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CA, TERNI CAMP
FEB. - JULY 1946

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L.F.S.C. (M.M.A.)

Reference Folio 5 can I please be advised of the views a host nation is given in the AS letter referred to.

I understand there may have been some discrepancies in the matter since receipt of the AS letter of 25/2.

11/3/46.

Mr. Can Bayader
V.P.C.A.S.

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Ref minute one. We have no G.H.Q. letter no. 3151/1/A5 of 25 Feb of which I enclose a copy. I also enclose a copy of our reply (A 019 of 8 Mar) you may wish to give the same sort of answer which seems reasonable to us.

QA

S. Parby.

Chm. H.Q.

14 Mar 46.

L.F.S.C. (M.M.A.)

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For
Folio 5

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Understand there may have been some developments
in the matter since receipt of the AS letter 2/25/2.

11/3/46.

McLean Byader
V.P.C.A.S.

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S. P. Kirby

Chas. W. W.

14 Mar 46.

L.F.S.S. (The N. 12)

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~~For~~

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P.S. S.F.

Can you find out from R.A.S.C. through H. Col
willhouse if T.E. R.N.I. Council has been de-regimented
% is decided to inform the St. Govt if this is so. See folio
" 14 & 15.

John C. Quinn

6 July.
V.P.C.A.S.

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De-regimented as from 11 June 46, returned to
owners. By St. W. W. W.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref. 6/3.3/CA

July 1946

SUBJECT : "R" Civilian Internee Camp.

TO : The Presidency of the Council of Ministers
R o m e

Reference your 70843/48024.7/1.1.2 of 1 July 46 this HQ. has been informed that the Internees have now been moved from TERNI Camp. It is understood the camp has now been de-requisitioned.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

M. CARR, Brig.
VP CA Section.

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SUBJECT: "R" Civilian Internee Camp.

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372/A2.

27 Jun 46.

Civil Affairs Section,
HQ Allied Commission,

Reference Brigadier CARP's undated letter AC 6/5.5/CA on the subject of "R" Civilian Internee Camp.

1. There are some 440 Italian internees held now in No. 1 SMP Centre, who were formerly held in "R" Camp. These consist for the most part of trained Enemy Espionage Agents and Saboteurs. The Supreme Allied Commander has ruled that, owing to the threat to the Security of the Allied Forces which the release of these internees would constitute, they must remain in custody for the present.
2. It is noted that it is stated in para 1 of the above-quoted letter that the Italian Authorities can hold the internees in question only until 15 August '46, after which time they would be held at the disposition of the Italian Government. In view of this it has been decided that they should continue to be held under Allied auspices in HMMI.
3. These Italian internees will not therefore be transferred to FOSSOLI.



REC/MS.

222 Curran

JLC NAPIER 5320
Brigadier,
DAG.

Copy to:- G-2.
Brit Polad.
US Polad.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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Ref. 6/3.3/CA.

21 June 1946

SUBJECT : "R" Internee Camp, Terni.
TO : G.HQ. (D.A.G.)
C.M.F.

May a reply now be given to this HQ letter
6/3.3/CA. of 4th June.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

pk.

M. CARR, Brig.
VP CA Section.

8/7 in answer *pk.* 5319
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P.O. r/c. might be asked to find out the present
position of Tennis Camp. An info
appears to be that Tennis is fact being
employed & we have written to A.H.C.
in the matter pk

File & bring back
file pk 13/6.

X Cpl. 13/7 new- wed ~~12~~ 12 June 46.
to if no reply from A.H.C.
pk 5/6.

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CA Sec

Translation

PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI
Gabinetto

Rome, 1 June 1946

No. 70645/48284.7/1.1.2

TO : Console Bombassei,
Allied Commission.

SUBJECT : "R" Camp of Collesalpicola (Terni)

The Ministry of the Interior has received from Terni the following telegram:

"Unemployed reduci of Terni request your good offices with the Allies to accelerate the removal of internees in Terni in order that industry can get started."

We pass on to you this information with the request that you put the matter before the Allied Commission with the object of obtaining a rapid discrimination of the internees, so that the camp can be evacuated as soon as possible and the area which it occupies used for the development of the local industry.

We should be grateful to receive a reply on the subject.

EC DIST - 4 June

ACTION - CA Sec (2)

INFO - CC

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IL CAPO DI CABINETTO

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Presidenza
del Consiglio dei Ministri

GABINETTO

N. 70843/48024.7/1.1.2

Risposta al Foglio del
N. 2

Roma 1 GIU 1946

- 4 GIU. 1946

Al Console Benicassei
Commissione Alleata

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OGGETTO - Campo "R" di Collescopio (Terni). -

L' pervenuto da Terni al Ministero dell' Interno il telegramma
che si trascrive:

" Reduci prigionieri Terni disoccupati chiedono vostro interessamen-
to presso alleati accelerare egomero internati Terni affinché sua
vece possa attivarsi industria."

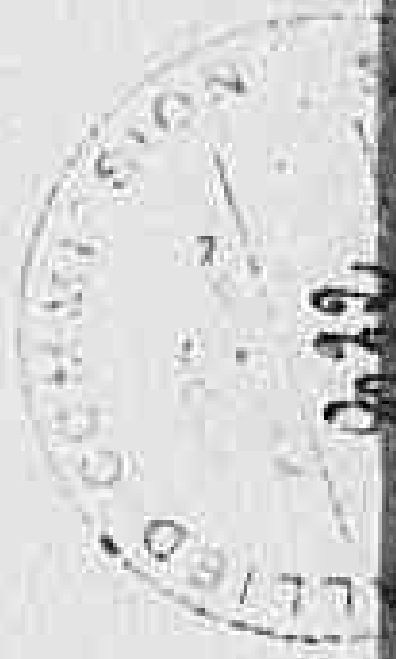
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codesta Commissione, nell' intento di poter ottenere che, previa
rapida discriminazione degli elementi che vi sono internati, il campo
possa venire al più presto evacuato e la zona, che esso occupa, essen-
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Si gradirà avere notizie dell' interessamento svolto.

IL CAPO DI CABINETTO

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Presidenza
del Consiglio dei Ministri

GABINETTO

N. 70843/48024.7/1.1.2

Risposta al Foglio del

N. 2

Al Console Embassee
Commissione Alleata

ROMA

OCCETTO - Campo "A" di Collesalpinco (Terni). -

E' pervenuto da Terni al Ministero dell'Interno il telegramma
con la trascrizione:

"Reduci prigionieri Terni disoccupati chiedono vostro interessamen-
to presso alleati accelerare sgombrare internati Terni affinché sua
voce possa attivarsi industria."

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IL CAPO DI CABINETTO 5316
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Translation

PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI
Gabinetto

Rome, 1 June 1946

No. 70843/43284.7/1.1.2

TO : Console Bombacci,
Allied Commission.

SUBJECT : "E" Camp of Colliardopoli (Terni)

The Ministry of the Interior has received from Terni the following telegram;

"Unemployed workers of Terni request your good offices with the Allies to accelerate the removal of internees in Terni in order that industry can get started."

We pass on to you this information with the request that you put the matter before the Allied Commission with the object of obtaining a rapid discrimination of the internees, so that the camp can be evacuated as soon as possible and the area which it occupies used for the development of the local industry.

We should be grateful to receive a reply on the subject.

EC DIST - 4 June

Action: CA Acc. (2)

Info: C.C.
E.C.
U.S. Polad
Br. Polad

IL CAPO DI CABINETTO

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref. 6/3.3/CA. ✓

4th June, 1946

SUBJECT : "R" Internee Camp, Terni.
TO : G.HQ. (D.A.G.)
C.M.F.

With reference to your file 3726/A2 and this Headquarters letter (undated) AC 6/3.3/CA despatched on 5 April can this Headquarters please be confirmed whether any decision has been taken on this matter.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER



M. CARR, Brig.
VP CA Section.

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SUBJECT:- 'R' Internee Camp, TERNI.

Civil Affairs (12)
CHQ CMF

TO:- HQ Allied Commission,
Civil Affairs Section.

3726/A2

3 Apr 46

5 APR 1946

Further to your AC 6/3.3/CA dated 11 Mar 46.

Has a decision been reached yet, please, by the Italian Government
over the question of 'R' Internee Camp.

MC
see folio 11

HEW/ER.

W. H. G. G. G.
JLC NAPLES,
Brigadier,
DAG.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APD 394.

CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION.

Ref: AC 643.3/CA

SUBJECT: "R" Civilian Internee Camp,
Terni.

TO: CCHQ. (D.A.G.) C.M.F.

CONFIDENTIAL

With reference to your 3726/A2 of 31st January 1946 and to this Headquarters' letter AD 6/3.3/CA of the 11th March, a further discussion on this matter has taken place with representatives of the Ministry of the Interior.

1. The Italian law under which it would be possible for the Italian Government to hold such internees in custody will continue in force until 15th August 1946. There is no prospect of any extension of this law beyond that date.

If any of these internees remained in Italian custody after August 15th, they would be held under the provisions of IEL 419 of 10th December 1944 at the disposal of the Italian authorities as explained in para 3 of this Headquarters' letter 3616/122/AC of 16th February 1946.

2. Subject to the above, the Italian Government are willing to take over the Italian nationals now in Terni camp on the conditions laid down in sub paras (a) to (e) of para 2 of your letter under reference.

3. The Italian Government state, however, that if these Italian Nationals are to remain at "R" civilian Terni Camp, they are not prepared to take them and the Camp over until after the national elections which are due to take place on 2nd June 1946. This is due to the impossibility of finding guards and personnel to staff Terni camp from now to 2nd June.

4. Alternatively, the Italian Government are prepared to take over immediately, all internees of Italian Nationality provided they are moved to Fossoli Internment camp near Modena while, they state, has the necessary accommodation, guards and staff. This camp at present contains 43 prisoners (held for political crimes) whose cases are at present under review and will be disposed of shortly.

5. It is understood that there are approximately 1,000 Italian nationals at Terni camp but that a considerable reduction in numbers is expected in the near future bringing their numbers down to about four hundred.

Rock
5 April 46.
PK
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SUBJECT: "A" Civilian Internee Camp,
Terni.

TO: GRC. (D.A.G.) C.M.F.

With reference to your 3726/A2 of 31st January 1946 and to this Headquarters' letter 40 6/3.3/CA of the 11th March, a further discussion on this matter has taken place with representatives of the Ministry of the Interior.

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3. The Italian Government state, however, that if these Italian Nationals are to remain at "A" civilian Terni Camp, they are not prepared to take them and the Camp over until after the national elections which are due to take place on 2nd June 1946. This is due to the impossibility of finding guards and personnel to staff Terni camp from now to 2nd June.

4. Alternatively, the Italian Government are prepared to take over immediately, all internees of Italian Nationality provided they are moved to Fossoli Internment camp near Modena which, they state, has the necessary accommodation, guards and staff. This camp at present contains 43 prisoners (held for political crimes) whose cases are at present under review and will be disposed of shortly.

5. It is understood that there are approximately 1,000 Italian nationals at Terni camp but that a considerable reduction in numbers is expected in the near future bringing their numbers down to about four hundred.

6. Can this Headquarters be informed early of your decision in the matter and if transfer to Fossoli is agreed to of the number of Italian nationals involved.

McCan Boydin
M. CARR, Brigadier.
VF. CA. Section.

Copy to Executive Commissioner.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION.

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Ref: AC6/3.3/CA. ✓

27th March, 1946

SUBJECT: "R" Civilian Internment Camp TERNI,
TO : Minister of the Interior.

With reference to this Headquarter's letter AD 6/3.3/CA of 5th March 1946, it would be appreciated if you could inform me whether a decision has yet been arrived at in this matter.

If no decision has been taken, would it be possible to give some indication as to the view of your Ministry on this subject? If agreement should become necessary on the extension of the provisions of an Italian decree which expires on April 15th, it would seem that the matter is rather urgent.

M. Carr *Brigadier*

M. CARR, Brigadier,
VP. CA Section.

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6/3.3/CA
INCCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: F 62655

Date/Time of Origin: MAR 13 1401 A

FROM: AFHQ A BRANCH CMT

TO : ALCOM FOR ACCAS

Message Centre No: H/600

Date Time Rec'd: MAR 14 0900 A

Precedence: PRIORITY

14 MAR 1946

RESTRICTED. RESTRICTED

Reference correspondence culminating in your A019 of 8 March 46 we assume that Italian Government are only asking for food supplies. Confirm that Italian Government are agreeable to supplying clothing toilet necessities tobacco and other expendable items.

AC DIST.

ACTION: CA SEC 2

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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11 Mar 46

Ref: AC 6/3.3/CA

SUBJECT: "H" Civilian Internee Camp TERNI

TO : C.H.C.
C.M.F.

1. With reference to your 3726/A2 of 31 Jan 46 and further to this Hd.Q's letter 3616/122/AC of 16 Feb 1946 this matter is still under discussion with the Italian Government.

2. Information has been received from the Italian Government that there is in existence an Italian war-time law under which the custody of the Italian nationals in TERNI camp would be legal but that this law will expire on April 15th 1946. It has been suggested that the provisions of this law might be extended for six months thus enabling the Italian Government to hold these internees in custody if necessary until Oct. 15th 1946.

3. The Italian Govt. is being pressed to give a decision on the matter as early as possible.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

MR
M. CARR, Brigadier.
VP CA Section.

Copy to : Ex. Commissioner.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

CIPHER

Originator's Reference: F62396

Message Centre No: H/402

Date/Time of Origin: 091407 A

Date Time Rec'd: MAR 10 0930

Precedence: IMPORTANT

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FROM: A BRANCH GHQ CMT

TO : ACTION ALCOM HOME

FOR ACCAS.

11 MAR 1946

SECRET

YOUR 1628 DATED 7 MARCH PARA 2 REFERS. PLEASE SEE OUR 3151/1/45 OF 25 FEB
TO MMIA. OUR VIEWS ABOUT RATIONS FOR INTERNEE CAMP ARE SIMILAR TO THOSE EXPRESSED
IN PARA 3 OF THAT LETTER.

AC DIST

ACTION: C.A.SEC (2)

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

FILE

SKELTON

HEADQUARTERS
10 MAR 1946

CIPHER TELEGRAM

This message will not be distributed outside
British or U.S. Government Departments or
Headquarters or retransmitted even in Cipher
without being paraphrased. (Messages marked
O.T.P. need not be paraphrased).

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

*Le Ha agreed with
Legal Sec. MC 6H*

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Ref: AG 6/3.3./CA.

8 March 1946

SUBJECT: "R" Civilian Internee Camp TERNI.

TO : Minister of the Interior.

1. With reference to the discussion (Brigadier Carr - Lt. Col. Hannafor - Cons. Sorrentino) which took place on March 6th 1946 at the Hd. Qrs. of the Allied Commission, the Allied Military Authorities in Italy are anxious to hand over to the Italian Government control of the Civilian Internee Camp TERNI. This proposal is in accordance with the policy of handing over responsibilities to the Italian Government to the fullest possible extent.

2. In the Camp at TERNI - known as "R" Civilian Internee Camp TERNI - certain civilians are held in custody by the Allies for reasons of military security. Approximately 1000 internees are at present held in this Camp but it is understood that this number will shortly be reduced and that there would remain approximately 600 all Italian nationals to be handed over to the control of the Italian Government.

3. The conditions under which it is proposed that the hand-over should take place are as follows:-

(a) An Allied-Italian liaison link, which would be in the form of an Allied Liaison Officer resident in the camp, to be established for the following purposes:

- (i) to notify to AFHQ any escapes;
- (ii) to record certain minimum statistical information for AFHQ including nominal rolls with relative Allied authority for detention;
- (iii) to arrange acceptance of persons committed at any future date by the Allied Authorities;
- (iv) the protection of AFHQ from routine petitions, complaints, requests for case reviews, etc;
- (v) to arrange for interrogation, transfers, releases, etc.

(b) No internee to be released or transferred without AFHQ authority.

(c) The Allied internment authority to retain the right to withdraw or transfer individuals for interrogation or to send representatives

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SUBJECT: "R" Civilian Internee Camp TENNI.

TO : Minister of the Interior.

1. With reference to the discussion (Brigadier Carr - Lt.Col. Hannaford - Cons. Sorrentino) which took place on March 6th 1946 at the M.Qrs. of the Allied Commission, the Allied Military Authorities in Italy are anxious to hand over to the Italian Government control of the Civilian Internee Camp TENNI. This proposal is in accordance with the policy of handing over responsibilities to the Italian Government to the fullest possible extent.

2. In the Camp at TENNI - known as "R" Civilian Internee Camp TENNI - certain civilians are held in custody by the Allies for reasons of military security. Approximately 1000 internees are at present held in this Camp but it is understood that this number will shortly be reduced and that there would remain approximately 600 all Italian nationals to be handed over to the control of the Italian Government.

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(b) No internee to be released or transferred without AFHQ authority.

(c) The Allied internment authority to retain the right to withdraw or transfer individuals for interrogation or to send representatives to the camp to carry out such interrogation.

(d) Essential camp records of a non-secret or non-confidential nature to be handed over to the Italian Government after screening by an AFHQ representative. All other documents to remain in possession of AFHQ.

(e) The Italian camp staff and guard to be of non-extremist political views and in sufficient strength to ensure security from (i) escapes (ii) assaults by political extremists.

(f) "R" Civilian Internee Camp to be handed over by AFHQ to the Italian

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Government.

4. It is appreciated that it would be essential that legal authority should exist for the holding in custody of these Italian nationals by the Italian Government.

It was understood during the discussions referred to in paragraph 1 above that there does exist an Italian law under which such custody would be legal but that this law will expire on April 15th 1946. It was suggested that this difficulty might be surmounted by extending the provisions of this law for a further six months. This would apparently enable the Italian Government to hold these internees in custody if necessary until October 15th 1946.

5. I should be very glad to know at the earliest possible date the views of the Italian Government on this proposal.

MC

M. CARR, Brigadier,
VP CA Section.

Copy to Cons. Sorrentino
Public Safety S/C

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COFL

Subject : Disposal of Italian PW

Land Forces Sub-Comm. A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.

A 019

8 Mar. '46.

To : GHQ GEF

1. Ref your 3151/1/A2 of 26 Feb 1946. In accordance with para 3 of your letter it was represented to the Ministry of War that the Italian Government should take over the supply commitment at the same time as the administration of the camps.

2. ^{of} A reply has now been received in which the Ministry of War say that in view of the fact that these PW are being held at our pleasure, and of the acute food shortage in Italy, they do not feel able to take over the supply commitment. They have said however, that they appreciate the difficulty of supply caused by the withdrawal of installations from the "Heel" and are quite prepared to take over rations in bulk at NAPLES forwarding them in their own transport to TA-RANTO.

3. Will you please say if this arrangement is agreeable.

Sgd. A.H. Gilmore Lt-Col
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT: Disposal of Italian PW.

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GHQ/CHP.

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Land Forces Sub Commission,
Allied Commission,
A.I.A. (Rome).

26 Feb. 46.

Ref your A.019 of 21 Feb 46.

1. It is noted that the Italian Government is agreeable to accepting the custody of all Italian PW and other PW of Italian nationality. The concentration of all these individuals in 'S' PW Camp, TARANTO is almost complete.

2. An Italian Screening Commission has been requested (our letter 3/26/A2 of 22 Jan 46 and conversation de MASI/DAVIES refer). It is understood that this commission is about to visit 'S' PW Camp and this GHQ would be glad to know as soon as possible which of the PW from the 'Alto Adige' are not acceptable to the Italian Government, in order that they may be transferred to another camp.

3. The desire of the Italian Government for supplies for this camp to be continued is noted.

It is requested that you draw the attention of the Italian Government to the fact that all British installations are being withdrawn from the 'Reel' and that the continued issue of supplies will therefore present considerable difficulty. Now that the Italian Government has assumed responsibility for supplying the Italian Army which was formerly supplied from Allied sources, it is suggested that the PW be supplied from Italian sources.

Will you please request the Italian Government to reconsider this point in the light of the above, and represent to them that they should take over the supply commitment at the same time as the control of the camps passes into their hands.

Major-General,
DAC.

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Copy to: Brit Polad.
"g"

C O P Y

CONFIDENTIAL

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Ref: 3616/122/EX.

16 February 1946

SUBJECT: *R Civilian Internee Camp. Terni.

TO : Allied Forces Headquarters.
Attention: D.A.G.

1. I refer to letter 3726/42 dated 31 January 1946 and the discussion between Lt.Col. CHILTON, A-2, Lt.Col. YOUNG, G-2, Brigadier LUSH, on the proposed handover of the civilian internee camp at TERNI to the Italian Government.

2. I fully appreciate that the lack of British manpower in this theatre makes it incumbent upon you to hand over to the Italian Government as many duties as possible. I would point out however that the Italian internees in this camp are prisoners of the Allied authorities and not of the Italian Government. They are held in custody by the Allies for purposes of military security. I understand that some have already been tried and acquitted on charges of Fascism by Italian courts.

3. Neither under Italian law or the Armistice terms could the Italian Government hold political or security offenders in camps of the type of *R Civilian Internee Camp. The only thing the Government could do would be to send them to "confine" under the provisions of D.L. 419 of 10 December 1944, amending the "Legge di Pubblica Sicurezza" of 1931. In such case if the internees were absolved by a Prefectural Commission set up under this decree having jurisdiction to review their cases, there would remain no legal means to the Government to keep them interned.

4. A further difficulty arises. The maintenance of these persons under Italian administration will involve a deterioration in their conditions of living, food, sanitation, etc. A certain amount of public attention has already been drawn to the camp at TERNI even under British administration. Are you prepared to face possible criticism which would arise on the grounds that civilian internees placed in internment by the Allies had been handed over to Italian administration.

5. As agreed during the discussion referred to above, I will approach the Italian Government with regard to this proposal but I propose to limit the conditions as far as possible, having regard to the known wishes of G-2. For I am of the opinion that if the handover was to be proposed on the conditions laid down in your letter, we should not obtain the agreement of the Italian Government.

Brigadier,
Acting Chief Commissioner.

C O P Y

CONFIDENTIAL and URGENT

SUBJECT: 'R' Civilian Internee Camp - TENI

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Headquarters,
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IFW Division.

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31 Jan 46

Reference GHQ 3151/I/A2 of 27 Jan 46.

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 - (ii) to record certain minimum statistical information for AFHQ including nominal rolls with relative Allied authority for detention;
 - (iii) to arrange acceptance of persons committed at any future date by the Allied authorities;
 - (iv) the protection of AFHQ from routine petitions, complaints, requests for case reviews, etc;
 - (v) to arrange for interrogation, transfers, releases, etc.
- (b) No internee to be released or transferred without AFHQ authority.
- (c) The Allied internment authority to retain the right to withdraw or transfer individuals for interrogation or to send representatives to the camp to carry out such interrogation.
- (d) Essential camp records of a non-secret or non-confidential nature to be handed over to the Italian Government after screening by an AFHQ representative. All other documents to be handed over to AFHQ.
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4. It is requested that you approach the Italian Government and enquire if they are willing to take over custody of Italian nationals in 'R' Civilian Internee Camp under the conditions indicated above.

ATHQ is anxious to effect this transfer not later than 12 Feb 46.

RHC/s.

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