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Amgot/51/HQ.

Folio	Date	Reference	To/From
1	7 Aug		From: HQ 11 Corps.
2+3	3 "	HMN/nbw.	From: HQ 11 Corps.
4	18 "		Li: ESO
5	18 "		Draft Letter to 4 Army
6+7	18 "	51/HQ	To: SCAO
8	18 "	51/HQ	To 7th Army
9	25 "	51/HQ	To S.S.O. Army of Sicily 15 Army Group
10+11	19 "	51/HQ	Draft on Responsibility of S.C.A.O.
12	28 "	AL/4/270	Amgot Liaison
13	29 "	ISAQ/8631/BGS	Government of Sicily
14	29 "	AL/4/287	from Amgot Liaison
15	6 Sept.	51/HQ	To SCAO
16	6 "		From: Amgot - 8 Army.
17	6 Sept.	1361 Bile FHMGs	from AFHQ
18+19	10 Sept.	51/HQ	To Amgot Liaison 15 Army Group Train
20	10 "	7/3/AQ	From SCAO Liaison.
21-22	13 "		Minutes by DESO
23	14 "	51/HQ	Li: SCAO Enna
24-26	7 "	4020/L	Li: ECAO.
27	12 "	3616	From: AFHQ
28	15 "	MGS 210.11	" "
29	30 "	AMA 326	To: AFHQ
30	30 "	266/HQ	To SCAO, Palermo
31	1 Oct	1900	From: Lincobow FHMGs
32	6 "	51/HQ	To R.A.C.O. Region III
33-45	"	CP/ANH/ew	From SCAO Palermo.

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14	29	13 MAY 1965	from Angkor Liaison
15	6	AL/4/287	To SCAOS
16	6	51/HQ.	From: AMCOR - 8 Army.
17	6	1361 Bile FHMGs	from AFHQ
18+19	10	51/HQ	To Angkor Liaison 15 Army Group Main
20	10	7/3/HQ	From SCAO. Same.
21-22	13		Minutes by DCSO
23	14	51/HQ	Li. SCAO Enna
24-26	7	4020/L	Li. ECNO.
27	12	3616	From: AFHQ
28	15	MGS 210.11	"
29	30	AMA 326	To: AFHQ
30	30	266/HQ	To SCAO, Palermo
31	1	1900	From: Eisenhower FHMGs
32	6	51/HQ	To RACO, Region III
33-45	"	CP/ANH/cw	From SCAO Palermo.
35-63	"		From: AFHQ 121 HQ
36	17		Angkor from Cape Van Duren.
37	18	266/HQ	To all SCAO's
38	18	No. 69.	From AFHQ.

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AMGOT/266/HQ

Subject: Cooperation with other Army Units

AMGOT HQ. SICILY

To : All S.C.A.O.s

18 October 1943

1. A complaint has reached this office alleging that an AMGOT Civil Affairs officer had issued written authority to certain Italians, who were in the process of forming a Bomb Disposal Group, authorizing them to make use of certain supplies located in a U.S. Army Ordnance Dump. This act was wholly unauthorized.
2. Too much emphasis cannot be laid upon the necessity for cooperation with other units of the Allied Armies.
3. Each C.A.O., or other AMGOT official, before he takes any steps which might effect other Army units, should consider carefully what effect his action is likely to have on that Army unit. Before the action is taken, the necessary contact should be made to insure that no misunderstanding will result.
4. It is requested that all AMGOT personnel in your province be advised of the contents of this memorandum.

Distribution:

S.C.A.O. Agrigento	(6)
" Caltanissetta	(6)
" Catania	(6)
" Enna	(4)
" Palermo	(35)
" Ragusa	(6)
" Siracusa	(19)
" Trapani	(6)
" Messina	(8)
" Pantellaria	(3)
AMGOT Liaison	(1)
AMGOT 8th Army	(6)
R.C.A.O. Region II	(6)
AMGOT 5th Army	(10)
Region III	
R.C.A.O. Region IV	(5)
AMGOT 15 Army Group	(2)

Divisions:

Finance	(5)
Public Safety	(4)
Legal	(1)
Public Health	(1)
Public Relations	(1)
Controller of Prop.	(1)
Trans. Comm. & Util.	(1)
Labor	(1)
Economics and Supply	(1)
Agriculture	(1)
Education	(1)
Monu. & Fine Arts	(1)

Charles M. Spofford
CHARLES M. SPOFFORD,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief Staff Officer

M.G.S., A.F.H.Q. 106
File 266 and 51 (2)
Float (1)
Spares (10)

L.V. Col. Clough Oct 17

A letter was sent to all S.C.A.O.'s 36
 authorizing them to reestablish
 the Prefect's Council (4) and the Provincial
 Junta. A copy of the letter is attached.
 No discussion or action has yet been
 taken as far as I know with regard to
 the other three offices (5, 6, 7). Should any
 communication be sent to S.C.A.O.'s on
 these points? It seems to me they have the
 authority to take the action indicated
 if they so desire without further directive.
 V/A 10-18-11
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Subject: Re-establishment of Prefects Council and
Provincial Giunta.

ANGOT/375/11

ANGOT 2). SICILY

to : All S.C.A.O.s

15 October 1943

1. Several requests for authority to re-establish the Prefect's Council and the Provincial Giunta have been received by these Headquarters.
2. You are advised that each S.C.A.O. may authorize or direct the re-establishment of these bodies, or either of them, if he considers it wise in his particular province to do so.
3. However, as in the case of other important political posts, prominent Fascists will not be permitted to serve.
4. In accordance with General Administrative Instructions No. 19 (ANGOT/4037/L) dated 21 Sept. 1943, the functions of these bodies, if re-established, will be purely advisory and not legislative.

CHARLES M. SPOLFO
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief Staff Officer

Distribution:

Agrigento	6	ANGOT 6th Army	6
Caltanissetta	6	R.C.A.O. Region II	6
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Enna	4	Region III	
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Ragusa	6	Float	1
Siracusa	10	NGS., AFHQ	12
Trapani	6	Spares	10
Messina	8		
Pantellaria	3		
ANGOT Liaison	1		

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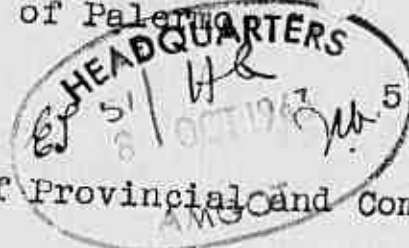
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Public Safety	4
Legal	1
Public Health	1
Public Relations	1
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Economics and Supply	1
Agriculture	1
Education	1
Monuments & Fine Arts	1

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*Approved
See Palazzo*

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Province of Palermo

CP/AMG/ev



5 October 1943.

SUBJECT: Reorganization of Provincial and Communal Administration.

TO : Chief Staff Officer - AMGOT HEADQUARTERS.

1. With the appointment of a liberal-democratic Prefect for Palermo Province it has been possible to proceed with the revival of those organs of local government which preceded the advent of Fascism in Italy.

2. Ordinarily the Prefect, on appointment, may nominate his Capo Gabinetto and Segretario Particolare who, normally, should be civil servants on the roll of the Ministero dell'Interno by whom their appointment is approved. Under present emergency conditions AMG thro S.C.A.O's may find it desirable to approve appointments from outside the civil service.

3. Giunta Provinciale Amministrativa

The formation and functions of this body are regulated by a series of laws and regulations which date from 1865. It is composed of 10 members with the Prefect or his substitute as President, and includes from the Prefecture, two Consiglieri, a Deputy Prefect-Inspector and the Chief Accountant. The remaining members are chosen from experts in legal, administrative or technical affairs, nominated by the Prefect and approved by the S.C.A.O. acting for AMG.

4. Consiglio di Prefettura is composed of the Prefect or his substitute, who presides, and two senior Councillors of the Prefecture. Its powers and functions are regulated by specific laws and the Prefect may request the opinion of the Council on any matter. Included in its functions is the approval of accounts of communes and charitable institutions.

5. Deputazione Provinciale. In place of the Rettorato, the province now has a President and a deputazione Provinciale. The president is head of the provincial administration and of the Deputazione Provinciale. A decree has been drafted to regulate the duties and powers of the President and the Deputazione which consists of 10 unpaid members nominated by the Prefect for approval by AMG. In provinces of less than 600,000 inhabitants this number is reduced. A copy of the draft Decree will be submitted to Legal Division for examination and approval.

(1.B.) P/A 17.11.43

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6. Sindaci. In place of "Podesta" the democratic title of "Sindaco" is now adopted for mayors throughout the province. As the time has not yet come to reinstate the electoral system, appointments are made with the concurrence of C.A.O.'s subject to the approval of the Prefect who then issues the regular Decree.

7. Giunta Comunale. Normally this body consists of 10 assessori (aldermen) in addition to the Mayor in towns of over 250,000 inhabitants. For towns with over 60,000 population the number is reduced to 8, to 6 when the population is more than 30,000, to 4 for over 3,000 inhabitants and to 2 for the smaller communities. It is considered advisable under the present exceptional circumstances that the number of assessori may be increased at S.C.A.O.'s discretion.

The draft decree previously referred to also specifies the duties and powers of Sindaci and the Giunta Comunale.

8. In the selection of the members of the above organs consideration has been given to all shades of political opinion with the exception of extremists, and especially to labour. In the Giunta Comunale of Palermo there are three workers and in the communes it is intended that 50% of each Giunta shall consist of peasant or labour representatives.

9. In Palermo all the foregoing civil services with their respective heads are already operating and throughout the province the communes are appointing their Giunta Comunale many of which are actually functioning along with the Sindaci.

10. It is hoped that these brier notes may prove useful in forming a uniform policy for all Sicily.

Charles Poletti

CHARLES POLETTI
Lt. Colonel,
Senior Civil Affairs Officer.

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Chuck: I thought General Mc Sherry
might be interested in reading
this too.

Charlie

Authority of R.C.A.O.

R.C.A.O., Region III

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51/H

6 October 3

1. The Chief Legal Officer has reported that you desired more definite advice as to the authority which you, as R.C.A.O., may exercise in various respects.

2. At present you are attached to the tactical forces and under the command of the C.S. 5th Army. You, therefore, have full power of decision, with approval of the tactical commander, without reference to this Headquarters. It will be the responsibility, however, of your staff officers, representing the various special divisions - legal, finance, supply, etc. - to see that you are advised as to ANGOT policies as laid down in the ANGOT Manual and in the various instructions which have been issued from this headquarters. **101**

3. Staff officers from this HQ will visit you from time to time. You will, of course, inform them as to action which you are taking in your region. If any action appears to deviate from general ANGOT policy you will be informally advised by them.

CS
CHARLES H. SPOTFORD
Colonel, G. S. C.
Chief Staff Officer

1/H *Noted 7/10* *9/10*

ROUTING SLIP.

C.C.A.O.
D.C.C.A.O.
C.S.O.
A.C.S.O.
Lt. Col. Clough.
Major Pirie.
Major Smith
Major McDougall
Major Pearey
Capt. Talbot
Capt. Farrar
Capt. Sherwood
Capt. Zervudachi
Capt. Graham.
Capt. Van Deusen
Lieut. Van Heukelom
Lieut. Krupa
P.R.O.
Adviser F.A. & M.
Education Officer.

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REMARKS.

Folio 31

Can this file be P/A.
meantime?

CSO

4/10
Date

EL
Registry

Noted

Are you taking any
action on 29?

B.V. 9/10

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SECRET ROUTINE

REF NR 1000

TO: CG SEVENTH ARMY

UPON RECEIPT YOUR 149, CITE AMGOT 326, PUBLICITY STOPPED WITH
PWB AND CENSOR CONCERNING ACTION PALERMO FOR ~~KNOWLEDGE~~
CONFISCATING ILLICITLY ACQUIRED PROPERTY. AWAIT RECOMMENDATIONS YOU ARE
TO MAKE

SIGNED EISENHOWER

TIME SIGNED 011828A

(TO SEVENTH ARMY FOR ARG RPT FILPOT REPEAT ARG REPEAT FILPOT SIGNED
EISENHOWER CITE FMMS REFERENCE YOUR 149 OF THIRTY SEPT)

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AMGOT Action

Sen to C.S.O.
Spoke Lt Col. Hays



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Confiscation Order Dated 29 Sept.

S.O.A.O., Palermo

1. The order dated 29 September 1943 which was issued without consultation with this HQ raises, I am advised, several legal questions. Also, there may be policy questions involved for submission to AFHQ.

2. Until these questions can be considered and determined by this and higher HQs you are directed that no action under the order be taken.

By order of the Chief Civil Affairs Officer:


CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel, G. S. C.
Chief Staff Officer

Copy to: Controller Property

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AMNOT 15 Army Group

30 September 1943

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PRIORITY

URGENT

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AMNOT FOR MSG

S.C.A.O. PALLED 29 SEPTEMBER PUBLISHED ORDER DECLARING PROPERTY ILLEGITIMATE
ACQUIRED DURING PRESENT HOSTILITIES CONFISCATED AND SETTING UP COMMISSION INCLUDING
AND PERSONNEL TO REVIEW. ORDER PUBLISHED WITHOUT CONSULTATION THIS HQ. PARTIAL
FROM AMNOT SEVENTH ARMY TO AFHQ FOR MSG CITE AMNOT ³²⁶ ~~227~~ PARTIAL. SAID TO BE
ORIGINALLY IN LINE WITH MEASURES TAKEN BY ITALIAN GOVERNMENT. HOWEVER LEGAL
AND POLICY QUESTIONS ~~=====~~ INVOLVED ON WHICH WE WILL HAVE RECOMMENDATIONS
TO YOU AFTER CONSIDERATION. HEADQUARTERS HAVE DIRECTED NO ACTION BE TAKEN UNDER
ORDER. REQUEST ADVISABILITY STOPPING ANY PUBLICATION OUTWARD TO US OR US FORWARDING
FINAL DECISION.

51/HP

[Handwritten signature]

[Handwritten initials]

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BY FAST AIR

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Military Government Section

MGE 210.11

15 September 1943



FROM: Col. A. T. Maxwell
Military Government Section
AFHQ

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Dear *Richard*

Thank you for your letter of 12 September. It is quite true that London has made a ruling that no officer of medical category A and under 35 may be employed in AMG. Certain special exceptions may, however, be permitted in the case of Police Officers. I agree it would be a waste of time to put forward the names of officers who are barred by the above ruling.

Yours sincerely,

Col. R. Thorne Thorne
AMGOT Liaison
15 Army Group.

Capt Davis
PA 2/19
2/19
2/19

HEADQUARTERS
51 HQ
17 SEP 1943
ANGOT

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SECRET

DIPLOMATIC MESSAGE

FOLIO 03583

12 SEPT 43

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED EISENHOWER CITE FROM
TO: ANGOT
OR/2 NO: 3516

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Noted.
V. O. Leslie
11/9

PRESIDENT POLICY CONCERNING EMPLOYMENT OF OFFICERS INADVERT IS THAT
NO OFFICER UNDER 35 AND MEDICAL CATEGORY "A" CAN BE CONSIDERED.
REFERENCE YOUR AL 25 DATED 9 SEPT. CONCERNING LESLIE. PLEASE
STATE LESLIE'S AGE AND WHETHER IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE FROM PRESENT
APPOINTMENT NO. 18

Folio 123
File 226/HQ

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D.C.I.A.O. ✓

C.C.A.O. ✓

To see above 18/9.

PA 18/9

ENC. 14358/12

F.T. 03583/12

ANGOT

SUBJECT:- Delegation of Power from G.O.C.

AMGOT/1020/L.

AMGOT H.Q.,
SICILY.

7th September, 1943.

To:- G.C.A.O.

1. I annex the two proposed orders for the signature of the G.O.C. 15 Army Group, delegating certain powers to you. I believe it important to have them signed for the following reasons:-

(a) The first order delegates the power to appoint and remove administrative and judicial officials and other government functionaries, employees etc. There are many officials who were previously appointed directly from Rome. I have no doubt of the Military Governor's power to exercise such powers but I doubt whether you could properly exercise those powers without a specific delegation.

(b) The second proposed order covers two questions: First it gives you a somewhat broader power of issuing orders and directives than that now contained in Proclamation No. 4. Article IX, which is limited to such orders as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the proclamations. Secondly it authorises you to issue orders in the name of the Military Governor making such amendments in proclamations previously issued by him as may be necessary to conform them to other proclamations on the same subject issued for other theatres of operations. The purpose of this is to enable us by order to make two or three of the procedural amendments to Proclamations Nos. 2 and 4 which we put in for Italy and which would be very helpful in Sicily. They have in fact been requested by many legal officers.

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Wm. C. CHAMBERLAIN, 19601. (A.U.S.)
Chief Legal Officer.

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15 Army Group

10 September, 1943.

I Harold R. L. Alexander, G.C.B., G.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., General, General Officer Commanding the Allied Forces in Sicily and Italy and Military Governor of the Occupied Territory hereby Authorise and Empower Francis Baron Bennett of Rodd, Major-General, Chief Civil Affairs Officer of the Allied Military Government of Occupied Territory, subject nevertheless to the provisions of such Proclamations and other Orders, as I have already issued or may from time to time hereafter issue,

- (a) To issue in his own name such orders and directives as may be necessary from time to time to carry out his duties as such Chief Civil Affairs Officer as aforesaid, and
- (b) To delegate the power to make such orders and directives to such officer or officers under his command as he may see fit.

AND I further Authorise and Empower the said Chief Civil Affairs Officer, by Order issued in my name, to make such amendments to any Proclamations which I have already issued or may from time to time hereafter issue, as may be necessary to conform such Proclamations to Proclamations dealing with the same subject issued for other Occupied Territories.

H. R. Alexander

General,
General Officer Commanding the Allied
Forces and Military Governor.

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15 Army Group.

/6 September, 1943.

I, Harold R.L.G. Alexander, G.C.B., G.S.I., D.S.O., M.C., General, General Officer Commanding the Allied Forces in Sicily and Italy and Military Governor of the Occupied Territory, hereby Delegate to Francis Baron Kennell of Nodd, Major-General, the Chief Civil Affairs Officer of the Allied Military Government of Occupied Territory, all powers which I possess to appoint and remove all Italian administrative and judicial officials of the provinces and communes, and all other government and municipal functionaries, and all officers and employees of state, municipal or other public services within the Occupied Territory. The said Chief Civil Affairs Officer may nominate any officer or officers of the Allied Military Government of Occupied Territory, such officer or officers not being below the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, to exercise the powers delegated to him under the provisions of this Order.

H. R. Alexander

General.

General Officer Commanding the Allied
Forces and Military Governor.

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C.S.O.

We spoke w/ Maj. 3 at 21.

I have discussed with Maj. Smith who has obtained information from Italians.

2. The post of Sindaco has always been filled by a local man and he gets in part time and unpaid.

3. In exceptional cases an outsider (a salaried employee of the Prefecture) was put in temporarily under a different title to clean up the administration.

4. A new local would be looked at and he would have a v. difficult time.

5. Should we not put more points to S.C.A.O. Penna?

(13/9.

45 I agree, but in the absence of any local talent it still seems to be possible to import some. RS

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SECRET/51/102.

SECRET HQ. - DISTIN.

September, 1943.

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Subject: Indirect control of civil government.

To: A.C. - Roma.

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Reference your 7 3/4 of 10 Sep. 43.

1. It is realized that the volume of detailed enquiry and administrative direction issued from this H. . probably causes strain and dependency to S.V. .Os who have inadequate clerical staff and an ever decreasing officers' staff. At the start of an administration it is inevitable that there should be a large amount of this type of correspondence, but control is and has been kept on it.
2. Though close scrutiny and detailed directions at the outset may have the immediate effect described by you, it is considered that they should tend to greater efficiency on the part of Italian officials later on when they have to work on their own to a far greater extent than they do at present.
3. It is understood that the post of Mayor has always been held by a local man and that it is part time and unpaid; furthermore, that an outsider would find it very difficult to get any cooperation. You may have taken these factors into consideration when asking for mayors - if so please give some idea of the pay and conditions of service and this H. . will endeavour to select men.

T.B

Chief Staff Officer

C.S.O.

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Para. 1 The volume of enquiry & administrative directives is regrettably large but also inevitable at the start of an administration.

Para. 2 Close scrutiny and detailed directives at the outset should lead to greater efficiency on the part of the Italian officials later on when they do not have ARBOR officers to fall back on. ~~For~~ This absence of ARBOR officers in the future is what we have to provide for.

Para. 3 S.C.A.D. Penna has reported his personal difficulties before and I think they are fully appreciated but I should have brought an inferior notion of a term was preferable to a better "foreigner".

CB 11/9.

Para 1 - we are trying to cut down enquiries. Page 90
with you.

" 2 - I agree

" 3 - we will have to try to keep him. He's arrogant.

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A. M. G. O. T.
PROVINCE OF ENNA

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Your ref. AMGOT/51/HQ

OFFICE OF THE SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER

my ref. 7/3/AQ

Enna, 10 Sep 43

Subject: Indirect Control of Civil Government

AMGOT HQ,
15 Army Group



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Ref your letter of above number dated 5 Sep 43.

1. I would submit that one of the obstacles to the development of the indirect system in provincial administration is the volume of detailed enquiry and administrative direction which is issued from HQ, Palermo.
2. If an Italian organisation is scrutinised as closely as the returns required would necessitate, and its procedure is governed by directives as detailed as those received, the officials concerned are bound to get into the habit of referring any action to be taken to the AMGOT officer in charge and not unnaturally feel that it would be unwise to take the responsibility for a decision themselves. They are mostly reluctant to take on any responsibility and their reluctance is certainly strengthened by this administrative development.
3. The rather peculiar circumstances in this province make the selection of candidates for office an insuperable problem. I should be glad if a dozen suitable mayors could be sent to me at an early date.

ECM.

Action at 23

[Signature]
Lt Col.,
889 A.O.

SUBJECT: AMCOT Administration.

AMCOT/51/10.

AMCOT H.Q. SICILY.

10. Sept. 43.

To: AMCOT Liaison,
15 Army Group Main.

Reference paras. 5 and 6 of AMCOT 8th Army memorandum of 6. Sept. 43, will you please explain at 15 Army Group that though the appointment of a H.Q.A.O. is contemplated, no such appointment has yet been made.

All correspondence on island-wide matters should continue to be addressed to AMCOT H.Q., Palermo, until this H.Q. has notified a change.

MB
CHARLES M. STOFFORD.
Lt. Col. G.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer.

Copy to: AMCOT 8 Army, c/o S.C.A.O. Catania.
(For information w.r.t. your memorandum referred to above)

S.C.A.O. Palermo.

(In consequence of the issue of AMCOT 8 Army memorandum referred to above it is possible that you may receive correspondence addressed to S.C.A.O., Palermo. All such correspondence should be forwarded to this H.Q.)

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File + return letter

C.S.O.

16.

This circular letter is somewhat premature and I cannot understand what made him put in the reference to a R.C.A.O. at this date. Most of the circulation will do little harm but I think we should

- yes (a) tell ANGOT Liaison to soft pedal it at ISAG
I agree do (b) warn Col. Poletti that some wrongly addressed
This. correspondence may be expected.

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Copy is in "Allied Nationals" file.

I think we should send copy to Angot Liaison and get ISAG to issue directive in para. marked with an "X" - this will help with his feelings of Yugoslavs here.

Action as above?

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Rechecked by 209/WA/JO action

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Subject :- ALLOT 8th Army Administration Sicily.

To :- ALLOT H.Q. Palermo.

ALLOT 8th Army.

6 Sep 45.



1. As ALLOT 8th Army no longer has any administrative authority over civil affairs in the island of Sicily, it is requested that the following information may be conveyed to all units concerned in Sicily.
2. Following on the complete occupation of Sicily, the island, from the point of view of ALLOT administration is known as Region 1 and is administered under the direct control of a Regional Civil Affairs Officer (R.C.A.O.) who is situated in Palermo.
3. Each province in Sicily is administered by a Senior Civil Affairs Officer (S.C.A.O.) who is responsible direct to the R.C.A.O., in Palermo.
Each S.C.A.O., has with him a small specialist staff and a number of Civil Affairs Police Officers, varying according to the size and population of the Province.
4. The Province in the area of 8th Army together with the names of the S.C.A.O.'s are as follows :-

Province of Syracuse	Lt. Col. Thunbald	Civil Affairs Syracuse.
" " Ragusa	Lt. Col. Rodi	" " Ragusa.
" " Enna	Lt. Col. Wellesley	" " Enna.
" " Catania	Lt. Col. Storey	" " Catania.
" " Messina		" " Messina.
5. Army Formations in any of the Provinces enumerated above should deal direct with the Provincial S.C.A.O.'s in matters of local administration and general policy through the relevant Area or Sub Area should there be one. In the case of field formations communication should be through the nearest C.A.O. up to the Provincial S.C.A.O.
6. Matters of high policy or those which require circulation in areas occupied by 8th Army should be sent direct to the R.C.A.O., Palermo for attention and necessary action.
7. The position of ALLOT 8th Army is as follows. A region to be called Region 2 has been forwarded which covers the three Southern Compartments or Italy, namely CALABRIA, LUCANIA and APULIA. As and when these Compartments are occupied their administration comes under the direct control of ALLOT 8th Army.
8. Both Regions 1 and 2 are responsible for matters of administration policy to H.Q. ALLOT, PALERMO, which should not be confused with the Regional Civil Affairs Officer in Palermo already referred to in this letter.

MGOT/51/HQ

MGOT HQ SICILY

6 September 1943

SUBJECT: Indirect Control of Civil Government

TO : S.C.A.O.s

1. As the second month of occupation nears completion, there are unmistakable signs that our administration is not as well advanced as it should be at this time. Supply problems remain unsolved except on a hand-to-mouth basis and there is an unevenness in administration between the provinces. Efforts are being made to correct the difficulties by contact between HQ personnel and the field.

2. It is my view that such difficulties are dependent or attributable to the failure in most localities of the S.C.A.O.s and their subordinates to rely sufficiently on the Italian administration. Ours is a military government of indirect control and it is essential, not only to conserve our personnel but to get the job properly done, that the most competent Italian personnel available be drawn in to the administration and put to work. At this time there should be no vacancies in the office of Sindaco in any important commune and candidates for the office of prefect should have been found in most provinces, and submitted to this HQ for approval.

3. Italian personnel must, of course, be carefully chosen. However on the basis of the investigation that has already been completed you should be pretty well aware of the reliable elements in your province. A political check of civil servants and office holders by means of a questionnaire is to be commenced shortly of which you will be further advised.

4. A number of names of individuals who could be of assistance to our administration have been suggested and include the following former ex-deputies and others:

Guido Airolidi, Palermo
 Guarino Anelli, Agrigento
 Costa, Trapani
 Cigna, Caltanissetta
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5. It will be necessary in the near future to make further substantial reductions in the administrative personnel in the provinces and possibly to combine the AMGOT personnel for one or more of the provinces in a single group. It is imperative that the responsibility for administrative routine be shifted to the most capable Italian personnel at the earliest possible moment.

Distribution:

Agrigento
 Caltanissetta
 Catania
 Enna
 Messina
 Palermo
 Ragusa
 Siracusa
 Trapani

AMGOT Liaison
 AMGOT 8th Army
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MAJOR GENERAL
 Chief Civil Affairs Officer

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29. August. 43.

C. S. O.,
Headquarters,
AMGOT,
PALERMO.



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Reference your letter 51/HQ of 25. Aug. 43 and my reply AL/4/270 of 28. Aug.

The C.G.S. spoke to me again this morning and said that as MESSINA was to all intents and purposes still an actively operational area and as PALERMO was being used in connection with further operations, it was thought that these two areas should remain as they are at present unless the Army Commanders wished otherwise. I asked him if he would consult the Army Commanders and he said he would do so in due course.

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[Signature]
Colonel,
S. S. O.

AMGOT Liaison,
15 Army Group Main,
FIELD.
RJPT/JG.

CCAO to take up with JG as 15 Aug.

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SUBJECT: Milit / Government of SICILY

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29 Aug 43.

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Reference this H.Q. Memorandum of 31 July 43 directing that the A.M.G.O.T. administration assigned to certain provinces only would become directly responsible to the Military Governor of SICILY through his Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

It is considered that the present time seems opportune for the government of the remainder of the island to be placed under the same arrangement.

Please forward your views on this at your earliest opportunity.

C. N. L. H. E. D.
MAJOR GENERAL,
CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF,
H.Q. 15 ARMY GROUP.

In the Field.

C. S. O.

Below for information only.

DB 3/5.

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AL/4/270

28. August. 43.

C. S. O.,
Headquarters,
AMGOT,
PAIER D.



Reference your letter 51/HQ dated 25. Aug. 43,
received to-day.

C.G.S. is taking this up with the C-in-C and
the necessary communications will be addressed to the
two Armies.

[Signature]
COLONEL,
S. S. O.

AMGOT Liaison,
15 Army Group Main,
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Finance Officer,

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5. Except where impracticable, by reason of distance, time, or communication, AMGOT HQ personnel on inspection trips or on special missions will notify the S.C.A.O. of their presence. Orders or instructions, ^{except} on technical matters, will not be given directly to personnel in the field by HQ officers.

6. The following agencies and activities, by reason of their special

3. S.C.A.O.s will be responsible for assignments of personnel within the provinces. However, except in case of emergency, personnel will not be assigned to duty other than that for which they have been regularly assigned to the province without the consent of AMGOT HQ.

4. Communication by AMGOT HQ with personnel assigned to the provinces, including specialist personnel, will be through the S.C.A.O. Communications to specialist personnel should be addressed as follows:

_____, Finance Officer,

through

_____, S.C.A.O.

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6. The following agencies and activities, by reason of their special character, will be handled directly by AMGOT HQ:

- (a) AMFA
- (b) Trunk line railways and other railways crossing provincial ^{lines}
- (c) Post offices and postal systems
- (d) Telephones
- (e) Telegraphs
- (f) Electric utilities
- (g) Sicily reformatory ^{at}
- (h) State prisons ^{situated at}
- (i) Social insurance systems
- (j) Courts of appeal

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AMGOT HQ personnel handling any of the foregoing may be temporarily or regularly stationed in the provinces. They will be responsible to AMGOT HQ directly and will communicate directly with AMGOT HQ. They should, however, make known their presence and the nature of their duty to the S.C.A.O.

7. When certain activities, which are local in character, assume interprovincial or island-wide aspects, they may also be handled directly by AMGOT HQ. Examples of such activities are:

- (a) Interprovincial supply and transport
- (b) Interprovincial movement of labor
- (c) Evacuation of refugees
- (d) Registration and evacuation of lost and refugee children
- (e) Apprehension of criminals or suspects who have crossed provincial boundaries.

The organization of the activities such as the foregoing on interprovincial basis will be the responsibility of the special divisions. Each of these activities will be coordinated with local arrangements of S.C.A.O.s in the same field. Where the local arrangements are in conflict with and operate to obstruct the interprovincial or island-wide arrangements, the latter will prevail.

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AMCOT HQ G.I.IX
25 August 1943

Memorandum to: S.S.O.
AMCOT LIAISON
15 Army Group

According to the arrangements set forth in General Alexander's memorandum of 31 July, it is now appropriate to place the balance of the island directly under AMCOT HQ. Accordingly, the C.C.A.^U asks that this be taken up with General Alexander. For convenience I enclose a draft memorandum to C.G. 7th Army and G.O.C. 8th Army which will, I think, serve the purpose.

Will you take up this matter and advise us.

Encl.

CHARLES H. SPORFORD
Lt. Col., G.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
15 Army Group
August 1943

To: C. G. 7th Army

Referring to my memorandum of 31 July 1943 directing that AMGOT administration assigned to certain provinces should become directly responsible to me as Military Governor through my Chief Civil Affairs Officer, I now direct that like arrangements will become effective as of today's date for that portion of the island of Sicily not specified in the memorandum. Accordingly, effective on this date, the AMGOT administration assigned to the provinces of Messina and Enna and that portion of the province of Palermo east of a line Cefalu - Santa Caterina - Villarmosa will become directly responsible to me as Military Governor through my Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

General
G.O.C.-in-C
and
Military Governor of Sicily

HEADQUARTERS
15 Army Group
August 1943

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General
G.O.C.-in-C.
and
Military Governor of Sicily

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C O P Y

Headquarters

10th Army Group

31st July, 1943

C. G. Seventh Army

1. As Military Governor of the occupied territory in Sicily I direct that the following arrangements affecting the administration of the military government will become effective on 31st July, 1943.
2. Heretofore the AMGOT administration in all territory occupied by your forces has been responsible to me through you. Effective at the date above mentioned the AMGOT administration assigned to the provinces of Trapani, Agrigento and Caltanissetta and that portion of the province of Palermo west of a line Cefalu - Santa Caterina-Villamosa will become directly responsible to me as Military Governor through my Chief Civil Affairs Officer.
3. AMGOT personnel in the provinces of Palermo and Messina, where operations are still in progress, will continue to be responsible to you. When the tactical situation in these provinces or substantial parts of them permits, it is my intention to put into effect arrangements for such territory similar to those which I have set forth above.

/s/ H. B. ALLEGRA

General

C. G. C-in-C

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/s/ H. R. ALEXANDER

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Military Governor of Sicily

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BB C. S. C.
Copy this file to P.A.
L. v. S.

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 letter before they forwarded it and
 asked if I objected. I told him
 to send it, I don't believe
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 we are carrying out as far as
 we can.

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AMGOT/51/HQ

18 August 1943

Subject: AMGOT Policy

To : C.C.A.O.

1. Attached is a draft comment on the Dickson memorandum. I have taken the liberty of including the thoughts suggested in the memorandum to the C.G.

2. I suggest merely sending a copy to the Military Government Section.

AMGOT HQ
15 Army Group
Encl.

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Lt. Col., G.S.C.
C.S.O.

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(Draft Cable of 18 August 1943)

To: C.G. 7th Army

The memorandum of Col. B. A. Dickson, G-2, II Corps, has been referred to me. Col. Dickson comments on the fact that certain officials who operated under Fascism are still in office, that the tax system is still in effect, as is the system for collection and distribution of grain and cereals. He outlines a five-point program of propaganda based on "future hopes."

The AMGOT administration is actively engaged in working out tentative solutions to the numerous problems raised by the imposition of military government on the Fascist system. It has already issued several General Orders implementing the policies of the two governments laid down by the CCS. The matter of revising the tax structure and the system for production and distribution of foodstuffs is one that has far reaching implications and which cannot be effectively accomplished in a period of five weeks, ^{during} ~~in~~ which the HQ personnel charged with matters of this sort have been on the island for a matter of only 10 days.

I think it is fair to say, nevertheless, that all of the conditions mentioned by Col. Dickson are known to us and we are dealing with them to the best of our ability.

As to the propaganda of future hopes, I have two comments: first, I believe that the only propaganda of lasting value is accomplishment and not promises. There will undoubtedly be a period of disillusionment before the whole Fascist economy can be soundly reconstructed, but I feel that this is less serious to us than would be the reaction to vague commitments which

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Please prepare two drafts
(a) to C.G. 7th Army on the lines that
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feasibility in the terms of reference
given to C.C.S. which will be found
in the Ampt's letter (which should be
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which go far beyond what C.G.
perhaps realizes etc. etc.

(b) Send a copy of the II Corps memo
and my reply to C.C. 7 Army to
Maj. Gen. with the comment that
I am still not satisfied with the position.
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I am not prepared to participate in
any propaganda campaign relating
to the losses which we have
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inclined to present a fiscal
system which does not in fact work
or is suggested in paragraph 2, at the
stage, or to reorganize farm products
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HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH ARMY

Date 9 Aug 43

TO: Amgat (Col Poletti)

FROM: AG

For:

1. Approval or Disapproval.
2. Appropriate action.
3. Comment or concurrence.
4. Correction and return.
5. Data on which to base reply.
6. Investigation and report.
7. Issuance of orders.
8. Notation and return.
9. Preparation of draft for reply.
10. Publication.
11. Remark and recommendation.
12. Signature.
- ✓ 13. Your information.
14. For necessary action and direct reply to writer.
15. To A. G. Files.
16. Note and forward.
17. For indorsement.
18. Retype.
19. For initials of responsible officer.

See att. note **70**

NOTE: Check applicable paragraph above.

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To Lt Col Poletti
Civil Affairs
For info

by
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HEADQUARTERS II CORPS
Office of A. C. of S., G-2
APO 302

MEMORANDUM TO: Chief of Staff.

1. Civil Situation: In effecting military government in Sicily, AMGOT officers are utilizing the old civil officials who operated under Fascism, except when those officials are taken into custody by the CIC because of their Fascist activities. AMGOT officers are instructed to continue the old tax system in order to collect funds to partially support local government. The old tax system patently favors the richer elements of the population. Allied government is also utilizing the old system of collecting a portion of the produce raised, for storage in public warehouses and later public sale. This means that the old system is being carried out by the old personalities under the authority of the Allied Government. While it is recognized that this is a temporary measure, the officers who have been charged with the administration of the various communities have been given no directives outlining the over-all system of government and taxation which Sicily is finally to have. The civilians, after an initial period of hope, find no change in their government and no promise of a change.

2. Effect on Combat Troops: The growing disillusionment of the civilian population which so warmly welcomed the Allies will, unless something is done to check it, affect combat efficiency of Allied armies. In their enthusiasm Sicilians have so far given valuable information concerning the enemy, even to include the Italian Army. Information regarding enemy troops, installations, headquarters, Fascist Party records, hidden stocks of arms and food, as well as Fascist leaders, has been volunteered to American troops. Even the enemy troops before us have been disaffected and have deserted to return to their homes, to live under what they believe will be better conditions. If the Allies do not show themselves interested in more than conquest of the country, the assistance of the civilian population along lines outlined above may be expected to decrease. Unapprehended Fascists are likely to become active. The disillusionment will spread ahead of our troops and will undoubtedly be seized upon by Axis propagandists, and the resistance of Italian elements will be strengthened.

3. Recommendations: It is recommended that II Corps CIC personnel and AMGOT officers attached to II Corps and its component divisions be permitted to spread a propaganda of future hopes along the lines outlined below. It is further recommended that AMGOT officers, in meeting practical problems, be permitted to act along lines paralleling this propaganda when such action is necessary to solve particular local problems.

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It is desirable to read the belief that:-

- a. The administration that held office under Fascism will be replaced as rapidly as suitable replacements can be found in the local population. AMGOT should make an early concerted effort to find these.
- b. The favoritism of the present tax system will be done away with, and the present landholders' freedom from taxation on his produce and retailers' freedom from taxation on material goods will be abolished.
- c. The system of collecting agricultural products from the producers will be supplanted by one under which the individual will have control of the sale of his products under a maximum price scheme.
- d. The present price and wage fixing of AMGOT should emphasize and enforce the higher wage scale before the higher price system.
- e. Any modification of the above suggestions which will achieve the same result, but be in greater conformity with eventual plans of AMGOT, would of course be satisfactory.

B. A. Dickson
B. A. DICKSON,
Colonel, G. S. C.,
A. C. of S., G-2.

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HEADQUARTERS II CORPS
APO 302

7 August 1943

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Lieutenant General G. S. Patton, Jr.

1. I am attaching a memorandum written by Colonel Dickson, G-2, with reference to our handling of Italian civilian personnel.

2. I believe this subject is one which must be dictated by the 15th Army Group or maybe even by AFHQ. I do believe that it is a very important one and one which should secure careful consideration. It not only affects our operations in Sicily and any future ones in Italy, but it might well form a pattern for future operations in other countries.

O. N. Bradley
O. N. BRADLEY
Lieutenant General
Commanding

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