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Draft Brief for Lord Stanbury
JAN. - April 1944

DRAFT - EF FOR LORD STANSFORD.

- 1 There is a great deal of confusion in many minds as to how the machinery of ACC is intended to function and there is a resultant loss of efficiency, loss of time, friction and reduplication of effort.
- 2 The confusion of thought is due partially to the fact that the demarcation between the functions of certain sections has not been clearly defined, and partially to misunderstandings, partially to inexperience.
- 3 So far as I understand the position, the functions of RCMG are three:
 - (i) What in the War Office is known as Staff Duties, (which is there carried out by a Branch of the General Staff).
 - (ii) ~~That for control purposes it acts in addition as 'OC Regions', and as the channel for communication with certain outside bodies, and~~
 - (iii) General Administration (i.e. A & Q matters) of HQ itself. ~~and~~
 - (iv) As the Section in charge of certain Sub Commissions. ~~Dis. RCMG~~
- 4 At the War Office the SD Branch is responsible for the production of War Establishments, the allocation of Staff functions, the preparation of directives; manuals of instruction; the selection and training of Staff officers and the selection for staff appointments and commands; the planning of the functions which should be allotted to the various branches of the staff. In short they plan the work and the staff to do it but they do not take part in the work itself.
- 5 With regard to the second function, that of OC Regions. There is an obvious convenience in having a single channel of command and communication but this function is one of an entirely different class to the first and is basically analogous to the appointment of CSO to a Commander. It is the combining of two such different functions ~~in one person~~ that has led to some confusion of thought.
- 6 It is not intended to refer further to the third ^{and fourth} functions of RCMG which ~~is~~ not a cause of serious misunderstanding.
- 7 Vice Presidents of Sections and Directors of Sub Commissions have power to make certain decisions and these are notified to Regions through RCMG. Technically speaking, these decisions are made on behalf of the CC and the orders that are issued are his; but the fact that the orders are issued through RCMG is responsible for the ~~incorrect~~ idea prevalent in many quarters that officers of Regions are directly responsible to RCMG for all their acts and that their correct channel of correspondence is RCMG. ~~Even staff a function of the General Staff~~
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9 This line of demarkation between these functions is not even understood by the officers of RCMG staff themselves let alone Regions or other Sub Comms, as the following examples which are all from the table of ONE particular Staff officer on ONE particular day, the 6 Apl. The extent of the delay, disorganisation and misunderstanding occurring in the whole HQ must be tremendous.

In the following examples the words Sub Commissions are omitted for the sake of brevity.

Papers A.

Finance, instead of addressing ^{MFAA} direct which as a branch of the staff they are entitled to do, write on the 31 Mar to the Exec Commr who on the 5 Apl writes from Naples to the Adm Sec at Salerno (and writing on a separate file for that purpose) who then have to send the letter back to MFAA at Naples. MFAA will not receive the letter written in Naples on the 31 Mar until at least 7 Apl meanwhile a number of persons have been quite uselessly employed registering, filing, copying the correspondence and paper has been wasted etc.

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it apparently is contemplated that future correspondence on this subject should also follow the same channel, slowing down the machine horribly to little or no purpose as RCMG who have laboriously duplicated the files on the subject are not the executive authority. They are merely a conduit pipe and a bottle neck at that.

Papers B.

RC Region 11 writing on the 28 Mar on the technical matter of prisons instead of addressing Public Safety direct writes to RCMG who write a forwarding letter on a different file to Adm Sec which is received by and passed to Public Safety on 6 Apr; again a number of persons have been quite uselessly employed and much time, labour and paper wasted.

Just imagine the copies of files that quite uselessly exist at RCMG and the staff that must be required to register these letters in and out, to write the covering letters, to make the copies of the letters to be enclosed and to file them.

Papers C.

In this case the routing etc of the papers is quite correct but the matter complained of discloses that a senior technical officer has been appointed without any reference to the Sub Comm responsible for the work in question or with the senior technical officer under whom the officer was to work and that an experienced officer with whose work his superior was well pleased has been replaced. Such unwarranted interference with the internal working leads to discontent, a feeling of insecurity and to ultimate inefficiency.

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The correspondence discloses a complete misunderstanding of the functions of RCMG who are not concerned with any technical matter of government. If this is not the case a clarification of the respective functions of RCMG and the Sub Comms is urgently needed. If the expert Sub Comms at HQ are not responsible for the running of the functions of which they are nominally the head, they may as well be abolished and let the laymen (at RCMG) be responsible for technical details.

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They decide upon a scheme which the expert could have told them at once would be impracticable and inacceptable. No prefect has any power or position with regard to other provinces and little knowledge of local conditions in those other provinces. The Bari Board for instance covers ten provinces with the detailed conditions of nine of which the Bari Prefect will be quite unacquainted. He will therefore be of little assistance to the Board while if he be elevated to a position which may be regarded as superior to that of the other nine Prefects it is likely to cause ill feeling and friction.

This is a case where the Interior expert on Italian Government should have been consulted so that a workable scheme might have been produced.

Then without waiting to get any re-action from the Italian Government the AFB get legal to present to the Italian Government a draft decree carrying out their proposals. Surely this is the way to create ill feeling and friction.

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Paper's F

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Indicate that RC Region III wrote to RCMG suggesting S for a certain prefecture. On 3 Apl (apparently after the lapse of some days) RCMG ask Adm Sec to obtain the views of the Italian Government. This letter is not received until the 5th April and is handed to and acted on by Interior the same day. On the 6 Apl the Italian Liaison Officer informed Interior that RC Region III has already been in direct communication with the Italian Govt. Interior also receive on that day a letter dated 5 Apl (the same day they received the first communication) which approves the person 'nominated' by RC Region III.

This makes a perfect laughing stock of Interior.

Two points are obvious:

- (a) That if RC Region III had written Interior direct, the letter would have got there so much earlier; there was nothing that RCMG could do but send it on wasting time and labour, and
- (b) RC Region III should not have approached the Italian Government - what would have been the position if for some unknown reason we could not approve of his 'nomination'?

The position is preposterous.

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Yet with these large responsibilities it is stated to have no officers in the field and the officers who are in fact exercising local government functions and powers are shown in Paper K as a part of RCMG.

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Subject ~~B~~ L.

Not only has the enquiry into the distribution of Medical Supplies been much delayed by the use of various wrong channels of communication ~~and~~ but RCMG has much correspondence on this subject of which the responsible Sub Comm had until the last few days, no knowledge.

10 The correspondence quoted collected from ONE day only amply shows there is in fact a great deal of confusion and misunderstanding and that Regions recognise little responsibility to communicate with any other quarter than RCMG and the delay, friction, waste and inefficiency which this causes.

Certain functions have been declared to be the respective spheres of action of Sub Comms. It is requested that it shall be made perfectly clear to all CA officers in Regions with Armies or at HQ that on these matters they will correspond directly with ~~and only with~~ the appropriate Sub Comm, ~~or~~ Section

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When a purely technical matter is under discussion the Sub Commission will answer direct ~~except~~ where a question of policy is involved or when approval of higher authority is required. In such cases it is for the Sub Comm to initiate the recommendation to the appropriate quarters.

As the spheres of Sub Comms covers all ground except that of Staff Duties, MS, A & Q matters, Regions and Armies will communicate with RCMG on these matters only.

- 11 If RCMG has any other function may it be precisely defined.

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PAPERS A.

1. Letter 13025/F dated 31 Mar 44 from Finance to Dep. Exec. Comm.
2. Letter 26/22/CA dated 5 Apr 44 from Exec. Commr. to Adm Sec.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
FINANCE SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

13025/F

31 March 44

SUBJECT : Naples Marine Zoological Institute and Aquarium

TO : Deputy Executive Commissioner.

1. Reference your 26/20/CA dated 27 March 1944
2. When the subject of the Naples Marine Zoological Institute and Aquarium was first brought to our notice, the RFO Region III was consulted, and he informed this Sub-Commission that the Aquarium had received such amounts as had been applied for and approved within the regular budget of the Region. This Sub-Commission therefore recommended that the suggestion of a remittance from the Royal Society be turned down.
3. On receipt of your letter, the RFO Region III has again been consulted, and as far as he knows, the situation remains entirely unchanged. The Aquarium has not applied for funds for some time.
4. It appears, therefore, to this Sub-Commission that the remittance from the Royal Society should not be approved. If it is desirable to keep this scientific institution in operation the necessary finance should be provided through the Italian Government budget.

BELT/rha.

/s/ E. H. FOLEY, Jr.,
Colonel,
Joint Chief Finance Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394
Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: 26/22/CA.

5th April 1944.

SUBJECT : Naples Aquarium.

TO : Vice President, Adm Sec.
(For Monuments & Fine Arts Sub-Com).

Copy of a letter from the Finance Sub-Commission is forwarded
for the comments of the Monuments and Fine Arts Sub-Commission.

NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel, Deputy,
Executive Commissioner.

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PAPERS B.

1. Letter A/PS/63 dated 24 Mar 44 from Prisoner Section Reg II to RPO Reg II.
2. Letter 146A dated 26 Mar 44 from HQ No 2 Dist to RC Region II.
3. Letter A/PS/73 dated 28 Mar 44 from RC Region II to Exec. Commr.
4. Letter 317/14/CA dated 4 Apr 44 from Dep Exec Commr to Adm Sec.

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HEADQUARTERS
ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II

Ref/2/P3/63

24 Mar 44

SUBJECT: Prison situation in Puglia (especially in regard to
BRINDISI, TARANTO & LECCE),

TO : Regional Police Officer, Region II.

1. The situation is such that in my opinion immediate representation should be made to highest authority for further instructions.
Recent visit to these three prisons show that the overcrowding has reached its limits.

2. BRINDISI. The requisitioning of the Prison of Brindisi has created a situation where the slowness of the Italian law and the daily arrests made have crowded the small part of the prison remaining to the Italian Civil authorities (for the purpose of accommodating the prisoners awaiting trial, beyond reason - able calculation.

	Men	Women
Population	127	25
Capacity	80	20

Within a few days it may be impossible to accommodate further numbers. I have given instructions for the immediate removal of the sentenced prisoners to other prisons, but this will not solve the problem for the future. It must be borne in mind that Civil troubles may at any time break out and there would be no accommodation for those arrested.

I ask, in view of the civil outlook for the de-requisitioning of this prison or at least a greater part than is (temporarily) left to the Civil authorities.

On a previous visit at the time of the Military requisitioning, I called on the Procurator Del Re and presented the situation. It has been represented to me by the Area Commander (71 sub-area) that if the Italian Civil authorities would find and requisition a suitable building the sub-area would help to a considerable degree in conditioning it as a prison. I represented this to the procurator del Re.

On my calling again on March 20th, I was informed that the Procurator was away so I put my views to the Deputy Procurator, who could offer nothing as a result of my previous suggestions. The view I take of this is that co-operation on the part of Italian authorities is not existent.

When at last I was able to see the Procurator, I commented very strongly on this, but I must record that in my view a suitable building would be difficult to find, that it would take a considerable time to condition, whereas the problem demands immediate solution.

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The Judicial Prison at LeCCa.

Population	778
Capacity	550

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This overcrowding is due to the large number of Italian Naval and Military prisoners who number 564, and the enforced reception of prisoners from Brindisi, I have approached the Italian Deputy Minister for War, Col. Fiore-Ver-nazza at Lecce, and the Admiral commanding at Brindisi, concerning the removal of these prisoners, which would relieve the situation very much, but I have little hope of an early settlement. In my opinion the strongest pressure should be invoked from high authority.

REMARKS. Three-quarters of this prison has been requisitioned by the British Military which action has crowded that part remaining in Civil hands.

Population	199
Capacity	150

BARI. Fearfully overcrowded.
an examination of the figures reveal the extraordinary state of
this prison.

Population	1,434
Capacity	702

Italian Military and Naval Prisoner	610
+ Civilian held by Italian Military auth.	<u>247</u>
Total	757
Remaining Civilians are untried	<u>677</u>
Total	1,434

It will be seen therefore that no prisoners can be transferred
to other prisons if space were available in them.

Copy to: R.P.S.O.
" " Legal

E.W. ALLEN, Capt.
Prisoner Section
ACC, Region II

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COPY

SUBJECT : Imprisonment of Italian Criminals

Hq No 2 District, CMF
146 A

26 Mar 44

The Regional Commissioner
Allied Control Commission
Region II

Reference your 2201/59/1 of 20 Mar 44.

1. Since the visit of R.L.O. 2 Region enquiries have been made from "v" at this Hq and the following information obtained.

- (a) AFHQ adv Area Ech in their 50/7/v of 28 Jan 44 stressed the difficulties of the Italian Prison Administration in housing convicted offenders owing to the requisitioning of prisons by the Allied Forces and requested all concerned to vacate any then occupied which could be released.
- (b) Instructions were sent on 3 Feb 44 to all Areas and Sub Areas to implement the above policy.
- (c) A return of all requisitioned prisons has been called for and the information will be available on 28 Mar 44.

2. The number of prisons requisitioned in this district is known to be very small but on receipt of the full facts each case will be reconsidered and we will submit our views to you in due course.

'sgd/ Major-General
Comd No 2 District

Copy to:- " (2,

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II

Ref/A/PS/73

28 Mar 44

Subj: Civil Prison at Brindisi.

TO : Executive Commissioner, R.C. and M.G. Section
ACC Headquarters, Naples.

1. Reference your 317/10/Ca which was received at this HQ on the evening of 26 Mar.

2. I requested Col. Dale-Glossop to inform you of the deplorable, overcrowded conditions in the Apulian prisons, including Brindisi, when he reached Naples on 27 Mar. I also requested him to ask that further instructions be sent, after he had submitted these facts to you. The Regional Legal Officers is so much concerned about prison conditions from the standpoint of the prosecution of criminals that he has submitted recommendations to the Chief Legal Officer that all prisons should be de-requisitioned at once. On Mar 27 we also received the attached letter from the G.O.C., No. 2 Dist. which indicates his willingness to de-requisition all prisons which can be released.

3. In the light of the actual conditions and the position of the G.O.C., No. 2 District, it is respectfully requested that you inform us your desires in this matter.

4. In case Col. Dale-Glossop was not able to make contact with you, I am attaching a copy of Captain Alden's report on the prison situation in Apulia.

/s/ G.H. McCaffrey
/t/ G.H. McCaffrey
Lt. Col., Inf.
R.C.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/317/14/CA.

4 April 1944

SUBJECT : Civil Prison at Brindisi.

TO : V.P. Admin. Section (for Public Safety-Sub-Commission)

1. Enclosed herewith are copies of letter No. A/PS/73 of 28 March received from R.C. of Region II, and also copy of enclosure.
2. Will you please take appropriate action in this matter.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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PAPERS C.

1. Letter (no reference no). from RPSO Reg 5 to Lt. General Sir Mason MacFarlane dated 23 March 44, forwarded under,
2. Letter from RPSO Reg 5 to RC Reg 5 dated 23 Mar 44.
3. Letter R5/501/1 dated (no date) to Chief Commissioner thru' RCMG.
4. Letter 16004/G-1 dated 4 Apr 44 from G-1 to Adm Sec.

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TO: Lieut. General Sir Mason MacFarlane, K.C.B., D.S.O., M.C.

FROM: Col. H. Rawlings, R.P.S.G., Reg. 5

SUBJECT: Public Safety.

DATE: 23 March, 44

Sir,

I have the honour to bring to your notice the following facts.

I am the Senior British Police Officer overseas, and am at present the R.P.S.O. for Region 5, in which capacity I consider it my duty to advise my Commissioner the best way in which to use the police personnel in the Region.

I have always endeavoured to carry out the above to the best of my ability, and as I know the background, and ceiling capacity of every British police officers overseas I believe I know where and how they can be best employed. Unfortunately I find that officers without any police experience at all are being given appointments in the P.S. Departments.

A glaring case is that of Major H.V. Reilly, now in Campobasso. This officer has been appointed S.C.A.P.O. for Campobasso Province, thereby displacing a tried and trusted British Police Officer from one of Britain's most important cities, and one who has 25 years police service to his credit. The officer in question is Major G. Manifold. No report has been made against Major Manifold and he himself has never been acquainted in writing or otherwise of any complaint against him. One can only therefore assume that there is no complaint.

I know that every police officer, each of whom volunteered for service overseas, was most carefully chosen for work abroad. I myself interviewed a number of behalf of the Home Office and War Office and in fact rejected a number. These Officers are extremely keen to do a job of work which will be of help, and assistance to A.M.G. but they are to say the least, a little unsettled. The Major Reilly, I have already referred to is a Finance Officer. I cannot conceive of an Agricultural Office being placed at the head of the legal Department.

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I have the honour to be
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(sgd) H. RAWLINGS.

Colonel
R.P.S.O.

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TO: R.C. Region 5.

FROM: R.P.O. Region 5.

DATE: 23 March 44.

Sir,

Attached you will please find a letter which I desire to be forwarded through you to Lieut. Gen. Sir Mason MacFarlane.

Although this letter refers to a specific case in this Region I feel it is of interest to public safety in the whole R.M.G. and R.C.C.

(SGD) H. RAWLINGS.

H. Rawlings
Colonel.
R.P.O.

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HEADQUARTERS, REGION V, 1st Ind.
A.M.G. - C.M.F.

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TO: Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission, APO 394.
(Thru - Executive, Regional Control and Military Government
Section.)

The officer referred to, Major H. V. Reilly, is serving in Campobasso province under the 8th Army control. The S.C.A.O. Lt Col. Parsons, advised me that Major Reilly was posted to his province as a C.A.P.O.

Lt. Col. Parsons has been called on for remark thru 8th Army AMG.
Reply not yet received.

F.L. WHITLEY,
Colonel, G. S. C.,
Regional Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
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REFERENCE : 16004/G-1

4th. April 1944.

SUBJECT : Assignments - Officers.

TO : Administrative Vice-President.

Attached letter from Regional Commissioner Region V, enclosing a letter from Regional Public Safety Officer, Region V, is forwarded.

May I have your remarks please.

This letter has not been shown to the Chief Commissioner as it is desired to place your comments before him with the letter. It is therefore requested that it be returned with any comments you may wish to make.

SGD. R. H. FARREN, COLONEL,
for
NCEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieut. General.
Chief Commissioner.

RHF/JRG.

PAPERS D.

1. Letter 2201/59/8 dated 28 Jan 44 from RCLO Reg II to CLO. ACC
2. Letter (no ref.) (no date) from LO Potenza to RCLO Reg II.
3. Letter 2201/59/8 dated 7 Feb 44 from RCLO Reg II to LO Potenza.
4. Letter 2201/59/8 dated 7 Feb 44 from RCLO Reg II to CLO ACC
5. Cable (no date) (no ref) from FATIMA to DISTWO for AMG Reg II.
6. Letter 296/1/CA dated 27 Mar 44 from Exec. Commr. to Adm Sec.
7. Letter 2201/59/8 dated 31 Mar 44 from RC Reg II to Exec Commr.
8. Letter ACC/4016/L dated 7 Apr 44 from Adm Sec to Exec Commr.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REGION 11.

2201/59/8

28 Jan 44.

Subject: Committees of Security.

To : CLO Legal Sub-commission, AMG/ACC, Brindisi

1 Committees of Investigation were sanctioned in AMG/4001/2/L of 3.11.43, and their function was to investigate Fascist offences against the Italian penal code, and prosecute the culprits in the Italian Courts. It was later directed that no specific case should be prosecuted without approval of AMG.

In a circular to LO's, the then RCLC thus summarised the object of the Committee. "It is of the greatest political importance that we show the good faith of our protestations against the Fascist regime by sharing the responsibility of seeing justice is done. The common excuse for non participation, that events occurring before occupation, are of no concern of ours, and purely Italian, is to deny realities".

The work of the Committee at Potenza, which for various reasons was the only one in fact set up, has however been rendered nugatory by the series of amnesties which absolve offenders from prosecution.

2 It is suggested that Fascist cells are forming clandestinely with the object of recovering control when Region 11 is transferred to the Italian Government. Partly therefore on grounds of security, and partly owing to the obstacles stated in the final subpara of para 1, there has been set up, also at Potenza, a Committee of Security.

(a) It is composed of the SCAC Potenza, the LO, another AMG officer, the prefect, and three anti-Fascist avvocati.

(b) The Committee meet every Monday for about three hours. Information regarding suspects is culled partly from unofficial sub-committees of the three avvocati, and partly from the questore and prefect, and former Fascists are classified in three categories. Each case is examined carefully, and a prima facie case may be

(1) Abandoned

(2) Handed over to the Committee of Investigation with an eye to prosecution.

(3) If, deemed advisable, the individual may be imprisoned pending further investigations, banishment, or removal to Catanzaro Camp for detention as a war suspect. Only some ten persons have been detained.

3 The keenness shown by the Committee can hardly be overestimated, and the RCLC favours the institution and the work it has done in the past few months. It is argued that since the FSS can with approval, institute inquiries into suspects and send them to detention, it is difficult to see why a Committee properly constituted cannot do the same.

4 It may be felt that even if approved, guarantees are required as to the impartiality of sources of information. In applying therefore for recognition of such committees, it is suggested that

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(a) All amnesties granted to Fascist delinquents should be abrogated. Prosecutions by the Committee of Investigation will then be possible with AMG approval.

(b) A limitation period be set to the offences investigated by either Committee.

(c) The provisions of Proclamation 2 Art 7 Sec2 with later amendment should apply.

D.E.S. COUSINS, Lt Col,
ACLD REGION 11.

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SECRET

AMG.
GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO
POTENZA PROVINCE

Subject: Report of Persons confined under Prec. 2 Art 7 Sec 2.

To : RGLO - Region 2.

1 Complying with your recent verbal directive, below is submitted report on persons confined in this province under Prec 2 Art 7 Sec 2.

2 The circumstances surrounding their confinement and subsequent disposition should be explained. On Nov 15 -1943 a Committee of Public Safety was organized by Capt Mills, then SCAG Potenza, Province. It was originally composed of SCAG, LC, CAPO, the Prefect, the Questore, Capt Howell, Sig, Rotunno, Di Napoli and Reale.

The last three mentioned persons, together with the legal office are members also of the Committee of Investigation, which was organized about Oct 18, 1943, the chief function of which is to investigate the cases of these Fascist leaders who have heretofore offended against Italian law but have escaped prosecution by reason of the protection afforded on account of their Fascist affiliations. Where a prima facie case is established before the Committee, the case is then referred to the Procuratore del Re for complete investigation and prosecution in the Italian Courts.

At the time of the organization of the committee on which this report is being made, there was considerable discontent in this Province on account of the fact that no action has been taken against the highest Fascist leaders. Many remained in office. The SCAG organized this second Committee to consider the cases of these leading Fascists who were still at large and in many instances still holding official positions in the Province, and to reach decisions as to the best way of dealing with them.

At the first meeting of this Committee it was decided that the Fascist elements should be divided into three categories and each category dealt with as follows:

Category 1 : These Fascists who introduced Fascism and practiced it violently with Fascist protection until the fall of Fascism. These to be punished by immediate imprisonment followed by investigation and subsequent confinement.

Category 2 : Squadristi who were good executors for the members of the first category and who carried out their orders with results if necessary to violence. These should be punished by removal from office and ammenizione.

Category 3 : These people who profited from their position in the XXXX Fascist Party but who vacillated on many occasions. These were to receive a diffida.

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(SGND) B.F. PATON, Capt,
L.O. POTENZA.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REGION 11

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2201/53/8

7 Feb 44.

Subject: Committee of Security.
To : LO Patenza (through SCAO)

1 Ref Pr XII undated, it must be admitted that the uneasiness felt regarding certain aspects of the Committee, gives place to grave concern. In particular -

(a) In para 2 sub para 1, it is stated that (without any prior trial) individuals are to be punished by immediate imprisonment followed by investigation and subsequent confinement.

It is surely difficult to imagine anything more repugnant to American and British ideas of Justice.

(b) Reference is later made to persons sent to a concentration camp in apparent complete disregard of Proclamation 2 Art 7 Sec 2, which requires any detention to be reported to the CLO (later amended to RCLO) who has to certify he is in agreement.

Have any other cases of such detention occurred prior to those enumerated?

(c) It also appears a large number of persons have been sent to confine i.e. banishment in Calabria. Have the SCAO's concerned been informed of the fact? The CPO desires any report to him of the matter.

2 A report on the Committee has been rendered to the CLO, and should it be approved, even so, it is felt that its composition is not sufficiently representative. It must be borne in mind that the term "Fascist" is essentially relative, and it would be erroneous to suppose that the few other political elements existing under the old regime, were ipso facto, the salt of the Earth, and reliable as sources of information. While the present composition of the Committee should not at the moment be altered, representatives of this department, the CPO and Intelligence Officer will visit Patenza about 18.2.44, investigate the matter as a whole, and make certain proposals as to its composition on a broader basis.

Pending further instructions however, no further case of banishment or detention should be imposed without prior reference to this HQ.

D.B. COUSINS, Lt Col,
RCLO, REGION 2.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 11

2201/59/8

7 Feb 44.

Subject: Committee of Security.

To ; CLO ACC Salerno.

Further to this HQ letter of even number of 21.1.44, attached on the advice of the CLO are-copies of:-

1 Letter from the LO Potenza to which was attached a list of 44 cases of individuals some of whom have been interned, some banished and some dismissed.

2 Letter from this HQ to LO Potenza.

Directions would be appreciated please.

D.E.S. COUSINS, Lt Col,
RCLO, Region 2.

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ROUTINE

FATIMA

DISTWO FOR AMG REGION 11.

IN VIEW OF URGENCY OF MATTER ND YOUR ABSENCE ON CIRCUIT I HAVE
DIRECTED LEGAL OFFICER POTENZA TO MAKE INVESTIGATION AND REPORT
WITH COPY TO YOU REGARDING IMPRISONMENTS AND DETENTIONS PD TO
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27 Mar 44.

Ref/ 296/1/CA

SUBJECT: Committee of Security, Potenza.

TO : VP, Admin Sec.

1 The CLO, Legal Sub-commission has handed to me File AOC/4016/L in order that I could examine the question of the Committee of Security set up in Potenza whose actions are open to criticism.

2 I think you will agree with me after studying the file that it would have been better if this matter, effecting as it did, general policy and being one of general administration, had been referred to this Section at the outset, i.e., at the beginning of February, in order that the Regional Commissioner's report and explanation could be obtained.

3 This will now be done.

(SGND) M.B. LUSH, Br 13.
Executive Commissioner 52

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II.

Ref: 2201/39/3

31 Mar 44.

SUBJECT: Committee of Security Potenza.

TO : Executive Commissioner ACC, Naples.
Copy to P.C. Potenza

Ref 296/2/GA of 27.3.44, the following is a report on the Committee of Security Potenza.

1 Potenza was occupied by AMG on 20.9.43, and for the ensuing six weeks, no action was taken towards removing Fascists leaders as directed by General Administrative Instruction No 2 para 5.

2 Therefore about 5.11.43, the then RCFO, Intelligence Officer and L.O. Potenza made investigations, as a result of which three leading Fascists were detained on Security grounds.

3 The operational period had only just ended, and there were persistent rumours that Fascists cells were forming with the object of restoring the fallen regime on the first possible occasion. The then SCAC Potenza was therefore instructed to pay particular attention to the Security aspect of AMG.

4 In order to do so, he organised the Committee of Security consisting of himself, the L.O. Potenza, the prefect and two anti Fascist lawyers. The Committee sought for and deliberated upon information regarding former Fascists, from the sources deemed most reliable.

Fascists were divided into three categories:
(a) Those involved in the introduction of Fascism, and considered most likely to indulge in conspiracies for its restoration.

Those were sent to Detention, vide Proclamation 2 Art 7 Section 2.
(b) Those who had executed the orders of the previous category, upon whom surveillance was deemed advisable.

(c) Those who had been Fascists, but had vacillated as such, and were not deemed dangerous.

5 In December, a new SCAC took over Potenza, found the Committee in full swing, and that its work was at this stage approved by the RCAC Region 2, the then RCLO, Col Spofford, and later by Major Palmieri of ACC HQ.

A report on the Committee based on knowledge then available was made to the CLO, in this HQ letter 2201/39/3 of 23.1.44. It received general approval in his reply ACC/4001/2.1 of 3.2.44.

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6 During the latter part of January however, a variety of incidents and reports led to close investigation.

From it, it transpired that enthusiasm had outrun strict judicial sense, and that too great a confidence had been placed on two sources of information, the reliability of which now appeared dubious.

As a result of the Committee's work, 3 people were in detention, 29 people were in Confinement, 55 under Ammonizione and 44 under Diffida.

7 Consequently on 7.2.44, the Committee was suspended, and on 11.2.44 it ceased to exist by virtue of the transfer of territory. Recommendations regarding Italians restricted on Security grounds were submitted in this HQ letters 2201/59/2, both of 26.2.44.

G.H. McCAFFREY, Lt Col,
RC, REGION 2.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION
APO 394

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ACC./4016/L.

SUBJECT: Committee of Security, Potenza.

TO : Executive Commissioner.

1 I refer to your letter 296/1/CA dated 27 Mar 44.

2 I have carefully considered the file ACC/4016/L and am unable to agree with your conclusions reached in para 2.

The facts appear to be that the CLO learned, in the normal course of his duties, of the creation of this special committee at Potenza and he was not satisfied as to its jurisdiction under Para. 2 Art 7 or the manner in which its work was being carried out he caused an investigation to be made.

This was a matter entirely within the province of the CLO (See Art 7) involving questions solely of legal problems, policy and administration and I am unable to agree that it would have been better for the matter to be handled by the RCMG Sec from the outset.

A full investigation having been made with, as is now clear, the full knowledge of the RC the CLO made his recommendations to you when executive action was required.

I think you will agree that if Sub-commissions are to perform their proper functions they must be at liberty to investigate and require reports from officers in the field in matters within their respective provinces.

STANSGATE,
VP, ADMIN SEC.

PAPERS E.

1. Minutes of Special Meeting of the APB on Tuesday 14 Mar 44.
2. Letter dated 22 Mar 44 from APB to Adm Sec.
3. Letter ACC/76/INT dated 28 Mar 44 from Adm Sec to Minister of Interior.
4. Letter 374 Gab. Ris dated 4 Apl 44 from Minister of Interior to Adm Sec.

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OFFICE OF THE
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD

107 Corso Umberto
NAPLES

MINUTES of special Meeting of the Board
called for Tuesday, 14 March 1944, to
discuss reorganisation proposal

PRESENT : MR. George W. Egan, PwB (Chairman),
Major Lionel Fielden, PwO, ACC.
Capt. Henry Haas, Economic Section, ACC.
Major J. W. Colville, INC
Mr. J. M. Minifie, PwB.
Lt. Col. L. S. Munro, PwB (Executive Secretary).

Mr. Minifie read a memorandum covering the proposed reorganisation of the Board which had been drafted by himself and Major Woolfolk in accordance with a decision taken at the last Board meeting.

With some amendments, the proposal was approved and adopted as follows:

REORGANISATION OF ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD

Recommendations have already been made to General Wilson to reconstitute the Allied Publications Board with representatives from PwB, ACC, Censorship and G-2. This brings the Board's Charter up to date by eliminating the word (15 Army Group).

It is desirable that in other respects the new Charter follow the lines of AFHQ Administrative Memorandum No. 36, para 1, 29 December 1943, and Signal No. 51612, 15 February 1944.

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Under this authority the following regulations are approved:

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Under this authority the following regulations are approved:

- 1) That Regional APB Boards be set up in Palermo, Bari, Cassinari and Naples.
- 2) That in view of the difficulty of dealing with Calabria and Lucania from either Bari or Naples, arrangements be made to set up a Regional Board at POTENZA.
- 3) That Palermo authority extend over SICILY and contiguous islands; that Cassinari's extend over SARDINIA; that Bari's extend over APULIA and the ABRUZZI; that POTENZA's authority extend over CALABRIA and LUCANIA, and that Naples' authority extend over CAMPANIA.
- 4) That in Palermo, Bari, Cassinari and POTENZA, the Regional Boards be composed of representatives of PAB, ACC, Censorship and the local Prefect.
- 5) That the Central Board be composed of representatives of PAB, Censorship, G-2, ACC Political Section, ACC PRO, and Economic Section ACC.
- 6) That the Regional APB Boards be authorized to grant licenses for the publication of newspapers, magazines, books, posters, placards, brochures and similar publication products, in their Regions.
- 7) That their decision be governed by considerations of security, political

policy, and printing facilities and supplies in or available to their Region, directives on these matters to be sent from time to time from the Central AFB.

- 8, That the Regional Boards meet once a week or call special meetings if circumstances justify them.
- 9, That the Central Board sit in RALB for the present, meeting fortnightly or oftener if circumstances justify it.
- 10, That Regional Boards report fortnightly on all action taken.
- 11, That the Central Board reserve the right to review decisions by Regional Boards, and possess sole powers to suspend or revoke licenses.
- 12, That in case of complaints, the Regional PWB Press Officer inform the editor concerned that "the matter has been referred to higher authority." The Regional PWB Press Officer, keeping the Regional Board informed, will immediately communicate with his Theatre Chief, forwarding three marked copies of the offending newspaper and all necessary information. Any action taken will be reported back to the Regional PWB Press Officer, who will again keep Regional Board informed, the Chief Press Officer likewise informing the Central Board.

In the event of PWB Theatre Chief considering that a case involves revocation or suspension of license, he will immediately lay the matter before the Central Allied Publication after consultation with AGC.

No complaint will be entertained if not made within four days of publication of the offending issue.

- 13, That the Central Board periodically circularise Regional Boards with information as to the quantity of newsprint assigned to each Region, and formulate policy by which Regional Boards will be guided.

- 14, That the Chairman of the Central Board be empowered to take executive action to establish such local Boards immediately.

MOVED by Major Fielden and seconded by Mayor Colville that a committee of the Board, as presently constituted, be appointed to function, for the time being, as Regional Board in Naples. Carried.

It was agreed:

- a) That members of the present Board (i.e. Mr. Edman, Major Fielden, Major Woolfolk, Major Colville and Capt. Haas), or their official

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OFFICE OF THE
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD

157 Corso Umberto
NAPLES

22 March 44.

TO : Vice President,
Administrative Section,
Allied Control Commission.

SUBJECT : Appointment of Prefects to Regional Boards of the Central APB.

General Mason MacFarlane, Deputy President of the Allied Control Commission, has requested me to ask you to approach the Italian Government regarding designation of Prefects to sit on Regional Boards of the Central Allied Publications Board. The composition and functions of these Boards, and the part played by Prefects in them, is explained in the accompanying extract of APB minutes constituting the Regional Boards. Will you please tell me what action is taken by the Italian Government in order that I may keep the Board informed.

I shall be glad to supply you with any further information which may be required either directly or through PWB Liaison Officer with AGC, Mr. Minifie, who is also a member of the Central Board.

S/ I.S. MUNRO,
T/I.S. MUNRO,
Lt. Col.,
Executive Secretary.

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HEAD HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ACC/76/LMT

28 Mar 44

SUBJECT : Appointment of Prefects for Regional Boards of Central APB.

TO : His Excellency, Dr. Reale, Minister of Interior.

Your Excellency:

1 It is proposed to set up Regional Boards of the Central Allied Publications Board at Palermo, Bari, Cagliari and Potenza.

2 The proposals as to the constitution, areas, duties and powers of these Boards are as follows:

- (a) That they shall consist of representatives of the Psychological Warfare Board, the Allied Control Commission, Censorship and of the local Prefects.
- (b) That they will be authorized to grant licenses for the publication of newspapers, magazines, books, posters, placards, brochures, and similar publications products, in their regions.
- (c) That the authority of the Palermo Board shall extend over Sicily and the contiguous islands; that of Bari over Puglia and Abruzzi; that of Cagliari over Sardinia; and that of Potenza over Calabria and Lucania.
- (d) That their decisions shall be governed by considerations of security, political policy and the printing facilities and supplies in, or available to, their regions, and that directives on these matters will be issued from time to time by the Central Allied Publications Board.
- (e) That they shall meet once in every week and may in addition call such special meetings as circumstances may require.
- (f) That they shall report fortnightly all action taken to the Central APB.
- (g) That the Central Board reserves the right to review decisions by Regional Boards and the sole power to suspend or revoke any license granted.

3 I have been requested by Lieut. General Mason MacFarlane, Chief Commissioner of the Allied Control Commission, to ask the Italian Government to appoint the Prefects at the places mentioned, as members of the respective

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4 Will you please inform me in due course of the action taken by your Government.

(sgd) A.R. CRIPPS, Lt. Col.,
for The Rt. Hon. The Viscount Stanagate,

Vice President, Administrative Section,
Allied Control Commission.

Copy to: Allied Publications Board
(unnumbered letter dated 22 March 44 refers).

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Translation No. 159. Administrative Section. April 25th 1953.
SAB. 3041.1.

Minister of the Interior.
File No. 574 Gab. Ris.

Salerno. 4 April 1954.

Subject: Nomination of Prefects in Regional Commissions of A.P.B.

Dear Lord Stanagete,

I have studied very closely the proposal sent by you regarding the creation of regional A.P.B.'s and I hope to express my thoughts on the subject clearly and sincerely.

It is not within my power to judge whether or not it is necessary to set up these regional A.P.B. offices.

The A.P.B. (Central) is an organization created by A.P.B. with the well defined purpose of limiting and evaluating newspapers in Italy. The Allied Control Commission sent us the original text, dated 14 December 43, explaining the functions of A.P.B., and I had the honor of being present at some of the earlier meetings of this body, although the original constitution excluded the participation of an Italian member.

I have agreed since the beginning on the purpose for existence of this body, although it constitutes an evident obstacle to freedom of the press in Italy, but war reasons justified it amply, even though the activities of A.P.B. should have been left to the Italian Government.

Its regulations for licenses were clear and equitable, and corresponded to Italian administrative policies. As a matter of fact, anyone who desired to publish a newspaper would make application to the Prefect of his province, giving a certain amount of information established by A.P.B.; the Prefect made his comments to this application, and forwarded it to the Ministry of the Interior. The Ministry added its own comments on the subject, and forwarded all documents to A.P.B., which gave its final verdict.

This system had a just triple control:

- a) Local, which could only be done by the Prefect of the Province, who has the task, duty and possibility of knowing all local problems;
 - b) National, fulfilled by the Ministry of the Interior, higher direct authority over the Prefecture, which could judge upon the need of a newspaper, since it had on hand all the information from the different provinces, thus a general picture of the situation.
- This step gave applicants the opportunity of making known their aspirations besides to the Prefecture, also to the Ministry, for eventual complaints against the Prefect.
- The Ministry was thus able to offer A.P.B. a completely objective and already co-ordinated judgement.
- c) Final, by A.P.B., dictated by its own policy.

The proposal to create regional A.P.B. offices, which are to include the Prefects of Bari, Potenza, Palermo and Cagliari, will completely break down the Italian administrative regulations, under which a Prefect has no jurisdiction over activities of neighbouring provinces. In the case of Bari, the local Prefect would have control, even if of a consultative nature, over matters which involve 10 Prefectures (5 in Puglia, 5 in Abruzzi and so on).

I have agreed since the beginning on the purpose for existence of this body, although it constitutes an evident obstacle to freedom of the press in Italy, but war reasons justified it amply, even though the activities of APB should have been left to the Italian Government.

Its regulations for licenses were clear and equitable, and corresponded to Italian administrative policies. As a matter of fact, anyone who desired to publish a newspaper would make application to the Prefect of his province, giving a certain amount of information established by APB; the Prefect made his comments to this application, and forwarded it to the Ministry of the Interior. The Ministry added its own comments on the subject, and forwarded all documents to APB, which gave its final verdict.

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There is, furthermore, the fact that the Ministry of the Interior would lose control and authority over so delicate a matter which has always been under its supervision, and which, in time of war, in all countries of the world, is firmly held in hand.

While there is no opposition on the part of this Ministry, and of the Government to an enlargement of the central APB by forming regional sections, it is opposed to the inclusion of a Prefect in each section. Nor is it thinkable that all Prefects within the Regional section should take part in it, because difficulties of travel and serious problems the Prefects are forced to meet daily within their provinces, make it impossible for them to leave their duties ~~unattended~~ for such reasons.

My personal conviction is that APB (Central) is large enough, and that it can fulfill its task by taking intelligence personnel from provincial sections of APB, censorship, and where possible, from PAB, without resorting to the formation of new committees.

Unfortunately/.....

Unfortunately, the situation of the Press in liberated Italy, to my way of thinking, should be entirely reviewed, because it has been altered by unauthorized interference and by the excessive number of bodies which deal with these matters. The daily press has lost its character of national interest. The local weekly press, upheld in its extremist activities by PWB has created a diffused ill-feeling within the Nation, by hindering it from following a unified course of behaviour, such as is the duty of all nations at war, and thus causing the present crisis. At any rate, this is a different problem from that which I was to answer in this letter, although closely allied to it, and upon which I am gathering a large number of documentary evidence that I soon desire to submit to you with my own conclusive arguments.

With best regards,

/s/ V. RACE.

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PAPERS F.

1. Letter 353/15/CA dated 3 Apl 44 from Exec Commr to Adm Sec.
2. Letter ACC/42/26/INT dated 5 Apl 44 from Interior to Ital. Liaison Officer.
3. Message from Italian Liaison Officer rec'd 1200 hours 6 Apl 44, by Interior.
4. Letter dated 5 Apl 44 from Minister of Interior to Interior Sub Comm.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & E.C. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/353/15/CA

NEF/ard
3 April 1944

SUBJECT: Prefect of Naples Province

TO : Vice President, Administrative Section

1. The Regional Commissioner, Region III, has suggested the name of Avv. Francesco Selvaggi to be Prefect of Naples Province. Avv. Selvaggi is no doubt well known to the Italian Government. He is about 60 years of age, born in Abruzzi but has lived many years in Naples.

2. The Italian Government has, I know, been canvassing the field for a suitable candidate for this office and would no doubt be glad to express its views on the nominee of the Regional Commissioner.

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NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commissioner

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ACC/42/26/INT

5th April 44

SUBJECT : Prefect of Naples Province.

TO : Lt. V. L. Grotanelli, Italian Liaison Officer.

1 R. C. Region III has suggested the name of avv. BELVAGGI Francesco for appointment as Prefect of Naples.

2 avv. BELVAGGI is about 60 years of age; he was born in Abruzzi but has lived for many years in Naples. He is no doubt well known to the Royal Italian Government.

3 Will you please ascertain and let me know the views of the Minister of the Interior upon the suggested appointment.

XXXXXXXXXXXX Captain,
for R. G. B. SPICER,
Lt. Colonel,
Director,
Interior Sub-Commission.

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Telephone message from Lt. Grotanelli:

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RC Region III has already communicated direct with the Minister as to this appointment. The Minister agrees and is writing to ACC accordingly.

1200 hrs.
6/4/44

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IL MINISTRO DELL' INTERNO

5 Aprile 44.

Commissione Alleata di Controllo
Sotto - commissione Interni
Lt Col R.G.M. Spicer
SALEMMO

Il Ten. Colonnello Charles F. Poletti mi comunica che
ha nominato Prefetto di Napoli L'avv. Francesco Selvaggi,
e Sindaco il Prof. Gustavo Ingresso.

Questo Ministero ha preso atto delle nomine, e
dichiara di approvarle.

IL MINISTRO

Translation - JAT

Lt Col Charles Poletti writes me that he has nominated
Prefect of Naples Avv. Francesco Selvaggi and, as Sindaco
Prof. Gustavo Ingresso.

This Ministry has taken action of the nominations, and
declares approval of them.

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PAPER G.

1. Letter RC/014.12 dated 28 Mar 44 from RC Region I to RCMG.

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SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
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FILE : RC/014.12

28 March 1944

SUBJECT : Civil Authorities.

TO : R.C. & M.G. Section
Executive Commissioner for Interior Sub Commission.

1 As a result of the appointment of H.E. Francesco Musotto ex Prefect of Palermo Province, as High Commissioner for Sicily and the creation of a Giunta Consultiva, the following changes in Prefects are either in process or contemplated:

- a) PAMPILLONIA Pietro (Sicilian) Vice Prefect of Taranto to Palermo as Prefect.
- b) STELLA Luigi, Prefect of Syracuse to Segretario Generale of the Giunta Consultiva (see Art 6 Decree appointing H.C. for Sicily).
- c) CIPRIANO Cipriani, Vice Prefect of Messina to Ragusa as Prefect in place of CARTIA Giovanni (ANG appointment), resigned in order to be a member of the Giunta Consultiva.
- d) LENTINI Arturo, Vice Prefect Vicario, Palermo to Messina with same rank.
- e) ALDISIO Salvatore, Prefect of Caltanissetta (ANG appointment) will resign to become a member of the Giunta Consultiva.

2 Vacancies therefore occur at Syracuse and Caltanissetta.

3 It is understood that these appointments were arranged when the High Commissioner elect visited the Italian Prime Minister 10 days ago, but I gather that nothing final has yet been decided regarding the composition of the Giunta Consultiva.

(Sgd) A.N.HANCOCK Lt.Col.
S/ A.N.HANCOCK
Lt.Colonel,
Regional Commissioner.

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PAPER H)
PAPER K)

1. Letter ACC/27A/INT dated 5 Apr 44 from Interior to Adm Sec. (Paper H).
2. Letter 16031/1/G-1 dated 31 Mar 44 from RCMG Sec to Adm Sec, Econ Sec.,
and Telecomm Sub Comm. (K)

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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ACC/274/LRT

5 April 1944

SUBJECT : Information from Regions and Provinces.

TO : Vice President, Administrative Section.

1 It should be brought to your notice that I am receiving little or no information, from either provinces or regions in regard to local government.

2 Such information as I receive is spasmodic, irregular, and in no way enables me to keep my pulse on the development and activities of local government either in ACC or AMG territory. If I require information, I have to write for it specially, or obtain it on tour either by myself, or by one of the few officers that are at my disposal.

3 I am aware that my suggestion for liaison officers in the field attached to Regional Hqs, was not approved, but I must point out to you that the position in the matter at the moment is definitely unsatisfactory, and can only be partially remedied by the training and instruction of officers from the Regions, now attending Interior Sub-Commission Courses.

4 The monthly reports are invariably too late to keep me in touch with the situation, and seldom, if ever, contain any reference to development and activities of local government. Sitrep reports, insofar as this Sub-Commission is directly concerned, are almost entirely without value.

5 In view of the fact that this Sub-Commission is one which under present orders, has no officer in the field, I put it forward as a concrete suggestion that to improve the present unsatisfactory position, the Regional and Provincial Commissioners should forward weekly reports to this Sub-Commission.

6 If this principle were approved, I would draw up a pro-forma, as short as possible, in which the essential points of regular information required would be incorporated.

7 I would ask you to take the matter up if you consider it advisable, as I am thoroughly dissatisfied with the present position.

R.G.B. SPICER,
Lt. Colonel,
Director,
Interior Sub-Commission.

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