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PROFORMA FOR FIRE REPORT BY C.A.P.O.

(To be submitted in duplicate - 1 Copy for S.C.A.O. - 1 Copy for HQ AMGOT.)

NAME OF COMMUNE PROVINCE

Castellon

Spain

FIRE FIGHTING:

IS THERE AN EXISTING FIRE BRIGADE?

STRENGTH OF FIRE BRIGADE OFFICERS MEN:

IS THE FIRE BRIGADE FUNCTIONING?

NAME & RANK OF CHIEF OFFICER
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NUMBER OF AUXILIARY FIREMEN AVAILABLE

ARE THEY UNIFORMED & EQUIPPED?

WHAT FIRE FIGHTING APPLIANCES ARE IN WORKING ORDER

1) MOTOR PUMPS (Self propelling - State capacity if known)

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2) MOTOR PUMPS carrying escape ladders

3) Motor Turntable EXTENSION LADDERS

4) MOTOR ESCAPE CARRYING VEHICLES (non-pumping)

5) MOTOR FIRE TENDERS, RESCUE VANS, CANTERENS, etc.....

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6) HORSE DRAWN STEAM OR MANUAL PUMPS

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7) TRAILER PUMPS (state CAPACITY - if known)364..

8) TOWING VEHICLES AVAILABLE

9) MANUAL PUMPS CAPABLE OF BEING TOWED

WHAT IS THE WATER SUPPLY?

- NUMBER OF AUXILIARY FIREMEN AVAILABLE
- ARE THEY UNIFORMED & EQUIPPED?
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WHAT IS THE WATER SUPPLY?

- 1) SUFFICIENTor INSUFFICIENT
- 2) HYDRANTS IN STREETS
- 3) DISTANCE BETWEEN HYDRANTS
- 4) APPROXIMATE PRESSURE in HYDRANT & OUTPUT IN GALLONS PER MINUTE:
- 5) IS WATER MAINS SYSTEM FUNCTIONING?
- 6) NUMBER OF STATIC TANKS IF ANY
- 7) NUMBER OF STATIC TANKS under construction or RECOMMENDED
- 8) CAPACITY OF (6) & (7)

WATER SUPPLY - continued

9) OTHER MEANS OF SUPPLY (RIVER, SEA, WELLS, etc.).....

10) WATER CARRYING VEHICLES & CAPACITY

ARRANGEMENTS FOR MUTUAL ASSISTANCE with neighbouring Communes

EXTENT OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE (Villages, etc.)

NUMBER OF PRIVATE FIRE BRIGADES IN COMMUNE

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PRIVATE BRIGADES

GENERAL APPRECIATION OF FIRE RISK

No appreciable fire risk

ANY SPECIAL FIRE RISKS

HAS ARMY FIRE SERVICE OFFICER BEEN IN CONSULTATION

IS ARMY FIRE SERVICE MAINTAINING CONTROL

RECOMMENDATIONS

GENERAL REMARKS

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EXTENT OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE (Ampires, etc.)

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RECOMMENDATIONS

.....
GENERAL REMARKS

.....
IS FIRE WATCHING CARRIED OUT & TO WHAT EXTENT

.....
DATE

SIGNED

N.B. COPIES OF FIRE BRIGADE ANNUAL REPORTS SHOULD BE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

SUBJECT: Fire Service - TRAPANI PROVINCE. *Howat*

NAF 1073/P-1

AMPOST H.Q., Sicily

5 September 1943.

TO : S.C.A.G. TRAPANI.

Copies of a report by the late Commandante of the 84. CORPO VIGILI DEL FUOCO - TRAPANI - are enclosed for your information. Arising out of the report the following might be considered by you :-

1. The possibility of a reduction in personnel under present conditions.
2. The total requirements of the Brigade to bring their appliances into order. A list of such needs (tyres, spares, etc..) should be submitted to your Civil Supply Department with a copy to this H.Q..
3. The rates of pay for the personnel should remain as before, pending a decision by a higher Authority. The wages should be paid as promptly as possible please.

Copy to :-
S.C.A.G. TRAPANI.

G.H. Mason
G.H. I. Mason,
Major,
FIRE & CIVIL DEFENCE

ORIGINAL BARRELS. The remainder of the vehicles and motor mops.

A call for assist was made by telephone No. 11-7, which was a special number for the alarm call.

A siren was first used for signals on vehicles, and then later on a signal by bell was substituted for the sirens. In the towns of this province there are no special road signals.

Barbarism has caused the loss of the following:-

The sinking of the trawler.

Damage to the body of the motorboat model "Fiat 110".

The barbarism also caused the destruction of four barracks and removed the Central Barracks of Trepard and the barracks of the section at Marsala unfit for use.

The carrying troops did not damage any of the vehicles or machines belonging to the Corps. However, the civilian population plundered the temporary barracks at Villa Rattiana in Marsala during the intervention of the members of the Mare Brigade by the Allied Forces.

The incursions and the damage done by the Allied troops are listed against each item in the list:

Stores and equipment.

This headquarters (following the rejected and increasing barbarism; by order of the Ministry and because of the transfer of the Prefecture and the Central Provincial Organs (offices), has transferred the General, the depot and the warehouses to Salaparuta, which is connected by roads to the various fire stations, and so was able to save nearly all the valuable materials and supply; and orders were given to the various detachments not to leave their posts even during the occupation.

This Corps has now approx. 12,000 feet of hose and coupling of standard sizes 70 and 45 mm. above the normal amount required for each outbreak.

The Corps has chemical extinguishing equipment of various capacity, but has not chemical ingredients and no means of filling the cylinders of compressed air and carbonic acid gas.

This Corps, as all the other corps of the provinces in Italy, was part of a national system and ruled in accordance with the alphabetical progression of the various provinces.

When united it formed the National Corps of the Mare Brigades, which was controlled by the Minister of the Interior, who had also a "General Directorate of the fire-fighting services, who had an account with the Banco di Napoli that was reproduced in frequent by the Banco del Sud.

The money was paid to the State by the contributions and by the "contribution" from the various provinces of Italy and the amount needed was supplied by the State. The various corps had their own balance-sheet that was not equal to

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The corps was under the direction of a Council of Administration, and was composed by a high-ranking officer of the Prefecture, by the head accountant of the said Prefecture, by the mayor of the Comune, by the Commander of the Corps who was acting as secretary.

The corps, along with the commanding officer, had an accountant's office, of which the officials were chosen from among the officers of the Provincial Administration, and paid by the same (Provincial Administration). The Corps of Trapani was in the fourth category; while the Port Detachment was of second category.

The Ministry was about to approve the transfer of the Corps of Trapani to the second category in view of the greater activity due to the immediate

proximity of the St. Lion Channel.

SUPPLY.

All the materials and uniforms were furnished from the general warehouse belonging to the Ministry and the Government could buy materials only when authorized by the Ministry. The permanent warehouse provided by the food, and the Government had the right of lodging in the barracks and in the event that this be not possible, his rent was paid by the administration of the province.

The Corps requires an advance for expenses and more of about 50,000 lire monthly, of which an account was given every month - and expenditures justified.

During the period of the war, as the corps had been increased from 71 men up to 210, the extra expenses were charged in the balance of accounts (expenses for war).

The delay of the funds from the Ministry has caused in all the corps of Sicily the lack of payment of fees, indemnity, cost of the food, etc., and owing to the lack of notification by the Prefecture, the monthly advances given by the Italian Government have not been received.

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MATERIAL SUPPLY.

This Corps needs several autogeeps which could run on roads with very bad surface, autogeeps which the Ministry had supplied remained in the other side of the "Stretto di Messina."

The vehicles that the corps uses now are not suitable to the road conditions and soon worn out. There is an urgent need for tyres and inner tubes sizes 5.00 x 15, 500 x 16, and tyres for motorcycles. This corps has about a hundred uniforms and service uniform caps; lacking boots, which in number of 240 pairs had been sent from Messana, Vico di Varese, following an authorization from the General Direction in the Ministry.

The supply stores lack mineral grease, oil, for the vehicles, and special oil for the hydraulic brakes for shock-absorbers and for motorcycles. It has urgent need, as well, of liquid foam and petrol.

The corps has a service station for washing, greasing and repairing of the vehicles, situated near "Villaggio Regina," where there is a workshop and machinery for all kinds of work. At the "Villaggio Regina" there has also been erected a field-house for the daily training of the "Vigili." As a matter of fact, the Government and the municipalities are badly lodged in the event, because of lack of accommodation.

The personnel of the corps have not yet had their pay for the month of July, and part of the personnel has not had the arrears due to them.

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Through the lack of funds headquarters cannot pay the bills for repairs and food for several months.

So much for the city

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SUBJECT:- Publications.

AMCOT/216/10

AMCOT 2. SIGNLY.

5th September 1943.

TO:- S.C.A.C., INDIA.

Reference your 7/1/AQ dated 3rd September 1943.

Copy of Italian Basic Handbook is forwarded herewith as requested.

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

Encl: Copy No. 524.

AMCOL 061/CS
AMCOL HQ SICILY
5 September 43

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The bearer, GAETANO DI SALVATORE MONTIGNERI, is hereby authorized to travel throughout Sicily in connection with purchasing activities of the Arenella Co., with whom we are contracting to furnish materials for export.

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WILLIAM L. BATT, JR.
1st Lt., Infantry
Civilian Supply Division

SUBJECT:-- 15 Army Group Operation Instructions.

AMGOT LIAISON,
15 Army Group.

AMGOT/41/HQ.

AMGOT H.Q. SLOAN.

5. Sept. 43.

1. This H.Q. has C.S.C. 15 Army Group Memorandum No.24 which is issued in conjunction with H.Q. 15 Army Group Operation Instruction No.26.
2. Operation Instructions No.26 is not in our files and a copy of this is requested.

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by CHARLES H. SPOFFORD.
Lt. Col. G.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer.

SUBJECT: Civil Fire Service - Road Passes. *Loat*

AMGOT/1003/PS

AMGOT H.Q., Sicily.

4 September 1943.

TO : Provost Marshal , Seventh Army.

Following the visit of Major Mason to Major Briggs 3/9/43:-

1. To facilitate the work of the Civil Fire Service it is requested that consideration be given to the issue of a pass for each of the vehicles as listed herewith of the 58 CORPO VIGILI DEL FUOCO, PALERMO, to pass over any road in the Province of Palermo in the course of their duty. It will be noted that the 58 CORPO is responsible for the whole of the Province and not the city of PALERMO alone.

The permit should be for the vehicle and crew in uniform, since the personnel would not always be the same.

2. The Commandante of the 58 CORPO VIGILI DEL FUOCO is the senior Fire Officer in Sicily and as such is responsible to this H.Q., for the satisfactory running of the Service. This duty may require him to travel by road to the other Provincial centres or Sub-stations.

It is requested that consideration be given to the issue of a personnel permit for himself and driver to use any road in the Island.

The name of the Comandante is DOTT ING LUIGI BIGI and he is proving of great service to the H.Q.. (CAR NO. VF1805).

Barrett
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Colonel,
Commissioner of Public Safety.

AMCOT H.Q.
8 Via Bari.

Signor Nicola Barbagello,
Via A. Manzoni no 15,
Centuripe, Enna.

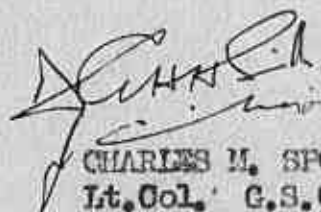
AMCOT/345/HQ.

5. Sept. 43.

I am directed to thank you for the letter of good wishes
from yourself and the inhabitants of Centuripe.

The further contents of your letter are receiving our
attention.

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

SUBJECT:- Complaints re continuation in Office
of Fascist Officials.

AMCOT/345/101.

AMCOT H.Q. SICILY.

2. Sept. 43.

To: S.C.A.O. LIMA.

A letter has been received at this H.Q. from Mr. Nicola
Barbagello of Centuripe, Enna.

A copy is enclosed for your information.

[Signature]
CHARLES H. HOPKINS,
Lt. Col. G.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer.

SUBJECT:- Special Administrative Instructions.

S.C.A.O. Syracuse.

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AMGOT/246/HQ.

AMGOT H.Q. SICILY.

5. Sept. 43.

Reference your POC/658 of 26 Aug. 43.

No subsequent issues have been made, all previous issues with the exception of Public Safety No. 4, which is not of general interest, are included in the "Information File", copies of this being in your possession.

Further up-to-date copies of the "Information File" are being prepared and will be forwarded to you when ready.

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

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SUBJECT:- A.F.H.Q. Administrative Memorandum No. 60.

AMGOT,
H.Q. EIGHTH ARMY MAIN.

Slant
AMGOT/52/HQ.

AMGOT H.Q. SICILY.

5. Sept. 43.

Enclosed copy of A.F.H.Q. Administrative Memorandum No. 60 -
Maintenance Channels : Staff and Service, Baytown and Avalanche
Operations, is forwarded for information.

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

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SUBJECT: Assistance to Fire Brigade in
demolition work.

Koot AMGOT/1018/PS

AMGOT, Sicily

4 September 1943

TO : S.C.A.O. PALERMO.

The enclosed application from the Commandante of the Fire Brigade for assistance in the work of demolition of dangerous buildings has been received and examined.

It is felt that since this is an essential service and that the Fire Brigade has no vehicles powerful enough or suitable for the work, you might wish to arrange to let them have the use of a heavy truck when required.

Possibly you would communicate direct with the Commandante in reaching a decision.

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G. Johnson
Major,
F. & G. D.

AMGOT/5060/CS
AMGOT HQ SICILY
3 September 43

Subject: Alcohol

To : All SCAO's

1. Approximately 50,000 litres of alcohol are required monthly for medical purposes in Sicily.
2. Will you please inform this Division as quickly as possible
 - a. What stocks you now have, in litres,
 - b. What is your estimated monthly production,
 - c. What raw materials, if any, are needed.

JFRS/jfl

Distribution:

DEM (your 3002/PM dated
3 Sept. 43 refers)

J. F. R. Seitz
J. F. R. SEITZ
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
Director Civilian Supply
and Resources

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AMCOT H. LICHTLY
4 September 43

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The bearer, Filippo Pipati, has permission to take 200 shingles
and his working tools stored at Piazza Ranchibile near Piazza Leone.

H. C. NOLAN
Major, C. M. P.
Civilian Supply Division

Filippo

6015/CP.

COT HQ SICILY.

4 September 43.

Subject: Bronte Estates.To: Chief Staff Officer.

Ref Nos. 6 and 13, the C.L.O. at my request, drafted an order to annul the Decree of Expropriation (see 15), but as the result of correspondence (Nos. 17 & 19) and discussions on the draft, the C.L.O. now advises that it is doubtful if we have power to set aside the decree - see No. 20. In the circumstances, I suggest that the C.L.O., C.F. and yourself should meet to discuss what action should now be taken in regard to the Bronte Estates. In this connection I might mention that according to statements made by officials of the Ente di Colonizzazione del Latifondo Siciliano, their employees have been turned off the estates, and Viscount Bridport's agent, Luigi Modica, given possession. I presume this was done on the orders of the S.G.A.O. Catania.

Lieut+Colonel,
Controller of Property.

Handwritten: File 31 HK.

AMGOT H.Q.

AGENDA.

Ninth Meeting of the Executive Council
to be held at 1500 hrs.
3rd. Sept. 1943, in the Conference Room.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting.
2. Question of transportation for Officers representing H.Q. Divisions (D.P.H.)
3. Report on plans made in connection with Registration of Vehicles. (D.P.S.)
4. Report on plans to deal with Black Market. (D.P.S.)
5. Matters to be referred to EFCO :
 - (i) Labor plans.
 - (ii) Plan for reorganization of Agricultural Control.

Handwritten signature: Carel van Heukelom

Carel van Heukelom,
1st Lt. A.C.
Secretary, Executive Council,
AMGOT.

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San by 6.30
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AMGOT/5036/CS
AMGOT HQ SICILY
4 September 43

Memorandum

To: Falegnameria Scaglione
Via Pietro Ranzano
Palermo

We are advised that you have in your possession certain articles necessary for the operation of the General Electric plants. You are hereby ordered to deliver to the SCES at prices prevailing as of July 2, 1943 the stocks desired. These are necessary for furtherance of the Allied Armies.

JFRS/jfl

J. F. R. SEITZ
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
Director Civilian Supply
and Resources

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AMCOT/5036/CS
AMCOT HQ SICILY
4 September 43

Memorandum

To: Enrico Costa
Corso Olivuzza
Palermo

We are advised that you have in your possession certain articles necessary for the operation of the General Electric plants. You are hereby ordered to deliver to the SCES at prices prevailing as of July 9, 1943 the stocks desired. These are necessary for furtherance of the Allied Armies.

JFRS/jfl

J. F. R. SMITZ
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
Director Civilian Supply
and Resources

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AMCOT/19/HQ

AMCOT HQ SICILY

4 September 1943

SUBJECT: Mail for Vatican

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

Forwarded herewith are four envelopes containing lists of Italian Prisoners, etc. to the Vatican by the Archbishop of Palermo, for favour of transmission through appropriate channels.

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

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Subject:- Rents

AMCOT/2056/

AMCOT H.Q. SICILY

4 September, 1943.

S.C.A.O.

Catania Province.

With reference to your Cat/91 of 28th August, the question of an increase in rents has not been raised by any other provinces.

I am in agreement with the C.A.O. Adrano that this is a big and urgent question, but it is felt that it is undesirable and premature to make changes in Italian legislation, which would result in fundamental alterations to wage and labour codes.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer,

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A.P. GRANTLEY-SMITH,
Colonel.,
Chief Financial Officer.

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Subject:- Transfers of Staff.

AMGOT/202 F.

AMGOT H.Q. SICILY

4 September, 1943.

The Adjutant,
AMGOT H.Q.

I should be grateful if you will arrange the following transfers.

(a) Captain T.W. Smith, a Revenue officer in the Financial Division to be assigned to the Province of Ragusa, as regards his transportation, he can travel with Lieut-Colonel Cross, Chief Revenue Officer who has been allocated transport tomorrow.

(b) Captain J. MacPherson, a Customs officer in the Financial Division to be assigned to the Province of Catania.

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a.p.s.

A.P. GRAFFTEY-SMITH,
Colonel.,
Chief Finance Officer.

Subject:- Wine Indust

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AMGOT H.Q. SICILY

1 September, 43.

C.S.O.

I wish to refer you to folio 8 in this file, and to ask whether the further production of Marsala wine is to be encouraged.

I am not aware of how much of this wine is consumable in Sicily. To the best of my knowledge no great enthusiasm was shown by the M.V.T. and the American equivalent for the export of Algerian wine from North Africa to U.K. and U.S., unless some export market can be assured for surplus production, it is questionable whether funds should be made available to this industry.

If considered urgent and desirable, I will arrange for advances to be made from the S.C.A.O. Trapani to the Bank of Sicily, who will pass it on to the firm concerned. I do not consider the method suggested in paragraph 6 (a) (b) and (c).

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A.P. GRAFFETY-SMITH,
Colonel.,
Chief Financial Officer.

File 2693-
Book

ABOUT 15 A.M.

4 SEPTEMBER 1943

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A.S.E.C.

REPEATEDLY CALLED FROM SIGINT PAPER TALK ABOUT 7TH AUGUST 1943
CIVIL ABOUT 21.3 P.M. BY ABOUT 11.15 A.M. 136 AND 1000 NUMBER 337
OF 1. REPEATEDLY WITH RETURNED FOR TALKS FOR 11.15 A.M. 136 REFERS.

boat
AMGOT/1046/PS

AMGOT H.Q., Sicily.

3 September, 1943

SUBJECT: Admittance of Prisoners from
Military Authorities.TO : S.C.A.O'S All Provinces.

The C.C.A.O. has directed that no individual will be received into prison from any Military Authorities (C.A.P.O's) or civil police without a proper arrest form completed as to name, charge, date, arresting authorities, etc. etc.

*W.P. Latham**Mayo*

for
Lt.-Col.,
Superintendent Prisons Section,
Public Safety Division.

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AMGOT/1046/PS

AMGOT H.Q., Sicily.

3 Settembre 1943

OGGETTO : Ammissione di prigionieri inviati da Autorita Militari.

All' Ufficiale Superiore Addetto alla Sicurezza Pubblica -
Tutte le Province.

Il Capo degli Affari Civili ha disposto che nessun individuo sard ricevuto nelle carceri sia esso inviato da qualsiasi Autorita Militare, o dall' Ufficiale Superiore addetto alla Sicurezza Pubblica o dalla Polizia Civile senza una specifica formula di arresto, corredata del cognome nome dell' arrestato, reato, data, autorita che ha proceduto all'arresto, ecc. ecc.

*W.P. Latham**Mayo*

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Mr. Lathman

Mr.

for

Lt.-Col.,
Superintendent Prisons Section,
Public Safety Division.

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Mr. Lathman

for

Lt. Col.
Soprintendente Sezione Prigionieri,
Dipartimento Pubblica Sicurezza.

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Subject:- La Guardia di Finanza

1039/PS

ARGOT 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.

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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.

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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.

AD Sec 6-6-47

A.P. GRAFFNEY-SMITH,

Colonel,

Chief Financial Officer.

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ABOUT 15 AME GROUP

1. Sept. 43

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A.P.H.C.

UNTIL DIRECT OBSERVATION ARRANGEMENTS MADE ALL CONSPIRACIES
THROUGH THE BUREAU FROM ABOUT SEVEN AME CITY ABOUT 22. FOR AFTER
FOR THE BUREAU REF YOUR 8552 OF 1. SEP ALL OFFICIALS MUST ALSO BE
SENT TO N.A. GIVE DETAILS ARRANGEMENTS MADE WITH NAME IN ORDER BE
CONTACT THIS END

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AMT 15 A.G.

3rd September 1945

A.P.H.G.

YOUR 21st CITE FIELD OF 20 AUGUST (.) PAPER FROM 21st ARMY
TO A.P.H.G. CITE AUGUST 21st PAPER (.) QUESTION AT ISSUE IS NOT
HEAVY MORTALITY, FORWARD THAT IS ESTABLISHED BETWEEN 8 ARMY AND IS
IN HAND (.) QUESTION IS WHETHER SITUATION IN NORTH AFRICA WHICH
WAS PREPARED FOR EARLY ONLY HAVE BEEN SUPPLEMENTED FOR ENIGMAS
AND THERE FROM LOCAL SOURCES AND OVERSEAS (.) ORIGINAL FIGURE
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RESOURCES WHICH IN DAMAGED URBAN CITIES AND FOR INCREASING USE
IN CALABRIA BUT OBVIOUSLY INSUFFICIENT FOR BALANCE BETWEEN TWO AND
ALL MEDITERRANEAN (.) IF NORTH AFRICAN RE/ARMED CANNOT SURVIVE
WOMEN FOLLOW UP ESTIMATES FROM U.S.A. WILL BE NEEDED AND MUST BE
OBTAINED NOW (.) WE SHALL NEED ALL ACCUMULATED RESOURCES TO HAVE
FOR REPAIRS (.) AND TWO

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SUBJECT:- Application for Paroling
of Sicilian Officer

2604
AMCOT HQ, SICILY
AMCOT/1038/PS
3rd Sept 1944

To: S.C.A.O.,
Ragusa Province

Your PR/5/9 of 31 Aug 43. The present arrangements do not provide for the paroling of officers but the question has been raised with higher authority and on receipt of a ruling these applications will be forwarded or you will be advised otherwise.

D. J. Mastri

Lt. Col. D.C.P.S.,
for C.P.S.

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AMGOT/5009/CS
AMGOT HQ SICILY
3 September 43.

Subject: R.R. Passenger Service.

Memorandum For: S.O.A.O. - Trapani Province.

Information indicates that narrow gauge trains are continuing passenger service out of Castelvetro. This service will be discontinued at once and a report made to this H.Q. when it has been accomplished.

For Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

J. F. R. SMITH
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
Director Civilian Supply
and Resources.

JFRS/RC.

Oggetto: Tassa sui vaglia cambiari e sui titoli apolissari per
il 2° trimestre 1943.

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ARCOF. R. SICILIA

2 Settembre 1943

AL BANCO DI SICILIA, PALERMO

Con riferimento alla Vs. del 29 agosto 1943 Vi si consente il pagamento di L. 276.495.50 all'Ufficio del Bollo Straordinario, riferentesi ai diritti di tassa di circolazione per il secondo trimestre del c.a. Detta somma sarà considerata come pagamento provvisorio in attesa della formale dichiarazione per il detto periodo. Tale dichiarazione dovrà esser fatta al più presto possibile e cioè non appena i dettagli necessari per la sua compilazione sono a Vs. disposizione.

La dichiarazione sarà soggetta al normale controllo dell'Ispezione Comptabile.

Alcorno
Ten. Colaninello

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- o p.c. ALL'INTENDENTE DI FINANZA - Sede
- o p.c. ALL'UFFICIO DEL BOLLO STRAORDINARIO - Sede

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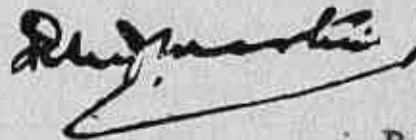
AMCOT - Sicily.

3 September, 1943.

Subject: Escape of Prisoners from
Syracuse Gaol.

To : C.A.P.O. - Syracuse Province
through C.C.A.O.

1. Please report on the steps taken to secure the re-arrest of the 229 prisoners who escaped from Syracuse Gaol on the night of 10/11 July, 1943.



D.C.P.S.
for Commissioner of Public Safety.

Subject:- New letter to Banks

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ANGOT HQ, SICILY

4 Sep 43

To:- Finance Officer (Through SCAO CATANIA)
CATANIA Province.

Reference your letter dated 30 Aug 43.

1. The new letter to the banks is to be sent out at once.
2. Duplicate copy of this Headquarters letter 2020/F dated 22 Aug 43 was forwarded under separate cover 2 Sep 43.

A.P. Graffey-Smith
A.P. GRAFFEY-SMITH,
Colonel,
Chief Financial Officer.

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AMCOT/5009/CS
AMCOT HQ SICOM
3 September 43

Subject: Train service to Trepani
To : S.C.A.O. Trepani

I have just been advised by Lt. Col. Orie, Commanding Officer of the 727 Ry. Bn., that the existing passenger service between Trepani--Alcamo--Palermo will be suspended indefinitely as of 4 Sept. 43. The service will be continued between Partinico and Palermo. The rail service is under the control of the Transportation Corps, and we must abide by their decision.

CMH/371

May 1943
J. P. R. BRIDE
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
Director, Civilian Supply
and Resources

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J. E. R. SMITH
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
Director Civilian Supply
and Resources

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AMGOT/1063/PS.

AMGOT HQ. - Sicily.

1 September, 1943.

Subject: Appointment of Executioner.
To : C.A.P.Os. through S.C.A.Os.
all Provinces.

1. Will you please ask Provincial Prison Directors to submit as soon as possible names of any of Prison Staff qualified to carry out executions. Such a person may soon be required.

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W. B. Lathrop
for Lt. Colonel.
Superintendent Prison Section.

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ANGOT IN SRAHY.

3 September 1943.

Subject: Completion of Transfer of Property
Mangione Pietro.

To: Assistant Controller Property
through SCAD Agrigento Province

1. Request your further investigation and recommendation.
2. Investigation should include available proof contract entered into prior to July 10, and whether believed bona fide or part of plan to conceal property prior to invasion. Also whether parties are reliable and trusted citizens.

JAMES M. BOVARD,
Capt. A.O.
Acting Deputy Controller of Property.

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AMCOT/5059/CS
AMCOT HQ SICILY
2 September 1943

To: Supply Officers
Through S.C.A.O.s

1. Several miscellaneous questions in connection with agricultural matters have been raised by Supply Officers, upon which guidance was required. The decisions given in cases of relative importance are set out below for your information.

2. Agricultural Reorganization: The need for uniformity in the agricultural organization in all Provinces is obvious, and the question of the form to be taken by the new structure is still under discussion. When it has been decided upon, all provincial organizations will of necessity, conform to the agreed pattern. It is essential, therefore, that this eventuality should be borne in mind and that changes in the agricultural system made in different provinces should be regarded as temporary measures.

3. Taxation: All taxes previously imposed on agricultural products, processing, marketing, etc., should be continued. Where they have been discontinued, they should be recommenced, and collection should be organized in collaboration with the Provincial Financial Officer.

In the breakdown of wheat - bread prices set out in the memo from this Division of the 7th Aug. 43, no provision was made for the tax of Lire 7.75 per quintal (Imposta sull'entrata) and for the additional 1% payable by the miller. The imposition of these taxes will necessitate an increase in the amount of the subsidy.

4. Collection and Control of Farm Produce: A schedule will be issued within a few days, detailing commodities which it is considered necessary to control by methods similar to those previously adopted under the Consorzio and Amasso system. The question of releasing from control, certain commodities which are in plentiful supply or are relatively unimportant, is under consideration.

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5. Schedule of Controlled Prices: Prices for agricultural products and derivatives for this season's crops are being prepared.

6. Suggestions: You should forward at the earliest possible moment, any suggestions you may have on the above matters but particularly on the matters referred to in paras 4 and 5.

J. F. R. White

J. F. R. WHITE
Lt. Col., G.S.C.
Director Civilian
Supply & Resources

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HEADQUARTERS AMMOT
Finance Division

Float 2572-84
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3 September 43

TO: F.O. through S.C.A.O. _____ Province.

1. It has been decided to open the banks in Sicily and General Order No. 6 prescribes the conditions of such reopening.
2. Enclosed is a translation of the second general letter of instructions (ISTBA/2) from the Senior AMMOT Banking Officer to Italian Bank Managers in Sicily.
3. The cash necessary for the opening of the banks in your Province will be delivered to the Banca di Sicilia in your town by A.M.F.A., or their representative, who will contact you at the same time.
4. You are asked to afford the banks in your area every assistance in their reopening; e.g., permits for the movement of personnel, motor cars, the provision of guards for such transport, putting in order of buildings, the handing back of their keys, etc.

A. P. CRAFTY-SMITH
Colonel
Chief Financial Officer

A. M. G. O. T.

(Translation of the Senior A.M.G.O.T. Banking Officer's letter to the Italian Banks on their reopening.)

ISTRA/2.

1. In accordance with General Order No. 6 of AMGOT your Bank may reopen for business only for those transactions set out here below :-

(Banks will be open to the public from 9.00 hours to 12.00 hours. Working hours for the staffs will be as follows :- Provincial Capitals from 8.30 hours to 14.30 hours; other places from 8.00 hours to 12.00 hours, and from 14.00 hours to 16.00 hours.)

(a) Reimbursements to savings and/or current account holders up to a maximum of Lit. 5000 (five thousand lire) per account. Fixed time deposits fallen due during the "emergency" or closing of the Banks may take advantage of the Lit. 5000 limit. Those yet to fall due will be allowed to draw only when they fall due. However, larger sums may be withdrawn when :-

(i) The customer has to pay imposts and taxes. In such cases the bank will make the payment by transfer or cash direct to the Tax Collector's Bank.

(ii) The customer (if a body, institute or Commercial, Industrial, or Agricultural firm) has need of cash for the payment of salaries and/or wages. In such cases the customer must hand to the Bank a copy of the pay-roll and his signed declaration that no sum for the same purpose has been withdrawn from any other Bank, and that he has insufficient cash in his possession for the purpose.

(b) Accept "new" deposits in "new accounts" which will not be subject to any restrictions of amounts in paying-in or withdrawing. Should Yellow Seal Dollars or B.M.A. Sterling be paid-in to "new account" such amounts will be credited to lira accounts at the rates of Exchange as laid down in Proclamation No. 3. Such Yellow Seal Dollars and B.M.A. Sterling will not be put into circulation again except in the event you have insufficient lire to meet your demands.

"New Accounts" will be kept in "New Gestione", rigorously separate from any pre-existing accounts and books. Interest will be paid on "new accounts" in accordance with the rates laid down in the Bankers Cartel.

Cash received in respect of "New Accounts" may be used for new loans transactions without the previous authorization of the S.A.B.O. up to 50% of such "new" deposits.

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At the end of each month the Sicilian Head Offices and the Sicilian Branches of Continental Banks will forward to the S.A.B.O. through the local F.O. (Palermo excluded) the Balance Sheet of the "new gestione", showing the number of accounts and the amounts of the three currencies held. Such Balance Sheets will be signed to the effect that they are true statements.

2. (a) You may accept cash in payment of bills of exchange falling due or in part payment thereof.

(b) Debts not exceeding Lit. 5000 (five thousand lire) do not benefit by the Moratorium. Bills of Exchange not exceeding Lit. 5000, will therefore, if unpaid, be protested, unless they are held "Senza spasa".

3. You may accept cash in full or part payment of loans, overdrafts, etc.

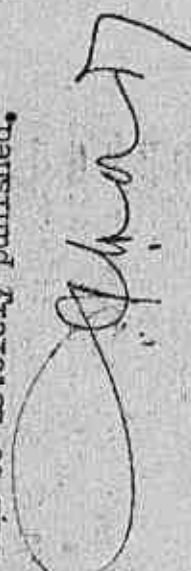
4. Safe deposit boxes and articles held in safe custody. No such box or safe may be opened for the first time or article delivered without the express consent in writing of a representative of A.M.C.O.T.

5. You will notify at the end of each month the amounts collected in accordance with Paras. 2 and 3 above.

6. Both debit and credit interest on "old gestione" accounts will continue to be calculated, and the entries passed, as heretofore.

In respect of Bills of Exchange, fallen due interest will be payable from the due-date to the date of payment at the customary rate of interest.

7. You will not transgress the rules and conditions of the Italian Bankers Cartel. Non-adherence thereto will be severely punished.


Lt. Col. C.C. HAYES.
(Signed) S.A.B.O.

SUBJECT: Medical Supplies - Issue of.

TO: Officer in Charge,
Angot H.Q. Medical Supply Depot,
Caltanissetta.
(Through S.C.A.O. Caltanissetta).

Dr. K.
ANGOT/300/11.

ANGOT H.Q. SICILY.

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1. Release the following items to Catania Province when their transport arrives to collect the brick you have prepared for them.

1,000 c.c. Vaccine T.A.B. (Item 123).
10,000 each Quinine Hydrochloride, sweetened (Item 145).
10,000 each Quinine Sulphate (Item 150).

2. Expedite issue of bricks to all Provinces which have not already received them, and advise this office re status of distribution to date.

JKF

D. GORDON CHURCH.
Colonel.
Director of Public Health.

1 enclosure - Copy of letter to S.A.P.H.O. Catania.

SUBJECT: Issue of Medical Supplies.

ANGOT/3007/TH.

TO: Senior Angot Public Health Officer,
(Through S.C.A.O. Catania).

ANGOT H.O. SICILY.

3 Sept 43.

1. Angot H.O. Medical Supply Depot Caltanissetta has been authorised to issue the following to you:-

1,000 c.c. Vaccine T.A.B.
10,000 each Sweetened quinine Hydrochloride.
10,000 each quinine Sulphate.

2. It is suggested that you send a truck to pick up the truck of medical supplies that has been prepared for you at Caltanissetta at the same time that you collect the three items listed above.

HC
D. CORDON CHERRY.
Colonel.
Director of Public Health.

(Copy to:- Medical Supply Depot, Caltanissetta).

SUBJECT: - AMGOT Bus Service.

AMGOT/5079/CS.

AMGOT H.Q. SICILY.

2. Sept. 43.

To: S.C.A.Os. PALERMO.
AGRIGENTO.
RAGUSA.
SYRACUSA.
MENA.
CALEARUSSETTA.
CATANIA.

1. A bus Service to accommodate public officials, public utility representatives, bank agents, and others who are given special permission to travel, will commence on Monday, 6. Sept. 1943.
2. The first bus will leave from in front of the Central Railroad Station, Palermo, at 0700 hrs. It will make scheduled stops as shown on the accompanying time table, and will arrive at Palermo on its return on Wed., 8. Sept. 1943, at 1440 hrs. The second bus will leave Palermo at 0700 hrs. on Wednesday, 8. Sept. 1943, and make a similar trip returning to Palermo on Friday, 10. Sept. 1943 at 1440 hrs. Similar service will be rendered each week until further notice.
3. The point of arrival and departure in each of the Provincial capitals will be the Prefecture. The point of arrival and departure in Iccata will be the Municipio. Stops will be made to discharge passengers at any Comune along the route. Lay overs in communes or provincial capitals are impossible if schedules are to be maintained. Until such time as special arrangements are made to signal drivers, no stops will be made other than those scheduled for the purpose of receiving passengers. S.C.A.Os. are authorized to arrange with drivers for such signal stops in their province.
4. Drivers have been instructed that no passenger shall be accepted who does not have a special authorization from an S.C.A.O., or a C.A.O., showing that he is entitled to be a bus passenger.
5. The buses will be able to accommodate 30 passengers. Regular rates of fare now existing will be charged passengers.

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Charles M. Spafford
CHARLES M. SPAFFORD,
Lt. Col. G.S.O.
Chief Staff Officer.

AIRPORT BUS SERVICE - SCHEDULE

<u>Place.</u>	<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Depart.</u>
1. Palermo		0700
Agrigento (Via Corleone road)	1230	1300
Mazara	1500	1530
Ragusa	1920 (lay over night)	0700
Siracusa	1040	1110
Catania	1415	1445
Enna	1920 (lay over night)	0700
Caltanissetta	0830	0900
Palermo	1440	

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ANGOT/5019/CS
ANGOT HQ SICILY
2 September 43

Subject: Civilian Supplies for Lampedusa

To : C. A. C. Lampedusa

1. As Lampedusa is part of the Sicilian region, in the future all requests for imported civilian supplies will be requested from the Civilian Supply Division, ANGOT HQ, Palermo.
2. Any requisition made must be for a definite amount of supplies, a definite period, and accompanied by a justification for the amount requested.
3. The Civilian Supply Division will insert only the most urgently needed essential civilian supplies and each request should be made with that thought in mind.

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CHARLES E. STIFFORD
Lt. Col., C. S. C.
Chief Staff Officer

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AMGOT/5079/03

AMGOT HQ SICILY

2 September 1943

Subject: Return of Truck belonging to INT

To : S.C.A.O., Palermo Province
Attention: C.A.O. Corleone

1. INT is the truck and bus subsidiary of the State Railways. It is operating under the direct supervision and control of AMGOT HQ, Civilian Supply Division.
2. The director of INT advises that one of his trucks has been requisitioned by the C.A.O. of Corleone.
3. Since the control and supervision of inter-provincial transportation is directly under AMGOT HQ and since the equipment is extremely limited this vehicle should be returned to INT for such use immediately.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer:

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

AMGOT FILPOT/

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FREEDOM.

FILPOT FOR AMGOT.

AMGOT/152

For M.G.S. (.)

One. Request approval telegraph and telephone establishment additional proposed W.Es unless you can accommodate on Pool (a) For AMGOT HQ one Lt-Col one Major one Captain two clerks two drivers two staff vehicles(.) (b) For RegionOne two Majors two Captains two clerks one driver one vehicle (.)

Two. Establishment for Region one required immediately since am taking over from Army Signals now (.) Vacancies to be filled (a) or (b) as personnel offers (.) Reply earliest and quote authority (.) Chief Signals 15 A.G. approves.

MOST SECRET.

AMCOT/5079/CS
AMCOT HQ SICILY
3 September 43

Memorandum on Bencina Bus Service

To: S.C.A.C. Palermo
ATTENTION: Capt. Levitt

The enclosed letter was delivered to me by Salini of I.N.F.
I do not know whether this is a part of the system you contemplated
starting again or not. In any event, since this is a provincial
matter, I am referring it to you for answer and explanation of the
action that was taken by us.

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CLAUDE R. MCMAHON
Capt., C. M. F.
Transportation Officer
Civilian Supply Division

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AMNOT/1051/FG.

AMNOT HQ. - Sicily.

3 September, 1943.

Subject: Escape of Prisoners from
Syracuse Gaol.

To : G.A.P.O. - Syracuse Province
through G.C.A.O.

1. Please report on the steps taken to secure the re-arrest of the 229 prisoners who escaped from Syracuse Gaol on the night of 10/11 July, 1943.

[Signature]

D.G.P.S.
for Commissioner of Public Safety.

AMGOT/1049/PS.

Koral AMGOT HQ. - Sici

3 September, 1943.

Subject: Director of Prison at Agrigento.

To : S.C.A.O. - Agrigento Province.

1. Reference your memorandum of 1 Sep. 43, the necessary formalities for the appointment of Dr. Anselmo Bruno as Director of the Prison at Agrigento have now been completed and Lt. Col. Mitchell or an Officer of the Prisons Section will bring him to Agrigento on Sunday, 5 Sep. 43.

LEONARD BOLLES,
Col. Inf.
Commissioner of Public Safety

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AMCOT HQ BULM

4 September 1943

Subject: Monthly Situation Report - AMCOT

To : All Division Heads

1. To assist in the preparation of the monthly situation report covering AMCOT activities for the month ended August 31, the C.C.A.O. wishes to have a brief account of the activities of each of the Divisions.

2. Would you prepare and deliver to the C.C.A.O. such a statement at your earliest convenience.

DISTRIBUTION:

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Division
Civil Supply
Public Safety
Public Health
Controller Property

C. C. A. O.

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AMCOT/41/103
AMCOT HQ SICILY
2 September 43

Subject: Operation Instruction No. 15 (Signals)

To : S.C.A.O. Ragusa Province

1. Reference is made to your letter of 25 August 43 above subject wherein you ask, "Do you now approve of intra-urban telephone service in this province being now opened?"
2. Attention is directed to paragraph 2 f. of attached letter, dated 28 August from this Headquarters, subject, "Restoration of Civil Telephone and Telegraph Service in Sicily."
3. Civilians are not permitted to work on overhead routes or field cables in Signal Army Area without written authority from CSC. Any work by civilian telephone employees in establishing intra-urban connections must be coordinated by SCAO with Signal authority in the area.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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

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AMGOT/201/HQ

AMGOT HQ SICILY

2 September 1943

Subject: Release of P/W

To : Col. Thorne Thorne, Liaison 15 Army Group

1. The C.O. of one of the Inf. Regiment has asked the S.C.A.C. for, if proper, the release of P/W Luciano Cicero of Alimena who is held at Palazzolo (British Area).

2. It is understood that P/W Luciano is a soldier, not an officer. He is the brother of a Catholic Priest Father Roselino. Roselino has been most helpful to the American troops and if a release of his brother is proper it would be most appreciated by the American Commander.

3. This American unit has been most cooperative with our civil affairs officers. While I dislike to bother you with matters of this nature, however, if you can have the matter checked into it will be appreciated.

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

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SUBJECT: Instructions for disposition of cases pending before Italian Military Tribunals prior to occupation by Allied Military Authorities.

TO: Senior Legal Officer, Agrigento.
Through SCAO, Agrigento.

AMGOT/4034/L

In reply to your letter subject as above dated 26 Aug. 43 asking for instructions as to the disposal of the case of DI NOLFO Giuseppe and similar cases.

This and similar cases should be disposed of as explained by Major Campbell on his recent visit—i.e. such cases should be brought before a Judicial Officer who will direct

(a) In suitable cases, that the accused be tried by the normal or Italian Criminal Courts;

(b) If the alleged offence is not serious and the accused has already been held in prison for a long time or if, on account of absence of witnesses or for any other reason, a reasonably speedy trial is not possible, that the accused be released.

The papers in relation to DI NOLFO are returned herewith.

AMGOT HQ.
3 September 1943
WC/JGD

W. C. Chandler
W. C. CHANDLER,
Lt. Col., AUS,
Chief Legal Officer.

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Flent 2396
SUBJECT:- Instructions on Channel of Supply for
Civilian requirements for Pantellaria
and Lampedusa.

AMGOT/57/HQ.

AMGOT H.Q. SICILY.

3. Sept. 43.

To:- AMGOT LIAISON,
15 Army Group.

1. A.F.H.Q. have issued a directive on Command and Administration of Pantellaria and Lampedusa. Reference AG 570 - 9 CoT - AGM.
2. Paragraph No.2 refers to - 'Separate Instructions on Channel of Supply for Civilian Requirements'.
3. The 15 Army Group have received this last instruction and this H.Q. wishes to have a copy for its files.

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

SUBJECT: Report of Malaria Control Activity
by 20th Malaria Control Unit.

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N/UT/1001/HL
AMOT H.O. SICILY,
3 Sept 43.

Memorandum to Surgeon, 7th Army.

1. Report of activities of the 20th Malaria Control Unit of the 7th Army in the vicinity of Palermo has been received.
2. Copy has been sent to the Senior Civil Affairs Officer of Palermo Province for his information and guidance.

AS Maclellan
h
Major-General,
Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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ARMY 15 ARMY GROUP

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FOURTH GROUP OF RAILS LOCATED ON DOCKS BELATED FROM FIRM ARMY
THE ARMY TO MORRIS FOR ARMY GERM ARMY BUT FIRM FIRMED INTERVIEW
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AMCOT/201/HQ

AMCOT HQ SICILY

3 September 1943

Memorandum to: S.S.O.

1. General McSherry has brought back word that 41 officers from Tisi Ouzou will be shipped to the island shortly. Of these, 31 are to go to Benson and are to presumably report at Siracusa. We have wired for 10 of them to be shipped to Palermo to be attached to one of the units near here. If the entire 41 report to Siracusa, will you therefore divert 10 of them to us.

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

ALCOT/5027/CS
ALCOT HQ SIGNIN
3 September 43

Subject: Labor-Wages

To : Capt. Robert Fraser (ALCOT HQ) Catania

1. In view of requests from various Provinces and Communes that wages for Government and other civilian employees should be effected, a letter has been sent to all SMO's on this subject for comment and recommendations.

2. They have been asked to submit their recommendations in writing on or before 1 October and have been advised that supporting material must be attached. Relevant material desired is: (a) complete list of job classifications with proposed wages; (b) wage for each classification on 1 January 43 and 9 July 43; (c) increase in cost of living within the area for which wage revisions may be recommended, from 1 January 43 to date.

3. It is requested that you submit your views regarding this subject at the earliest possible date, especially as they relate to the Province and Communes which you have surveyed and visited. Specific recommendations would be particularly helpful.

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DAVID A. MURPHY
Capt., A. C.
Labor Section, C. S. D.

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Ref.
Reopening of Schools

AMGOT Hq.
3 Sept., 1943.

Memorandum to : Lt. Col. Story, SCAC Messina Province.
Subject : Reopening of Schools.

1. Your Memorandum of 30 August relative to the opening of Schools and Universities has been referred to me for answer.
2. The CCAO has ruled that no decision will be given as yet about the opening of Schools or Universities previously operated by the State. It is its decision that the first priorities in reconstruction must be given to roads, railways, and homes and buildings of immediate utility.
3. My recommendations on the repair of educational and Scientific Institutions, Museums, Libraries, and the like have therefore been that the minimum should be undertaken necessary to prevent further deterioration to the structure and to put the contents in safety from damage from weather or loss from theft. In some cases this means walling up openings in walls or provision of police protection. In other cases it means finding of new quarters for temporary storage. In the latter case there is no harm in finding quarters which might serve for an eventual reopening until the original building can be put in condition.
4. The above covers the two sections of your request relative to the University of Messina.
5. The CCAO has instructed that Bishops be informed that there is no objection to the opening of small "schools" for religious instruction and the three Rs provided that they are not opened in Italian State School Buildings and that Italian State School Teachers are not employed. Priests and/or nuns are to be the teachers.
6. No instructions are available with respect to other private educational institutions.
7. Dr. Maglia, Economic of the Conservatory of Music of Palermo, has been returned here through the kind cooperation of your CAO at S. Agata. I am very grateful for this help.
8. P S . I have not yet had time to enquire into the possibility of setting the regular examinations for promotion in October, but will let you know when I get some policy on this. I hope that they can be set orally under a Committee established under the Provveditore agli Studi in each province but I must work this out.

Mason Hammond

Capt. AC

Adviser on Fine Arts and Monuments.

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6. I have not had time yet to study the question of giving the regular examinations for promotion which are usually set in October and which might be set even though schools do not reopen. My idea at the moment is that the Provveditore agli Studi should set up a Committee to organize oral examinations in each province, but I have not yet seen the Provveditore here or had any approval.
7. I hope to get approval for a general directive on all these subjects but being single handed delays matters. I hope the above will cover your questions for the moment.

Mason Hammond
Capt. AC
Adviser on Fine Arts and Monuments. 246

Ref.
Palermo
Sopr. Gall.

AMGOT Hq.
3 Sept. 1943.

Memorandum to: Lt. Col. Thomas, SCAG Trapani.
Subject : Payment of employees of Museo Peopoli and other matters.

1. You were very kind to entertain Professor DiPietro and myself on our recent visit to Trapani, and I am making herewith some recommendations resulting from that visit.
2. The CFO of AMGOT has approved the principle that where possible employees of the various cultural Superintendencies which cover more than one province should be paid locally. The Museo Peopoli of Trapani depends from the Superintendency of Galleries and Works of Art for all Sicily, of which Prof. DiPietro is head. He has submitted to me four salary lists for the three employees of the Museum, namely one each of the list for pay, *assegni di famiglia*, etc. for July and for August and one each for the extra daily pay for work in a bombed area for July and August.
3. In general it seems to be the principle here that not only base pay, but supplements both of the nature of family allowances and of special sums for wartime work should continue to be paid. However, I suggest that subject to precise instructions, you follow the practice with respect to these State employees that you have followed for other institutions.
4. There is also a night-watchman, who does not appear on these lists, who receives his lodging and 5 lire a night. I think that this five lire is derived from a sum which is normally paid to each of the custodians in turn to do a night's watch. Instead of this, at the Museo Peopoli, they agreed to get an extra man for his lodging and the 150 lire. I suggest that enquiry be made of the head custodian, Bellomo, as to the method of payment of this man.
5. Both Prof. DiPietro and the Prefect, whom we saw at the Museum, feel that the services rendered by the guardians during the difficult times of the bombardment and occupation deserves some recognition. Left as they were without any director, they have kept the Museum safe and its objects in good condition. I recommend that if any money can be found to make them a lump payment of say a thousand lire each, this should be done.
6. The Director of the Museum, Dr. Spadafora, was serving in the Italian Army and was captured and has been sent out of Sicily as a prisoner. Major General Lord Rennell has written to AFHQ to try and secure his return. Pending that, his wife had been appointed temporary director in his absence. She was, however, at the time of the occupation in Petralia Sottana and never got back to take up her duties. I have the approval of the CFO to attempt to get her back to Trapani and for her to assume her duties from the date of her arrival until her husband returns.

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she was to receive a monthly stipend of Lire 1,039.00
 Agguato di famiglia mensile 41.25
 Assegno temporaneo di Guerra 110.00
 If she can be found and returned to Trapani, I will ask her
 to report to you and she can be referred to the PO for
 adjustment of her pay.

7. The practice in Palermo Province is that once payment of
 stipends or monthly sums for office expenses (fixed expenses
 for maintenance) has been approved by the SCAD, his PO sends
 them to the Regio Tesoro and arrangements for payment are made
 by them with the individuals concerned. It is suggested that
 this or a similar procedure be followed in these cases.

8. Extraordinary expenses for the repair of buildings require
 Lord Sennell's approval on my recommendation. However, if a
 SCAD finds repairs very urgent, I am sure that they can be
 entered on with prospect of approval here. Some approved are,
 again, passed through the provincial PO to the Regio Tesoro
 for payment. My principle is only to recommend such sums as
 are absolutely necessary for the prevention of further damage
 to buildings through collapse or weather or as are necessary
 to recover books or documents exposed to weather, or to protect
 buildings and their contents from theft. There can be no
 question of rebuilding at this time. However, where the repair
 of roofs will make a building, as a church, serviceable, this
 might be considered.

9. We had time to visit only one Church in Trapani, Sta Maria
 di Gesù, which contains the only Della Robbia Terracotta in
 Sicily, a very important work of art. Though this is the only
 important art content of the Church, it is recommended that an
 estimate be made of the cost of repairing the roof of the
 church, since it is otherwise fit for use and would serve a
 badly damaged section. Also repair of the roof and temporary
 closure of windows near the Della Robbia will protect this from
 deterioration from the weather.

10. It is recommended that as soon as possible, the office of
 the Prefect be moved out of the Museo Popoli since the passing
 in and out of the public constitutes a threat to the safety of
 objects still exposed. The presence of the Questura in the
 lower floor acts somewhat as an additional protection, but we
 requested them to remove certain gasoline and oil tins stored
 in the room just outside the shelter where most of the treasures
 are stored. It is requested that a check be made to see if this
 has been done, since the presence of inflammable materials
 constitutes a serious fire-hazard to the objects.

Mason Hammond
 Capt. AC
 Adviser on Fine Arts and Monuments

"Float" copy
Subject:- Social Insurance.

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AMGOT H.Q. SICILY

3 September. 43.

B.C.A.O.
Enna Province.

Reference my letter of 1st September, 1943.

1. Last paragraph next to last line should read "social insurance" instead of "social credit".
2. I presume that in your plan you have considered making provision for collection of contributions for Previdenza Sociale and Cassa Mutua per i Lavoratori Agricoli from farmer - employers who do not appear at the proposed communal labor office to hire their laborers.
3. Also, your plan should provide a basis for division of the proceeds from sale of stamps between Previdenza and the respective Casse Mutue Malattie of industry, commerce etc. such a division would be probably very complicated.
4. If the foregoing points are not met satisfactorily, could you not fall back on collecting the agricultural contributions on the basis of the assatori's contributi unificati rolls and follow the procedure outlined in our S.A.I. No.6.

R.B. Menapace
R.B. MENAPACE,
Lieut-Colonel,
Deputy Chief Finance Officer.
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AMCOT/201/HA
AMCOT HQ BUCKLEY
1 September 1943

SUBJECT: Nomenclature of Officers

TO: M. G. S., AMHQ

1. Reference your memorandum of 25 August 43 on the above subject.
2. C.C.A.O. agrees with the decision that the Senior AMQ officer in a region be designated "Regional Civil Affairs Officer."
3. In the case of Region 2, the change will be made as soon as operation BAYTOWN has stabilized same territory. 8 Army has got so used to the designation "AMCOT 8 Army" that to make this change at this moment, when operations are about to begin, would lead to confusion.


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

Copy to Group Captain Benson.

For information. C.C.A.O. states that it will probably be about a month before the change is made. You will be informed of the exact date in due course.


Lt. Colonel

MGOT WILFOT.

Capt Davis 197
7852/54/118 31 Aug 43.
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FRANCON.

REPORT ON SMITH BEING SENT BY FAST AIR (.) FROM AMGOT SEVENTH ARMY TO
FREEDOM FOR H.G.S. CITE AMGOT 197 PAREN. YOUR 7971 CITE FRANK OF 30 AUG.
DELAY CAUSED BY MISQUOTATION OF REFERENCE IN TOURS OF 19 AUG.

FROM: AEGIS STATION

31 AUG 43

TO: DIRECTOR,

INVESTIGATION DIVISION

ARMED PATROLMAN THROUGH COMMUNICATIONS CENTER REPORTED NOISES WERE HEARD

AND RED CRYSTAL REPORTED FIFTY TONS BAKED ALL FLOUR(,) AND/OR 7TH
ARISE CURE ABOUT 189

Signed By:

Authenticated By:

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REPRESENTATIVE SEVENTH ARMY - OFFICIAL BUSINESS.CYRILLIC MESSAGE.Office of Origin ANGOT FILFOX
(Section)Date 31st August 1943Telephone _____
(Orig. Office)Classification RESTRICTED
(Restricted-Confidential-Secret)Precedence ROUTINE
(Deferred-Routine-Priority-Urgent)TO: AME.

REPRESENTATIVE ANGOT PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION INSPECTED BULLINGUS RAGHUA(.)
PARSH TO AME FOR HIS FROM ANGOT SEVENTH ARMY CITY ANGOT 184. PARSH (.)
SATISFACTORY 700 BUSH CARVALACONETS IF CORRECTLY OUTSIDE SANITARY FACILITIES
AND KITCHENS (.) AME 6 BASE THE AREA INFORMED (.) ADVISED HIS
REPRESENTATIVE AND ENGINEER SURVEY (.)

Time Signed _____

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AMCOT TRIPOT

1 SEP 43

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ITEM

PRIME SHOULD NOT EXCEED FIVE LINE PER TWO PAGES FROM AMCOT THE
ARMY TO JARM OTH AMCOT 198 PAGES REF YOUR RME 29 AUG

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AMCOT 15 Army Group

1 September 45

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A.S.H.C.

PRISONS IN SICILY WOULD OF HIGHER STANDARD THAN EXPECTED FROM AMCO TO AFTER
FOR WAR DEPT AND WAR OFFICE CITE AMCOT 203 PAREN OVER 30 INSTITUTIONS INSPECTED BY
AMCOT OFFICERS(.) IMPROVEMENTS ALREADY EFFECTIVE(.) PRISON SUPERINTENDENT HAS MADE
INSPECTION ALL LARGE PRISONS LEADING TO POLICERS OF IMPROVEMENT IN WELFARE AND
CONTROL(.) SOME PRISONS ALREADY CLOSED OTHERS FOLLOW IN OF NO REAL SERVICES(.)
SANITATION NOT HIGH STANDARD BUT IMPROVEMENTS DEVELOPING(.) LACK OF WATER DUE TO
WAR DAMAGE A HINDRANCE(.) FOOD STANDARD LOW BUT WILL IMPROVE WITH GENERAL FOOD
SITUATION(.) GUARDS OF POOR QUALITY BUT WILL DEMAND EFFICIENCY WITH IMPROVED
CONDITIONS. SOME SUPERIOR OFFICIALS IMPROVING BUT SUPERVISION AND INTEREST AMCOT(.)
SOME OUTSTANDING PROMOTIONS AND REDEMPTIONS WILL BE MADE(.) CONSIDERABLE AND CONSTANT
SUPERVISION NECESSARY(.) PRISON AT TALLERIO UPSET BY WAR DAMAGE REPAIRS PROCEEDING(.)
OTHER WAR DAMAGE NOT EFFECTIVE REPAIRS UNDER WAY(.) THERE WERE SOME ESCAPES DURING
BATTLE BUT ONLY ONE OF IMPORTANCE(.) WITH EXCEPTION OF PRISON AT I'PAVIGNANA AND
OF INTERIERS AT TRONA D'URBICA BOTH PLACES NOW CLOSED PRISONERS HAS BEEN FAIR.
CONDITIONS ON THESE TWO ISLANDS ARE SUBJECT OF ENQUIRY WITH VIEW DISCIPLINARY ACTION(.)
INVESTIGATION TWO CASES AWAITING TRIAL BY ITALIAN COURTS PROCEEDING(.) INSTITUTES
FOR YOUNG BOY GIVE OPPORTUNITIES GIVE GOOD EXPOSITION BUT ROOM FOR DEVELOPMENT(.)

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AMCOT FILPOT

3 September 1943

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A.F.H.Q.

SEND TO PALERMO BY EARLIEST AIR PAKEN FROM AMCOT
FOR McSHERRY 7th ARMY TO A.F.H.Q. FOR HOLMES SITE AMCOT
208 PAKEN TEN OF THE FORTY-ONE OFFICERS ~~FOR~~ ^{FOR} WHOM I MADE
ARRANGEMENTS.

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AMCOT 15 ARMY GROUP

3 Sept. 1943

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A.F.H.Q.

PASS FOLLOWING TO TROOPERS FROM REBELL. PAIDEN FROM AMCOT SEVENTH
ARMY TO AFHQ CITE AMCOT 209 PAMM. SO FAR AS AMARK NOTHING DONE ABOUT BRITISH
ADVISOR ANTIQUITIES FINE ARTS SINCE MIDWEST TELEGRAM TO TROOPERS CMT 72123 of
26 JUNE. HAVE NOW ONLY ONE AMERICAN CAPTAIN HARRISON WHO BARELY NEEDS COLLEAGUE
FOR REGELY ALONE. WHAT IS POSITION. CONSIDER EACH BOMBING WILL NEED TWO ADVISORS
AND ONE OR TWO SERVICES AMCOT HEADQUARTERS.

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AMGOT/1063/PS.

AMGOT HQ. - Sicily.

1 September, 1943.

Subject: Appointment of Executioner.

To : C.A.P.Os. through S.C.A.Os.
all Provinces.

1. Will you please ask Provincial Prison Directors to submit as soon as possible names of any of Prison Staff qualified to carry out executions. Such a person may soon be required.

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W. J. Rath...
for Lt. Colonel.
Superintendent Prison Section.

AMCOT/5029/CS
AMCOT HQ SICILY
3 September 43

Memorandum

To: Commanding Officer
Base Area Group

1. A Resources Board is being set up to cover Western Sicily, i.e. the part of the island under U. S. control. The intention of such a board is to decide upon, and coordinate, such matters as prices of foodstuffs to Army and Navy, prices of other essential materials, labour problems and wage rates, the use of power, rail-ways, etc.
2. Seventh Army and U. S. Naval Operating Base are represented, and a preliminary meeting is being held at this office tomorrow, 4 Sept., at 1400 hours.
3. It is hoped that you will agree to be represented on this Board, and if so, it would be appreciated if you could send an officer to the preliminary meeting.

CWH/jfl

R. A. S. C.
Lt. Col., R. A. S. C.
Deputy Director Civilian
Supply & Resources

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT.
Palermo Province

30 August 1943.

SUBJECT: Lessons Learned

TO : Chief Civil Affairs Officer - AMPO HEADQUARTERS

1. The sooner C.A.O. gets into a captured town, the better.
2. Police arm bands and special police identity cards should be printed in advance.
3. Permit cards for certain vehicles should be printed in advance.
4. Special passes for after curfew hours should be printed in advance.
5. G.I.C. personnel should coordinate with C.A. The C.A.O. frequently arranges a conference, gives a person a task, and then by chance learns some days after the fact that the person was arrested by G.I.C. Moreover, G.I.C. ought to submit to C.A. copy of report of its actions.
6. Need more C.A.O's and few so called specialists. For instance all C.A.P.O's have been doing job of C.A.O's.

(sgd) Charles Polotti.

CHARLES POLETTI
Lt. Colonel
Senior Civil Affairs Officer.

SUBJECT : Registration and Control of Motor Vehicles.

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AMCOT/1853/PS

AMCOT H.Q., Sicily.

2 Sep 43.

TO : C.S.C.

With reference to minute 91 of the Eighth meeting of the Executive Council, a memorandum is forwarded herewith outlining a scheme having as its object the more effective control of motor vehicles in SICILY, together with draft instructions to S.C.A.O's, a draft order to be issued by the C.S.C.A.O. after consideration by the Legal Division, and specimens of certain forms which will be required if the scheme is approved.

As the scheme is closely bound up with the issue of petrol which is the responsibility of Civilian Supply Division, it will require endorsement by that Division, although the appropriate officer of the Division has been kept in touch with the proposals as they developed.

BERNARD BOLLES

Col. Inf.

Commissioner of Public Safety.

HEADQUARTERS

- 7 SEP 1943

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AMGOT/255/HQ

AMGOT HQ SICILY

2 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.

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

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AMSCOT/5055/CS
AMSCOT HQ SICILY
2 September 43

Memorandum

To: Lieut. Berissi

Subject: Flour for Region II

1. You are hereby authorized to deliver and ship to Region II from this day on up to 1,000 tons of flour from our stockpiles at Catania. Such calls will come from Group Captain E. C. Benson or his duly authorized representative.

2. When such calls arrive from Group Captain Benson, you are directed to expedite its movement in every way possible. This, of course, means that contact will be made with 8th Army and Portbase for shipping via the ferry at Catania.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

JFRS/jfl

Distribution:

c/c Group Capt. Benson

JFRS
J. F. R. SMITH
Lt. Col., C. S. C.
Director Civilian Supply
and Resources

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DAILY ROUTINE ORDERS

No. 14

by
Captain R. W. Harriman, R.A.
Camp Commandant, AMGOT 15 Army Group.

In the Field

2 Sept 43

53. ROUTINE

Reveille	0600 hours	
Breakfast	0700 - 0730 hours	
Dinner	1200 - 1300	"
Supper	1800 - 1830	" (At No.1 Amgot Camp - 1730 hrs.)

54. AIR MAIL LETTER CARDS

Air mail letter cards on the scale of two per officer and O.R. will be issued between Friday 3 Sept and Sunday 5 Sept as follows:-

- (a) Officers -- At the Officers' Club.
- (b) O.Rs. -- At the C.M.'s office.

55. ADVANCES OF PAY - BRITISH OFFICERS

Definite arrangements have now been made for British Officers to obtain advances of pay with their Advance of Pay Books (A.F.W.3241), from the U.S. Finance Office 7 Army.

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(sgd) R. W. Harriman, Captain.
Camp Commandant, AMGOT. 15 Army Group, C.M.F.

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AMCOT/5027/CS

AMCOT HQ SICILY

2 September 1943

Subject: Employment of Railway Employees by
Civil Affairs Officers

To : S.C.A.O., Trapani

1. Attention is directed to the attached copy of a memorandum submitted by the Transportation Officer, Civilian Supply Division.

2. I would appreciate a report giving whatever information is available from Trapani on this subject.

3. I agree that we would not be justified in authorizing the payment of salaries for railway workers so employed unless further justification is given.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer:

JFH
J. F. R. SMITZ
Lt. Col., G.S.C.
Director Civilian Supply
& Resources

Encl.

[Signature]
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AMGOT/255/HQ

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Copy to Hqs - 1 file
 CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
 Lt. Col., G.S.O.
 Chief Staff Officer

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AMCOT/226/HQ.

AMCOT H.Q. STOLLY.

30 August, 1943.

Captain H.J. O'Connor,
General List. P/114221.
attd. London District Reception Depot,
Chelsea,
London S.W.

Major-General Lord Rennell of Rodd presents his compliments to Captain H.J. O'Connor, and suggests that the application which he has made to be reposted to Civil Affairs, should be transmitted to the Directorate of Civil Affairs at War Office, since Major General Lord Rennell cannot deal with applications from persons in the United Kingdom for service overseas.


Major,
Military Assistant,
to Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

Subject:- Proclamations and General Orders.

Thout
AMGO/4022/L

2 Sep 1943

To: S.C.A.O. Bma.

Reference your 1/2/L dated 30 Aug 43, it is regretted that the reference to your letter in our AMGO/4006/L dated 28 Aug 43 was incorrectly given. It should have made reference to your 1/2/L dated 25 Aug 43.

50 further copies of all Proclamations and General Order No 1 have been sent to you under separate cover as requested, but insufficient copies of General Order No. 2 are held here.

Wm. C. Chanler.
Lt.Col.(AUS).
Chief Legal Officer.

AMGOT HQ.
15 Army Group..

Hoot 2308
SUBJECT:- P.O.V.

AMGOT/2nd/HQ.

AMGOT HQ SICILY.

2 Sept 43

H.Q.
7th Army

Enclosed is application on behalf of an Italian Officer allegedly in ill health to be permitted to remain in a Prisoner of War Camp in Sicily. Can anything be done for him?

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

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SUBJECT: Additional duties for S.A.P.H.O.
Syracuse Province.

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AMOT R.A. SICILE

TO: S.A.P.H.O. Syracuse Province.

2 Sept 43.

1. Major Friselle is relieved as S.A.P.H.O. Ragusa Province and will proceed to this Headquarters for duty.
2. Orders are on the way assigning Major Brown as S.A.P.H.O. Ragusa Province in addition to his duties as S.A.P.H.O. Syracuse Province.
3. Recommend that Major Brown go at once to Ragusa to confer with Major Friselle on activities in Ragusa Province prior to Major Friselle's departure.

By order of Chief Staff Officer

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D. GORDON CHICKEL.
Colonel.
Director of Public Health.

letter taken by air by Capt Ball
2/9.

SUBJECT: Travel Order.

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AMST/1006/HL
AMST H.Q. SICILY.

TO: Major G.M. Briselle, RMC.
(Through S.C.A.O. Ragusa Province)

2 Sent 15.

1. Reference Order 26 August 1943 relieving you from duty as S.A.P.H.O. Ragusa Province upon arrival of Captain MacKenzie. The latter is not coming to Ragusa Province. You will proceed immediately to this Headquarters for duty.

2. Simultaneous instructions are being sent to Major Brown, S.A.P.H.O. Siracusa Province to confer with you at once prior to taking on duties as S.A.P.H.O. Ragusa Province in addition to his duties as S.A.P.H.O. Siracusa Province.

By order of Chief Staff Officer.

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D. GORDON CHENE,
Colonel.
Director of Public Health.

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AMCOT/5027/CS
AMCOT HQ SICILY
2 September 43

Subject: Labor Wages

To : S.C.A.C. Ragusa Province

Reference your letter 17 August, suggest submission proposed revision wage scale to this Headquarters for consideration.

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J. F. R. SEITZ
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
Director Civilian Supply
and Resources



ANGOL/3027/CS
AMGOT HQ SICILY
2 September 43

Subject: Labor Wages

To : S.C.A.C. Catania Province

Reference your letter to SEC dated 30 August, suggest submission proposed revision wage scale to this Headquarters for consideration.

DAM/jrl

J. P. R. SPIER
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
Director Civilian Supply
and Resources

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SUBJECT: Medical Reports.

File. 2280
AMCOT/3012/HI.

AMCOT H.O. SICKLY.

TO: Senior Army Public Health Officer
TRAPANI.
(Through S.C.A.O.)

2 Sept 43.

Reference your Medical Report on Island of Favignana.
This has been read with interest.

Kindly note that all reports should be submitted through
your S.C.A.O.

The promise by you of leave to Syracuse to a Civil
Practitioner was irregular and will not be repeated. You
have of course to ^{have} ~~recommend~~ leave of a civil doctor to your
S.C.A.O within whose power lies the granting of leave.



D. GORDON CHRISTIE.
Colonel.
Director of Public Health.

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SUBJECT: Hospital Accommodation.

AMCOT/ED11/HL.

AMCOT H.O. SIGINT.

TO: S.C.A.O. HHA.

2 Sent. 13.

Reference this Headquarters letter of even number dated 27 Aug and your 4/2/HL dated 30 Aug, 8th Army now state that the accommodation is not now required by the Army.

ASL

D. GORDON CHEVING.
Colonel.
Director of Public Health.

SUBJECT:- Prisoners of War.

AMCOT/204/HQ.

AMCOT H.Q., SICILY.

2nd September 1943.

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TO:- S.C.A.O. Palermo.

The enclosed letters were forwarded to us by
Captain Fabiani of the R.R. C.O.

In both cases the prisoners should have been
released, since they were Sicilians, and not Commissioned
Rank.


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

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SUBJECT:- Prisoners of War.

AMCOT/204/151

AMCOT H.Q., SICILY

2nd September, 1943.

TO:- S.G.A.C., Galtanissetta.

The application for the release of Col. Busalacchi Giuseppe has been noted. It is the policy of the American forces in Sicily to release only soldiers and non-combatant officers such as Chaplains and Doctors.

It is therefore regretted that nothing can be done in the case under review.

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

SUBJECT:- Death of a Civilian.

S.C.A.O. AGRIGENTO.

Float AMEOT/250/HQ.

AMEOT H.Q. SICILY.

2. Sept. 43.

Reference your memorandum of 18. Aug. 43 on the subject of a civilian travelling in a military vehicle. The question of compensation payable in these cases is being investigated and a future letter will be addressed to you as soon as a decision has been reached.

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

URGENT

2237
AMROF/504.33
AMROF HQ SIXTH
2 September 43

Subject: Telephone Operators.

To: Camp Commandant.

Reference the two British O.Rs. you detailed as relief operators, I am afraid that they are incapable of learning to operate this switchboard. I understand there are two ex-regimental signallers amongst the British O.Rs. Could I borrow these until the others return from hospital?

L.D. DENTON
Lt. Col., Signal Corps
Industries & Resources Sec.
Civilian Supply Division.

LDD:EDG.

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ANGOT/5014/CS
ANGOT HQ, SICILY
2 September 43

Memorandum

To: S. C. A. O. - Catania Province

1. Reference is made to your letter of 28 August, File No. CAT/59, subject, Civilian Supplies Division.
2. It is appreciated in this Headquarters that the work of putting supply on a firm basis is particularly difficult in the initial stages. This fact makes it imperative that local officials and previously existing organizations be used to the maximum.
3. As you may recall, at the SCMO's meeting at Palermo, there was a general request from all provinces for additional officers. However, the CCMO has stated that we must expect a reduction in officer strength rather than an increase.
4. Your request will be kept in mind and should an officer become available you will receive consideration for assignment.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

JPRS/jfl


CHARLES M. BEAUFORD
Lt. Col., G. S. O.
Chief Staff Officer

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AMCOT/5076/00
AMCOT HQ SICILY
2 September 43.

Subject: Captured Italian Vehicle Parts.

To : G-4, Seventh Army -- Attention: Ordnance.

1. At Licata there is a dump containing tyres, spare parts, and damaged Italian Military Vehicles. The use of some of this material would be of great assistance in the repair and reconditioning of Italian Military and Civilian Vehicles for AMCOT Transport needs in Palermo Province.

2. Can any of this material be released for AMCOT use?

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

CRM/EDC.

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AMGOT H.Q.,
SICILY.
2. Sept. 43.

Mr. Miles Clifford,
Colonial Secretary's Office,
GIENRAITAR.

My Dear Sir,

Major General Lord Rennell of Rodi, has directed me to reply to your letter of August 9, 1943, regarding property of Mr. J.R.M. Fall in storage at PALERMO.

Investigation has been made, the results of which are disclosed by the attached memorandum and cursory inventory.

I trust that this information will be of assistance. If I can be of any further service, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Very truly yours,


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

Inclosure:
Copy of memorandum and inventory.

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

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Inclosure:
Copy of memorandum and inventory.

Float

2387 - 2388

SUBJECT:-

103 Brigade - Trapani.

PMGOT/1003/PS

AMMOT H.C., SICILY.

2nd September 1943.

TO:-

S.C.A.O. Trapani Province.

In view of the report from the visiting officer of this Section, and the note from C.A.O. Trapani, together with the C.I.C. 7th Army dated 31st August 1943, it is felt that the Comandante of the Brigade should be dismissed and one of the other officers, thought to be reliable, made Acting Comandante for the time being.

If necessary, MONACO ANTONIO, the Comandante, should be arrested, pending charges being preferred against him by C.I.C. or yourself.

G. Johnson

Major.

Acting Superintendent.

Copy to: C.A.O. Trapani

SUBJECT:- Transfers of Prisoners

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AMCOT HQ. SICILY
AMCOT/1076/FS
2nd Sept 1943

To: S.C.A.O.,
SIRACUSA

Transfer of ARAB Prisoners

Will you please advise me as to the progress of removal of the Arab prisoners detained in the Island.

No. 6 Sub Area had the matter in hand and it is not yet known what progress has been made. It is believed that some have already been transferred, but a recent return from MODICA Prison shows 50 remaining there.

[Signature]
for
Colonel,
C.P.S.,
AMCOT.

2395-86

SUBJECT:- Furnishing Trucks to Ragusa.

AMCOT/5047/CS.

AMCOT H.C. STOUT.

2. Sept. 43.

To: S.C.A.O. Messina.

There is an urgent need for at least four trucks in Ragusa to be used for grain transport. Would it be possible for you to send that many to them from the Italian Military Trucks that have been recovered in Messina?

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D. H. H. H. H.

Lieut. Colonel.

Civil Supply Div

Copy to: S.C.A.O. Ragusa.

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SUBJECT:- Claims

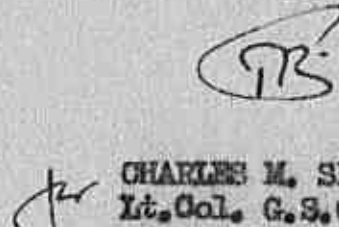
S.C.A.O. RAGUSA,

Reference your PM/25 of 9.Aug.43, will you please obtain from the complainant further details of this seizure and any clues as to identification that he can give.

AMCOT/250/HQ.

AMCOT H.Q. SICILY.

2. Sept. 43.


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

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AMCOT/255/HQ

AMCOT HQ SICILY

2 September 1943

Subject: Deceased Civilian

To : The Commanding General, 7th Army

1. This H.Q. has received your reference AG 704-CAS dated 24 August with enclosure.

2. Appropriate action has been taken.

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

File: 2577-78

AMCOT/255/HQ

AMCOT HQ SICILY

2 September 1943

Subject: Deceased Civilian

To : S.C.A.O., Province of Agrigento

1. Enclosed are papers pertaining to an Italian fisherman deceased.
2. The body was found on 17 August 1943 floating 2 miles off shore from Licata by Naval Personnel.
3. The body was in a badly deteriorated condition and consequently not picked up.
4. The enclosed is being forwarded to you in order that, if identification can be determined, the next of kin be advised.

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

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Copy: C.A.O.

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AMDOT/255/111

AMDOT H.Q., ST. LOUIS

2 September 1943

Subject:- Examination of American dead in vicinity
of Evryna and Gerdard.

To:- S.C.A.C. Room,
S.C.A.C. Messina.

1. Enclosed is Report of Investigation made on American dead in the vicinity of the boundaries of Messina and Evryna provinces.

2. It is requested that any necessary action by the S.C.A.C. and C.A.C. responsible for the area in question be taken. *IMMEDIATELY.*

for
CHARLES H. STOWORD
Lieut Colonel, S.C.C.
Chief Staff Officer.

Encls.

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AMGOT/255/HQ
AMGOT HQ PALMIRI, APO 777

2nd Ind.
2 Sept. 1943

CWH/RL

To: The Commanding General
II Corps, APO 302, U. S. Army

1. This H.Q. has noted reports and the local C.A.O.s have been directed to take appropriate action.

2. In addition all C.A.O.s and C.A.O.s have received directive as enclosed.
For the Commanding General:

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

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AMGOT/8/14

AMGOT HQ SICILY

2 September 1943

Subject: Use of Military Telephone Circuits by AMGOT
To : Commanding General, Seventh Army

1. This is to confirm verbal request this date to Major Bieman, C.G. Sig. O 7th Army, by Capt. R. S. Trevelyan this office with respect to use by AMGOT of certain telephone circuits and installation of facilities.
2. It was requested:
 - a. Military telephone be installed in Room No. 24 B via Bari, Palermo, office of Chief Staff Officer AMGOT HQ from Cadet switching center Palermo.
 - b. Telephone service be made available to and from AMGOT HQ to Senior Civil Affairs Officers at Caltanissetta, through Caltanissetta switch, to S.C.A.O. Agrigento, through Calvert switch, to S.C.A.O. Trapani, through Cobra switch.
 - c. Installation of military telephone from Cobra switch to office of S.C.A.O. Trapani.
3. The above to be used pending final assignment of circuits for AMGOT use as contemplated in request to C.G. 7th Army from this office dated 23 August 1943.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer:

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

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AMCOT/8/HQ
AMCOT HQ SICILY
2 September 43

Subject: Inter-Province Telephone Service (Military System)

To : Chief Staff Officer

1. Arrangements have been made whereby AMCOT HQ Allied Officers only may use Military telephone circuits for calls to and from Palermo, Trapani, Agrigento, and Caltanissetta Provinces.

2. Until direct line is installed from Army switching center (Cadet) Palermo to Col. Spofford's office, service may be had by calling over civil telephone to long distance No. 15680--this will provide a connection to Cadet.

From Cadet for SCAC Agrigento ask for "Calvert" and ask Calvert for 70 Ring 3.

From Cadet for SCAC Caltanissetta ask for "Caltanissetta" and ask Caltanissetta for Civil Affairs Office.

From Cadet for SCAC Trapani ask for "Cobra" and ask Cobra for Civil Affairs Office.

3. Action is being taken to obtain connections to other provinces.

LDD/jfl

J. F. R. Skitz
J. F. R. SKITZ
Lt. Col., C. S. C.
Director Civilian Supply
and Resources

flor

Subject:- Pensions

AMSOE/2009/E

AMSOE H.Q. STOLE

2 September, 1943

Finance Officer
Through S.C.A.O.

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CALZANISSETTA
CATANIA
FERRA
MOSKINA (2)

MALESD
RAGUSA
SYRACUSA
TRAPANI

Reference AMSOE/2009/Y of 24th August, 1943.

Copy of above referenced letter is forwarded
herewith, as it would appear that some copies of earlier
letter have been lost in transmission.

AMSOE
A.P. CROSS,
Lieut-Colonel,
Chief Revenue Officer.

FLDRT

21 August, 43.

The Finance Officer,
Through the S.C.A.O.

Re: AMOCT/2020/P.
dated 22 August 43.

Reference G.A.I. No. 145 paras. 1, 2, 3 (repeated in para. 8 (i) of AMOCT/2020/P dated 22 August 43) payments may now be made of pensions to Army and Civil Service personnel previously held up and due for the period since Allied occupations of the concerned area. Deductions will be made in respect of amounts paid to such persons for relief. Pension payments for future months will be made when due.

Payments will still not be made for the items outlined in Para. 8 (ii) and (iii) of the above mentioned letter.

(Sgd) A.P. Cross Lt-Col.
for A.P. CHAFFIN-SMITH
Colonel,
Chief Finance Officer.

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AMGOT/299/HQ

AMGOT HQ SICILY

29 August 1943

Memorandum for: Department of Public Health
(Attention: Major Mathews)

Item 22:

Reference memorandum 23. The principle of registering refugees as a first step toward resettling them is approved. However, the memorandum to S.C.A.O.s must be revised and procedure so devised that the burden on them will be minimized. With the shortage of personnel in the provinces, we can expect very little direct assistance from AMGOT personnel. I suggest that the memorandum be redrafted into two memoranda as follows:

- (a) One to S.C.A.O.s directing them to establish under the ~~Ente~~ Assistenza a civilian registration staff.
- (b) Full instructions as to categories of refugees, *see all* mechanics, in Italian, for the registration staff.

Revised instructions may be sent with the memorandum (No. 22) for the information of S.C.A.O.s.

Item 24:

(Buy Range)
Please take up with the S. & T. officer the question of whether any of the items in 24 are available locally. Procurement will have to be by local purchase or requisition rather than through Army stores.

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

Subject: - Camp for released Yugoslav prisoners.

AMGOT/299/HQ.

AMGOT H.Q. SICILY

31 August, 1943

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

A camp for Yugoslav prisoners released in Sicily has been established in Palermo.

Please notify all C.A.O.s and advise them to communicate with Public Health Division (Public Welfare Section) AMGOT Hdq's should any of these released Yugoslav prisoners needing help come to their attention.

Distribution: -

S.C.A.O. Agrigento	6
" Caltanissetta	6
" Catania	6
" Enna	4
" Palermo	35
" Ragusa	6
" Siracusa	14
" Trapani	6
" Messina	8
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CHARLES M. SPOTFORD,
Lieut-Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief Staff Officer.

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SUBJECT: Appointments - Officers.

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ASST/229/12

1. SEPT. 43.

MR. A. H. H.
D. H. C. A. H. H. C.
A. H. C. 15 Army Gp.
G. H. C. 2nd Echelon.
Camp Commandant.

No. 146995 T/Capt. R. E. SHERRWOOD, R. E. assumed duties
of G. H. C. 3 (Military Administration) at this Headquarters
w.e.f. 1. Sept. 43.

Please publish the necessary casualty.

Major-General,
G. H. C. 3.

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AMGOT/1063/PS.

AMGOT HQ. - Sicily.

1 September, 1943.

Subject: Appointment of Executioner.

To : C.A.P.Os. through S.C.A.Os.
all Provinces.

1. Will you please ask Provincial Prison Directors to submit as soon as possible names of any of Prison Staff qualified to carry out executions. Such a person may soon be required.

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W. S. Patterson
for Lt. Colonel.
Superintendent Prison Section.

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AMCOT/1053/P3
AMCOT HQ SICILY
1 September 1943

SUBJECT: Possible Employment of Maltese in AMCOT

TO : C.P.S.

1. In accordance with the S.E.O.s instructions I made a preliminary enquiry during a visit to Malta last week into the possibility of securing a number of Maltese who could be enlisted in the Army for duty as interpreters and/or general assistants to C.A.P.O.s in the field.
2. Col. Thorne himself noticed the need for some such personnel at the sitting of an Allied Military Court where the duties generally carried out by court ushers or orderlies were performed by C.A.P.O.s. This is only one instance; it has been felt for some time that there was a real need for N.C.O.s who could work with C.A.P.O.s, conduct minor investigations and generally assist them. There would be an added advantage in that Maltese with a knowledge of Italian could be used as interpreters of which there is generally a shortage.
3. The A.A.G., War Headquarters, was doubtful whether suitable men would be found as Mideast have already combed the Island pretty thoroughly for interpreters.
4. However, he made an appointment for me to see the Director of National Services Mr. J.T.R. Boin, a Ministry of Labor Official seconded to the Malta Government, who was more helpful. There was general agreement that the Malta Police would not prove a suitable source, but considerable cuts are being made in the A.R.P. Services and the A.R.P. Controller was confident of being able to find some 50 eligible men for the job.
5. I explained that my enquiry was only exploratory but a few of the suggested terms of engagement are given below:

British Army Rates of Pay and Allowances
Rank: W.O. II or Sergeant
Engagement subject to vetting by Security Service
6. It would probably be desirable for the Interpretational abilities of the men selected to be checked before enlistment.
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Copy to S.S.O.

Angot Liaison

Revised 195
R. E. J. MARTIN,
Lt.-Colonel,
R. C. P. S.

AMCOT/5016/CS
 ANDOT HQ SICILY
 1 September 45

Subject: Promotion of O.R.'s

To : Deputy Chief Staff Officer

1. Request that the following O.R.'s be promoted to the ranks indicated. Their work has been outstanding, and the promotions are considered in the best interest of the service.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Present Rank</u>	<u>Recommended Rank</u>
Bishop, V.	S/6290976	Corporal	Staff Sergeant
Perry, R.	S/232257	Private	Sergeant
Partington, F.	S/97606	Private	Sergeant
Gray, C.	S/43997	Private	Corporal
Ludwell	S/204797	Private	Corporal
Thornton, J.	S/14534345	Private	Corporal
Giles, R.	S/10686902	Private	Lance Corporal

2. Request assignment of Private Hialen to this division with rank of Corporal.

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J. P. R. SMITZ
 Lt. Col., G. S. C.
 Director Civilian Supply
 and Resources

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AMCOT/5005/CS
AMCOT HQ SICILY
1 September 43

Subject: Grain and Fish

To : S.C.A.O. Enna Province

1. Reference is made to your letter dated 31 Aug. 43, file No. 2/1/82, subject: grain. In so far as the letter from Syracuse Province is concerned, please note a reply from this Headquarters, a copy of which is attached.
2. I am sorry that we are unable to maintain the price of wheat at 500 beyond the date set by General Order No. 3. Dates having been posted by General Order, they must be maintained.
3. Please let me have your estimates of wine and fish required in order that I may arrange to import these items to your province. In all probability the fish will come from either Syracuse or Galtanissetta, and the wine may come from either the western or eastern part of the Island. As far as oil is concerned, please address a memorandum directly to the S.C.A.O. Messina Province, who, I understand, has an excess. I am sure that, inasmuch as you are helping him with wheat, a definite arrangement can be made with regard to the excess oil.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

JFRS/jfl

flor

J. F. R. SMITZ
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
Director Civilian Supply
and Resources

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AMCOT FILPOT

1 SEPT 45

TROOPERS.

CAPT (T/CAPT) (A/IS-COL) P.R.RODD, WELSH GDS STATES HE HAS
RECEIVED NO PAY SINCE MAY (.) PAREN FROM AMCOT SEVENTH ARMY TO
^{FOR CIVIL AFFAIRS.}
TROOPERS, OTTE AMCOT 202 PAREN (.) CHECK WITH OFFICERS PAY,
MANCHESTER AND INFORM THIS HQ EARLIEST.

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1 September, 43.

Subject: Welfare.

To : E.O.L.O.

1. This E.O. requests that the names and addresses of all welfare agencies, institutions and social insurance organizations be submitted.

2. The names of those that have received payments from *AMOT* should be submitted again in a separate list together with indication of sums received.

Colman K. K. K. K.
for CHARLES M. SPENCER,
Lt. Col. U. S. A.,
Chief Staff Officer.

AMCOT/5002/CS ✓
AMCOT HQ SICILY
1 September 43

Subject: Salvage of coal in two sunken ships in Palermo harbor

To : The Commandant, U.S. Naval Operating Base, Palermo

1. The ships from which salvaging of coal will commence under your authorization of 30 Aug. 43 (157/S94/fnd) are the Giacomo Costa and the Modena. They lie at the dock Quattro Venti.

2. AMCOT has contracted with the firm of Marcellino & Ferrara, Via B. D'Ucria 25-29, Palermo, to salvage the coal on board which is approximately 5,000 tons. Fourteen workers, bearing identification passes from AMCOT, will commence work on 3 Sept. 43. Working hours will be from 0800 to 1800 daily except Sundays. The coal will be loaded on coal cars to be spotted on the rail sidings on the docks.

CRM/jfl

J. F. R. SEITZ
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
Director Civilian Supply
and Resources

2263
AMCOT/5027/C3
AMCOT HQ SICILY
1 September 43

Subject: Labor--Wages

To : S.C.A.C. Caltanissetta Province

1. During a recent survey conducted by Capt. Morse of this division the Prefetto and members of your staff urged that immediate consideration be given to revision of wages for government employees, and the establishment of a new wage scale for civilian employees.

2. It is requested that recommendations regarding subject be submitted with reasons for consideration this Headquarters. Recommendations should be specific and in detail.

DMN/521

J. F. P. SMITH
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
Director Civilian Supply
and Resources

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AMCOT/5027/CS
AMCOT HQ SICILY
1 September 43

Subject: Labor--Wages

To : S.C.A.O. Caltanissetta Province

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J. P. R. SEITZ
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
Director Civilian Supply
and Resources



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AMCOT/251/HQ.

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AMCOT H. - 31-13.

1 September, 43.

Subject: AMCOT Henson.

To : S.C.A.O. - Syracuse.

1. Reference your PCG/526 of 25 Aug. 43, an instruction to all S.C.A.O. and Heads of Divisions is being issued on the points raised by you.

CR

jr CHARLES M. STOFFARD,
Lt. Col. U. S. C.
Chief Staff Officer.

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Heat

AMDOT FILPOT

1 September 1943

Secret

Urgent

CG, MATOUSA

YOUR CABLE 2268 AUGUST 17 WAS ANSWERED BY THIS HQ
19 AUGUST PAREN FROM AMDOT 7TH ARMY TO CG, MATOUSA CITE
AMDOT 205 PAREN AS FOLLOWS: 1ST LT CRAWFORD C. SHARTER,
TMC, ASSIGNED TO AMDOT AS REVENUE OFFICER A POSITION FOR
WHICH HE WAS NOT QUALIFIED HE WAS BEING USED AND CAN BE
USED AS A COMPANY OFFICER, HQ COMPANY IN VIEW OF YOUR CABLE
OF 16 AUGUST REQUEST THAT LT SHARTER BE REASSIGNED TO AMDOT
AND HE WILL AGAIN BE USED AS COMPANY OFFICER.

Subject:- Advances to Sulphur Mines.

AMON/2050/T.

AMON H.O. BUDHY

1 September, 43.

To: S.C.A.C.,
Aggrigento Province.

On the request and recommendation of the Director of Civilian Supply and Resources, AMON, we have agreed to approve advances to certain producers of sulphur in the Province of Agrigento.

The list of mines in your Province so recommended follows:

1. Montagne Aragone.	owner of Aragone.
2. Cozzo Diel.	" " Castletendini
3. Serralonga	" " " "
4. S. Giovannello LoBue	" " " "
5. S. Giovannello Pintacuda	" " " "
6. Quattro Finiate S. Gabriel	" " " "
7. Mancuso Figliola Castrovaca - Gino	" " " "
Gibisa San Michele +	" " " "

+ Same ownership as Gessolunga.

You are authorised to make advances in cases where you consider them strictly necessary, to any or all of the mines in order to enable them to avoid serious impairment of the producing property. You are to be guided also by their value as probable producers of sulphur. Advances should be made through the medium of banks.

The names of smaller mines have been omitted for various reasons, but if you consider after investigation that such producers should receive help, please forward your recommendation and report of investigation.

R.B. MERRAPAGE,
Lieut-Colonel,
Deputy Chief Financial Officer.

Subject: - Advances to Sulphur Mines

AMEOT/2050/R

AMEOT H.O. STORIA

1 September, 1943

S.C.A.O.

Enna Province

On the request and recommendation of the Director of Civilian Supply and Resources, AMEOT, we have agreed to approve advances to certain producers of sulphur in the Province of Enna.

The list of mines in your province so recommended follows:

1.	Floristella	Comune of Enna
2.	Grottoalida	" " Piazza Armerina
3.	Giumentaro Capodarno	" " Enna
4.	Marmora Palmiere	" " Centuripe
5.	Marmora Gualtiere	" " "
6.	Rospina Candrilli	" " Enna
7.	Gruppo Associazioni Pagliarello	" " Villaroia
8.	Giumentarello	" " Enna

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R.B. MEMAROE,
Lieut-Colonel,
Deputy Chief Financial Officer.

Subject: - Advances to Sulphur Mines.

AMOT/2050/E.

AMOT H.Q. SICILY

1 September, 1943.

S.G.A.O.

Caltanissetta Province.

On the request and recommendation of the Director of Civilian Supply and Resources, AMOT, we have agreed to approve advances to certain producers of sulphur in the Province of Caltanissetta.

The list of mines in your Province so recommended follows:

1. Gessolunga	comune of Caltanissetta
2. Trabucella	" "
3. Iuncio Testasecca	" "
4. Iuncio Tuminelli	" "
5. Stretto Saponario Galleria Garibaldi	" "
6. Stincone - Apaforte	" San Cataldo
7. Trabia - Gallarita	" Riesi-Sommatino

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R.B. MEMPADE,
Lieut-Colonel,
Deputy Chief Financial Officer.

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Subject:- Social Insurance.

AMGOT/2021/P.

AMGOT H.Q. SICILY

1 September, 1943.

To: S.C.A.O.
Enna Province.

Reference your letter of 27th August, 1943, addressed to C.C.A.O.
AMGOT H.Q.

1. Capt. Frampton left Palermo on 29 August on a trip to Provincial Capitals to look into Social Insurance matters. He should have arrived at Enna the same day. He will, no doubt, have discussed your letter with you, as well as the whole subject of social insurance.
- 2 and 3. Capt. Head has no doubt seen you on the subject of stamps requested. I understand that inquiry by him at the head office of Previdenza in Palermo disclosed none on hand. Incidentally it was not our thought that contributions by agricultural workers and employers were made by stamp. S.A.I. No. 6 attests to this.
4. We agree that administrative costs of INFALL (and in fact of most social insurance organisations) is excessive. This matter and other questions of reforms and reorganisations have been discussed frequently and solutions must be found. It was not our intention, in suggesting in S.A.I. No. 5 the "continued activity" of social insurance organisations, that these questions should be ignored, but only to adhere to established machinery as much as possible until the effects of proposed changes could be fully foreseen and provided for.
5. We have also realized that there are a considerable number of Mutual sickness Associations, (S.A.I. No. 5, para. 5 last part). Few names continue to appear. We have likewise heard much criticism of them. Since most of them are mixed up with the corporative system, it is necessary to proceed carefully and get all the facts. There is necessarily some confusion in this sphere due to the abolition of contributi sindacali. We would like, if possible, to bring about a combination of all the casse Malattie for the various categories of workers. The corporative bodies are of course to be abolished as such.
- 6, 7, 8 and 9. In the case of contributi unificati, the procedure set forth in S.A.I. No. 6. was devised at a meeting held with representatives of the Istituto di Previdenza Sociale, the Cassa Nuova Malattie, the Agricultural employers and employees and officers of Contributi Unificati in Agriculture. The collection rolls on these run to the end of 1943 in Palermo Province, and we assumed this was the case in the other provinces. We felt that the collection procedure proposed was the best that could hurriedly be set up to serve for the rest of this year. The esattori have these rolls and should be familiar with them.

For next year we expect to work out a new procedure, with the advice of the respective social insurance institutions, to have the premiums collected on

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Incidentally, the Contributi Unificati rolls furnished us for Palermo Province include no taxes. We have had very few reports from other provinces pertaining to social insurance matters, but we were assured here that the contributi unificati collection system was similar in the other provinces. The rolls which we have here have only the heads referred to in S.A.I. No. 6.

We are abolishing the Office "Unificazione Contributi Agricoltura" as of the end of August, and are in entire agreement with you as to the uselessness of similar intermediary organizations.

Referring to your paragraph 10, we have no objection to your proceeding with your plan, which, as we understand it, provides for the abolition mentioned above, substitutes a new plan agreeable to the social credit institutions, and continues the same social insurance protection for the workers which they have enjoyed hitherto.

R.B. MINAPAGE,
Lieut-Colonel,
Deputy Chief Financial Officer.

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SUBJECT:-- Furniture.

AMCOT/209/HQ.

AMCOT H.Q. SICILY.

S.C.A.O. SYRACUSE.

1. Sept. 43.

Reference your FOS/526 of 25.Aug.43.

Will you please tell the R.A.F. that we much regret we cannot help them as supplies of furniture are only adequate for the present needs of the island.

Si
CHARLES H. SPOTFORD.
Lt.Col. G.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer. 182

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AMST WILSON.

1 September 1943.

CONFIDENTIAL.

REVEAL.

MILWAUKEE

THE OPERATIONS MORE RECENTLY YOU VISIT HERE ON YOUR ROUTES TO BE (.)
THAT THE AMST WILSON AMST TO MILWAUKEE FOR CIVIL AFFAIRS FOR CIP.
GIVE AMST 199 AMST (.) IF YOU TRAVEL IN SEA COUNTRIES YOU BRING THE
MILWAUKEE COUNCIL THE AM AND CIP.

OUTGOING
MESSAGES
FILED FILE.

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1 September 1943

SAVINGS

ACTUAL PLACE OF RESIDENCE (PARISH FROM ABOUT 751 ACCT TO ABERG CITE ABOUT
200 PARISH) TOUR 6729 CITE HEAD OF 24. AUGUST. REQUIRED CARDS NOTIFIED
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AMCOT/213/HQ
AMCOT H. AICLY
1 September 1943

SUBJECT: Enquiries re Civilians

TO: S.C.A.O., Province of Catania

1. This Headquarters has had an enquiry as to the present whereabouts and health of the following:

Carmela Marchese
Santa Marchese
and children of the above

2. Address given as Misterbianca.

3. Please furnish this Headquarters with information requested in Paragraph 1 above.

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

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AMCOT/216/110.

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AMCOT HQ. Sicily.

1 September, 1943.

Subject: Publications.

To : AMCOT Liaison,
15 Army Group.

1. Your AL/1/281 of 23 Aug. - Receipt is acknowledged.
2. Your AL/1/266 of 27 Aug. - No amendments have been issued. A revised edition is in the press and a copy will be sent to you as soon as it is available.
3. Your AL/1/283 of 23 Aug. - Lt. Col. Martin arrived with two bags, one containing ISIS reports and one containing a mass of Italian documents. Please state ~~from~~ where these documents were ~~obtained~~. The mail bags will be returned to you.

Obtained

Handwritten: CR
CHARLES M. STONEFORD.
Lt. Col. G. S. C.
Chief Staff Officer.

Flood
Subject: Grain

Memorandum For S.O.A.O., Syracuse Province.

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AMICE/5005/GS
AMICE HQ STOLIE
1 September 45

1. Reference is made to your memorandum dated 29 August, file No. POG/32, subject as above.
2. Records also indicate that there are 74,000 hectares of planted wheat land in the Province of Syracuse. The average production from this should be 750,000 quintals of wheat. Based on census figures, 345,000 quintals are retained as producers allowance and 135,000 quintals for seed. This gives a balance of 270,000 quintals, which at the present ration should last the Province for 20 months.
3. While it is realized that these figures cannot be absolutely correct, they do indicate that Syracuse should not be a wheat deficiency province. It is therefore suggested that more stringent measures be taken to recover hoarded grain.
4. Please let me have your reaction to the above figures.

For Chief Civil Affairs Officer:

JFRS:EDG.

J. F. R. SMITH
Lt. Col., U. S. C.
Director Civilian Supply
and Resources.

AMGOT, J54/CS
AMGOT HQ SICILY
1 September 43

Memorandum

To: Chief Staff Officer

The activities of the Supply Division are so wide-spread and varied that I find it impossible to suggest the name of one man who has sufficiently broad enough knowledge and experience to be a member of the E.F.C.O. It is therefore suggested that Supply Division will invite in a specialist for any particular subject that may be for discussion at any meeting.

JFRS/jfl

J. F. R. SMITZ
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
Director Civilian Supply
and Resources

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Host. 2254-13
SUBJECT: Return of animals to Civilians.

**S.C.A.O. AGRIGENTO
CAATANZARITA
ENNA
MESSINA
PALERMO
TRAPANI.**

AMCOT/305/HQ.

AMCOT H.Q. SICILY.

1. Sept. 43.

Five copies of attached memorandum are forwarded for your information.

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

SECRET

Auth: CG, Seventh Army
Initial:
Date: 28 August 1943
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Slout

1 September 1943

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AMST 15 46

SECRET

THROTTLES FOR HILL

PLANE WHICH JACK PAPER FROM AMST 7th AVE TO THROTTLES FOR HILL CITE AMST
201 PAUSE. REMINDER OF 04/100 URGENTLY REQUIRED THROTTLES TO 100.
DESPATCH IMMEDIATELY.

Record Copy to Replace Unstable Original
Property of the National Archives

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SUBJECT:- Office Stationery.

S.O.A.O. EFMA.

AMGOT/228/HQ.

AMGOT H.Q. SIGILY.

1. Sept. 43.

Reference your 7/1/AQ of 24. Aug. 43.

An endeavour is being made to obtain a supply of Tags, India, on receipt they will be forwarded to you.

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

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AMCOT/5013/CS
AMCOT HQ SICILY
31 August 43.

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Subject: Export of Sulphur

To : G.O.C., Fortbase.

1. This is in further reference to my letter 25 Aug 43 above subject.
2. The following information has been made available from the field survey:
 - a. Sulphur now available at mines for shipment when transportation is available (electric, truck & rail) 20,000 tons
 - b. Part of above available for immediate shipment by rail alone. 3,000 "
 - c. Preliminary estimate of additional sulphur that can be made available for shipment in the period from the resumption of electric service until July, 31 1944 (depending on transportation, electric power, labor, and necessary mining supplies, particularly explosives, timber and steel products). 90,000 to 150,000

JHP:EDG.

Flout

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

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ALCOT/5012/CS
ALCOT HQ SICILY
31 August 43.

Subject: Office, Via Principe Belmonte 80 - Removal of Guard.

To : S.C.A.O. - Palermo Province.

The necessity for keeping subject office closed and guarded having now passed, it is requested that your guard be removed from the premises of Via Principe Belmonte No. 80 and the Ente Zolfi Italiana be relieved of restrictions as to its use.

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

JHP:EDG.

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AMCOT/5068/08
AMCOT HQ SICILY
31 August 43.

To: Chief Engineer,
15th Army Group

1. Reference 15AG/2520/2/KI dated 28 August 43.
2. An Island Resources Board is being organized now by AMCOT in conjunction with Seventh and Eighth Armies, and it is hoped that there will be an engineering sub-committee which would deal with this question. As soon as the preliminary work has been done on organizing the Board, 15th Army Group will be informed.
3. It is suggested therefore that the matter of prices of building materials etc., be left for this Resources Board to determine.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer:

J. F. R. SMITH
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
Director Civilian Supply
and Resources.

Distribution: Engineer Seventh Army (info)
O.E. Portbase

JFR:EDG.

Flood

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AMCOT/5017/CS
AMCOT H. T. CLIM
31 August 43.

Subject: Tile Production in Agrigento Province.

To : S.C.A.O. - Agrigento.

1. A copy of a letter 10 Aug 43 written to you by Dott. Giovanni Indelicato, concerning fuel requirements for tile and brick production has been called to my attention.
2. I would appreciate an investigation which would disclose the responsibility for fuel, and your recommendation as to their financial stability and ability to produce the goods which they claim they are able to manufacture.
3. Before granting fuel supplies, an investigation should be made locally to be sure that the amounts asked are not exorbitant.

CHM:EDG.

J. F. R. SEITZ
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
Director Civilian Supply
and Resources.

AMEOT/5074/US
AMEOT HQ SICILY
31 August 43.

Memorandum For S.C.A.O. - Catania
Syracuse.

The attached is furnished for your information.

For Chief Civil Affairs Officer:

JPRS:EDG

J. P. R. SETTE
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
Director Civilian Supply
and Resources.

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Clough *287*
AMCOT HQ SICILY

1 September 1943

Memorandum to: Col. Clough

The question has been raised by the Public Welfare Section, P.H.D., as to when remittances from the U.S. may be commenced. These remittances are of two classes:

- (a) From U.S. Government - pensions to ex service men now living in Sicily, pensions to former U.S. Government employees.
- (b) Private remittances from relatives. This is a much larger class and runs into quite a considerable figure for Sicily as a whole.

In determining the policy, we should know the factors from Finance and Security angles. Also, the mechanics of transmission which would presumably be by postal transmission.

Will you consider the question and make a recommendation as to when and under what conditions either or both of the above classes of remittances may be permitted.

C. S. O.

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AMCOT/19/HQ

AMCOT HQ SICILY

1 September 1943

Memorandum to: Advisor on Fine Arts
and Monuments.

The Archbishop has asked the C.C.A.O. what can be done about repairs to his house. The C.C.A.O. is inclined to think the palace is not in the category of monuments which we are undertaking to preserve, but would like to have you make an inspection and report.

Will you, therefore, get in touch with the Archbishop and arrange to go through the palace with him.

C. S. O.

Floud *785*
ANGOT/301/HQ

ANGOT HQ SICILY

1 September 1943

Subject: Schools

To : S.G.A.O. - Palermo

One of the ecclesiastics around town has told the C.G.A.O. that there is an education committee in existence for the reopening of schools this fall. Do you know of any such committee?

C. E. O.

BY AIR COURIER.

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Subject:- Civilian Enquiries.

AMCOT/24.1/HQ.

AMCOT H.Q. SICILY.

1. Sept. 43.

A.F.H.Q.

1. This H.Q. has received a request to convey following to Professor Arturo Toscanini in New York from Citizens of SYRACUSE, SICILY:

"Syracuse first city of Italy to be delivered of Fascist tyranny requests the honour to be allowed to give your illustrious name symbol of liberty to a public street."

2. This is being sent to A.F.H.Q. for further transmission.

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

Flood

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AMCOT/5053/CS
AMCOT HQ SICILY
31 August 43

Memorandum

To: Staff Captain A. S. Farrar

The following equipment is required by the Civilian Supply Division:

6 Tables (small)
6 Chairs

JFL

J. F. R. SMITH
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
Director Civilian Supply
and Resources

Flood

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AMHOF/5018/CS
AMHOF HQ SICL
31 August 43.

Memorandum for Supply Officer - Palermo Province
Thru S.C.A.O., Palermo Province.

1. Reference is made to memorandum this HQ, dated 24 Aug 43, in which reports were requested on certain raids.
2. To date, this report has not been received.

For Chief Civil Affairs Officer:

JFR:EGC.

J. F. R. SEITZ
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
Director Civilian Supply
and Resources.

ANGOT FILE.

0 AUG 43.

MID EAST.

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Restricted.

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routine.

NO VACANCY REASONS-SMITH ANY RANK (.) PAREN FROM ANGOT SEVENTH ARMY TO
MID EAST REPEATED FREEDOM FOR U.S. CITE ANGOT 194 BARN. YOUR OCT/95178 OF
12 AUG.

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AMGOT FILPOT.

) Aug 43.

MID EAST.

Restricted.

Priority.

CAPT. T.B.CARR, R.A.S.C. HELD YOUR W.E. ATTACHED THIS H.Q. NOW STATED
TO BE No.3 N.Z. GEN. HOSPITAL, M.E.F. (.) PAREN FROM AMGOT SEVENTH ARMY TO
MID EAST FOR CIVIL AFFAIRS CITE AMGOT 187 PAREN (.) DESPATCH HERE IMMEDIATELY
FIT.

AMGO FILPOT

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31 Aug 43.

FREEDOM

REPORT ON SMITH BEING SENT BY FAST AIR (.) FROM AMGO SEVENTH ARMY TO
FREEDOM FOR M.G.S. CITE AMGO 197 PAREN. YOUR 7971 CITE FMSG OF 30 AUG.
DELAY CAUSED BY MISQUOTATION OF REFERENCE IN YOURS OF 19 AUG.

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AMCOT/1059/PS

AMCOT HQ SICILY

31 August 1943

Subject: Control of Civilian Vehicles

To : The D.C.P.S.

1. This HQ has recently had many complaints about the great number of civilian vehicles which have been given "PERMITS" by AMCOT Provincial Headquarters.

2. Approximately 900 permits have been issued and it is questioned that they are all in the hands of doctors and others whose use of cars is essential to the community or military requirements.

3. A survey and report on this is considered necessary and your comments are awaited.

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

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AMGOT/1059/PS

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

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Subject:- Petition of Avv. La Via di Santa Agrippina,
of Nicosia

AMGOT/2021/F.

AMGOT H.Q. SICILY.

31 August, 1943.

Lt-Col. Rodd,
S.C.A.O.
Trina Province.

Nicosia
Please advise Avv. Comm. La Via di Santa Agrippina,
we have received his application to be employed as head for
Sicily of Istituto di Previdenza Sociale. Regret this is
inadvisable at this time. We shall keep his application in
mind for possible future need.

(For your information, Dr. Mansueti, Chief Inspector
of the above mentioned Istituto for the island of Sicily is
now on tour to all Provincial Capitals, and we consider that
his supervision will do for the present).

ap
A.P. GRAFFNEY SMITH,
Colonel,
Chief Finance Officer.

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AMCOT HQ SICILY.

31 August 43.

Subject: E.F.C.O.

To: Chief Staff Officer.

Reference your memorandum dated 27 August 43, I submit the following name as representative of the Controller of Property Division.

Captain. J. M. Bovard. (U.S).

Lieut-Colonel,
Controller of Property.

Moat.

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Subject: - Petition Avv. La Via di Santa Agrippina,
of Nicosia.

AMCOT/2021/P.

AMCOT H.Q. SIXTY.

31 August, 1943.

Lt-Col. Rodi,
S.C.A.O.
Rome Province.

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A.P. GRAFFNEY SMITH,
Colonel,
Chief Finance Officer.

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SUBJECT: Promotions - Clerks

Lat. 2139
AMCOT/298/HQ

AMCOT HQ SICILY

31 August 1943

To: AMCOT Liaison, 15 Army Group Main

Reference your No. AL/4/211 dated 24/8/43.

The question of the promotion of clerks on the establishment of this HQ is under review and every consideration will be given to the clerks concerned when selecting clerical personnel for promotion.

AS

A. S. FARRAR
Captain
Staff Captain

HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH ARMY - OFFICIAL BUSINESSOUTGOING MESSAGEOffice of Origin AMST FILPOT.
(Section)Date 31 August 1943Telephone _____
(Orig. Officer)Classification SECRET
(Restricted-Confidential-
Secret).Precedence URGENT
(Deferred-Routine-Priority-
Urgent)TO: FILPOT.

INFORMATION NOT REPEAT NOT CORRECT (.) PAREN FROM AMST SEVENTH ARMY
TO FILPOT FOR GENERAL B. SMITH CITY AMST 190 PAREN. YOUR BLM OF 30/8
(.) FROM REMBELL (.) YOUR 6529 OF 27/8 REPLIED BY LETTER THROUGH 15
ARMY GROUP (.) COLONEL POLENTI IS STILL AT PALERMO AS SOAO PALERMO
PROVINCE.

Time Signed. _____

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authenticated by _____AS

Filpdt for funeral B. Smith

Yur 8181 of 3078 @ from
Remelt @ Yur 6529 of 27/8
(these 2/15, Yur group)
replied of letter @ information
not repeat not correct @ Colonel
Polletti is still at Palermo as
SCAO Palermo province @

Yur 8181

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TO: CG SEVENTH ARMY

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30 AUGUST 43

HEADQUARTERS

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PLEASE REFER TO MY MESSAGE SIX FIVE TWO NINE OF AUGUST
TWENTY SEVEN WHICH HAS NOT REPEAT NOT YET BEEN ANSWERED PERIOD
PERSONAL FROM GENERAL SMITH TO LORD RENNELL AMGOT. THE CINC WAS XXX
INFORMED YESTERDAY BY THE ARMY COMMANDER XXX THAT POLETTI HAD
BEEN RE RELIEVED. HE DESIRED TO BE INFORMED IMMEDIATELY OF POLETTIS

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STATUS X

FROM: GENERAL SMITH

TIME SIGNED: 301911B

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C/S
AMGOT (ack)
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SUBJECT: Beds.

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MSGOT/3002/PH.

MSGOT H.Q. SICILY.

TO: Capt. Harrison, Camp Commandant.
Capt. Juniewicz.

31 Aug 43.

1. The Surgeon 7th Army has turned over to the Public Health Division buildings at Cefalu which were used as an Italian Military Hospital and as a barracks for troops. Survey of the remaining contents of the buildings reveals that there are a considerable number of beds and mattresses.
2. It is proposed to give these beds to Palermo Province where they are urgently needed.
3. It was noted in sick rounds this morning that the majority of OR and EM do not have beds hence a conference was held with Major Miasozero prior to giving him the buildings and contents. It was agreed that MSGOT H.Q. would take out the necessary beds and mattresses for its men.
4. Accordingly it is recommended that you send transport to Cefalu to bring back the beds you require.
5. Please furnish this directorate with a note giving the number taken.

D. G. C. for
D. GORDON CHRYSLER.
Colonel.
Director of Public Health.

Subject: Order of Battle.

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AL/4/27/10.

AL/4/27/10.

30 August, 1913.

AL/4/27/10.
15 Army Group.

Reference your AL/4/202 of 28th August.

Copy No. 127 of Order of Battle was handed to the
M.A. to the C.O.A.C. and was destroyed by him in Paris.
There is, therefore, only one copy now in this H.Q.

(Sgd) T. PARKER SMITH,
Lt-Col.,
for CHARLES M. SPURFORD,
Lieut-Colonel, U.S.C.,
Chief Staff Officer.

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AMGOT/5061/CS
AMGOT HQ COLLY
31 August 43.

Subject: Pass to Palermo for Tommaso Graziano

To : S.C.A.O. - Palermo Province.

1. Presence of Tommaso Graziano, at Campofiorito Tomuta Castro Territorio di Corleone at his place of business in Palermo is required.
2. Will you have your C.A.O. at Corleone issue a pass to this man to travel via rail or other suitable means to Palermo.

For Chief Civil Affairs Officer:

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

JMF:EDG.

Subject: Prospective Applicants.

To: Paul O. Steele,
1st Lieut. Med. Adm. C.
180th Station Hospital,
A.P.O. 700 U.S. Army.

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AMC V/3028/HL *Flask*

AMCOT H.Q. SICILY.

31 Aug 43.

Your letter dated 21 July to Col. E.E. Hume is acknowledged. Your interest in the work of AMCOT is appreciated and your qualifications will be considered when additional personnel is required.

EFW/arh.

D. GORDON CHEYRE.
Colonel.
Director of Public Health.

Subject:

Proclamations and General Orders.

Heat
AMKOT/4007/L

(Copy for file AMKOT/4007/L)

1st September 1943

To: Major H.C. Peltier,
Military Governor,
PANAMA.

Reference your ltr/ dated the 25 Aug 1943, to have today forwarded to you under separate cover ten copies each of Proclamations Nos. 1 - 13 incl., and General Orders Nos 1 and 2 as requested.

Wm. C. CHAMBERLAIN,
Lt. Col. (AMK).
Chief Legal Officer.

AMKOT H.
15 Army Group

Host
Subject:- Appoin^tment of Provincial Representative of Italian Legal
Advisory Committee - Suggested appointment of Avv. Colbertardo
Giorgio.

AMCOT/4001/L.
1 Sept. 1943.

To:- S.L.O., Trapani.

Reference your letter of 24th August, it does not appear suitable to appoint a lawyer barrister or attorney as representative of the Committee. There is no control that can be exercised over his activities and furthermore it would give him a privileged position at the Bar, which all his colleagues would obviously resent.

The representative of the Committee must be a judge or Procurator del Re, as they are under strict supervision from the senior judges and the "Consiglio della Magistratura". There is no reason, however why you should not keep Sig. Colbertardo as an adviser to yourself, if you feel that he will not take undue advantage of his position.

AMCOT H.Q.
15 Army Group.

W.C. Chanler
W.C. CHANLER, Lt.Col. (A.U.S.)
Chief Legal Officer.

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Subject:- Case of Alberto D'Alia.

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31st August, 1943

To:- Studio Legale Marino Torre, Via Dante 130 n. 1,
PALERMO.

AMCOT/4036/L.

With reference to the case of the above named, there is enclosed herewith a Memorandum setting out the decision of the Chief Legal Officer AMCOT.

You will be notified in due course of the time and place when the Summary Military Court will sit for the purpose of hearing further proof on the financial position of the accused, as mentioned in the last paragraph of the enclosed memorandum.

AMCOT H.Q.

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W.C. CHAMBER, Lt. Col. (A.U.S.)
Chief Legal Officer, AMCOT.

float
Subject:- Establishment of Economic and Financial Council.

AMGOT/74/HQ.

31st August, 1943.

To:- C.S.O.

From: C.L.O.

Reference your memorandum of 30th August, 1943, I should like to appoint Major G.G.Hannaford as representative of the Legal Division on the Economic and Financial Council.

W.C.C.
W.C.CHANLER, Lt.Col.(A.U.S.)
Chief Legal Officer.

AMGOT H.Q.

Subject: Case of Mario D'Alia

Italy C.I.O., Palermo.

AMCOT/4036/1.

31st August, 1945.

The papers in the case of the above named are returned herewith together with a copy of a Memorandum by the C.I.O.. A copy of this memorandum has been forwarded to the Studio Legale Avv. Marino Torre, Via Dante, Palermo.

A Summary Court should meet as directed in the final paragraph of the memorandum for the purpose of hearing further evidence on the financial position of the accused.

AMCOT H.Q.
15 Army Group.

W.C. CHANLER, Lt. Col. (A. U. S.),
Chief Legal Officer, AMCOT.

IN THE CASE OF ALBERTO D'ALIA
RECOMMENDED BY THE CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER, AMSCOT.

The petition filed on behalf of D'Alia Alberto, requesting a review of his case and asking for an annulment of the sentence imposed upon him, has been duly considered.

It is urged in Ground 1 of the Petition that the cement in question was the property of the Italian Government, in the custody of the accused at the time of the alleged offence; that the Allied Forces had at that time taken no steps to take it into possession and that therefore the accused could not be found guilty of stealing property of the Allied Forces, but only of converting property of the Italian Government to his own use. The offence was committed on August 16, 1943, Palermo was occupied by the Allied Forces on 23rd July, 1943 and Proclamation No. 2, under which the accused is charged with stealing property of the Allied Forces, was published in Palermo on or about 25th July, 1943. Under a well recognized principle of International Law, the cement, being movable property of the Italian Government upon occupation by Allied Troops. This Ground is accordingly overruled.

Grounds 2 and 3 of the petition present no reasons for annulling the sentence and are accordingly overruled.

Ground 4 of the petition is based upon the assumption that under Proclamation No. 2 an alternate sentence of imprisonment or fine only may be imposed. The Proclamation provides that any person found guilty by an Allied Military ~~Force~~ shall be liable to punishment "di tale reclusione o multa o esilio". This ground is accordingly overruled.

However the case is remanded to the Summary Court for the purpose of hearing further proof on the financial condition of the accused, with power to modify the fine imposed if the proof so warrants.

31 August, 1943.

W. C. ZWILLER, J.A. Del. (A.U.S.)
Chief Legal Officer, AMSCOT.

SUBJECT: General Order No. 2.

TO: C. A. O. Palermo.

ANGOT /4007/L

31 August 1943

1. Reference your memorandum JMK/L dated 30th August respecting copies of General Order No. 2. I note that you received only 50 copies of General Order No. 2 for the city of Palermo. In as much as 1,250 copies were sent to the Province of Palermo of which it would seem that about half at least should go to the city of Palermo, it is suggested that you take the matter up with the S.C.A.O. Palermo Province.

2. Printing facilities here are at the present time entirely required for matters of high priority and it will be some weeks before additional reprints could be made.

ANGOT HQ.,
15 Army Group,
SMF.

WM. C. CHAMBERLAIN,
Lt. Col. AUS,
Chief Legal Officer.

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AMCOT HT-SIGHT.

30 August 1943.

Subject: Draft Order to S.C.A. Os on State owned Property.

To: G. S. O.

Herewith draft order on state owned property about which we spoke yesterday. SJAOs will dislike it, but I don't see how we can evade this obligation.

C.H. Harris

Lieut-Colonel,
Controller of Property.

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AMGOT/6001/CP
AMGOT HQ SICILY
31 August 1943

SUBJECT: ENEMY STATE PROPERTY

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

1. All S.C.A.O.s will compile and forward to this H.Q. as soon as possible a list of all government properties (including the properties of the Fascist Party) in their provinces, together with short notes stating (a) the physical condition of the property, (b) its disposal, e.g., whether occupied by Armed Forces or by AMGOT, or by Italian Government officials, or leased to third parties, etc.

2. They will also instruct the appropriate provincial officials to submit inventories of all state properties not occupied by the Armed Forces. These inventories should include state owned buildings occupied by AMGOT. The term "state owned" does not include municipal buildings or school buildings, Prefetturas, etc, which are legally the property of the Commune or the Province, and not of the Italian State.

3. Copies of these inventories and of the lists specified in (1) above will be given to the A.C.P. of your provinces, who on receiving them will take formal custody of all state properties not occupied by the Armed Forces.

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

DISTRIBUTION: S.C.A.O. Agrigento.
Caltanissetto
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