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D/O LETTERS TO OTHER AREAS  
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SUBJECT:- Exchange of D.O. Letters.

C.C.A.O.,  
G.H.Q. Middle East.

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I have welcomed the practice of exchanging information about Staff and technical matters and have, owing to my long association with Civil Affairs in the Middle East and East Africa, been particularly glad to receive the D.O. Letters which your G.S.O.1 has been sending us. Now that security regulations have been relaxed I have given instructions that the Senior British Staff Officer here is to make a habit of sending your office a D.O. letter from time to time. It has been solely on account of security that no such letters have come from here before.

While I do not know whether I shall be able to find time to come and see you in Cairo, I very much hope that you may pay us a visit to Sicily when things have settled down.

I am proposing to open up H.Q. AMGOT in the Island in a few days. The Advance Party has left and I am proposing to follow shortly. While conditions in Sicily are substantially different from those in your parishes, a great deal of the preliminary work which we have done here has been based on experience gained in the Middle East.

As soon as the Sicily Gazette is published you shall have copies of the opening proclamations and orders.

AMGOT,  
15 Army Group,  
B.N.A.F.

Major-General,  
C.C.A.O.

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15 Army Group,  
B.N.A.F.

19th July, 1943.

Lieut-Colonel L. Weight,  
Civil Affairs Branch,  
G.H.Q., Middle East.

My Dear

Thank you for your letter of the 13th July and for the nice things you have said. I hope that my Staff which worked with me in those strenuous years will feel that what has been given to me is a symbol for their work. I also hope that the recommendations which I have made about my Staff have had or will receive attention.

I am very sorry that you are not with me now. It looks as if it was going to be interesting. But except for the technicalities involved in an Anglo-American organization, the difficulties will never be as great as those which we surmounted by trial and error in 1941/2. Graffey-Smith is a tower of strength. He is at the moment on the way to Sicily, where I hope to follow him in a few days.

I hope you are keeping well and that I shall be able by hook or by crook to get you over to Sicily for a visit.

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