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FRENCH FORCES OF INTERIOR.

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PARA. THIS POLICY IS NOT TO BE PUBLISHED OUTSIDE OF THE ARMED FORCES.

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TRANSLATION

THE PRESIDENT

OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

HQ 31-1-100 304
34 Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 2-10-44 / 1023
By CTR

Rome, 4 September 1944

Subject: Organization of Patriots

Captain Ellery W. Stone
Head of the Allied Control Commission, Rome

I am replying to your letter, and with reference to the talks had with Colonel McCarthy of the Patriots Branch.

I have decided, in full agreement with your suggestions and subject to your approval, to set up a Commission which would be called the "Commission for Patriots", subordinate directly to the Presidency of the Council of Ministers. The Commission will be presided over by me and, in my absence, by the Undersecretary of State to the Presidency. The members will be: H.E. Mario Palermo, Undersecretary of State for War; H.E. Giuseppe Spataro, Undersecretary of State for Press and Information; Dr. Carlo Randi (assumed name of Dr. Riccardo Bauer, whose relatives are in the enemy-occupied zone), who is a civilian expert; and General Oddone, military expert.

The directives of the Commission will be carried out by a corresponding Patriots Office. The head of the Patriots Office could be, at the same time, Secretary of the Commission. I should like to consider entrusting this position to Lt. Col. Barnabo. The Patriots Office could be organized, along general lines, as follows: a personnel section, a re-employment and transportation section, a reimbursement section, an aid section, an historical section, and an administrative section. The work of the sections will be entrusted to mixed personnel, military and civilian.

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*Patriots' Branch,
Necessary Action*

/s/ I. Bonomi

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5 Sept 44

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2 September 1944

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Your letter 1/158 of 2 August 1944 relative to Italian Patriots with which was enclosed a draft copy of suggested statement to be issued by the Allied High Command, has been taken up with the Commander-in-Chief, Allied Armies in Italy.

The Commander-in-Chief has considered that it would not be advisable to make the suggested statement and it is felt that such statement would be most difficult, if not impossible to substantiate. It was pointed out that the patriots do not wear distinctive uniform according to the rules of warfare and do not all bear their arms openly. They cannot be said to have the status of regular fighting troops as an integral part of the Allied Armies in Italy or even of the Italian Regular Army.

The Commander-in-Chief greatly appreciates the actions of the Patriots in Northern Italy and the assistance that they are giving to his campaign. Public recognition of their activities in their desire to hasten the liberation of their country from the Nazi-Fascist yoke is given in the ITALIA COMBATTÉ broadcasts.

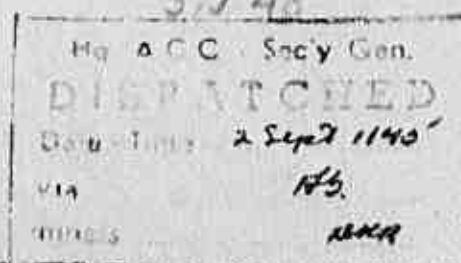
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Yours very truly,

Encl.

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
The President of Council of Ministers
Italian Government



ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner

Italian Government and Patriot
Activities.
Brigadier M. S. Lash

A/CO 324.5

28 Aug

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1. Reference attached letter from Adv. Hq. AAI, file 16/1/G(ops),
25 Aug 44, subject as above.

2. Will you see to it that this has appropriate action, please.

1 Incl:
as in para 1 above.

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Adv Headquarters,
Allied Armies in Italy.

Subject: Italian Government and Patriot Activities.

16/1/G(Ops)

A. C. C.

25 Aug 44

1. From unofficial reports received at this Headquarters it is apparent that the Italian Government are endeavouring to control Patriot activities in enemy occupied Italy. The Commander-in-Chief wishes to make it quite clear that under existing circumstances this cannot be tolerated.
2. The Commander-in-Chief reserves the right exclusively to direct their operations as hitherto in order to further his campaign.
3. Amongst the Partisans in Italy there is no unified command which takes its orders direct from the Commander-in-Chief. Resistance Groups have been built up either around members of the Italian Army who found themselves in Northern Italy at the time of the Armistice or around active members of various political parties.
4. All Resistance Groups have the common desire to hasten the liberation of their country, and the Allies have provided arms, ammunition and equipment that has been available to enable the groups to play an active part.
5. The organization set up in your Headquarters to deal with the difficult stage when Patriots pass into liberated Italy is believed to be working well.
6. It must be clearly understood that the Italian Government is granted powers and authority only in those parts of Italy which are turned over from time to time to their jurisdiction.
7. If the Italian Government wish to identify and concern themselves more fully with the Italian Patriots, it is suggested that they concentrate upon the difficult task of moulding the Patriots aspiration into good citizenship so that they may play an active part in the new Italy. It is suggested that this matter falls within the Province of the Minister of the Interior and not of the Minister for War unless the Patriots are absorbed into the Armed Forces.

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LIEUT.-GENERAL,
CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner
APO 394

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A/CC 324.5

28 August 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Brigadier M. S. Lush
Patriot Branch

IN TURN

1. Reference attached draft of letter to H. E. Ivance Bonomi and related correspondence on "Statement Giving Recognition to Italian Patriots".
2. Your comments or concurrence on the attached draft are requested.

ELMER W. STONE
Captain, USMC
Acting Chief Commissioner

7 Incls:

- Incl 1 - Ltr fr A/CC, dtd 8 Aug 44
- 2 - Suggested draft of statement submitted by H.E. Bonomi.
- 3 - Ltr fr Adv Hq. AAI, 16/1/G(Ops), dtd 25 Aug 44.
- 4 - Copy of announcement fr Alexander's Hq.
- 5 - Ltr fr Adv Hq. AAI, 16/1/G(Ops), dtd 26 Aug 44.
- 6 - Summary of Italian Army's activities
- 7 - Proposed draft of reply to H.E. Bonomi.

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Adv headquarters,
Allied Armies in Italy.

16/L/G(Ops)

Subject: Statement Giving Recognition to Italian Patriots.

To: A.C.C.

25 Aug 44

Reference your A/CC 324.5 dated 8 August.

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LIEUT.-GENERAL,
CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF.

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LIEUT.-GENERAL,
CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF.

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C O P Y.

The following special announcement is made from General Alexander's H.Q. :

As the Germans have been driven northwards the records of atrocities committed by them were considerably increased.

Those records are made by a special branch of the Allied Armies, formed for the purpose of sifting and collecting facts and evidence upon which action will be taken by the Commission For The Investigation And Punishment of War Criminals.

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SUBJECT: Activities of Italian Army

Advance Headquarters,
Allied Armies in Italy.

16/1/G (OPS)

26 Aug 44

To: Allied Control Commission

Reference your A/CC 324.5 dated 8 Aug 44.

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H. MAINWARING, Brig.

for Lieut General
Chief of general Staff.

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A/CC 327.5

24 August 1944

SUBJECT : Organisation of Patriots.

TO : His Excellency, President of the Council of Ministers.

1. The memorandum on this subject from the Minister of War has been carefully considered. It is felt that a meeting should be held as soon as possible to discuss the following matters.

2. WORKING COMMISSION

Some form of commission should be set up immediately by the Italian Government to handle, with guidance from the Patriots Branch A.C.C., the problem of (a) appointing Patriot Representatives and providing them with transport, (b) the preparation of records of Patriot activities (c) the payment of compensation and rewards, and, (d) the regular supply of information to the Patriots Branch.

3. CONSTITUTION OF THE WORKING COMMISSION

It is considered that this might be formed under the Ministry of the Interior or the Presidency of the Cabinet and that it should contain some officials coopted from the Ministries of War and Finance.

4. CONTROL OF PATRIOT ACTIVITIES

For all questions affecting Patriots North of the rear Army boundaries the working commission must clearly understand that it cannot have any authority whatsoever. All authority and contacts will be under the absolute control of General Alexander's H.Q. Any recommendations the committee may wish to make (e.g. ref Propaganda) should be addressed to the Patriots Branch A.C.C. For problems South of the Rear Army boundaries the active cooperation of the working commission will be welcomed, it being understood that nothing can be done without the full approval of A.C.C. Patriots Branch. Suggestions for activities in addition to those mentioned above can be discussed when the meeting takes place. It is suggested any time on Friday 25 August would be a suitable date if the Italian Government will be ready with its proposals by then.

c.c. Minister of War.
Political Section.
Admin. Section.

MILERY W. STONE
Captain, USMR
Acting Chief Commissioner.

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Secretary General

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General Browning, Army Sub-Commission

17 August

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With reference to your G/19 dated 15 August 1944, Captain Stone has directed me to inform you that he personally took care of this matter at AAI yesterday.

FRANK J. SLAUGHTER
Captain, A.G.D.
Deputy Secretary General

Hq ACC Sec'y Gen.
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Date-Time 17 Aug 1610
Via Message
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SUBJECT: Patriots - Status

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Army Sub-Commission, MMIA
HQ, ACC

ROME

G/19
15 Aug 44

Chief Commissioner, A.C.C.

1. Thank you for your A/CC 324.5 dated 11 Aug on the above.
2. I am sorry to have to "return to the charge", but my views have still not been represented correctly.
3. Your A/CC 324.5 dated 8 Aug para. 3 used the words:

"regular Italian troops at the front."

As I said in my G/19 of 10 Aug I considered that the tribute should NOT be limited to troops "at the front." I wished the tribute to be for the whole Regular Italian Army.

4. Would you therefore please inform HQ, AAI at once accordingly.

/s/ L. Browning

Major General,
Army Sub-Comm, A.C.C.

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16 Aug
Capt. Stone took this up personally
with Brig. Mainwaring at AAI. Gen.
Browning notified.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

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A/CC 324.5

11 August 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Director, Army Sub-Commission
Allied Control Commission

Reference is made to your letter of 10 August calling my attention
to para 3 of my letter A/CC 324.5 dated 8 August.

Thank you for calling this error to my attention. I am writing the
C-in-C, AAI at once requesting that the word "subsequently" be changed
to "simultaneously."

ALEXANDER W. STONE
Captain, USAR
Acting Chief Commissioner

cc: Political Section
Patriots Branch

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A/CC 324.5

11 August 1944

Subject: Statement Giving Recognition to Italian Patriots

To: Commander-in-Chief, Allied Armies in Italy

1. Reference is made to my letter dated 8 August, A/CC 324.5, on the above subject. The second line of para 3 of my letter incorrectly reflects General Browning's views in that the word "subsequently" should read "simultaneously".

2. I should be grateful if this correction is made on my original letter.

ELERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

cc: Army Sub-Commission
Political Section
Executive Commissioner for
Patriots Branch
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C O P Y

SUBJECT: Patriots - Status.

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Army Sub Commission, M.M.I.A.
H.Q., A.C.C.

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G/19
10 AUG 44.

To: Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission.

1. I have your A/GC 324.5 dated 8 August and I must draw attention to your para. 3.
2. In my G/19 dated 5 Aug I said that I recommended the issue of a statement paying tribute to the "regular Italian Army simultaneously." This appears in your para. 3 as "the regular Italian Army troops at the front subsequently." This is very different. The vast majority of the regular Italian Army is not at the front but doing work in rear areas which is exceedingly valuable. These troops should not be left out of the statement. Moreover, the issue of the Italian Army statement separately would have nothing like the same effect as an issue simultaneously.
3. Would you therefore please the C.-in.-C accordingly at once in order that he may know my actual views before he gives any decision in the matter.

tvS.LB.

/s/ L. Browning

Ma. Or General.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

copy to: Political Section A.C.C.
Patriot Branch A.C.C.

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Major General.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

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copy to: Political Section A.C.C.
Patriot Branch A.C.C.

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A/CC 324.5

8 August 1944

Subject: Statement Giving Recognition to Italian Patriots

To: Commander-in-Chief, Allied Armies in Italy

1. The Prime Minister of the Italian Government, desiring to have the Patriots receive maximum support and avoid being treated as fringe firms, has proposed that the Commander-in-Chief, Allied Armies in Italy, issue a statement of which a draft copy is enclosed. (10)

2. The statement has been coordinated with General Browning of my Army Sub-Commission who feels that on the whole the issuance of such a statement would be helpful, and I recommend that such a statement be issued. (9)

3. General Browning adds, however, and I concur, that it will be also desirable to issue subsequently another statement, paying tribute to the regular Italian Army troops at the front. The last statement issued by you, praising the work of the Italian troops in the offensive which began in May, was very well received by the Italian press and it seems clear that another such statement would also be helpful to the morale of both the Army and the civilian population.

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USMC
Acting Chief Commissioner

1 Encl.
Draft of statement

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cc: Army S/C
Pol. Sec.
Ex. Com. for Patriots Branch
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C O P Y

SUBJECT: - Patriots - Status.

Captain Ellery W STONE
U.S.N.R.,
Deputy Chief Commissioner,
A.C.C.

Army Sub Commission (AMIA)
H.Q. A.C.C.
ROME

6/19

5 Aug 44

1. This proposed statement would certainly tend to raise the morale of the patriots and give them a certain (doubtful) "cover" against being shot out of hand as franc tireurs by the Germans. To this extent it would do good.
2. The danger in issuing it is that:
- (a) When we reach a patriot band in our advance, it might consider that it has a right to be kept on as a formed band. This is contrary to existing policy, and disillusionment or an accusation of double-dealing against the Allies might ensue. This might be serious in areas where patriots are said to be numerous, such as ITALY.
 - (b) it gives another "puff" to the patriots and focusses Italian eyes on them rather than on the Regular Italian Army, which has been much more valuable, I think, to the Allied war effort.
3. The matter is for decision by A.A.I. of course, but on the whole I think it is worth issuing the statement (excluding the words in brackets) BUT
- (a) I would like to see a "cry up" of the Regular Italian Army issued simultaneously.
 - (b) I think the Italian Govt should be informed that our policy as regards ceiling etc of the Regular Italian Army will NOT be changed as a result of the issue of the statement, even if we overrun all ITALY.

/s/ L. Browning
Major General
Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
AMIA

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 - (b) It gives another "puff" to the patriots and focusses Italian eyes on them rather than on the Regular Italian Army, which has been much more valuable, I think, to the Allied war effort.
3. The matter is for decision by A.A.I. of course, but on the whole I think it is worth issuing the statement (excluding the words in brackets) BUT
 - (a) I would like to see a "cry up" of the Regular Italian Army issued simultaneously.
 - (b) I think the Italian Govt should be informed that our policy as regards ceiling etc of the Regular Italian Army will NOT be changed as a result of the issue of the statement, even if we overrun all ITALY.

/s/ L. Browning
Major General
Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
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IL PRESIDENTE DEL CONSIGLIO
DEI MINISTRI

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Ref. 1/158

Roma, August 2, 1944

Dear Admiral,

As you are aware, the Allied Control Commission has recently adopted several practical measures in recognition of the contribution given by Italian patriots to the Allied war effort against the Germans. The Italian Government have also acted on the same lines.

The Italian Government are of opinion that such measures could be very usefully developed and integrated in a statement to be issued by the Allied High Command in Italy, of which I take leave to enclose a draft copy.

You will note that the aim of the statement is that of considering the patriots, who are fighting with unabated vigour and considerable self-sacrifice in the occupied territory, as an integral part of the Italian Corps of Liberation and of the Allied Expeditionary Forces in Italy under the leadership of the Commander-in-Chief, General Alexander.

Such recognition would not only place them under the protection of the rules of warfare, but would undoubtedly give them encouragement and incentive of particular significance and importance. I need hardly stress the important place the patriots' movement occupies within the framework of our national life and in the consciousness of the Country.

I have no doubt, therefore, that you will give the matter your most earnest consideration in the interest not only of our own, but also of the common war effort.

Thanking you in advance for the kind interest I feel sure you will take in the matter,

Believe me,

Yours very sincerely

/s/ I. Bonomi

Admiral Ellery W. Stone, U.S.N.
Acting Chief Commissioner
Allied Control Commission
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cc: Army S/C
Pol. Sec.
Ex. Com. for Patriots
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The Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Armies in Italy has issued the following statement:

1. The Italian Patriots constitute a fighting army under the leadership of officers and is a part of the Allied Expeditionary Forces in Italy.
2. Italian patriots bear their arms openly against the Germans and have received precise instructions to conduct the war against the enemy according to the rules of warfare. They wear a badge which has been duly notified in accordance with international rules. General Alexander considers these troops as one of the forces at present under his command.
3. The status of regular fighting troops as an integral part of the Allied Expeditionary Forces in the war against Germany places them under the protection of International Conventions. Any reprisal that has been, or should henceforth be, exercised against the patriots organizations and the patriots themselves, would, therefore, represent a violation of the rules of warfare which are binding also on Germany. The Allied Chief Command will make every effort in order that the authors of any atrocity committed against troops acting under its orders shall be placed under trial and duly punished.

H.Q., Allied Armies in Italy

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27 July 1944

SUBJECT: The Patriot Movement

TO : Mr. John Rayner, DPMO, FWS, 62 Via Veneto, Rome (4)

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cc: E.G.S. (Ops), Hq., AAI

MILITARY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
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19th July, 1944

Subject: The Patriot Movement

To: B.G.S.(Ops), HQ., A.A.I.

1. You will have seen the report yesterday of the announcement by the Italian Government that they are recognising patriots as an integral part of the Italian Armed Forces.
2. This announcement follows upon an interview given by Mario Palermo, Communist Under Secretary of State for War, to a P.W.B. Officer. A copy of this statement is attached.
3. Particular points of interest in this statement are:
 - (a) The suggestion that the Italian patriots should be recognised as members of the Italian Army.
 - (b) The suggestion that an Italian General should direct the partisans from Liberated Italy.
 - (c) That he would be supported by a political leader, who would watch the political aspects of the patriot movement.
 - (d) The suggestion that a military intelligence office should be established for the purpose of propaganda to patriots, and propaganda about patriots to liberated Italy.
 - (e) The suggestion that the Italian Government should be consulted before dropping arms.
 - (f) The suggestion that a Brigade of volunteers should be created which will eventually form a small army of patriots.
4. We feel that if the Italian Government were to continue on this line independently, there might arise some difficulties.

With regard to (a) and (f) above, our understanding is that there are considerable difficulties in regard to the ceiling of the Italian Army.

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The suggestion under (b) would seem to conflict with the conception at present obtaining of a patriot movement under the direct orders of your headquarters.

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In regard to (c), our own feeling from the propaganda point of view, and, as I understand it, that of No. 1 Special Force from the operational point of view, is that this is most undesirable.

In regard to (d), from the security point of view alone, we suggest that the present method of handling propaganda of both kinds is the right one. Apart from the possible operational value of the L'Italia Combatta programme in so far as direct appeals are concerned, there is also its value from what might be called the "A" Force point of view.

In regard to (e): this is a matter which concerns No. 1 Special Force, who, we understand, do not regard it as desirable.

5. We understand that A.C.C. will be glad to have any recommendations from your headquarters and ourselves on this matter for immediate action. It is clear also that from the political point of view there are wide implications in the Under Secretary's statements.

6. We would be very glad, therefore, to have your views on our comments so that the matter may be taken up with A.C.C. as soon as possible.

/s/ John Reyner
D.P.W.O.

Copies to: Acting Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission.
Commander Holdsworth, No. 1 Special Force.

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Report of an interview by a P.W.B. representative with Mario Palermo,
Communist Undersecretary for War.

In conversation with a P.W.B. Officer, Mario Palermo, the Communist Under-Secretary of State for War, talked at length of the problem of the partisans. He said that he had been asked by his government to prepare a project for the solution of this problem. The project would be presented to the Cabinet at its first meeting in Rome on Saturday. If the Government approves the plan will be submitted to the Allies.

The project might be summarised as follows: the government would publicly recognise as soldiers of the Italian army all Italians fighting the Germans and Fascists in occupied Italy. The government would appoint a general who would direct and co-ordinate the military efforts of the partisans from this side. He would of course have to be an efficient and honest general, capable of inspiring confidence among the partisans. He would naturally be in close contact with the military leaders of the resistance movements in occupied Italy. This general would be flanked by a political leader, whose function would be to interest himself in the political aspects of the partisan movement and, in particular to maintain liaison with his opposite numbers in occupied Italy. Under these two heads there would be a branch of military intelligence which would collect all material connected with the partisan movement and a propaganda section. The latter would be responsible for collecting material useful for propaganda to the partisans. It would also collect material useful for propaganda in liberated Italy, so as to increase the interest among Italians in this part of Italy in the war, and particularly in the heroic struggle carried out by Italians in occupied Italy.

The Italian Government was, Palermo said, most anxious to increase Italy's contribution to the war effort, and there was no doubt that the most effective contribution so far carried out on land was being given by the Partisans in occupied Italy. He felt therefore that it was the duty of the Italian Government directly to encourage in every way possible Italian resistance in Central and Northern Italy. He was passionately interested in the resistance movement and felt that this movement should be sponsored by the Italian Government. He hoped the Allies would allow the Italian Government to take a direct interest in the movement of resistance, though naturally the final control would rest with the Allies. Although he was a Communist, he did not look at this problem from a Party point of view, but from a national point of view. He believed that at this moment everything should be subordinated to winning the war, and therefore those monarchists who were sincere should be encouraged to fight. It was essential in these grave moments to have a united Italy. He thought that Togliatti's praise of the monarchist naval officers who had come over to fight was both wise and opportune, as certain naval officers, after the formation of the Bonomi Government had been reluctant to continue fighting. They had, after all, he said shown that they were prepared to fight after the armistice and nothing, he thought, should be done

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He believed that the Italian Government should be responsible for organising and directing the partisan movement in cooperation with the Allies. He believed that when territory was liberated the partisans should be given the opportunity of volunteering to fight immediately against the Germans. He himself was ashamed of the small contribution given by Italy to the common fight against the Germans. The Allies had declared that Italy must redeem her past by her contribution to the common war effort. He agreed with this, as only in this way would

the Allies be able to judge the good faith of the Italians. But the Italians needed arms in order to fight. Wherever he travelled, he was besieged by requests from Italians anxious to fight, but in view of the restrictions placed by the Allies on the number of Italians permitted to be at the front, it was impossible to satisfy these requests. It was sad to watch the enthusiasm of these volunteers being dampened. It was particularly sad to see the disillusion coming over the partisans who had actually fought and whose only desire was to continue the fight. If only the Allies would agree to provide a small quantity of arms, then a brigade or a division of volunteers could be founded. Gradually more and more of the partisans could be incorporated into the army and a really popular - even if small - army created.

He felt also that the Italian government should be consulted as to how, when and where arms should be dropped in occupied Italy; otherwise there was a danger of civil war after the peace because many dangerous elements might come into possession of arms. The Italian government did not know where the arms were being dropped and it was essential to avoid the possibility of civil war later.

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394.

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: 30/1/PAT.

18th July 1944.

SUBJECT: General Instructions on the Administration of Patriots in
Military Government Territory.

TO : Distribution Below.

1. The handling of patriots is a difficult problem which will increase in complexity as the advance continues and the patriots increase in numbers and achieve more successes. Their rehabilitation in liberated territory is an added burden to CAG's in Armies and Provincial staffs, but it is a duty which must be carried out with firmness and sympathy and with the knowledge that success or failure in this matter may have wide repercussions in this and other territories.

2. Patriots, although mostly Italians, may be of any nationality, and are defined as being those in the ranks of genuine fighting bands who have carried arms, engaged in sabotage or secured important military information to the benefit of the Allied war effort.

3. The following directions contain the main principles of the agreed policy with regard to patriots and all the procedure to put that policy into effect. Instructions for dealing with all those who have helped Allied Prisoners of War are being issued separately.

4. On liberation of territory patriots must revert from their quasi-military status and become good citizens. To this end a message in poster form signed by General Alexander has been prepared and will be widely published.

5. Patriots come under the aegis of AMG officers whose duty it is to see that the metamorphosis from military to civilian status takes place with the minimum of disillusionment. To this end representatives of patriot organisations have been sent to Army AMG's and Italian committees with strong patriot representation will be set up in the local governments of liberated territory. It is extremely important that while order is to be maintained and arms have to be surrendered, patriots should be treated with great tact and sympathy in order to avoid antagonism and discouragement which would become known and have an adverse effect upon patriots still operating against the enemy. Leaders of patriot groups should be thanked by AMG officers for the assistance which they have rendered to the Allies and told to convey to their groups the Allied appreciation of their efforts.

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7. Patriots will be unwilling to hand in arms but the preservation of law and order precludes the existence of irregular armed bands in liberated territory: the law demands their surrender and they must therefore be tactfully told to obey the law.
8. After months of guerrilla warfare it will be hard for patriots to settle down to normal life. To encourage rapid return to their ordinary vocations will be one of the most difficult duties of the local committees who, like AMG officers

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and Italian officials, must deal with the patriots not as a nuisance but with sympathy and gratitude. It should at all times be remembered that an unemployed patriot is not only a disgrace to the community but a menace.

9. While it is desirable to leave the rehabilitation of patriots to the Italians themselves, in the form of local committees, CAO's and especially Provincial Officers in the later period of occupation, remembering that they have fought for the Allies, should ensure that they are given a square deal.

10. 20,000 posters have been sent to AMG 5 Army and 30,000 to AMG 8 Army. These should be displayed immediately after liberation of territory and the attention of all patriots drawn to them. The contents of the poster will also be broadcast locally by FWS and will be published in Italian newspapers.

11. In order to show appreciation of individual effort certificates of merit have been prepared for issue to every individual patriot vouched for by the local patriot leader. Certificates will be endorsed by the recognised patriot leader and by an Allied officer (e.g. the CAO). If for any reason the patriot leader wishes to remain anonymous his signature can be replaced by a pseudonym or signed by another patriot representative. Posthumous certificates may be awarded to next-of-kin. In special cases letters of thanks by Corps or other senior commanders may be sent to towns or villages who collectively and actively have aided the Allied cause.

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- (c) to assist AMG generally in dealing with all patriot problems.

16. These representatives draw pay from their own organisations. They should be housed and rationed and supplied with POL by AMG (DAMG, ALI is sending instructions to Armies HQ to this effect).

17. Distribution of these representatives is as follows:-

- 4 to AMG 5 Army;
- 6 to AMG 8 Army, of whom 2 are for Pol Corps.

Cars may be requisitioned for them locally.

18. When these patriot representatives enter new areas with CAOs it is suggested that they should set up a special patriot office and produce for the CAO a complete list of patriots in the area in order that certificates may be issued and plans made for their re-employment.

19. These representatives should also be of assistance in setting up the more permanent communal committees whose duties will be to organize the re-employment and dispersal of patriots on the lines set out in the attached Appendix.

20. Patriot leaders should be encouraged to prepare lists of their groups and reports on their operations previous to Allied occupation.

21. Patriots must hand in their arms (including hand grenades and bombs). No other reason need be invoked except that the law requires the surrender of arms. At the same time peremptory orders in the first instance should be avoided.

22. Arms should be handed over normally to CAOs and Allied officers and a receipt should be signed by these officers or patriot leaders. Carabinieri or other patriots may be used to receive and guard surrendered arms and great care should be taken with regard to storage, especially of bombs and grenades.

23. Surrendered arms will as far as possible be removed to central points whence some of them will be taken over by No. 1 Special Force who need them for further operations. It is important that the Patriot Branch, AOC, should be notified of the location of arms and stores, numbers of arms, and be given a general picture of the position including estimated number of arms still unsundered.

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no other reason need be invoked except that the law requires the surrender of arms. At the same time peremptory orders in the first instance should be avoided.

22. Arms should be handed over normally to CMOs and Allied officers and a receipt should be signed by these officers or patriot leaders. Carabinieri or other patriots may be used to receive and guard surrendered arms and great care should be taken with regard to storage, especially of bombs and grenades.

23. Surrendered arms will as far as possible be removed to central points whence some of them will be taken over by No. 1 Special Force who need them for further operations. It is important that the Patriot Branch, AOC, should be notified of the location of arms and stores, numbers of arms, and be given a general picture of the position including estimated number of arms still unsurrendered.

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FORMATION OF COMMUNAL COMMITTEES FOR RE-EMPLOYMENT
AND DISPERSAL OF PATRIOTS.

1. (a) The Committee will be formed and exist at Commune level only in the first instance.
(b) Subject to local conditions a suggested form of committee is as follows:-

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four or more representatives chosen by and from the patriots;
two members of the Giunta Comunale if formed as such or otherwise
two well known and respected local residents.

(c) Consistency of policy, co-ordination of the efforts of the Communal Committees and means of communication from AMG/ACC HQ should be effected at Provincial level by and through the Prefect acting on the advice and under the supervision of the Provincial Commissioner.
2. The function and purpose of the Committee are as follows. They will firstly determine whether persons calling themselves patriots are in fact patriots. After sifting for this purpose, the bogus patriots will be ignored. The genuine patriots will be classified and dealt with in the following manner:-
 - (a) Local absorption into their ordinary walks of life and means of livelihood and employment (particularly agricultural and harvesting) which may still exist in the local area. They will be dealt with as any other residents of the locality who had remained there. This process will apply both to patriots whose home is in the particular area and to non-residents if the latter so wish. Preference may be given to patriots in providing employment.
 - (b) Non-residents who do not want to stay in the area. It is believed that this class will be very small in number. They will return to their homes. Their return will be arranged locally by the CAO to Provincial HQ thence by the Provincial Commissioner.
 - (c) Those who want to join the Army immediately (as opposed to waiting for "call up" if and when liable) will be conveyed to Provincial HQ and thence under Provincial arrangements to such points as may be determined by the Allied/Italian Military authorities. To enable this to be done the MMIA will keep Regional Commissioners and SCAs informed as to the places to which such persons are to be conveyed and any other relevant information for the purpose.
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(e) Yugo Slavs who have not already been sifted and dealt with under these instructions will be returned through Displaced Persons Sub-Commission for special employment in Yugo Slav fighting forces.

3. The Sindaco and/or his official will keep proper records of the Committee's proceedings including the names, certificates (if any) and classification of all persons dealt with and the method and date of their disposal.

Lists prepared by patriot leaders together with any other relevant information which may be required will be made available to the Committee.

MINUTES OF CONFERENCE HELD ON 3 JULY 44 IN ROME TO DISCUSS THEADMINISTRATION OF PATRIOTS IN OCCUPIED ITALYPRESENT :-

Brigadier M.S. Lush (Chairman)	Executive Commissioner, A.C.C.
Lt. Col. Amos	Rome Region
Mr. Bauer	Patriot (C.I.N.)
Col. Bernabo	Patriot (Military)
Group Captain Benson	AMP 8 Army
Maj Gen Browning	M.M.I.A.
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Mr. Gaccia	A.C.C.
Col. Carter	O.S.S.
Brigadier Dunlop	Region IV
Major Fielden	A.C.C.
Lieut Harris	No.1. Special Force
Col. Fiske	A.C.C.
Major Koch	O.S.S.
Lieut Macnamara	A.C.C.
Brigadier Mainwaring	A.A.I.
Col. Mc Carthy	A.C.C.
Col. Monfort	A.C.C.
Col. Pidsley	M.M.I.A.
Mr. Reynar	P.W.B.
Major Talbot	A.C.C.
Mr. Reber	A.C.C.
Major Tennant	No.1. Special Force
Col. Upjohn	A.C.C.
Col. Young	A.C.C.

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Detailed instructions to be sent to AIZ at Armies by Patriot Branch of R.C. & M.D. Section.

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 Major Tennant
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3. The duties of Patriot Raps are to be in no way political.

4. Permission to put Patriot Raps on the AMG ration strength and to allow them to draw petrol was later obtained from L.I (C).

5. It was also agreed later that the Michaelis and Bauer Raps should be called Patriot Raps (Mil) and Patriot Raps (G.I.N.) respectively.

Detailed instructions
 to be sent to AMG at
 Armies by Patriot
 Branch of R.C. & M.D.
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Preliminary action in occupation.

6. The poster prepared by F.W.B. for Gen Alexander's signature was approved subject to an additional clause appealing for the gathering of the harvest. This poster is to be posted in forward areas, and the contents put in Italian newspapers and broadcast by F.W.B.

7. The surrender of arms must be justified by law and not on grounds of military expediency i.e. the statement that arms will be returned to Northern Italy.

8. The time of handing in arms to be at the discretion of C.A.O.s who may use Patriots for temporary police work if necessary.

9. Arms must be handed in to A.D. and not to carabinieri though the latter may handle the collection thereof. Receipts for arms should be given and should be signed by C.A.O.s.

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10. After discussion it was decided not to issue collective certificates of merit since this would be most difficult to administer and would certainly cause ill feeling.

11. It was agreed that the only certificates of merit to be issued to Patriots (apart from those given to persons who have helped escaping Prisoners of War) should be to members of recognised fighting bands who have carried arms, carried out demolitions or engaged in sabotage. It will be the duty of C.A.O.s helped by their Patriot Raps to adjudicate in doubtful cases.

12. The certificate will be signed by General Alexander in facsimile, and will also be endorsed by the local Patriot leader and an Allied Officer.

13. Regional Officers will take over from departing Army C.A.O.s the responsibility for the issue of certificates.

Subsequent employment of Patriots.

14. It was suggested that the problem of

(a) F.W.B.
(b) Detailed instructions to be sent to A.D. at Armies by Patriot Branch of R.C. & M.G. Section.

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14. It was suggested that the problem of finding employment for Patriots should be handled by a committee at every provincial seat of Government reporting to the Prefect and the AMG representative. In rural areas the men can usefully be employed on agriculture; in towns on the clearance of debris, and the necessary reconstruction of roads and essential buildings. It is essential to find work to absorb the Patriots otherwise militant political parties would resurrect.

Detailed instructions to be sent to AMG at Armies by Patriot Br. of R.C.M.C. Section.

(a) P.W.B.
(b) Detailed instructions to be sent to AMG at Armies by Patriot Br. of RC & MG Section.

Draft proposals to be put up by Patriots Branch.

15. The G.C.C. M.M.I.A. stressed that as Italian conscription law extended into AM territory, Patriots of military age were liable for service. In practice it would take a little time to establish the machinery for registration etc. in forward areas. Pending further notifications patriots of military age should therefore be encouraged to act on a temporary basis in the same way as those of other age groups.

Persons who have assisted Allied P.O.W. to escape.

16. A scheme of aid is in operation for people who have assisted Allied P.O.W. to escape. This was discussed and it was decided that no further action could be taken meantime.

C. D. Mc Carthy
C.D. MC CARRY,
Colonel,
Patriot Branch,
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AOC will provide a suitably worded document, thanking the patriot for his good work and at the same time acting as a receipt for the arms he hands in.

Most patriots will wish to return to their normal occupations. They should be encouraged to do so. There will be some, however, whose homes are in Northern Italy and who will require subsistence. These will be directed by AMG to camps to be established by AOC in the East and West sectors.

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Use will, of course, be made by military personnel of any information which the patriots can give, but military personnel will not employ patriots in any fighting role once they have been liberated.

It is emphasized that military personnel must not become involved in problems raised by resistance group leaders or patriots, and no promises will be made to them. They will in all cases be referred to JEF with whom the representatives of the various organizations will be working in close touch.

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Lt. Gen.,
Chief of General Staff.

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