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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
SARDEGNA REGION

17th February 1945

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3. CALL UP OF ITALIAN ARMY

There has been no further trouble and very nearly all of the 10,000 men called for in February have already come in. M.M.I.A. only estimated the intake at 6,000, so the Sards are reporting well. The three Provinces

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Incidents between sailors and local inhabitants in the Port continue to give trouble to the Public Safety Officer.

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Major HATCH arrived on the 18th to take over the Regional Mining Division from Major MATTHEWS and full reports have been sent to you.

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2. DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST CALL UP FOR ITALIAN ARMY

There have been two demonstrations in CAGLIARI against the projected call up, on the evenings of the 17th and 18th of January and these are the subject of a special report. The demonstration on the 17th seemed to be a spontaneous affair in front of the offices of the Unione Sarda. Students asked the Paper to publish their manifesto of protest and to publish the Armistice terms, this could not be complied with; there was no violence.

On the following day, the 18th, there was an organised demonstration in the Piazza Jena. Only one speech was allowed and the speaker was not unreasonable in his arguments, though outspoken on the subject of the alleged inefficiency of senior Army Officers who, he maintained, were still in command. The Carabinieri kept the crowd moving and adopted sensible precautions, thunder flashes were thrown by the crowd and unfortunately, grenades as well. One police agent was killed and there were eleven persons admitted to hospital wounded, there was no firing. The holding of public demonstrations has been forbidden, police patrols arranged and P.W.B. have completed arrangements for fitting up a loud speaker in the Piazza Jena.

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6. PORT OF CAGLIARI

Public Safety Officers have had a continuous series of incidents to deal with and there have been two bad cases of interference with Italian guards on the Port. On one occasion an Italian armed guard in the Port area was injured and his rifle stolen by two sailors, and the Master of the ship seemed to think that the imposition of even a 10/- fine would be doubtful. In another case a drunken steward (whose uniform was mistaken for that of an Officer) threatened a Carabinieri guard with a revolver and ordered him not to interfere with the theft of materials from the dock area. Navy Units, both American and British, have been most co-operative in tightening up discipline. The R.A.F., who have very few Police, are going to start mixed patrols of British and Carabinieri, but the absence of authority in the Port has been a problem.

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Ref: 4/15.2/CA.

26 December 1944.

My dear Prime Minister,

My Regional Commissioner in Sardinia has drawn my attention to a difficulty of administration that is arising there by reason of the prolonged absence in Rome of high officials.

I appreciate the desirability of frequent and close liaison between the central government and its representatives in the Island but I suggest that the duration of visits could, in some instances, be curtailed, as frequently officials are absent for periods of upwards of two weeks. You might consider that in some cases Ministers and officials could, with advantage, visit the Island rather than the Sardinian officials should always go to Rome.

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Yours sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

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Copy to: Regional Commissioner, Sardinia Region.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
SARDEGNA REGION

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Reference : RQ/1008 — 27 November 1944 — 1 DEC 1944

Subject : Reduction of Staff

To : Headquarters, Allied Commission

Copy attached

With reference to your 522/19/COS of 15th November 1944 and further reference to my letter of the above number dated 11th October 1944, para 7 - Date of Reduction. I do not now recommend that reductions should take place before January 1945. In particular with regard to the finance office although every effort is being made to close down and hand over to the Italians, there are delays and in some cases added commitments.

For example, we received instructions to hand over to the Italians all Medical Stores and accounting. SARDINIA has now, however, been excepted from these instructions.

We have a large quantity of stores on charge and the last Medical Officer has been suddenly ordered away from the Region.

As a consequence these stores have to be accounted for and new arrangements for disposal made.

In addition the financing of the coal is not yet cleared up.

Apart from these points there is some additional work in connection with the arrival at Cagliari of new Naval Units.

J.A.C. PENNYCUICK
Colonel
Regional Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION /el
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

15 November 1944

Ref. 522/19/COS

SUBJECT: Reduction of Staff, Sardegna Region

TO : Regional Commissioner, Sardegna Region, Allied Commission

1. Reference your letter file HQ/1008, dated 11 October 44, Subject: Reduction of Staff, Sardinia Region, your recommendations in this matter are being carefully considered by this Headquarters, and pending such time as more officers are needed for mainland activities, any final reduction in accordance with your recommendations will be delayed.

2. The following comments of each interested subcommission in the Economic Section in regard to your proposed staff reduction should be of interest:

a. Agriculture S/C
Staff reduction agreed to. Italian agricultural agencies have assumed responsibilities and leadership to such a point that the Regional Agricultural Officer was withdrawn approximately one week ago. A food officer could call in local agricultural officials on matters affecting local agriculture.

b. Finance S/C
The remaining Finance Officer in Sardinia Region can be withdrawn sometime in December.

c. Food S/C
Food officers in Sardinia already down to required strength for reduction. One lieutenant colonel -- he should remain.

d. Transportation S/C
Major Matthews of Mining Division, this Subcommission, is considered competent to deal with industrial questions and should in any case remain in view of the importance of mining.

e. P. W. & U. S/C
The one officer in Sardinia deals with railroad and shipping. On the rail side, military railway service has just been handed over to ACC, and it is essential one officer remain to supervise for some time at least. Shipping requirements also require supervision.

3. The Civil Affairs Section is holding this matter in abeyance pending actual need for officers.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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4/15.2/CA

25 Nov 44.

SUBJECT: Visits to Rome.

My dear

1 Thank you for your letter JACP/DO/130 dated 20 Nov 44, which was as usual extremely interesting.

If I may refer to para 5 (Visits to Rome), I think it would be best if you could restrain, at your end, these tiresome affairs. If you can get particulars of any cases of persons being asked to come to Rome by the Government I shall be happy to take it up with them, but I do not think I can usefully help unless you supply me with ammo of that sort.

Yours

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To: Col. J.A.C. Pennycuik,
Regional Commissioner,
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SARDEGNA REGION

20th November 1944

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My previous reports will show that our appreciation of the achievements and helpfulness of the Public Health Sub-Commission is very genuine. I had no intention of making public criticism of that Sub-Commission and am replying to their letter.

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3. MARTINI TRIAL

Legal

The trial of the Fascist Militia General MARTINI has now, at last, been

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5. VISITS TO ROME

I feel I must draw attention to the amount of time that is being taken up by Italian officials in visits to ROME. During November the High Commissioner has been away for over a week and is still away in ROME; his Chief Executive has visited ROME, the Prefect of SASSARI has been in ROME over a fortnight and is still there, the Prefect of CAGLIARI also visited ROME although in his case the visit was only for five days. The Genio Civile, BUTTINI, has been in ROME over a fortnight and is still there.

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Olive Oil prospects continue to be good and all Prefects are taking a lively interest in the arrangements for amassing the oil. The price fixed, However,

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is considered low in SARDINIA.

2. LEGAL

The imminent departure of Major ALEXANDER, our Regional Legal Officer, is a real blow but I quite understand that we cannot expect priority here. The reason he will be such a loss is that we have been trying to make a drive to get past the apathy shown in connection with the accumulation of untried cases. We had a preliminary meeting with the High Commissioner and the Procuratore Generale and were hoping to follow this up with further meetings when the Minister of Justice came to visit SARDINIA. There have been some faint signs of interest and energy and it is disappointing that the visit of the Minister of Justice is now postponed and will not take place before Major ALEXANDER has left. I think the feeling of hopelessness over these arrears (15,000 cases) is having a clogging effect on the machinery of administration; but quite frankly I do not think it will now be possible for Region VI to give much further help. Our Legal Officer, Lieut. SCAHLAN, will have his hands full for the present with Allied cases and routine work and has also to do the administration of American personnel.

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I may also mention that we have received an extract of a report that had apparently been made by Lt. Col. SHARP on his visit to SARDINIA in September. It was sent with AC/5146/1/No.19/Communications of 11 Oct 44. The extract is very interesting; I did not know, however, that Lt. Col. SHARP was being sent over to make a report on SARDINIA and feel that I should know what he said. He arrived without terms of reference unexpectedly just after I had taken over and gave me the impression he

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4. DEMOGRAPHIC INDUSTRIAL SURVEY.

I understand that the field work of the 22 Italian officials is now nearing completion. Lieut. HICKS visited SARDINIA and made a tour of various centres involved, accompanied by an Allied lady interpreter. Transport was supplied by Region VI. We should be interested to have a copy of the statistics obtained in due course.

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We should like to keep Capt. MATSON until the end of November as the railways have rather big ideas on passenger traffic and coal requirements which will need firm handling. It would be of very great assistance if we could also have the loan of a senior and experience Transport Officer for about two weeks, to help over the establishment of ENAC. If Major GILES who was in NAPLES should be available he would be most suitable.

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In the Province of SASSARI, one of the Priests has created a minor problem. It appears that the local people consider he is charging too much for ceremonies such as funerals etc and there is undue delay when the fees are not forthcoming.

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This rather unexpected variation on Black Market practice in this Island where violence is not far below the surface has resulted in a bomb being thrown near him and some attempt to snipe him at his parochial window. The Prefect is asking the Arch Bishop to arrange for an exchange.

Many thanks for your D/O reports of 16th and 29th ~~August~~ Sept which I have read with great interest. A similar to this is being forwarded to Brigadier LUSH and Brig.Gen. O'DWYER.

Yours Sincerely

D.H.C. Pennyquick

Brigadier G. R. UPJOHN,
V.P., C.A. Section,
Deputy Chief of Staff,
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref : 4/15.2/CA

31 October 1944

SUBJECT : Reduction of Staff
Sardinia Region

TO : Office of Chief of Staff .

Reference your 522/COS of 23 October 1944.

This matter was raised at the Chief of Staff's meeting this morning when it was decided that the question be held in suspense.

for G. R. UPJOHN Brigadier
V.P. C.A. Sec .
Dep. C. o. S.

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IN SUSPENSE

Col Cripps.

When this is brought up at next C.O.S. meeting state we are agreeable in principle but

(a) there should NOT be an official Legal Offr. The work can competently be done by Lt Scanlan who is a Coy Comd of 2675 Regt & who will presumably have to remain. As he only has 15 Eng to command 90% of his time can be Legal. This has been agreed with the RC.

(b) If Capt Wagstaff ~~remains~~ leaves someone else should be appointed to look after Education; it takes up very little of anyones time.

GPRiley

27 Oct

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MINISTERO DELLE CORPORAZIONI

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

DEL LAVORO E DELLA PREVIDENZA SOCIALE

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
CMF
Office of the Chief of Staff

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Ext. 300

Ref 522/COS

23rd October, 1944

SUBJECT: Reduction of Staff - Sardinia Region.

TO : Civil Affairs Section
Economic Section
Establishment Section.

1. I forward to you a letter received from Col. Pennycuick of the 11th of October, suggesting that the Staff in Sardinia could be reduced to nine officers by the end of the year.

2. I would be grateful if you would give these proposals your consideration and be prepared to discuss them at the Chief of Staff meeting on the 31st of October.

[signature]

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

Col White.
You bring up please
at my next meeting on Fri.
I doubt necessity for Legal.
[initials]

CSO/
Briefly proposals are
RC
Deputy
Adjt } 3.
Food & Agr 1.
Transport 1
Lab & Indus 1.
Public Rel. 1
Legal 1 /
Police 1
You will notice there is no Health Officer. [illegible] this at [illegible] next meeting on 27th and ask for comments by 27: ?
24 OCT 1944
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SARDINIA REGION

11 October 1944

TO: Headquarters, A.C.C. (Office of Chief of Staff)

SUBJECT: Reduction of Staff - Sardinia Region.

REFERENCE: HQ/1008

HEADQUARTERS
14 OCT 1944
A. C. C.

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There is, however, still a lack of spirit and direction in Italian administration, and I suggest that, to be sure of no impediment to the war effort and to obtain tranquility in the period immediately after general hostilities cease, the Allies should keep a helping hand in, and supervision over, the essentials of community life; namely:-

(a) Food
(b) Transportation (distribution)
(c) Labour and Industry
(d) Public Relations and Press
(e) Public Order.

I put the subjects in the above order deliberately. Although Public Order (Police and Law) is, of course, of primary importance, it should be possible to hand this subject over to the Italians sooner than it will be possible to hand over all control of imported foodstuffs.

At least one senior Officer will be necessary to deal with the High Commissioner, give him some backing and represent his problems to A.C.C., and all Officers of a small staff will require to be experienced so as to form a sound team.

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In arriving at the suggestions below I have made the following assumptions:

(a) The staff will act in an advisory capacity working in close touch with the High Commissioner's Office. Specialist written reports will cease.

(b) Individual departmental work, as such, would cease, though Officers would still be responsible for certain types of work and we shall still need Officers with specialist knowledge.

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(c) Where possible, work now carried out by A.C.C. personnel would be wholly transferred to the Italian officials; e.g. the control and supervision of civilian movement has reached a point where from three to four hours daily has to be devoted exclusively to this work by the Public Safety Office. Actual screening and security is done by the High Commissioner's Office through the Questure. The Public Safety Department, however, interviews about ten persons daily and maintain constant liaison with the High Commissioner's Office and with the Army Sub-Commission (in connection with cruiser travel). Public Safety also issue A.M.G. travel permits and maintain complete file records of all persons moved. Up to the end of August over 700 persons had been moved to the mainland and 256 travel permits were issued in that month alone. With A.C.C. permission this special supervision could cease.

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One other Officer, Captain or Lieutenant, to supervise the Office and deal with general administration.

(b) Six Experienced Specialist Officers as follows:

(i) An Officer to advise on food supplies and agriculture. His duty would be to check food produced in the Island, check rations required and work out bulk demands for food to be imported. He would also check proposed exports of surplus foods.

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If the coal mines at CARBONIA are considered to require special supervision an additional Officer will be required to live there. I am assuming coal will be handed over to the Italians as far as detail is concerned.

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(iv) An Officer to deal with Public Relations and the Press. The comparatively smooth acceptance of the recent reduction in workers' rations has again demonstrated the great value of the work done by P.W.B. I feel, therefore, that even if there is a very small staff a P.R.O. Officer should be left as an integral part of the Regional Commissioner's staff in a detached Island such as SARDINIA.

(v) An Officer with Legal training to give legal advice, at present a very big subject.

(vi) A Police Officer. Even if A.C.C. work on passes etc could be cut, the Police work of this Region is a really responsible job requiring an Officer of rank and standing, and it should not be combined with the Legal side.

4. OTHER RANKS AND ENLISTED MEN

On the basis of 1.2 O.Rs. or E.M. for each Officer we should require eleven (11) for our reduced establishment. At least one senior experienced clerk for the office and a good transport N.C.O. will be essential.

Italian office staff and Italian interpreters, who would also be required, are unfortunately not easy to find locally.

An additional clerk will be required for CARBONIA if an Allied Officer is specially left there.

5. TRANSPORT

The Region would require at least two reliable Government passenger vehicles for touring on indifferent roads, and one heavy vehicle to draw rations etc.

In making allowance for requisitioned cars, we have to provide for unexpected calls from many different sources, for example, touring Officers come to SARDINIA by air or sea and do not as a rule bring transport with them. Then we get unexpected outside calls which we are obliged to meet. We had to help, at short notice, with some transport, 22 Italian Government Officials sent over by the Economic and Supply Section. A labour deputation of four Russians and three or four others is also expected by air this month and no mention is made of transport. The Camp Commandant gets demands for transport and help from military personnel on ships and other parts of the Island which have to be met. Apart from this, requisitioned cars are generally unreliable and the tyre shortage is as bad in SARDINIA as it is anywhere else.

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Jeep	1
3-ton Truck	1
Requisitioned Cars	9

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The future relationship of O.C. Troops with Allied Navy and the R.A.F. personnel who have been augmented by the arrival of the Staging Unit, and with Italian Navy, Army and Airforce personnel left on the Island, will require to be clearly defined.

An important item, for example, concerns requisitions. I am informed that for

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SARDINIA as a whole there have been about 3,000 military requisitions, exclusive of requisitions for motor cars. Many of the premises occupied will now be given up by Allied troops, but this is the precise time when much work and correspondence is likely to arise. A whole time Officer and some staff will almost certainly be required to investigate claims etc.

Apart from administrative staff we shall also presumably have a Signals commitment and an Intelligence commitment. For example, the enemy is, for some reason, still sending to SARDINIA a small but steady stream of agents. He has thought it worth while to drop by parachute over SARDINIA in the last three months nine agents, and this side of Intelligence will have to be covered.

The office staff and transport required for this side of the work will have to be worked out separately.

7. DATE OF REDUCTION

As regards the date when the change over to a smaller staff can take place I suggest it depends on the departure of the troops and the degree of efficiency of the High Commissioner's Office. Possibly some time in December would provide a suitable opportunity for this reduction.

As team work will be essential if the staff is reduced, I hope that the Regional Commissioner may be consulted before final decisions are taken and Officers and O.Rs. and B.M. selected for the staff of the Region.

J.A.C. Pennycuick
Colonel

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION VI

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REF : JACP/DO/125 23rd September 1944

FROM : Colonel J.A.C. PENNYCUICK, Regional Commissioner.

Dear Brig Upjohn –

In continuation of my second D/O situation letter of 14th September, local events in SARDINIA are given below.

1. FOOD

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A point which I have raised officially in my letter FOOD/1223 of 22nd September concerns the disposal of surplus foodstuffs. We understand that A.C.C. wishes to control surpluses that may become available from time to time. Recently we persuaded the High Commissioner to declare a small surplus of 7,000 quintals of Sardinian cheese and reported this to A.C.C. At risk of repetition I want to recapitulate very briefly the points of this particular case.

The High Commissioner had arranged a special deal to exchange this cheese with olive oil and was really very good in agreeing to call it off. I find, however, that SEPRAL (NAPLES), backed by a letter from the Southern Region economics and Supply Officer, has sent over to SARDINIA to ask for help to buy Sardinian cheese direct. We have also another letter from a potential buyer (the firm of BARRA of NAPLES) who wants to get Sardinian cheese, skins and cork, and offers in exchange other articles such as canned tomatoes.

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3. GRANAI DEL POPOLO

There are no new developments over the wheat harvest. The grain is still coming in slowly but we are doubtful if we will reach the figure of 300,000 quintals. The grape harvest is just beginning and the prospects are good. Some recent rain has also been beneficial to the olives.

4. VISITS OF OFFICERS

We have been very glad to receive visits from two more Officers since I last wrote. We did our best to help them with transport and accommodation, but had no notice of their proposed visits.

5. ORISTANO MILITARY TRIALS

The ORISTANO Tribunal, presided over by Major-General SARDI and a Court of six Italian Military members has just completed the case against GRAUSO Brothers and others involved in a fraud against the Allied Military Government.

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Well done legal

As regards the MARTINI case, the witness COCCHINI has now arrived and we are most grateful for your successful action in getting him over. The case will come on next month on 23rd October. One of the first reactions to the arrival of this witness has been curious. There are 19 accused and they have now been classified into five categories according to the evidence available against them. There is little evidence against categories 4 and 5 and, in consequence, eight of the men awaiting trial have been provisionally released. The released included Martino OFFEDDU, the former Fascist Inspector of SARDINIA and he promptly returned to his home at NUORO. His home-coming was greeted by the local populace with the throwing of a bomb at his back yard. A second bomb was thrown into the back garden of Avvocato MASTINO whose niece OFFEDDU had married.

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The Unione Sarda has come out with an indignant article on the subject of the release of this Fascist. OFFEDDU was, however, arrested for being an accomplice in the MARTINI plot and not for being a Fascist.

6. ASINARA PENAL SETTLEMENT

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He said he had admitted he was a Republican and would like to see considerable changes in Italy. A strong Action Party both in SARDINIA and Italy was his ideal, i.e. A Party of the Left which would absorb all others except perhaps the rather negligible Christian Democrat opposition. Not quite the ideal two balanced strong Parties.

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He did not make any particu[illegible] complaint about conditions at CARBONIA [illegible] he asked pointedly whe[illegible]r I had seen the mines and was interested to [illegible]ar that I had done so. He said that he had just visited the local Salt [illegible]orks and had seen 500 salt workers. He described their plight as being miserable, their chief difficulty being lack of shoes. I pointed out that everyone wanted boots or shoes - coal miners, copper miners, farmers who trod on the prickly pears and so on. In fact, about 200,000 pairs of boots and shoes were really needed. I also said that I thought local manufacture should be more enterprising and there should be a large scale use of wooden-soled clogs. He agreed, but put the salt workers' needs first and there is no doubt that if anything can be done to produce two or three thousand pairs of boots or shoes for this group it would be a helpful political move.

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REMARKS Please note par 5 subpara 3. When it is convenient suggest a reasonably senior officer pay a visit.
As soon as possible one will be sent.
At HQ we are all overworked just now.

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21st Sept 1944.

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REF : JACP/DO/123

14th September 1944

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FROM : Colonel J.A.C. PENNYCUICK, Regional Commissioner.

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The position here is as follows:-

(a) The High Commissioner's Decree closed the date of harvest "denunzia" on 31st August.

(b) High Commissioner's Decree closed date of consignment of grain on 10th September.

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I will get my Legal Officer, who is now in hospital, to put up a concrete suggestion for easing the situation. It will almost certainly mean asking for judges to be sent from the mainland.

5. HEATH FIRE

The heath fire near OZIERI, half way between SASSARI and NUORO, referred to in my Sitrep did a good deal of damage to cork trees. Italian military help was called for and Lt. Col. CATTANIA and his Adjutant, Captain ELLI of the 7th Artillery Regt. held some kind of conference in a sheltered hollow. The fire apparently flared up unexpectedly quickly and jumped across the hollow. These two Officers' charred bodies were recovered some time later. The fire lasted three days before being finally extinguished and the origin is still being investigated.

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9. OFFICIAL MAIL

No mail of any sort has been coming from A.C.C. since the 9th of September. This delay seems unusual.

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10. AMERICAN RED CROSS CLOTHING

We have received recently letters of thanks from 10 orphanages and children's institutes for American Red Cross Clothing distributed through Prefects. One of the letters mentioned that the gifts were doubly welcome as, apart from great shortage of clothing, repairs have also become exceedingly difficult.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION VI

REF : JACP/DO/116

30th August 1944

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3. NEW PREFECTS

The Prefects of CAGLIARI and SASSARI have now arrived as well as the new Prefect of NUORO who has returned from his leave. We are therefore now complete. The Prefect of CAGLIARI made a good first impression.

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4. CAPRAIA ISLAND

We have been asked to send a supply of 300 tons of food to this Island because, I understand, it was thought the passage would be easier from this side than the more direct ship route. A schooner and one Officer (Lieut. WOOD) are standing by but the prospects of getting permission to send it to CAPRAIA are very small because of mines which are as great a difficulty by the route via BASTIA as by any other route.

As CAPRAIA is Region VIII territory and is 300 miles by sea from CAGLIARI while less than half that distance from CIVITAVECCHIA and only about 40 miles from PIOMBINO or LIVORNO, I would suggest that the proposal to despatch the schooner from CAGLIARI should be dropped.

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18 July 1944

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REF : MC/DO/97

FROM : Brigadier M. CARR, CBE.,MC.

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I am sending you herewith my D.O. Bulletin No.7.

1. The 800 tons of sulphur allotted to Sardinia about the end of March last arrived on July 15th and has now been discharged from the ship and is in process of distribution to the various centres on the Island. It has arrived too late for effective use and though the whole amount may be used this season to prevent further damage and for the general good of the vines, it is estimated that 50% of this season's grape crop may have already been lost through lack of sulphur at the proper time.

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   A copy of this leader is attached and no truer words have been written as regards the difficulty of finding an honest man in the existing circumstances here.

Translation attached

4. The 400 workers who were on strike at INCORO (as reported in Special

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Sitrep of June 26th) belong to the firm of GALLISAI who are owners of many local works including the mills and pasta factory. In order to get the employees back to work it is hoped, on the suggestion of the Provincial Commissioner, that a sum of money covering the amount of money in dispute will be paid by the firm into the local bank pending a decision whether those arrears in wages should or should not be paid. At the outset of this strike a local leading Communist, one DORE, made speeches of a somewhat inflammatory nature. He has since taken a good line and is being helpful. Many of the strikers have already gone back to work and the essential branches of the factories affected are at work. Those still on strike are, in general, non-essentials.

5. EMILIO LUSSU who has deserted the Sard Action Party and is now a member of the Italian Action Party has concluded his visit to Sardinia. I read the newspaper reports of most of his speeches which seemed to me to be somewhat Utopian. He paid me a farewell visit yesterday and painted a terrible picture of the misery prevailing in Sardinia at the present time, which he presumably intends to use for political ends if appropriate. His main points were corruption and lack of shoes, with which I was in agreement, and further, malaria conditions, starvation and lack of clothes, with his views on which I was not in agreement. His remarks about the Italian Army were very scathing. A full report on this interview is being sent officially to your Headquarters.

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HONEST PERSON WANTED

The newspapers which arrive from the mainland give us news of serious sentences imposed especially for crimes of robbery and swindling against the Allied Armed Forces. We, too, published a few days ago a long list of sentences emitted by our Court for the same crimes, and each day new charges and trials are instituted, following complaints, or through Allied inquiries.

All this is very sad and mortifying, and it leads us once more to state that the gravest, the most urgent, the most troublesome problem which agitates Italy today is that of moral reconstruction. It is useless for the country to prepare to reconstruct destroyed cities, shattered national economy, damaged artistic treasures, or that the different parties lose breath in search of a political program, if all this happens in a climate of moral insensibility which transforms each Italian into a thief, an accomplice or a coinhabitant with thieves. This is the truth which, uttered in public, pains deeply, but which must be said exactly for that reason.

A moral insensibility, we have said, which does not only show itself in the lowest and least educated strata of our population; but which pervades all our national life, and which we bump into at each turn. Corruption spreads. And it is not just a cry of alarm; it is a fact. The law no longer constitutes a rein, the sentences of the Courts have lost a preventive function: the example is contagious, the race for money has become giddy.

One makes money, or tries to make money, on everything; from the most sacred to the most modest things, but, truthfully speaking, dishonesty is not evident only in robbing and swindling. The employee who does not keep hours, or who mistakes the interest of the office with his own, is dishonest; the landlord of a building who tries all subterfuges in order to obtain from the tenant a rent increase to which he is not entitled, is dishonest; the farmer who hides his wheat is dishonest; as is also he who, knowing of that fact, remains silent and holds the bag.

The Allies look at us; the Allies, who for some time furnish food for our tables, and who must supervise all those with whom they do business, to avoid being cheated or swindled or despoiled. We need - this also is stated with a good deal of mortification - a continuous work of propaganda in favor of honesty; it seems absurd that honesty should be imported; yet, it is so. We have come to this point. Honesty in all sections. It is necessary that Italians convince themselves that the primary function of each conscientious man is that of doing his duty. It may seem a simple matter, but it is basic. It is necessary to install a regime of iron discipline within the families, the schools, the offices. The task is extremely difficult, almost unattainable, but the mission of the State, as well as that of all those who hold public office and responsibility, has also an ethical aspect which is at the bottom of civilized life. At any rate, the decay increases daily. And all this happens while the Motherland is exhausted; and the patriots die for her with the cry of "Long Live Italy". Yes, "Long Live Italy", but we would rather see her die, than that it should rise again to be a haven for a vulgar gang of thieves and pimps.

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CERCASI PERSONA ONESTA

I giornali che giungono dal Continente ci danno notizia di gravi pene inflitte specialmente per reati di furto e di truffe a danno delle Forze Armate Alleate. Anche noi abbiamo pubblicato giorni fa un lungo elenco di condanne inflitte dal nostro Tribunale per gli stessi reati, e tutti i giorni vanno aprendosi nuove istruttorie penali su istenze o in seguito a inchiesta degli Alleati.-

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HEADQUARTERS 23 LUG 1944 A.C.C.

TO: Headquarters, A.C.C. (R.C. & M.G. Section)

SUBJECT: Visit of Emilio LUSSU

REFERENCE: PS/1596

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Fascism and Corruption. LUSSU stated that corruption was rife and with this opinion I was in full agreement. He considered this was largely due to Fascism which had had, in this respect, a most disastrous effect on Sardinia. He stated that there were still numbers of ex-Fascists in office which I agreed, but I stated that this was a matter for the Italian Government and as far as A.C.C. here was concerned every endeavour was being made to get

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action taken. He also considered that the presence of the Italian Army had a very bad effect on the general and moral situation.

Italian Army. LUSSU was very emphatic about the extremely low standard of the Italian Army and of the state of corruption which existed in it both under the Fascist regime and now. He did not have a good word for the Army from the Ministry of War downwards. He was particularly bitter against the Officer class. He expressed the view that the whole Army must be changed both as regards personnel and uniform. He felt that the presence of the Army in Sardinia was highly undesirable and that no more than one Division should be quartered there. I drew his attention to the increasing rate at which units of the Italian Army were now being transferred to the mainland.

Starvation. LUSSU said that conditions were very bad and that in many places people were starving. When pressed he agreed that the people generally were getting their bread ration but that the existing ration of 150 grms of bread (plus pasta) was quite insufficient. He agreed that the situation would be improved when the increased ration came into force. He fully appreciated the difficulty or impossibility of supplying such items as sugar, olive oil and soap, etc.

When pressed as to where the bad starvation areas were so that I could visit them I could get nowhere and he always harked back to the matter of lack of shoes and clothing.

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Dear

Thank you very much for your D.O. Bulletin Number 6.

I am holding (or attempting to hold) the Administrative fort while Lord Stansgate is away on leave and expect I shall get the works nicely on his return.

I look forward to reading future copies of your Bulletin.

Brigadier M. Carr, CBE MC,
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-5 JUL. 1944 (9A)

REF : MC/DO/89 1 July 1944

FROM : Brigadier M. CARR, CBE.,MC.

Dear Lord Stansgate,

I find that there is an error in Para.4 of my D.O. Bulletin No.6.

The article referred to did not appear in the local paper "L'Isola" but in a Socialist Numero Unico, the publication of which was authorised by the local Allied Publications Board.

Yours Sincerely
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REF : MC/DO/87 30 June 1944

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My Dear Lord Stansgate,

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In any case it is now too late for any beneficial use on this season's grapes. It is difficult at this stage to estimate the damage to this season's crop which might have been avoided. Opinions vary between "considerable" and "very serious".

The impression caused by the series of unfulfilled expectations and also by the fact that sulphur of a low but sufficient grade was available on the mainland but which could not even be delivered in small quantities on Italian Naval vessels plying regularly between the mainland and SARDINIA, will be obvious.

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Confusion and complications have been caused by the notification of the date on which the bread ration would be increased and by the postponement of the date and by notices which have appeared in the Press which have not put the situation clearly to the public in circumstances not under Regional control.

These occurrences will probably have a most adverse effect on the propaganda and parallel campaigns in favour of the Granai del Popolo and on the amassing itself.

Good news has just been received at this moment of dictation in that a cable just arrived reports that the ship carrying further supplies of flour for the Island is bringing 8,000 odd tons and not 5,000 odd tons as at first reported. This will enable the regular issue of the increased ration to be introduced at an earlier date than would otherwise have been possible and will also allow any arrears in the distribution of pasta to be made up

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This season's flour has already made its appearance in the Black Market at a price of 100 lire per kgm., that is, ten times its normal price. All possible measures are being taken to prevent this.

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2. - Public Safety

As reported in Special Sitrep of 26th June, a disturbance took place on 24th June at VILLANOVA MONTELEONE in the Province of SASSARI. Reports to date indicate that 500 persons who were attempting to force local mills to grind without authority assaulted and attempted to disarm one Carabinieri and three Forestry Guards who were endeavouring to keep order. Fire was opened - casualties were one farmer killed and eight civilians and two officials wounded - as reported in our sitrep.

Full investigations are being made and a report is in course of preparation.

No further disturbance has occurred. It is felt that the trouble may have been caused by supineness on the part of the local authorities who should have foreseen that certain individuals would be without rations and should have taken steps to meet the situation.

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EXTRACT FROM BRIG. CARR'S LETTER L/1024 13 JUNE

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10. As regards the last paragraph of your letter under reference, this is not understood. There may have been some change of organization at HQ., A.C.C. of which this Headquarters has not been informed but our present information is that both the Economic and Administrative Sections come under the R.C. and M.G. Section for the purpose of matters concerning Regions and Army A.M.G.s and act as a channel of correspondence on these matters. It has frequently been stated by H.Q., A.C.C. that Regional correspondence opposed to technical routine correspondence should be channelled through the R.C. and M.G. Section. This letter as an exceptional case is addressed direct to your Sub-Commission for various reasons.

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It seems that Brig. Carr is labouring under a misapprehension.

Shall I write a letter for your putting him straight.

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(6A)

REF : MC/DO/81 15 June 1944

FROM : Brigadier M. CARR, CBE.,MC.

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4. The Civilian Vehicle Registration Scheme came into effect on June 10th. It is to be noticed on the roads, however, that very few vehicles are displaying the proper licence on the vehicle wind screen and I am taking this matter up with the High Commissioner.

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5. Tunny fishing is going well and in the CARLO FORTE area the total weight caught up to June 9th was 2,363,200 lbs with an average weight of 400 lbs per fish. This is above average. A good deal of the fish is being sold fresh in the markets and is much appreciated and a very useful addition to our food supplies. I have not had information as to how much of the catch will be canned, which canning must be done in salt this year owing to no olive oil being available.

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REF :. MC/DO/82 16 June 1944

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REF : MC/DC/SC

25 May 1944

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6. The Regional Commissioner and four members of his staff attended the opening of the Assizes at CAGLIARI. I was impressed with what I saw but unfortunately my Regional Legal Officer was not able to be present as he had

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been called away to NAPLES at short notice and I had not, therefore, the benefit of his advice on points of detail.

We heard one case tried. It was that of a man who was accused of looting during the bombing of CAGLIARI last year. He was charged with taking a blanket, a vest and a "[redacted]" (dinner jacket). It was very strange in CAGLIARI to hear the word "[redacted]" referred to frequently in a court of law. The prisoner was sentenced to 24 years plus three additional years. I gathered that the minimum punishment for this offence is, under existing laws, 24 years. The man apparently confessed and there was presumably no doubt as to his guilt but it does appear to me that the law should permit of some lesser punishment being given in such cases. The maximum penalty is apparently death and it is still, I believe, in the United Kingdom, but our laws permit a quite moderate punishment being inflicted, I believe.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 6

REF : MC/DO/60

19 May 1944

FROM : Brigadier M. CARR, CBE.,MC.

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Dear Lord Stansgate

I am writing to thank you for your resume of the more important items of work given in your letter of 6th May. I have read it with much interest.

It reached this Headquarters some days after your confidential letter of May 10th and after I had written you my MC/DO/56 of May 18th, and for this reason I did not mention it in the body of my last letter.

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DC/MC/47

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We were very pleased to hear that certain promotions are to take place among the judicial officials here and that the Island is to get reinforcement with a view to increasing the number of judges so that the Courts can have some prospect of dealing with the large accumulation of work.

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DO/MC/44. 12 May 1944.

FROM: Brigadier M. CARR, CBE, MC.

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Yours sincerely,

(Signed) M. CARR.

Brigadier M. LUSH,
Executive Commissioner,
Headquarters, A.C.C.

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By

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The attached D/O letter from Brigadier Carr is submitted. The various problems will be taken up with the officers concerned.

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V.P. Admin Sec.
This will interest you. M.L. 16/5

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