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

Ref : SB/311.5/140.

3 April 1944.

Subject : DELLA CAMERA Benedetto
DELLI VENNERI Pasquale
COSI Pinaldo.

To : Col. N.E. Fiske, Deputy Executive Commissioner.

1. Attached are completed case papers on the enquiry respecting the a/m.
2. The original request was handed by you to Col. Young for investigation.
3. I beg reference to para.3 of AAI letter dated 27 Mar 44 and suggest that a reply might be sent to the Minister on these lines.

L.R. Daines

L.R. DAINES, Lt. Colonel,
Asst:Director:Security.

Enc: Letter from U.S. of State - 3 Feb
Report from 412 F.S. Section - 4 Mar
Report from H.Q. A.A.I. - 27 Mar.

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Subject:- DELLA CAMERA Benedetto H.Q. ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.
DELLI VENERI Pasquale
COSI Rinaldo

CONFIDENTIALS-1073AAT/1479/1/G(Tb).HQ.27 Mar 44.A.C.C. Liaison.(for attention Security Branch R.L. 1479/1/G)

Reference your 311.5/140 dated 8 Mar 44.

1. Attached is a digest of the report of G.C. 412 F.S. Section which made the arrests.
2. No.2 District was approached by the Italian Ministry of Public Works, apparently at the instance of a certain KLEIN-RADOLIS who, it would seem, is not himself entirely above suspicion, according to No.2 District and 412 F.S. Section reports.
3. The opinion of Eighth Army, with which this headquarters is in complete agreement, is that unless positive evidence for the release of these men is forthcoming, no action should be taken to release them.

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30 MAR 1944

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Digest of report from 412 F.S. Section.

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Subject: Arrested Persons -
MORICONE (Prov BENEVENTO)

Main H.Q.,
Eighth Army, S.M.F.
I 342 I(b)

24 Mar 44

GSI(b),
HQ AAI.

Reference previous correspondence on :-

DELLA CAMERA Benedetto
DELLI VENNERI Pasquale
GSI Rinaldo.

The attached copy of a report on these men by
the FSO, 412 F.I. Section, 12 Corps, is forwarded for
information.

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Copy to: Comdt. 371 P.W. Camp.
HQ ACC Public Safety Division.

B. J. Lang
✓ Lt. Col.
G.S.I.

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Subject:- Arrested Persons, MORCONE

To: GSI(b), Main HQ Hghth Army.

Copy to: GSI(b), Main HQ 13 Corps.

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412 F.S. Section.

DELLA CAMERA Benedetto fu Salvatore.	412/82 of 4 Nov 43.
DELLI VENNARI Pasquale fu Gennaro.	412/83 of 4 Nov 43.
COSI Rinaldo di Guilo.	412/84 of 4 Nov 43.

1. A/n are only arrests effected by this Section in MORCONE (BENEVENTO) (162/555045). The town was covered from 31 Oct 43 to 10 Nov 43. It was found extremely active politically. Approx 27 Nov an MCO was sent back there as it appeared necessary.

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3. It will be seen that under S.I. No. 63, COSI would be an "automatic" duration case, on his admission that he was Sec. Pol. in 1942. At time of internment it was hoped that a speedy advance would make ROME information available in 3 months! His continued internment is recommended.

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4. NCO making investigation was 193774 Sgt. EVANS E.H.R., at that time the most capable NCO in the Section, now at OCTU in UK. I visited MORCONE on several occasions, and am satisfied with the accuracy of the report. Particular care was taken, as MORCONE was then in 5 Army area. CAO BENEVENTO was kept fully informed.

5. Petitions were expected as DELLA CAMERA was an influential man. There is no doubt that the population were relieved at arrest of DELLA CAMERA and DELLI VENNARI (particularly peasants); COSI was NOT known in town. It should be noted that PAGLIARI Nicola fu Francesco, Mar. Capo i/c CC.RR, MORCONE, was well under DELLA CAMERA's thumb, and is an inefficient, unpopular and untrustworthy man. Further information on him is available if 263 Section require it. His transfer was strongly recommended.

6. I wish to recommend as strongly as possible that DELLA CAMERA and DELLI VENNARI be held. I cannot give an opinion on COSI, except that he is a determined man who told me that his loyalty was to ITALY. HE pretended to think that this meant support of AMG. He is a potentially dangerous element.

22 Mar 44.

Sgd. K.A.F. Hornby,
Capt.,
O.C. 412 F.S. Section.

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BARI, 3 February, 1944

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

PIETRO BADOGLIO
MARSHALL OF ITALY

BRINDISI

Your Excellency:

The English Military Police of the Eight Army arrested on the 4th of November in Morcone, Province of Benevento--the lawyer, Benedetto della Camera, Delfi Veneri Pasquale and Casi Rinaldo; The arrest was motivated by local "gossip"

On my part I assure your Excellency, that although the above are Fascists, from 1930 up to the day of their arrest they have never carried on special activities on behalf of the fallen Regime, and they enjoy my utmost esteem.

I would therefore appreciate Your Excellency's interesting yourself with the Allied Control Commission in Brindisi, so that Messrs. Della Camera, Casi e Delle Veneri, who are at present at the Concentration Camp C.M. 7 at Taranto, be returned to their families.

The Officer Secretary of this Commission is Major Doe, who has already been informed by the British Lieutenant Badolic, about the aforementioned my co-provincials.

Cordially.

The Undersecretary of State

/s/

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MINISTERO DEI LAVORI PUBBLICI

IL SOTTOSGREGARIO DI STATO

R.D. N. 133/2

Bari, 3 Febbraio 1944

Alla Eccellenza

Pietro BADGLIO

Maresciallo d'Italia

BRINDISI

Eccellenza,

la Polizia Inglese dell'8^a Armata arrestò in Morcone, provincia di Benevento, il 4 novembre - l'Avvocato Benedetto della Camera - i Signori Delli Veneri Pasquale e Casì Rinaldo; l'arresto fu motivato da beghe locali.

Da parte mia assicuro V.E. che pur essendo, i predetti, fascisti, non hanno mai svolta dal 1930 al giorno del loro arresto qualsiasi notevole attività nello interesse del caduto regime - e godono la mia stima nel senso più assoluto.

Gradirò, pertanto, lo interessamento di V. E. presso la Commissione Alleata di Controllo a Brindisi perchè i Signori Della Camera, Casì e Delli Veneri, i quali attualmente si trovano al campo di concentramento C.M. 7 a Taranto - perchè siano restituiti alle loro famiglie.

L'Ufficiale Segretario di detta Commissione è il Maggiore Doe - che è stato già informato dal

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Tenente Inglese Badolic - dei precedenti dei sunno-
minati miei comprovinciali.

Cordialmente.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO



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