1750 a quintal was paid by me to the Bank for the account of A.C.C.

In the beginning Dr. BERNARDINI, spoke to me about the total price of three thousand seven hundred fifty (3750.-) liras a quintal, without telling me that the sum had to be divided. Later on, he told me that one part, that is, 2000 liras for each quintal had to be paid to him on receipt of the releasing document, whereas the difference should be paid at the Bank for the account of A.C.C.

In the course of our conversation, Dr. BERNARDINI mentioned he could procure me a timber release. I, however, was not interested in the matter as this article is not connected with my business.

Bari, 5th December 1944.

THE DECLARANT

/s/ agostino carta

Witnessed by:

/s/ w.b. burden, agent CID

/s/ dr. f. nemirovsky, Interpreter, CID

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Interpreter, C.I.D.

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R.A. TURNER,
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In the year 1944, on the 1st day of December, at 1030 hours, at the office of the firm F.lli D'ECCLESIA, Bari, 71 Via Putignani.

Before us, CID Agent, T.F. HOLMES, and CID Interpreter, P.G. BARDELLA, D'ECCLESIA Florindo, son of Giovanni and De Gantis Giuseppe, born at Bari, November 20th, 1903, residing at Bari, 7 Via Putignani, states as follows:

I am the owner of the bookshop F.lli D'ECCLESIA di Giovanni, Bari, 71 Via Putignani. I obtained a printing paper permit on May 6th 1943 for two cwts, and on June 23rd 1944 for one cwt for university volumes, from the P.W.B. office. The procedure required was performed by Prof. BRIENZA Giuseppe, assistant at the R. University of Bari.

On 5th October 1944, Mr. D'ALESSIO, known by me as a clerk of the firm ZAVAGLIANI, Bari, 21 Piazza Umberto, came to tell me that a big quantity of printing paper owned by Italian firms, i.e.s. SANTACROCE and ACCOLTI Gil, would be released, and that I should address a request for the quantity I needed directly to P.W.B. I did so, requesting 15 cwts of paper for the edition of an English grammar by Prof. LATTANZIO, which I had to print, and for an Italian grammar by Prof. Ettore BRIENZA.

Mr. D'ALESSIO took my request, telling me that only he was able to conduct the procedure to a successful end as soon as possible.

From that day I have neither seen Mr. D'ALESSIO, nor do I know what happened to my request, nor have I received the paper.

I have nothing else to add.

Read, confirmed and undersigned.

Bari, 1st December 1944. /s/ florindo d'ecclesia

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T.F. HOLMES,
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DECLARATION

In the year 1946, on the 29th of November, at 1000 hours, at the office of the American Secret Police, 76 Via De Gasperi.

Before us, CID Agent Thomas F. HOLMES, and CID Interpreter Paul G. B MILLER, DEGORTIS Virginio, son of Aldo and Amelia Krenz, born at Milan, September 13th, 1921, residing at Bari, 127 Via Calefati, declares as follows:

I came to Bari with my friend, LAMBERTI Riccardo, in June 1944, after leaving the German prison on the island of Rhodes. In September 1944, during a conversation at the Tennis club of Bari, an acquaintance of mine, Miss Giovanna BERNARDINI, residing at Bari, Via Cifarunolo, asked me, if I wished to earn some money. I asked her for an explanation whereupon she told me that there was a chance to sell a quantity of paper. She invited me to her home telling me that her father could give me further informations.

A few days later, coming to her home, I was introduced to the father, lawyer Dr. BERNARDINI who asked me to find out a printing house in want of printing paper. As I do not know the firms of Bari, I applied to an acquaintance of mine, Mr. LAMBERTI, whom I had met in the house of my friends VALLINO and informed him of the case. He promised me to occupy himself with the matter. In fact, a few days later, Mr. LAMBERTI informed me that the printing house S.A.T. would like to buy 15 quintals of paper. I went to Dr. BERNARDINI and asked him for the price, telling him that I had found a buyer. Dr. BERNARDINI explained to me that the interested firm had to address a regular request to A.C.A. which request I should bring to him; the paper should be paid for directly to the bank and besides this, about 4000-4500 lire should be paid for each quintal withdrawn. I explained all this to Mr. LAMBERTI who, after some days, brought me the request addressed to A.C.A., signed by the firm S.A.T. This request was turned over by me to lawyer BERNARDINI. A few days later the request with the respective OK was given back to me and consigned by me to Mr. LAMBERTI. He himself took it to S.A.T. and gave me on the same day the amount of about 75,000 lire received from S.A.T.

I brought the total sum to lawyer Dr. BERNARDINI, receiving from him 60,000 lire of which sum I gave 15,000 lire to Mr. Marcello LAMBERTI as compensation for his service while I took the remainder for myself.

Successively I went to the printing firm Sud i MARRI, Bari, 210 Via Putignani, and after having explained to the owner the whole procedure, received from him a request for sale permit for 15 quintals of paper. He agreed to the overprice of about 4000 lire per quintal. After some days I received the request back with the respective OK and consigned it to the printing firm MARRI who paid me the sum of about 60,000 lire which I turned over entirely to Dr. BERNARDINI, declaring that, as a friend of the family, I did not want anything for myself.

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A few days later I concluded with the printing firm CASINI, Via Corso Cannino, a deal for 3000 kg of paper. Having received from Dr. BERNARDINI the OK of A.C.C. and consigned it to CASINI, I received from the latter the overprice amount of about 140,000 lire, of which Dr. BERNARDINI gave me 300 lire for each quintal, that is, 15,000 lire.

Towards the end of October, I concluded a similar business with the printing firm "[illegible]", Bari, 187 Via Principe Amedeo, for 1500 kg and, after obtaining the OK of A.C.C. through Dr. BERNARDINI, received from "[illegible]" about 70,000 lire of which sum Dr. BERNARDINI gave me about 700 lire per quintal, that is , a total of 10,000 lire.

Thereafter I did not make any further business with Dr. BERNARDINI, since he told me that no more paper permits could be obtained.

I mention that I was certain that the paper was of Italian origin, as Dr. BERNARDINI how told me that it was National Italian paper blocked by A.C.C.. This statement can be confirmed by my friend Riccardo CASINI who was present when Dr. BERNARDINI informed me of the origin of the paper.

Once Dr. BERNARDINI also told me he would be able to obtain a sale permit for aluminium, leather or wood, but I was not interested in a business of this kind and did not occupy myself with it.

Dr. BERNARDINI alluded also to the possibility of obtaining transportation permits, but this also was of no interest to me.

I have nothing else to add.

Read, confirmed and undersigned.

Bari, 20th November 1944. /s/ Aborigi Virginio

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Interpreter, C.I.D.

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/s/ [illegible]
E.A. TURNER,
1st Lt., C.M.P.

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STATEMENT (Translation)

In the year 1944, on the 12th day of December, at 1830 hours, at the CIC office, Bari, 10 via De Rogati.

Before us, CIC Agent Thomas F. [redacted] and CIC Interpreter, Amid [redacted], Adriani Ricardo, son of the late Paolo and Anna [redacted], born at Trieste, February 14th, 1921, living at Bari, at #272 of via Calefati, declares as follows:

One day in September 1944, Miss Vanna [redacted], living at #18A via Crispiano, meeting me at the Tennis Club, invited me to come to her home if I wanted to earn some money. Her father, she said, would explain to me the particulars of the transaction. Her father, lawyer Dr. [redacted], explained to me he could procure the release of various material blocked by A.M.G., i.e. paper, ink, and others. I made the acquaintance of Mr. D'Amelio Tullio, employee of the firm [redacted], and asked him who knows that kind of material, to look for a buyer. A few days later, Mr. D'Amelio brought me a request of the firm D'Accolla, Via Principe Amedeo, which I turned over to Miss Vanna [redacted]. Some days later, Miss [redacted] gave me the request back, regularly signed and approved by A.M.G. I gave this authorization for the release of 1000 kg to D'Amelio who, after having brought it to D'Accolla, returned declaring that D'Accolla no longer wanted to buy the paper. D'Amelio told me we might try to trade the paper with the printing house of Cannone (Tipografia del Commercio), #18 via Pasquale Calamane. The owner of that printinghouse declared himself inclined to buy the paper. After the performance of the banking proceedings and the withdrawal of the paper, Mr. Tatro, owner of the Tipografia del Commercio, paid the amount of 85,250.- lires which were given to me by D'Amelio. I paid to Miss Vanna [redacted] the agreed sum of 60,000 lires and to the ours-driver for the transportation. To Mr. D'Amelio I had promised a commission of 5,000 lires which, however, on account of some divergencies, were not paid.

A few days later, I received from the owner of the Tipografia del Commercio a request addressed to A.M.G. for 25 quintals of paper and another one for 600 kg of ink, which I turned over to Miss Vanna [redacted]. After a few days, I received the approval for the paper as well as for the ink, the quantity of which latter, however, was reduced to 4 barrels (about 247 kg). I took the two letters of assignment to Mr. Tatro, who, however, refused to accept the merchandise. After a discussion he decided to accept the lot at the price of 320 lires a liter, which was the price agreed by [redacted] of me. The sum received from Mr. Tatro was given by me entirely to Miss Vanna [redacted]. I remember that it amounted to about 10,000.- lires. The payment for the ink was effectuated by Mr. Tatro directly by the same responsible Italians.

The 2500 kg of paper released to the name of the Tipografia del Commercio and not accepted by this firm, were given by me to the firm [redacted], via Valenzia, at the price of 7000.- lires a quintal. I received from Mr. [redacted], owner of the firm [redacted], the total sum of 145,750.- lires, about 100,000.- of which I turned over to Miss Vanna [redacted].

A few days later, I accepted from [redacted] another request for release of paper which, however, I did not turn over to [redacted] and the release of which was not effectuated.

I have nothing else to add.

Read, confirmed and undersigned.

Bari, December 14th, 1944.

/s/ Amedeo Ricardo

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DECLARATION

In the year 1944, on the 5th day of December, at 0900 hours, at the CID office, Bari, 28 Via Da Cinna.

Before us, CID Agent, Thomas F. HOLMES, and CID Interpreter, P. G. BARTLER, MORRICO Giovanni, son of Pietro and Cappozzi Elisa, born at Bari, 7th March 1922, residing there, at 4860 of Via Calefati, declares as follows:

About 2 months ago, I met at the Tennis Club of Bari, on Via Calefati, Miss Giovanna BERNARDINI, living at 9162 Via Crisanzio, who asked me if I knew any firms interested in the transportation of liquors from Bari to Rome. She invited me to come to her house as soon as I could indicate any such firm to receive precise information from her father. Speaking with Giovanna's father, lawyer Dr. BERNARDINI, I learned that an Allied truck was in question, which would be driven by a soldier with the rod star on his cap. The price to be paid for the truck itself would be 100,000 liras, and a compensation of 100,000 liras should be paid to the person who would issue the permit. As neither the price nor the business was convenient we did not conclude anything.

Then, about one week later, that is, in the first part of October 1944, I met Miss Vanna BERNARDINI again at the Tennis Club, she told me she had some other business for me, much easier than the preceding and which was to be concluded at once. I went to her house where Dr. BERNARDINI explained to me that he could obtain from A.C.C. the release of certain quantities of paper. I spoke about the matter to an acquaintance of mine, Mr. FARRARELLI of the A.N.I.C. (Associazione Nazionale Idrogenazione Combustibili) at Bari, residing at Triggiano who, about 8 days later told me a friend of his needed a quantity of paper. I went with Mr. FARRARELLI to the firm VADANELLI, 9207 Via Cavour, where I received a request addressed to A.C.C. for release of 1500 kg of paper for calendars. This request was turned over to me to Dr. BERNARDINI who, after some days, sent it back to me with the approval of A.C.C., through his daughter Vanna. As Dr. BERNARDINI did not trust me and requested payment in cash, he had his son accompany me. With young BERNARDINI I went to the firm VADANELLI, and the owner of this firm, after having ascertained at the office of MORFINI that the proceedings were in order, gave me a check on the Credito Italiano, addressed to me, for the sum of 60,000 liras. I went with young BERNARDINI to the Credito Italiano, cashed the check and turned the entire sum over to the son of Dr. BERNARDINI. I mention that I did this work only for the sake of my friendship with Mr. FARRARELLI who, 2 or 3 days later, made me a present of 2,000 liras. Besides the said 60,000 liras, VADANELLI paid to the Banco Commerciale Italiana for the account of A.C.C. the price of 15 quintals of paper.

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...as I wanted to have my university notes printed, I went to the firm [illegible] (Tipografia "Levante"), 245 Via Crisanzio. The owner of that firm told me, he would very willingly print my notes if he had the necessary paper. I explained to Mr. CAVALLI the procedure required to obtain the release of paper and ink by A.C.C. Whereupon he gave me two requests, one for ink and one for paper, which I turned over to Mr. BERNARDINI. I proposed to bring the interested firm into direct touch with Mr. BERNARDINI, which I had already tried in the VANNA DEI case, but Mr. BERNARDINI not only decidedly refused to receive the interested persons at his home but forbade even his name to be pronounced by those who conducted the business, declaring that he wished at any cost to avoid figuring in it. In this way, he said, there would be no witness against him. He told me he knew the English Major who was inclined to issue the permits against payment of the agreed sum. He further told me that he was acting only as mediator between the English Major and the interested persons. Two days later I received from Mr. BERNARDINI the release of 2 quintals of ink. On consignment of this permit to Mr. CAVALLI from him 8,000 lires, which I turned over to Mr. BERNARDINI's daughter. A few days later I received from Mr. BERNARDINI the permit for the paper, for which Mr. CAVALLI gave me 80,000 lires which sum I turned over to the daughter of Mr. BERNARDINI.

Successively Mr. BERNARDINI procured me a release for 1500 kg of paper to the name of my aunt, Claudia CAPOZZI, #139-141 Via Abate Eliseo, for which I paid to Miss Vanna BERNARDINI the sum of 45,000 lire. I myself used this paper for notebooks I had printed by the printing house "Levante" and which I sold to people who needed them. The price for this paper was paid by me directly to the Banca Commerciale Italiana.

I mention that I paid the sums received from CAVALLI and CAPOZZI to Miss Giovanna BERNARDINI who took a certain part of the amounts for herself.

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I recollect that once Mr. BERNARDINI proposed me also a certain business regarding timber existing in the province of Potenza. The price was 4000 lires per cubic metre. On account of the great distance from the place and of the high price none of my acquaintances were interested in the business. Mr. BERNARDINI promised me some other deals (leather and aluminium) in the future. He proposed also release of empty rail wagons at a price of 60,000 lires on the part of the English, and 80,000 lires on the part of the Italians. I, however, never occupied myself with this kind of business.

About one month ago Mr. BERNARDINI's daughter notified me that the English Major was leaving for Bari and therefore no further business could be concluded.

I remember, that once I met Mr. SPONZA Virginio at Dr. BERNARDINI's house. He stayed in one room while I was taken to another room by Miss Vanna to treat business.

I have nothing else to add.

Read, confirmed and underwigned.

Bari, 5th December 1944.

/s/ Sponza Giovanna

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STATEMENT (translation)

In the year 1964, on the 12th day of December, at 1600 hours, at the CID office, Bari, 76 Via De Gleon.

Before me, CID Agent, Thomas F. BURNS, and CID Interpreter, Paul De [illegible], [illegible] Giovanni, son of Pietro and CAPORIZ Elisa, born at Bari, March 7th, 1922, residing there, #256, Via Calefati, declares as follows:

On October 25th, 1964, I was stopped in the vicinity of Bari University by one Mr. Cavalli Ermanno, living at #30 of Via Raffaele D'Addosio. He asked me if I could procure him a paper release from A.C.C., as he had learned from his brother, owner of the printinghouse "Levante", that I had procured for the latter such a release. I explained to him the proceedings necessary, and he made on the same day a request by a nuns which I don't remember. This request was turned over by me to Miss Teresa [illegible], living at #102 Via Crimmio, who gave it me back after a few days with the approval of A.C.C. written at the bottom. I consigned the request to Mr. CAVALLI who paid me the sum of Lit. 40,000/ which I turned over entirely to Miss Teresa [illegible]. Mr. CAVALLI promised to give me a small quantity (some hundred) of copy books as compensation, which, however, till today I have not received. I went also with Mr. CAVALLI to the Banca Commerciale Italiana to make the payment for the paper itself whereupon he, alone, went to [illegible] to pick up the paper at the A.C.C. store.

I have nothing else to add.

Read, confirmed and undersigned.

/s/ Pellegrino Giovanni

Bari, December 14th, 1964.

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/s/ Fred E. Stinson

FRED E. STINSON

Major A.C.C.

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DECLARATION

I, the undersigned Giovanna BERNARDINI, daughter of Vittorio, born at Teramo on 5th February 1919, residing at Bari, Viale A Via Cr-asantio, declare before CID agent, Mr. [illegible] BURDEN, and CID Interpreter, Dr. F. MOSKOVSKY, as follows:

On the third floor of our house is the apartment of Mrs. CONELLI Nina whom I have known for several years. I often saw Allied officers enter her home but I did not know why they were coming there. One day in the month of September I heard my family speak about an agreement taken with Mrs. CONELLI for the release of paper, as my father is in the habit of discussing all his business with his family. I had introduced to my father Mr. CAMPIONI, Mr. CECCHI and Mr. MORICONI as members of the tennis club. He made with them an agreement for the sale of the paper.

As my father works all day long at his office, he told me, that if anybody brought money, I instead of him, should consign it to Mrs. CONELLI. I received money several times from the above named gentlemen and turned it over to Mrs. CONELLI. In the same manner I brought to her also some requests for release of merchandise. I remember neither the names on the requests nor the cyphers of the amounts which I brought to Mrs. CONELLI, as I did not pay any attention to them.

The declarant

/s/ Giovanna Bernardini

Witnessed by:

/s/ Dr. Fedor Moskovsky, CID

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Interpreter, C.I.D.

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[signature]
S.A. BURDEN,
1st Lt., C.M.P.

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DECLARATION

I, the undersigned, Mr. CAVALLETTI Giorgio, son of Gaetano, born at Milano, 4th January 1917, residing at Gori, Plebe, Via Crivelli, declare before CIC Agent, Mr. [illegible] and CIC interpreter, Mr. F. MARINOVICH, declare as follows:

One day, in the latter part of SEPT. 1944, Mr. ROCA, of the firm MATTEUCCI, came to see me at Major KNIGHT's office where I worked, asking for transportation of a quantity of wood. I told him that this was impossible on account of the restriction of transportation, but that I could introduce him to a person who would occupy herself with the matter. In fact, I sent Mrs. CORNELLI Nina to his house. Mrs. CORNELLI had Mr. ROCA address a request to A.M.G. for a quantity of wood to be brought from the firm TROPIANO & BIANI in the province of Potenza. Mr. ROCA made a request for account of the firm MATTEUCCI. This request was presented and approved by Major KNIGHT who, of course, had been informed by Mrs. CORNELLI. The approved request was brought by Mrs. CORNELLI to Mr. ROCA. On her return from Mr. ROCA Mrs. CORNELLI reported me that she had received 300,000 lire. This amount was divided between myself and Mrs. CORNELLI, that is, I received 300,000 lire for having her introduced to Mr. ROCA.

Two or three days previous to Major KNIGHT's departure we received information from Rome that a vessel of 2000 tons was going to start from Brindisi for Rome within a week. About 500 of these 2000 tons should be loaded with wine that had remained on land at a preceding expedition and which belonged to Roman firms. The Consorzio Agrario was to provide for the forwarding of wine of their own property and the property of local producers, to fill up the remaining tonnage. As the Consorzio Agrario was neither able to supply more than 1000 tons nor to give in due time the remainder to private firms, Major KNIGHT assumed the task to find a person who might be able to complete the load in due time. Major KNIGHT did not mention anything about the matter, speaking with me; but on the same evening, in a private conversation with Nina, asked her if she could find anybody who could complete the cargo in time. When Nina reported this to me on the next morning, I advised her to contact Mr. Paolo MARRA, who, as I knew, was the representative of wine producers. And so she did. I know that Mrs. CORNELLI caused a regular request to be submitted to Major KNIGHT, which was approved by the Major. Mrs. CORNELLI brought the authorization to Mr. MARRA by whom she later on received a present of L. 700,000 for the assignment of the transportation. I received one half of this amount from Mrs. CORNELLI directly, because I had made her acquainted with Mr. Paolo MARRA.

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Although I myself was not called up, I know that 24 hours after Mrs. CONRAD had been arrested at Lucca, Major KNIGHT phoned to her brother, Alfonso ARCENGELI, at Rome, to inform him of what had happened, saying "Cavazzuti is also involved".

I mention that I was not paid for the two months of work at the office, as the Major had not put me officially on the payroll, though he had repeatedly (also in writing) confirmed me my employ.

The declarant

/s/ dr. Fiorello Cavazzuti

Witnessed by:

/s/ W.B. Barden, Agent, CID

/s/ dr. Fedor Nemirovsky, Interpreter, CID

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Interpreter, C.I.B.

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C.A. KIRK,
1st Lt., C.M.P.

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SOUTHERN REGION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
BARI ZONE

To Whom It May Concern: 29 Sept. 44.

Doctor C. Cavezzuti is representative of Major Knight, Allied Control Commission, Zone Economics & Supply Officer Bari, and takes control of affairs during my absence.

When on outdoor commissions he should be given every assistance to obtain informations, etc., on my behalf.

/s/ C. Knight
C. KNIGHT
Major
Zone Economics & Supply
Officer

(Stamp of Allied Control Commission,
Supply's Office, Bari)

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A chiunque possa riguardare:

Dott. C. Cavezzuti è il rappresentante del Major Knight, Allied Control Commission, Zone Economics & Supply Officer Bari, e in assenza di cui controlla gli affari.

Per i commissioni fuori dell' Officio ogni assistenza per ricevere i dato gli deve essere data.

/s/ C. Knight
C. KNIGHT
Major
Zone Economics & Supply
Officer

(Stamp of Allied Control Commission,
Supplies Office, Bari)

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E.A. TOURSU,
1st Lt., C.M.P.

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STATEMENT (Translation)

I, undersigned, CONSOLI-[illegible] Clementina, born at Bari, Sept.1st.,1914, residing at Bari, #102, Via Crisanzio, declare before CID Agent, Mr. [illegible], and CID Interpreter, Dr.Fedor [illegible]MINOVSKY, as follows:

One day in September, 1944 I called on Mrs. BERNARDINI who is living in the same building as I. In the course of our conversation Mrs. BERNARDINI asked me if I couldn't do something through some friends of mine to help her family as they had had to make great expense for the marriage of their daughter. I told her that for the moment I could not do anything as I did not have any job, but that I would try to help her as soon as some possibility would occur.

A few days later they brought me, (I don't remember if it was the mother or the daughter, Vanna), three or four requests for the transportation of dry figs and wine. I don't remember the names of the persons nor of the places. I took these requests to Major KNIGHT who was my friend, begging him to help me in the obtaining of the permits. But maj. KNIGHT replied this matter did not regard him and he could not do anything in it. So I brought the requests back to Mrs. BERNARDINI. They had promised me one half of 30.000 liras for each wagon that should be transported, being the amount precised by the interested persons.

Some days later, daughter or mother BERNARDINI brought me a request for the release of paper (I remember neither name nor quantity in question), promising me 500 liras for each quintal. I took the request to Maj.KNIGHT begging him to take it into favorable consideration; the major replied he would see if the applicants had a right or not to obtain the release and his decision would depend on the result of this examination. He looked at the list and, seeing that the name was not contained in it, which meant that the applicant had not received any assignment before, he gave me his approval, however not for the whole quantity.

I told him I was very thankful to him, as I should receive a present for my intervention. In the same way I forwarded other requests for release of paper quantities, which were brought to me by the BERNARDINIS and taken by me to Maj.KNIGHT who did me the favour of undersigning them. For those requests the BERNARDINIS paid me 1000 liras for each quintal. I don't remember how many requests I brought to Maj.KNIGHT for signature, but I recollect that one was a request for 2 quintals of ink. Maj.KNIGHT knew that also for these other requests I should have a compensation.

One day in October, 1944, Dr.Giorgio CAVALLOTTI came to my house and told me I should call on Mr. ROCA who wanted to speak to me and with whom he had already made an appointment for me. When I came there, Mr. ROCA asked me if I could help him to obtain transportation for a quantity of wood which was lying in some place in Calia-

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bria. I replied this would be very difficult but I would occupy myself with the matter. Dr.ROCA further asked me if I could procure him some quantity of wood of which he was in great need, whereupon I told him, he should make a request and I would see what could be done in the matter. Dr.ROCA gave me the request at once. I took it to Maj. KNIGHT who three or four days later gave me the letter of release. This letter was given by me to Dr. ROCA who paid me 500.000.- liras. Of this sum I gave 200.000 to Dr. CAVACIUTI because he had indicated to me Dr. ROCA.

I did not introduce myself to Dr. ROCA by my true name as I know that this gentleman had previously been in business relation with my father.

The amount was paid to me for the wood and not for the transportation the cost of which latter would have been about 1,000.000.- at that time.

One evening in the month of October, I saw Major KNIGHT, who told me he was at a loss not knowing how to complete a wine load which was to be sent to Rome by steamer, as the Consorzio Agrario had not got the whole quantity of wine in jugs. There were 500 tons wanting and he asked me if I could find him anybody who had this quantity.

On the following day I spoke about this matter to Dr.CAVACIUTI who told me to go to Mr. MOSSA who, he thought, might have to transport this quantity as he had requested transportation before. In fact, when I called on Mr. MOSSA he told me he had this quantity and would be extremely glad if he could obtain the transportation. He consigned me the request. We agreed that he should pay me 1,50 liras for each liter of wine forwarded. I took the request to Major KNIGHT and two or three days later, Mr. MOSSA was authorized to make the transportation. When I brought him the letter of authorization he paid me 750.000.- liras, one half of which amount I gave to Dr. CAVACIUTI.

I told Major KNIGHT that I had received a present, whereupon he asked me if this present was satisfactory, as the business was an important one.

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/s/ clementina comelli armanni

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Major A.C.

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STATEMENT (Translation)

I declare that in view of my friendship with Major KNIGHT many persons asked me to assist them in the obtaining of transportation. I don't remember exactly names and dates, but will state what I remember.

The following persons were among those who asked for rail-transportation:
Ing. [illegible], employed by [illegible]nio.; request presented through South-East;
Mr. [illegible], owner of the Alberobello mills;
Mr. [illegible] Carlo - Masselli; (I think, this is the exact name);
Mr. [illegible], known through Mrs. Dula CONVERTINI by the South-East;
Cav. [illegible], known by South-East;
Mr. [illegible], employee of South-East,
and others whose names I - in faith - don't remember.

Among these persons whose regular requests I introduced to [illegible] (Major KNIGHT) the following have obtained rail wagons:
Mr. [illegible] - 1 wagon for which I did not receive any compensation;
[illegible] - 6 wagons nominal, of which only 3 effective according to what he himself reported to me; I don't recall the amount given, but I think it was 30.000.- lires for each wagon.
At other times I obtained wagons for internal transportation for which I received a little sack of flour and - I think - 30.000 lires, and 80,000 for another one bound for Naples, I believe. The transports were performed between Rosegne and Alberobello.-
[illegible] - 6 tank wagons nominal, I don't know how many effective, 4 or 5 or 6; compensation: 150.000.- lires, from which sum the expense for Manda's tomb is to be deducted;
as far as I remember, nobody else has obtained wagons through me. Major KNIGHT always said that this was the regular way to obtain transportations and, relying on his word, I never thought I was transgressing against any disposition.

I mention that Dr. [illegible] one day came to see me asking me if it were possible to obtain an authorization for the vessel "Giuseppe Padre" (which, according to what he told me, had to go to Naples for repair) to make the last trip with a wine cargo for the firm [illegible] Pietro. The Captin of "Giuseppe Padre", he said, was associated with the firm and therefore interested in the execution of the transport, which he would not have performed for others. I took the request to Maj. KNIGHT who told me that he could not give any order directly; but he gave me a letter of request to the "Cogena". I turned this letter over to Dr. [illegible] who, on the following day, brought it back to me asking me to have "Cogena, Bari", changed into "Cogena, Naples", which Maj. KNIGHT did immediately. I don't know anything about the further development of the transaction.
I did not receive any compensation for my assistance.

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I further affirm with emphasis that I left my job by the path- test only on the repeated requests of Maj.KNIGHT who promised me to employ me at A.F.C. (which I never obtained). He told me I was abused by the path- test where I did not receive ade ate pay. Maj. KNIGHT further suggested I should contact persons requesting permits of any kind, saying, he meant to grant those permits whenever it was possible. It was understood that he was speaking of permits for which I should receive an adequate compensation. To my objections about the lawfulness of these transactions he would reply, it was exclusively his business to think of this and that he was acting in perfect conformity to law. We frequently returned to this matter as Mr. GUIDI was always worrying about it. But Major KNIGHT would answer to all our objections in the way reported before and I relied on his word. And it was on his suggestion exclusively that I accepted these requests for transportation, paper and lumber; it was only on his invitation that I dealt with [illegible] for the firm [illegible]. Speaking of this last permit Maj. KNIGHT told me he thought I had gained by it at least 500.000.- liras. It was also Maj. KNIGHT who once asked me to find him somebody who wanted to transport 50 quintals of liquor or alcohol to Rome, I think, by a Yugoslav truck, as Maj. KNIGHT was acquainted with Capt. [illegible] to whom, as he told me, he had done some favour regarding paper, I think. Maj. KNIGHT told me, he would issue a permit for the event that the truck should be stopped, declaring that the truck was sent from A.F.C., Bari, to A.F.C., Rome.

He told me I should ask at least 300,000 liras for this transport which was never effectuated.

To my objection that the matter did not seem lawful, Major KNIGHT told me I should not worry since the persons who eventually would effect this transport were authorized to forward anything. When I told him that I had not the courage to ask such a high sum if I should happen to find somebody, he replied I should not be silly, as he knew people who offered exorbitant cyphers (I don't remember if the amount he mentioned was a million).

There was one fact more confirming my supposition that a Yugoslav truck was in question: when leaving for Rome I received a note of recommendation from Major KNIGHT to Capt. [illegible], whereupon my brother Guido and I obtained two seats on the truck which makes two trips a week to Naples and Rome. During this journey we saw that a big barrel which was unloaded in a place near Naples (I don't remember the name) contained oil.

I forgot to say that one day Dev. [illegible] came to my house, for the first time personally, to bring me some requests for transportation of wine, whereas before he had sent me one or two

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through Bianchi. He asked me if I had received a check of 11.000.- lires which he had sent me through Dr. Bianchi for the event that I should have had to spend money to obtain the weapons. I replied that I had not received anything, this being in fact the first time I heard of the matter.

THE DECLARANT

Bari, December 19th, 1944. /s/ Giuseppe Cordili Arnaldi

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Major A.C.C.

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DECLARATION

In the year 1944, on the 18th day of December, at 1300 hours.

I, Paolo [redacted], son of Francesco, living at Bari, at #25 of Via Cattaro, declare as follows:

On 7th December 1944, that is, on the same day when I made my declaration regarding Dr. CAVAZZUTI, a fair-haired boy of about 16 years whom I saw for the first time, came to my office on Via Veneto, at about 1745 hours declaring himself to be a messenger of Mr. CAVAZZUTI and Mrs. ARMILEI. He asked me if I should be inclined to state that Mrs. ARMILEI had been my representative in the transaction obtained from A.C.C. The boy then offered to pay me 1000 lire as compensation for my expenses. I refused and, turning him out of the door, told him he should not let himself be seen again.

From that day neither that boy nor Mr. CAVAZZUTI and Mrs. ARMILEI tried again to contact me.

I have nothing else to add.

Read, confirmed and undersigned.

Bari, 18th December 1944. /s/ paolo [redacted]

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A.A. TURNER,
1st Lt., C.M.P.

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DECLARATION

In the year 1944, on the 18th of December, at 1130 hours, at the office of the firm PANZA ALLEGRO & FIGLI, Corato, 209 Via Nazionale.

Before us, CID Agent T.F. HOLMES and CID Interpreter Paul G. BANDINI, Domenico FERRARA, son of the late Cataldo and Luisa Tarantini, born at Corato, April 27th, 1892, residing there, at 173 of Via N.N. Imbriani, declares as follows:

In my quality of responsible clerk of the firm PANZA Alessandro & Figli, Corato, I, the undersigned, was acquainted with Mr. Paolo MENGA from Bari who was a member of the wholesale wine association ENOVINI.

In the month of October 1944, Mr. Paolo MENGA asked me if I was inclined to send 300 tons of wine to Rome by sea. I told him I was interested in the matter considering that the want of transportation was a great difficulty for our firm since great quantities of our merchandise are lying in our various storehouses in Apulia. Mr. MENGA informed me that he would cede me the relative exportation permit for a compensation of 1,50 lire for each liter. So I paid to Mr. MENGA in his office 420.000.- lire for 280 tons, that is, 1,50 a liter. Mr. MENGA, placing the money into his portfolio, invited me to make use of one of my friend's car parked in front of the office. I consented and accompanied him to a street in the vicinity of the central station where Mr. MENGA had the car stop. About half an hour later, Mr. MENGA came back, handing me a sheet of paper with an illegible signature and the A.C.C. stamp at the bottom.

On the following day, Mr. MENGA handed me in his office a second permit for 320 tons like the preceding one and I paid to him the relative amount of 330.000 lire.

I left for Squinzano (Lecce) to prepare the expedition and in fact, advertisements of expedition for 28 wagons from Squinzano to Brindisi and for 22 wagons from Nalesano to Gallipoli arrived a few days later. These expeditions were annulled a few hours later by order to the railway station master.

I have nothing else to add.

Read, confirmed and undersigned.

Bari, 18 December 1944.

/s/ Domenico Ferrara

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Interpreter, C.I.D.

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FRED E. STEINEM,
Major, AC.

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STATEMENT (Translation)

In the year 1944, on the 7th day of December, at 1500 hours, at the CIC office, Bari, I [illegible].

Before me, CIC agent, Thomas F. Nichols, and CIC Interpreter, Paul G.[illegible] LNU, lawyer of [illegible] Salvatorano, son of the late Luigi and of Anna RAFFAELLA, born at Bari, January 23rd, 1901, residing at Bari, [illegible] Piazza Enzo del Duca, declares as follows:

I am the responsible chief of the firm [illegible] RAFFAELLA, furniture factory, Bari, and president of the Commission of Wood Industrials and Artisans. In this latter quality I received, in July 1944, an offer of the firm [illegible] RAFFAELLI, Bari, for the purchase of 250 cubic meters of beechwood, of the production of the firm FILIPPO & GIGLI, Serravezza di Pollino (Potenza). The firm [illegible] received this material by railway regularly issued by the Provincial Supply Council (Consiglio Provinciale d'Economia) of Potenza, on authorization by A.C.C., Bari. When already good trucks had been sent to Serravezza to begin with the transportation of the wood which was destined for the manufacture of furniture ordered by various Allied Commands, [illegible] notified the firm RAFFAELLI by letter that the release of the wood had been recalled by the Consiglio dell'Economia, Potenza, successively to a wire of Major KNIGHT received from A.C.C., Bari. The latter further informed that the wood quantity in question had been assigned by Major KNIGHT to Mr. [illegible] RAFFAELLI, at Corso Vittorio Emanuele, Taranto, with other 60 cubic metres that previously had been assigned to a firm NICOLI at Taranto. Surprised by such communications, I caused the firm [illegible] RAFFAELLI to send a messenger to Potenza, by whom I forwarded a letter, at the bottom of which the General [illegible] declared that the wood was destined for the performance of regular military orders. The messenger arrived in Potenza after seven days and was told by the Consiglio dell'Economia, Potenza, that they had to apply to Major KNIGHT from whom the Consiglio dell'Economia, Potenza, had received the order to release the [illegible].

In view of these facts, I applied to Capt. [illegible] of the A.C.C., Bari, asking him to request Maj. KNIGHT for the purpose of having the matter settled. Some days later, Capt. [illegible] informed me that he had spoken with Major KNIGHT about the matter which, however, had not been settled. He advised me to go directly to the office of A.C.C.

A few days later, I went with Mr. [illegible] RAFFAELLI, manager of the firm RAFFAELLI, Bari, to Major KNIGHT. After having discussed the matter with him through the interpreter, I was invited to come again on the following day on which I should receive the definite reply. On the next day I was received only by the interpreter, who told me the Major's reply was negative, and that RAFFAELLI had made a mistake by not having applied for a direct authorization of A.C.C. for the purchase of the wood. I objected that what he said was not right, since the Consiglio dell'Economia di Potenza had given the release on regular approval of A.C.C., Bari. Thereupon Mr. [illegible] replied there were no further discussions to be made as it had been decided that the wood belonged to the firm RAFFAELLI, Corso Vittorio Emanuele. By informations received from the firm [illegible] of Taranto, the firm RAFFAELLI learned that [illegible] was only an improvised merchant who had never been registered at the Camera di Commercio (Board of Commerce),

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Some weeks later, but at about the 22nd or 23rd of October, 1944, I was called up by Dr. CAVALLOTTI who asked me if I was still interested in the purchase of that lot of beechwood from Terranova di Pollino. I assured him of the conditions and Dr. CAVALLOTTI told me he would let them know to me on the following day at my home, where he would come with another interested person at about 1100 hours. However, on the next day, at 1100 hours, a well-dressed lady who declared to be from Poland, came and told me the A.C.C. had issued an assignment of 100 cubic metres of wood at the price of 1,400.- lires a m³ to the firm BATTISTA. I replied at once that the convenience of the purchase was depending entirely on the transportation problem, whereupon the lady said, this would be her task for a compensation of 500,000.-lires. I replied that I could not see how this problem might be resolved. But she replied she would communicate me the solution on the following day provided that I was ready to pay the said sum. On the following day about noon, the lady came again, bringing two letters from A.C.C. signed by Major KNIGHT, one of which, addressed to the firm BATTISTA, contained the communication of the assignment of wood, the other, addressed to C.A.B. (Camionale Autotrasporti Bruni), inviting this concern to contact the firm BATTISTA for the purpose of making an agreement about the transportation modalities. Without further discussions the lady then asked me for the payment of 500,000.- lires. I told her that I had not got them, asking her if she could wait till the next day. She said this was not possible as she had to leave; she explicitly assured me that the transportation had already been disposed and that, in the event of any difficulties, I could apply to Dr. CAVALLOTTI who was perfectly informed of the matter. Owing to her friendship with me, Miss KNIGHT she added, the Major wanted to help her because she was a Pole and the Major was interested in procuring assistance to Polish refugees. After these declarations and confirmations, I asked the lady to await me, and went to the nearest telephone to pick up the sum which, on my return home, I consigned to the lady. On the same evening at about 1900 hours, I went to the C.A.B. office to ascertain if the C.A.B really had accepted to perform the transportation according to the letter and declarations of the lady. To my surprise, however, I learned from Mr. Vittorio VILLARELLI, president of the C.A.B, and from the manager that they had been invited on the same morning by Dr. CAVALLOTTI to come to A.C.C. Only the manager had gone there and had been informed by Dr. CAVALLOTTI that a transportation was to be performed for the firm BATTISTA, of which fact he (the manager) then notified the president. Both, however, they learned, that the road of Terranova di Pollino was in question, they reported me that already several months before they had been called by A.C.C. to perform the transportation for the account of Mr. MONTANARI from Serrina Bruce, that they had gone to Terranova di Pollino with two trucks and performed the transportation of about 80 m³ from Terranova to the station of Nova Siri but had been compelled to abandon their work as the firm TROILANO & MANI who had not been paid by MONTANARI would not continue the delivery, and they (C.A.B) themselves had not been paid by Mr. MONTANARI according to the agreement made by them. They told me that Mr. MONTANARI owed them more than 300,000.- lires.

On the following day I went to A.C.C. to ask for explanations about the facts learned by C.A.B. I was told, that Maj. KNIGHT had left and that Dr. CAVALLOTTI did no longer work at that office. I succeeded in tracing by phone Dr. CAVALLOTTI when I threatened to denounce the matter if the transportation were not performed or the

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money given back to me. Mr. CAVALLOTI called me, saying he was informed of the refusal of GAU and would immediately provide to take agreements with some other motor transportation firm. He assured me he would call on me as soon as he had done so. I think it was two days later when I met Mr. CAVALLOTI again who told me I could obtain the trans portation of the wood if I were inclined to pay 37.000 lires for each truck without trailer. Seeing the account on the reverse side of a package of cigarettes belonging to Mr. CAVALLOTI, I proved to him that only a fool could pay for 100 at the total of 3.182.000.- lires, that is, 17.000 lires or more for 1 m³, adding that I was extremely surprised at this request, having already paid for the transportation 800.000.- lires to the lady. Now it was Mr. CAVALLOTI's turn to be astonished, and he told me that Major KNIGHT had ordered him to look for a transportation firm inclined to perform the transportation of wood for the account of the firm ARTELIA at the best conditions possible. I replied I could no way believe this and should wait 48 hours more after which time I should have the steps necessary for the protection of my firm's interests against them (Mr. CAVALLOTI and the mentioned lady) as well as against Major KNIGHT. Mr. CAVALLOTI begged me to give up this project and give him time to obtain the address of the lady (subsequently since as Mrs. ARNERI) who, he thought, was staying at home, adding, he would try to join her there and ask her to receive the money.

A few days later, Mr. CAVALLOTI called me up asking me to come to see him at place of his firm(ARTELIA). I went there and Mr. CAVALLOTI, giving me a full account of the trick that had been played to him, told me that he was perfectly alien to those facts. He added, he had successes in getting back 400.000.- lires which he offered to give me, promising that he would try to obtain the restitution at least of an important part of the sum as soon as he would be able to join the lady. He told me this, as he knew the lady was a spendthrift and might have wasted already a considerable part of the money. I replied him that I would on no account be responsible of having proposed to my firm a business an hateful which now was appearing very foul to me; and that, at the end, I might find me involved in a transaction the odds of which might fall on my shoulders. Thanking me for the time I was granting to him for the regulation of the matter, he went formally assured me that the smallest amount he would bring back from home would be 800.000.- lires more. He further said that the difference - or a considerable part of it - could be covered if I helped him to place a crealin lot on which might be earned 10 lires for each kg. (A quantity of 200 quintals was in question).

I declare and confirm that besides the aforesaid I have never had any relation with Giorgio CAVALLOTI nor with Mrs. Nina ARNERI.

I have nothing else to add.

Read, confirmed and undersigned.

Bari, 7 December, 1944.

/s/ avv. Seb. Rocc 30029

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E.A. TURROU,
1st Lt., CMP

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DECLARATION

In the year 1944, on the 16th of December, at 1400 hours, at the office of the American Criminal Police, Bari.

Before us, William B. BURDEN, CID Agent, and Paul G. BENDLER and Fedor NEMIROVSKY, CID Interpreters, BLASI Francesco, son of Allesandro and Ernesta Bernabe, born at Martina Franca (Taranto), March 11th, 1914, residing there at Villa Ciancio, declares as follows:

In the first days of September, 1944, Mrs. Nini CORELLI told me she could obtain the release of a certain quantity of lumber, adding that I should indicate to her some names to which the coupon of release might be addressed. I replied I would occupy myself with the matter at Martina. Some days later she spoke to me again of the business, insisting that I should tell her some names. To my remonstrances that I had not been able to find any timber merchant, who said that any name would serve. Thereupon I told her the name of MONTANARO Vito from Martina Franca. A few days later, CORELLI gave me a release-coupon for about 270 m³ of beech wood by the firm SIANI of Torranova del Pollini. She asked for the sum of 700.000 lire which I reserved the right to pay later on. One day - I don't remember the exact date - she sent for me and told me that she had to leave for Rome and therefore was in want of money. The following day, I gave to CORELLI at her apartment the amount of 30.000 lire. We had agreed - on her own proposal - that she would be interested in the transportation of the lumber to the place of destination.

She spoke also about eventual concession of rail cars which she could obtain having them included in the requests by A.F.H.C.

I have nothing else to add.

Read, confirmed, undersigned in faith

Witnessed by:

/s/ W.B. Burden, agent, C.I.D.

/s/ Paul G. Bendler, interpreter, C.I.D.

/s/ Dr. Fedor Nemirovsky, interpreter, C.I.D.

/s/ dr. Blasi Francesco

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/s/ Ford E. Stinson
FORD E. STINSON,
Major, AC.

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DECLARATION

The undersigned Dr. of Commercial Science, Alfredo SPALLA, Director of the Consorzio Autotrasportatori del Garesio, declares as follows:

On the 17th of September, 1944, I received order from Major KNIGHT of the A.C.C. to send two motor trucks to Tornanova del Polline, to the firm TROPPIANO & GIANI, and to effect the transport of 1000 quintals of lumber to the rail-station of Nova-Giri for account of A.C.

This order, repeated insistently by Dr. CAVAZZUTI of the same Allied Commission in date of September 19th, was executed without delay by the trucks of the firms Mario PETTI, Bari, and Fratelli FANTINI, Molfetta.

In the period from the 20th September, the truck of the firm Mario PETTI executed 6 trips whereas the truck of the firm Fr/lli FANTINI made only one trip, for a total of about 800 quintals, that is, 75 m³, on account of various difficulties made by the firm TROPPIANO, owing to missing payment for the lumber and to the damages suffered by the trucks on the road.

The firm TROPPIANO having received no payment would not deliver the lumber, and asked for a responsible person who should receive the material. Therefore we had to apply to A.C. for intervention.

A.C. ordered the immediate consignment and we had to send twice a truck to forward these letters to the firm TROPPIANO, whereupon the firm itself provided for the consignment of the lumber.

All the gasoline and lubricating oil needed for the transportation of the lumber and for the trucks was regularly assigned from the A.C. contingent.

On the 30th of September, successively to the Prefect's decree #1603, the work was suspended and the trucks returned to Bari.

In the first days of October, I applied to Maj. KNIGHT for instructions about the payment of the work done by the members of our association. Major KNIGHT answered Dr. CAVAZZUTI, that this regarded the Allied Comission and that a price of 200.000 lire had been fixed.

Successively Major KNIGHT advised me through Dr. CAVAZZUTI to apply to the firm MONTANARO Vito of Martina Franca, as this firm was the addressee of the lumber.

I applied several times to the said firm for the payment of the transport, but up to this moment I did not succeed in obtaining what is due to the Consorzio. I only received L. 86,745,30 which are being kept in account.

Bari, 16 December 1944.

In faith

(Dr. Rag. Alfredo SPALLA)

/s/ alfredo spalla

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Interpreter, C.I.D.

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ZONE ZONALE REGION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
BARI ZONE

Ref. : BA/ECO/2/6
SUBJECT : Timber

October 20th, 1944

TO : Consorzio Autotrasportatori Merci (Motortransportateurs of Bari) BARI

We would appreciate your effecting the transportation for the firm
D. BATTELLA according to the enclosed letter.

/s/ Knight
C. KNIGHT
Major
Zone Economics & supply officer

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BARI ZONE
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
BARI ZONE

Ref. : BA/ECO/2/6
SUBJECT : Timber

October 22nd, 1944

TO : D. BATTELLA,
Bari

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We inform you that a lot of about 120 m³ of timber has been released
for you. This timber belongs to the firm TRIPIANO & GIANI, Terranova di Pollino.
We invite you to contact said firm as soon as possible.

/s/ Knight
C. KNIGHT
Major
Zone Economics & supply officer

Stamp:
Allied Control Commission

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FORD E. FLEISCHER
Major, A.C.

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[illegible] (declaration)

In the year 1946, on December 28th, at 1330 hours, at the CIC office, Bari, Via De Rossi.

Before me, William E. BURGER, CIC Agent, and Professor [illegible] and Raul RAMIREZ, CIC Interpreters, [illegible] Francesco, son of Alfio and of the late Evelina Tutti, born at Acireale-Catania on March 2nd, 1902, residing at Bari, [illegible] Lungomare Nazario Sauro, declares as follows:

I have known Mrs. CORELLI-ANGARI for many years. In the last time she was employed by the Southeast railways. In the course of her activity Mrs. CORELLI became acquainted with Major [illegible] of the A.C.C. After a trip to Rome which she made with the major, she gave up her job as employee of Southeast, saying that she had to do so for the sake of her health. Some time later I [illegible] spoke to Mrs. CORELLI in my quality as legal manager of the establishment MAFFA di Dava about the difficulties this firm met in the acquisition of wine. Mrs. CORELLI kindly offered me her assistance by A.C.C. to obtain the wagons.

In fact, I obtained on my request which was presented by Mrs. CORELLI 6 tank wagons about the middle of September 1944. Mrs. CORELLI notified me of the fact by phone telling me that the wagons were already available at Lavo Station. Two days later I found the tickets and wagons at Lavo (Taranto) Station and could send the wine to Naples. I then called on Mrs. CORELLI to thank her, telling her that the transportation I had performed by means of the 6 tank wagons had enabled me to save 260.000 lires confronting the expense with the cost of truck transportation, and that I should be glad if she would accept one half of this amount.

As the Association Industrials (Association of Industrials) I met lawyer Dr. MOCCA when I knew to be in business relation with Mrs. CORELLI. As also Dr. MOCCA knew that I was a friend of Mrs. CORELLI's we engaged in a discussion in the course of which Dr. MOCCA reported me about the relation between himself, Mrs. CORELLI and Lt. CAVARETTA. He further told me that 250.000 lires of the sum anticipated were due to him.

Successively Lt. CAVARETTI asked me to restitute to Dr. MOCCA 150.000 lires (which I did) and to asked Dr. MOCCA for the issuance of letters proving that he had previously been put in charge to deal lumber transportation.

THE DECLARANT

/s/ nomin nerenno francesco

Bari, 29 December 1946.

Translated by Henry Lichlein, CIC

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Ford E. Stanley

FORD E. STANLEY
Major Inf. Asst. #34

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STATEMENT (Translation)

In the year 1944, on the 4th day of January, at 1550 hours, at the office of the firm LIPPOLIS & Co, Alberobello, Via Maselle.

Before us, Thomas F. HOLMES, CID Agent, and Raul G. BAGLER, CIB interpreter, LIPPOLIS Angelo, son of the late Luigi and Maria MANGI, born at Alberobello, on February 3rd, 1903, wine merchant, residing at Alberobello, Via Cavour, declares as follows:

Every week I go to the South-East Railways to read the lists of transportation authorizations. Last summer I met at the South-East Railways director's office Mrs. CORELLI who was employed there. When I complained of the difficulties I met in the transportation of wine, Mrs. CORELLI hinted at a possibility to help me. She suggested I should address a regular request to the Famiglie dell'Economia which she herself would have presented. I made a request for 6 tank-wagons from Squinzano to Naples and gave it to Mrs. CORELLI. Rather a long time later, Mrs. CORELLI notified me that my request had been approved. I went to Squinzano for the loading of the 6 tanks, but I obtained only four of them as the other two did not arrive at the time established according to the tickets. Mrs. CORELLI's intervention helped me to save time, fatigue and money I should have had to waste in trips from Alberobello to Bari and from Alberobello to Lecce. To thank her for her kindness I gave her the amount of 180,000 lire.

I have never dealt with Mrs. CORELLI any other business than the above said.

I have nothing else to add.

Read, confirmed and undersigned.

Bookkeeper Angelo Lippolis

Alberobello 4 January 1944 /s/ angelo lippolis

Translated by Henry Lieblein, CIB.

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Major, A.G.D.

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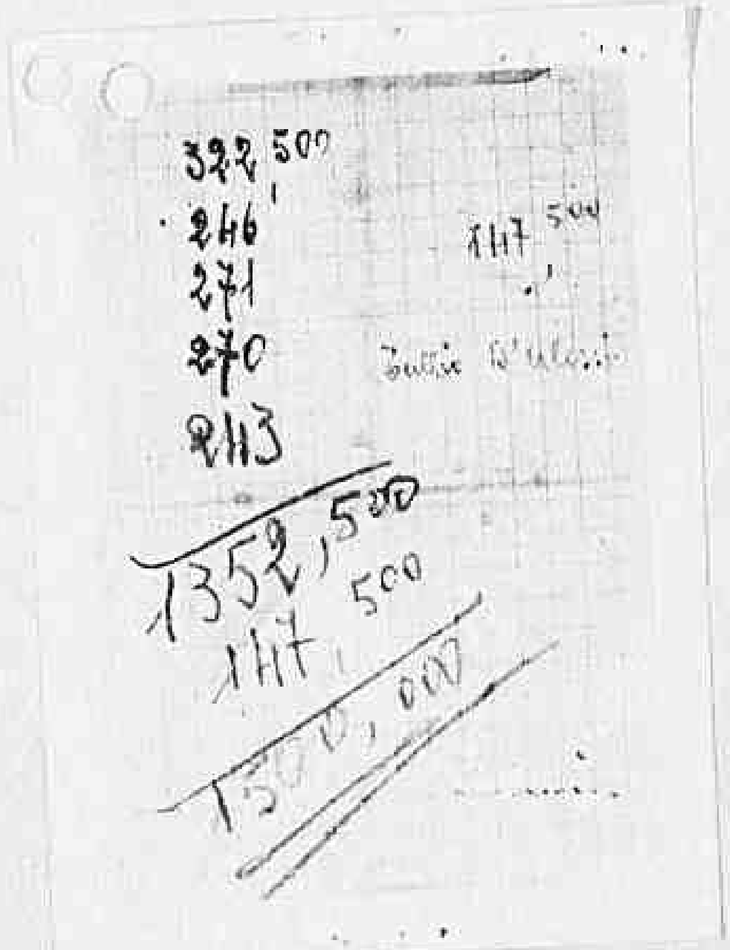

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Description of articles Descrizione dell'articolo	Unit Unità	Quantity Quantità	Price Prezzo	Amount Ammontare
R I S P R I S T (carta da stampa)	Kgs :	1500	Lire 17.50 per Kgs	Lires 26.250.

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(Pagabile a :) Bagno Lui SCOLENZA . Via Untermilo Imperiali N° 16

Sale/Issue approved by
(Vendita/consegna approvata da :) [illegible] C/O: A. M. G. No 1

Date
(Data Major [illegible] *194)*

1) I certify that the articles described above were received by me on the
(Dichiaro che gli articoli sopra elencati furono da me ricevuti il 7/10/44 *194)*

C. & G. Miglini fu Francesco
Bagno Lui

2) I certify that the articles described above were issued by me to the person by whom
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called for receipt from me on the 7/10/44 day of 194 and that evidence of payment
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of the above total amount of Lire [illegible] was produced to me in the form of Receipt Voucher No. 3271
del totale relativo importo di L. *mi fu esibita con bolletta n.*

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Sold/issued to
(Venduto/consegnato a:) Tipografia del Commercio - Bari

Description of articles Descrizione dell'articolo	Unit Unità	Quantity Quantità	Price Prezzo	Amount Ammontare
B L A C K - I N K (inchiostro per stampa)	kg.	227	Lire 20 per kg.	Lit. 18.160.oo

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Magazzino (Uscita) Magazzini L.A.G.Morfini fu F.sco - Extramur.Capruzzi 16

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(Pagabile a:) Banca Commerciale Italiana - Bari a.c/ E.S.D. N° 1

Sale/Issue approved by
(Vendita/consegna approvata da:) Major KNIGHT. Signature and Rank of [illegible]

Date
(Data 18 Ottobre 1944)

1) I certify that the articles described above were received by me on the day of 194
(Dichiaro che gli articoli sopra elencati furono da me ricevuti il

2) I certify that the articles described above were issued by me to the person (s)
(Dichiaro che gli articoli sopra elencati furono da me consegnati a Petro Raffaele

entitled to receive them on the 18 Ottobre day of 194 and that evidence of payment
autorizzato a riceverli il 1944 *e che la prova di pagamento*

of the above total amount of Lire 18.160.oo was produced to me in the form of Receipt Voucher No. 6561
del totale relativo importo di L. *mi fu esibita con bolletta n.*

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BARI, li 7 ottobre 194 4
Via Celentano, 12

Spett.
COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

FAX

Vi preghiamo vivamente di volerci concedere lo sblocco di q.li [illegible] di carta da stampa da servire per pubblicazioni propagandistiche - libri culturali scolastici.

Nella speranza che esaudirete la ns. richiesta, vi ringraziamo.

Con osservanza

Tipografia del Commercio

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Ricevuta della consegna
a Bari
della Lira 2500
(duemila cinquecento)
come sopra.

Il Ricevente
Giuseppe Rienzo
Bari 13/10/44

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Description of articles Descrizione dell'articolo	Unit Unità	Quantity Quantità	Price Prezzo	Amount Ammontare
[illegible] (carta da stampa)	[illegible]	2500	[illegible] 27.50 [illegible]	L. 13750.

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Magazzino (Uscita) [illegible] 16

Payable at
(Pagabile a:) [illegible]

Sale/Issue approved by
(Vendita/consegna approvata da:) [illegible]

Date
(Data 23/7 *1944)*

Signature and Rank of F.A.S.D. Officer
Firma e grado dell'Ufficiale A.S.D. E.G.S. Martini fu Francesco Capitano

1) I certify that the articles described above were received by me on the
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Signature of Recipient *Firma dell'acquirente* Zanzarini

2) I certify that the articles described above were issued by me to the person (s) D. Zanzarini
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entitled to receive them on the 23/10 day of 194 ; and that evidence of payment
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of the above total amount of Lire 13750. was produced to me in the form of Receipt Voucher No. 6332
del totale relativo importo di L. *mi fu esibita con bolletta n.*

issued by [illegible] under date of 13/10/ 194
emessa da *in data* *1944)*

Head
(Capo)

Signature & Rank of Issuing Officer *Firma e grado dell'Ufficiale emittente*

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Description of articles Descrizione dell'articolo	Unit Unità	Quantity Quantità	Price Prezzo	Amount Ammontare
BLUEPRINT (carta da stampa)	Pz	1.000	Lirons 2,50	L. 2.500

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Magazzino (Uscita) Bagnoli L. [illegible] n° 16

Payable at
(Pagabile a:) Banca Commerciale Italiana [illegible]

Sale/Issue approved by
(Vendita/consegna approvata da:) [illegible]

Date
(Data [illegible] 194)

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(Dichiaro che gli articoli sopra elencati furono da me ricevuti in
condition on the [illegible] 194
buone condizioni il [illegible] 194

2) I certify that the articles described above were issued by me in the interest
(Dichiaro che gli articoli sopra elencati furono da me consegnati a
entitled to receive them on the [illegible] 194 and that evidence of payment
autorizzato a riceverli il [illegible] 194 *e che la prova di pagamento*
of the above total amount of Lire [illegible] was produced to me in the form of Receipt Voucher No. 637 00027
del totale relativo importo di [illegible] *mi fu esibita con bolletta n.*
issued by Banca Commerciale Italiana under date of 17/2/44 194
emessa dal [illegible] *in data* [illegible] 194)

Name & Rank of Issuing Officer (Nome e grado dell'Ufficiale emittente)

Head
(Capo [illegible])

Sub-Head
(Sotto Capo [illegible])

Stock Ledger Folio
(Libro Magazzino Pagina [illegible])

Tally Card. No.
(Tagliando No. [illegible])

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DIVISION

ISSUE VOUCHER

SOLD/ISSUED TO: AURELIO LORENZETTI - BARI

No. 5

DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES	UNIT	QUANTITY	PRICE	AMOUNT
(1		1500	[illegible]	
(trasporto)			Lire 21,50 per Kg.	Lire 32.250.

Issuing Warehouse: [illegible] Portini Sotramurale Capruzzi 16

Payable at: Italia per trasferimento immediato alla

Sale/Issue approved by: [illegible]

Signature and Rank

Date: 7/10/44 194

(1) I certify that the articles described above were received by me on the day of 194

Io certifico che gli articoli sopra elencati erano ricevuti da me il giorno del mese

Signature of purchaser

(2) I certify that the articles described above were issued by me to the persons(s) entitled to receive them on the day of 30/10 194 and that evidence of payment of the above total amount of Lire 3 . 50. was produced to me in the form of BANK DEPOSIT RECEIPT No. 93986 issued by RECEIPT VOUCHER

[illegible] Italia per trasferimento [illegible] under date of 30 - 10 - 1944

[illegible] Bari, Napoli,

Signature & Rank of issuing Officer

Head:

Sub-Head:

Store Ledger Folio:

Tally Card No:

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TIPOGRAFIA CASINI

BARI — Corso Sonnino, 29 - Tel. 13548

NUOVA GESTIONE

Bari, 18 Ottobre 1944.=

Spett.COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
DI CONTROLLO = B a r i =

La sottoscritta Ditta chiede un'assegnazione di Q.li 30 di carta da stampa per i seguenti lavori in corso:

N.1'000'000 di bollette Luce a Contatore per la Società Gen.Pugliese di Elettricità di Bari;
N.110'000 Bollette luce per Imprese idroelettriche per la Società di cui sopra;
N. 50'000 Moduli vari per la Società di cui sopra;
N. 90'000 Moduli per il Ministero Agricoltura e Foreste;
N. 20'000 Calendari olandesi ad anni vari;
N.200'000 Lettere e Moduli vari per la Legione dei RR.CC. di Bari. =

Sicuro di essere favorito porgo distinti ossequi

DOTT. [illegible] SCOPPIO

Bari 19 ottobre 1944

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C. P. E. C. n. 10559

On. Commissione Alleata
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Si prega volere disporre per l'assegnazione di quintali 30 (trenta) carta formato 70x100 rismata per lavori tipografici in corso(libri scolastici, moduli vario etc.)

Ringrazia in anticipo ed ossequia

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TIPOGRAFIA LEVANTE
BARI Via CRISANZIO, 45 - TELEF. 13778

C. P. C. Bari 32/16
Per Telegr.: Tipolevante - Bari

Ditta Cavalli

LAVORI DI LUSSO E COMMERCIALI
TRICROMIE — EDIZIONI — FORNITURE
PER ENTI STATALI E PARASTATALI

N. 71

Bari, li 12 Ottobre 1944

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

- B A R I -

Spett/le Commissione,

questa Ditta, da diverso tempo, esplica una lieve quasi tenue attività per penuria di carta.

Poichè è attualmente impegnata con diversi Enti militari - oltre che i civili - per forniture stampati e non trovandosi su questa piazza quel necessario quantitativo di carta per far fronte alle esigenze del lavoro, si permette rivolgersi a cotesta superiore Commissione affinchè si compiaccia concederle un'assegnazione di carta di una OTTANTINA di quintali di qualsiasi formato e tipo, che non sia però rispondente al formato bobinato.

Fiduciosa della concessione di quanto sopra richiesto, porge vivi ringraziamenti e distinti ossequi.

TIPOGRAFIA LEVANTE
BARI

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VIA PRINCIPE AMEDEO, 187 - TELEF. 12.367

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TIPOGRAFIA G. RESTA
BARI
Principe Amedeo, 187

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ACC REGION II

DIVISION

ISSUE VOUCHER

No. 72

SOLD/ISSUED TO: TIPOGRAFIA LEVANTE - BARI-

DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES	UNIT	QUANTITY	PRICE	AMOUNT
N E W S P R I N T (carta da stampa)	Kg.	2000	L.17,5o	
CUTTING & TRANSPORT (tagliatura e trasporto)			" 1,5o	
		Lires	19,oo per Kg.=	Lires 38.000

Issuing Warehouse: Magazzini I.A.C.Morfini Estramurale Capruzzi 16

Payable at: Banca Commerciale Italiana per trasferimento immediato alla Banca d'Italia, Napoli, conto A.C.I. N°1

Sale/Issue approved by: [illegible] Signature and Rank

Date: 27/10/ 194

E. & G. Morfini fu Francesco
Stagnalingerie

(1) I certify that the articles described above were received by me on the ___ day of ___ 194
Io certifico che gli articoli sopra elencati erano ricevuti da me il giorno ___ del mese

Signature of purchaser

(2) I certify that the articles described above were issued by me to the persons(s) entitled to receive them on the ___ day of 27/10/1941 and that evidence of payment of the above total amount of Lire 38.000 was produced to me in the form of BANK DEPOSIT RECEIPT / RECPIPT VOUCHER No. 93960 issued by Banca Commerc.Ital.per trasferimento immediato alla Banca d'Italia,Napoli,- conto A.C.I. N°1 under date of 27-10-1941

Signature & Rank of issuing Officer

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Head:

Sub-Head:

Store Ledger Folio:

Tally Card No:

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CARTOLERIA

F.LLI VASANELLI

BARI

CORSO CAVOUR, 207

BARI, 2 ottobre 944

Spett. A.C.C. N. 13 Bari

La sottonominata ditta chiede a codesta Spett. Alleata Commissione Controllo la possibilità di poter in qualche modo ~~poter~~ tirare la vita innanzi alla meglio e pertanto prega che gli venga assegnato gli 15 di carta da stampa bianca dovendo fare calendari, circolari ~~circolari~~ pubblicitari e ne relativi atti.

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Fiduciosa di una benevole accoglienza, con ossequi.

Fratelli Vasanelli

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REGION No. 11 (REGIONE No. 11)

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION (COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO)

BARI

ECONOMIC AND SUPPLIES DIVISION (DIVISIONE DI APPROVVIGIONAMENTO)

ISSUE VOUCHER (GIUSTIFICAZIONE DELL'USCITA)

TRIPLICATE

No. 13

Sold/issued to
(Venduto/consegnato a:) FRATELLI VASANELLI _ Bari _ Via Cavour 207

Description of articles Descrizione dell'articolo	Unit Unità	Quantity Quantità	Price Prezzo	Amount Ammontare
N I W S P R I N T (carta da stampa)	Kgs	1500	Lire 17.50 per Kgs	L. 26.250.—

Issuing Warehouse
Magazzino (Uscita) Succursale BORSINI Via Extramurale Capruzzi 16

Payable at
(Pagabile a:) Banca Commerciale Italiana Bari c/c/ C.C.P. N° 1

Sale/Issue approved by
(Vendita/consegna approvata da:) Major Wight

Date
(Data 4 Ottobre 1944 194)

1) I certify that the articles described above were received by me on the
(Dichiaro che gli articoli sopra elencati furono da me ricevuti il 6 day of Oct 1944 194

Nicola Vasanelli
Signature of purchaser (Firma dell'acquirente)

2) I certify that the articles described above were issued by me to the person (s)
(Dichiaro che gli articoli sopra elencati furono da me consegnati a VASANELLI

entitled to receive them on the
autorizzato a riceverli il 6/10/44 day of 194 and that evidence of payment
e che la prova di pagamento

of the above total amount of Lire was produced to me in the form of Receipt Voucher No. 6283
del totale sudetto importo di L. 26.250.— mi fu esibita con bolletta n.

issued by
emessa da Banca Commerciale Italiana Bari under date of 6/10/ 1944
in data

Head
(Capo)

Sub-Head
(Sotto Capo)

Store Ledger Folio
(Libro Magazzino Pagina)

Signature of Issuing or Paying Officer (Firma e grado dell'Ufficiale emittente)

Tally Card No.
(Tagliando No.)

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ACC REGION II

DIVISION

ISSUE VOUCHER

No. 9

SOLD/ISSUED TO: Tipografia "[illegible]A"

DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES	UNIT	QUANTITY	PRICE	AMOUNT
N E W S P R I N T (carta da stampa)	Kg	1500	L. 20,50	
CUTTING & TRANSPORT (tagliatura e transport)		Litres	" 1,50 21,50 per Kg.=	Litres. 32.250

Issuing Warehouse: Magazzini L.A.C. MONTINI Rotabarale Capranni N°15

Payable at: Banca Commerciale Italiana per trasferimento immediato alla Banca d'Italia, Napoli, conto A.F.A. N°1

Sale/Issue approved by: Major WRIGHT

Signature and Rank: L. & G. Morfini fu Francesco

Date: 30/10/ 1944

(1) I certify that the articles described above were received by me on the ____ day of ____ 194__

Io certifico che gli articoli sopra elencati erano ricevuti da me il giorno ____ del mese ____

Signature of purchaser

(2) I certify that the articles described above were issued by me to the persons(s) entitled to receive them on the ____ day of 30/10/ 1944 and that evidence of payment of the above total amount of Lire 32.250 was produced to me in the form of BANK DEPOSIT RECEIPT / RECEIPT VOUCHER No. 93993 issued by Banca Commerc. Ital. per trasferimento immediato alla Banca d'Italia, Napoli, conto A.F.A. N°1 under date of 30-10-1944

Signature & Rank of issuing Officer

Head: ____

Sub-Head: ____

Store Ledger Folio: ____

Tally Card No: ____

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DIVISION

ISSUE VOUCHER

No. 3

SOLD/ISSUED TO: TIPOGRAFIA CASINI - B A R I -

DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES	UNIT	QUANTITY	PRICE	AMOUNT
(carta da stampa)	Kg.	3000	L.20,00	
CUTTING & TRANSPORT (tagliatura e trasporto)			+ 1,50	
		Litres	21,50 per Kg.	Litres 64.500

Issuing Warehouse: [illegible]

Payable at: [illegible]

Sale/Issue approved by: [illegible]

Signature and Rank: [illegible]

Date: 27/10/ 1944

(1) I certify that the articles described above were received by me on the ___ day of _____ 194__

Io certifico che gli articoli sopra elencati erano ricevuti da me il giorno _____ del mese _____

Signature of purchaser

(2) I certify that the articles described above were issued by me to the persons(s) entitled to receive them on the ___ day of 27/10/ 1944 and that evidence of payment of the above total amount of Lire [illegible] was produced to me in the form of BANK DEPOSIT RECEIPT / RECEIPT VOUCHER No. 03959 issued by [illegible] under date of 27. 10. 1944

[illegible]

Signature & Rank of issuing Officer

Head: [illegible]

Sub-Head: [illegible]

Store Ledger Folio: _____ Tally Card No: _____

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Giuditta Canozzi
CARTA da DISEGNO
BARI - Via Abate Cagnazzi, 141-159

Ou.k ACS

28 OTT. 1944 Bari

La sottoscritta dotta essendo da parecchio tempo impegnata per assoluta mancanza di carta prega codesta onorevole commissione di volerle assegnare una cinquantina (50) di quintali di carta di qualsiasi tipo non importa purchè per poter in parte riprendere la sua attività ora completamente ferma.

Con osservanza
Giuditta Canozzi

F. Stern Lt.
Allied Commission
29 Oct 44

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AURELIO LORENZETTI
FORNITURE DI CANCELLERIA E STAMPATI IN GENERE
BARI
VIA ROBERTO DA BARI N. 133

li 26 Ottobre 1944

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

- B A R I -

Spett/le Commissione,

lo scrivente, essendo prive di carta e quindi impossibilitato di poter andare avanti nel suo lavoro, si affida alla benevolenza di cotesta Commissione per un'assegnazione di carta di 50 quintali.

Fiducioso di quanto chiede, porge distinti saluti e ringraziamenti.-

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DOTT. LUIGI MACRÌ
CASA EDITRICE : LIBRERIA : TIPOGRAFIA

C. P. C. 35761 — CONTO CORRENTE POSTALE 13/4709 — TELEFONO 13-603 — TELEGRAMMI MACRÌ - EDITORE - BARI

BARI
VIA PUTIGNANI, 10-12

Bari, 7 ottobre 1944

Spett.
Commissione Alleata di controllo
B A R I

La ditta sottoscritta, che ha in corso di stampa diversi libri scolastici, la cui pubblicazione é stata già regolarmente autorizzata, ha bisogno, per completare la stampa (essendo risultate insufficienti alcune assegnazioni ed essendo del tutto mancate altre) di un quantitativo di carta della grandezza 70 X 100, in quantità non inferiore a ~~venti~~ quintali.

Grata se potrà, con l'aituto di codesta Commissione, sopperire alle esigenze della sua azienda, che poi sono anche le esigenze della scuola, ringrazia e porge distinti saluti.

Ditta DOTTOR LUIGI MACRI'

Luigi Macrì

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REGION No. 11 (REGIONE No. 11) 1/P 18

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION (COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO)

ECONOMIC AND SUPPLIES DIVISION (DIVISIONE DI APPROVVIGIONAMENTO)

ISSUE VOUCHER (GIUSTIFICAZIONE DELL'USCITA)

TRIPLICATE

Sold/Issued to
(Venduto/consegnato a:) [illegible] No. 5

Description of articles Descrizione dell'articolo	Unit Unità	Quantity Quantità	Price Prezzo	Amount Ammontare
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] 6.50

Issuing Warehouse
Magazzino (Uscita) [illegible]

Payable at
(Pagabile a:) [illegible]

Sale/Issue approved by
(Vendita/consegna approvata da:) [illegible]

Date
(Data [illegible] *194)* Signature and Rank of P.W.B.D. *(Firma e grado dell'Ufficiale addetto)*

1) I certify that the articles described above were received by me on the
(Dichiaro che gli articoli sopra elencati furono da me ricevuti il 3/10/44 *194*

Signature & Rank of Receiving Officer *(Firma e grado dell'Ufficiale ricevente)*

2) I certify that the articles described above were issued by me to the person (s)
(Dichiaro che gli articoli sopra elencati furono da me consegnati a [illegible]

entitled to receive them on the 3/10 day of 44 194
autorizzato a riceverli il 194 and that evidence of payment
of the above total amount of Lire was produced to me in the form of Receipt Voucher No. 17797
del totale relativo importo di L. [illegible] *mi fu esibita con bolletta n.*
issued by
emessa da [illegible] under date of 3/10/ 194
in data 1944)

Head
(Capo [illegible] *)*

Sub-Head
(Sotto Capo [illegible] *)*

Store Ledger Folio
(Libro Magazzino Pagina [illegible] *)*

Signature & Rank of Issuing Officer *(Firma e grado dell'Ufficiale emittente)*

Tally Card. No.
(Tagliando No. [illegible] *)*

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DIVISION

ISSUE VOUCHER

SOLD/ISSUED TO: A.C. REGION II [illegible] A.F.S. BARI No. 68

DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES	UNIT	QUANTITY	PRICE	AMOUNT
[illegible] (carta da stampa)				
CUTTING & TRANSPORT (taglitura e trasporto)	Kg.	1500	L.17,5o	
			= 1,5o	
		Lires	19,00 per Kg. =	Lir e 28500

Issuing Warehouse: Magazzini Centrali via Abbrescia Aprovvi 16

Payable at: Banca Commerciale Italiana per trasferimento in edificio alla [illegible]

Sale/Issue approved by: [illegible] Signature and Rank

Date: 26/10/ 1944

(1) I certify that the articles described above were received by me on the ___ day of ___ 194___

Io certifico che gli articoli sopra elencati erano ricevuti da me il giorno ___ del mese

L. & G. Morfini fu Francesco

Signature of Purchaser

(2) I certify that the articles described above were issued by me to the persons(s) entitled to receive them on the ___ day of ___ 194___ and that evidence of payment of the above total amount of Lire 28500 was produced to me in the form of BANK DEPOSIT RECEIPT No. [illegible] issued by ___ RECEIPT VOUCHER

[illegible] under date of 26.10.1944

Signature & Rank of issuing Officer

Head: ___

Sub-Head: ___

Store Ledger Folio: ___

Tally Card No: ___

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ACC REGION II

DIVISION

ISSUE VOUCHER

No. 8

SOLD/ISSUED TO: Unità: Ufficiali - [illegible]

DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES	UNIT	QUANTITY	PRICE	AMOUNT
[illegible] PAPER (carta da stampa)	Kg	1500	L. 20,00	
CUTTING & TRANSPORT (tagliatura e trasporto)		Lires	" I,5c I,5c	
			per Kg.= Lires	32.250

Issuing Warehouse: Magazzini L.&.G. Morfini Estramurale Caprussi N°16

Payable at: Banca Commerciale Italiana per trasferimento immediato alla Banca d'Italia, Napoli, conto A.F.A. N°1

Sale/Issue approved by: Major KNIGHT — Signature and Rank — L. & G. Morfini fu Francesco

Date: 30/10/ 1944

(1) I certify that the articles described above were received by me on the ... day of ... 194...
Io certifico che gli articoli sopra elencati erano ricevuti da me il giorno ... del mese ...

Signature of purchaser

(2) I certify that the articles described above were issued by me to the person(s) entitled to receive them on the ... day of 30/10/ 194... and that evidence of payment of the above total amount of Lire 32.250 was produced to me in the form of BANK DEPOSIT RECEIPT / RECEIPT VOUCHER No. 9399 issued by Banca Commerc. Ital. per trasferimento immediato alla Banca d'Italia, Napoli, conto A.F.A. N°1 under date of 30 · 10 · 1944

Signature & Rank of issuing Officer

Head: ...

Sub-Head: ...

Store Ledger Folio: ... Tally Card No: ...

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File

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

(1)

REF : SD/600.1

19 January 1945

SUBJECT : Alleged bribery of officer of Allied Commission

TO : Major S.J. HARVEY, Security Division.

1. In response to a report from Major Brereton Commerce Sub Division A.C., I saw him in his office room 45 5th Floor on 18 Jan. 45.

2. Major Brereton handed me a statement (attached) written by Alfredo SICILIANO, of Monterubiaglio di Orvieto, Province of Terni.

3. In the statement the written alleges that he was authorised by the bishop of Orvieto to visit the Commerce Sub Division of Allied Commission to negotiate the purchase of 10 quintals of paraffin wax and 10 Kgs of cotton wick for church purposes.

4. The writer continues that he visited the Commerce Sub-Commission on the 21 Nov. 1944 for this purpose and interviewed Major Brereton who agreed to supply the wax and cotton wick. (This is untrue, as there was no wax available).

5. A short time afterwards, he states, he again visited Allied Commission to expedite delivery of the goods. Major Brereton was absent but he saw another allied officer who confirmed that a favourable view had been taken of the case, and invited the writer to pay 32.000 lire to cover the transaction, which the writer did.

6. From the time of the allegd payment of the 32.000 lire, the writer states be made many visits to AC but could get no satisfaction. This led him to write the statement in question, as he thought he had been led into parting with the money under false pretences.

7. I then interviewed the man, Maresciallo Alfredo SICILIANO of the Italian Army Engineers, Military District of Orvieto, Identity Card No. 132.

8. In reply to questions he said that he had obtained no receipt for the money, he did not know the officer's name, nor whether he was British or American. He had only seen him on the one occasion, but could identify him. With regard to the nationality of the officer, when pressed he said that he only knew the uniform of British officer as there were only British troops at Orvieto. After further questions, he then said the officer was British. He said the transaction took place in Room 47, the date and time being about the beginning of December 1944, 1100 hours.. This room was at that time occupied by three typists but Siciliano states that only person in the room during the whole transaction was the officer concerned and himself.

9. The only officer in that department during the period was Major Brereton, Room 45 who was not the officer alleged implicated. [illegible]

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10. About the 12 January, Siciliano visited the Industry Sun-Commission and spoke to Mrs. Cavalli, secretary to Major Maskerry. He then told her that he had paid 25.000 lire to an Italian Officer for the wax. Siciliano denies having said this.

11. In his statement he infers that the money was not his own property. Questioned. he contradicted this and said that 14000 lire was his own, but the remaining 18000 lire was given to him by Dom MARZIO.Miscietti, parish priest of Monterubiaglio di Orvieto to purchase the wax. He could give no satisfactory explanation as to why the priest of a small parish should give him money to purchase wax for the bishop or why he was only given a portion of the price.

12. From the inconsistencies in his explanations and from my personal observation I am of the opinion that Siciliano's story is a complete fabrication concocted to hide his loss or misappropriation of the money.

13. Siciliano is married and has six children. His army pay is 5000 lire a month, a sum which is insufficient to support his large family.

14. No complaint has been received by this Division from the Bishop of Orvieto.

C. Hayes

C.B. HAYES,
Captain,
Security Division.

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portion of the price.

12. From the inconsistencies in his explanations and from my personal observation I am of the opinion that Siciliano's story is a complete fabrication concocted to hide his loss or misappropriation of the money.

13. Siciliano is married and has six children. His army pay is 5000 lire a month, a sum which is insufficient to support his large family.

14. No complaint has been received by this Division from the Bishop of Orvieto.

C. Hayes

C.B. HAYES,
Captain,
Security Division.

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MINISTERO DELLE CORPORAZIONI
ISPETTORATO CORPORATIVO

CIRCOLO DI _____

A numerous family who desire to employ a
a maid-servant.

Signori Lercaro Alfredo

English.

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Illmo Rd. Magg. Bereton
Direttore della Sub-commissione Alleata del Commercio
(Roma)

per incarico dell'Eccellenza Revma. Monsd. Francesco Rieri, Vescovo di Orvieto, il Sottoscritto, nella seconda quindicina di novembre 1944, e precisamente dal giorno 21, inoltre presso gli uffici della Sub-Commissione Alleata del Commercio una richiesta tendente ad ottenere l'assegnazione di gli dieci di farafina e Kg. dieci di sotto per lenire le necessarie per la lavorazione di candele liturgiche occorrenti agli Enti ecclesiastici dipendenti dalla Diocesi di Orvieto. -
La richiesta dell'Ecc. Revma. Monsig. Vescovo, redatta in lingua italiana ed inglese, venne presentata dallo scrivente al Lt. Maggiore Haarchrey (ufficio al V° piano ascensore stanza n. 47) delegato per la concessione e per lo svolgimento della pratica, richiesta poi alla delegazione del Lt. Maggiore Bereton della Sezione Commercio! -
Personalmente il sottoscritto nell'udienza concessa

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Per incarico dell'Eccellenza
Reverendissimo Monsig. Francesco Pieri, Tesoro di Terra Santa, il Sottoscritto, nella seconda quindicina di novembre 1944, e precisamente dal giorno 21, ricevette presso gli uffici della Sub-Commissione Alleata del Commercio una richiesta tendente ad ottenere l'assegnazione di gli. dieci di paraffina e Kg. dieci di stoffe per lucignolo necessari per la lavorazione di candele liturgiche occorrenti agli usi ecclesiastici dipendenti dalla Diocesi di Jericho. -

La richiesta dell'Ecc. Reverendissimo Monsig. Pieri, redatta in lingua italiana ed inglese, venne presentata dalla Terziaria al Sig. Maggiore Blanchirey (ufficio al V.o piano ammezzato stanza n. 47) delegato per la concessione e per lo svolgimento della pratica, rimessa poi alla delegazione del Sig. Maggiore Bereton della Sezione Commercio! -

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gli tratto con il Ltg. Magg. Gr. Beretta dal quale ebbe conferma di assegnazione in proporzione alla disponibilità di materiale. -

Nell'interesse di realizzare con sollecitudine un quantitativo qualsiasi necessario alla Diocesi, lo scrivente tornò a breve distanza dal predetto Ltg. Magg. Beretta, ma in sua vece trovò un'altro ufficiale dell'esercito alleato il quale gli confermò aver lui trattato la pratica molto ormai a compimento con esito favorevole e lo invitò a versare l'importo di Lire trentadue mila (32.000) occorrenti al pagamento della paraffina al C. I. P. (Abbusorgio Stabilimento Petroli) che avrebbe curato la consegna del materiale alla Ceroria Pontificia Di Crespo precedentemente incaricata dall'Ecc. Preni della lavorazione delle candele liturgiche. -

A distanza ormai di due mesi, nonostante le continue perorazioni fatte dal Sottoscritto, non solo non si è realizzato il quantitativo di candele necessarie per le funzioni religiose nella Diocesi, ma subentrato il dubbio allo scrivente di essere rimasto vittima di un tranello. -

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Alla tristissima figura a cui è sottoposto nei confronti dell'Occ. Persona. il Tesoro per l'incapacità avuta, una più dolorosa sitiua-
zione si crea a suo Svantaggio, e quella cioè della perdita di un Capitale rappresentevole e con Lui, risparmio avuto a Prestito da terzi. -

Nell'angustia di ciò, confida ancora nel leale Soddisfacimento della pratica, sperando non si voglia danneggiare così duramente un povero Padre carico di numerosa famiglia e senza altre possibilità che quelle di un modesto stipendio. -

In attesa di una felice conferma ossequia

deferente.

Stefiano Alfredo

Maresciallo di Pubblica Sicurezza di Orvieto (prov. Terni)

Roma 11 gennaio 1945

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usare la cosa a suo tradimento, e quella cioè della perdita di un Capitale rappresentevole e con lui, insieme avuto a prestito da terzi. -

Nell'angustia di ciò, confido ancora nel leale sviluppo della pratica, sperando non si voglia danneggiare così duramente un povero padre carico di numerosa famiglia e senza altre possibilità che quelle di un modesto stipendio. -

In attesa di una felice conferma ossequio

deferente.

Stefano Alfredo

Contemberaglio di Orvieto (prov. Terni)

Roma 11 gennaio 1945

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Il Vescovo di Orvieto

Al Comando Alleato Sezione Commercio

R O M A

Il sottoscritto Vescovo della Diocesi di Orvieto si pregia esporre quanto appresso; la Sua Diocesi é formata da n° 57 Parrocchie, che hanno alla loro dipendenza n° 70 Chiese e figliali:inoltre vivono in Diocesi n° 6 comunità Maschili,e n. 15 Comunità femminili.

Tanto nelle Parrocchie,Chiese e Comunità,si svolgono giornalmente importanti funzioni Religiose,per l'assistenza religiosa della popolazione.

In mancanza pertanto della Cera liturgica,il sottoscritto rivolge domanda a Codesto Comando Alleato affinché vengano assegnati ql. dieci di Paraffina, e Kg. 10 di cotone, per la lavorazione di candele liturgiche.

I buoni di consegna codesto Comando potrà rilasciarli alla Ceraria Pontificia Giuseppe Di Giorgio e Figli in Via San Francesco di Sales,82 Roma,la quale é dal sottoscritto incaricata al pagamento e al ritiro delle cere con mezzi propri;ovvero al Maresciallo Siciliano Alfredo.

Dalla suddetta Ditta poi il sottoscritto ~~stesso~~ curerà il ritiro delle candele indispensabili per le Sacre funzioni.

Con osservanza

F:to Francesco Pieri

Vescovo di Orvieto

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R O M A

Il Vescovo di Orvieto

Il sottoscritto Vescovo della Diocesi di Orvieto si pregia esporre quanto appresso:

La sua Diocesi e' formata da n 57 Parrocchie, che hanno alla loro dipendenza n.30 chiese filiali: inoltre vivono in diocesi n.6 Comunita maschili, e n. 15 comunita' femmihili. Tanto nella Parroccocchie, Chiese e Comunita', si svolgono giornalmente importanti funzioni religiose, per l'assistenza religiosa della popolazione. In mancanza pertanto della cera liturgica, il sottoscritto rivolge domanda a cotesto Comando Alleato affinche' vengano assegnato q.10 (dieci) di paraffina, e Kg.10 (dieci) di cotone, per la lavorazione di candele liturgiche. I Buoni di consegna cotesto Comando potra' rilasciarli alla Cereria Pontificia GIUSEPPE DI GIORGIO e Figli in Via S. Francesco di Sales 82 ROMA la quale e' dal sottoscritto incaricata al pagamento e al ritiro della merce con mezzi propri : ovvero al Maresciallo Siciliano Alfredo. Della suddetta Ditta poi il sottoscritto curera' il ritiro delle candele indispensabili per le sacre funzioni.

Con osservanza.

/s/ Franceso .(illegible).
Vescovo di Orvieto

The undersigned, Bishop of the Comune of Orvieto makes known as follows:

His Diocesi are formed of 57 churches, which have at their dependence 30 churches, besides there are n.6 male comunity and 15 female. In all the churches, daily are important religious functions, for the religious assistance to the population. Therefore it is requested, as on short, an assignment of quintals 10 of paraffin, and kilos 10 of that special thread to make candels. This Command may relase the chit of consignment to the Cereria Pontificia Giuseppe Di Giorgio e Figli in Via S. Francesco di Sales N.82 Rome, whom by the writer is in charge of payment when receives the stuff. Afterwards the above Firm shall deduct the candles necessary for the religious functions.

With observation and respect

/s/ Francesco .(illegible)
Vescovo di Orvieto

The above is the Vescovo di Orvieto's own translation.

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