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SUBJECT: Capt. Talbot's visit to Matera

TO : A.C.A.G., Region II

1. The following matters have been attended to on the return of Captain Talbot to Headquarters.
2. Radiolin Government. A letter has been sent to A.C.G. with a copy to you, on the subject of interference by the Italian Government in the affairs of your Region.
3. Juvenile Delinquents. This matter has been taken up with the Legal and Public Safety Subcommittees and a letter sent to you on the subject.
4. Olive Oil. The report that the smearing of this commodity is going badly, due, probably, to the recent price rise in Apulia, is noted with interest, as is also Lt. Col. Pick's proposal to reduce the price at the end of February by 30% or so to discourage hoarding. It is requested that he be asked to submit a short memorandum making recommendations on the subject.
5. C.A.G. All communicating to your Region from this Committee will, in the future, channel through these Headquarters.
6. P.O.L. A meeting with Capt. Fagan of the Petroleum Section, A.F.H.C. Advanced Administrative Echelon in Naples resulted in the following:
 - (a) Assurance is given by the Petroleum Section that for February and thereafter bulk supplies of P.O.L. will be regularly available through C.I.P. at the following places in your Region:

Matera	
Potenza	
Cosenza	(2 Rail cars secured this week)
Salerno	
Regio	
Catanzaro	
Gerone	(Not bulk, but supplied from Catanzaro)

In addition, it is hoped during February to have considerable supplies at Pizzo.

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(Capt. Talbot's visit to Matera - Cont'd.)

(b) The parcel of petrol and oil coupons, together with documents concerning the distribution of P.O.L., is believed to be still at R.F.O.'s office at Taranto. Your collection of this parcel and initiation of the coupon system is urgently required by Petroleum Section, A.F.M.S.

(c) McHolland from the Petroleum Section and Capt. Berrego are going to Bari next Monday, 24 January, and will visit your Region for the purpose of tying up any loose ends in your P.O.L. situation.

7. Agriculture and Industrial Statistics. Industry and Commerce and Agriculture Subcommittees have been asked to send Col. Luck any data or statistics available and to ensure that copies of any reports of visits made in your Region be sent to your Headquarters.

8. Legal Subcommission has been asked to send Lt. Korea to Region II to deal with a special carabinieri case at Reggio.

9. Shipping. The Mediterranean Shipping Board is responsible for all shipping matters in your Region. No local authority will be given to charter vessels. Programmes have to be submitted to the Board, through these Headquarters, or shipping requirements for a month ahead and all chartering and insurance will be arranged by the Board. Within the next 10 days a conference is being held here, which Lt. Col. Luck will be asked to attend, which will cover this subject and it is hoped will result in a definite policy being established.

10. Personnel. It has been arranged with G-1 at these Headquarters that, as a temporary measure, casualties of officers are to be notified to these Headquarters as alterations to the list of personnel in your Region dated January 15, 1944 which was handed to Capt. Talbot. These alterations, which must include inter-regional assignments, are to be made only as and when they occur. This should save considerable work.

No local authority can be given to deal with promotions of O.R.s. Recommendations must be sent through these Headquarters.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 512

5 January 1944

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SUBJECT: Contact with Regions I and II

TO : Chiefs of all Staff Divisions, Directorates
and Subcommissions

1. It is considered essential for these Headquarters to keep in close touch with Headquarters, Regions I and II. In order to do this and at the same time to assist personnel in these Headquarters and in Regional Headquarters to handle problems requiring action by the other most expeditiously, personal liaison will be maintained periodically between these Headquarters and the Regions.
2. Major Lewis Van Dusen will visit Region I and Captain Evan Talbot will visit Region II for the present.
3. The number and character of the trips will depend on the use which can be made of these officers while they are performing this duty.
4. It is requested that officers in these Headquarters desiring to secure action from Regional Headquarters through the above liaison Officers should keep in touch with them to ascertain when they will make their periodic visits. The first visits are planned for early in the week of January 9.
5. It is emphasized that the work of these officers will be in addition to, and not instead of, the ordinary channels of communication and liaison.


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