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AMCOT HQ., SICILY
1 October 1943

SUBJECT: Allied Military Courts - Sentences.

TO : All Senior Civil Affairs Officers
and All Senior Legal Officers.

1. On page 10 of minutes of meeting of Senior Civil Affairs Officers ref. AMCOT/263/HQ, the report is contained of directions of Chief Civil Affairs Officer that there was to be no suspension of any sentence pending his decision as to whether or not he would revise it.
2. The above directions have been cancelled by the Chief Civil Affairs Officer and the directive contained in para. 3 of this instruction has been substituted.
3. All Allied Military Courts may impose suspended sentences. As, however, this type of sentence has been much too frequently imposed in the past, Allied Military Courts will suspend a sentence only when it is desirable, having regard to special circumstances of the case, such as the age or other circumstances of the accused, or such as the fact that the accused has acted without any bad intent but has still committed a minor offence.
4. Senior Civil Affairs Officers have no power to review cases, or suspend sentences.
5. The Chief Civil Affairs Officer is concerned about the smallness of sentences imposed for grave offences where the accused has been found "guilty". The attention of all officers who sit on Allied Military Courts will be drawn to the fact that sentences must not only be assessed on the circumstances in which the offence was committed, but also on the gravity of the offence, the frequency with which the offence occurs and its effect on Military Security. As an example, illiterate peasants have frequently been committing the grave offence of cutting off pieces of Military telephone wires. This offence has generally been committed openly to obtain binding wire and with little or no knowledge of the possibilities of its results on the Allied Forces. Nevertheless, the offence must be punished severely as it is a grave offence, is very prevalent and the whole security of the Army may be jeopardised by it.

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Copies of Correspondence.

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H.C.S.,
A.F.H.Q.

27th September 3

Ref your cable 8413 dated 23rd September 1943.

As requested, 10 copies of each of the following are forwarded herewith.

- (1) ANGOT/1056/PS dated 17th September 1943 to all S.C.A.O.s.
- (2) Italian translation of (1).
- (3) ANGOT/263/HQ dated 30th August 1943 - memorandum for S.C.A.O. meeting.
- (4) ANGOT/263/HQ dated 7th September 1943 amending (3) above.
- (5) ANGOT/2034/L dated 19th September 1943 to all Senior Legal Officers.

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

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TO: FILIPOT FOR AMGOT
ORIG NO: 3413 CITE FMCSTOO 1401B/23
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TOR 0930B/24REPROGRAPHED DOCUMENTS.

REQUEST YOU FORWARD 10 EXTRA COPIES OF FOLLOWING.

YOUR 1056/PS OF 17 SEPTEMBER REFERENCE PRISON REMAINS
YOUR 253/HC OF 30 AUGUST YOUR 4034/1 OF 19 SEPTEMBER

THIS TO INSURE PROPER DISTRIBUTION TO ALL INTERESTED.

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Responsibility of S.C.A.Os. for
AMCOT Operations in Provinces.
S.C.A.O. - S.P.H.O.

AMCOT/90/10.

21 Sep. 3.

1. Further to your request of 11 Sep. 43, and our AMCOT/90/10,
dated 19 Sep. 43, forwarding memorandum on above subject.

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2. Copy of amendment thereto dated 7 Sep. 43, is sent herewith.

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CHARLES H. STOFFORD,
Colonel, G. S. C.
Chief Staff Officer.

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AMCOT/DO/HD
AMCOT Hq SICILY
19 September 1943

SUBJECT: Responsibility of S.C.A.Os for
AMCOT Operations in Provinces

TO : M.G.S., A.F.H.Q.

Reference your request of 11 September 1943:

A copy of memorandum on above subject is
forwarded herewith.

h CHARLES K. SPOFFORD
Colonel, G. S. C.
Chief Staff Officer.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Military Government Section



11 September 1943.

SUBJECT: Responsibility of S.C.A.O.s for AMGOT
Operations in Provinces.

TO : HQ AMG, Sicily.

It is requested that this section be furnished a copy of letter
20 August, file number AMG/HQ/263/HQ.

Action taken at 34
10/11/43.

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Major.

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AMGOT/263/HQ

AMGOT HQ SICILY

7 September 1943

SUBJECT: Responsibility of S.C.A.O.s for AMGOT
Operations in Provinces

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

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Reference letter dated 20 August 1943, file number AMGOT/263/HQ,
on above subject, the following amendments are made effective immediately:

1. Add to Paragraph 6 the following new subsections:

- (1) Allocation and distribution of coal and petroleum products.
- (m) Production, transport and distribution of sulphur and its bi-products and cement.

2. Add to Paragraph 7 the following new subsection:

- (f) Importation to and exportation from Sicily of all products.

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Chief Staff Officer

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AMGOT/263/HQ

HEADQUARTERS AMGOTMINUTES OF MEETING OF S.C.A.O.s AND AMGOT HEADQUARTERS
STAFF HELD AT HQ AMGOT, PALERMO
20 - 21 AUGUST 1943PRESENT

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 Brigadier General McSherry
 Col. Cheyne
 Col. Thorne Thorne
 Col. Grafftey Smith
 Lt. Col. Chanler
 Lt. Col. Harris
 Lt. Col. Hayes
 Lt. Col. Martin
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The political trend would be dependant on developments on the mainland of Italy, and were, as yet, not clear on the island.

The first flush of enthusiasm on the part of the people was now over and they were already beginning to ask for - and later they would probably be demanding - assistance of all forms. To prevent this, as far as we could, we should do our utmost to make the Sicilians more self reliant.

The C.C.A.O. pointed out that from the political standpoint he saw three possible sources of difficulty:

- (a) The Sicilian Independence movement, which was making itself felt throughout the island, should be discouraged and all meetings forbidden. We should discount all Sicilian statements that they would really like to be governed by some other country.
- (b) Communism - the most evident signs of this emanate from the Sulphur miners where unemployment and delay in wage payments is now exisitant.

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- (c) The Mafia - Recrudescence of this was apparent but the C.C.A.O. did not believe it existed to any great extent throughout the island. It was thought to exist, however, in Trapani, Agrigento and Caltanissetta.

As to the general administration of AMGOT the C.C.A.O. expressed his opinion that the administration had now been set up, at least in a preliminary way. Public opinion abroad seemed, now, to be favorable to AMGOT but he warned that this condition need not necessarily continue. At the present moment main criticism was directed to the point that AMGOT had still been allowing many Fascists their freedom while many anti-Fascists were still behind bars.

3. Reports from S.C.A.O.s (Item 2 Agenda)

S.C.A.O. Palermo

- (1). Politics - The situation is quiet.

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- (5) Courts - Black markets were still in evidence. Curfew violations, originally numerous, were now diminishing. Security is satisfactory, there being only a few cases of looting to report. The S.C.A.O. expected that the most serious problems would now commence with the city, at present, being "On Limits" to troops.
- (6) Italian Personnel - Many leaders had left their posts before we occupied the City - these have now, to a great extent, been replaced. The Deputy Mayor and the head of the Food Administration has been arrested. A total of about 150 active Fascists have been jailed but the personnel situation, generally, was reported as encouraging.
- B. S.C.A.O. Siracusa

- (1) Politics - There was very little activity and what there was was not of a troublesome nature. C.C.A.O. recommended closer liaison with G.2, C.I.C. and Field Security.

- (2) Health and Welfare - The health conditions were satisfactory except for an outbreak of typhoid in Rossilini where it may be expected to

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increase. Welfare question has been in the hands of 3 Mayors who were being closely checked - names of all those benefiting from relief were being posted.

- (3) Financial - The S.C.A.O. had no report to make pending the preparation of a report now being completed by his F.O.
- (4) Civilian Supply - The S.C.A.O. was of the opinion that, whereas the situation was now satisfactory, conditions would, by October, definitely be bad. 65-70 tons of wheat daily would then be required. A Provincial organization to combine all Entes had been set up and was functioning satisfactorily. The milk situation was poor; later in the year his province would be able to export oranges.
- (5) Courts - The only difficulty was with sabotage cases. Many sentences could not be imposed owing to insufficient evidence being supplied by the Army. The General Court meets on Monday. Referring to the Army's having left insufficient evidence, General Rennell requested that a full report on that subject be submitted.

C. S.C.A.O. Catania

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- (5) Courts - Several sessions had been held. The S.C.A.O. however pointed out the lack of legal officers.

- (6) Italian Personnel - The S.C.A.O. reported he had an excellent Podesta and a new Prefect. The Questore had been locked up as a result of earlier reports. Reports on him now, however, were proving more favourable. Field Security had been very good in assisting him. The S.C.A.O. reported that he still had many complaints to make on the subject of Military and Naval breaches of discipline 89.

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D. S.C.A.O. Messina

- (1) The S.C.A.O. reported that he entered the city the morning it was captured between 1100 and 1130 hours and found 60% of the buildings in ruins. Only one quarter of the population was left in the city, this, in his estimation totaling 50-55,000 people. 15,000 or more were known to have been living in Tunnels, caves and shelters. There was practically no food in the City.

As far as he had been able to ascertain in the short period he had been there the S.C.A.O. believed the health situation was still satisfactory. The S.C.A.O. reported that upon entering Messina he was offered the hospitality of a Seminary by the local monks. After being shelled 3 times during his first night he moved his quarters into the centre of the City. Despite shelling still continuing he reported the populace to be cheerful.

At 1400 hours 19 August 1943, the U.S. Forces were relieved by the British. That night the S.C.A.O. found that he and his AMGOT contingent were the only military in the city as a consequence of which he and his subordinates were obliged to mount guard through the night.

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- (4) The meeting was temporarily adjourned at 1940 hours.
 (5) The meeting was reconvened at 0900 hours 21 August 1943.
 (6) Reports from S.C.A.O.s (continued).

E. S.C.A.O. Trapani

- (1) Politics - It was reported that a slight separatist activity was evident in this province and that the Province was reported to be one of the strongest Anti-Fascist sectors of the Island.

- (2) Health and Welfare - A good deal of malaria was found. The Medical Officer was now working on his report. There were also a few mild cases of typhoid but the S.C.A.O. was not yet in a position to

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estimate the exact total. The S.C.A.O. had visited the prison on the island of Favignana. The conditions there were extremely bad. There had been extensive bombing. Most of the cells were below sea level and water had seeped in through the cracked walls. The prison chief had apparently been cheating the prisoners of a great part of their meagre rations with the consequence that they were in an unbelievably starved and emaciated condition. They were all suffering severely from scabbies. The prison Doctor was promptly dismissed and replaced by an Army Doctor. Rations are now being distributed more equitably. A recommendation to have this prison evacuated was now being prepared. There were 139 prisoners involved. The C.C.A.O. ordered that the prison be evacuated immediately to Ustica.

Both Trapani and Marsala have been heavily bombed and Provincial engineers have been put to work on immediate reconstruction of dangerous walls. Debris is being hauled away but the housing problem is acute. The S.C.A.O. is working on a scheme to convert a large barracks into a home for approximately 500 families. The cost of this would approximate £30,000 - and a survey would be submitted shortly.

(3) Financial - All the bank buildings had been destroyed. A financial survey would shortly be submitted. To date, excluding individual projects, L. 16,000,000 had been spent.

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The S.C.A.O. reported that the industry of his province was primarily that of growing wine. He was endeavouring to obtain supplies of a much needed chemical from North Africa. Gen. Rennell requested that the 8th Army be approached with a view to the S.C.A.O. selling them some of his wine.

(5) Courts - While progress had been slow to date action had just commenced and S.C.A.O. expected satisfactory results. Security offered no major problems. Most of the Fascists had left the province. The present prefect, allegedly a mild Fascist, was now being charged.

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- The S.C.A.O. reported that the industry of his province was primarily that of growing wine. He was endeavoring to obtain supplies of a much needed chemical from North Africa. Gen. Rennell requested that the 8th Army be approached with a view to the S.C.A.O. selling them some of his wine.
- (5) Courts - While progress had been slow to date action had just commenced and S.C.A.O. expected satisfactory results. Security offered no major problems. Most of the Fascists had left the province. The present prefect, allegedly a mild Fascist, was now being charged.

One of the S.C.A.O.s difficulties was the complete loss of all former records and files. He was also looking for a mine disposal detail.

Col. Poletti asked whether any policy had been arrived at in connection with housing projects. The reply was that so far there had been no advance. C.C.A.O. directed that each case be handled on its own merits. The same to apply to damaged buildings. The questions of emergency and priority on materials should come before the question of money. In connection with the rebuilding of bridges, C.C.A.O. advised the meeting that Gen. Alexander had ordered all Engineers of both armies to work on this problem forthwith subject only to Military priorities. The only present priority was that of the Messina - Catania road, otherwise all remaining units were working on Railroads and Bridges submitted to HQ for priority.

S.C.A.O.s were, in the meantime, to carry on as best they could with private labor. The C.C.A.O. further directed that the Genio Civile and Public Works were to be used, as they now are, to carry on under the advice of Army Engineers.

Col. Poletti asked Col. Thomas whether he could supply Palermo with some of the Trapani fish. Col. Thomas was obliged to regret as he, himself, was still short of fish for his own Province. This was apparently a condition prevalent throughout all Provinces.

F. S.C.A.O. Enna

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C.C.A.O., at this point, directed all S.C.A.O.s to continue a Provincial management of Railroads, roads, and other public works until this could be handled on an island-wide basis by the State.

The S.C.A.O. further reported that he had instructed the tax collectors to collect half of the taxes due before receiving instructions from HQ on this point. He, however, expressed confidence in his ability to collect the balance at a later date.

As regards Sulphur which was the main product of his area, the S.C.A.O. recommended closing the mines in order to save pumping. There was plenty of available sulphur lying around.

The wheat has been satisfactorily brought in and the millers were being organized.

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The black market in grain was reported to be small whereas the black market in flour was large. In this connection the S.C.A.O. stated that his police force was inadequate to assure proper control.

The local millers were still being used, but they are the ones responsible for the flour black markets.

C.C.A.O. requested A.D.P.S. to study the question of transfer of personnel and also stated that sulphur could now not be taken away as ships bringing supplies into the island and leaving empty could not, as yet, be delayed by the time required to load them.

The S.C.A.O. further stated that he had railroad facilities in the greater part of his Province which he would like to use for the transport of vegetables, etc.

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The C.C.A.O. directed that the C.A.O.s make a point of seeing everyone they can.

The S.C.A.O. reported that a further grievance the people had shown was on the score of the suspension of the Sussedi Militari and that the relief was not more than the Sussedi Militari.

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- (2) Health and Welfare - There were many refugees in Agrigento Province and the S.C.A.O. was pursuing the policy of discouraging their leaving. There were also many refugees from North Africa and these were being sent to where they had families where possible.

The S.C.A.O. reported that he had set up soup kitchens where the needy could obtain free meals. There was considerable distress among the miners who were unemployed and who still had back wages coming to them from private companies.

The C.C.A.O. directed that private companies be compelled to pay these back wages. In connection with the soup kitchens Gen. Rennell directed the S.C.A.O. to pay out relief and that the people who then chose to go to the soup kitchens be made to pay for what they consumed.

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The Carabinieri had lost some prestige and as a result their position was rather uncertain.

H. S.C.A.O. Ragusa

- (1) Politics - The S.C.A.O. reported there was a general feeling against all who had served the Fascists. He had experienced difficulty in finding good replacements. Attempts to hold meetings for Sicilian Independence had been stopped.

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- (2) Health and Welfare - The health report was good, there being only a few cases of Malaria and typhoid. The civil hospitals were good but suffered from a shortage of medical supplies.

The usual complaints existed against relief instead of Sussedi Militari.

- (3) Finance - The Intendente had been paying all salaries.
- (4) Civilian Supply - The grain position is generally satisfactory and when that is not so the Carabinieri will be able to handle it. The situation in Vittoria was also reported to be satisfactory.

While originally a surplus of meat had been indicated, owing to considerable sales to both armies, this would now be reduced.

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The coal shortage was the Province's greatest problem. The S.C.A.O. reported that he was working on a scheme to exchange wheat for meat and other foods.

(5) Courts - General cases of looting and unlawful possession of arms were being tried. One sabotage case was now being tried by a General Court. The S.C.A.O. reported that the prison was found to be in better condition than expected. He had, however, found many cases of individuals who had been imprisoned from 1 to 5 years without trial.

The C.C.A.O. directed the C.L.O. to take up the case of over 100 Arabs who were imprisoned.

- (6) Italian Personnel - The S.C.A.O. reported that the Prefect was anti-Fascist in sympathy. The Vice-Prefect was weak and had been replaced by a stronger man who was also public spirited.

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MATTERS BROUGHT UP BY HEADQUARTERS

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- (1) Curfew "at Dark" - It was decided that no change would be made.
- (2) Extension of 10 km. restriction - Agreed (Action C.S.O.)
- (3) Granting of arms permits - approved as amended (Action C.S.O.)
- (4) Allowing Real Estate sales up to L. 50,000 - It was decided that it would be the responsibility of each S.C.A.O. to approve the sale if he considers each sale to be at an equitable price.

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- (5) Eliminating word Podesta and substituting Sindaco - Agreed (Action C.S.O.).
 - (6) It was decided to change the time of arrival of Legal Reports, Public Safety Reports, and General Reports from the third day of each month to the seventh day of each month (Action C.S.O.).
 - (7) The suggestion was made to have the possibility investigated of parolees reporting to the C.A.P.O. and not to the C.A.O. (Action C.S.O.).

(b) Public Health Division

- (1) Available medical supplies - It was decided that M.O.s were in future to be given information by S.C.A.O.s (Action D.P.H.).
- (2) Weekly reports for D.P.H. - Agreed (Action D.P.H.).

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- (4) Explanation of orders and list of Maximum prices will shortly be sent out. (Action D.C.S.R.)
- (5) With reference to a proposed draft for Agricultural Control, S.C.A.O.s were requested to send in their suggestions.
- (6) The same request made on labor. D.C.S.R. stated that he was contemplating the abolition of both Employers' and Employees' Syndicates and that a plan would be circulated.
- (7) A truck and rail system was now commencing. Initially it is to be an intra and later inter provincial project.
- (8) D.C.S.R. directed that no street cars, no elevators, and no other non-essential use of power be allowed.
- (9) D.C.S.R. directed that permission be first obtained from HQ before starting any new industries. He further directed that details as to the essential nature of the end product and its use be submitted.

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- (10) S.C.A.O.s were directed to send in their suggestions on the question of imports and exports.
- (11) Fishing could now be permitted all around the coast of Sicily but the warning was given that the naval authorities should be contacted at all points where fishing existed.
- (12) It was requested that all S.C.A.O.s send in the paper on cost of living.

(9) Responsibility of S.C.A.O.s for AMGOT operations in Provinces (Appended to Agenda). The D.C.C.A.O. briefly reviewed a Memorandum on the above subject which had been circulated before the meeting. This was approved.

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The D.C.C.A.O. directed S.C.A.O.s to visit their C.A.O.s more often and to commend to HQ their good officers. He also stressed the importance of all AMGOT officers making every effort to, at all times, maintain a military appearance.

The D.C.C.A.O. concluded his remarks by saying that so far the job has been well done.

The meeting adjourned at 1540 hours.

Distribution to those present

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CAREL VAN HEUKELOM
1st Lieut., AC
Secretary

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30 August 1943

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For: S.C.A.O. Meeting - 20 August 1943
 (Minute received too late to be included in Agenda)

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 Trunk line railways and other railways crossing provincial lines,
 Post offices and postal systems,
 Telephones,
 Telegraphs.

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Telegraphs,
Electric utilities, except local utilities not inter-connected
with island grid,
Maily reformatories,
State prisons,
Social insurance systems,
Courts of appeal,
Courts of assize.

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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:

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Interprovincial supply and transport
 Interprovincial movement of labor
 Evacuation of refugees
 Registration and evacuation of lost and
 refugee children
 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.Os 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.

Charles M. Spofford
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 Lieut Colonel G.S.C.
 Chief Staff Officer.

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

Your ref.

OFFICE OF THE SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER

my ref. 7/4/AQ

Date. 18 Aug 43.

Subject: S.C.A.Os.' Conference.

C.C.A.O.,
AMGOT HQ,
15 Army Group,
Palermo.



I refer to instructions received on the occasion of your visit to Enna and have to submit the following subjects for addition to the agenda of the conference of S.C.A.Os.

1. Status of Italian officers employed in civilian organisations and/or still at large in plain clothes.
2. Exchange of information between P.W. and their families.
3. Inter-AMGOT communications and distribution of Proclamations and forms.
4. Distribution of 15 Army Group Orders.
5. Access to N.A.A.F.I. and D.I.D. for AMGOT Sections. Pay and rations O.Rs. and Servant Allowance O.Rs.' Messes.
6. Use of Allied Military and/or Italian Courts for offenses against Proclamations and Notices on one hand and also Italian Law.
7. Liability for tax in respect of damaged premises, commandeered possessions, etc.

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8. Inter-provincial permits and passes generally.
 9. Sulphur mines.
 10. Loan and use of military road building equipment for repair of roads and bridges.
 11. Messing arrangements.
 12. Payment of Social Insurance contributions and benefits.
 13. Detention and disposal of persons held in custody under sundry military commitments.
 14. Civilian use of railways for passengers and freight.
 15. Enna hospital.
 16. Interpreters' pool. ;
 17. Transport.
 18. Post Offices.

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discuss these with
our own to the whole team*

P.B. *P.C.*

[Signature]
Lt Col.,
S.C.A.O.

Subject:- SCAO's Meeting

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Memorandum to Division Heads

1. In as much as all SCAOs have reported in this morning, they will be available for discussion with Division Heads to-day.
2. The SCAO's meeting originally scheduled for 0900 hours 21 Aug 43 will convene at 1800 hours 20 Aug 43.

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AMGOT HQ
15 Army Group.

Aut no. 14000 1st Lt. Col.
CHARLES M. SPOTFORD,
Lt-Col., G. S. C.,
Chief Staff Officer.

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Subject: SCAO's Meeting

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ALGOT/265/119

20 Aug 43

To: ALL SCAOs

From: CCAO

The meeting is divided into two parts

(i) in the evening

I want SCAOs to report on their provinces succinctly and to state their principal complaints and difficulties.

(ii) in the morning

ALGOT Headquarters have some points to raise. These are stated on the agenda. I will take the points myself and try to get through as many as possible.

I want everyone to keep quiet except when they really feel strongly in the morning. I will raise the issues and ask some member of the meeting to suggest an answer. I then want other members to agree or disagree, but not to make speeches or enter into discussions.

The whole meeting is devoted to Sicily, and not to what may happen elsewhere. The points made are to be those which concern the individual member present, and not higher policy or what someone else may think.

Allied or other public opinion is not involved. All that is involved is the subject of Sicily and of each province represented. The object is to secure uniformity of administration of Sicily within the limits of our resources and limitation. Shortages of staff and transport are not subjects for discussion. Every SCAO and Head of Division will soon be added of staff and probably of transport too.

Complaints or difficulties with combat formations are not for discussion. We accept them and we know all about them at Headquarters - probably more than any SCAO does, and we deal with them as we can.

(C) in the evening

I want SCAs to report on their provinces succinctly and to state their principal complaints and difficulties.

(ii) in the morning

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I know that all Headquarters divisions want more information and written work than can be achieved. But SCAs must realize that Headquarters want uniformity. We are now a Government and not a collection of parishes.

I will tell SCAs what we know, want and fear. They will decide how we can help them and what we just don't understand.

ALCON HQ
15 Army Group.

Major-General,
Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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AGENDA FOR SOAO MEETING

20 AUG 1945

AFTERNOON SESSION 10.00 hours

1. Introductory Remarks by G.C.M.O.
2. Reports from S.C.M.Os -
 - (a) Political
 - (b) Welfare and Health
 - (c) Financial
 - (d) Civilian Supply
 - (e) Civilian and Military Courts, other legal reports and security
 - (f) Italian personnel.

MORNING SESSION 09.00 hours

3. Matters to be brought up by Headquarters
 - (a) Headquarters Staff
 - (1) Change in curfew hour to "1st Dark".
 - (2) Extension of 10 kilometre restriction on circulation of individuals.
 - (3) Authority to grant arms permits under certain restrictions (Appendix 'C')
 - (4) Permission to authorize real estate sales up to L.50,000.
 - (5) Desirability of eliminating the title "pedesta".
 - (6) Material to be included in S.C.M.O. reports (Appendix 'A').
 - (7) Instructions re parole of Prisoners of War (Appendix 'B'). and reporting of same.

- (d) Civilian Supply
- (e) Civilian and Military Courts, other legal reports and security
- (f) Italian personnel.

MEETING SESSION 09.00 hours

5. Matters to be brought up by Headquarters

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 - (2) Extension of 10 kilometre restriction on circulation of individuals.
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 - (7) Instructions re parole of Prisoners of War (Appendix 'B').
- (b) Public Health Division.
 - (1) Available Medical Supplies.
 - (2) Weekly reports re hospital situation, medical personnel and communicable disease.
- (c) Public Safety Division.
 - (1) Police personnel.
 - (2) Mafia and lawlessness.
- (d) Property Control Division.
 - (1) Records and Inventory of State Property.
- (e) Public Relations Officer.
 - (1) Reception of PALMIRO radio broadcasts in the field.
 - (2) Possibility of re-installing town-wide loudspeakers.
 - (3) Distribution of papers and news.

(f) Financial Division

- (4) Scale of wages and relief now being paid in Provinces.

(g) Civilian Supply Division

- (1) Grain - collection and control.
(2) Rationing - winter 43-44, clothing and leather.
(3) General Orders Nos. 4 and 5.
(4) Fuel - requirements, stocks, conservation.
(5) Reconstruction of agriculture administration.
(6) Labor - proposed re-organization and present wage levels.
(7) Transportation - Proposal of inter-island plan; restriction to essential uses.
(8) Power - restrictions on use.
(9) Industry - starting of essential industry.
(10) Imports and Exports - Policy and control.
(11) Fishing - latest information.

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

Subject: - S.C.A.Os Reports.

Appendix "A"

To: S.C.A.Os. All Provinces.

The C.C.A.O. directs that S.C.A.Os will submit reports as follows :-

1. Public Health. To be prepared by the representative of the Public Health Department in accordance with Public Health Special Administrative Instructions No.5.

This report to be sent direct to Public Health Department to arrive on Monday of each week. N.B. It is realised that until conditions generally are more settled, the punctual arrival of this report may be difficult to achieve.

2. Legal. To include the following information :

- (a) Summary court cases disposed of during period.

Acquitted
Convicted

- (b) Cases pending.

- (c) Cases committed for trial.

This report to be sent direct to Legal Division to arrive on third day of each month.

3. Public Safety. To include the following information.

- (a) Arrests during the period for offences against -

(i) Italian Penal Code.
(ii) Local ordinances.
(iii) Military Government proclamations.

- (b) Prison (other than State)

(i) Awaiting trial and on remand.
(ii) Committed to prison during period.
(iii) Released from prison during period.

This report to be sent direct to Public Safety Division to arrive on third day of each month.

4. General Report. This report to be sent to Chief Staff Officer to

(c) Summary court cases disposed of during period.

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Convicted

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4. General Report. This report to be sent to Chief Staff Officer to arrive on third day of each month.

To assist in the preparation of this General Report the following headings are brought to your notice:

- (a) Morale of Population.
- (b) Political tendencies.
- (c) Removal of Officials.
- (d) General state of crime.
- (e) Discipline and reliability of Carabinieri and other Police Agencies.
- (f) Currency, Social Insurance, Taxes etc.
- (g) Wages and prices.
- (h) Raw materials and crops.
- (i) Labour.
- (j) Education.
- (k) Air Raid Precautions.
- (l) Fine Arts and Monuments.

It is emphasized that these headings are listed for your guidance and it is not intended that you should necessarily limit yourself to these subjects when preparing your report.

27 July 1943.

Instructions for the Provost Marshal and Civil Affairs Officer.

Subject: Parole of Prisoners of War.

1. Prisoners of War in the custody of units of the Seventh Army may be released on parole subject to the following conditions:

- (a) Only Italian soldiers (enlisted men), prisoners of war, whose permanent home and residence is in that part of Sicily now or later occupied by forces of the Seventh Army will be paroled.
- (b) No prisoner will be forced to accept a release on parole. Enlisted men will submit their applications through a commissioned officer of the Italian Army.
- (c) Where a prisoner desires a parole to a place other than his permanent home, he will be required to give reasons therefor, satisfactory to the Provost Marshal.
- (d) The prisoner will be required to submit his application for parole on the form prescribed (copy enclosed) and the conditions enumerated therein will be carefully explained in the Italian language. The Provost Marshal is responsible that all paroled prisoners fully understand the conditions under which the parole is granted and the penalties for violation thereof.

(e) German prisoners will not be paroled.

(f) Prisoners needed for intelligence purposes will not be paroled.

(g) Military prisoners only will be paroled. Civilian internees will not be released from custody without the prior approval of G-2 in each case, after consultation with civil affairs.

(h) Applications will be submitted in triplicate; one copy when approved will be given to parolee, one copy will be transmitted to G-1 and one copy to the Civil Affairs Officer, Headquarters, Seventh Army. The Civil Affairs Officer will immediately transmit his copy to the appropriate Civil Affairs Officer in the vicinity of the parolee's designated residence or destination. The local Civil Affairs Officer may terminate any parole at any time.

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(j) The procedure for reporting is a direct responsibility of the appropriate field Civil Affairs Officer, who, within his means, will cause parolees to report to his office, or will have periodic inspections made of parolees by personnel under his supervision. Where deemed necessary, inspection of parolees may be made through G-2 agencies in cooperation with the local Civil Affairs Officer.

By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:

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ROBERT R. GAY
Brigadier General, G.S.C.,
Chief of Staff.

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W. G. Caldwell,
Lt. Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

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Appendix "C".

Subject: - Authorising private watchmen and Arming of Isolated Farmers.

S.C.A.Os. AGRICENTO PALERMO
 CALTANISSETTA M. GUSA
 CATANIA SYRACUSE
 ENNA TRAPANI
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AMCOE/1011/PS.

19. Aug. 43.

1. In certain sections local chiefs of the Carabinieri, Finance Guards and Agents of Public Security have recommended that authority be granted to reappoint private watchmen of large landed estates in order to assist them in the maintenance of order in rural areas.
2. If after consultation with your Provincial C.A.P.Os such action appears necessary, authority is hereby given to permit the above organisations to reappoint the necessary number of private watchmen. They should be engaged as "special police" and a strength report should be submitted to the S.C.A.Os by the organisations employing them at least once a week. The "special police" will be permitted to carry shotguns and not in excess of ten cartridges.
3. In some other isolated areas farmers have felt obliged to maintain watchmen to protect their crops from thieves.
4. Discretionary authority is hereby given to permit limited numbers of residents of such areas to have firearms and a limited amount of ammunition for the purpose of protecting their properties and crops. Persons so authorised will not be permitted to bear arms or carry ammunition off their own property except for the purpose of guarding the properties of other residents in their own immediate locality. The local police will be instructed to keep a strength report of persons so deputised together with a report of arms and ammunition held, and to submit it to the local C.A.P.O. for transmission to S.C.A.O.

AMCOE H.Q.,
15 Army Group.

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- (b) Trunk line railways and other railways crossing provincial lines,
- (c) Post offices and postal systems,
- (d) Telephones,
- (e) Telegraphs,
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- (e) Telegraphs,
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- (g) Sicily reformatory,
- (h) State prisons,
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- (j) Courts of appeal,
- (k) Courts of assize.

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- (b) Interprovincial movement of labor

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19 August 1945

Subject: S.C.A.O. Meeting

To : Major McDougall

1. We should have to submit to the S.C.A.O.s at the meeting to be held this Saturday (21 August) the following:

- (a) Combined roster of AMGOT officers showing assignments to provinces. This will enable them to make corrections, indicate assignment by towns, etc. This should be reproduced in sufficient quantity so that each S.C.A.O. can have a copy.
- (b) The proposed distribution of enlisted personnel as to provinces. I should like to go over this with you some time early tomorrow so that we can take up any major changes from the allocation prepared at Chrea with the C.C.A.O. and D.C.C.A.O.

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

AMGOT HQ
15 Army Group

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- (d) Telephones,
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- (g) Sicily reformatory,
- (h) State prisons

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 AAGOT HQ.

4. Communication by AAGOT 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:

through S.C.A.O. _____ Province

5. Except where impracticable, by reason of distance, time, or communication, AAGOT HQ personnel on inspection trips or on special missions will report to the S.C.A.O. in the first instance. 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 character, will be handled directly by AAGOT HQ:

- (a) AIFA,
- (b) Trunk line railways and other railways crossing provincial lines,
- (c) Post offices and postal systems,
- (d) Telephones,
- (e) Telegraphs,
- (f) Electric utilities, except local utilities not inter-connected with island grid,
- (g) Sicily reformatory,
- (h) State prisons,
- (i) Social insurance systems,
- (j) Courts of appeal,
- (k) Courts of assize.

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

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

- (a) Interprovincial supply and transport
- (b) Interprovincial movement of labor

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- (c) Evacuation of refugees
- (d) Registration and evacuation of lost and refugee children
- (e) Apprehension of criminals or suspects who have crossed provincial boundaries.

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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.

AMGOT/263/HQ

19 August 1945

Subject: S.C.A.O. Meeting

To : Major McDougall

1. We should have to submit to the S.C.A.O.s at the meeting to be held this Saturday (21 August) the following:

- (a) Combined roster of AMGOT officers showing assignments to provinces. This will enable them to make corrections, indicate assignment by towns, etc. This should be reproduced in sufficient quantity so that each S.C.A.O. can have a copy.
- (b) The proposed distribution of enlisted personnel as to provinces. I should like to go over this with you some time early tomorrow so that we can take up any major changes from the allocation prepared at Chrea with the C.C.A.O. and D.C.C.A.O.

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Lt. Col., G.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer

AMGOT HQ
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TO: 45 DIV

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FOR COL. STONEY CIVIL AFFAIRS (.) YOUR ATTENDANCE AT HQ SCAD MEETING 0900 SATURDAY
21 AUGUST IS REQUESTED UNLESS URGENT BUSINESS PREVENTS (.) FROM REPLY.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICE
(UFFICIO DEGLI AFFARI CIVILI)

Agrigento, 18 August 1943



TO : Chief Staff Officer, AMGOT Hqs., Palermo.
SUBJECT: Meeting of SCAOs

1. Receipt of notice of meeting of SCAOs is acknowledged.
2. I will leave Agrigento at 0900 hours Friday on the courier plane to Palermo. Please arrange for transportation from the airfield to your offices.

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16 August 1943

Subject: S.O.A.O. meeting

TO: All S.O.A.O.'s

1. All S.O.A.O.s are directed to be in Palermo on Friday evening August 20, 1943 for the purpose of attending a meeting with Headquarters Staff at 0900 Saturday, August 21, 1943.

CHARLES M. SPOTFORD,
Lt. Colonel, G.S.C.,
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