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INSTRUCTIONS TO SCAO'S
AUG.-OCT. 1943

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AMGOT/369/HQ
AMGOT HQ SICILY
23 October 1943

SUBJECT: Italian Recruits

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

For your information a communication has been received from 15th Army Group stating that Italians wishing to enlist for service against Germany must join the Italian Army,

Charles M. Spottford
CHARLES M. SPOTTFORD,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief Staff Officer.

DISTRIBUTION

Agrigento	6	RCAO Region 4	5		
Caltanissetta	6	AMGOT 15 Army Group	2		
Catania	6	AMGOT 8th Army Region	3	10	
Enna	4	File 266 and 369	2		Cont. of Property 1
Palermo	35	Float	1		Trans. Com. & Util. 1
Ragusa	6	MGS, AFHQ	12		Labor 1
Siracusa	10	Spares	10		Econ. & Supply 1
Trapani	6	<u>Division</u>			Agriculture 1
Messina	8	Finance	5		Education 1
Pantelleria	3	Public Safety	4		Monuments & 1
AMGOT Liaison	1	Legal	1		Fine Arts
AMGOT 8th Army	6	Public Health	1		
RCAO Region 2	6	Public Relations	1		

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AMGOT HQ SICILY

23 October 1943

TO : All S.O.A.Os

1. Attention is again invited to letter to all S.C.A.Os AMGOT/266/HQ dated 11 October 1943 and subsequent letter to all S.C.A.Os AMGOT/266/HQ dated 16 October 1943 cancelling the letter of 11 October 1943.
2. Full compliance with AFHQ Circular No. 63 of 3 September 1943 which was attached to letter of 11 October 1943 is now directed.
3. No captured enemy material will be issued except upon authorization from C.E.M.E.C., AFHQ. All demands made in the British Area of Region I will be addressed to C.E.M.E.C. c/o "Q" No. 1 District. All demands made in the American area will be addressed to C.E.M.E.C. c/o G-4, I.B.S.
4. Letter of 16 October 1943 to all S.C.A.Os on this subject will be disregarded.

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<u>Distribution:</u>							
SOLO	-	6	AMGOT 8th Army	-	6	<u>Divisions</u>	
AGRIGENTO	-	6	RCAO Region II	-	6	Legal	- 1
CALTANISSETTA	-	6	AMGOT 5th Army	-	10	Public Health	- 1
CATANIA	-	4	Region III	-	1	Public Relations	- 1
ENNA	-	35	File 266	-	1	Contro. Property	- 1
PALERMO	-	6	Float	-	1	Trans. Com. & Ut.	- 1
RAGUSA	-	10	MGS, AFHQ	-	12	Labor	- 1
SIRACUSA	-	6	Spares	-	10	Economics & Sup.	- 1
TRAPANI	-	8	<u>Divisions</u>			Agriculture	- 1
MESSINA	-	3	Finance	-	5	Education	- 1
PANTELLERIA	-	1	Public Safety	-	4	Mon. & Fine Arts	- 1
AMGOT Liaison	-						

AMCOT/107/HQ21 October 1943

SUBJECT: Division of Allied Military Government

TO : All S.C.A.Os & Heads of Divisions

The following memorandum is issued for the information and guidance of all concerned:

I - DIVISION OF THE ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF OCCUPIED TERRITORY INTO TWO ORGANIZATIONS.

Effective 24 October 1943, the Allied Military Government of Occupied Territory established by Administrative Memorandum No. 35, this headquarters, is divided into two organizations: Allied Military Government 15 Army Group, and Headquarters Allied Military Government. The former will administer Allied Military Government in territory in rear of combat zones of the 15 Army Group. The latter will operate in such other Italian territory as is placed under Allied Military Government. The transfer of territory from the one organization to the other will be by order of this headquarters.

II - MILITARY GOVERNOR.

General Sir Harold Alexander, as General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, 15 Army Group, will remain Military Governor of all Italian territory under Allied Military Government.

III - ASSIGNMENT OF CHIEF OF ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT 15 ARMY GROUP AND OF CHIEF OF HEADQUARTERS ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT.

Announcement is made of the assignment of Major General Lord Rennell of Rodd to be Chief of Allied Military Government 15 Army Group, and of Brigadier General Frank J. McSherry to be Chief of Headquarters Allied Military Government.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

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Agrigento - 6
Caltanissetta - 6
Catania - 6
Enna - 4
Palermo - 35
Ragusa - 6
Siracusa - 10
Trapani - 6
Messina - 8
Pantelleria - 3
AMGOT Liaison - 1
AMGOT 8th Army - 6
HQAO Region 2 - 6

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HQAO Region 4 - 5
AMGOT 15 Army Group - 2
AMGOT 8th Army Region 3 - 10
File 266 & 107 - 2
Float - 1
MGS, AFHQ - 12
Spares - 10
Division
Finance - 5
Public Safety - 4
Legal - 1
Public Health - 1
Public Relations - 1
Controllor of Property - 1
Trans. Com. & Utl. - 1
Labor - 1
Economics & Supply - 1
Agriculture - 1
Education - 1
Monuments & Fine Arts - 1

AMGOT/266/HQ

AMGOT HQ. SICILY

18 October 1943

Subject: Cooperation with other Army UnitsTo : All S.C.A.O.s

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 Depot. 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)
" Pantelleria	(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)

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M.G.S., A.F.H.Q.	(12)
File 266 and 51	(2)
Float	(1)
Spares	(10)

Subject: Missing Prisoners of WarAMGOT/204/HQAMGOT HQ. SICILYTo : All S.C.A.O.s18 October 1943

1. Reference addendum to Administrative Instruction No. 2, ID/6/13A, of 12 October 1943, issued by No. 1 District of which each S.C.A.O. should have received a copy.

2. It is requested that each C.A.P.O. be instructed to cooperate fully through the civil police with the program of No. 1 District for apprehending missing prisoners of war. It is understood that in each case AMGOT provincial I.Q. will be supplied with a description of the missing man before its action is required.

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AMGOT Liaison (1)
AMGOT 8th Army (6)
R.C.A.O. Region 2 (6)
AMGOT 5th Army } (10)
Region 3 }
R.C.A.O. Region 4 (5)
AMGOT 15 Army Gp. (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 & Supply (1)
Agriculture (1)
Education (1)
Monu. and Fine Arts. (1)

MGS, AFHQ (12)
File 266 & 204 (2)
Float (1)
Spares (10)

AMCOT/266/HQ
AMCOT HQ SICILY
16 October 1943

SUBJECT: Captured Enemy Material

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

1. Attention is invited to letter of instruction to all S.C.A.O.s AMCOT/266/HQ dated 11 October 1943 and A.F.H.Q. circular No. 63 of 3 September 1943 which was attached to it.

2. The letter of instruction referred to is hereby cancelled and will be disregarded until further notice.

DISTRIBUTION

Agrigento	6
Caltanissetta	6
Catania	6
Enna	4
Palermo	35
Ragusa	6
Siracusa	10
Trapani	6
Messina	8
Pantelleria	3
AMCOT LIAISON	1
AMCOT 8th Army	6
RCAO Region 2	6
RCAO Region 4	5
AMCOT 15 Army Group	2
AMCOT 5th Army	}
Region 3	
File 266	2
Float	1

MGS, AFHQ	12
Spares	10
<u>Divisions:</u>	
Finance	5
Public Safety	4
Legal	1
Public Health	1
Public Relations	1
Controller of Prop.	1
Trans. Comm. & Util.	1
Labor	1
Economics & Supply	1
Agriculture	1
Education	1
Monuments & Fine Arts	1

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SUBJECT:- Captured Enemy Material.AMGOT/266/HQ.AMGOT H.Q. SICILY.TO: All S.C.A.Os.11. Oct. 43.

1. A.F.H.Q. circular No.63 of 3.Sept.43, is attached for information and necessary action.
2. No captured material will be issued except upon authorization from C.E.M.E.C., A.F.H.Q. All demands in British Area to be addressed to C.E.M.E.C. C/o "Q", No.1 District, all in American Area to C.E.M.E.C. C/o C.I. I.B.S.

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S.C.A.Os. Agrigento	6	AMGOT Liaison	1
Caltanissetta	6	AMGOT 8th Army	6
Catania	6	R.C.A.O. Region 2	6
Enna	4	AMGOT 5th Army	10
Palermo	35	Region 3	10
Ragusa	6	File 266.	
Siracusa	10	File Float	
Trapani	6	MGS. A.F.H.Q.	1
Messina	8	Spares	10
Pantelleria	3	Divisions:	
		Finance	5
		Public Safety	4
		Legal	1
		Public Health	1
		Public Relations	1
		Com. of Prop.	1
		T. C. & Util.	1
		Labor	1
		Econ. & Supply	1
		Agriculture	1
		Education	1
		Monuments & Fine Arts	1

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

3 September 1943

CIRCULAR)
:
NUMBER 63)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALLOCATION AND ASSIGNMENT
OF CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIEL

1. Circular Number 50, this headquarters, cs, is rescinded. The following instructions outline the organization and prescribe in general the procedure to be followed in the allocation and assignment of serviceable and repairable captured materiel and supplies.
2. ORGANIZATION. a. The responsibility for the assignment of serviceable and repairable captured enemy materiel and supplies and the maintenance of necessary records pertaining to such materiel and supplies is placed upon a new sub-section of the Quartermaster Section, this headquarters, to be known as the "Captured Enemy Materiel Executive Committee" (C.E.M.E.C.), (previously called the Battlefield Clearance Section).
b. Liaison Sections (C.E.M.E.C.) representing the C.E.M.E.C. of this headquarters will be attached to army group headquarters (army headquarters when operating independently) in areas which enemy materiel and supplies are captured. This headquarters will designate subsidiary C.E.M.E.C. Sections for attachment to subordinate areas. In American areas these subsidiary sections will be under the jurisdiction of the headquarters of the area. In British areas they will be Executive "Service" Sections working under the directions of the area headquarters concerned.
c. In view of the Allied aspect of the duties assigned to the C.E.M.E.C., the Liaison Sections should consist of an equal number of representatives of the armies concerned.
d. The instructions contained herein are not to be interpreted in any way as relieving commanding generals of armies and areas of their responsibility for collecting, sorting, classifying, safeguarding, evacuating, etc., captured enemy materiel and supplies in accordance with existing instructions, to specified parks, dumps, etc.

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3. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

a. G-3 (Org), this headquarters,

(1) Formulates and assigns priorities for captured materiel and supplies.

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- (2) Processes all communications with higher authorities.

b. Quartermaster, this headquarters - C.E.M.E.C.,

- (1) Is the channel of communication between this headquarters and the Liaison Sections in subordinate headquarters.
- (2) Formulates policies for the operation and control of Liaison Sections (C.E.M.E.C.) at subordinate headquarters.
- (3) Calls for, receives, and collates all reports from Liaison Sections (C.E.M.E.C.) at subordinate headquarters.
- (4) Lists separately serviceable and repairable materiel and obtains allocation instructions from G-3 (Org).
- (5) Receives all demands for allocation of captured materiel and supplies and processes such demands to G-3 (Org) for allocation instructions.
- (6) Issues disposition instructions based on G-3 allocations.

c. Liaison Sections (C.E.M.E.C.) at army group headquarters or independent army headquarters,

- (1) Are the channels of communication between C.E.M.E.C., Quartermaster Section, this headquarters, and such subsidiary sections as may be established at subordinate headquarters.
- (2) Controls subsidiary sections at subordinate headquarters.
- (3) Calls for, receives, and collates all reports from subsidiary sections.
- (4) Renders reports called for by higher authorities.
- (5) Forwards to this headquarters (C.E.M.E.C.) lists of captured materiel and supplies. These lists will, as far as is practicable, differentiate between serviceable and repairable materiel and will normally be prepared by the special staff or service section concerned. The lists will be supplemented

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- (6) Obtains and processes disposal orders on serviceable and repairable materiel and supplies upon instructions from C.E.M.E.C., Quartermaster Section, this headquarters. (For

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disposal of salvage (British) or unserviceable materiel (U.S.) see paragraph 4 below).

d. Liaison Sections (C.E.M.E.C.) at subordinate areas,

- (1) Advises and cooperates with Special Staff (U.S. Areas) or Service (British Areas) on matters pertaining to the collection, classification, cataloging, and recording of captured materiel and supplies.
- (2) Makes inspections, as directed by headquarters to which they are assigned, of dumps or parks containing captured materiel and supplies to determine whether instructions for collection, protection, sorting, classification, and safeguarding are being followed.
- (3) Renders reports called for by higher authorities.

e. Joint Re-Armament Committee (JRC),

- (1) Receives lists of serviceable and repairable materiel and supplies from C.E.M.E.C., Quartermaster Section, this headquarters.
- (2) Recommends to G-3 (Org) the allocation of serviceable materiel and supplies that can be accepted for Joint Re-Armament.

4. PROCEDURE FOR COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF SALVAGE (BRITISH DEFINITION) AND UNSERVICEABLE MATERIEL OR SCRAP (U.S. EQUIVALENT). This will continue under normal procedure. The basic documents in the case of United States forces are Circulars Numbers 22 and 70, Headquarters NATOUSA, cs.

5. DEMANDS FOR CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIEL. These will be addressed to C.E.M.E.C., Quartermaster Section, this headquarters.

6. REMOVAL OF MATERIEL OR SUPPLIES. When any agency or supply service is allocated captured enemy materiel or supplies, it must assume the responsibility for identifying materiel or supplies for which they have approved allocation instructions and to arrange for their removal from the area, park, or dump in which located and for their preparation for shipment within the theater or to destinations outside the theater.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

OFFICIAL:

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Reproduced by AMGOT - 11 October 1943

SUBJECT:-

Suppression of Black Market.

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AMGOT H.Q., SICILY

TO:-

Provincial S.C.A.O.s

(Attention S.C.A.P.O.s)

2nd October 1943.

1. By direction of the C.C.A.O., the police program to suppress black market operations must begin on an Island-wide basis as soon as possible, and will be dependent for its success upon the manner of its application in the various provinces by the respective S.C.A.O.s. In the interest of uniformity the following explanations are made of the general order sent out to the Carabinieri.
2. The Carabinieri Reali, in addition to its normal duties, has been designated as the responsible enforcement agency, and copies of the attached order, in the Italian language, are being distributed to that organization through its own channels.
3. General Order No. 5 (Revised) prescribes the maximum amounts of various commodities which may be retained without a declaration having been filed, and house-to-house searches should be initiated immediately for the purpose of locating and sequestering any unlawful excesses. Goods so seized should be stored in a central repository in each commune, under the control and subject to the disposition of the S.C.A.O., and should be so marked as to be identifiable in court as evidence; otherwise considerable quantities of goods may disappear subsequent to seizure.
4. The Legal Division has ruled that under Article IV of General Order No. 5 (Revised) the maximum amounts specified in the Schedule apply to any premises, dwelling or household, regardless of the number of individuals residing in or connected with same.
5. Under Article V, General Order No. 5 (Revised), the removal or transportation of certain commodities, including grain, is prohibited after 1st October 1943, except by permission of the S.C.A.O. or his representative. To implement the provisions of the said General Order it will be necessary to exercise very strict control over the transportation of such commodities, especially grain; otherwise any person possessing an excess could simply haul it away and sell it on the black market. Therefore, a manifest must be required for every shipment of commodities the amounts of which are limited in the Schedule. Since a large proportion of the transportation is by carts, each carrying a comparatively small quantity, it is recognised that the issuance of the required number of manifests constitutes something of a problem. It is suggested that such manifests be issued by communal consortii (where there are on record the amounts of grain, etc., to be turned in by each producer) to the producer, the latter being required to fill in the name, identity card number and thumb print of the driver before permitting the cart to leave his premises.
6. It is suggested that each consortio number consecutively the manifests issued by it, maintain a record of same, and take up and file each such manifest upon delivery of the load covered by it. The recipient, if other than the consortio, should be required to receipt for the load on the back of the manifest. There should be furnished by the consortio to the Carabinieri the pertinent information with

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7. All police officers should be required to furnish to persons from whom they seize commodities receipts showing the exact type and amount seized, said receipt to bear the signature, rank and organization of the officer in charge of seizure.

8. Comments on Special Police Instructions - Black Market.

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(a) As a matter of convenience, the supplies of manifest blanks referred to in Paragraph 3 (b) (iii) have been forwarded to S.C.A.O.s.

(b) Section 3(b) (iv), referring to military vehicles and to civilian vehicles under military guard, does not contemplate the stopping and searching of such vehicles by civil police, it merely requires that upon observing such a vehicle they make a report of the time, place and identifying markings of the vehicle.

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(c) Section 3(c) (iii), referring to searches and confiscations after 31st October, is not to be interpreted as prohibiting house-to-house searches before that date, same being authorized by General Order No. 5 (Revised). After 31st October 1943, all grain which has not been delivered to the Consorzio (except seed and producers' food) is subject to confiscation without court procedure under the provisions of General Order No. 3. Under General Order No. 5 (Revised) commodities seized prior to 31st October 1943 may be finally disposed of only by order of a Military Court.

(d) Section 4(b) ".....reports on the activities of all police agencies.." has reference to those police agencies not under control of Group Commanders of the Carabinieri, i.e. the Agents of Public Security, Finance Guards, Municipal Police and Special Police. Any or all of these agencies may and should be used by S.C.A.O.s to reinforce the efforts of the Carabinieri Reali in black market suppression, and S.C.A.O.s should arrange for weekly reports (as prescribed in 4(b) (1) to be submitted by them, copies of said reports being furnished to the Group Commander for incorporation in his weekly report to his higher commanders.

(e) Section 4(b) (1), "Total number of cases referred to the police" should be construed to include those cases initiated by the police. Under "Value of confiscated property" should also be shown the type and exact amount of such property, such as the number of quintals of wheat or the number of litres of olive oil, etc., seized in a given week.

Commissioner of Public Safety.

RUSSELL A. SNOOK,
Lt. Colonel, C.M.P.
Public Safety Division.
Supt. Civil Police.

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To Prefect of the Province.
The Mayor of all Towns.
The Intendente di Finanza of all Provinces, (for information).

APPENDIX "A"

1. It is necessary :

- (a) that the temporary arrangement during the early stages of the Allied occupation under which various local officers of the Allied Military Government made advances of money to various local Italian officials for salaries, recurrent expenses, relief of destitution etc., should now cease.
- (b) that proper estimates and accounts of the Revenue and expenditure of the communes and provinces should now be prepared.
- (c) that the pre-occupation system whereby such estimates were submitted to the Prefect should be recommenced.
- (d) that communes and provinces should obtain the maximum amount of income from taxes, imposts and other sources and should review their expenses so that advances to such bodies will be reduced as much as possible.
- (e) that, before any advance is asked for, full use should be made of all available cash balances. These items will be shown on form C.R.O.8.

2. Accordingly, commencing with the month of December no further advances will be made to communes and provinces unless the following procedure is complied with :

- (a) Each Commune or Province will complete the enclosed form C.R.O.7 in duplicate for the month of December, 1943. The form will show as indicated thereon the actual income and expenditure for December 1942, and also the estimated income and expenditure for the month of December 1943. The forms C.R.O.7 will include the income and expenditure of all bodies (such as hospitals, waterworks etc.) which are normally financed through the budget of the Commune or Province concerned.
- (b) The completed forms C.R.O. 7 together with the request for an advance on form C.R.O.8 will then be sent not later than the 5th November 1943,
 - (i) in the case of Communes, to the local officer of the Allied Military Government.
 - (ii) in the case of Provinces, to the head officer of the Allied Military Government.

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- (ii) in the case of Provinces, to the head officer of the Allied Military Government, at the Provincial capital.
- (c) The forms C.R.O.7 in respect of communes will subsequently be discussed with the Prefect by the head officer of the A.M.G. at the Provincial capital, or by his finance representative.
3. Forms will be completed for each month subsequent to December 1943, and the same procedure followed. A form C.R.O.7 will be completed each month even if no advance is required.
4. When an advance to a commune or province has been approved by the Allied Military Government the necessary funds will be advanced to the Bank at which the communal or provincial treasury is kept for the account of such treasury. The Bank will show the advance in the treasury account as an advance from the Allied Military Financial Agency.
5. In addition to the above all communes and provinces will proceed immediately to prepare and submit in accordance with the usual procedure their 'Bilancio di Previsioni' for the year 1944. These should be prepared in full as before on the usual forms and in accordance with existing Italian law.

SUBJECT: Preparation of Budgets by, and Control and Payment of Advances to Provinces and Communes.

TO: S.C.A.Os., F.Os., C.A.Os., R.Os.
REGION I.

AMGOT/2036/F.

AMGOT H.Q. SICILY.

11. Oct. 43.

1. In AMGOT/2036/F of 29 September 1943, it was emphasized that Italian Provincial and Communal Officials should at once commence the task of preparing their budgets (Bilancio di Previsioni) for the 1944 fiscal year. This urgent request was based on the desire to institute effective control of funds being advanced by AMFA throughout the Occupied Territory and also to direct the attention of Italian officials to the need for developing tax revenues to meet deficits which may arise in Provincial or Communal budgets.
2. In order to institute similar controls over current expenditures, revenues and deficits of Provinces and Communes, centralize the authorization of advances and expedite the posting of advances on AMFA's books to the proper accounts, it is now directed that a Monthly Budget (Form C.R.O.7) and a Request for Advance (Form C.R.O.8) be prepared by the appropriate Provincial or Communal officials in consultation with C.A.Os., F.Os., and R.Os., to the extent that the latter are available.
3. These monthly budgets will be prepared on form C.R.O.7, and applications for advances made on form C.R.O.8. Enclosed are copies of a letter in Italian, which should be distributed by you to the officials concerned. An English translation is given in Appendix "A".
4. The communal monthly budgets will be considered by the C.A.O. for the district concerned who will then pass the forms as early as possible and without waiting for all communes to the S.C.A.O. Provincial monthly budgets will be sent direct to the S.C.A.O. of the province.
5. Revenue Officers or in their absence Finance Officers will examine the budgets of communes and provinces and in the cases of communes will consult the Prefect and have the forms C.R.O.7 Commune signed by him.
They will then make their recommendations to the S.C.A.O. who will in turn forward his recommendation to the Finance Division. One copy of the form C.R.O.7 will be retained by the R.O. or F.O. Attention is again drawn to the fact that copies of the 'Bilancio di Previsioni' for all communes are available for reference at the Prefettura. These recommendations should be forwarded daily as received and should all reach Regional AMGOT H.Q. by the 22nd of the month preceding that for which the advance is required.
6. The C.R.O. of the Finance Division at Regional H.Q. will approve the necessary advances and pass the form C.R.O.8 to A.M.F.A. for retention for

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7. As soon as an advance has been approved by the C.R.O., A.M.F.A. will forward to the S.C.A.O., for distribution, a cheque for the amount of each advance within his Province. These cheques will be accompanied by Vouchers for Advances to Communes, etc. (Form F/12) made out in triplicate. Before the cheques are turned over to the payees, the receipt formula on each copy of Form F/12 must be signed by at least two officials of the Commune or Province, and the Communal or Provincial seal or stamp should be affixed; the certificates of payment on the duplicates and triplicates must also be completed. The triplicates of Form F/12 will be retained by the S.C.A.O. as evidence that the cheques have been duly delivered and the originals and duplicates will be sent at the earliest possible moment through official channels direct to A.M.F.A. at Regional A.M.G.O.T. Headquarters.

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8. These instructions are effective commencing with the month of December 1943, and no advances will be made direct by S.C.A.Os., F.Os., or C.A.Os. after 1st December 1943.

A separate instruction is being issued as to the procedure to be followed in making advances to the Italian National Government and to State Institutions.

9. The returns required under AMGOT/2037/F dated 5.Sep.43, para.10, (a),(b), and (c), will no longer be required.

C.R.O./M.7.

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

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SUBJECT:- SALARIES & WAGES
TUNISIA.

AMOT 2020 F
AMOT H.O. SICILY.
3 Oct. 43.

F.O.s and P.O.s
through S.C.A.O.

1. In certain areas payment has not yet been made in respect of salaries for the whole or part of the month of July and previous months. In order that the position may be uniform over the whole island it has been decided that all salaries in arrears to State officials irrespective of the date of accrual will now be paid.

Pension payments may also be paid for July and previous months.

In the majority of cases orders authorizing these payments have already been issued, but probably not encashed owing to the closing of the Banks and Post Offices, and payments in respect of these can be made in accordance with G.A.I. 3 para 2(c) and S.A.I. Finance 2 para 3(c). The Ufficio Provinciale del Tesoro will issue any further orders required to pay State employees and pensions for salaries etc. in arrears.

Payments will still not be made

- (a) to officials who have been removed or are absent
- (b) of family allowances prohibited under AMOT/2020/F dated 22 Aug para 3(ii)
- (c) to officials of syndicates which have been abolished or other bodies which are not now operating, since the date of their abolition.

2. Certain Italian officials who were retired shortly before the occupation have not had their official pensions fixed and authorized by Rome. The Ufficio Provinciale del Tesoro will be authorized by you to grant and pay provincial pensions to such persons on the scale of 75% of what appears to him from his knowledge of records, or those of the State organization which employed them, to be the probable official pension. No payment of capital or lump sum payments due on retirement will be made.

3. STATE SALARIES. With reference to G.A.I. No. 18 General or provincial officials to whom advances of cash were made in the opening stages to pay State salaries will forward the lists of such payment to the F.O. who will pass them to the Intendente who will then arrange for the Ufficio Provinciale del Tesoro to mark them in his records and make any necessary adjustment for double payments.

4. RELIEF PAYMENTS. With regard to relief payments which may have been made in arrears to pensioners etc., it has been decided that no attempt will be made to recover past relief payments by deduction from later payments of pensions etc. Para 9(ii) of AMOT/2020/F dated 22nd August is amended accordingly.

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5. TOLLERANZA. A Tolleranza on similar conditions to given to collectors for the August instalment (See AUGOT/22/226/34 dated 16 August and AUGOT/2037/P dated 5 September, para 5 & 7) may also be given for the October and December instalments where that course is considered necessary. In deciding tolleranza to be given for these months, regard will be had to the facts that some people have returned to their homes and that adjustments of assessments on damaged houses will be in a more advanced state.

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L. D. HENAPACK
Lt. Colonel
Deputy Chief Finance Officer

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AMGOT/4002/L
AMGOT 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. AMGOT/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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CHARLES M. SPORFORD,
Colonel, G. S. C.,
Chief Staff Officer.

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AMSCOT H.Q. SICILY

30 September 1943

SUBJECT: Appointment of "Curators" for abandoned property.

TO: ALL S.O.A.O.s.

1. The following procedure will be adopted in all matters concerning movable or unmovable property at present left uncared for by its lawful owners, after agreement has been reached with the President of the Tribunale.
2. All persons who for valid reasons request the appointment of a "Curatore" to take charge of property deemed to be left uncared for will present their petition to the senior notary (notaio) of the town or district where the said property is situated.
3. The notary will issue a recommendation as to the necessity of appointing a "Curatore" and forward it to the competent Assistant Property Controller or the S. L. O. of the Province for his approval.
4. The petition, if approved, will then be transmitted to the competent "Presidente del Tribunale" who will appoint a "Curatore" chosen from the list of notaries exercising their functions in the district in which the property is situated.
5. It will be specified in the order appointing the "Curatore" that for his services he will be entitled to the usual honorarium determined by Italian Law. All monies received by him will be deposited in a special Bank account.
6. Notice that such procedure is coming into force should be published in the local newspapers and through any means of official publicity at your disposal.

S/ CHARLES M. SPOTFORD

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Colonel, G.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer.

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S/ CHARLES M. SPOTFORD

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Colonel, G.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer.

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AMGOT/302/HQAMGOT H.Q., SICIL5th October 1943Memo to: All Division Heads and S.C.A.O.s.

It has been noted that the word "bible" has been used several times in written communications. This practice will be discontinued and the word "Manual" used instead.

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AMGOT SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS - PUBLIC HEALTH NO. 6.

Relationships of Public Health Division Personnel.

1. The Director of the Division of Public Health is responsible for the administration of the programme of the entire Division, the activities of which cover the fields of Hospital Organisation, Public Health Organisation and Public Welfare Organisation. (See Special Administrative Memorandum - Public Health No. 1, Part 1 for specific activities).
2. All specialist officers of the Headquarters staff, including the officers in charge of the three broad activities listed above deal with officers in other Divisions in AMGOT Headquarters, and with specialists in their own fields in the provinces through the Director of Public Health.
3. Communications sent from this Division to the field are signed by the Director of Public Health when policy is involved. Other types of correspondence may be signed by the originator "for the Director of Public Health", but are reviewed daily in the office of the Director of Public Health. All communications to provinces are sent either to the S.C.A.O. marked "Attention S.A.P.H.O., S.A.P.S.O. or S.A.P.W.O." or are addressed to the Public Health representative "Through the S.C.A.O."
4. Communications from other Divisions of AMGOT reach individual officers in Headquarters through the Director of Public Health.
5. The purpose of the procedure outlined in 2, 3 and 4 is to acquaint the S.C.A.O.'s and the Director of Public Health with the technical details of activities of their specialist officers and to enable them properly to co-ordinate activities of personnel under their direction.
6. S.A.P.H.O.'s are the senior representatives of the Public Health Division in the provinces and as such are administratively responsible for co-ordinating the ac-

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7. In instances where it is necessary for a S.A.P.H.O. to give orders to a S.A.P.S.O. or S.A.P.W.O. of senior grade this will be done through the S.C.A.O. and with the latter's endorsement.

By direction of Chief Staff Officer.

D. Gordon Cheyne
D. GORDON CHEYNE
Colonel
Director of Public Health.

1 October, 1943.

AMGOT/9/HQ
 AMGOT HQ SICILY
 September 29, 1943

SUBJECT: Command - Eastern Sicily

TO: S.C.A.O.s and Head of Divisions

It is notified for general information that with effect from 27 September No. 1 District reverts to A.F.H.Q. Command. No. 1 District is at Catania and will be responsible for local administration of military units in Eastern Sicily. The boundary between the British area and the Seventh Army area remains the same.

It is also notified for your own information that H.Q. 15 Army Group will close down in Sicily on 4 October and will reopen on the Italian mainland.

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

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Messina	1	Transportation, Communication	1
AMGOT Liaison	1	& Utilities	1
File 266 and 9		Labor	1
Float	1	Education	1
M.G.S., A.F.H.Q.	1	Monument & Fine Arts	1

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Subject: Civilian Interviews and functions of C.P.

: All S.C.A.Os and Heads of Divisions.

6062/OP.

AMGOT HQ SECRETLY

28 September 43.

There would appear to be considerable misunderstanding as to the precise functions of the Controller of Property, and your attention is directed to Proclamation No. 6, in which such functions are clearly defined.

It should be particularly noted that the Controller of Property is not concerned with the following matters :-

Requisitioning.
 Billeting, whether of Army or Civilian personnel.
 Damage to properties belonging to local inhabitants.
 Compensation for War Damage.
 Claims and Hirings.

The above matters have in many cases been referred to the C.P or his assistants, with a consequent loss of time.

DISTRIBUTION

S.C.A.Os Agrigento.	1	File 266 & 6001	2
Caltanissetta	1	Float	1
Catania	1	Divisions	12
Enna	1	Staff Capt "A"	1
Palermo	1	Information Office	1
Ragusa	1	Lieut. Guarino. A.A.	1
Syracuse	1	Spares	15
Trapani	1	AMGOT 5th Army Region	3 (10)
Messina	1	AMGOT 8th Army Region	2 (10)
		M.G.S., A.F.H.Q.,	(12)

CHARLES M. SPOTTORD,
 Col., G.S.C.
 Chief Staff Officer.

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IMMEDIATE ACTION

AMGOT/2019/F/HQ
 AMGOT HQ SICILY
 September 27, 1943

SUBJECT: Sale of Confiscated and Captured Stores

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

1. All sales of confiscated and captured stores will cease at once. This refers to all captured stores of any sort including petrol, oils, motor vehicles, food, clothing, medicine, and all other types of commodities.

2. No surplus of any such stores exists. If surpluses exist in some provinces there are acute shortages in others.

3. You will report immediately to Economics and Supply Division of this Hq. any surplus stores in your province in order that they may make equitable distribution.

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

Copy to Director Economics and Supply Division

REGULAR DISTRIBUTION

Agrigento	6	AMGOT 8th Army	}	10
Caltanissetta	6	Region 2		
Catania	6			
Enna	4	AMGOT 5th Army	}	10
Palermo	35	Region 3		
Ragusa	6	File 266 and original		
Siracusa	10	Float		1
Messina	8	Division		9
AMGOT Liaison	1	M. G. S., A. F. H. Q.		12
Trapani	6	Spares		10

IMMEDIATE ACTION

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 371.2-13 SIG AGM

23 September 1943

SUBJECT: Change in Equivalent Classifications.

TO: All concerned.

1. The Combined Chiefs of Staff have announced that effective 0001Z hrs., 1 October 1943, the following equivalent classifications will be effective:

U.S.
SECRET

BRITISH.
MOST SECRET
and
SECRET

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

RESTRICTED

RESTRICTED

2. It will be noted that a change in the definition of British SECRET has been made. British SECRET is now defined as follows: "Secret documents are documents which, although not warranting the exceptional precautions applied in dealing with MOST SECRET documents, are of such a nature that for reasons of national security they must only be disclosed to persons whose duties make it essential that they should have knowledge of them." It, as well as British MOST SECRET is now equivalent to U.S. SECRET, and will be handled accordingly.

3. No document issued and classified prior to 1 October 1943 will be reclassified because of this decision.

4. This order makes no changes in U.S. classifications as prescribed in AR 380-5.

5. Messages classified as British SECRET will be enciphered when sent by any electrical means. The attention of all originators is directed to more frequent use of the classification CONFIDENTIAL. Messages classified CONFIDENTIAL may be routed by Signals over secure wire or submarine cable channels in clear, but will always be enciphered when transmitted by wireless or wire liable to interception. British MOST SECRET as well as SECRET and U.S. SECRET should be reserved for those documents and messages requiring the highest degree of security. If the volume of traffic hitherto classified as British SECRET continues, considerable delay due to overloading of ciphers may result.

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AG 371.2-13 SIG-ACM, 23 Sept. '43, (cont'd).

6. All instructions from whatever source in conflict with the above change in policy are rescinded as of 0001Z hrs, 1 October 1943.

7. It is desired that the foregoing instructions be brought to the attention of all units under your command.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

(Sgd) T.J. DAVIS
Brigadier General, USA
Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION:

SCAOs. Agrigento	6	AMGOT Liaison	1
Caltanissetta	6	AMGOT 8th Army	10
Catania	6	Region 2	
Enna	4	AMGOT 5th Army	10
Palermo	35	Region 3	
Ragusa	6	File 266 and 302/HQ	
Siracusa	10	Float	1
Trapani	6	Divisions	9
Mossina	8	M.G.S., AFHQ	12
		Spares	10

SUBJECT:-- Reorganization of Civilian Supply Division,

TO :- ALL Concerned,

AMGOT/213/HQ.
AMGOT I. C. SIOUHY.
25. Sept. 42.

1. Effective immediately the civilian Supply Division will be reorganized. The previous functions of the Division will be divided among the following Divisions which are hereby established :

- (a) Economics and Supply Division,
- (b) Transportation, Communication, and Utilities Division,
- (c) Agriculture Division,
- (d) Labor Division.

2. The particular functions of these Divisions will be as follows :--

(a) Economics and Supply Division: This division shall be responsible for estimating and meeting essential civilian requirements; for supervising the rationing system of the territory, other than in respect of agricultural products; for the survey, development and control of natural resources of the territory, other than agricultural resources, to the extent required by the interests of the Allied Forces or the economy of the territory; for supervising price control, other than in respect of agricultural products; for the development and regulation of industrial and commercial enterprises and activities, other than those engaged in furnishing transportation, communication, or utility services; and in general for taking necessary measures to restore channels of supply and distribution and to rehabilitate the economy of the territory.

(b) Transportation, Communication and Utilities Division: This division shall be responsible for rehabilitating and maintaining a system of civilian transport, whether by rail, water, highway or otherwise; for the regulation and control of existing civilian transport facilities or agencies; and for arranging transport required for civilian supply, mails, and civilian personnel, as may be required for the rehabilitation of the economy of the territory. This division will not be responsible for AMGOT organic transport, that is, for operation, maintenance or control of (i) British or American Army vehicles, (ii) civilian and captured vehicles required for transport of AMGOT personnel or property in addition to Army vehicles.

This division shall also be responsible for rehabilitating, and maintaining civil communications, and for the regulation and control of existing communication facilities, including telephone, telegraph, cables and radio; for the rehabilitation, regulation and control of electric, gas and water utilities; and for the rehabilitation and supervision of public works, including roads, bridges, water supply, sewers and sanitary facilities.

- (b) Transportation, Communication, and Utilities Division,
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(c) Agriculture Division: This Division shall be responsible for the supervision of agriculture, including cropping and production, methods for improvement of agriculture and processing of agricultural products; for rationing and price control of agricultural products; for estimating and meeting agricultural requirements; and in coordination with the Economics and Supply Division for the collection and distribution of all agricultural products and edible commodities; also for the supervision of forests and fisheries.

(d) Labor Division: This Division shall be responsible for the supervision and control of all matters relating to labor supply, including the regulation of wage levels for both civilian and military labor; the supervision of regional and provincial labor offices and all other matters affecting labor in the territory.

3. The following are appointed chiefs of divisions :

- (a) Economics and Supply : Col. John T. Zellars (Acting).
- (b) Transportation, Communication, and Utilities; Lt. Col. Leonard D. Densmore.

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(c) Agriculture: Major J. Chayton.
(d) Labor : Captain David A. Morse.

By Order of the Chief Civil Affairs Officer,

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

DISTRIBUTION: S.C.A.Os.	AgriENTO	6	File 266 and 213/HQ	1
	Caltanissetta	6	Float	12
	Catania	6	MGS. AFHQ.	10
	Enna	4	Spares	1
	Palermo	35	Legal Division	1
	Ragusa	6	Finance "	1
	Siracusa	10	Public Safety	1
	Trapani	6	Public Health	1
	Messina	8	Controller of Prop.	1
	AMGOT Liaison	1	Economics & Supply	1
	AMGOT 8th Army	10	Transportation,	1
	Region 2	10	Communication &	1
			Utilities Div.	1
	AMGOT 5th Army	10	Agriculture Div.	1
	Region 3	10	Labor Div.	1

AMGOT/326/HC
 AMGOT HC SICILY
 September 25, 1943.

SUBJECT: Protected Personnel

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

1. In response to recent requests the following is quoted for your information:

"Protected personnel of the enemy may not be paroled. Not being Prisoners of War, there is no basis for requiring them to give their parole. The only way to control them is by giving them directions restricting their movements." (Protected personnel are Chaplains and Medical Personnel)

2. If medical personnel or chaplains captured in Sicily are residents of Sicily and are set free, they will be subject to the same Proclamations and Orders of the Allied Military Government in the same manner as all other persons in the territory.

3. Protected personnel are, until release or repatriation, a responsibility of G-1 or "A" Branch of the respective Armies, and not of AMGOT.

Agrigento	6	AMGOT 8th Army	} 10
Caltanissetta	6	Region 2	
Catania	6		
Enna	4	AMGOT 5th Army	} 10
Palermo	35	Region 3	
Ragusa	6	File 266 and original	
Siracusa	10	Float	1
Trapani	6	Division	9
Messina	8	M.G.S., A.F.H.Q.	12
AMGOT Liaison	1	Spares	10

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

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SUBJECT: Monthly Hospital Report.

ANGOT/3026/TH.

ANGOT H.Q. SICILY.

TO: All SAHOs through SCAOs.

23 Sept. 43.

It has been represented that in a number of cases the originals of the accompanying forms have never been received or have been mislaid by SAHOs.

Whatever the reason, the end result is that reports on Hospitals have never reached this office from a number of provinces. As this office has to prepare reports on hospitals for very high authority indeed, the result may conceivably be imagined.

Kindly prepare a report forthwith on the hospitals in your province either using the attached pro-forma in its entirety, or using the information called for in it as a basis for your report.

It should be remembered that the total population of the province should also be inserted at the head.

D. Gordon Cheyne
D. GORDON CHEYNE.
Colonel.
Director of Public Health.

DISTRIBUTION:

Agrigento	2
Caltanissetta	2
Catania	2
Enna	2
Palermo	2
Ragusa	2
Siracusa	2
Trapani	2
Messina	2
Filo	1
Float	1
Spares	10

SUBJECT: Public Health Returns-MOD 16 (Sanita)AMCOT/3045/PHAMCOT HQ SICILY

TO : All S.A.P.H.O.'s (through S.C.A.O.'s.)

21 Sept. 1943.

1. MOD 16 (Sanita) will in future be rendered every 10 days in accordance with the prevailing Italian custom, instead of every week (Para. 3 AMCOT/3012/PH dated 4/9/43 is hereby cancelled).

Information unavoidably omitted from current reports will be included in subsequent ones, with appropriate explanation, and care should be taken to ensure that the statistics given in the monthly report (Para. 1. AMCOT/3012/PH dated 4/9/43.) are as complete as possible.

2. Copies are required of Provincial Morbidity and Mortality statistics for 1942, and Jan-June 1943, and also of Provincial monthly reports (Form Mod. 14.) for July-September 1943.

3. Provinces not possessing a sufficient number of MOD 16 (Sanita) to last one year will have those printed locally. Where this is not possible, the number of forms required should be intimated to this HQ. where arrangements for printing will be made. In existing copies, the words "NELLA SETTIMANA" will be deleted.

D. Gordon Cheyne
D. GORDON CHEYNE
Colonel
Director of Public Health.

DISTRIBUTION:

Agrianto	6
Caltanissetta	6
Catania	6
Enna	4
Palermo	35
Ragusa	6
Syracuse	14
Trapani	6
Messina	8
File 3012 & original	
Float	1
Spares	10

AMGOT/8600/C/ED.AMGOT HQ. - SICILY.

23 September, 1943

Subject: Higher Educational Appointments.

To : S.C.A.Os.

1. In order to give S.C.A.Os. the fullest assistance the Educational Adviser has been instructed to look into the appointment of the successor of any higher educational officials who have been removed from office.
2. The officials concerned are the Provveditori agli Studi of provinces and Rectors and Professors of universities.
3. S.C.A.Os. will notify the Educational Adviser whenever vacancies occur in these higher educational offices.

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

Distribution:

Agrigento	6
Caltanissetta	6
Catania	6
Enna	4
Palermo	35
Regusa	6
Siracusa	10
Trapani	6
Messina	8
AMGOT Liaison	1

AMGOT 8th Army	}	10
Region 2		
AMGOT 5th Army	}	10
Region 3		
File 266 and original		
Float		1
Division		6
M.G.S., A.F.H.Q.		12
Spares		10

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SUBJECT: Work Priority for Released
Political Prisoners.

AMCOT/205/HC.

TO: S.C.A.Os.

AMCOT H.C. SICILY.

20 Sep 43.

A large number of political prisoners have been released in Sicily. It is considered that these men should be given every chance to rehabilitate themselves as quickly as possible. It is therefore requested that you instruct all labour offices to give priority to released political prisoners who can prove their identity as such. First priority should be given to released Allied Nationals. Questions arising out of this policy or other problems connected with extending help to these individuals should be referred to the Public Health Division (Welfare section).

Charles M. Dofford

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

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Agrianto	6
Caltanissetta	6
Catania	6
Enna	4
Palermo	35
Ragusa	6
Syracuse	10

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Caltanissetta	6
Catania	6
Enna	4
Palermo	35
Ragusa	6
Syracuse	10
Trapani	6
Messina	8
AMGOT Liaison	1
AMGOT 8th Army	Region 2 - 10
AMGOT 5th Army	Region 3 - 10
MGS. AFHQ	12
File	1
P.H. Division	2
Divisions	6
Spares	10

Subject: Coal, Cement and Petroleum Products.

AMGOT/5105/CS
AMGOT HQ SICILY
11 September 43

To: All S.C.A.O.'s -- Regions No. 1, 2, 3.

1. Reference is made to letter AMGOT/263/HQ dated 20 August, 1943, subject, "Responsibility of SCAO's for AMGOT operations in Provinces", and to letters AMGOT/266/HQ, 14 August, 1943, and AMGOT/263/HQ, 7 Sept., 43, subject as in previous reference. Paragraph 6 of the first reference and Paragraph 2 of the second reference define certain items which are to be controlled from AMGOT HQ.

2. The supply situation regarding coal, cement and petroleum products is critical. Therefore, it is necessary that the consumption of these articles be regulated stringently in order that the existing supply may be conserved for essential uses.

3. Effective immediately, coal or coke may be issued or used for the following purposes only and in the minimum amounts necessary to continue these operations.

- a. Generation of electrical energy for essential services.
- b. Operations of the RR's by the Armies, including AMGOT.
- c. Operation of flour mills and food preserving plants.
- d. Operation of necessary bakeries and pasta factories.
- e. Operation of plants serving the military forces.
- f. Operation of agencies necessary to serve one or more of the above.
- g. Hospital heating.

The use of coal for ordinary heating of houses is specifically forbidden.

4. Petroleum products may be used for the following purposes only:

- a. Generation of electrical energy for essential services.
- b. Operation of flour mills and food preserving plants.
- c. Operation of plants serving the military forces.
- d. Operation of motor vehicles licensed for essential use.
- e. Operation of fishing craft (gasoline only).
- f. The supply of diesel oil or naphtha is acutely short and must be

issued for essential use only.

5. Cement may be used for the following purposes only:

- a. By the military forces.
- b. Repair of roads, bridges, sewers, water systems and essential plants.

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Distribution:

SCAO Agrigento	6
" Caltanissetta	6
" Catania	6
" Enna	4
" Palermo	35
" Ragusa	6
" Siracusa	14
" Trapani	6
" Messina	8
AMGOT Liaison	1
AMGOT 8th Main	10
Col. Hume	10
File	1

Float	1
Division	6
MGS AFHQ	2
Spares	10

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

AMGOT/6006/OP
AMGOT HQ SICILY
16 September 1943

Subject: Horses suitable for Carabinieri

To : All S.C.A.Os

1. It is requested that you notify D.P.S. HQ AMGOT of any horses abandoned by Italian Army which could be used as mounts by Carabinieri.

<u>Distribution:</u>		
Agrigento	6	AMGOT Liaison 1
Caltanissetta	6	AMGOT 8th Main 1
Catania	6	Col. Hume 1
Enna	4	File 266 & 6006 2
Palermo	35	Float 1
Ragusa	6	Divisions 6
Siracusa	14	MGS, AFHQ 2
Trapani	6	Spares 10
Messina	8	

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

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AMGOT HQ. - SICILY.

13 Sept. 1943.

Subject: Correspondence to Headquarters.

To : All S.C.A.Os.

1. Communications from officers of special divisions in the provinces to Headquarters have not been handled uniformly by all S.C.A.Os.
2. Your attention is drawn to Par 3 of the CCAO's directive of 12 August 1943. (AMGOT/234/HQ)
3. In addition to compliance with this directive officers of Special divisions are to sign their reports themselves before submitting them to the SCAO's for dispatch to H.Q.

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

Distribution:-

S.C.A.O. Agrigento	6	AMGOT Liaison	1
" Caltanissetta	6	AMGOT 8th Main	1
" Catania	6	Col. Hume	1
" Enna	4	File	266 and Original
" Palermo	35	Float	1
" Ragusa	6	Division	6
" Siracusa	14	M.G.S., A.F.H.Q.	2
" Trapani	6	Spares	10.
" Messina	8		

AMGOT/311/HQ
 AMGOT HQ SICILY
 13 September 1943

SUBJECT: Zone Time

TO : All S.C.A.Os

1. As from 26 September 1943 Zone "A" time (G.M.T. plus one hour) will be introduced throughout Sicily. The change will be effective as from 0200 hours present "B" zone time on 26 September when clocks will be put back one hour.

2. You are requested to give this information the widest possible publicity.

Distribution:

Agrigento	6
Caltanissetta	6
Catania	6
Enna	4
Palermo	35
Ragusa	6
Siracusa	14
Trapani	6
Messina	8
AMGOT Liaison	1
AMGOT 8th Main	1
Col. Hume	1
File 266 & 311	2
Float	1
Divisions	6
MCS, AFHQ	2
Staff Capt. (admin)	
Camp Comdt.	1
Spares	10

T. FARLEY SMITH
 Lt. Colonel
 Deputy Chief Staff Officer

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AMGOT/1022/PS.AMGOT HQ. - SICILY.

10 September, 1943.

Subject: Petitions.

To : All S.C.A.Os.

Petitions from convicted prisoners may be expected from time to time. These should be submitted through the Provincial H.Qs. The Chief Director has been so instructed but I should like you to issue instructions to Provincial Directors. Three examples are given below.

(1) Petition for early liberation owing to illness of prisoner. - Director of Public Health advises a full medical report, which should be assured by the S.A. P.H.O of the Province. The illness should be an obvious chronic or incurable one.

(2) Petition for early liberation owing to good conduct after a period with or without other points bearing on the reason other than ill health and family matters. S.L.O. of Province to take up with Procuratore del Rei and submit to S.C.A.O. if the circumstances of the trial or his good conduct would justify early liberation.

(3) Petition for early liberation on account of some sound family affair. Investigation into the family affair as far as is possible to be made by a Provincial Officer.

W. L. Bolles
for LEMUEL L. BOLLES,
Colonel Inf.,
Commissioner of Public Safety.

Distribution:

S.C.A.O.	Agrianto	6
	Caltanissetta	6
	Catania	6
	Enna	4
	Palermo	35
	Ragusa	6
	Syracuse	14
	Trapani	6
	Messina	8
	AMGOT Liaison	1
	AMGOT 8th Main	1
	Col. Hume	1
	MGS. A.F.H.Q.	2
	File 266 & original	
	Float	1
	Spares	10

Copies to C.L.O.
D.P.H.

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SUBJECT: Property of Fascist PartyAMGOT/6001/OP
AMGOT HQ SICILY
12 September 1943TO : All S.C.A.O.s

1. With reference to (i) instructions on Enemy State Property of 31 August 1943, (ref. AMGOT/6001/OP) and (ii) instructions on the G.I.L. and Opera Nazionale Dopolavoro of 5 Sept. 1943 (ref. AMGOT/3034/PH) information concerning all property owned or leased by the Fascist Party should be obtainable from the following institutions, which are understood to exist in every province.

2. All land owned by the Party will be recorded by Ufficio Tecnico Erariale of the province, Ufficio del Registro and Ufficio del Catasto.

All buildings will be recorded by the Offices of the Agenzia dell'Imperio, of which a number of branches exist in each province.

The properties used by the Party were in many cases rented, and details of leases should be available at the offices of the Conservatore dell'Ipotechi and the Intendenza di Finanze.

3. If there is an A.C.P. resident in your province, he should be able to provide you with a list of these properties, but owing to the large number of properties and wide distribution over the various communes, as well as to the smallness of his staff, he will not be able personally to collect the information requested in the two orders referred to in para 1. This task should be allotted to your C.A.O.s., who will be in a more favourable position to furnish the information required.

4. The financial information in the instructions referred to in 1 (ii) above should be obtainable through your Finance officers, who are also in a position to take the necessary action.

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

Distribution:

Agrigento	6	AMGOT Liaison	1
Caltanissetta	6	AMGOT 8th Main	1
Catania	6	Col. Hume	1
Enna	4	File 266 & 6001	2
Palermo	35	File 3034/PH	1
Ragusa	6	Float	
Syracuse	14	Divisions	6
Trapani	6	Spares	10
Messina	8		
M.G.S., AFHQ	2		

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AMGOT/1029/PS
 AMGOT HQ SICILY
 10 September 1943

SUBJECT: Administration of Discipline

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

Italian Directors of Prisons hold the same powers of awards for acts of indiscipline as they did before the Allied occupation, namely:

1. All members "uniformed" staff.

Admonition

Suspension for (a) of liberty - confined to quarters in a given period the prison and does duties.

(b) of service - stoppage of pay.
 Grade 1 - allowed 1/2
 Grade 2 - no pay

Dismissal or Removal - but must be confirmed by S.C.A.O. Province.

2. Directors, Vice Directors and Medical Officers will not be dealt with without reference to C.P.S., AMGOT.

DISTRIBUTION:

Agrigento	6		
Caltanissetta	6		
Catania	6		
Enna	4		
Palermo	35		
Ragusa	6	Col. Hume	1
Siracusa	14	File - 266 & 1029	
Trapani	6	Float	1
Messina	8	Divisions	6
AMGOT Liaison	1	MGS, AFHQ	2
AMGOT 8th Main	1	Spares	10

L. L. Bolles
 LEMUEL L. BOLLES
 Colonel, Infantry
 Commissioner of Public Safety

SUBJECT: Closing of Prisons.

AMGOT/1096/PS.

AMGOT H.Q. SICILY.

To: All S.C.A.Os.

10 September 43.

A number of places of confinement have been ordered to be closed and others will follow. It is, however, proposed to keep a custodian as caretaker at the places put out of operation till we are finally satisfied that they may not be required.

These caretakers should be paid by local C.A.Os. as at present.

Lemuel Bolles
for LEMUEL BOLLES.
Colonel.
Commissioner Public Safety.

<u>DISTRIBUTION:</u> SCAOs, Agrigento	6	AMGOT LIAISON	1
Caltanissetta	6	AMGOT 8th Main	1
Catania	6	Col. Hume	2
Enna	4	MGS. AFHQ.	2
Palermo	55	File 266 and original	
Ragusa	6	Float	1
Siracusa	14		
Trapani	6	Spares	10
Messina	8		
Chief Director,			
Dr. Columba	1		

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AMGOT/1014/PS.AMGOT HQ SICILY.10 September 1943.

SUBJECT: C.A.P.O.s

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

1. Public safety is a matter of increasing importance. Reports indicate that C.A.P.O.s are in some instances being hampered by a multiplicity of additional duties.

2. You are directed to take, as soon as practicable, action to relieve C.A.P.O.s of additional duties. This policy will apply in the future.

CHARLES E. SLOTTORD,
Lt. Col., G. S. C.,
Chief Staff Officer.

Distribution:

Agrianto	6	G.S.I(b) 1st Army Gp.
Caltanissetta	6	AMGOT Liaison
Catania	6	AMGOT 8th Main
Enna	4	Col. Rume
Messina	8	MCS, AFHQ
Palermo	35	File - 2
Ragusa	6	float.
Siracusa	14	
Trapani	6	

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SUBJECT: Reorganization of Italian Red Cross in Sicily.

AMGOT/3033/PH.

AMGOT H.Q. SICILY.

To: All S.C.A.Os.

10. Sept. 43.

The Italian Red Cross in Sicily is now being reorganized. It is being financed on an island-wide basis as it serves the whole island, and will be supervised by the Public Health Division at Headquarters. No further grants should be made by the Provinces to this organization.

The new president is, Giovanni Sorce, M.D., and he has been given authority to direct the work of the organization. All inquiries concerning services should be addressed to him at Via Piazza Santa Oliva, Circolo ufficiale, Palermo. Until the Post Offices open communications can be addressed to the Italian Red Cross in care of this office.

Information concerning our AMGOT relations to the organization should be addressed to the attention of the Public Health Division (Public Welfare Section).

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

DISTRIBUTION: S.C.A.O. AGRIGENTO. 6.
CALTANISSETTA 6.
CATANIA. 6.
ENNA 4.
PALERMO 35.
RAGUSA 6.
SIRACUSA 14.
TRAPANI 6.
MESSINA 8.
AMGOT Liaison 1.
AMGOT 8th MAIN 1.
Col. Hume. 1.
File 266 and original.
Float 1.
Division 6.
MGS. A.F.H.Q. 2.
Spares 10.

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SUBJECT: Educational Adviser.

AMGOT/301/HQ

AMGOT H.Q., SICILY.9th September 1943.

Major GAYRE, British, has been assigned to AMGOT Headquarters as Adviser on Education. He will hereafter deal with all questions affecting educational policy, educational institutions, etc., including salaries, maintenance expenses, and extraordinary expenses for the repair of war damages. He has an office in Room 64 (fourth floor), 8, Via Bari, PALERMO.

Captain HAMMOND will be glad to help in any matters with which he dealt previously to the arrival of Major GAYRE.

Il Maggiore Inglese GAYRE è stato assegnato al Quartiere Generale dell'AMGOT, come Consigliere per quanto riguarda l'Educazione. Egli tratterà inoltre tutti i problemi riguardanti il sistema educativo, le istituzioni scolastiche, etc., compresi i salari, le spese di manutenzione, e le spese straordinarie per riparazione dei danni di guerra. Il suo ufficio è situato in Via Bari no. 8, nella stanza no. 64 (terzo piano).

Il Capitano HAMMOND sarà contento di dare il suo contributo in ogni affare che egli trattava prima che giungesse il Maggiore GAYRE.

MASON HAMMOND

Capt. AC

Adviser on Fine Arts and Monuments.

Consigliere per le Belle Arti e per i Monumenti.

DISTRIBUTION:-

S. O. A. O.	Agrigento	6	AMGOT Liaison	1
"	Caltanissetta	6	AMGOT 8th MAIN	1
"	Catania	6	Col. Hume	1
"	Enna	4	File 266	(2)
"	Palermo	35	Float	1
"	Ragusa	6	Division	6
"	Siracusa	14	M. G. S., A. F. H. Q.	2
"	Trapani	6	Spares	10
"	Messina	8	Heads of Educational Institutions	

AMGOT/51/HQAMGOT HQ SICILY6 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 Amellia, 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	AMGOT Liaison
Caltanissetta	AMGOT 2th Army
Catania	Col. Hume
Enna	M.G.S., A.F.H.Q.
Messina	File
Palermo	Float
Ragusa	
Siracusa	
Trapani	

MAJOR GENERAL
 Chief Civil Affairs Officer

AMGOT/263/HQ

AMGOT EQ SICILY

7 September 1943

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

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

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

1. Add to Paragraph 6 the following new subsections:

- (l) 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.

Distribution:

Agrigento
Caltanissetta
Catania
Enna
Messina
Palermo
Ragusa
Siracusa
Trapani

AMGOT Liaison
8th Army
Col. Hume
M.G.S., A.F.H.Q.
File

Charles M. Spottford
CHARLES M. SPOTTFORD
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
Chief Staff Officer

AMGOT/263/HQ30 August 1943C O N F I D E N T I A L .

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

Subject: Responsibility of S.C.A.O.s for AMGOT operations in Provinces.

1. S.C.A.O.s will be responsible for all AMGOT activities in their respective provinces, subject to certain exceptions as to island-wide activities specified below.
2. All AMGOT personnel, including personnel of special divisions assigned to the provinces, will be responsible to S.C.A.O.s in all matters affecting AMGOT operations. Matters of breach of discipline will be handled by the senior officer (A) or (B), as the case may be, assigned to the province.
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:

_____ Province
through S.C.A.O.

5. Except where impracticable, by reason of distance, time, or communication, AMGOT 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 AMGOT HQ:

AMFA,
Trunk line railways and other railways crossing provincial lines,
Post offices and postal systems,
Telephones,
Telegraphs,
Electric utilities, except local utilities not inter-connected
with island grid,
Miliary reformatory,
State prisons.

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Jail reformatories,
State prisons,
Social insurance systems,
Courts of appeal,
Courts of assize. | | |
| 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. 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 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.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.

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

DISTRIBUTION:-

S.C.A.O.	Agrigento
S.C.A.O.	Caltanissetta
S.C.A.O.	Catania
S.C.A.O.	Enna
S.C.A.O.	Messina
S.C.A.O.	Palermo
S.C.A.O.	Ragusa
S.C.A.O.	Siracusa
S.C.A.O.	Trapani

AMGOT/266/HQ.

AMGOT HQ. - SICILY.

6 September, 1943.

Subject: Memorandum to Headquarters.

To : All S.C.A.Os.

1. Further to memorandum 266/HQ dated 23rd August, 1943 issued by this Headquarters.
2. Correspondence is being received from the provinces which bears no reference number, and where reference is made to a communication from this Headquarters the reference has not been quoted. In future all correspondence must include:
 - (a) Originator's ref no. and date.
 - (b) The reference number and date of any memorandum to which a reply is being made.
3. Correspondence will be addressed to AMGOT H.Q., and NOT to individual officers unless it is of a private nature.

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

Subject:- La Guardia di Finanza

1039/PS

AMCOT HQ, SICILY

3 Sep 42

To:- All SCAOs

(With copies sufficient for distribution to CAOs, CAPOs, FOs and ROs.)

1. La Regia Guardia di Finanza is constituted under Italian Law for the performance of the following duties:-

(a) Supervision at source of yield of the following revenues:-

Customs Duties
Production Taxes.
Taxes on beer, wines, and spirits
State Monopolies
Direct Taxation and taxes on affairs

(b) Guarding and patrolling, in the Revenue interest, the coast-line and adjacent territorial waters; frontiers, lakes, lagoons and ports, including airports, and all points at which revenues are charged or liable to be charged.

(c) Special Investigation of Revenue offences, prevention, detection and repression of smuggling and tax evasion.

2. The Corps is organised in Zones, Legions, Circuits (Circolo), Companies, Platoons, Sections, and Brigades, to which are assigned certain areas of territory for supervision and executive duties. In addition to, but under the administrative control of the higher of these formations are two specialised sub-divisions, viz,

(a) Squadrons, normally provided with sea-craft, for Revenue service afloat, wearing naval uniform.

(b) Neulei di Polizia Tributaria, specially selected personnel for observation, investigation, research, and verification in all cases of suspected Revenue offences, a plain-clothes force

3. In the general dislocation of services and communications since the occupation of Sicily, the Corps may have been employed on duties other than those set forth above. This is provided for, in a state of emergency, in the Regulations of the Corps. It should be borne in mind, however, that the primary function of the Corps is a Revenue one.

4. In existing circumstances, concealment of liability and evasion of tax-paying on the part of the population may be anticipated on an abnormal scale.

5. You will therefore ensure that the activities of the Corps in your area are especially directed towards the tightening of the Law in so far as

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5. You will therefore ensure that the activities of the Corps in your area are especially directed towards the tightening of the law in so far as Revenue charge and collection are concerned also "Black Market" and control of merchandise, and that no laxity is permitted. Please contact the senior officer of the Corps in your district and impress this matter upon him, and satisfy yourself by visit and test-check, if necessary, that he and his subordinates are in fact carrying out their Revenue duties to the utmost.
6. Any instance of neglect of duty or lack of zeal by units or members of the Corps should be reported to this H.Q. without delay. Similarly all offences by members of the public brought to notice by the Corps should be prosecuted by either Allied Military Court procedure or Civil Authority according to the nature of the offence.

AP 900 11/11/48

A.P. CRAFTY-SMITH, 0168
Colonel,
Chief Financial Officer.

MAXIMUM CONSUMER PRICES FOR STAPLES
AND ITALIAN REGION 2

<u>Bread, Pasta, Flour, Legumes, and Potatoes</u>	
<u>Bread</u>	L. 3.60 per kilo
<u>Pasta - first quality</u>	4.20 "
<u>Glutinated Pasta - for special diets,</u> loose	15.00 "
packed in bags	20.00 "
<u>Flour - wheat</u>	4.10 "
corn flour	3.75 "
<u>Crusca</u>	3.00 "
<u>Rice</u>	"
Semi-fine	3.25 "
Vialone	3.75 "
	4.00 "
<u>Beans - Common</u>	11.00 "
Fancy	12.00 "
<u>Lentils - medium</u>	10.50 "
Half-large	11.50 "
Giants	12.00 "
<u>Chick-beans</u>	10.00 "
Giants	11.00 "
<u>Fave</u>	5.50 "
<u>Peas, whole</u>	10.00 "
split	14.00 "
<u>Potatoes</u>	4.00 "
<u>Cicerone</u>	8.00 "
<u>Tomato Paste</u>	40.00 "
<u>B. Oil, filtered</u>	
Extra fine olive oil with a limit of acidity	L. 25.00 per litre
of one grade	" 23.00 "
Fine olive oil acidity of 2 grades	" 21.00 "
Olive oil acidity of 5 grades	" 19.00 "
Common oil acidity from 5 to 7 grades	"
<u>C. Fresh Milk</u>	
Pasteurized at the dairy	7.00 "
Raw milk	5.00 "

<u>Crusca</u>	"	3.00	
<u>Rice</u>	"	3.25	
Semi-fine	"	3.75	
Vialone	"	4.00	
<u>Beans - Common</u>	"	11.00	
Fancy	"	12.00	
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Common oil acidity from 5 to 7 grades			
<u>C. Fresh Milk</u>			
Pasteurized at the dairy		7.00 "	
Raw milk		5.00 "	
<u>D. Cheese</u>			
Seasoned 4 months		35.00 per kilo	
Sicilian		33.00 "	
Canestrato		33.00 "	
<u>E. Eggs</u>			
Fresh		4.00 each	
<u>F. Sugar</u>			
Refined		15.00 per kilo	
Crystal		14.00 "	

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G. Honey

Loose in tins, paraffine, or terracotta containers weighing from 5 to 25 kilos.
In cardboard containers.
In glass.

L. 30.00 per kilo.
29.00 "
35.00 "

H. Preserved Fish.

Cod fish wet.
Stoccofisso
Canned salted fish from Spain.
Without heads.
Salted fish.
Large Sardines
Sardines in oil (tine of about 200 gms)
Anchovy in tomato sauce (tine of " "
Tuna in oil.
Tuna in tomato sauce,
Ventresca & tarantello in sauce
Buzzonaglie & bisciole in sauce.
Small tuna in oil.
Natural small tuna (tin of 200 gms)
Pickled eels (small).
" " (medium)
" " (large)
" " (fancy)
Acquafelle (pickled)
Anchovy filets in sauce (tins of 1 kilo)
Filets (anchovy) tins of 200 gms.
Anchovy paste in tubes.

15.00 per kilo.
8.40 "
45.00 "
25.50 "
13.80 "
17.50 "
6.00 per tin.
5.50 "
38.00 per kilo.
35.50 "
44.00 "
23.00 "
45.00 "
11.00 per tin.
33.50 per kilo.
35.50 "
38.50 "
46.50 "
20.00 "
68.50 "
10.50 per tin.
4.50 per tube.

I. Meats (bagged, salted and delectessen).

Ham, uncured
Ham, cured
Coppa, uncured.
Mortadella.
Salame (uncured)
" (cured)
" (products for cooking)
Cornbeefed tongue, uncured.
" " , cured.

33.50 per kilo.
28.00 "
28.00 "
17.00 "
27.00 "
20.00 "
19.00 "
20.00 "
26.00 "

J. Fresh Meats.

Veal, large veal, steer (first cut)
" " " (second cut)
" " " (third cut)
Filet (net)
Rump (net)
Ox, beef, bull (first cut)
" " " (second cut)
" " " (third cut)
Filet net
Rump net
Liver and kidney.

34.00 per kilo
31.20 "
28.00 "
36.00 "
33.00 "
32.00 "
30.00 "
26.50 "
35.00 "
33.00 "
20.00 "

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Large Sardines	17.50
Sardines in oil (tine of about 200 gms)	6.00 per tin.
Anchovy in tomato sauce (tine of " ")	5.50
Tuna in oil.	38.00 per kilo.
Tuna in tomato sauce,	35.50
Ventresca & tarantello in sauce	44.00
Buzzonaglie & bisciole in sauce.	23.00
Small tuna in oil.	45.00
Natural small tuna (tin of 200 gms)	11.00 per tin.
Pickled eels (small).	33.50 per kilo.
" " (medium)	35.50
" " (large)	38.50
" " (fancy)	46.50
Acquedelle (pickled)	20.00
Anchovy filets in sauce (tins of 1 kilo)	68.50
Filets (anchovy) tins of 200 gms.	10.50 per tin.
Anchovy paste in tubes.	4.50 per tube.

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" (cured)	20.00
" (products for cooking)	19.00
Cornbeefed tongue, uncured.	20.00
" " , cured.	26.00

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Veal, large veal, steer (first cut)	34.00 per kilo
" " " (second cut)	31.20
" " " (third cut)	28.00
Filet (net)	36.00
Rump (net)	33.00
Ox, beef, bull (first cut)	32.00
" " " (second cut)	30.00
" " " (third cut)	26.50
Filet net	35.00
Rump net	33.00
Liver and kidney.	20.00
Heart.	16.00
Lung	8.00
Tripe (cooked)	16.00
" (raw)	5.00
Innards.	5.00
Head (full)	8.00
" (empty)	6.20
Brains	23.00
Tongue	16.00
Hoofs	5.30
Tail	5.00
Breast	6.50
Other inner products	5.00

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J. Fresh Meats (continued)

Sheep and goat :
 Small milking goat,
 Milking lamb,
 Innerdards,
 Head
 Large lamb, Male Goat
 Large male goat, sh
 Large goat
 Head

L.	per kilo
23.00	"
20.00	"
16.00	"
20.00	"
17.50	"
13.00	"
16.00	"

Poultry and Rabbits

Rabbit,
Duck and goose
Turkey
Chicken
Pharaohs chicken,
Spring chicken,
Turkey (female)
Pigeons

20.00	per kilo
26.00	"
31.00	"
34.00	"
36.00	"
36.00	"
32.00	"
33.00	"

K. Fish

First category:
Lobster, squid, sole and sword.

Second category:
Eel, cod, tuna and shrimp

38.00 per kilo.	"
30.00	"
23.00	"
16.00	"

L. Wines - ordinary

10% 11% 12% 13% 14% 15% 16%

6.00	per litre.
6.00	"
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6.00	"
7.00	"
7.00	"
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10%
M. Wines and Liquors - Fancy (Bottle)

Sicilian and Italian Wines (Best grade)	30.00	per Litre.
Italian Champagne	50.00	"
Vermouth	30.00	"
Martini and Rossi Vermouth	50.00	"
Cognac (Italian) Best grade)	150.00	"
Liquors (Best grade)	150.00	"
German beer	25.00	"
Vintage wines	No limit	"

N. Fruits and Vegetables

Garlic (dry)
Broccoli (small) and other greens
Artichokes
Artichokes (small, 6 to a bunch)
Carrots, first quality
" second quality
Cauliflower
Onions

10.00 per kilo.
2.00 "
1.50 "
2.50 "
5.00 "
4.50 "
2.00 "
3.50 "

K. Fish

Chicken	34.00	"
Pharaohs chicken,	36.00	"
Spring chicken,	36.00	"
Turkey (female)	32.00	"
Pigeons	33.00	"
<u>First category:</u>		
Lobster, squid, sole and sword.	38.00 per kilo.	
<u>Second category:</u>		
Bel, cod, tuna and shrimp	30.00	"
<u>Third category:</u>		
<u>Fourth category:</u>		
	23.00	"
	16.00	"

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Broccoli (small) and other greens	2.00
Artichokes	1.50
Artichokes (small, 6 to a bunch)	2.50
Carrots, first quality	5.00
" second quality	4.50
Cauliflower	2.00
Onions	3.50
" (small)	4.00
Lettuce	2.40
Eggplants	.35 each
Peppers	4.00 per kilo.
" (small)	3.50
Tomatoes	3.00
Salad Tomatoes	4.00
Radishes (3)	.40
Spinach	6.00
Long Squash	4.00
Yellow Squash	4.00
Water Melon	4.00 per kilo.

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N. Fruits and Vegetables (continued)

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	L.	00 per kilo
White onions		3.00
Figs		3.00
Pichindia		12.00
Processed Olives		12.00
Pears - dessert		8.00
eating		6.00
cooking		10.00
Peaches		5.00
Prunes and Susine		5.00
Sarte		9.00
Muscatel grapes and insolia		12.00
Grapes - Zibibbo		9.00
Table		5.00
Common		2.00
Lemons		3.00
Oranges, Tangerines		30.00
Almonds, shelled		

O. Coal (F.O.B. port or present location)

Anthracite	835.00 per ton
Soft	800.00 "
Sardinia	400.00 "
Lignite	300.00 "
	500.00 per ton

P. Cement (F.O.B. Factory)

Q. Soap

House	10.00 per kilo
Laundry	12.00 "
Imported (U.S. or U.K.)	20.00 "

R. Services

Barber Shop 1st class

Shave	4.00 lire
Haircut	6.00 "
Shave & haircut	9.00 "
Monthly ticket	40.00 "

Barber Shop 2nd & 3rd Class

Shave	3.00 lire
Haircut	5.00 "
Shave & haircut	7.00 "
Monthly ticket	25.00 "

S. Laundry

Uniform or civilian suit, wash & press	25.00 lire
Cleaning suit or dress	40.00 "
Shirt, wash and iron	5.00 "
Military long pants, wash & press	10.00 "
Shorts, wash & press	6.00 "
Drawers, wash & press	3.00 "
Undershirt, wash & press	1.50 "
Towel, wash & press	1.50 "
Hose, wash	1.00 "
Stockings, wash	1.00 "

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Hose, wash	1.00	"
Stockings, wash	2.00	"
Sheet, wash & press	5.00	"
Pillow case, wash and press	1.50	"
Handkerchief, wash & press	.25	"
Collar, wash & press	.25	"
Pajamas (2 pieces)	8.00	"
T. Meals		
Cafe, restaurant, etc. 1st class	50.00 lire	
Cafe, restaurants, etc. 2nd and 3rd Cl.	25.00 lire.	

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AMGOT/255/HQAMGOT HQ SICILY2 September 1943

Subject: Robbing of the Dead

To : S.C.A.O.s

1. There have recently been many cases of Italians robbing the dead.
2. Bodies of U. S. Soldiers already buried have been disinterred and all clothing taken off.
3. This HQ directs attention to Proclamation No. 2, Section 17.
4. This applies to robbing and disinterring of Italian bodies as well as those of Allied Troops and the penalty may be death.

Distribution:

Agrigento	6
Caltanissetta	6
Catania	6
Enna	4
Palermo	35
Ragusa	6
Siracusa	14
Trapani	6
Messina	8
AMGOT Liaison	1
AMGOT 8th Main	1
Col. Hume	1
File	1
Float	1
Divisions	6

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

AMGOT/8/HQ
AMGOT HQ SICILY
28th August 1943

Subject:- Restoration of Civil Telephone and Telegraph Services
in SICILY.

To:- S.C.A.Os. Provinces of :
SIRACUSA
CATANIA
RAGUSA
MESSINA

1. Reference Operation Instruction No. 15 from C.S.O. 15th Army Group, dated 2nd August 1943, above subject.

2. Subject to provisions of O.I. No. 15, except para 2 which does not apply to S.C.A.O., the C.S.O. 15th Army Group has approved agreement between AMGOT and C.S.O. Fort Base as follows:

- a. AMGOT is to take over the maintenance and operation of the civil automatic switchboard Siracusa with its connected cabling.
- b. The switchboard shall be split into two portions. The Military portion will have dialling facilities to Trunks. The civil portion will not have Trunk facilities.
- c. Operations of civil automatic switchboard at Catania to be covered by further conference between representative of AMGOT Signal Officer and C.S.O. Fort Base.
- d. All existing civil switchboards in Fort Base Area shall be put back into service by AMGOT. No Trunks facilities can be released at present.
- e. The equipment in Telegraph Offices, except city Syracuse, shall be put under care and maintenance of AMGOT until such time as telegraph service is required and permitted.
- f. Where lines are not required for Military use, AMGOT will be free to instal local telephone intra-urban connections.
3. Captain J.E. Davis (a) Signal Corps - from AMGOT HQ will supervise the restoration of civil telephone service and will shortly visit your province.
4. Captain Davis will arrange with C.S.O. Fort Base with respect to operation of switchboard at Catania and Siracusa. He will also provide any necessary coordination.
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5. It is contemplated that all S.E.T. Telephone Exchanges in your Province will be operated by regular S.E.T. telephone employees under direction of the normal telephone company management. All telephone operating expenses and wages to be paid by S.E.T.
6. The S.E.T. Telephone Exchanges and lines in your Province come under the management and supervision of Ing. Tagliavia of Catania. Capt. Davis will arrange with Tagliavia with respect to collection of telephone accounts, payment of bills, wages, etc., and the general management of the system.
7. It is directed that you afford Capt. Davis such assistance as you are able.

DISTRIBUTION:

C.S.O. 15th Army Group
C.S.O. Eighth Army.
C.S.O. Fort Base.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer:

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

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AMGOT/266/HQ
AMGOT HQ SICIL
28 August 43

Memorandum

To : SCAO Agrigento Province.

1. Reference is made to your letter of 25 August 1943, subject, "Electricity Supply".

2. Lt. Peebles of the Civilian Supply Division was in Agrigento Province on 27 August 1943 and will give the necessary technical advice. It is necessary that you be taken off the high-tension line and depend entirely on your local plant for the City of Agrigento. This will probably necessitate cutting off current for private lighting which can be done either by switches or by cutting lead-ins, or by a combination of both. For your information this is being done in the City of Palermo.

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

Copy To: File AMGOT/5036/08

SUBJECT: Housing Survey
TO : All S.C.A.O's

AMGOT/266/HQ
AMGOT HQ SICILY
26 August 1943

In continuation with HQ memo numbered as above dated 14 August 1943:

Authorith has been granted by the A.F.H.Q. to proceed to effect minimum repairs to render houses habitable, provided necessary for reasons of Public health. Cost to be carried to Occupation Expenditure Accounts.

It is therefore necessary to request that in completing the housing survey forms, the definite recommendations of the Provincial Health Officer representing AMGOT be included. When material is not actually available an estimate of quantity of material with specifications should be forwarded. The time limit of two weeks may be disregarded.

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

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SECRETAMGOT.REVISED SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION - FINANCE No. 2.BUDGETS.

(1) Finance Officers will be concerned to a varying degree with the budgets of the communes, provinces, and that part of the national budget relevant to the area under occupation.

(2) A copy of the instructions to C.A.O.'s (G.A.No.3) concerning the budgets of the commune is attached. From this it will be noted that a Finance Officer is concerned with these budgets.

- (a) When there is a deficit between revenue and recurrent expenditure
- (b) Where the C.A.O. refers recurrent expenditure in excess of 1/12 per month for the F.O.'s covering authority; and
- (c) Where the C.A.O. recommends expenditure on non-recurrent items or items of an extraordinary nature.

(3) As regards 2(a) the F.O. will scrutinise the C.A.O.'s recommendation and, within limits of cash at his disposal and the probable demands thereon; provide the money.

As regards 2(b) and 2(c) the F.O. in his discretion may approve this expenditure and provide the cash if urgently required for the maintenance of ~~public~~ health, relief of destitution or the maintenance of refugees.

The F.O. will exercise general supervision against extravagance or the use of revenues for Fascist or anti-Allied purposes.

If the F.O. wishes to refer to the full communal Bilancio di Previsione he will find copies for each commune in the Province at the Prefettura's office.

(4) The general principles on which the expenditures of communes may be approved are given in detail in G.A.No.3 and para 3 above. These same general principles, special attention being drawn to para 14 of G.A.No.3, will be used by F.Os. in dealing with provincial accounts and provincial portions of State accounts.

(5) The following information is given about provincial and State accounts.

- (a) Each province has a "Bilancio/di Previsione" similar to that for each commune and it is on the basis of this account that advances should be made for provincial expenditure. In some bank at the provincial capital the account for the Provincial Treasury (not to be confused with the Regio Tesoro for the Province, which is the State account).

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- (b) The Banca d'Italia at the Capital of each Province keeps the State account for the province, which is called the account of the "R. Tesoreria Provinciale - Sezione di - (name of Province)" and in respect of this account renders monthly to Rome a "Dimostrazione Mensile" which shows the receipts of State taxes by categories, and other State transactions and State expenses authorized by the Ufficio Provinciale del Tesoro or by Departments in Rome. A copy of this account to 30 June 1943 including the "Residui" a/c, and thereafter up to the date the bank ceased to operate should be obtained and submitted to the C.R.O. of the Finance Division.
- (c) The Banca d'Italia also keeps a number of the current and other

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accounts of Government Institutions - (such as the Post Office) monthly transactions on which accounts are also shown in the "Mostrazione Mensile". The above two accounts with their appropriate sub-account details which can be provided by the Ufficio Provinciale del Tesoro or other local representatives, will provide the necessary information on which claims for money for current expenses to keep these institutions going can be examined.

(d) The general intention with regard to all comune, provincial or state accounts will be that these accounts will remain in their existing banks (provincial revenues will stay in the provincial account and be used primarily for provincial purposes), and advances made by you in accordance with the general policy will be made direct to the account concerned and shown there as an advance from the Allied Military Financial Agency.

(e) No expenditure will be authorized for the purpose of paying principal or interest on any obligation of the National Government comparable to the public debt. You should not authorize payment of other national government obligations which you believe are inappropriate in view of existing circumstances such as obligations of manufactures of armaments. Necessary adjustments will be made if the Provincial Treasury is not operating over the whole province.

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The following information is given for guidance in other miscellaneous matters:

(a) The plans prepared by the Civilian Supply Division of AMGOT provide for the continued functioning of the Ammassi in buying crops from the farmers and reselling them to the public through the regular distribution channels. If, as is likely to be the case during the first few weeks of the operation, the Ammassi do not have cash and cannot get it from banks or other sources, F.O. should provide the money necessary, if approved by the SCAO and after consultation with a representative of the AMGOT Civilian Supply Division, if possible.

There may be other emergency or extraordinary situations where the carrying out of AMGOT plans makes urgently desirable the advance of funds by an F.O. Such an advance of funds may be made by the F.O. only if approved by the SCAO. Great care and good judgment must be shown in reaching decisions in such cases.

In making such advances of funds F.O. will maintain records and obtain receipts in accordance with General Administrative Instruction No. 12 relating to Accounting Procedure.

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In the initial stages in order to implement the policy of maintaining existing institutions you should contact the Prefect, the Intendente di Finanze, the Ufficio Provinciale del Tesoro, the Banca d'Italia and the bank keeping the Provincial Treasury account, and obtain corresponding accounts and statements to those given for communes in G.A. 3 para 3, and those referred to in para 5 above.

- (8) In the light of the information so obtained you will make the necessary advances to the bank which holds the account concerned and obtain a receipt on form from the appropriate Italian official of the province or body concerned. These advances will be shown in the accounts of the body concerned, advance from the Allied Military Financial Agency.

(9) Cash required by the F.O. to provide funds for the purpose and under the conditions set forth in the foregoing will be drawn from AMEA. In the event of AMEA being short of physical cash the available cash resources of any banks in the area may in the discretion of the F.O. be utilized by them for the required purposes. For any amounts taken from any bank an appropriate receipt should be given and redeemed later in cash.

(10) Accounts must be kept of all cash received from AMEA and the disbursement thereof in accordance with G.A.I.No.12 Every precaution must be taken to ensure the safety of cash and valuables in the custody of the F.O. Officers will be held personally responsible for any loss of cash which is directly due to negligence or failure to make adequate arrangements for its custody.

(11) You will note the effects of Proclamations 5 and 6 on the collection of revenues and the release of certain funds in banks. These are referred to in G.A.I.No.3 paras 6 and 7, and you will take corresponding action on the provincial and State level.

(12) Many miscellaneous State, provincial and communal bodies will apply for funds to pay salaries and carry on their work. In all such cases the bodies concerned should furnish a copy of their last accounts, of their requirements for salaries and other expenses by category (maintenance, insurance, etc.) and of their resources in cash and in banks.

Advances may be made to cover salaries and expenditure of the type listed below:

- (a) Hospitals, lunatic asylums, orphanages, homes for incurables and old age homes.
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- (c) Maintenance of existing museums, monuments and archaeological sites.
- (d) Necessary expenditures for maintenance of schools and universities.
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- (f) Industrial and utility organizations only if necessary to the Allied Military effort.

(13) Advances made to miscellaneous institutions of the types referred to in para 12 will be made to the communal or provincial authority which normally was responsible for providing corresponding grants in aid.

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The normal system of tax collection provides for the payment by taxpayers of the major Revenue items in instalments every two months (Feb., April, June, etc.). These instalments are payable on the 10th to 18th of these months to an Essatore, who in turn is responsible for paying 8/10ths of the monthly instalment or roll to the Recivitore Provinciale on the 22nd of the same month, and the remaining 2/10th on the 9th of the next bi-monthly period. The Recivitore in turn is bound, even if the Essatore has defaulted to him to pay over corresponding fractions four days later to the State account etc. concerned. Owing to the destruction of properties and stocks by bombardment, and the absence of some taxpayers by evacuation in certain areas, it may not be possible for the Essatore to collect these fractions on time. You are accordingly authorised to agree with the Intendente for a concession to be given by him up to a maximum of 50% for heavily bombed and evacuated localities

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for October payments. The rate is to be decided by you and him for each commune on the basis of its actual position since many communes in country districts will be unaffected and require no allowance.

It is to be understood that the concession is only one of postponement.

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The officials concerned with the assessment and collection of taxes, imposts and other communal provincial and State revenues must continue with their work. Every effort must be made to overcome difficulties of transportation and communication.

(a) The following stock report should be obtained from the Intendente and other officials concerned, including certain of these offices which hold centralized stocks of forms

Name of form or form Number.	Quantity held.	Quantity required for work up to 31 March.	Surplus.	Deficiency.
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(b) Similar particulars should be obtained from all holders of fiscal stamps (marche di bollo etc.) in the following form:

Custode Di Bolli Fiscali (Non Ancor Emesso Ne Pagati) e Carta Bollata.	Carattere Di Bollo	Denominazione.	Quantità.	Somma Totale Tenuta	Valore Dei Bolli Venduti durante l'anno Sino Al 30 Giugno	Nota
Nome Indirizzo						

Form CRO - 5

These reports should be forwarded to the C.R.O. of the Finance Division as soon as received. No steps need yet be taken to assess the stocks of lottery tickets.

AMGOT.

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REVISED GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS NO. 3.FINANCIAL INSTRUCTIONS TO C.A.O.

1. In order that the normal local activities may be carried on, an immediate problem which C.A.O.s will face is the question of expenditures and receipts of the communes, and similar local authorities (but not including provinces or State Accounts which will be handled by F.O.s) and of the extent of their cash resources and financial requirements. Receipts of the communes may be in any form of lire, yellow seal currency, British Military Authority notes and American and British coins. Communes will, to the extent available, make out payments in any form of lire. Where necessary for the Allied Forces to make advances to the communes, Civil Affairs Officers will make advances in Allied Military lire obtained from AMFA. In the initial phases of the operation it is possible that supplies of currency in certain areas will be very restricted and it is therefore essential that cash disbursements during this period should be limited with this point in view.
2. The principles which govern Payments from the budgets of communes are:-
 - (a) Insofar as it is possible the existing Italian local government machinery for effecting and controlling expenditures and receipts will be maintained. This does not preclude elimination of undesirable individuals in the organisations in accordance with other instructions which you will receive.
 - (b) Subject to the temporary proviso in para 8 below the normal current expenditure such as the payment of wages, salaries, lighting, etc. but not service of funded or unfunded debt, would continue to be authorised and paid by the Italian officials charged with this responsibility to the extent of 1/12th per month of the sum provided in the annual estimate or budget. This fraction should be reduced if it is found that part of the salaries have already been paid in advance or if communal officials have left their offices (See also para 4 re salaries in general).
 - (c) Any expenditure which may need to be incurred on behalf of staff, etc. employed for the benefit of AMGOT will not be charged to the communes but will be accounted for separately as described in General Administrative Instructions No. 12 on accountancy Procedure. Clerical staff of the communes who are employed on such matters as relief and rationing will continue to be borne on the Communal pay roll.
 - (d) Payment vouchers of communes outstanding at the time of the occupation will only be met if they are in respect of recurrent expenditure as defined above. No payments are to be made on account of capital expenditure.

supplies of currency in certain areas will be very restricted and it is therefore essential that cash disbursements during this period should be limited with this point in view.

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- (e) Any provision made in the budget for disbursements of a political nature to Fascist officials or institutions will be eliminated.
- (f) Any expenditure in excess of 1/12th (or such lesser fraction as 157 may be decided by you) per month of the recurrent items in the annual estimate must be submitted to the F.O.
- (g) All non-recurrent expenditures and disbursements of an extraordinary nature, such as payments to refugees, must be submitted for approval to the F.O. In the case of 2(g) and 2 (f) where the situation demands immediate action without prior sanction the circumstances should be reported immediately to the F.O. and covering authority sought.

3. In the initial stages therefore, in order to implement the above, CMOs should contact the heads of all communes and, after explaining the principles given above, obtain from the commune:

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- (a) a copy of the commune's "Bilancio di Previsione" for the year 1943 (This book normally only shows the estimates, the columns for the figures of the actual receipts and expenses of the previous year being blank.)
- (b) a statement of the amounts required for the next month to meet the types of payment covered by the policy and at a later period you will obtain such figures for the following 2 months. This statement should give the categories of expenditure by reference to the serial numbers (articolo) as shown in the classification column of the Bilancio di Previsione.
- (c) a statement of the actual existing resources of the commune in -
 - (i) cash
 - (ii) bank balances at specified banks
 - (iii) other assets such as deposits with the Post Office, assigned circulari, vaglie cambiari, etc.

4. In the case of all salary payments to be made, as investigation has disclosed that in some cases officials received in June 1943 pay in advance to Nov. 1943, Italian officials authorized to pay salaries will be impressed by you with the fact that:

- (1) no pay will be issued to any person who has been already paid for the same period.
- (ii) the salary payments are provisional and subject to future deductions where applicable for:
 - a. moneys which may have been issued as relief payments
 - b. amendments which may be made to wage scales by the omission of special bonuses such as "bombardimento" for people working in dangerous areas.

5. In order to maintain uniformity in payment of cash relief the maximum daily scale of relief to be applied until further notice will be 25 lire per head of family plus 5 lire per each dependent. The records of relief payments will be so kept that any officials of the state province or commune (or any other body which may receive advances for the payment of salaries, etc.) who in fact receive relief may be traced and deductions therefor made if they also receive at any time salary for the period concerned.

6. You will note that under Proclamation 6, people are obliged to continue payments of imposts, taxes and other revenue, including those belonging to the commune, and are authorized to use their bank balances to pay such taxes. You will obtain as soon as possible an estimate of the amounts that the commune will receive in imposts, taxes or other revenue, for the months concerned. Amounts thus received by the commune will continue to be allocated to the normal revenue items of the budget. All officials must be instructed to proceed with all the usual assessing and collecting work and the

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7. You will note that under Proclamation No. 5, banks are authorized to pay out amounts, held for the account of communes, if authorized by the local representative of the Allied Military Government. You should authorize withdrawals from such bank accounts if the bank has the cash and if the commune is using the money for payments of the type permitted herein.
8. In the light of the foregoing CAOs will make advances from their own funds (or will requisition cash from the FO) to meet the deficiency between approved sums required for immediate expenses and the cash which can be made available to the commune, etc. from its own assets or by local borrowing from the banks. Where reference is required to the FO to meet the expenditures referred to in paras 2 (f) and 2 (g), the statements referred to in para 3 (b) and (c) will be forwarded to the FO with your recommendations.

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If there is not sufficient physical cash available to the commune (including what can be borrowed from banks or other resources) or to the FOs, recurrent expenditure which can be postponed for a period of four weeks without hardship, should be postponed.

9. CAOs will be responsible for obtaining the cash from the offices of the FO. In the case of all advances the amount will be shown in the accounts of the commune, etc. concerned as an advance from the Allied Military Financial Agency, and a receipt on Form F/M2 must be obtained from the responsible Italian officials. In all cases, the money will continue to be disbursed by the commune in the normal way through the existing Italian machinery and recorded and accounted for in their records (see para 2 (a)).

10. Every precaution must be taken to ensure the safe custody of cash and valuables. Civil affairs officers will be held personally responsible for any loss of cash which is directly due to negligence or failure to make adequate arrangements for its custody. Endeavours should be made as early as possible to obtain an adequate safe or steel cash chest which can be secured to the wall or floor. Night guards should be used, whenever they can be made available to guard large stocks of currency.

11. Advances will continue to be made by CAOs for subsequent months on the receipt of similar information to that given in para 3.

12. Prices will remain fixed at the official rates prevailing prior to occupation and wages will remain as fixed in the schedule issued.

13. Advances may be made by the CAO to authorized private relief agencies (like the Red Cross and Church controlled relief agencies) which require funds for the emergency maintenance of public health, relief of destitution or the maintenance of refugees. When you find that there is no satisfactory mechanism to amend such payments from the commune budgets.

14. As indicated in SAI Finance No. 2, FO and SFO will be dealing with the accounts of the state and provinces along general principles similar to those given for communes in paragraph 2, with necessary modification to meet the different factual situation. However if urgent necessity arises, as for example where the provincial capital is not yet in our hands or for other reasons authorities in the provincial capital may be unable for some period of time to act in certain communes of the province, the CAO is authorized to deal with local branches or representatives of such state or provincial authorities on the same general principles as for communes, reporting his action immediately to the FO. Accordingly the following information is given:

(a) In addition to the salaries of communal officials paid directly out of communal accounts and covered by 2 (b) above, it will be found that many officials of state and provincial authorities and of other bodies have been paid locally sometimes through local post offices or other branch offices of a central body. Many state officials are paid on the orders of the

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(b) Payments will not, however, be made of the following:

- (i) Pensions to army and civil service personnel formerly paid from state funds.

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(b) (ii) Family allowances to dependants of -

- a. those engaged in military service
- b. unparoled prisoners of war
- c. Italian workers in Germany or other Axis occupied territories.

(iii) Salaries or any other expenses of any corporation, confederation or syndicate previously financed by contributi sindacali.

In case of hardship such persons will receive direct relief from the commune.

(c) The Ammassi system of marketing commodities will be continued for the time being. Proclamation No. 5 authorizes the banks to unblock the accounts of the Consorzi if approved by the local representative of the Allied Military Government. The necessary subsidies previously supplied from national sources will be advanced normally by the FO through the Ufficio Provinciale del Tesoro.

(d) In the initial stages, railway employees will be paid generally by the army authorities operating the railway, but when desired by the army authorities, railway personnel will be paid through the Capo Compartimento (Ferrovie dello Stato) by FOs.

Similar information to that in para 4 should be obtained by CAOs in respect of any other body which approaches them for advances of cash for current expenses to carry on their work. Advances should not however be made to such bodies (except those in para 3 (b)) without reference to the FO who will where necessary consult the SFO or this HQ.

Subject:- Memoranda to Headquarters.

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AMGOT H.Q.

TO: S.C.A.O.

23 Aug. 43.

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Caltanissetta.
Catania.
Enna.
Palermo
Ragusa.
Trapani
Messina.
Siracusa.

1. In order to expedite replies to memoranda originating in the field and for the purpose of providing more uniform filing at Headquarters, it is requested that each memorandum be confined to one subject.

2. The foregoing does not apply to periodic reports submitted.

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD.
Lt. Col. G.S.O.
Chief Staff Officer.

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SUBJECT:- General Administrative Instruction No. 16
and Special Administrative Instruction No. 1
of Controller of Property.

AMGOT/6016/PC.

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

21. Aug. 43.

1. Enclosed one each above Instructions for your file and information.
2. Enclosed sufficient additional Instructions to furnish one each to the Assistant Controller of Property in your province, with request these be delivered to them.
3. In event enclosures are not submitted under para. 2, such enclosures are contained in letter to another S.C.A.O., where A.C.P. operates in more than one Province.

AMGOT H.Q.,
15 Army Group.

CHARLES M. SPOTFORD.
Lt. Col. G.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer.

Distribution to:- All S.C.A.Os.
Enclose additional to S.C.A.O. Province :
Agrigento - 2
Catanisetta - 1
Catania - 3
Enna - 1
Palermo - 3
Ragusa - 1
Siracusa - 1
Trapani - 1
Gp. Capt. Benson - 2
Lt. Col. Story - 2
File - 2

SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS TO A.C.Ps, NO. 1.

1. Before proceeding to your Field Station, make sure you are **thoroughly** familiar with the contents of the following documents:-

- (a) AMGOT "Bible"
- (b) Copies of Proclamation No. 6
- (c) General Directive - Property Controller with Annexures A & B
- (d) Accounting Manual - AMGOT.
- (e) Specimens of following forms:
Cash Book
Payment Voucher
Receipt Voucher
Ledger A/C.

(Note: The forms of Declaration of Custody and of the "Record" are included in Annex B to the General Directive).

(f) List of allied properties in your district.

2. On arrival at your field station you will report to the S.C.A.O. of the province where you have been instructed or intend to have your office and arrange with him to notify your arrival to the other S.C.A.Os. (if any) in your district. At the same time you will make arrangements through him to provide yourself with (a) office accommodation (b) staff, and (c) billet.

(b) Staff: The first essential is to secure a good interpreter and if you obtain him through the S.C.A.O. you will probably find he has already been vetted and security questions will not arise. It is of the utmost importance however that before you engage any staff, their reliability from the point of view of security should be verified and you should arrange this through the S.C.A.O.

Though you need not stint yourself of local staff you should only engage such staff as is necessary to cope with the actual work your duties entail from time to time. Do not be in a hurry to engage a large staff because at first, when you are collecting particulars of the properties with which you are likely to be concerned, you will have to do most of the work yourself, assisted of course by your interpreter. As and when local staff becomes necessary, be sure and consult the S.C.A.O. who will probably be able to give you the names of suitable employees and in any case will be able to instruct you as to the terms on which you should engage them, including the rate of wages or salary to be paid to them.

3. Once you are established in the field, all correspondence from yourself to H.Q. and vice versa will be "through" the S.C.A.O. of the province in which the property which is the subject of the correspondence is situated.

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4. Having dealt with the matters referred to in para 2, your first duty subject to any special instructions you may receive from H.Q. or any S.C.A.O. in your district, will be to ascertain the whereabouts of, inspect and collect all the information you will require in order to take formal custody of (a) Allied (i.e. Brit. or U.S.A.) property not being industrial concerns and (b) enemy state property. You should, as soon as possible, send to H.Q. a list of all enemy state property in your district, and if the list of Allied properties furnished by H.Q. is found to be incorrect in any respect, inform H.Q. of the discrepancies. It will also be your duty as soon as practicable to ascertain the whereabouts of, inspect and report on the condition, ownership, management and present disposition of the following categories of properties in your district:

(1) Allied, abandoned or semi-stated industrial concerns and (ii) Other Abandoned property. In each case your report should include your recommendation as to whether or not the property should be taken into custody and generally what action you recommend in regard to the same.

5. In preparing the list reports, etc. referred to in para 4, you should bear in mind that sooner or later you will or may have to take the property into formal custody. You should ensure therefore that you get all the information you will require for completing the Declaration of Custody and compiling the record of the property (see Annex B to General Directive).

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The preparation of these lists and reports will take time, but they should be prepared as quickly as possible. Each list and report as and when the property is situated to H.Q. You will of course also retain a copy for your own files.

6. Attached is a statement of information collected in Palermo which will assist you in the preparation of the lists and reports. The following persons and institutions should also be able to assist you.

(a) The S.C.A.O. of the province in which the property is situated. (But remember he will be a very busy and much harassed man, and that it is your duty to collect and not his to furnish the information you require).

(b) The Prefect of the Province in which the property is situated. He should be able to furnish you with lists of all industrial concerns and sequestrated estates and also refer you to the persons or institutions having the further details you will require.

(c) Local managers or agents acting on behalf of the sequestrator (Banca di Sicilia) of allied properties, and/or the local branch of the Banca di Sicilia.

(d) L'Ufficio del Catasto (to be found in L'Intendenza di Finanze) where the title numbers and maps of registered properties can be found.

(e) L'Ufficio del Registro (also to be found in L'Intendenza di Finanze) which is the Land Registry where ownership of property can be verified.

(f) Local notaries public.

(g) Public works Dept. of the Prefettura (for information re enemy state property.

(h) State Lands Dept.

(i) Intendenza di Finanze (Ufficio Fondiario) for valuations of real property.

(j) Consiglio della Corporazione.

(k) Consorzio for industries and commerce.

7. In collection of the information for your list and reports, you will get to know which properties have already been occupied by the Armed Forces or other branches of M.G.O.T. In the case of such properties you should enquire what records and inventories were prepared when occupation was taken and also endeavour to obtain copies in duplicate, one for H.Q. and one for yourself. Reference to such occupation should be made in your report and the cover inventory.

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8. As regards enemy state property, you should also, after consulting with the officers i/c Hirings or his U.S. equivalent in your district and the S.C.A.O. state in your reports whether the armed forces or any other branch of AMGOT are likely to require the property, if not already in their occupation.

9. In the case of abandoned property of substantial value or importance which you find is not protected in any way you should consult with the S.C.A.O. of the province in which the property is situated with a view to arranging for a guard, military or civil, to be placed over it or for taking of such other steps as may be necessary and adequate for its protection. If it is necessary to incur expenses in connection, you will act strictly in accordance with the instructions on this point laid down in the General Directive.

10. As regards Allied Properties (Brit. or U.S.A.) not being industrial

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concerns, and enemy state property, you will, as soon as you have obtained all necessary information take formal custody of the same without any further authorization from H.Q. In doing so, you will follow the procedure laid down in Annex B to the General Directive.

You will not, however, unless and until you are instructed to do so by H.Q. or the S.C.A.O. of the Province in which the property is situated, take formal custody of any industrial or abandoned property except that you may do so in the case of abandoned property, if urgent reasons necessitate this course and time does not permit of your getting the authority of H.Q. or the S.C.A.O. as however you will be near the S.C.A.O. you should have no difficulty in taking the matter up with him and getting his advice and instructions before taking custody.

11. In taking over allied properties, take them over in order of importance. It is unlikely that you will find any important property without a sequestrator or manager as the Banco di Sicilia was appointed sequestrator for all allied properties in Sicily and its local branch or agent should still be present. If this should not be the case, the property should be taken over as soon as possible and a suitable manager or agent (e.g. someone managing other allied property for the Banco di Sicilia) appointed.

It is of vital importance that before taking formal custody you should check all inventories and other records and if necessary prepare new ones and get them agreed and signed by the Banco di Sicilia or its agent. The retention of the property should also be carefully recorded, and then agreed and signed by the Banco di Sicilia or its agent. You should also require the Bank or its agent to prepare and submit accounts (in duplicate) in respect of each allied property you take into custody covering the period from the date possession was taken by the Sequestrator. After examining the accounts and clearing up any points arising on them, you will forward one copy to H.Q. with such observations as you may consider appropriate. The direct management of allied properties should be avoided whenever possible as you will not have either the local knowledge or experience or staff to do it efficiently. Unless, therefore, there is any special reason to the contrary, you should leave the management in the hands of the Banco di Sicilia and its agent. As regards fees, see attached statement para (4).

12. Inventories and reports on the condition of the property are equally important in the case of enemy state property, and should, if possible be agreed and signed by some responsible government official. The same applies to any other type of property you may be instructed to take into custody and in the case of businesses you will also have to obtain accounts and a balance sheet made up to the date on which control is taken. Special instructions will however be issued in regard to the procedure for taking over businesses but the general principles to be followed are laid down in the General Directive.

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14. Where the original sequestrator or manager or agent is continued in office you will require him to submit periodical accounts of his management of the property in a form which will be prescribed by this H.Q. and to surrender all surplus balances which will be shown in your cash and ledger accounts and in your accounts with the sequestrator. You will keep an account with each sequestrator or manager showing his total debt to you as indicated in Annex B to the General Directive.

15. In the case of museums, ancient monuments, etc., which are enemy state property the Advisor on Fine Arts will be responsible for preparing inventories, copies of which will be forwarded to you. In the case of state lands, woods and forests, quarries, etc., inventories will be prepared by the C.S.D. The property

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of semi-statal institutions will be treated as State Property. Doubtful cases will be referred for decision to the Legal Division. In the preliminary list of State property referred to in para. 4 above you should be careful to append as much information as you can acquire about concerns of this character. Property of the Fascist Party will be treated as State Property. If there is no official of the party present and willing to give you information concerning the Party's property you should consult the Notary Public or the public works department of the provincial administration.

In all cases careful notes should be made of the condition of the property taken over.

16. There is one form of private movable property of which you may be required to take formal custody at an early date, namely, abandoned goods which are urgently needed by the C.S.D. You should contact the local representative of the C.S.D. at an early date and draw up jointly with him a list or inventory of such goods, of which you will take formal custody at his request. He will then requisition them from you and you will credit the account of the absentee owner in your books if no cash payment is made.

17. With regard to agricultural property, you will collaborate with the appropriate officer of the C.S.D. to ascertain what farms or agricultural estates have been abandoned. As it is of the utmost importance that land should be kept under cultivation you should furnish a list of all abandoned farms i.e. farms where neither the tenant nor the owner or his legal representatives are present as soon as possible and you will probably be instructed to take them into custody straight away and to find a tenant for them at the earliest opportunity.

18. In all cases where real property is taken into custody the appropriate Ufficio del Registro should be informed and required to record the fact in their records.

AMGOT HQ.
12 August, 1943.

The following information is submitted to Field Officers of Controller of Property Division for their assistance from information collected in Palermo:

Allied Property:

- (1) Lands and Buildings: The Bank of Sicily was appointed Sequester by Italian Government. The Branch Office of this Bank in each Provincial Capital should be required to furnish all information required. They should also give you names of appraisers and inventory takers in the Province. A complete list of this Property has been obtained for each Province by C.P. from records at Principal Office of Bank in Palermo and will be forwarded respective Field Officer as soon as distribution can be effected. Meanwhile Field Officers should procure information from local Bank Sicily. We are advised the Bank has received no fees yet for handling this property.
- (2) Industry: The Italian Government authorized the Prefect in each Province to take over and appoint managers for Allied Industry located therein. The Prefects Office should therefore furnish you all information on this. Copies of any such lists and data thereon should be submitted H.Q. C.P. as soon as available. Most managers of valuable property were political persons.
- (3) Bank accounts: Bank accounts of Allied subjects have been "blocked" by Italian Government in the hands of each bank. It will therefore be necessary to procure a list from each individual bank in your locality. By Italian order most of these funds, credits, etc. were paid over to Bank of Italy at Rome. You should therefore ascertain what accounts have been transferred there.
- (4) Fees: Our information is that Bank of Sicily as Sequester has never collected any fees for handling land and buildings. Discussions were had with Italian Government prior to July 10 for fees but nothing agreed. The discussed fee was 6/10% of 1% of the capital value of property plus 5 or 6% of the gross sales price of any sequestered property sales.

If Sequester is continued it should be without agreed compensation but with understanding when amount is settled he will be compensated from date he commences on our behalf.

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Interpretation of Proclamation No. 5.

This provides in Article III that no transfers of property shall be made. Notaro Publico's have requested advice whether wills may be probated and decedents' estates distributed. We have requested advice Legal Division and their opinion is that Article III only applies to transfers inter vivos.

Industry: There is some indication this Division may be required to supervise certain industries producing materials the Army requires. These include: iron and steel, sulphur, asphalt, cement. Pending final determination it is advisable to study generally the industries which are located your districts of above character, and when time available a list of the important ones.

Courier Service: A Courier Service will shortly be established between AMGOT H.Q. at Palermo and the S.C.A.O. in each Province. Communications with H.Q. thru S.C.A.O. may be made thru this channel. Commencement can be ascertained from S.C.A.O.

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S U P P L E M E N T

SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS TO A.C.Ps. No. 1

1. Allied Property.

The lists of sequestered properties presented by the Banca di Sicilia and the Prefects of the Province will not necessarily give you a complete picture of the Allied properties in your district. You may find that there are a number of Allied properties which for one reason or another have not been either sequestered or put down for sequestration by the Italian Government. You should make enquiries concerning all such properties and if you find that they are abandoned and that no properly constituted representative of the owner is present, you should take them into custody and wherever possible appoint a suitable person or institution to manage them on your behalf.

2. Movements.

When you move from the province in which your headquarters are situated to perform your duties in another province you should previously inform this H.Q. if you expect to be absent for more than 48 hours.

AMGOT HQ.

16 August, 1943.

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SUBJECT:- General Administrative Instruction No. 16,
and Special Administrative Instruction No. 1
of Controller of Property.

AMST/6015/PL

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

1. Enclosed one each above Instructions for your file and information.
2. Enclosed sufficient additional Instructions to furnish one each to the assistant Controller of Property in your province, with request these be delivered to them.
3. In event enclosures are not submitted under para. 2, such enclosures are contained in letter to another S.C.A.O., where A.C.P. operates in more than one Province.

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

AMST H.Q.,
15 Army Group.

Distribution to:- All S.C.A.Os.

Enclose additional to S.C.A.O. Province :

Agrigento	2
Caltanissetta	1
Catania	3
Enna	1
Palermo	3
Ragusa	1
Siracusa	1
Trapani	1
Cp. Capt. Benson	2
Lt. Col. Story	2
File	2

MOST SECRET.

General Administrative Instruction No. 16.

A M G O T

CONTROLLER OF PROPERTY.

1. DUTIES.

The duties of the C.P. will be the following :-

- (a) The C.P. will be responsible for the custody of :-
 - (1) Property of Allied Governments or nationals sequestered by the Italian Government.
 - (11) Enemy state property not in custody of some other branch of the Armed Forces.
 - (111) Such abandoned property or property belonging to absentee owners of which no representatives can be found in the Occupied Territory as the C.C.A.O. may direct.
- (b) He may also be required to take into his control, when directed to do so by the C.C.A.O. :-
 - (1) Any property the control of which is in the opinion of the C.C.A.O. essential to the needs of the Allied Forces or inhabitants of the Occupied Territory.
 - (11) The property of any person, company or institution whose activities are deemed by the C.C.A.O. to be prejudicial to the safety of the Allied Forces or of public order.
- (c) He will also assist all branches of the Allied Forces to ascertain secure and take possession of any enemy State Property susceptible of military use which they may require.

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2. GENERAL DIRECTIVE.

ALLIED PROPERTY.

At the outbreak of war the Italian Government established a department to deal with enemy property which appointed sequestrators to administer it. In Sicily the Banco di Sicilia was made sequestrator of all real estate in the island, but private individuals were appointed as sequestrators for industrial and commercial undertakings. The supervision of these sequestrators was placed in the hands of the Provincial Prefect. Bank balances, securities etc were for the most part paid over to the Banca d'Italia and remitted to Rome, but some balances have still been retained by the local banks. It appears that the process of sequestration, especially as regards smaller estates, has been carried out in a somewhat leisurely manner and there are a large number of Allied Properties the sequestration of which though decided upon has not actually been carried out.

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3. In accordance with Article IV of the Proclamation No. 6, C.P. will obtain from Public Officials and/or their nominees who have charge of the sequestered estates of Allied Governments or Nationals, records and full description of all properties under their charge. C.P. will formally take custody of these properties, the Declaration of Custody being published in the AMCOT Gazette. In cases where the sequestrator is, in the opinion of the C.P. a reliable and efficient person, the C.P. will appoint him as his agent for managing the property. In cases where the sequestrator is absent or has been found unreliable, the C.P. will either:

- (a) appoint an agent for this purpose, or
- (b) take over the management of the property.

Procedure (a) will be followed unless there are special conditions rendering it inapplicable. Where the sequestrator continues in office, it is desirable that the C.P. should not meddle with the detailed administration of the property and his direction should be confined to matters of policy only.

Sequestrators should not, however, be permitted:

- (a) to dispose of or contract a charge upon land,
- (b) to alter the object or legal form of the undertaking,
- (c) to dispose of or liquidate any undertaking
- (d) to dispose of any capital assets except in the ordinary course of business,
- (e) to contract new leases,

without the consent of the C.P. or his assistant.

The former sequestrator if he continues to administer the property on behalf of the C.P., will be entitled to a fee computed on the same basis as his pre-occupation remuneration, unless or until contrary instructions are issued, and the said fee will be a charge against the estate. If another agent is appointed his fee will be agreed with the C.P. on the basis of the fee to which the former sequestrator was entitled.

4. In the case of property of Governments or nationals of Allied Nations other than the U.S. and the British Commonwealth of Nations, the Italian regulations regarding sequestration, etc., will remain in force until repealed in whole or in part. If, therefore, the sequestrator of any such property is absent, the C.P. will have to assume responsibility for these properties. He will take them into formal custody and entrust their management to a sequestrator or trustee who will administer them according to the existing regulations. Sequestrators who are present will continue adminis-

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5. In all cases the C.P. will either make an inventory of the property on assuming custody or check the inventory furnished by the sequesterator. This inventory, which will include a description of the condition of the property, will be agreed with the future agent or trustee appointed by the C.P.
6. All expenses for maintenance of Allied property taken in custody by the C.P. will be charged against the estates in question and normally the C.P. will not be permitted to employ public funds for this purpose unless expressly authorized to do so by the C.F.O. However, in cases of emergency where action has to be taken before there is time for obtaining authority from the Finance Division, the C.P. or his subordinate officer may expend a sum the amount of which will be laid down in protecting any particular piece of Allied property which in his opinion is of sufficient value to render the ultimate recovery of the sum expended reasonably secure.

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7. It will be possible found that some owners of sequestered estates are still resident in SICILY and that in the past the sequesterator allowed them a bare living allowance out of the Estate Income. It can be anticipated that pending the return to them of their property, they will ask for either an increased living allowance or reason of the increase in cost of living or the payment to them of the whole of the whole of the estate income. In these cases, theoretically, the whole of the income over maintenance, administration and similar expenses can be paid to them but care should be taken to retain a reserve for contingencies particularly where buildings are concerned and where rents will remain practically constant but cost of repairs will possibly be increased three or four-fold.

8. Considerable difficulty may be experienced in the question of allowances to joint owners of the estate some of whom are present and some absent particularly when there is no written agreement between the joint owners as to their interests. In all cases of doubt reference should be made to the Legal Division.

9. In cases where owners are present and claim the restoration of their property this should not be returned to them until their title has been verified by the Legal Division.

10. In the case of Allied Companies or undertakings whose assets have been sequestered a complete and detailed inventory should be prepared on taking custody. Where these undertakings have been occupied or taken over by any branches of the Armed Forces and are subsequently surrendered by them, it would be advisable, if possible, to ask for their co-operation in protecting Allied property and in compiling an inventory at the earliest possible opportunity (e.g. a petrol depot belonging to an American or British concern which will in the first phase most certainly have been taken over by D.A.D.S. & T. (P), or the Transportation Division of the U.S. Army). Moreover, in this and in other cases it is possible that an enemy company has been authorised by the Italian Government to use these installations and a representative of that company should therefore also be requested to assist in preparation of the inventory, if available. Also it would be advisable to check any inventories with those in the possession of the local sequesterator, if available.

11. P.C. will not, however, be responsible for recording any removal of or damage to property which may have occurred before he has formally taken custody.

12. ENEMY STATE PROPERTY

Buildings

- (i) AMGOT departments will be responsible for compiling records, inventories, etc. of buildings occupied by them and their contents. Copies will be filed with the P.C. who will prepare the formal declaration of custody which will be published in the AMGOT Gazette. P.C. will be responsible for preparing records of all other state buildings not occupied by AMGOT or the Armed Forces except that:

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- (iii) C.S.D. will be responsible for compiling records, inventories, etc. of State lands, forests, quarries, mines, etc. not occupied by the Armed Forces and buildings situated thereon. Records will be filed with P.C. who will take formal custody, the declaration of custody to be published in the AMGOT Gazette. Such records to include inventories of all movable property such as furniture, machinery, livestock growing crops, etc.
13. Properties/.....

13. Properties owned by semistatal enterprises will be treated as State property and will be dealt with as above, the various departments of AMGOT being responsible for preparing records of all properties occupied by them which will be filed with the C.P. In the case of properties not taken over either by the Armed Forces or by any division of AMGOT, the C.P. will be responsible for taking the necessary action.

14. Exchange of information.

The C.I. will at the earliest opportunity provide the Armed Forces with as complete list as possible of State property which he proposes to take under his custody in order to enable them to occupy or seize such of it as they may require. It would similarly be desirable for branches of the Armed Forces who have occupied or seized State property (other than that of a strictly military nature) to furnish the C.P. with as complete a record as possible including date of occupation and the general condition of the property at the time of taking over.

15. Municipal Property.

Municipal Property is regarded as private property under international law, and as it is contemplated that municipalities as bodies corporate will not be dissolved, municipal property will be treated as private property whose owner is present. The B.P. will therefore not be responsible for taking it into his custody unless specially directed to do so by the C.C.A.O.

PRIVATE PROPERTY.

16. Abandoned Property.

The C.P. will only be required to take such abandoned property under his custody as is considered by the C.C.A.O. to be of importance, either to the Armed Forces or to the economic or social welfare of the community.

17. However, it may be felt that there is some obligation on the part of the occupying power to look after the interests of those persons whom they compulsorily prevent by deportation, internment, etc., from looking after their own property. It would, therefore, be desirable to arrange with the Security branches of the Armed Forces that all internees should be given the opportunity of appointing representatives among the inhabitants of Occupied Territory with power to look after their property. The most convenient way of doing this would be to draw up in conjunction with a well-known Notary Public a form of power of attorney which would be distributed to C.C. internment camps for distribution to internees who wished to avail themselves of this privilege.

It is possible that there may be in the Italian Civil Code a provision analogous to that contained in the French code civile under which the courts are empowered to appoint a trustee for abandoned property. If this is so, application may be made to the Procuratore del Re, or other appropriate Italian Legal Official, by the C.P. in order to avail himself of this opportunity.

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18. In view of the extreme shortage of personnel, the object of the P.C. (except as otherwise directed) should be to hand over the management of estates, properties, etc., to a reliable local firm or person conversant with the type of property in question, subject to the conditions laid down in para. 3 above. The C.P. will, however, take formal custody of such properties and will be responsible for seeing that the agents appointed by him carry out their duties in a satisfactory manner. Cases, however, may occur in which the C.P. Division will have to take over the direct management of abandoned estates. Lands and buildings should be leased wherever possible. A form of lease is contained in Annex "A" which should be used wherever suitable, the principle feature of which is the clause providing for re-entry being effected under an order of an officer of the Military Court. When fixing the rent, the Chief consideration of the C.P. should be the preservation of the property. He should therefore be more concerned to find a reliable tenant who will look after the property than to find a tenant who will pay a high rent, at any rate in the earlier stages of the occupation. Monies collected as rent may be used in order to effect repairs, etc., and it is important that the C.P. should establish for himself the reputation of a good landlord in order to facilitate the finding of suitable tenants.

19. When the/....

1. When the Armed Forces occupy abandoned property, in the case of (a) dwelling houses, buildings and/or U.S. Army Engineers should record dates of occupation and the initial occupying unit should prepare inventories of their contents. They should also, where possible, give some indication of its pre-occupation value. In the case of (b) industrial premises, hirings or U.S. Army Engineers should record dates of occupation and in conjunction with a technical unit, make an inventory of fixed and moveable plant.

20. If any of the moveable plant is seized or requisitioned by any branch of the Armed Forces the branch concerned will be responsible for making a record of the assets so appropriated. Copies of all records mentioned above should be forwarded to P.C. for filing but P.C. will not be held responsible for the accuracy or completeness of these records. P.C. will not be responsible for any property in the occupation of the Armed Forces. He will, however, collate all records supplied to him concerning abandoned property when it is finally de-requisitioned. Normally the P.C. will in such cases take formal custody and make arrangements for the private letting of such premises as soon as possible after they have been de-requisitioned. He will take an inventory of the contents of the property on de-requisitioning but he will not be responsible for recording any damage to or removal of property which has arisen during the period of occupation by the Armed Forces.

21. From the point of view of the P.C.'s responsibility, abandoned industrial and commercial concerns may be divided into three categories:

- (i) small businesses and industrial undertakings of no particular importance in the economic life of the territory.
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23. When business undertakings are available for lease an inventory should be prepared by the P.C. and copies made available to prospective tenants. Before any undertakings of this nature are offered to any private lessee, the Armed Forces should be notified of their existence and given a prior opportunity to take them over.

If any unit of the Armed Forces intends to use any premises or works which have come into the custody of the P.C., they should be formally requisitioned from the P.C. A detailed inventory should be made jointly by the P.C. and a representative of the occupying unit and jointly signed. A report by one of the technical officers attached to the C.S.D. should also be prepared.

In cases where letting the business is impracticable, stocks should be sold and the premises with the tenant's fixtures where possible let. Industrial undertakings for which no lessee can be found should be placed on a care and maintenance basis. The P.C. has powers to raise loans on the security of the property for this purpose.

24. With regard to (iii), the C.C.A.O. may direct P.C. to take then under his control in which case they will normally be dealt with as indicated in para. 25.

25. PRIVATE/.....

PRIVATE INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS CONTROLLED BY THE P.C.Private Industrial Undertakings operated under the control of the P.C.

- (1) Businesses furnishing war material useful to the Armed Forces, e.g., Cement, Asphalt, etc.
- The P.C. will take formal custody in the usual manner and take an inventory of the property taken over, and a balance sheet showing the position of the undertaking at the date of taking control. If the property in question has been previously occupied by any branch of the Armed Forces, P.C. will ask for the cooperation of the occupying branch in making this inventory, which should be agreed and signed jointly. This inventory should include a list of any articles, machinery, etc., already removed by the Armed Forces. If the business in question has been in actual operation previous to our occupation, the manager of the concern would normally be continued if acceptable to Security and deemed to be reasonably efficient. The direction of industries working for the Armed Forces will be placed in the hands of a Board consisting of (a) one or more members of the different branches of the services interested in the commodities produced; (b) a representative of the F.D.; (c) a representative of the Legal Department; (d) (where appropriate) representatives of the C.S.D., one from the Supplies Section and the other a technical officer conversant with the type of business concerned; (e) the P.C. or one or more members of his staff, one of whom shall be Chairman. The Board shall have the power to appoint local committees consisting of representatives of such branches or departments as they may deem advisable.

(11) Undertakings, the control of which is vital to the needs of the civil population. These will be dealt with on similar lines to (i) where the circumstances are appropriate. Cases may, however, arise in which an entrepreneur or a group of business men are willing to carry on undertakings of this character in which case the management will be entrusted to their hands, the sanction of the P.C. being in these circumstances confined to general supervision. He will in such cases require them to submit to him personally such reports, accounts and production schedules as he shall deem appropriate. It may however be found that the undertaking in question cannot be carried on without incurring a loss, in which case the P.C. will arrange with the C.F.O. for the granting of any subsidies which may be necessary to carry on the undertaking.

Finally, cases may arise in which the P.C. will not be able to find any entrepreneur willing to carry on the undertaking. He may therefore be directed by the C.C.A.O. to carry it on himself. In such cases it will be his duty to appoint a manager, and when the undertaking cannot be made self-supporting, to arrange with the C.F.O. for the granting of the necessary subsidies.

26. In all cases in which the P.C. takes control of any private industrial enterprises whether the concern is actually to be operated under his control and supervision or not, a balance sheet will be prepared at the earliest opportunity showing the position at the date of taking over by P.C. In cases where an enterprise is initially taken over by the Armed Forces and subsequently transferred to the custody of the P.C., balance sheets should likewise be prepared showing (a) the position as on the date on which the enterprise was taken over by the Armed Forces and (b) the position on the date of transfer. Pending the preparation of this balance sheet, the manager of the Co. should be instructed to

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27. Where the responsibility for supervising the operation of the undertaking is assigned to a division of ASOT, other than that of the P.C., the operating Division will be responsible for furnishing P.C. with the necessary records upon taking over control in the shape of inventories, balance sheets, etc. and shall periodically submit further records showing what use or disposition has been made of these properties in such form as the P.C. may direct, e.g., if the operating Division should decide to remove any part of the fixed plant or machinery of any property for employment elsewhere, a certificate shall be forwarded to P.C. stating the disposition of the said plant, or machinery, the reasons therefor and the book value of the assets transferred.

26. Other Property the control of which is assumed by P.C. on the direction of C.C.A.O.

With respect to the property referred to in 1 (b) (11), unless such property is handed over to the control of the C.S. or any other Division of AMGOT for operation, it shall be dealt with in the manner of the property referred in para. 22, that is to say, P.C. will either lease it if it consists of real estate or an industrial or commercial undertaking or if this is impracticable, he will place it on a care and maintenance basis, or if the said property consists of moveable property, he will arrange for storage in all cases at the expense of the owner, or if deemed advisable, lease or sell the same.

29. SENISTATAL UNDERTAKINGS.

The term "senistatal undertakings" is understood to include all enterprises and institutions not being the absolute property of the State, but in which the State has a substantial interest or exercises substantial control.

The P.C. will take formal custody of the property of all such undertakings which have not been taken over by other branches of the Armed Forces, but he will only be responsible for the actual management of such undertakings of this nature as the C.C.A.O. may from time to time assign to his control. Where senistatal enterprises are managed or operated by other Divisions of AMGOT, his function will be confined to receiving and collecting records of the property taken over, such as inventories, balance sheets, etc., including records of disposal of plant and fixed assets, in the manner prescribed in para. 27 above.

30. In respect of the senistatal enterprises, the control of which is not handed over to other Divisions of AMGOT, the P.C. will, as directed by the C.C.A.O., either (a) himself assume the management of the enterprise, or (b) lease the enterprise to a third party, or (c) place it on a care and maintenance basis. In all cases he will compile careful records of the property taken over, such as inventories, balance sheets, notes on the condition of the property, etc., and in the case of (b) require from the lessee such periodical returns as he may think fit. Should the C.C.A.O. desire that any senistatal undertaking which normally works at a loss, shall be continued to be operated by the P.C. for the benefit of the Occupied Territory, the P.C. will arrange with the C.F.O. for such financial assistance as may be necessary and will report to C.F.O. at frequent intervals concerning the financial position of the undertaking.

31. DECLARATION OF CUSTODY; RECORDS; AND ACCOUNTANCY.

For the procedure to be followed in respect of these see Annex "B".

32. GENERAL POWERS.

The P.C. will have the following powers which he will exercise at his discretion, namely :-

- (1) Sell any part of the property which consists of perishable goods, produce, growing crops, stock-in-trade, furniture or other moveable property under his control whose value or physical condition is from

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- (ii) If the property is capable of being let, to let it.
- (iii) To pay any rates, taxes or other imposts due in respect of the property.
- (iv) To pay any mortgage interest or other payments accrued on the property.
- (v) To pay any other sums necessary for the preservation of the property.
- (vi) To raise on the security of the property any sums required for its preservation.
- (vii) To enter into any contract and to execute any legal deed necessary for the exercise of any of the foregoing powers.

(viii) If the/.....

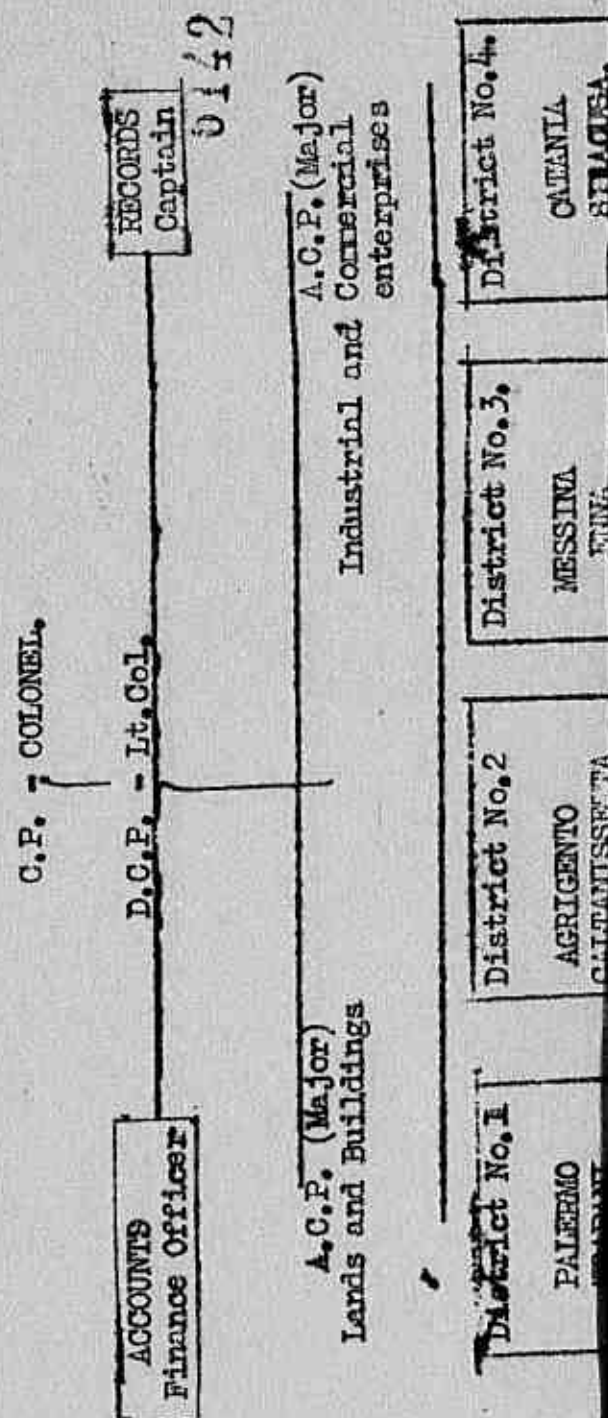
- (vii) If the ~~property consists~~ of a business ~~to carry on~~ the business or to make arrangements for some other person to carry it on.
- (ix) Do all such things in relation to any private property which he takes under his control as would be done if he held a general power of attorney from the owner adapted to the circumstances of the case.
- (x) With the consent of the C.C.A.O., make payments from time to time out of the assets in his control to any dependents of the owner, when it appears that such dependents are without adequate means of support.

33. Any doubt as to the semistatal character of any enterprise will be referred to the Legal Division, e.g., schemes for land improvement, colonization, etc. It may be found that some of them are essentially "mixed" in character, whereas in others the participation of the state is limited to loans and subsidies for specific purposes. The former should be treated as State Property, the latter as private, but in all cases decision should be referred to the Legal Division.

34. ORGANISATION AND PERSONNEL.

The C.P. Division will be divided at HQ into two main Sections, one dealing with real property and the other with industrial and commercial business and enterprises. Each of the divisions will be in the charge of an A.P.C. (Major). Territorially the island will provisionally be divided into 4 divisions each in charge of an A.P.C. (Captain) assisted by a Lieut. Records will be collated at the HQ of the Division in a section under an A.P.C. (Captain). This will entail the increase of the existing W.E. and T.O. by 3 Lieutenants.

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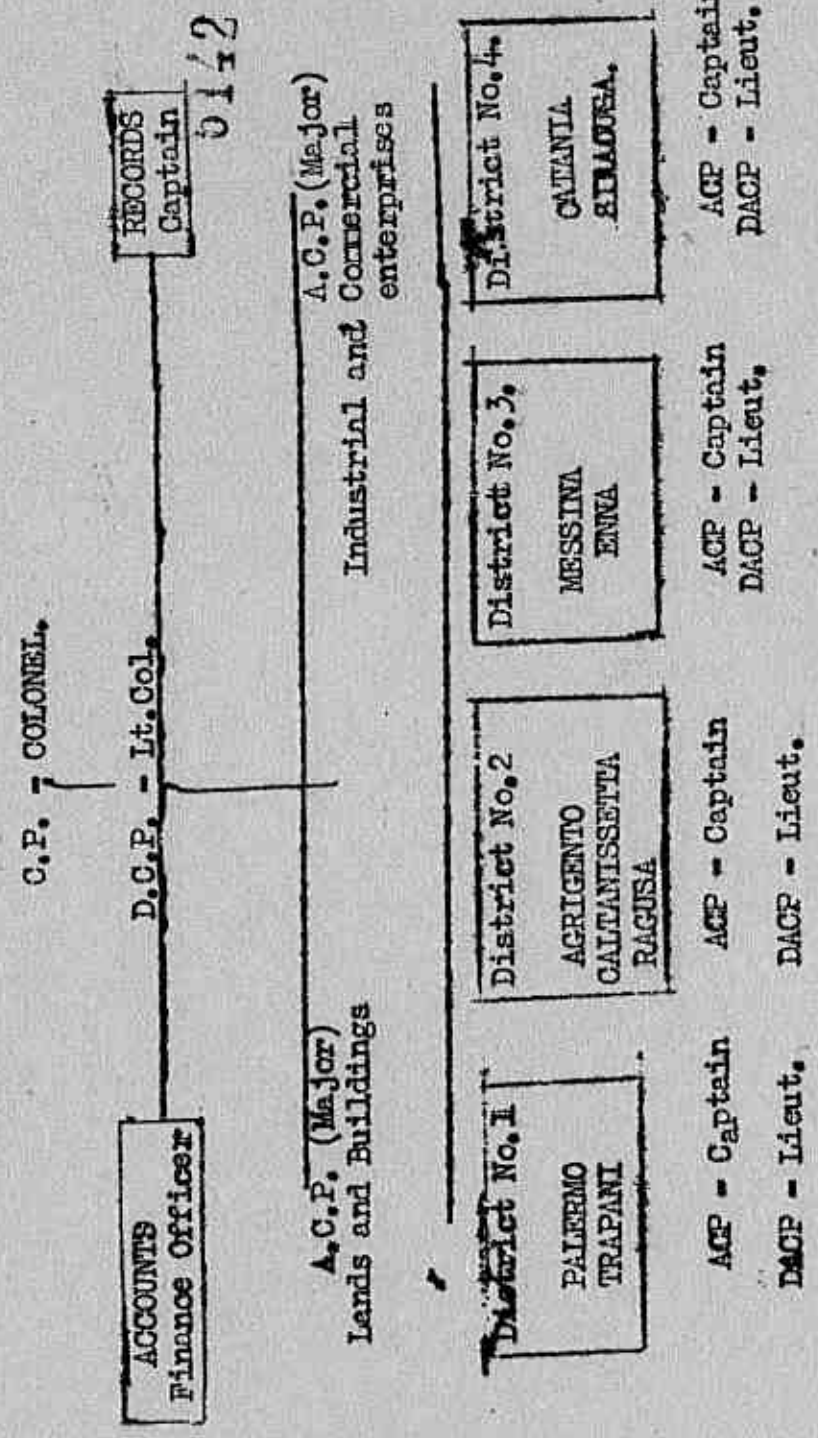


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AMGOT H.Q.,
12. Aug. 45.

ANNEX "A"

An agreement made ¹⁹⁴ day of
between the Controller of Property of the Allied Military Government
(hereinafter called "the Controller") of the one
part and
(hereinafter called "the Tenant") of the other part
of

Whereby the parties agree as follows:-

1. The Controller will, in pursuance of the powers vested in him by Proclamation No. 6 of the Allied Military Government and in pursuance of all other powers enabling him, let to the Tenant and the Tenant will take from the Controller the property described in the Schedule attached hereto from the ¹⁹⁴ day of ^{day of} period of ^{days notice in} writing to expire at the end of any ^{of the tenancy.}
2. The tenancy may be determined prior to the said ^{day of} 194 by either party giving to the other ^{days notice in} of the tenancy.
3. The Tenant will during the continuance of the tenancy pay to the Controller the rent of ^{per month, payable monthly/weekly in advance,} the first of which payments shall be made on the signing of this agreement. In case any sum claimed by the Controller in respect of the premises either as rent or otherwise, is in arrear for more than 7 days after a written demand to the Tenant from the Controller, or in case any Breach is made of any other term of the Agreement, the Controller may enter upon the premises let and forthwith determine the tenancy, and may seize and dispose of any property therein belonging to the Tenant and sell the same to realise any such sum due to the Controller.
4. The Tenant will carry out at his own expense all repairs of whatsoever nature required to the premises and the Controller may at any time enter upon the premises to inspect the condition thereof.
5. The Tenant will not, without the consent in writing of the Controller:
(a) Assign the tenancy or transfer possession of the premises or any part of them.
(b) Use or permit the premises to be used for any purpose other than that of
(c) Make any alteration in the structure of the premises.

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- (c) Make any alteration in the structure of the premises.
- (d) Remove from the premises any property which is not the property of the Tenant.

6. The Tenant shall not be entitled to any compensation for any improvements or decorations made to the premises during the tenancy, except as may be agreed between the Controller and the Tenant before such improvements or decorations are carried out.

7. In the event of any dispute arising between the parties as to the meaning or construction of any term of this agreement or as to any other matter arising hereunder, the same shall be referred to the Chief Civil Affairs Officer, or an officer appointed by him for that purpose, whose decision shall be final and binding.

THE SCHEDULE REFERRED TO
(Description of property.)

Signed by the Controller of Property }
in the presence of

Name of witness

Address

Signed by the Tenant in the presence of)

Name of witness

Address

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ANNEX "B"RECORDING AND ACCOUNTING PROCEDURE FOR A.P.Cs.

To ensure uniformity throughout the P.O. Division, the following method of keeping records and accounts in respect of properties taken into formal custody will be strictly adhered to by all A.P.Cs.

PART I - RECORDING1. The Declaration of Custody.

Formal custody of any property, irrespective of its nature, will be effected by the completion of a "Declaration of Custody", which will be in the form set out in Appendix "A". The Declaration will be prepared in triplicate, two copies being forwarded to HQ P.C. Div, and the third retained by the A.P.C. as part of his record of the property. Two copies will be required at HQ so that one can be included in HQ Records and the other used for publication in the AMEOT Gazette.

Each property taken into formal custody will be given a serial number which will appear in column 1 of the Declaration of Custody and be used in all records, accounts, documents and correspondence relating to the particular property. The serial number will consist of a letter or letters, according to the Province in which the property is situated, followed by a number which will be allotted serially in each Province. For this purpose, the nine Provinces will be lettered as follows:

PAIERMO	-	P
TRAPANI	-	T
AGRIGENTO	-	A
CAITANISSETTA	-	CL
MESSINA	-	M
ENNA	-	E
CATANIA	-	CT
RAGUSA	-	R
SIRACUSA	-	S

Properties taken into custody will therefore be serially numbered P 1, P 2, P 3 etc., or CL 1, CL 2, CL 3 etc., according to the Province in which they are situated and the number of properties in the same Province previously taken into custody.

Only a brief description of the property, sufficient to identify it, need be inserted in column 3 of the Declaration. In the case of movables, their nature and situation should be given and an inventory attached, or a note added that it will be submitted later.

The owner's name and address if known should be stated in column 4.

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The owner's name and address if known should be stated in column 4. If not known, e.g. in the case of abandoned goods, the fact should be stated and a reason given for the taking of the goods into custody - e.g. "Owner not known" - goods found abandoned".

In cases where various properties, e.g. real estate, movables and shares, all belonging to the same owner, and comprising his estate, are to be taken into custody, they will all be included in one Declaration of Custody and given one serial number.

Where a property to be taken into custody is situated in more than one Province, HQ. P.C. Div will decide which A.P.C. shall deal with it, the intention being that the custodianship of it should be single and not divided provincially.

2. The Record.

For the purpose of recording full details of each property or estate (i.e. various properties belonging to one individual) taken into custody and the

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manner in which the same is dealt with, each property or estate as the case may be will have its own "Record" which will consist of 3 Registers as follows:

1. Property Register, in which will be recorded a full description of the property or estate, its condition at the date of its being taken into custody and its capital value at the same date, the evidence for such value also being recorded.
2. Title Register, in which the name, address / of the owner, the reason for the property being taken into custody and any other information bearing on the question of title, including in the case of land and buildings, reference to the title number of the property in the Ufficio del Registro will be recorded.
3. Custodianship Register in which will be recorded as and when they occur all events or matters, e.g. lettings, sales, dismissal or appointment of managers or sequestrators, repairs, damage, etc., affecting the property and not being purely monetary transactions falling to be entered in one or other of the A.P.C.'s accounts.

The Record, with its three Registers, will contain a complete history of the property or estate during its custody and will be prepared in duplicate in the form set out in Appendix "B", at the same time as the Declaration of Custody. The Property and Title Registers, which are intended to record once and for all particulars of the property and the title thereto at the date of its being taken into custody, will not, when once completed, be subject to alteration or addition. Any change in value, ownership (e.g. by reason of the death of the original owner) or condition will be recorded in the Custodianship Register as and when the same occurs.

In the case of small properties or estates, the Record can be prepared on a sheet of double foolscap, the first page being used for the Property Register, the second for the title Register and the remaining two pages for the Custodianship Register. Where, however, owing to a lengthy description of the property or the number of properties comprising the estate or for other reasons, a sheet of double foolscap is insufficient for the Record, the Registers should be prepared separately and then pinned or tied together. In all cases, the pages forming the Record of a property or estate should be numbered consecutively.

As soon as the Property and Title Registers have been completed and the Custodianship Register commenced (i.e. by an entry showing the disposition of the property at the date of its being taken into custody) one copy will be forwarded to HQ and the other retained by the A.P.C. At monthly or other intervals as directed by the P.C. each A.P.C. will forward to HQ a copy of all entries made in each Custodianship Register during the preceding month or other interval, thus enabling HQ to keep its own record of each property up to date.

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As soon as a property is taken into custody, a file for all documents, correspondence, etc., relating thereto will be opened and such file will contain as its first two documents, the A.P.C.'s copies of the Declaration of Custody and Record.

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PART II - ACCOUNTING.

For the purpose of accounting for all monies received or paid in respect of properties taken into formal custody the undermentioned general and individual accounts will be maintained by each A.P.C.

1. General Accounts.(a) Cash account.

For this account, the form of cash book, ruled with columns for different currencies, prepared by Chief Accountant, will be used. Every cash transaction of whatever nature will be recorded and ~~these~~ pertaining to individual properties will be posted to the ledger accounts of the appropriate properties. Periodically, the Cash Book will be ruled off and balanced. A statement in a form to be advised by HQ will be submitted to HQ covering the transactions of a given period.

(b) Bank Account.

When Banks are re-opened and A.P.Cs are authorized to maintain a Bank account such account will be kept and maintained in another cash book on the same lines as above.

(c) Remittances between Chests

This account will record all transactions made between the A.P.C. and the respective sub-accountant of the area, together with direct receipts from AMFA. The form of account will be as shown in Appendix "C".

2. Individual Ledger Accounts.(a) Accounts in the name of the owner of the property.

This account will record all transactions relating to the property whether of a capital or revenue nature and will show the exact liability of the C.P. to the actual owner of the property. Each account will be indexed under the serial No. of the relative declaration of custody and the following information should be given where possible:-

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| (1) | Name of owner and address. | 6137 |
| (2) | Name of Sequestator and/or Manager and address. | |
| (3) | Short description of property (e.g. "House, 41 Via Roma, Palermo and 3 acres land") | |

A separate ledger account will be maintained for each estate. Form of account as in Appendix "C".

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(b) Accounts in the name of Sequestrators and/or Managers.

These accounts will record the actual cash received and paid over to the P.C. by the Sequester and/or Manager of the property. Monthly statements (in duplicate) will be submitted to the A.P.C. in respect of each property together with supporting vouchers. The relative Sequester and/or Manager's account will be debited and credited, all cash book transactions checked and details submitted to HQ as directed. If from an examination of the statements rents or payments are in arrears, the A.P.C. must take the necessary steps to collect the rents where possible.

Form of account as in Appendix "C".

The balance of the various accounts in the names of the owners, i.e. the liability of the controller, will at any time equal the sum total of -

- (a) Cash account
- (b) Bank account
- (c) Remittance between Chests
- (d) Any sums owing to or by Sequestrators/Managers, and a trial balance shall be made of the accounts as and when directed by H.Q.

APPENDIX "A"Declaration of Custody.

I, Assistant Property Controller, hereby declare that I have taken into my custody the undermentioned property (properties) under the provisions of Proclamation No. 6 of the Allied Military Government of the Occupied Territory of Sicily and the adjacent Islands.

Serial No. of Property	Date taken into Custody.	Description and Situation.	Name and Address of Owner.

Address.....

Date.....

(Signature).....
Assistant Property Controller.

APPENDIX "B"Record.Property Serial No......Property Register.

or Estate

Date taken into custody.	Description of Property and record of its condition at date of being taken into custody.	Value and Evidence therefor.

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(Signature)..... Assistant Property Controller.			
Address.....			
Date.....			
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Date taken into custody.	Description of Property and record of its condition at date of being taken into custody.	Value and Evidence therefor.	

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APPENDIX "B" (Continued).Page 2Title Register.

Name, address and nationality of Owner	Particulars of title, including details of registration and other records.	Reason for taking into custody and Remarks.

Page 3Custodianship Register.

Date	Disposition	Remarks.

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APPENDIX "C".

Property. Serial No. _____

Address. _____

Owner. _____

Sequesteror or Manager (if any) _____

(Assistant) Property Controller in a/o with

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Date	Description	Voucher No.	Yellow Seal Dollars	B.M.A. Currency	A.M. Lire	Italian Lire.	Date	Description	Voucher No.	Ye S Do
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APPENDIX "C".

1. No. _____

ager (if any) _____

(Assistant) Property Controller in a/o with _____

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 14

In view of experience in the first week of the occupation the following instructions are issued to deal with urgent problems. It will be seen that certain clauses of Proclamation No. 5 are superseded and that the terms of General Orders Nos. 1 and 2 are anticipated to a certain extent. Until further and more final directions are issued, the following instructions will therefore prevail.

1. In the future payments of military family allowance formerly made by the Social Insurance Institute will be discontinued.
2. Payments formerly made, from National Funds, of pensions to army and civil service personnel will be discontinued.
3. In the event of hardship arising from the discontinuance of the payments itemised in paragraphs 1 and 2, and necessary compensation will be by direct relief from the communes in the form of cash.
4. The Regional State Treasurer, who is the representative of the National Treasury located at the seat of Provincial government, is authorised to issue warrants for the payment of the undermentioned national employees :
 - (a) Carabinieri
 - (b) Guardia di Finanza
 - (c) School teachers (above the rank of elementary school teachers)
 - (d) Medical and Sanitary Officers
 - (e) Custodians
 - (f) Other National civil servants whose services are to be continued.
5. The Regional State Treasurer shall assume the financial obligations of the National government with respect to grants-in-aid for the following purposes :
 - (a) Hospitals, lunatic asylums, orphanages, homes for incurables and old age homes.
 - (b) Scientific institutions such as laboratories, observatories, meteorological stations and seismological stations.
 - (c) Maintenance of existing museums, monuments and archeological sites.
 - (d) Necessary expenditures for maintenance of schools and universities.
 - (e) Special Improvement Districts, dikes and irrigation systems.
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6. It has been found that the Postmasters at provincial seats of government have customarily performed a number of administrative functions not directly connected with the operation of posts, telegraphs and telephones. These include the payment of certain groups of employees including elementary school teachers. These post offices which have performed this type of work will continue the same, and will be specifically charged with the payment of P.T.T. employees. Funds for the payment of employees of these groups will be available only on the production of past records and payrolls. Proper records of current payments must be maintained until further notice. The opening of post offices for these administrative functions does not involve their operation for the transmission of mail and messages or the functioning of the postal savings system.

7. The existing practice of paying railway employees is different in the areas controlled by the two armies. It is agreed that the Royal Engineers of 8th Army may continue to pay such employees provided that proper records are maintained. If 7th Army should request AMGOT to pay railway employees, such payments will be made on the production of payroll records by 7th Army.

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Eventually all railway administration will be centered in the Capo Compartimento (Ferrovia dello stato) at Palermo who will then handle all existing accounts.

8. The system of marketing commodities through the Ammassi and the Consorzi will be continued except that necessary subsidies formerly supplied from national sources, shall be provided through the Regional State Treasurer.
9. All subscriptions and contributions due to the Social Insurance Institution shall continue to be collected and the payment of benefits will continue with the exception of military family allowances described in paragraph 1. The necessary funds to defray any resulting cash deficit will be provided by AMGOT after an inspection of the books by a Finance Officer.
10. Notwithstanding bank moratorium effected by article II of Proclamation No. 5, banks who prior to the occupation held accounts with communes, provinces and agencies of the National Government and with Ammassi and Consorzi, shall be open to receive new accounts and otherwise to conduct new business with their respective clients of the foregoing categories.
11. While it is realized that the closing of banks to private depositors renders difficult the payment of taxation, it is desirable that in order to maintain the mechanism of tax contribution both direct and indirect, taxes should continue to be collected as far as practicable.
12. Until further notice prices will remain fixed at the official rates prevailing prior to occupation, and wages will remain fixed as indicated in the schedules heretofore issued.
13. In order to obtain uniformity in payment of cash relief, the following maximum daily scale to be applied until further notice will be 25 lire per head of family plus 5 lire per each dependant.
14. Except as otherwise as provided in any proclamation, order or instruction the existing administration and services of the communes and provinces will continue until further notice.
15. In the system of indirect government in effect in Sicily it is realized that the control and supervision of funds advanced by AMGOT to the administrations and services is difficult. It will therefore, be continually stressed that the greatest care must be exercised in the allocation and distribution of funds and that all disbursements are subject to audit by AMGOT.

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A.M.C.O.T. Advance H.Q.,
21 July 1943.

AMGOT/266/HQ

20 August 1943

○ Subject: Marking Location of Offices

To : S.C.A.O.s

1. It has been brought to the attention of this headquarters that some difficulty has been experienced in locating the office of C.A.O.s in a number of towns.

2. All C.A.O.s should be instructed to mark clearly their offices, to fly flags in front of the building and to post AMGOT signs with arrows pointing the direction at important cross roads in the town.

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

AMGOT HQ
15 Army Group

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Saturday, 21 Aug.
S.C.A.O.s Conference.

Lt. Col. Spofford.

I have found all over the island great difficulty in discovering the C.A.O.s - their offices are not marked, their police do not know where the officers are (!) and there are no flags in most towns. I have found other officers wandering about looking for C.A.O.s.

Could instructions please be given that every C.A.O.'s office is to be clearly marked, and that AMGOT signs be placed at cross roads etc. in towns pointing to their offices?

G. HAYES.
Lt. Col.

20.8.43.

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SUBJECT:- Powers of Local Legislation.

COPY,

File No. 266/Hq.

AMGOT H. Q., SICILY.

27th August 1943.

TO:- ALL S.C.A.Os.

1. While it is essential that all provincial or regional S.C.A.Os have full responsibility for the administration of the area under their charge, and have the power to fulfil such responsibilities, it is equally essential to preserve as far as possible uniformity of government throughout the occupied area and to avoid the issuance of any local ordinances in one locality which might have a harmful effect on a neighbouring area or which are inconsistent with Proclamations or General Orders issued from this Headquarters.

2. Accordingly, except in emergencies, S.C.A.Os are authorised to issue local ordinances only in relation to the following matters:-

- (a) Curfew.
- (b) Extent to which inhabitants may be permitted to circulate during daylight hours. In this connection S.C.A.Os. are authorised to issue such orders from time to time as they may deem necessary extending the 10 kilometre restriction contained in para 42 of Proclamation No.2 within the limits of their own provinces.
- (c) Prescribing forbidden areas where all circulation is prohibited.
- (d) Prescribing hours and days during which trade or business may be carried on.
- (e) Restricting street pedlars.
- (f) Control of the sale of intoxicating liquors.
- (g) Regulating the use of public streets and highways in the district.
- (h) Restrictions on local use of water and electricity.
- (i) Care and preservation of ancient monuments.
- (j) Restricting the use of buildings which are unsafe or unsanitary.
- (k) Local health and sanitation regulations.
- (l) Air Raid Protection.
- (m) Any matter necessary for the preservation of Law and Order.

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3. There will also be many situations where instructions will be issued from this H.Q. requiring the issuance of local ordinances for particular purposes such as, the fixing of maximum prices for various commodities; requirements that certain businesses be licensed; requirements for the declaration of certain commodities, etc. While such ordinances may differ in various provinces, such differences must be directed from this H.Q. so as to avoid unjustified differences between various localities. As such ordinances are only effective in a given locality, they should be issued by the S.C.A.O. as a local ordinance.

4. If any other subject arises which appears to require a local ordinance S.C.A.O.s should, except in the case of emergency, report the facts and circumstances to this H.Q. and request authority to issue the proposed ordinance.

5. In cases of emergency a S.C.A.O. may issue any ordinances which the situation may require but must in such case immediately send full particulars to this H.Q.

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6. S.C.A.O.s are authorized to delegate to C.A.O.s power to issue local ordinances having application only within the region under the control of the C.A.O. dealing with the subjects herein provided.

7. This memorandum is intended to deal only with local ordinances intended to be published and binding on all persons within the area under the control of the S.C.A.O. or C.A.O. issuing the ordinances or such portions thereof as he may direct. It is not intended to affect in any way the power of S.C.A.O.s or C.A.O.s to issue such special orders or administrative instructions or regulations either to officers under their command or to other persons in the area under their jurisdiction as may from time to time be necessary in the discharge of their duties.

8. Local ordinances will be made in the following forms:-

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF OCCUPIED TERRITORY.

PROVINCE (OR COMUNE) OF.....

Text of the ordinance which will be subscribed as follows:-

BY ORDER OF THE ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

Senior Civil Affairs Officer (or Civil
Affairs Officer)

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All Heads of Divisions

ANGOT Liaison 15 Army Group

File.

Subject: Restoration of civil telephone and telegraph services in SICILY.

MOST SECRET.

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ANGOT HQ.

19 Aug. 43.

To:-

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CALTANISSETTA	(6 "
CATANIA	(6 "
ENNA	(4 "
PALERMO	(6 "
RAGUSA	(6 "
SIRACUSA	(6 "
TRAPANI	(6 "
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(via ANGOT Liaison 15 Army Group)	
Lt. Col. STOREY	(4 copies)
(via Commanding General 7th Army)	
45th Corps for attention of Lt. Col. STOREY.)	
ANGOT Liaison	(1 copy)
15 Army Group	

1. Copies, as set out above, of 15 Army Group Operation Instruction No. 15 are forwarded for information and action as necessary.
2. Receipt will be acknowledged to this Headquarters.

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

7001/PRANGOT HQ.18 August, 43.Subject: Press and Radio in Sicily.

To : SCAO - Agrigento
Caltanissetta
Catania
Enna
Palermo
Ragusa
Siracusa
Trapani
Messina - 2

The following information on press and radio in your province is requested. Replies should reach this headquarters before August 28:

1. Press.

- (a) Papers (daily, weekly, etc.) published in province before July 10.
- (b) Amount of newsprint paper on hand.
- (c) Difficulties such as war damage, shortage of supplies, and personnel that would be encountered if it were decided to reopen one or more of the papers.

2. Radio:

- (a) Please report whether the programs broadcast by the Palermo station nightly are heard in your province. (The hours are from 2000 to 2400; the frequency is 530 millimeters, 565 kilocycles.)
- (b) If "jamming" by the enemy makes programs unintelligible, please state time such interference occurs.
- (c) Loud-speaker systems were set up in many towns by the Mussolini government. Please report on possibility of putting them back into use again for broadcasting news, proclamations, orders, and announcements.

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CHARLES H. SPAWFOORD,
Lt. Colonel, U.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer.

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PUBLIC HEALTH SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 6For S.C.A.O.s and Public Health OfficersWeekly Medical ReportsI Hospitalization.

1. The Senior Civil Affairs Officer of each province will obtain, from the local representatives of AMGOT in each town in each province, information as to:

- a. The names and bed capacities of each hospital (civil, civil used by military or Italian military) in the province.
- b. The number of such beds now in use in each by military personnel (Allies) or prisoners of war.
- c. The number of physicians and dentists on duty at such hospitals.
- d. The number of other personnel serving at each hospital. Nurses and other attendants will be reported separately.
- e. The water supply, sewage disposal and lighting facilities of each hospital.
- f. Number and names of medical or surgical specialists in each hospital.

2. Such data will be reported weekly, for the period ending at midnight on Friday being forwarded as early as practicable to AMGOT Headquarters. Information as to the beds and personnel in present and future use by the Military Authorities may be obtained upon consultation with the Senior Military Medical Officer in each area. AMGOT, while not concerned with hospitalization of military personnel (allies or prisoners of war), is interested in knowing when Italian personnel and hospital beds, now in military use, can be made available for the civil population. The proforma attached will be used as a basis.

II Communicable Diseases.

3. Information as to the presence of communicable diseases, particularly malaria, typhoid fever (enteric) typhus fever (exanthematic typhus and trachoma, will be similarly obtained by Provincial Civil Affairs Officers and reported weekly to AMGOT Headquarters, such reports to cover the week ending at midnight on Friday.

III Progress Reports.

- c. The number of physicians and dentists on duty at such hospitals.
- d. The number of other personnel serving at each hospital. Nurses and other attendants will be reported separately.
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III Progress Reports.

4. The weekly medical report will include a statement of availability of water, of progress effected on public health works such as construction and reparation of water supplies, sewage disposal (conservancy), drain off (canalization) of swampy areas, and other projects undertaken by or under supervision of AMGOT. 6127

IV Air Raid Precautions.

5. Weekly reports will include a statement about arrangements for the protection of the civil population in case of air raids. The adequacy of existing shelters and their sanitation will be reported.

V Other Information and Recommendations.

6. Any other information of medical or public health importance will be reported, together with recommendations. This should include with the initial report, a statement by name and position of all Communal and Provincial health officials currently employed, the number of other physicians practicing in each commune, and copies of the last issued annual and other reports of health departments and medical organisations.

ADV. AMGOT H.Q. 4 Aug. 43.

MONTHLY MEDICAL REPORT FOR MONTH ENDING

PROVINCE _____

1. BED STATE

HOSPITAL	LOCATION	No. of beds	No. occupied			No. vacant	No. of EMERGENCY Beds	No. of PHYSICIANS	DEN
			Civilians	Military	P.O.W.				
A									
B									
C									
D									
E									
F									

2. PERSONNEL

HOSPITAL	No. of PHYSICIANS	No. of DENTISTS	No. of NURSES	OTHER ATTENDANTS WARD MAIDS etc.	COOKS	KITCHEN STAFF	DISPENSERS
A							
B							
C							
D							
E							
F							

3. PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICES TO HOSPITALS

(a)	WATER SUPPLY	- A	B	C	D	E
(b)	SEWAGE DISPOSAL	- A	B	C	D	E
(c)	LIGHTING FACILITIES	- A	B	C	D	E
(d)	EMERGENCY LIGHTING	- A	B	C	D	E

4. PROGRESS REPORT ON WORK COMMENCED OR COMPLETED DURING MONTH

- (a) WATER SUPPLY
 (b) SEWAGE DISPOSAL
 (c) LIGHTING

/over...

MONTHLY MEDICAL REPORT FOR MONTH ENDING _____

PROVINCE _____

No. occupied Civilians Military P.O.W.			No. vacant	No. of EMERGENCY Beds	No. of PHYSICIANS	DENTISTS	SPECIALISTS

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ES TO HOSPITALS

- A	B	C	D	E	F
- A	B	C	D	E	F
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- A	B	C	D	E	F

WORK COMMENCED OR COMPLETED DURING MONTH

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5. ANY OTHER INFORMATION (Sec. II, III, IV & V, Public Health Special Administrative Instructions No. 5)

6. RECOMMENDATIONS.

Date _____

(SIGNATURE)

NOTES:

1. The following abbreviations may be employed in para. 3.

H.	Main (water) supply.
D.W.	Deep Wells.
S.W.	Shallow Wells.
M.D.	Main Drainage.
C.P.	Cess pits
E.M.	Electricity from Grid
E.L.	Local electric supply
E.G.	Electric generators in building.
G.	Gas
O.L.	Oil Lighting

2. Additional sheets will be used as necessary.

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AMGOT/1012/PS

16 August 1943

Subject: Release of Italian Reserve Officers

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

1. The 15th Army Group have been asked by AMGOT to establish a policy as regards the release of Italian reserve officers whose services are required in road and public utility enterprises.
2. AMGOT HQ has now been requested to furnish the 15th Army Group with the precise names and present location, if possible, of these officers whose employment is considered essential.
3. All S.C.A.O.s are to furnish HQ with a list of those officers whom they consider should be released in order to take up positions in public works, utilities and other enterprises functioning for the welfare of the public.
4. S.C.A.O.s are to make a preliminary investigation themselves in order to satisfy themselves that all requests forwarded are warranted. They are to send all requests to AMGOT HQ in duplicate.

AMGOT HQ
15 Army Group

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

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AMPT/265/1416 August 1943

To the S.C.A.O., Province of
For the attention of

I shall be grateful if you will take immediate action on the four following points.

1. Gollerenga to Essatori and Ricevetori Provinciali. Under the authority of a telegram from Rome the Intendants for Palermo gave to the Essatori for Palermo City a remission of 50% of the 2/10 of taxes due on the 3 June and of the 8/10 of the next installment due on the 22 June with a similar concession to the corresponding Ricevetori. Owing to the destruction of properties and stocks by bombardment and the absence of some taxpayers by evacuation it is reasonable that in the communes affected some relaxation should be made as the Essatori cannot collect the full amounts due. You are accordingly authorized to agree with the Intendente for a similar concession to be given by him, up to a maximum of 50% in heavy bombed and evacuated localities, for August payments. The Rate is to be decided by you and him for each commune on the basis of its actual position, as many communes in county districts will be unaffected and require no allowance. It is to be understood that the concession is only one of postponement

2. It is important that no delay should occur in the completion of the assessing machinery for taxes which will be collected in 1943/44. The Intendente and other officials concerned as disclosed by him should be required to render an immediate stock return of all forms used. This proforma should show:

Type of form by description or number	Stock held	Stock required to complete all work up to December 1943	Deficiency	Surplus
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In order that deficiencies in certain areas may be met, a copy of this return should be rendered to this Headquarters within the next seven days. It is understood that reserve stocks of forms were held at Caltanissetta and Catania, the holders of such stocks should also render a return of stocks held.

3. Similar difficulties are arising in certain areas over the provision of fiscal stamps. Please obtain completion of the following proforma which is also wanted as soon as possible.

INVENTARIO DI BOLLO

Custode Di Bolli	Carattere	Denominazione	Quantità	Scorta Esistente	Valore Dei Bolli	Nota
Fiscali (Non ancora Emessi Ma Pagati)	De Bollo	zione	tutta	tale Tenuta	Bolli Versati Durante L'anno Sino Al 30 Agosto	

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Type of form by description or number	Stock held	Stock required to complete all work up to December 1943	Deficiency	Surplus
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In order that deficiencies in certain areas may be met, a copy of this return should be rendered to this Headquarters within the next seven days. It is understood that reserve stocks of forms were held at Caltanissetta and Catania, the holders of such stocks should also render a return of stocks held.

3. Similar difficulties are arising in certain areas over the provision of fiscal stamps. Please obtain completion of the following proforma which is also wanted as soon as possible.

INVENTARIO DI BOLLO

Custode del Bollo	Carattere Denominazione	Quantità	Valore del Bollo
Piscali (Non Ancona)	Da Bollo	zione	Stato
Emesso Ne Pagati)		tita tale Tenuta	Bolli Venti
e Carta Bollata			duti Durante
			L'anno Sino
			Al 30 Giugno

Nome Indirizzo

Form ORG - 5

No steps need be taken yet to assess the stocks of lottery tickets: this matter is being dealt with through the Direttore del Lotto al Palermo by the Chief Revenue Officer.

4. I also want from the head office of the Banca d'Italia in each Province (except Palermo, Syracuse, Agrigento already received) a copy of the Bilancio Mensile of the account of the R. Tesoreria Provinciale for the year ending 30 June 1943 and of the corresponding 'Residui' account, and also for each Province (except Palermo) the similar figures from the 30 June to the date that the Bank closed.

I should like to have all those within seven days from the date that this letter is received.

Colonel,
Chief Finance Officer.

Subject: Titles of Officers of A.M.G.

201/55/HQ.

AMGOT/HQ.

15 Aug 43.

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

Administrative Circular No.1

1. Attention is drawn to the attached schedule of titles of officers of the Allied Military Government. No variation of these titles, such as "Governor", is authorized.
2. The Civil Affairs Officer in charge of a Province will, if of the rank of Lt-Col or above, be designated "SCAO Province". If of a lower rank than that of Lt-Col, he will be designated "Acting SCAO Province".

3. Officers in charge of the areas into which a Province is subdivided will be addressed as follows:-

- (a) If in charge of a city or town only, as -
"CAO, in charge " City or Town, as the case may be."
- (b) If in charge of a group of towns and the surrounding country, as -
"CAO in charge " District."

In the latter case the name will be decided on by the SCAO in charge of the Province.

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ITALIAN TITLES OF OFFICERS OF ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

C.C.A.O.	Capo degli Affari Civili	C.A.C.
D.C.C.A.O.	Vice Capo degli Affari Civili	V.C.A.E.
C.S.O.	Capo di Stato Maggiore degli Affari Civili	C.S.M.A.C.
S.C.A.O.	Ufficiale Superiore Addetto agli Affari Civili	U.S.A.A.C.
C.A.O.	Ufficiale Addetto agli Affari Civili	U.A.A.C.
A.O.	Ufficiale Addetto alla Segreteria Affari Civili	U.A.S.A.C.
C.F.O.	Capo Reparto delle Finanze	C.R.F.
S.F.O.	Ufficiale Superiore Addetto alle Finanze	U.S.A.F.
F.O.	Ufficiale Addetto alle Finanze	U.A.F.
C.P.S.	Capo Reparto della Sicurezza Pubblica	C.R.S.P.
S.C.A.P.O.	Ufficiale Superiore Addetto alla Sicurezza Pubblica	U.S.A.S.P.
C.A.P.O.	Ufficiale Addetto alla Sicurezza Pubblica	U.A.S.P.
C.L.O.	Capo Reparto della Giustizia	C.R.G.
S.L.O.	Ufficiale Superiore Addetto alla Giustizia	U.S.A.G.
L.O.	Ufficiale Addetto alla Giustizia	U.A.G.
D.P.H.	Capo Reparto dei Servizi Sanitari	C.R.S.S.
S.P.H.O.	Ufficiale Superiore Addetto ai Servizi Sanitari	U.S.S.S.
P.H.O.	Ufficiale Addetto ai Servizi Sanitari	U.A.S.S.
D.C.S.R.	Capo Reparto della Logistica Civile	C.R.L.C.
S.C.S.O.	Ufficiale Superiore Addetto alla Logistica Civile	U.S.A.L.C.
S.O.	Ufficiale Addetto alla Logistica Civile	U.A.L.C.
C.P.	Controllore Beni	C.B.
D.C.P.	Ufficiale Superiore Addetto ai Controllo Beni	U.S.A.C.B.
A.C.P.	Ufficiale Addetto al Controllo Beni	U.A.C.B.

Subject: Electric Supply.

AMGOT/266/HQ.

14 August, 43.

To: All Senior Civil Affairs Officers.
All Civil Affairs Officers.

1. Electric requirements for military purposes will, in all cases, be supplied, upon request by proper military authority, to the exclusion, if necessary, of all non-military requirements.
2. Effective immediately, non-military use of electricity will be authorized in the following categories only:
 - a. Water purification and pumping, community supply.
 - b. Hospitals, prisons and other public institutions providing essential human needs.
 - c. Flour mills and bake shops which cannot convert to other sources of power.
 - d. Commercial refrigeration essential to the preservation of perishable foods.
 - e. Irrigation, Sundays only, to the extent permitted by closing down flour mills.
 - f. AMGOT Offices (lighting only), Red Cross buildings, Allied Forces newspaper facilities; police and fire stations.
3. Electric service now being rendered inconsistent with this directive will be terminated forthwith.
4. Each S.C.A.O. will submit by 1 Sept. a complete report of all non-military electric service now rendered showing consumer's name, category of use, hours of operation and KVA maximum demand. Subsequent approvals for service will be authorized in writing by S.C.A.O. and one signed copy forwarded to AMGOT H.Q. for record.
5. AMGOT H.Q. Sicily is responsible for the supply and distribution of electricity for non-military use throughout Sicily and all requests for service, not specifically mentioned herein will be referred to this H.Q. for prior approval. All requests for service involving AMGOT financial commitments will likewise be referred to this H.Q. for prior approval.
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For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer,

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AMGOT H.Q.
15 ARMY GROUP.

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Lt-Col. G.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer.

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AMGOT/217/HQ.

SUBJECT:- Commandeered Civilian Transport.

14 Aug 1943.

To: ALL S.C.A.Os.

1. Pursuant to memorandum of 6 August to S.C.A.Os in Palermo, Trapani, Agrigento, Caltanissetta and Enna, subject, "Disposition of Captured Transport," attention is now invited to attached copy of signal (previously left with you by C.C.A.O.) from 15 Army Group to 7th and 8th Armies ordering all local captured transport to be turned over to the nearest AMGOT officer. Attention is further directed to attached memorandum from HQ. 7th Army to all 7th Army units concerned, issued pursuant to the above ~~signal~~ signal.
2. The 8th Army may have issued similar instructions to its units concerned but this Headquarters has not yet received them.
3. C.A.Os contacting unit commanders of the 7th and 8th Armies should make use of the attached orders in cases units have not yet received instructions.
4. It has been reported that there is still considerable civilian traffic on the roads. In order to provide AMGOT with necessary transport C.A.Os should be directed to try to collect vehicles and stop unauthorized driving in civilian cars.

AMGOT HQ.
15 Army Group
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Distribution:- Agrigento.
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MESSAGE CENTRE NO

CIPHER OFFICE NO 1548

TO SEVEN ARMY EIGHT ARMY PORTASE

FROM MAIN 15 ARMY GP.

Q/0001 031615

TO ENABLE MAXIMUM USE TO BE MADE OF LOCAL TRANSPORT
FOR SUPPLIES AND RESTORATION OF ORDER IN SICILY ALL
LOCAL CAPTURED TRANSPORT IN POSSESSION OF ARMIES WILL
BE HANDED IN TO NEAREST AMGOT OFFICER AT EARLIEST DATE.

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HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH ARMY
APO 758 U.S. ARMY

11 AUGUST 1943.

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SUBJECT:- Commandeered Civilian Transportation.

TO:- All Seventh Army Units Concerned.

1. All units of Seventh Army or under Seventh Army control west of the line GELA - CALAMINSETTA - CANTERBURY will without delay turn over all commandeered civil motor transportation to the nearest American Civil Affairs office.

2. This does not include properly requisitioned civil, nor captured military motor transport.

3. A report in triplicate of transportation so turned in, to include location where turned over, will be submitted to this headquarters, attention G-4 Automotive.

4. Listed below are the locations of principal S.C.A.O. (ARMIST) OFFICERS

PROVINCE	NAME	ADDRESS
Palermo	Lt. Col. POLICELLI	Prefettura, Palermo
Trapani	Major MICHIELI	Trapani
Agrianto	Lt. Col. MC CAPRARI	Governor's Palace, Agrianto
Calaminita	Lt. Col. IRISH	Prefettura, Calaminita
c. Enna	Lt. Col. BODD	Governor's Palace, Enna

By command of Lieutenant General PATTER:

S/ W.C. CALDWELL
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Lt. Col. AGD.

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Agrigento	Lt. Col. MC GUFFIN	Governor's Palace, Agrigento
Caltanissetta	Lt. Col. IRISH	Prefettura, Caltanissetta
Enna	Lt. Col. BORDO	Governor's Palace, Enna

By Command of Lieutenant General PATYNE:

S/ W.O. CANTRELL
T/ W.O. CANTRELL
Lt. Col. AGD.
Adjutant General.

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DISSEMINATION:

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AMGOT HOUSING SURV.

To be submitted in triplicate for all Communes with over 5,000 population (submit for all damaged Communes under 5,000 population) by all C.A.Os. to S.C.A.Os. within two weeks after receipt.

1. Name of Town _____ Province _____
2. Normal population of Town _____
3. Present population _____
4. Normal number habitations _____
5. Average number persons accommodated in each _____
6. Number houses uninhabitable _____
7. Number persons rendered homeless _____
8. Number of houses in 6 which can be repaired with a month's normal work from material actually available _____
9. Is labor locally available ? _____
10. Number of habitable houses which have spare rooms and which could accommodate additional persons _____
11. Number of persons homes listed in 10 could house _____
12. Number of buildings which could accommodate refugees, e.g. offices, schools, theatres _____
13. Number of persons buildings listed in 12 could house _____
14. Number for whom there will be no accommodations on (date) _____
15. Number of communal feeding centres in existence _____
16. Number of persons these can feed daily _____
17. If no feeding centres are available or if those in existence are inadequate what proposals are being submitted to make them adequate

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18. Is water supply adequate _____
19. If not how do you propose to supply water _____

20. Is sanitation satisfactory _____
21. If not, how do you propose to make it adequate _____

AMGOT HEADQUARTERS

PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE

13 AUGUST 1943

PRESS RELEASE ON GENERAL ORDER NO. 2

FOR "SICILIA LIBERATA"

The Allied Military Government has issued General Order No. 2, requiring that all State, Provincial, and Communal taxes and imposts be paid promptly and all arrears made up at once, in order that the machinery of government may function most efficiently for the people of Sicily.

The existing tax collection system has been retained by the Allied Military Government for the collection of these taxes.

All imposts and taxes must be paid in cash. They may not be paid in postal orders, bank checks, or government coupons of any kind.

Any persons having funds on deposit in a Sicilian bank may authorize that bank to pay over in cash directly to the tax collection agency amounts due for taxes. The banks have been instructed to comply with such directions.

A most important provision of General Order No. 2 abrogates the payment of syndicate contributions.

In the past these syndicate contributions were sent to Rome and used there by the Fascists for improper payment to officials of the corporations, confederations and others and for the administration of institutions that brought insufficient benefits to the Italian people.

Some of the syndicate contributions paid by agricultural workers and their employers were turned over to the Istituto Previdenza Sociale and the Cassa Mutua Malatia in order to finance social security benefits for agricultural workers. These benefits will continue to be paid by the Istituto Previdenza Sociale and the Cassa Mutua Malatia.

In the near future the Allied Military Government will issue an order setting up a new system for payments to be made by agricultural workers and their employers to finance the costs of these social security benefits.

AMGOT 13/HQ
13 August 1943

Subject: Listing of detained persons and internees

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

1. It is desired to obtain lists of all persons who have been detained or interned by the Allied Forces in your province on grounds of security or for political reasons. This includes persons apprehended either by your authority or on authority of C.I.C. or F.S.P. Persons arrested for commission of offenses against Italian Law or under the Proclamations which are not related to security or political matters need not be listed.

2. The return of all such persons should include:

- (a) Particulars as to identification;
- (b) Office or official position held, if any;
- (c) Reasons for apprehension; and
- (d) Present whereabouts.

3. The initial lists now called for should include persons who have been apprehended and released, if any, with a statement of the circumstances of the release.

AMGOT HQ
15 Army Group

Distribution: Agrigento
Caltanissetta
Catania
Enna
Palermo
Ragusa
Siracusa
Trapani

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Chief Staff Officer

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SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION (PUBLIC SAFETY) NO. 5.

1., GENERAL.

- (a) Effective immediately the Civil Police of the following provinces of Sicily, viz. Palermo, Trapani, Agrigento, Caltanissetta, Ragusa, Siracusa, Enna (part) and Catania (part) will be under control of AMGOT.
- (b) These instructions contain the general principles for the control of the civil police. They will be supplemented by further instructions issued by the Commissioner of Public Safety.

2. OBJECTIVES IN CONTROLLING CIVIL POLICE

- (a) To organize the civil police as an integral part of the Civil Government established under the Military Government.
- (b) To fix the responsibility of the civil police for establishing and maintaining such a state of law and order as will best serve the interests of the Allied Military Government.
- (c) To maintain such supervision of the civil police as to assure the efficient performance of the duties assigned.

3. POLICE ORGANIZATIONS AUTHORIZED.

- (a) Use of the following civil police organizations is authorized:

- (1) Carabinieri. To be used as a patrolling force and assigned to civil police duties normally performed under the previous Civil Government, exclusive of all military functions.
- (2) Agents of Public Security. To be used as an investigating agency and assigned to civil police duties normally performed under the previous Civil Government; exclusive of all military functions.
- (3) Municipal Police. To be assigned to duties normally performed under the previous Municipal Government within the area of the city. In Palermo, the Metropolitan, under the Questore, perform police functions in the city.
- (4) Guardia di Finanza. To be assigned duties normally performed under previous civil government, exclusive of all military functions.
- (5) Special Police. Special police may be used in an emergency and civilians may be deputized for that purpose.
- (b) Police powers of following organizations of militia are suspended:
- (1) Railways (Milizia di Ferrovia).

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(3) Forests (Milizia Forestale).

(4) Post and Telegraph (Milizia Poste e Telegrafica).

(5) Roads (Milizia della Strada).

(c) All civil police will, in addition to civil duties, be required to enforce the proclamations, orders and regulations of the Allied Military Government.

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(a) Heads of police organizations or any member thereof, may be removed from office by a S.C.A.O. on the advice of the C.A.P.O., for failure to perform duties assigned, and prosecuted under the Proclamations, orders and regulations of the Allied Military Government.

(e) S.C.A.Os. and local C.A.Os. are authorized to disarm any or all police on advice of the C.A.P.O., if the situation requires it.

4. OPERATIONS

(a) Control of Civil Police.

(1) The police of Sicily will be controlled in such manner as to be consolidated with larger areas later if necessary.

(2) Responsibility for the control will be fixed on civil police heads as follows :-

(a) Carabinieri. General Commanding 6 Brigade responsible to AMGOT HQ for discipline and coordination of administration of the Carabinieri in the occupied areas. Subordinate commanders remain responsible operationally to S.C.A.Os. concerned.

(b) Corpo Agenti di Pubblica Sicurezza. The Questore of each province will be under the direction of the S.C.A.O. through the Prefect and will submit reports to HQ AMGOT through the S.C.A.O.

(c) Guardia di Finanza. The Legion Commanders of the Guardia di Finanza will be responsible to AMGOT HQ for discipline and control of the organization in occupied areas through subordinate commanders.

(d) Guardia di Municipale. Guardia Municipale will be responsible to the Podesta as directed by the local C.A.O.

(b) Duties of C.A.Os.

(1) Provincial.

(a) The S.C.A.O. will be responsible for the maintenance of law and order in the province and will employ the civil police agencies assigned to the province.

(b) In an emergency the S.C.A.O. is authorized to make changes in the civil police organization; if such changes do not conform with the policies set forth herein a prompt report must be made to AMGOT HQ.

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(2) Local. Local C.A.O. of a city will be responsible for the maintenance of law and order in his jurisdiction and may employ the guardia municipale. Other police agencies authorized in 3 supra assigned to the city may be employed as directed by the S.C.A.O. on advice of the Provincial C.A.P.O.

(3) The C.A.P.O. will be responsible for the maintenance of law and order and the organization and supervision of the civil police subject to the orders of the S.C.A.O. The C.A.P.O. will not be assigned to other duties except in an emergency, in which event a report must be made to AMGOT HQ.

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(c) Duties of C.A.P.Os.

- (1) The provincial C.A.P.O. will be subject to the direction of the S.C.A.D.
- (2) C.A.P.O. in any town or district will be subject to the direction of the C.A.O. for that town or district.
- (3) In general duties of C.A.P.Os. are as follows :
 - (a) To enforce proclamations, orders and regulations of the Military Governor.
 - (b) To prevent any movement which may be to the disadvantage of the Allied Military Government.
 - (c) To maintain law and order.
 - (d) To survey the facilities available and make recommendations respecting their uses.
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Copy No. _____

2 Aug 43.

OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO. 15POLICY - RESTORATION OF CIVIL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH SERVICES IN SICILY.

1. The rapid occupation of the greater part of SICILY and the co-operative attitude of the civil administration and population make it necessary to review the present policy regarding the restoration of civil telephone and telegraph services. At present all such services are suspended.

It is essential to make the maximum use of those services, not only for the normal civil administration of the country, but for military purposes, in order to free military signal resources for other operations.

2. In order that the security aspect of this matter may be kept under view CS(I) and G2 at all army headquarters concerned will be kept informed of action which has been taken.

3. Within the general policy laid down in this letter Commanders 7th and 8th Armies will take every opportunity to facilitate the restoration of civil telephone and telegraph services, detailed action being co-ordinated by their Chief Signal Officers and Civil Affairs Officers.

In areas not in the sphere of direct interest of armies such matters will be dealt with by the Signal Officer on the Staff of AMGOT.

4. All local, intra urban, telephone services will be restored to civil use, as far as possible having regard to essential military requirements, and will wherever possible be operated by civil personnel.

5. Civil telegraph services will be restored wherever this does not conflict with military needs, but such services will for the present be open for use only for military purposes and for such civil government traffic as may be expressly approved by AMGOT. These services will be operated wherever possible by civil personnel.

6. No new construction or appropriation of routes or terminal equipment or changes of circuits will be made by civil authorities without the consent of the Signal Officer concerned.

7. No reserves of equipment of any kind will be drawn on for civil services without the approval of the Signal Officer concerned, except for work under paras 4 & 5.

As civil operated systems become stabilized and give satisfactory ser-

the normal civil administration of the country, but for military purposes, in order to free military signal resources for other operations.

2. In order that the security aspect of this matter may be kept under view GS(I) and G2 at all army headquarters concerned will be kept informed of action which has been taken.

3. Within the general policy laid down in this letter Commanders 7th and 8th Armies will take every opportunity to facilitate the restoration of civil telephone and telegraph services, detailed action being co-ordinated by their Chief Signal Officers and Civil Affairs Officers.

In areas not in the sphere of direct interest of armies such matters will be dealt with by the Signal Officer on the Staff of AMGOT.

4. all local, intra urban, telephone services will be restored to civil use, as far as possible having regard to essential military requirements, and will wherever possible be operated by civil personnel.

5. Civil telegraph services will be restored wherever this does not conflict with military needs, but such services will for the present be open for use only for military purposes and for such civil government traffic as may be expressly approved by AMGOT. These services will be operated wherever possible by civil personnel.

6. No new construction or appropriation of routes or terminal equipment or changes of circuits will be made by civil authorities without the consent of the Signal Officer concerned.

7. No reserves of equipment of any kind will be drawn on for civil services without the approval of the Signal Officer concerned, except for work under paras 4 & 5.

8. As civil operated systems become stabilised and give satisfactory service, military personnel will be withdrawn wherever possible.

9. Responsibility for maintenance will be defined by Chief Signal Officers. The general policy will be to keep under military control all main routes, test points and switching centres carrying operational circuits. Within the policy of retention of military control civil operators and labour, skilled and unskilled, should be employed as far as possible.

10. It is necessary that the policy set out in this letter should be put into effect with all speed in order to secure the early release from static employment of military signal resources.

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Major General
C.C.S.

HEADQUARTERS, A. M. G. O. T.
CIVIL POLICE SECTION

AMGOT 265HQ

12 August 1943.

MEMORANDUM TO: Officer in Charge of Civil Affairs
Province of Siracusa. And all other S.C.A.Os.

1. The CCAO has conveyed to the Comando Superiore Dei Carabinieri Reali Della Sicilia the appreciation of General Sir Harold Alexander for the cooperation of the Carabinieri.
2. Pursuant to the instructions of the CCAO, General Sannino has prepared a personal message to the members of his command. Copies of this message are being forwarded herewith for delivery to Carabinieri Commanders under AMGOT control in your province. Will you please deliver them in accordance with the directions of the CCAO.

R. M. J. MARTIN.
Lt. Colonel.
Deputy Commissioner of Public
Safety.

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NO
AMGOT/234/HQ

12 August 1943

Subject: C.C.A.O's and D.C.C.A.O's Touring Notes

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

In the course of tours of Sicily hitherto made by the D.C.C.A.O. and myself, a certain number of points have come to my notice on which I should like to comment.

1. S.C.A.O.s and detached C.A.O.s in districts must, at the earliest possible stage, arrange for themselves adequate housing and office accommodation. Offices should be located where most suitable, but in general, a C.A.O. in charge of a district or town must have an office to himself where he can receive visitors without any other person being present. The office should not contain permanent inhabitants, i.e. Italian personnel or other AMGOT personnel, except one other officer or a confidential clerk where necessary. The offices should, consistent with local circumstances, have such dignity and surroundings as will ensure in the eyes of the local population the status of the C.A.O. as the effective controlling authority in the town or district. The offices which C.A.O.s occupy are not to be used as places of congregation for masses of petitioners, and doors and ways of access to these offices are to be kept clear. It is neither becoming nor hygienic for senior officers to have to push their way through local crowds in order to get in to the C.A.O.'s offices.

2. S.C.A.O.s and C.A.O.s are to house themselves properly in the best and most comfortable billets they can find. They are to regard themselves as permanent residents and they must therefore be conveniently and comfortably housed with proper food and service, so that their health and morale will be maintained during perhaps many weeks of solitary or semi-solitary detachment. Where several officers are in the same town, I should like them to mess together in the surroundings I have indicated, but at Provincial HQ the S.C.A.O. may desire to live by himself, at any rate after things have settled down. This I would consider quite proper, since the authority of the head of the Province must be maintained not only vis-a-vis the local population but also vis-a-vis his subordinate officers. I do not wish officers and O.Rs/E/Ms to mess together.

S.C.A.O.s and C.A.O.s on detachment in districts should, as soon as circumstances permit, arrange for permanent reservation of one or more suitable billets where visiting officers can be housed who have to stay the night in the course of tours. This is especially important with the advent of the rainy and cold weather, when visiting officers cannot be expected to sleep in the open.

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3. A general instruction will be sent out regarding relations of visiting officers, especially from the special divisions, with S.C.A.Os and C.A.Os. Generally speaking, officers from the special divisions will confine their activities to subjects with which they normally deal. They should not issue instructions to officers of their own divisions in the provinces except through the S.C.A.O. of the province. The same procedure will be followed in towns. Detached officers of special divisions are, for the purposes of administration in the province, under the S.C.A.O. It is particularly important therefore that officers of special divisions going into the field should always ensure that the policies of the division, as adopted under general instructions from myself, are known by S.C.A.Os and C.A.Os of districts. It follows conversely that officers from special divisions assigned to provinces will report to divisions at AMGOT Headquarters through, and only through, S.C.A.Os or C.A.Os concerned. Their reports can properly be transmitted to HQ in original, but must go either under a covering note from the S.C.A.O. or with the intimation that the report has been submitted to the S.C.A.O. before despatch.

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4. S.C.A.Os will make their own arrangements for calling in reports from district C.A.Os and at their discretion will either send on the reports as received or extracts from them, or use the material for compilation of their general reports on the province as called for from time to time by the C.O.

5. Though it is essential in the early stages for specialist officers to do any work which may be required of them, S.C.A.Os should gradually grow now on let specialist officers get on with their work and not, except in emergency, use them for miscellaneous duties.

6. The attention of S.C.A.Os and C.A.Os is called to the circular instructions which will be received by them in due course on the subject of nomenclature. S.C.A.Os and C.A.Os will not describe themselves or allow themselves to be described as Military Governors. There is only one Military Governor who is General Sir Harold Alexander.

7. S.C.A.Os and C.A.Os attention is also drawn to the fact that there is considerable discrepancy not only between province and province, but between district and district within provinces, in the handling of such matters as summary courts and the punishing of offenders. This will be dealt with in detail under special instructions but I have observed in certain districts considerable zeal in punishing offenders by fines, etc., whereas in other districts no attempt has been made to do more than admonish miscreants. Under present arrangements all district C.A.Os should be dealing with offenders and sitting as magistrates of lower courts in accordance with instructions.

8. C.A.Os are warned not to become involved in too much administrative detailed work. Under standing instructions they are there for supervision of the Italian administration and not to replace the Italian administration by themselves. If they attempt to do the detail themselves, they will become involved, and neglect their primary functions of supervision. Moreover, they will fail to educate the local people to manage their own affairs.

9. It is unnecessary, I trust, to add that C.A.Os and S.C.A.Os should make early contact with all the notable people in their provinces and districts. I have noticed in a certain number of cases that C.A.Os have referred to the existence of notable people such as large landowners, ecclesiastics, etc., with whom they have not as yet made contact. Where they have not the time to go on tour and see such people, they should send out and ask them to come in to the local HQ. It is very important that district officers make this contact as soon as possible and report on them to their immediate superiors.

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11. As you have been notified, General Alexander, on 31 July, ordered that the AMGOT organization in the provinces of Agrigento, Trapani, Siracusa, Ragusa, the western portion of the province of Palermo, and the southern portion of the province of Catania should be responsible directly to him through the C.C.A.O. This means that all reports and communications from these provinces should be addressed directly to this Headquarters.

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SUBJECT: Offers of work of Italian Civilians.

AMGOT/253/HQ

S.C.A.O.

1. All offers of work by Italian civilians are in future to be checked by the Public Safety Division.
2. In all provincial cases this checking will be initiated by the local C.A.P.O. who will investigate each offer and send his report to his Provincial C.A.P.O. All information regarding individuals in this report will be under the following categories:

Pro Ally
Fascist
Suspect.

The Provincial C.A.P.O. will then make his own investigation and give his decision, sending a copy of all reports and notifying such decision to Public Safety Division, H.Q. AMGOT.

3. In the case of Italian persons already employed by AMGOT, C.C.A.O. directs that these should also be checked. Action will therefore be taken in accordance with para. 2 immediately.

4. Cases of all prospective Italian employees within AMGOT HQ will be investigated in the office of the Superintendent, Civil Police, Public Safety Division. No person will be employed for duty before this investigation.

AMGOT HQ.
15 Army Group
11 Aug. 43.

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

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PUBLIC SAFETY BULLETIN NO.

AMCOT/1020/PS

10 Aug 43

UNEXPLODED BOMBS

1. The reporting of unexploded bombs to the Military Bomb Disposal Units is the responsibility of C.A.O.s and the public should be advised to make all such reports to C.A.O.s.
2. On receipt of such a report the C.A.O. will at once pass the information to the nearest Bomb Disposal Unit.
3. Squads of the 42nd Ord Battalion, U.S. Army are located
 - (a) PALESTINO Tel. No. 10718
 - (b) PETRALIA.

Information is not available at this Headquarters as to the Bomb Disposal Companies in the Eighth Army Area but, if not already known to C.A.O.s in that area, the latter should obtain the required information as soon as possible.

4. It is suggested that where a C.A.P.O. is already assigned to a particular commune, he should be given the responsibility of handling reports of UXBs.

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Lieut-Colonel.

Deputy Commissioner of Public Safety

AMCOT HQ
15 Army Group

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AMGOT/22/HQ

11 August 1943

SUBJECT:- Posting AMGOT Proclamation No. 6.

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

1. Effective upon receipt of this instruction Proclamation No. 6 will be posted.

AMGOT HQ
15 Army Group

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

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