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Attached herewith are the minutes of the Conference held in
 the Conference Room, 59 Via Sicilia, at 1400 hrs, 11 Sep 44.

(D.A.D. YOUNG)
 Lt. Col.,
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SECRETMINUTES OF NINTH WEEKLY SECURITY CONFERENCE

Held in the Conference Room, 59 Via Sicilia
1400 hrs, 18 Sep 44

Chairman: Lt.Col. J.W. Fischer, AC of S, G-2, RAAC

Present: Lt.Col. Young, GSO 1(I), RAAC
Major Snowden, CIC, RAAC
Major Theunissen, 1 (SA) L of C FS Sec
Capt Harris, 97 FS Sec
Capt Rafter, 276 FS Sec
Capt Ellis, Security Branch AOC
Capt Cerutti, SCI Unit "Z"
Capt Bellin, SCI Unit "Z"

1. Col FISCHER opened the meeting by reading a letter from AAI (1401/7/GSI(b) dated 9 Sep 44) on the subject of Records of Internees being sent to 371 PW Camp. He told the meeting that he had previously charged CIC with the responsibility of keeping 371 Camp fully informed, but he requested that other agencies co-operate with CIC in this matter, by supplying information, when requested, which CIC might be unable to provide. Major SNOWDEN brought up the matter of records of persons arrested in the early days of June, in particular by "S" Force, and Col FISCHER agreed that he would endeavour to supply any such information of which CIC might be deficient.
2. Col YOUNG then referred to the subject of Carabinieri officers of doubtful security status (see para 2, Eighth Weekly Conference). He stated that a further list of such officers had come to hand, and informed the meeting that this list had been passed to Capt ELLIS, for AOC to deal with as requested at the last meeting.
3. Major SNOWDEN then brought up the question of German nationals married to Italians. He requested guidance in cases where such persons, being Italian citizens, could not be interned merely as German nationals when there was no other security objection, or when nothing of a definite nature could be proved against them. Col FISCHER said that nothing could be done in such cases, and Col YOUNG cited the case of Lidia MUNDULA, KAPPLER's mistress. Following further evidence, AFHQ had decided not to intern MUNDULA, as mere association with known agents, especially of this kind, was not considered sufficient grounds. It was agreed that no

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4. Major TEUNISSEN then asked for guidance as to what constituted sufficient grounds for arrest. Col FISCHER instructed him not to make arrests unless he was entirely satisfied of the necessity, but pointed out that a few arrests in certain districts have a salutary effect and that the very fact that agents were operating proved a deterrent in itself. On the whole, he said, arrests should be kept down as much as possible.
5. Capt RAFTER then asked if anything had been done to obtain the list of Questura arrests (para 4, Sixth Weekly Conference) and Col FISCHER stated that the matter was in hand and that efforts would be made to obtain this as soon as possible.

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6. At Col FISCHER's request, Major SNOWDEN then called upon some of his agents to give an account of the happenings at the trial of Pietro CARUSO, scheduled to take place in open court that morning. These agents gave an account of the events, which culminated in the murder by the mob of a certain Donato CAPEDDA, superintendent of Regina Coeli Prison at the time that CARUSO held office as Questore of ROME. (Preliminary report has been forwarded to higher authority).
7. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 1515 hrs.

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SECRETMINUTES OF EIGHTH VENETIAN SECURITY CONFERENCE

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1400 hrs, 11 Sep 44

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Present: Lt. Col. Young, GSI 1(I), RAAC.
Major Snowden, CIC, RAAC
Major McKay, Security Branch, ACC
Major Thounissen, 1 (SA) L of C PS Sec
Capt Harris, 97 PS Sec
Capt Rafter, 276 PS Sec
Capt Cerutti, SCI Unit "Z"

1. Col FISCHER opened the meeting by reading a directive from HQ, AAI on the subject of clothing of civilian internees (AAI letter 1401/7/GSI(b) dated 6 Sep 44). He reminded the meeting that this matter had been discussed before in conference, and pointed out that it had been found impracticable to obtain internees' clothing after they had been interned. He therefore again impressed upon agencies the necessity for allowing arrested persons sufficient time, on arrest, to pack a reasonable amount of clothing, in anticipation of possible internment, with particular attention to the matter of an adequate supply of winter clothing.

2. Col FISCHER then referred to a list which he had previously given Major McKay, of Carabinieri officers who had been arrested on security grounds, and had been since handed over to the disposition of the Italian authorities. He said that he had now found that one at least of these had since been released. On looking into this particular case, he had discovered that this was so in other cases also, and expressed his dissatisfaction at this state of affairs, whereby persons, the security objection to whom had been considered sufficient for arrest, had now been released. He then asked Major McKay if he could give a ruling as to whether such persons came under the heading of civilian security prisoners or military personnel who should be treated as such. Major McKay replied that such persons were military personnel but that he was not in a position to say whether such persons picked up for security reasons should be treated as security prisoners by us or passed to the Italian Army authorities. He was asked to refer the matter to ACC and MIA for decision, and agreed to do so.

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3. Col YOUNG then drew the attention of the meeting to the fact that with effect from 0001 hrs, 10 Sep, R.A.A.C. was under command AFHQ and not AAI as heretofore. AAI would still be kept informed in cases which affected their area.

4. Major SNOWDEN then asked that CSDIC be informed of the AAI ruling on description of arrested persons on arrest slips and preliminary reports. He said that in some cases they were the deciding authority and their descriptions did not always appear to coincide with the AAI ruling.

5. Col FISCHER then brought up the question of officers from CSDIC asking for authority to take prisoners from Regina Coeli for interrogation. He asked Major SNOWDEN if he required a written authority from G-2, RAAC or whether it was sufficient for the officer in question to go straight to CIC for permission. Major SNOWDEN replied that an authority from G-2 RAAC was preferable before an officer came to CIC for the necessary order to the Prison Superintendent. It was agreed that such procedure would continue to be used.

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6. Major THEUNISSEN was then asked if he had any points for discussion and he thereupon asked for guidance on the exact duties of his section, with particular reference to certain occurrences at AIZIO. He stated that the Town Major, AIZIO had asked that FS personnel should, in addition to checking all personnel and papers on ships in the port, also carry out searches of such vessels for unauthorized goods. A considerable amount of corned beef had in fact been discovered on one occasion and had been confiscated, but Major THEUNISSEN was of the opinion that such matters were the responsibility of Provost and not of FS. Col FISCHER confirmed him in this opinion, and stated that while FS should give all help in their power to the Provost, they were not authorized to take action in such cases. Cases of prostitution and of the beating up of civilians by negro troops at LIDO DI ROMA were also cited.
7. Capt HARRIS then brought up the question of FVB employees being given security clearance by FVB. He considered that FVB were not authorized to do this, and cited a case where one of their employees had been picked up and found to be in possession of such a reference, whereas his actual security status was distinctly doubtful. Col FISCHER confirmed Capt HARRIS's opinion and ruled that the only authorities for giving security clearance were CIO and FS.
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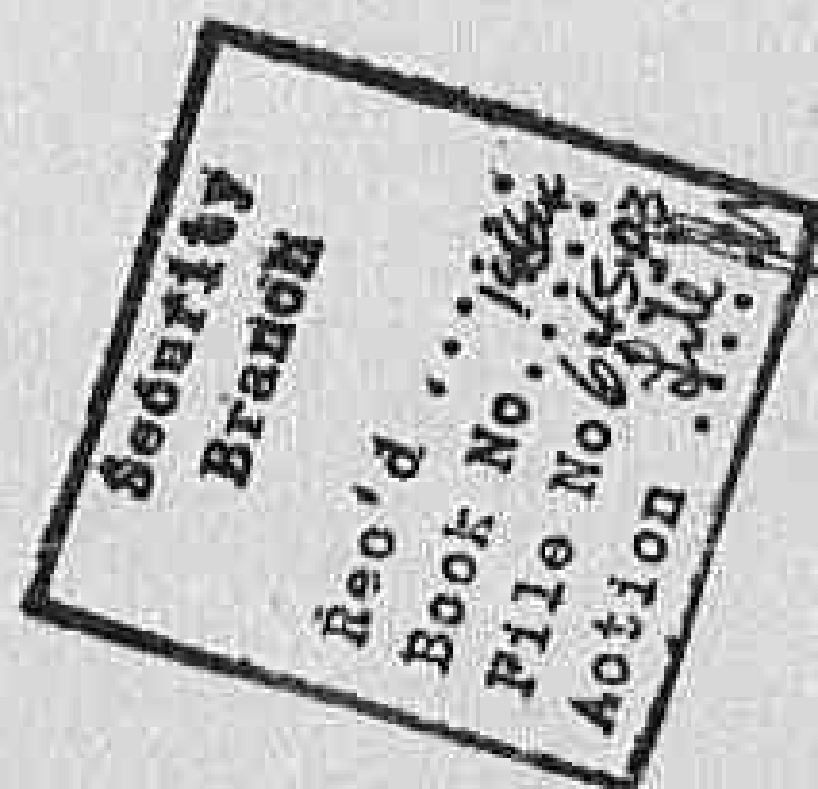
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SECRETMINUTES OF SEVENTH WEEKLY SECURITY CONFERENCE

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1400 hrs, 4 Sep 44

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Present: Lt. Col. Young, GSO 1(I), RAAC
Capt Gold, GSO 3(I), RAAC
Major Snowden, CIC, RAAC
Special Agent Zullo, CIC, RAAC
Major Harvey, Security Branch, ACC.
Capt Rafter, 276 FS Section
Ensign Siragusa, SCI Unit "Z".

1. Col FISCHER opened the meeting by informing representatives that the registration of German nationals, discussed at the last meeting, was proceeding very slowly. Efforts would be made, he said, to accelerate it, but if this was not effective, we might have to take action on certain cases before the total registration of all nationals was completed. Any such action, however, to be taken only on the instructions of Col FISCHER or Col YOUNG.
2. Col FISCHER then brought up the question of "War Crimes", first as regards a particular individual case, and secondly as regards general procedure and responsibility. He asked the meeting for any information available on this latter point, and Major HARVEY stated that there was a directive from AFHQ on the subject, and on Col FISCHER's request, agreed to supply a copy of this. Meanwhile, it was agreed that individuals involved in such cases could be sent for internment, the information concerning the case being forwarded to the appropriate authority.
3. Col FISCHER then asked Mr. ZULLO to give the meeting some idea of the workings of the Eputation Committee and the conditions prevailing within it. Mr. ZULLO proceeded to do so. The Eputation Committee, he said, was under the direct control of Carlo SPORZA. Responsible to him for the working of the Committee was TEDESCHI, and under him the Committee was split into four Sub-committees, dealing with the following matters:
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These four sub-commissions were headed by four men:-

- a) BERLINGUER
- b) SCOCCHIARRO
- c) CIRIGOLARI
- d) STANGONE

all of whom were responsible to TEDESCHI. Mr. ZULLO stated that the working of the Committee did not seem to be going satisfactorily, from many points of view. This state of affairs arose partly from the fact that the four heads of the sub-committees seemed to think that they were entirely autonomous and independent of the others. There appeared to be little co-ordination between them. Also, arrests were being made, some by members of the sub-committees, some by the Questura, and consequently it had so far been impossible to obtain any kind of lists of persons arrested. Then too, he said, there seemed to be a tendency to make allowances in certain

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individual cases. He stated that he had enquired into the reasons for the delay which had occurred in convening a court, and was told that the members of the court came from all over the country and great difficulty had been encountered in finding means of conveying them to ROME. However, all the members were now here, and

the chief of the Questura, was to take place on the 18th of this month. So far, however, said Mr. ZULLO, the work had apparently limited itself to some very small minor elements. On the whole the working of the Committee did not appear to be satisfactory and he considered that a certain amount of pressure might be necessary to effect results.

Col FISCHER expressed his interest in this matter, and also the interest of the Commanding General, and the matter was discussed at some length. Major HARVEY agreed to refer the question to the interested authorities of AOC with a view to taking some action to speed up the work of the Committee.

4. Col YOUNG then brought up the matter of the description of arrested persons on arrest slips and interim reports. He said that he had received instructions from AAI, clarifying the situation and informed agencies that only when a prisoner was actually engaged on work for the enemy at the time of arrest, or at least had been so engaged since the occupation, was he to be described as an "enemy agent". Otherwise the description "collaborator" was to be applied. He again stressed the importance of this, as AAI reports to ATHQ were made up on the information contained in these preliminary notifications and, of necessity, should be accurate.

5. Capt RAFTER then brought up the question of travel passes for persons wishing to visit relations at PADULA. The Questura had been sending such persons to him for confirmation that such was indeed their intention, and that they had, in fact, such relations in internment. Major SPOWEN said that for some time he had been dealing with such cases, and that Capt RAFTER could send such persons on to him in future, for the necessary confirmation. Capt RAFTER agreed to do this.

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- a) BERLINGUER
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- c) CINGOLARI
- d) STANGONE

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the trial of CARUSO, ex-chief of the Questura, was to take place on the 18th of this month. So far, however, said Mr. ZULLO, the work had apparently limited itself to some very small minor elements. On the whole the working of the Committee did not appear to be satisfactory and he considered that a certain amount of pressure might be necessary to effect results.

Col FISCHER expressed his interest in this matter, and also the interest of the Commanding General, and the matter was discussed at some length. Major HARVEY agreed to refer the question to the interested authorities of AOC with a view to taking some action to speed up the work of the Committee.

4. Col YOUNG then brought up the matter of the description of arrested persons on arrest slips and interim reports. He said that he had received instructions from AAI, clarifying the situation and informed agencies that only when a prisoner was actually engaged on work for the enemy at the time of arrest, or at least had been so engaged since the occupation, was he to be described as an "enemy agent". Otherwise the description "collaborator" was to be applied. He again stressed the importance of this, as AAI reports to AFHQ were made up on the information contained in these preliminary notifications and, of necessity, should be accurate.

5. Capt RAFTER then brought up the question of travel passes for persons wishing to visit relations at PADULA. The Questura had been sending such persons to him for confirmation that such was indeed their intention, and that they had, in fact, such relations in internment. Major SQUEDIN said that for some time he had been dealing with such cases, and that Capt RAFTER could send such persons on to him in future, for the necessary confirmation. Capt RAFTER agreed to do this.

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SECRETMINUTES OF SIXTH WEEKLY SECURITY CONFERENCE

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Chairman: Lt.Col. J.W. Fischer, AC of S, G-2, RAAC

Present:
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2. Col FISCHER then drew the attention of the meeting, particularly the operative agencies, to the fact that there have been some cases where civilians, enquiring for information of friends and relatives, have been referred to SCI and SCI "Z". He instructed the meeting that under no circumstances would this practice continue. The problem of dealing with the extremely persistent enquirers was discussed at some length, and it was suggested by Col YOUNG that any such persons who could not be dealt with summarily, should be referred to G-2, RAAC. No definite decision was reached.

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6. Major HARVEY, who had recently returned from PADULA, offered to give the meeting some indication of conditions prevailing there. His offer was welcomed, and he proceeded to do so.

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SECRETMINUTES OF FOURTH WEEKLY SECURITY CONFERENCE

Held in the Conference Room, 59, Via Sicilia
1400 hrs, 14 Aug 44

Chairman: Lt-col J.W. Fischer, AG of S, G-2, RAMC

Present: Lt-col Young, GSO 4(I), RAMC
Capt Cold, GSO 3(I), RAMC
Major Berding, SOT Unit "Z"
Capt Brod, CIC, RAMC
Capt Young, No. 1 SSI Unit
Capt Ker, SSI Liaison with SIM
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A. D. Young
(D.A.D. YOUNG)
Lt-col.
G.S.

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MINUTES OF THIRD WEEKLY SECURITY CONFERENCE

Held in the Conference Room, 59 Via Sicilia
1400 hrs, 7 Aug 44

Chairman: Lt-col J.V. Fischer, MC of 8, G-2, RAAC,

Present: Lt-col Young, GSO 1(I), R.A.A.C.

Capt Gold, GSO 3(I), E.A.A.C.

Major Snowden, C.I.C. Det

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Capt Rafter, 276 FS Section

Capt Bruno, J.I.C.A.

Lt Fuman, Allied Screening Commission

1. Col. Fischer opened the conference by asking Lt. Furman, of the Allied Screening Commission to give a more detailed description of the work done by the Commission, than was possible at the last weekly conference. Lt. Furman did so and gave some examples of the cases the Commission had to deal with. He also told the meeting that the work of the Commission frequently brought out information of security interest. He asked to whom such cases should be referred and Col. Fischer ruled that cases of this kind should be passed to 276 FS Section, if they applied to Rome Area, and, if they concerned districts outside Rome Area, to R.A.A.C. for onward transmission to be dealt with the appropriate authorities. /by

Major Lee here brought it to the notice of the meeting that the Germans had been getting Italian agents to build up a deliberate cover story of the kind investigated by Allied Screening Commission.

Col Fischer then brought up the matter of persons coming into ROME to tell the story to the Screening Commission, and having to be got back again. He said that the form of travel pass which had been shown to him by Major DERRY of Allied Screening Commission had been agreed by G-1 and AG Sections of R.A.A.C. He asked Lt Furran to send him two copies of the form for transmission to the Director of Public Safety and the Military Police, that they might be able to instruct their personnel. He also requested that each pass be given a definite expiration date. On the matter of the return

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Col Fischer then drew Lt Furman's notice to an article in a newspaper which stated that the Russians had an organization working in Italy for the rewarding of Italians who had helped Russian PW. Lt Furman replied that nothing official was known of this, and asked for a copy of the article in question. It was agreed to let him have this.

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2. Miscellaneous

Major Hare informed the meeting of the existence of laboratories at the University and the women's section of Regina Coeli Jail, for scientific investigation purposes. Applications for the services of these laboratories should be made through Security Intelligence, AGC.

The remainder of the representatives having nothing further to discuss, the meeting closed at 1500 hrs.

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Major Hare informed the meeting of the existence of laboratories at the University and the Women's Section of Regina Coeli Jail, for scientific investigation purposes. Applications for the services of these laboratories should be made through Security Intelligence, ACC.

The remainder of the representatives having nothing further to discuss, the meeting closed at 1500 hrs.

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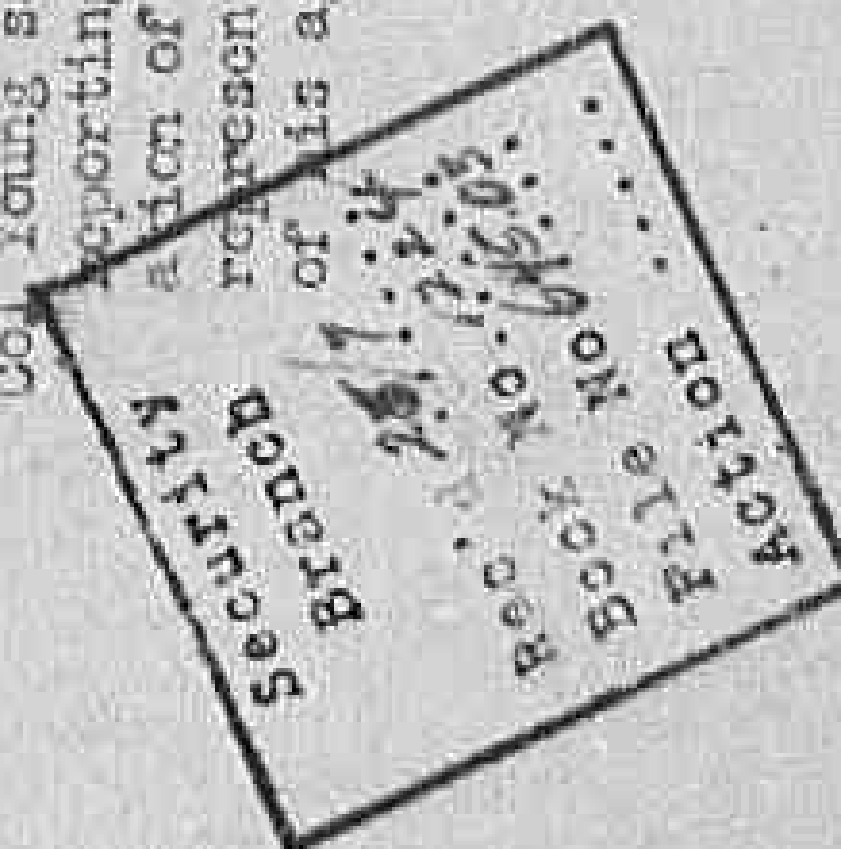
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Col Fischer then impressed on the meeting the necessity for combatting enemy propaganda aimed at sowing mistrust among the Allies, especially in the light of the present war news.

The meeting then closed.

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The question of interim reports was discussed and it was agreed that agencies should render 3 copies of these reports in the case of enemy agents only. 3 copies to G-2 R.A.A.C. and one each to S.C.I. and S.C.I. "Z". All agencies should consult S.C.I. records before sending in these reports. Col Young pointed out that A.A.I. need to know the type of agent, e.g. S.D., Abwehr, I.C. On the question of fuller particulars of the circumstances of arrest, Major Snowden said that possibly this could be managed by giving more details on the original Arrest Slip. Col Fischer agreed with this. It was also agreed that the date and place of birth should appear on the interim report.

The question of political prisoners was discussed.

Capt Gold brought up the question of prisoners arrested by the Questura. This point was discussed at some length.

Col Fischer then impressed on the meeting the necessity for combatting enemy propaganda aimed at sowing mistrust among the Allies, especially in the light of the present war news.

The meeting then closed.

Most SECRET *from our file*
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NOTES OF CONFERENCE HELD AT CASERTA ON TUESDAY 7th MARCH, 1944.

(Intelligence Rally.)

1. Persons present:

Brigadier Airey B.G.S.I.
 Colonel Smith (A) Deputy B.G.S.I.
 Colonel Hill-Dillon Chief of Staff I (I).
 Lt. Col. Gibson G.S.O.1 (I).
 Lt. Col. Daines Security Branch, A.C.C.
 Lt. Col. Morse (A) Attached to G.S.O.1(I).
 Lt. Col. Shields Legal - A.M.G. 5th. Army.
 Major Young G.S.O.2(I).
 Major Blon (A) ; C.I. 5th. Army.
 Major de Freitas G.2. I(b) 8th. Army.
 Major Mattei No. 2 District.
 Major Harari No. 3 District.
 Major Arnold (A) G.2 P.B.S.
 Major Fearnley-Whittingstall FLAMBO.
 Capt. J/A/ McKAY Security Branch, A.C.C.

2. General security situation and control of movement.

Col. H.D

~~Brig. A.~~ said that due to German disorganisation over fall of Italy, Germans had left few static agents behind lines. Therefore, they were now trying to send in agents for espionage and sabotage. Known ways of sending agents were - over front lines, in Yugoslav partisan ships, possibly by parachute and from sea. So far, there have been none among the Yugoslavs, but it is known that some agents have got through by other means, therefore the idea is to tighten up movement control in liberated Italy. We have not the men to do it so we must use Italian agencies and try to make them as efficient as possible. Best way to deal with danger was to tighten up control of movement, of residence and constabulary.

Lt. Col. G. said that the position as regards movement control is:

- (a) Army Areas - no movement beyond 10 kilos; without A.M.G. pass
- (b) Behind Army Areas - free movement within Provinces, except Foggia where 10 kilo. rule applied (but not being enforced).
- (c) Italian Administered Area - south of Salerno-Barleto line - free movement.

No real effort seems to be made to enforce the 10 kilo restrictions where applicable; suggested every effort should be made to get the Italians to cooperate.

Lt. Col. Daines said that Col. Young would ensure that everything possible was done to this end and that he was working on it at present.

Lt. Col. Gibson suggested that there should be CC.RR. check-points at provincial boundaries in the A.M.G. belt.

Col. H.D. suggested that two Officers should be appointed to ginger up the CC.RR. Check points -

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Major Mattei: May not try the Guardia Finanza?

Major de F.: Difficulty of numbers.

Lt. Col. Daines: There are 200000 RR. in Africa. *Col. H.O. willing to help*

Lt. Col. Gibson suggested snap-check only and vigorous prosecutions. *Get them over*

Major de F. raised the point that a certain number of civilians had been taken on by the Army as Civil Police and that A.M.G. was refusing to authorize payment from Italian funds on the grounds that the work they were doing was simply for the Army. They were in fact being used for control of movements, etc.

Capt. McKay suggested that this should be a matter for decision with P.S. H.Q. of A.C.C. and Lt. Col. Gibson said he would write about the matter.

Major Mattei suggested that we should insist on the enforcement of the (Italian) Aliens Registration Act of 1933 to control the Yugoslavs who were wandering loose around Italy and said that Displaced Persons Sub-Commission seemed to object to this.

Lt. Col. Gibson said that instructions had been given to ensure enforcement of the Hotel and Boarding Houses enactments, whereby the keeper had the responsibility of informing the Questura of certain particulars regarding people staying with them and that, as regards the Aliens Registration Act, the use of a complicated 8 page Schedule would be involved which would be a terrific task as regards the Yugoslavs.

Major Mattei agreed that the task would be complicated but said that he was very concerned about these Yugoslavs and suggested a modified form of registration.

Col. H.D. said that he was not very worried about the Yugoslavs who are already here and that a means of screening new arrivals at R.I.F. centres had been set up, but that he thought the point worth bearing in mind to be taken up with the Italian authorities when they have properly found their feet.

Lt. Col. Gibson said that he had written to the Public Safety Sub-Commission and that perhaps it would be better to await their reply.

Lt. Col. Gibson then proceeded to explain to the conference the result of his talks with Col. Young re Identity Cards for civilians. 00007

Major de F. said that he had found them useful in the Army Area, but it was generally agreed by all present that they are not of sufficient use to justify the work involved.

Major Arnold raised the point of the decline of authority of the

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the Questura and asked if it would be possible to give edicts from the Questura some sort of official Allied backing. Lt. Col. Daines promised that he would look into the matter and see what could be done. There was general agreement that such backing ought to be given, as we seemed to be backing the CC.RR. only and General Picche did not seem favourably disposed towards the Questura.

Lt. Col. Gibson then proceeded to Railway Travel Control. What was the position? Major de F. said that in Army area all the trains were military and did not carry civilians. All trains had military guards aboard and at stations, the R.T.O's had a staff of guards.

Major Mattei stated that in Districts the position was that only trains carrying army mail and N.A.A.F.I. stores had guards - ordinary trains have no guards. Some sort of check is made at stations but many people and certainly those in whom security would be likely to be interested did not enter the stations but simply 'hopped' the trains. He therefore suggested that guards should be put on every train to deal with these 'noppers'. Lt. Col. Gibson said that this job had been done by the Milizia Ferrovia but that this was a Fascist organisation and that the CC.RR. ought to be asked to organise a railway guard. He suggested that Lt. Col. Daines might take up the matter - agreed by Col. Daines.

3. Enemy Agents coming through Lines.

Brig. A said that this was a most serious problem viewed by him with great anxiety and that these agents should be dealt with as quickly as possible to provide by example a deterrent to other agents. He continued that security until now had been good but this was more due to German disorganisation and our job now was to see that the coming operation was not prejudiced by the infiltration of enemy agents into this part of Italy. In spite of this, of the 32 caught to date only 2 had been shot and 2 imprisoned. A large number were awaiting trial. This delay must be stopped and we must be ruthless, to discourage other Italians from trying. He wondered if the answer might be to bring these cases before a Court Martial.

Major Blon/ A Court M.^{AMERICAN} would be more strict on evidence than an Allied Military Court.

Major F-W./ It would be a matter for the Military Governor who could set up a special court to deal with espionage.

Col. H.D. Why not open two special courts sitting until all the cases were cleared off and to get rid of the position where Italians were being paid by the Germans to act as agents and getting off when brought before the present Court.

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Col. Daines

Enemy Agents
had made trip
Bari - Naples

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Col. Shields: The advantage of an AMG Tribunal is/
 (a) Almost all evidence is admissible;
 (b) No failure to convict on technical legal points;
 (c)

But the Court must observe the rules of the ^{Hague} Convention and International Law.

The difficulty in securing convictions is caused by lack of information in the case, by the fact that more often than not the person tried is not even intelligent, and that they have been forced at pistol point to cross the lines or are given the opportunity to cross the lines as an alternative to hard labour. The usual excuse is that they accepted in order to visit their families on the other side of the line and had no intention of acting as agents. The reason for the delay was usual transport difficulties, witnesses and, often, ill health on the part of the accused making him unfit to plead. Usually two months elapse between arrest and trial. Brig. A. Surely the answer to that is to have a special court near the front to deal with the cases immediately when the evidence is fresh.

Col. H.D. Is a definition of "espionage" needed?

Lt. Col. Shields: ^{Hague} rules give a clear definition of a spy as a person who "obtains or tries to obtain information for the enemy".

Brig. A. This is a war of speed and we must gear up our procedure otherwise we shall lose valuable lives. We must have a practical and realist point of view on this matter.

Col. H.D. I agree it is a scandal that these people should be allowed to get away with it. Surely it is sufficient if a man admits to having taken money to act as an agent for the Germans and fails to surrender at the first opportunity.

Major F-W: Under Proc. 2 (10) we could designate the front line as a "prohibited area" the penalty for entering which without a pass would be death. We could broadcast the fact that persons entering as enemy agents would be ~~executed~~ tried and, if found guilty, would be shot. (To Lt. Col. Shields - In your opinion would a broadcast be accepted by a Court as sufficient evidence of knowledge on the part of the agent? Answer: Yes).

Brig. A. Then we will suggest to Gen. Macfarlane that for a short period some machinery be set up in the forward area to obtain convictions in these cases on the basis of what war means. We must have a court composed of realists who are lawyers but who will appreciate the situation as it is.

Lt. Col. Gibson: The procedure then will be for this H.Q. to write on these lines to A.C.C. and to ask P/W/B/ to give sufficient publicity. A.C.C. Legal section will be consulted as to the possibility of employing the "forbidden area" proclamation.

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4. Italian Forces page 5.

Col H-D. Have you heard anything concerning the Italian Army? It is essential to keep an eye on them because I do not wish to have to ask the G/O/C/ to send back some help to deal with them. The best way to avoid trouble is to keep them employed on roads and bridges etc. Keep your ears open and let me know immediately any developments.

Major Mattei said that he was concerned about the sailors of the Italian Navy in Taranto hanging about with nothing to do.

Col. H-D; Anything heard about reactions to the division among the Allies of the Fleet - Badoglio pressing for details.

Major Mattei: There have been rumours that the Italian Navy would scuttle its ships but I do not think they would do so - they have not the guts.

Lunch.

5. Refugees.

Lt. C. Gibson: Col. Morse is coordinating refugee screening at RIPS and CISDCs and the security department of CISDC will be open on Friday.

Col. H-D: The present position as regards screening of refugees is that there are two main places (a) Naples and (b) Bari.

(a) Naples: Refugees interrogated at NIK and Aversa. Any security cases found will, if not important, be sent to 208 CISDC (Torre Annunziata) Camp which consists of two enclosures for those who have and those who have not been screened. If the case is important it is sent to a S.I. Section Villa nearby where there are 15 segregation cells - In addition Col. Gibson has a special "F.S. Guest house" for such cases as we wish to segregate not for being agents but on account of what they know - e.g. sailors bringing agents. Accommodation for 10.

(b) Bari/ Accommodation is not good - there is a large DPC camp. Part of the camp is occupied by Yugoslav refugees - mostly Jews on the black market - and I am arranging with Displaced Persons Sub-Commission to get rid of them. That will give us room for 1500 in addition to the 200 which we can presently accommodate in our smaller camp there. There is some additional accommodation in Italian prisons but very little. The Bari place is confused on account of the fact that it harbours refugees from the front and enormous crowds of refugees from the Dalmatian coast - a big problem because it is essential for us to know who comes into this theatre because it may have practical importance later. Therefore the registration of these people is essential. The Displaced Persons Sub-Commission do not want this whole camp wired but I am going to see about it. We cannot control a place where people are allowed to wander in as they like. All interrogation there will be done by Major Reischer's section

Sailors knowing too much -

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Lt. Col. Gibson: 371 POW Camp to be regarded as a G.H.Q. Camp, therefore question of releases would be dealt with by G/H/Q.

Then read two Memoranda (copies received).

Note/ Asked if the two Security Branch Officers had arrived at 371 Camp. Lt. Col. Daines informed him that they had not yet returned from Sicily but that he would try to expedite the matter. Lt. Col. Gibson said it was urgent

*Col. Fisher
with Smith
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Lt Col. G. agreed that anyone who was interned by District would be released on recommendation of District

(N.B. Geecn and Bullock should be informed of this)

Also warn G. and B. to bear in mind that in many cases where a time limit was set by District it was thought by District that the troops would have been further forwarded by the expiry of 3 months. District would therefore have no objection to the increase of a term of internment recommendation.

Lt. Col. Gibson said that the Camp would be under his supervision and that he would see that the interests of Districts would not be forgotten and in this way it would not be necessary; unless he thought so, to refer a case to District when the recommendation of the Review Board was that a person be released who had been recommended by District for internment for the duration.

6. General.

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German Nationals: Lt. Col. Gibson said that the policy was as it had been in England, viz. to intern all persons of German nationality or birth should be interned, unless there were strong reasons to the contrary such as old age or proved anti-Germanism over a period of years.

SIM(CS) Cooperation: Col H-D mentioned the memorandum issued and suggested that we ought to cooperate but very carefully because they would not be in a position to give more than we could give them. He discouraged the suggestion of using wireless interception teams.

Review and release of internees:

Major Arnold suggested that in view of the memorandum on civilian internees recently issued by Col. Gibson, he should forward his memoranda and recommendations on this subject direct to Col; Gibson instead of to A.C.C. Security as at present. This was agreed to by all concerned.

Poles and Greeks.

Col; H-D; concerned over the security of Poles and Greeks on account of political questions. The answer is to keep them busy as the Poles were now. Suggested that a very close eye should be kept on their activities and that the best way of doing it would be through the liaison officer of the nearest British unit. If any trouble was brewing he would like to know immediately so that arrangements might be made to give the parties concerned some action

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Col. H-D No Pole deserting from Germans accepted in this theatre -
all sent to Middle East, to avoid possibility of agents.
Col. Gibson/ Same applies to Alsace-Lorrainians .

Telegraphic facilities: No objection to these being opened in
Sivily.

A.C.C. Security Branch. *Col. Young &*

Lt. Col. Gibson said that this Branch would be willing to help
Districts in such ways as cleaning up towns for them where they
thought the Italian officials were not quite up to scratch either
by way of Fascist background or of general inefficiency,
corruption; etc. The Branch was composed of 'super-policemen,
who would descend in a 'sort of posse' on request.

A.C.C. Public Safety.

The C.A.P.O. in the field could be most useful to Districts and
every opportunity should be taken to make use of the C.A.P.O. as
he would be a mine of information and an investigating agent
where necessary for the F.S.S. Every help would be forthcoming.

French Counter-Intelligence Organisation.

Major Arnold asked how these might be used.

Col. H-D said to keep friendly but not to try any close liaison
(because - off the record- the French detested the Italians and
their sole idea was to institute an efficient Intelligence Service
in Italy a thing they have never previously had).

Lt-Col Gibson suggested that they should be coordinated with by
General Pence's staff at F.B.S.

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7 Particular Problems.

1. Benetto della Camera and others/ Copy of letter given to Col.
Gibson to whom we will write. he will in turn ask 8Army and
Major Mattei to report and let us have the answer.

2; Colonel Acampora: Papers handed to Major Mattei who has
promised to let us have a report on the matter.

Free Notes taken at Conference E.O.E. by Capt. D. Ray.
7. Mar. 44.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SECURITY BRANCH
APO 594.

8th. March, 1944.

REF: 344.5/115.05.

SUBJECT: Points arising from Intelligence Rally, 7th. March, 1944.

To: Col. A.E. Young.

1. That the 10 kilometre restriction of movement in the Army Area, the A.M.G. belt and the Foggia area was not being strictly enforced.

Requested that this matter be brought to the notice of Public Safety Sub-Commission and Lt. Col. Gibson suggested that the C.C.M. institute a system of "check-points" at Provincial boundaries to work as a "snap-check" (not 24 hours a day) to be visited from time to time by P.A.G. and A.M.G. Officers.

2. That Col. Hill-Millon is willing to assist to transport to Italy the 2000 C.C.M. now in Africa.

3. That a certain number of civilians had been enrolled as Civil Police by the 8th. Army to help in control of movement and that A.M.G. was refusing to pay them. This will be the subject of correspondence with Public Safety U.S.

4. That, so far, no reply had been received from Public Safety Sub-Commission regarding the registration of aliens.

5. That the authority of the Questori had declined in the public mind and that the Questura decrees ought to be reinforced by some sort of official backing.

6. That the C.C.M. be asked to organize some system of guards to travel on civilian passenger and goods trains to deal with persons who 'hop' the trains at other places than stations.

7. That A.C.M.F. would write to General Mason Macfarlane asking that some form of special court be instituted in the forward areas as a temporary measure to deal with enemy agents captured.

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10. That P.R.S. G.I.C. memoranda respecting individual internees which have previously been forwarded to Security Branch A.C.C. would now be forwarded direct to Lt. Col. Gibson A.C.M.F. who would forward them to the Camp.
11. That A.C.C. Security Branch would be willing to assist P.C.C. or C.I.C. particularly in helping to clear up Italian towns where the officials were thought to be undesirable either because of their Fascist history or for general reasons.
12. That G.I.C./P.C.C. ought to make close contact with C.I.P.O.'s in the field who would be able to assist them enormously.

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Lt. Col.
Asst. Director of Security.

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