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GIUNTE CONSULTIVE
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Ministero dell'Interno
Gabinetto

Divisione _____
Post. N. 2207 Allegato _____

Salerno, 29 aprile 1944

Ala Commissione Al-
leata di Controllo -
Sezione Amministrativa
SALERNO
Risposta al f. del 25-4
Dev. _____ 19/1 A.S.

OGGETTO Giunta Consultiva per la Sicilia

In relazione alla nota sopradistinta, si
comunica che la questione della Giunta Con-
sultiva per la Sicilia viene trattata persò-
nalmente dal Capo del Governo con il Capo di
codesta Commissione.

IL MINISTRO

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

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28th. April, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Vice-President, Administrative Section.
Vice-President, R.C. & M.G. Section.

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[Signature]

1. I enclose a copy of a letter to me from Marshal Badoglio.
2. I have discussed this question of the Junta Consultiva with both Badoglio and Musotto.
3. With the possible exception of one of the appointed members, Musotto expressed himself as satisfied with the council as appointed.
4. I told him that I did not propose to intervene in the matter and that should any difficulties arise he must take them up with Badoglio, keeping Colonel Hancock fully informed.
5. You will note that Badoglio freely acknowledges that his action was irregular and has, in my opinion, given an acceptable explanation.
6. I direct as follows:
We will not intervene in this question unless or until the Junta as appointed proves unsatisfactory. Colonel Hancock will naturally keep in close touch with the situation and will inform us if he considers that action on our part is desirable and necessary.

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Noel Mason MacFarlane
NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

TRANSLATION

CHIEF OF THE GOVERNMENT

20 April 1944

Dear General,

This morning, His Excellency Aldisio, Minister of Interior, informed me that the Colonel of the Control Commission has many objections to the appointment of the Council (Consulta) for Sicily, remarking that this appointment should have had previous approval of the Control Commission.

I recognize as perfectly just the remarks of the Colonel and I openly confess of having unintentionally transgressed the regulations issued by you.

As I mentioned briefly to you yesterday, I can justify myself only by saying that this appointment was made by me at a time when I was busily engaged from morning to night in consultation with the representatives of the various parties and I did not have the necessary calmness to remember all the regulations.

I felt that it required a hasty decision to put a stop to all the maneuvers of Musotto in Sicily and to appoint only persons of assured unitarian faith.

If the Commission requires that I annul the appointment, a matter upon which Musotto is working at this moment, I would lose all prestige in the Island.

The penalty would certainly be, in this case, disproportionate to the transgression committed.

I appeal directly to you to spare me such a measure.

Very cordially and sincerely,

/s/ BADOGLIO

NOT OF MEETING, HELD 26 APR 44.

Present: R.E. MUSSOTTO (High Commissioner of Sicily).

Lt.Col. SPICER

Lt.Col. CRIPPS.

Lt.GROTTINELLI (acted as interpreter).

SUBJECT: GIUNTA CONSULTIVA - SICILY.

- 1 Lt. Col. Spicer gave the background on the agreement reached between the Chief Commissioner and Marshal Badoglio that the Commission be consulted when making higher appointments to the Italian Government. This had NOT been done in this case but must be done, and is now in hand.
- 2 Lt. Col. Spicer pointed out that he had had an interview with the Minister of Interior on this matter at which the latter made the following points:
 - (1) It was not possible to rescind the decree of April 12.
 - (2) The Minister of Interior is prepared to reconsider any individual appointments which the High Commissioner wished to put forward.
- 3 The High Commissioner replied that he did not wish to change the present ~~members~~ incumbents but wished to add three names.
- 4 Agreed that the Minister submit the names. (He replied that NO Region I already had the names, but he would do so).
- 5 Col Spicer then enquired as to whether the total of the Giunta was to be eleven or twelve i.e. was a replacement required for Minister ADDISIO? The High Commissioner replied in the affirmative. Four names therefore required.
- 6 Following this, Col Spicer stressed that we wished to assist in any way and that now seemed to be the opportunity for the High Commissioner to make his recommendations for any changes in the proposed Giunta if he had any.
- 7 The High Commissioner then replied he had one name he wished to exchange at an early opportunity (this was not in accordance with his previous answer). It was suggested that he do this now, to which he agreed.
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one to replace the present Minister of Interior.
One to replace the ex. Sindaco of CATANIA.
Three in addition to present nominees.
- 9 Col. Spicer stated that he would communicate with the Region I advising him of the situation and requesting him to forward the High Commissioner's proposed list.

28 April 44.

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R. P. CHIPPYS, Lieut. Colonel,
C.S.O. Admin Section.

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25 Apr 44

TO : The Minister of the Interior, H.E. Signore SALVATORE ALUSIO.

Your Excellency,

Giunta Consultiva.

As your Excellency is aware an arrangement has been come to between the Chief Commissioner and Marshal Badoglio whereby the Allied Control Commission is to be consulted as to the persons upon whom it is proposed to confer control of provincial government appointments.

In accordance with this agreement I shall be glad to receive from your Excellency the names of those persons whom it is proposed to appoint to the Giunta Consultiva of Sicily and Sardinia. Your Excellency will naturally not permit publication of any of these names before the Allied Control Commission has had the opportunity of expressing its views upon the proposals.

/s/ R. R. Cripps Lt. Col
for The Rt. Hon. The Viscount Stansgate,
Vice President, Administrative Section,
Allied Control Commission.

Copy to: Interior Sub Comm (2) for ACC/2/Int and ACC/15/Int.
Italian Liaison Officer (Lt. Grotinelli)

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AUTHENTICATED:

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

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22nd. April, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Vice-President,
Administrative Section.

Your No. 9/1A/AS of 21st. April.

1. I agree with the action taken as advised in your Para. 8.
2. I understand that the High Commissioner for Sicily has already arrived in order to take up the question with his Government.
3. I propose to take up this question strongly with Marshal Badoglio personally as a question of principle as well as a specific case of lack of compliance with an undertaking given to me.
4. I hope this will have the desired effect and that future similar cases will not recur.
5. Should you be dissatisfied with the way in which the question of the Junta Consultiva for Sicily is now handled I would be glad if you would let me know at once.

Noel M. MacFarlane 2231

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

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21 Apr 44

SUBJECT: Appointments by Italian Government.

TO: Chief Commissioner.

- 1 On the 10th March you wrote to Marshal Badoglio (copy "A") asking that ACC should be consulted before any ministerial or provincial appointments were made.
- 2 On the 13th March Marshal Badoglio replied (copy "B") that no government appointments could be made without previous agreement with ACC.
- 3 A Giunta Consultiva for Sicily has recently been established. It is understood that the appointments to this body though it is advisory and not executive are senior to that of a Prefect.
- 4 From a telegram received to-day (copy "C") it has been learnt that by a Decree dated 12 Apr nine persons have been appointed members of this Giunta. This decree is not yet of full effect as it has not been published in the Gazette.
- 5 As far as I can ascertain ACC has not been consulted about these appointments. I have not yet seen the decree and have no official knowledge of who has been appointed. So far as I know the appointees have not been screened nor has their suitability otherwise been considered.
- 6 We are not directly concerned with the complaints of the High Commissioner for Sicily; but, if we had been consulted the Regional Commissioner would no doubt have considered the High Commissioner's views before reporting to the Interior Sub Commission on the suitability of the proposed appointees.
- 7 May I please have your instructions as to the steps you desire to be taken with regard to this failure to consult.
- 8 In order that the situation may not change pending receipt of your decision the Ministry of Interior has been requested not to publish this decree in the Gazette for the present.

R.R. CHIFFE
R.R. CHIFFE,
Lt. Colonel,
for VP Adm Sec.

Copy to: Interior Sub Comm (2)

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