

COUNTER INTELLIGENCE CORPS  
MILAN DETACHMENT, ZONE 3  
APO 512, United States Army

30 August 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE.

SUBJECT: Claims against the U. S.

Re : Investigation in Zone 3

1. On 17 August 1946, the Supervising Agent, CIC, Zone 3, Milan, directed this Agent to investigate Subject claim brought by Siamese subjects against the U.S. This investigation was predicated upon request by indorsement of 9 August 1946 by Chief, CIC, AFHQ.

2. This Agent checked all possible leads in Como, Bellagio and Ponte Chiasso, but failed to find any participation of CIC agents among the parties responsible for the misappropriations of articles mentioned in attached enclosures.

3. All addresses were checked but persons located at these premises stated that American Military Police had conducted the seizures. Files in CIC, Milan, and Como, fail to reveal any CIC participation.

4. Only in one instance was CIC indirectly involved, and this dealt with the Lancia Aprilia vehicle mentioned in inclosures 5 and 9. Special Agent VITIELLO, SAIC, Ponte Chiasso, in September, 1945, requested that AMG put a vehicle at the disposition of Lt. Antonio FINIZIO, CO of the Guardia di Finanza at the frontier post of Ponte Chiasso. Lt. FINIZIO was at the time attached to the CIC, Frontier Control Section as well as to the Italian CS, and a vehicle was necessary for his operations. AMG, through the "Ufficio di Trasporti" assigned the vehicle mentioned above to Lt. FINIZIO after it had been sequestered by AMG. The vehicle was legally assigned and Lt. FINIZIO paid monthly dues for its use to the "Ufficio di Trasporti" (See Inclosure #1 of this memo). On 6 August 1946, an unidentified 1st Lt. of the American Claims Office, APO 794 arrived at Chiasso and recovered the vehicle for the U.S. Claims Office and drove it away leaving behind a receipt signed by him (See inclo-



tures). Lt. FINIZIO, who at the time was using his own tires on the vehicle was not even allowed to replace the old and badly used original tires. At present the vehicle is either in the possession of the U.S. Claims Office Rome or its proper owner.

5. No other instant of CIC involvement has been ascertained.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that as far as CIC is concerned the case be considered closed and a check made with the 101st MP Bn to recover the other articles mentioned in attached inclosures.

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APPROVED:

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