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TO: The Director of Civil Affairs, War Office, London S.W. 1.
FROM: Joint ~~Assistant~~ Chiefs of Staff, Allied Commission.
SUBJECT: Transmittal of Report and Memorandum.
REFERENCE: AC/1004/6.
DATE: 9 October 1943.

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A report dated 3 Oct. 43, by Col. Young, Chief of the Public Safety Sub-Commission, Allied Commission (Planning Centre) is forwarded herewith together with two copies of an explanatory memorandum ~~by~~
~~Col. Young~~

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for *non*
Brigadier
E. GUETERBOCK
Colonel.
R.G. KIRKWOOD
Joint Chiefs of Staff,
Holding a Planning Center.

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TO: Assistant Chiefs of Staff, Allied Commission.
FROM: P.S. Sub-Commission, Allied Commission.
SUBJECT: Reports from P.S. Sub-Commission to Civil Affairs Directorate, War Office.
REFERENCE: 1004/6.(P.S.)
DATE: 3 Oct. 1943.

1. Before leaving London, I was instructed by Major General Kirby, the Director of Civil Affairs, War Office, to forward to him from time to time, reports on the development of Public Safety in this theatre, both for his own information and for that of his Public Safety Adviser, and of the Home Office.
2. I have discussed the matter with Colonel Maxwell, Military Government Section A.F.S.G., who has promised that he would be kind enough to arrange for these reports to be forwarded to London.
3. I, therefore, request that copies of this report, in duplicate, be forwarded to the Civil Affairs Directorate.
4. Additional Copies are attached for the information of the Assistant Chiefs of Staff and Colonel Maxwell.

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SCHOOL OF MILITARY GOVERNMENT AND HOLDING CENTER, B. H. A. P.
Public Safety Sub-Commission.

3 October 1943.

TO: The Director, Civil Affairs War Office, London.
(For the information of Colonel Sir Frank Brock, His Majesty's Inspector of
Constabulary)

FROM: Colonel Young.

1. This establishment to which I have been attached is a Combined School of Military Government and Holding Centre. That is to say, instruction on the policy and practice of military government is given to officers who are held at this Centre until they are detailed for specific duties in the field. Such instructions consists of (1) study of the Italian language (2) of the policy and methods of administration of military government and of talks from officers who have had particular practical experience in the field.

Officers are allocated to various Regions of projected Military Government under the command of the Chief Regional Civil Affairs Officers. Regional plans are made to (1) deal with anticipated problems and duties, and (2) to obtain as much local knowledge and information of their own Region as is available.

In addition, a separate Planning Staff, under the Chiefs of Staff, has been created to consider administration on a national basis; Not of Military Government, but of Allied Commission Administration. For this purpose, the various technical functions have been composed into Special Sub-Commissions, of which Public Safety is one. Within the Public Safety Sub-Commission are five Sub-Divisions. (1) Civil Police, (2) Civil Defence, and Fire Services, (3) Prisons, (4) Special Police (Counter Intelligence) and (5) Licensing and Registration.

The Commission of Public Safety (Brigadier not yet appointed) will be in charge of the Division, whilst a Superintendent (Colonel) is in charge of each Sub-Division.

The Allied Commission is intended to work vis-a-vis the Italian National Government, with the provision of skeleton sub-sections in each of the Italian Regions where required to ensure a reinforcement of Allied Commission administration on a lower administrative level.

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The basic task of the Public Safety Sub-Commission will be to ensure that all matters within the scope of their responsibility are dealt with by the Italian Government (1) faithfully in accordance with the terms and policy of the Armistice, and (2) efficiently. It is contemplated that such standards will be effected (a) by direct contact with the Italian Ministries and (b) by a travelling Inspectorate, which will form part of the Sub-Commission. Therefore, as a policy of planning, certain basic and contemplated responsibilities have been considered, and means of effecting them have been drawn up, so that these could immediately be initiated through the Italian Government by the Armistice Commission if such deficiencies are encountered in the National Administration. Examples of such provisions include schemes for:

- (a) Emergency Registration of Population.
- (b) Control of Civilian Movement.
- (c) Mutual Aid for Reinforcement of Public Safety Services.
- (d) Security of Vulnerable Points and Similar Undertakings.

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Pro form are being drafted to indicate:

- (a) An index of the resources of all Public Safety Services.
- (b) Situation reports dealing particularly with public morale and matters of general interest and comment affecting Public Safety.

2. General Comments.

There is no doubt that in this theatre the police personnel of Military Government have won for themselves places of highest esteem. A large share of the initial responsibility has fallen upon these Officers, and tribute to their efficiency can be heard on all sides.

A substantial proportion of Police Officers have been employed as general administrative Officers, (C.A.O.'s) (more than 50% of the original Metropolitan Officers) and several of these now at this Holding Centre have been similarly allocated. I have accepted this principle as a compliment to the Police Service, and feel that any objection on the grounds that such Officers ought to be employed exclusively in a Police capacity would neither be the wish of those responsible for the direction of Police Policy, nor would it be in the interests of general efficiency.

3. American Police Personnel.

A small number of American Chiefs of Police have arrived at this centre and have been allocated to various duties. From the national and professional point of view this co-operation is of the greatest mutual advantage and benefit, which I believe, will not conclude when our joint military activities have ended. A significant difference between American and British Officers is that Americans do not receive a Military Status comparable with that of their British colleagues. For example, the Chief of Police of Kansas City (authorized strength 700) has the present rank of Major. This position will be borne in mind when definite appointments are allocated, and personally I intend to regard the professional, rather than the Military Status of Officers when the question of seniority has to be decided.

4. Staff Pay.

I am informed that the junior C.A.P.O.s in this theatre will not receive Staff pay. This is not in accord with the information they were given at home and would detrimentally affect an Officer whose Police authority had not undertaken to wholly make up any deficiency in the Army pay. I would suggest that the matter be taken up between the War Office and the Home Office in the interest of these Officers.

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5. Personnel.

(a). Since his arrival in this theatre, Lt. Colonel Lynch - Elcese has intimated that his Military rank is not in accord with his Civilian Police experience and status. Perhaps for this reason, he has shown himself unable to settle down to any specific assignment and finally has made an application to return to England. I have recommended this application both in his own interests and in those of the Service and have expressed my doubts of the wisdom of his re-employment in any other theatre.

(b) Lt. Colonel C.R. Briggs and C.I. Francis (ex-Metropolitan Police) are temporarily attached to this Centre and have given us the invaluable benefit of their experience.

(c) Captain Peore has unfortunately suffered from ill health in this climate and will, I understand, return to England in the near future. I know this Officer extremely well, and strongly recommend him for re-employment in the North-Western Theatre, since he has an invaluable knowledge of France where he has resided for so long. I consider he is worthy of consideration for promotion when the opportunity occurs.

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(d) I have already dispatched a cable to the Civil Affairs Directorate regarding the ranks assigned to Lieutenants Thomas Marsh, No. 291653 and Douglas Robert Roberson, No. 291659, who were commissioned on the 30th August, 1943. Both these Officers were Police Inspectors of sergeants, and I feel that some mistake has been made when deciding the grade of their appointment since even former Police Sergeants have been commissioned as Captains. I have asked that their appointments be reviewed and have recommended that they be granted seniority of Captains with effect from the date of their commissioning.

6. Principles of Military Government.

I have edited any recapitulation of this subject, since this is so ably defined in the AMST Bible, which I assume is already in the possession of the Directorate. A study of this publication is in my view indispensable to any specific planning, no matter in what theatre.

7. Visit to Sicily.

I have just returned from a week's visit to AMG HQ in Sicily, where I had the advantage of observing the practical problems and the consequent measures taken. Many of the initial difficulties will undoubtedly be avoided in future operations, since in the light of the past experience, precautionary measures have already been taken.

8. Exchange of Information.

I have no doubt that much of the practical experience already gained in this theatre would be of the greatest interest and advantage to the Planning Staff of the Civil Affairs Directorate. I suggest therefore that within the next few months, either a Public Safety Officer should temporarily return to England, or alternatively, a visit should be paid to this theatre in order that this purpose can be accomplished.

9. The Commandant of the Civil Affairs Staff College has requested that he be informed of any matter of interest to him contained in my reports. I suggest that as much of the contents of this summary as are considered advisable be forwarded to him.

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Public Safety Sub-Commission
Allied Commission.

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Colonel Maxwell, MES, AFHQ (1)

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Approved.

Reference Para 4.

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I have been informed that all C.A.P.O.'s in this theatre will receive Staff pay, and therefore no action will be required in regard to para 4.

Reference Para 5.

With reference to Para 5 (a). I am informed that the application by Lt. Col. Lynch-Blosse, which was passed to A.E.F.C., has been referred to the War Office for a final decision. At the present time, no reply has been received from this Centre.

Alfred

