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COUNTER INTELLIGENCE CORPS
MILAN DETACHMENT ZONE 3
ITALIAN FRONTIER CONTROL DETACHMENT
APO 512

6 February 1946

SUBJECT: Investigation of Unauthorized Control of the Italo-French Frontier

TO : AC of S, G-2, CI, AFHQ

1. On 3 February 1946, this officer was informed by Dr. Paolo BOLOGNESI, PS Frontier Control that an organization known as the ALLIED FORCES FRONTIER CONTROL had established an office in San Remo on 27 January 1946, and had already issued new regulations to the Italian Frontier authorities governing travel to and from France.

2. Not having been informed by G-2, AFHQ of such an organization and suspecting that an illegal ring had been organized, this officer accompanied by Dr. BOLOGNESI, went to San Remo on 4 February 1946 to investigate and determine the nature of the organization and the persons involved.

3. Upon arrival this officer contacted the Commissario of the PS in San Remo and through him also spoke to Capt. CAPPALO, Officer in Charge of the Italian CS for San Remo. Through the above named persons it was determined that one Frank J. ANDREWS, an Agent of SCI/Z under the command of Capt. NIGRIELLI, SCI/Z, Genoa, had assumed control of the frontier in Imperia Province and had issued travel control regulations to the Italian authorities on the frontier. (See inclosure Nos. 1 and 2).

4. This officer, having satisfied himself that ANDREWS was a member of SCI/Z by contacting Genoa proceeded to his office to determine under whose authority he had assumed control of the frontier.

5. ANDREWS informed this officer that as of the turnover of 1 December 1945 when the Italian government assumed control of the frontier, the control was lax and many un-authorized persons were entering Italy. These persons constituted a threat to the security of our troops and that to put a stop to this sort of traffic he suggested to Capt. NIGRIELLI, SCI/Z, Genoa that he personally take control of the region. Upon agreement, ANDREWS established the ALLIED FORCES FRONTIER CONTROL and proceeded to issue travel regulations.

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6. This officer informed ANDREWS of the seriousness of the situation since this was done without the approval of AFHQ, and the steps taken by him in issuing and putting into effect the new regulations had created repercussions in high quarters both in Paris and Rome.

7. This officer then revoked the regulations issued by ANDREWS (See Inclosure No. 3) and requested that Capt. NIGRIELLI be informed that the Italian frontier was operationally under the control of G-2, CI(iii), AFHQ, and that any changes or dispositions to be taken would emanate from AFHQ.

8. On 5 February 1946, this officer accompanied by Dr. BOLOGNESI made a serious survey of the frontier in question and solved the various problems of the Italian frontier authorities. Contact was also made with the French Commissaire de Police at Menton and certain problems and difficulties discussed and solved.

9. At no time did this officer find grounds to believe that the control was lax.

10. The various commissariats on frontier control are more than willing to cooperate with SCI/Z or any other Allied police organizations in providing needed information and preventing wanted persons from crossing.

11. This officer considers the situation as having been clarified and that the case be considered closed.

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INCLOSURES:

- 1 and 2 ----- Copies of unauthorized orders issued by SCI/Z
- 3 ----- Revocation of above orders by this officer
- 4 ----- Samples of laissez-passer issued by ANDREWS