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AC MEETINGS, REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS,
GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE, MINUTES & AGENDA
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HEADQ HATERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMI SSION

AC/45/15/A /IG

TeL. : Int. 620

5 December 1945

SUBJECT : Matters to be raised at RCs meeting - 11 December 1945.

TO : CA Section

I would appreciate very much if the following matters were raised at the forthcoming Regional Commissioners' meeting :

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Both the Italian Government and this Sub Commission have been complaining about the irregular receipt of prefects' fortnightly reports on progress of the preparation of electoral lists. On 4th December our index of reports received was checked as against that of the Ministry of the Interior and the following information was obtained:

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For Liguria Region, out of 7 overdue 2 had been received by the Ministry.
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This situation is not good. The prompt receipt of reports cannot be over stressed. In fact, on 23 October 1945 this Sub Commission sent out a circular urging the prompt forwarding of fortnightly reports and also requesting that they be forwarded with English translation to facilitate the handling at this Headquarters of the reports. Copies of this circular are appended hereto and it is respectfully requested that it be read to the RCs here assembled by the Executive Commissioner, after which copies should be handed personally to each RC.

We have responsibility while the territory is under AMG control and we should carry it out.

2. Surveys by Inspectors General of the Ministry of the Interior.

Because of the shortage of personnel of this Sub Commission, it is impossible for any of the officers to make their usual periodic inspectional tours to check on progress of the preparation of election registers. The shortage of personnel in the provinces, some of which have only one officer, also gives rise to difficulties in checking on progress. Recently, a list of a whole Commune containing almost 15,000 names had to be returned because it was improperly prepared.

I have a suggestion to make which might be discussed at this meeting: - The Italian Government has on its staff officials of prefect rank who are assigned as Inspectors general. Some of these officials have been used by this Sub Commission to make specific investigations in territory under AMG control reporting to both the Italian Government and to this Sub Commission. In each case the approval of the RC has been sought and obtained. I believe that the RCs would find it to their advantage if Inspectors General

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RCs and PCs would have to make arrangements for transportation and perhaps billeting facilities to permit these high officials to move around with the least difficulty. Reports of their investigation will be ~~made~~ ^{passed} to the Ministry of the Interior as well as to this Sub Commission and the pertinent information transmitted to the RCs and PCs for any necessary action. If the Inspectors General went beyond the scope of their mission and abused this privilege, their visits would of course be stopped immediately.

Before I raise this matter with the Italian Government, I would appreciate receiving the reaction of our RCs to this suggestion.

R. R. Temple
Major

RALEH R. TEMPLE

Major

Director

Local Government Sub Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

40/45/15/A/IG

Ref : 478706

SUBJECT : Preparation of electoral lists -- Prefects
Fortnightly Reports.

25 October 1945

TO : RGS LIGURIA }
LOMBARDIA } With copies for RGS
PIEMONTE }
VENETIE }

1. Ministry of the Interior circular No. 13302 of 5 October 1945 is sent herewith for delivery to the Prefect. An English translation is also enclosed for the use of the PC. It is desired to take the opportunity to draw attention to one or two points of procedure in submitting to this HQ copies of the Prefects' fortnightly reports on progress of the preparation of electoral lists.
2. It is requested that PCs cause reports to be accompanied by a copy of the English translation which they no doubt invariably make for their own use. Some PCs have made this a practice but not others. If the practice is always followed, it will result in a great saving of time in the handling at this HQ of reports from 50 provinces.

3. It has been noticed that in certain reports, Prefects refer to matters which are within the competence of AMG. For instance, one Prefect alleged as one of his difficulties in supervising preparation of the electoral lists the fact that the Vice Prefect Inspector could not get petrol, which of course is a matter which only the PC could handle. The comments of PCs on any such matters and indeed on the reports in general will be appreciated.

4. In some cases, reports are being received in this HQ at a date considerably later than the period to which they refer -- sometimes as much as 5 or 6 weeks late. Would PCs please make a special point of having their Prefects submit reports to them the day after the end of the period to which they relate and of transmitting them with translation as soon as they can to Regional HQ.

5. Some Regional HQs invariably send in the reports from all their Provinces together, whereas others send them in one by one as they arrive. It would be appreciated if all Regions would take the responsibility of getting in the reports from all their provinces and sending them together to this HQ.

6. The additional information required by the Ministry's circular sent herewith is extensive and will add considerably to the length of the Prefects' reports, but it is considered to be essential information required by the Italian Government and necessary for a factual picture of the progress being made in Military Government Territory. This Sub Commission agrees with the Minister's criticisms of the vagueness of and in some cases contradictions in some Prefects' reports with previous ones submitted.

7. It will also be appreciated that these reports are practically the only means of keeping the Chief Commissioner (and through him higher authority) advised from time to time of the progress being made, a matter in which he takes interest.

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PILLOWED
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[Handwritten signature]
RALPH H. THRELL,
Major,
Director,
Local Government Sub Commission.

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THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR
Direction General of Civil Administration
Electoral Service

File : 1330 Z
Rome, 5th October 1945

SUBJECT : Fortnightly Reports - State of electoral operations.

TO : ALL PREFECTS OF PROVINCES ADMINISTERED BY THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT
ALL PREFECTS OF PROVINCES UNDER ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
for information : HIGH COMMISSIONERS FOR SICILY AND SARDINIA

This Ministry wishes to have accurate information about the state of electoral proceedings, while the fortnightly reports from the Prefectures are often very vague and sometimes details given in one report are in contrast with those given in the next one. Therefore, will you please, with your first report after receiving this circular, send this office a full list of the communes of your Province with the answer to the following questions for every different commune.

- 1) - Has the male general list been approved?
(the communes who have applied circular n.18705/15600 L. of the 11th July are not to be considered);
- 2) - Has the compilation of the female general list been finished?
(including the communes who applied article 3 of D.L.L. 12 April 1945, n.201)
- 3) - Has the male general list been approved?
- 4) - Has the female general list been approved?
- 5) - Have the sectional lists been compiled?
- 6) - Have the sectional lists been approved?
- 7) - Has the male additional list been compiled?
(electors born in 1924)
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(women born in 1924)
- 9) - Has the male additional list been approved?
- 10) - Has the female additional list been approved?
- 11) - Have the sectional additional lists been compiled?
- 12) - Have the sectional additional lists been approved?
- 13) - Give the definite number of sections formed.
- 14) - Has the Comune provided for the furniture for the "electoral seats"?

This report must be brought up to date with all the subsequent fortnightly reports.
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In addition to this cumulative information and with the fortnightly reports (unless you deem necessary to do it by ordinary letter), will you please inform the Ministry also about the general situation of the Province, the work of the caselari, of the electoral commissions and of the provincial commission for sanctions against fascism, about the supply of urns (the number of urns required as ascertained through inventory, the orders given for the supply, the price per urn and the total price must be specified), about any irregularity noticed during inspections and any action taken in this connection.

We also beg to draw your attention to the necessity that this report be made as soon as possible and that instructions of this circular be fully complied with in making the usual fortnightly reports.

FOR THE MINISTER
Vicedomini

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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4/6.2/CA

(15a)
23 Aug 45

SUBJECT : RCs' Meeting.

TO : Executive Commissioner.

- 1 May I refer to the Minutes of the Regional Commissioners' Meeting of 12 Aug 45 issued under 511/EC of 14 Aug 45 and to para 1, 3rd sub-para on page 2. This sub-para refers to the use of economic sanctions and to the matter of publicity in regard to the import of Allied supplies.
- 2 I consider that a well-directed publicity campaign in regard to the importation of coal and raw materials might prove invaluable and be equivalent to several units of internal security troops. The effect of increased imported supplies on the existing widespread unemployment and the necessity for peaceful conditions to enable their rapid distribution should be constantly kept before the public. Similar remarks apply to another main "industry" - resumption of tourist traffic.
- 3 I should be strongly opposed to economic sanctions but serious disorders would prevent the importation and distribution of raw materials and the Italians thereby would impose upon themselves economic sanctions.
- 4 I am unaware to what extent publicity may be possible and I only draw attention to the matter because it seemed to me that the matter was left rather in the air at the Conference and may get lost sight of.

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W. CARR, Brig.
VP CA Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

L/6.2/GA ✓

12 Jul 45

SUBJECT : Visit of Regional Commissioners.
TO : Executive Commissioner

I understand that you propose to hold your next meeting on Saturday instead of Friday and to invite Regional Commissioners to attend.

I wish to raise the following points :

- a) Handing in of Arms.
- b) Numbers in Giunta Comunale.
- c) Compilation of Electoral lists.

Ext 525
AA/gj


G.R. UPTON Brig,
VP Civil Affairs Section,

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20200/1/MFAA
26 June 45

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27 GIU. 1945

MEMORANDUM

To: CA Section

Might the following be brought to Brig. Carr's attention when he is here for the Regional Commissioner's meeting so that time may be saved?

With the handing over of most of the Region of TOSCANA to the Italians, the provinces of APUANIA and LUCCA however have become a part of LIGURIA Region. The MFAA problems in these provinces were begun and administered by Lt. Hartt.

To avoid confusion, therefore, it is proposed with your approval to assign Lt. Hartt temporarily to LIGURIA Region to clear up the remaining MFAA problems in these provinces and have him stationed during this time at FLORENCE.

Ernest T. DeWald

ERNEST T. DE WALD
Lt.Col., Spec.Res.
Director.

Copy handed to R C
27 June

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From: Lt. Col. A.D. BONHAM-CARTER,
CSO C-1 Section, HQ, AC.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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Ref: D.O. 4/6.2/CA ✓

20 Jun 45

Dear

I raised the question of the necessity for you to attend the Regional Commissioners' Meeting when the subject was brought up at the Executive Commissioner's Meeting. The reply was that there is no need for you to attend unless you are specially advised to the contrary.

I think that the latter is unlikely and suggest that you go on with your arrangements as if you were not going to attend.

Yours

Colonel R.G. Kirkwood,
Regional Commissioner,
TOSCANA Region.

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18/6.2/15 **INCOMING MESSAGE**

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: E/264

Message Centre No: E/5475

Date/Time of Origin: JUN 17 1615H

Date Time Rec'd: JUN 17 2200H

18 GIU. 1945

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AMG EMILIA REGION FROM JONES

TO: ALCOM FOR TALBOT

RESTRICTED

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Subject is Regional Commissioners conference. Dott PIERO APICELLO Regionale Alimentazione Commissario, attending from EMILIA REGION to discuss food problems. Colonel BOWMAN is not raising any particulars for discussion. JONES VENEZIA REGION Monday night.

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ACTION: CA Sec
Econ Sec
INFO: Chief Commissioner
Ex Commissioner
File 2
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

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TO: G.A. Section.

Regional Commissioners Conference.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

More assistance is desired from Regions in the provision of transport and POL for Mine Clearance Squads. They are inclined to leave HQ to solve their problems. Their full cooperation is necessary. Regions should where possible provide at least one full time officer for this problem.

11 June 1945.

Ad + notes
to division

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

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AC/18/B/LG

Tel: 473706

SUBJECT: Regional Commissioners' Conference.

11th June, 1945

TO : Civil Affairs Section (Lt. Col. Bonham-Carter, CSO)

11 JUN 1945

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With reference to your request of 11th June (file 4/6.2/CA) would you please arrange to place the following items on the agenda of the Regional Commissioners' Meeting:

1. Compilation of Electoral Lists. The AMG implementation of Decree No. 201 of 12 April 1945 has just been published and under it a date for the commencement of the preparation of the election registers must be fixed in each province by AMG. The organization of the provincial and communal administration, the revision of population registers, as well as the distribution of electoral forms and other material (when made available by the Italian Government) are factors involved.

2. The execution of Royal Decree No. 111 of April, 1944 dealing with local government organization. AMG is obligated to install this scheme of local government organization to insure adequate administration of the pertinent functions in order to provide a continuity of the prescribed pattern when the handover of territory takes place.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

R. R. Temple
Major

RAUL R. TEMPLE,
Major,
Deputy Director,
Local Government Sub-Commission.

HRT/PCW.

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CFF/lf. *(Gu)*

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB COMMISSION

DFR/37/ADM.

Tel. 489081 Ext. 392

11 June 1945.

SUBJECT : Regional Commissioners Conference.

11 JUL 1945

TO : C.S.O., C.A. Section. *(Gu)*

1. Reference your memo 4/6.2/CA dated 11 June 1945.

2. TRANSPORT - REFUGEES.

Would all Regional Commissioners give every assistance possible regarding the Provision of Transport for the movement of Refugees. Transport Officers to inform Displaced Persons Officers of any empty transport available for Refugee Movement.

For the Director.

C. Fothergill

C.F. FOTHERGILL,
Lt. Colonel,
Deputy Director.

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Mr. & Mrs. A. J. J. J.
IMMEDIATE

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APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

IMMEDIATE

11 June 45

3013/PH

4/6.2/CA

SUBJECT : Regional Commissioners Conference
TO : All CA Sub-Commissions

Will you kindly let me have by 1600 hrs today any points which you wish to be placed on the Agenda of the Regional Commissioners Meeting.

As I may have to speak briefly on each item at tomorrow's Executive Commissioners meeting, I would be grateful for a very short note (three or four lines) on each heading.

A.D. Bonham-Carter
A.D. BONHAM-CARTER Lt Col
CSO CA Section.

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MFAH - NIL

PATS. NIL

Legal. NIL

PS NIL

ED NIL

PUBLIC HEALTH SUB-COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION, APO 394, 11 June 1945.

TO: - CA Section, HQ AC.

Public Health Sub-Commission has no points to offer for inclusion in the Agenda of the a/m Regional Commissioners meeting.

For the DIRECTOR:

Paul S. Savage
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PAUL S. SAVAGE, Major, SR.
Executive Officer.

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4/6/45 ✓

Ext: 700. (C)

11th June, 45.

Ref: 512/101/EO.

11 JUL 1945

Subject: Regional Commissioners' Meeting.

To: VP Economic Section,
VP Civil Affairs Section, ✓
Director Land Forces Sub-Commission,
Director Communications Sub-Commission,
Director War Material Disposal Sub-Commission,
Director Public Relations Branch.

Confirming telephone conversation, will you please
be prepared to make your suggestions at tomorrow's Executive
Commissioner's Meeting for the agenda for the forthcoming
Regional Commissioners' Meeting.

Frank M. Hall
Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFG 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

14/6.2/01

19 Dec 44

SUBJECT : Regional Commissioners Conference - Southern Region.

TO : COS
Econ Sec
Est Sec

Lt Col WHITE of this Section attended the recent conference of Southern Region at Naples. I enclose copies of the notes that he made in case the same may be of interest to you.

R.R.C.
R.R. CRIBBS Col
for VP CA Section
DOCS AC.

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Extract from Southern Region Letter R/1290 of 17 Dec 44.

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
AFC 394

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R/1290

17 December 1944

SUBJECT: Regional Commissioner's Conference, Southern Region

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
Attn: Acting Vice President, Civil Affairs Section.

1. Reference your 4/6.2/CA of 11 December.

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18 DEC 1944

Regional Commissioner, Brigadier

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Regional Commissioner, Brigadier

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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Ref 4/6.2/CA

11 Dec 44

SUBJECT : Regional Commissioners Conference - Southern Region

TO : RC Southern Region.

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- 1 A copy of the notes made by Lt Col White on his return from your conference is sent to you in case any point has not been correctly understood. If you have any correction perhaps you will let me have it. If you clear them, a copy of the notes will be circulated for information in this HQ.
 - 2 Your meeting from what Lt Col White tells me appears to have been very interesting and successful.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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G.S. PARKINSON, Brig,
A/VP CA Section
A/DCOS

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File ✓
4/6.2/CA

11 Dec 44

SUBJECT : Regional Commissioners Conference - Southern Region
TO : All CA Sub-Comms

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Attached for your information is a copy of Lt Col White's
notes on the recent Southern Region Conference.

You will note that in some cases action is required.

HW
S.B. WHITE Lt Col,
for 330 CA Section

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NOTES

CONFERENCE ON SOUTHERN REGION

HELD AT NAPLES

8 Dec 44

1. REORGANIZATION

(a) Brig. Dunlop outlined his plans for the reorganization of the Region when it becomes necessary to release officers for North Italy.

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4 FOOD

(a) There was hope that the food situation would be better. It was important to see that there was a sufficiency of seed for next year's crop. (b) Unless the Italian Government will actively back up the Olive Oil crisis it would be best to abandon the proposal. Fifty officers would

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required; it only drive the oil underground and create a black-market. The price would be higher than under the natural law of supply and demand - for one thing the risks would be greater. The attempt to smuggle olive oil with insufficient means could bring about the world's highest necktie.

TRANSPORT.

- (a) The biggest problem was transport. The tyre situation is not improving. He is doing his best to get tyre re-tying plant but tyres were largely beyond repair.
- (b) The truck companies running in the South were AC companies. They are being operated almost entirely under Italian direction. AC had little control of what was done or of what was carried, but any misuse of the trucks was attributed to AC. These trucks should be sold to the Italian Government; it was realized that this was a matter for decision by London and Washington and must take time.
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10. LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The new Prefect of Salerno (Muscillo) had not arrived. It was essential that the present Vice Prefect (Mancini) should continue in office until the new one had arrived.

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11 PUBLIC HEALTH

The income of hospitals had remained stationary but their expenditure had gone up. They could not even pay for the medicines they required. It was essential that they should have financial assistance.

12 The Regional Commissioner then indicated that his Divisional officers would be available in their offices and the meeting closed.

Report of visit to "CA" Divisional Officers is appended. (see reverse sheet)

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VISITS TO DIVISIONAL OFFICERS.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Infant Mortality. Col. Myles was visited and he reported that on the change over from evaporated to powdered milk the infant mortality rate had gone up. In one institute, out of 14 babies, 3 had died. He had that morning as a matter of coincidence had a courtesy visit from a Sub. A. Goggin, MTS, who was on a private visit to Naples. She was a statistician on the strength of Region Emilia, but was working temporarily with Region Lazio-Umbria. He had discussed the matter with her and she had expressed the opinion that powdered milk was quite suitable for babies if properly mixed. He earnestly desired the earliest possible attachment of Sub. Goggin for not more than two weeks, to conduct an investigation on the babies diet, to demonstrate how to prepare the powdered milk and to start a centre of instruction at one of the hospitals where nurses from other hospitals could come for instruction. Col. Myles very much hoped that this could be arranged quickly.

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LEGAL

Legal was visited but had no comments.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

It was most important that Mancini, the Vice Prefect of Salerno who had been ordered to Grossotto should remain in Salerno until the arrival of the new Prefect.

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SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. Army

1 December 1944

4 DEC. 1944

R/4336

SUBJECT: Regional Commissioner's Conference.

TO : Zone Commissioners
Heads of Staff Sections.

NO RECORD

1. Further to R/3190 of 20 November 1944.
2. Regional Commissioner's Conference will take place at 1200 hours Friday 8 December at the Provincia Building.
3. Zone Commissioners are invited to send forward matters for discussion to reach here not later than 1200 hours Wednesday 6 December.
4. Agenda will be available at this headquarters by 1600 hours Thursday 7 December.
5. Accommodation will be reserved for visiting Zone Commissioners at the Hotel Excelsior for night of Thursday 7 December and Friday 8 December.

By order of Brigadier Dunlop:

Joseph Bellotti
JOSEPH BELLOTTI, 6303
1st Lieut., M.R.,
Asst. Adjutant.

Copy to: Headquarters Allied Commission (3 Copies).

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Why to attend?
Yes Brig Dunlop would R/4336
like CA Sec. + is arranging a room for night of 7 Dec
for him.

