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Subject: Functioning of Courts in Region II.

: Chief Judicial Officer, Legal Sub-Comm. ANG/ACC, To Brindiai.

1. The attached copy of instructions issued to LOs is forwarded please, on account of the information contained in Para he

2. It is reqretted that, allowing for time spent in travelling from one province to another, your representative will have only approximately 21 days at Matera, Catanzaro and Reggio, but it is felt even such a period of instruction will be invaluable, and if longer time were devoted to each province, the proposed circuit would last into March.

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To : All LOs, Through SCAOs

The CIO & CJO visited this Mg on 17-1-44, and the following is a directive on matters which were discussed.

1. The practice of Superior Courts consisting of only one officer should be considered quite exceptional, and if a Summary Court should find its powers inadequate to lead with a particular case, the case should be remarked for a Superior Court to be held at a later date. A larger pool of legal personnel will shortly be provided by the impending arrival of the Staff of Region 5, whose legal officers will be allocated on a provincial basis.

 It is considered that greater use should be made of General Courts, and that in cases of gravity, applications should more freely be made for their appointment.

3. Greater advantage should also be taken of the Special Prosecutions branch at AMG, and in complex cases, or where a particular type of case - eg blackmarket - is pending in appreciable numbers, LOs should apply to this hy for the loan of an officer from this branch.

4. While the good work performed by LOs in Region II is appreciated by higher authority, review of Court records has revealed matters open to grave objection.

It is therefore intended that the Chief Judicial Officer or one of his Staff shall visit LOs of provinces between certain dates and will preside over any Superior or even Summary Courts to then be held- LOs should please arrange for any Superior Courts in contemplation to be held within the dates as shown below.

(a) Matera February 7th - 9th inclusive
(b) Comenta February 10th - 12th "
(c) Catanzaro February 14th - 16th "
(d) Reggio February 17th - 19th "
(e) Potenza February 21st - 23rd "
(f) Salerno February 24th - 26th "

The RELO will also visit LOs during the above periods respectively.

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