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ITALIAN GOV'T TERRITORY
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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref. 9/1.3/CA

2nd December, 1944.

SUBJECT: Transfer of Jurisdiction from AMG to Italian Government.

TO : Joint Director,
Finance Sub-Commission.

1. The Memorandum by Major Hall (returned herewith) is interesting and I think the subject matter is deserving of a full exploration.

I have the following comments to offer:-

- (a) With the present tendency of politics I believe that it would be difficult to sell the idea to the Italian Government as certain substantial elements therein would be very antipathetic to the use in civilian administration of the officer class, which is usually credited with strong Monarchist tendencies.
- (b) A somewhat similar point was raised with the Under Secretary of the Council of Ministers in August last. He was not receptive of the idea but at our very urgent request produced a list of 72 Italian Air Force officers with specialist knowledge who would be available to take office temporarily in AMG territory in the north as Genio Civile, Medico Provinciale, judges, industrial experts, and the like. It was not, however, contemplated that these officers would be part of AMG but that they would occupy vacancies in the Italian Administration.
- (c) I believe that it would be difficult to get cooperation from the existing local Administration if they were in the position of having to receive orders from army officers in many cases of junior rank and inexperience compared with the officials themselves. 2252
- (d) I very much doubt whether amongst army officers persons with the required experience would be found save in certain specialized classes such as the engineering, medical and legal professions. There seems no reason to suppose that the army officer of any nation is a naturally brilliant civil administrator.
- (e) In my opinion such difficulty would arise in the transfer between stages C. and D. as the Italian Government would be unable to continue to employ these officers in their civilian posts, even if they wanted to do so, until the law is altered, and vested interests amongst civil servants would no doubt put up a strong case against altering the law. There would thus be a complete break in the continuity of the administration on the transfer to the Italian Government.


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(f) The selection of efficient officers "of proved loyalty and probity" is not as easy as it may seem judging by our experience, frequently bitter, in selecting military patriot representatives for AMB territory, and for mine clearance activities.

2. The above comments may be somewhat destructive but I think that any worthwhile further study of the problem has to find the answers to these comments before the scheme can be considered a practical one.


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This is a proposal that in the same way that we have formed a Civil Affairs Staff from officers with specialist technical knowledge (re. it posed in our case by special lists to whom commissions have been given) so we should form from ex-Italian officers a Civil Affairs Staff of Specialist as part of AFMA, and use them to remedy our staff shortage. Allied officers in Control Italian officers as assistants and executives. As the officers carrying out the work they, who have a greater knowledge of Italian organisation, ways and resources, ^{and language} would be in direct contact with the Italian officials.

A further advantage is that it lends itself to nicely graded degrees of control. In forward areas they personnel can be mostly allied with just a few Italians for advisers and liaison. Further back one can have fewer allied and many more Italians, further back still one can have just a few key allied officers and practically all Italians (who have been proved by actual work)

Three points of criticism. These Italians will be to some ²² extent over the Government the Italians just might resent having Italians in actual positions of authority. Some of the political parties would regard such officers as of monarchist sympathy. Third it is possible that the officers will be the subject of representations after we have withdrawn.

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that Hall contemplates that there will be sufficient specialists
among ^{is done} ~~in~~ the Army. That was not our or the American experience.
Persons employed in certain essential services were not conscripted
and it is the essential services that it is most essential to get
going first. We had to commission specialist specially for Civil Affairs

It is possible that we shall not find all the specialists we want.
It would be a mistake to take the in-expect Italian to tell the expert Italian
what to do.

The scheme is well worthy of further consideration

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
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15 Nov, '44.

SUBJECT:-

Supervision of Italian Government
in Italian Government territory.

DISTRIBUTION:-

Minister C/O.

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Public Health C/O.

Public Safety C/O.

1. The Chief Commissioner has had a conference with the Prime Minister and Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs with a view to amplifying the question as to what functions of Allied Commission might be discontinued in Italian Government territory, and also with regard to withdrawal of Allied Commission personnel.

2. The following tentative proposals were made and I should be glad if you will let me have your comments on them by midday Saturday, November 12.

a) Supervision of education. It was agreed that the only functions which might be terminated were those of Education, and the Prime Minister suggested that we should discontinue supervision of Education in Italian Government territory forthwith. Education to current places; I think Southern Region's report for October shows a definite need for continued supervision.

b) Withdrawal of personnel. The Prime Minister suggested that all personnel south of Rome might be withdrawn as from January 1, 1945. All sub-commissions to current places. Note: This does not apply to Italy.

c) Supervision of appointments in Italian Government territory. The Prime Minister suggested that we should continue to approve the following appointments only (as far as affects Civil Affairs Section):- High Commissioners for Italy and Sicily, Ministers and Under-Secretaries of State, High Commissioners for education, Deputy High Commissioners of Education, Directors of Public Security, Chief of the Carabinieri. All sub-commissions to current places.

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To: Chief of Staff
DCOS, Political Section
DCOS, Economic Section
DCOS, Civil Affairs Section ✓

Reference attached "memorandum for files" dated 13 Nov 44, the Chief of Staff
Commissioner requests your comments as early as possible.

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J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to CC

cc: 'A' Files

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13 November 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR FILES

In my meeting with the Prime Minister and Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs on November 9, I stated that I should like to explore with them the question as to what functions of AC might be discontinued in territory under the jurisdiction of the Italian Government, what further withdrawals of AC personnel might be made from AC Regions as distinct from AMG Regions, and the various dates on which both steps might be taken.

It was agreed that the Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs and I would informally discuss the question of the suspension of functions on the following day. It was also agreed that we would discuss a relaxation of the present review of Governmental appointments which AC now exercises.

As to withdrawal of AC personnel from AC Regions, the Prime Minister reiterated the view which he expressed in September that he desired AC not to withdraw further from Sicily for the time being and until the political situation in Sicily had clarified.

As to the Mainland, he suggested that it might be satisfactory, as a start, to withdraw AC personnel in the area south of Salerno. He advised that the Undersecretary would propose a date when this might become effective at our subsequent meeting.

The Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs met with me on November 11. As to suspension of functions, he suggested that as a beginning we should discontinue any supervision of education in territory under the Government's jurisdiction and that this should become effective immediately. He stated that he was not prepared to recommend the elimination of supervision by any other Sub-Commission at this time. 240

As to withdrawing AC personnel in the area south of Salerno, he suggested January 1, 1945. I promised to advise him.

As to the relaxation of review of Government appointments, he submitted for consideration and discussion a list, herewith attached, of those appointments which the Government proposes should not be made without AC approval. With reference to the various Chief of Staff appointments, I told him that I felt the Commission was not prepared to relax its present supervision of the Army, Navy and Air Force in any degree, since these were essentially military matters and not political. He quite willingly accepted the point of view that our present degree of supervision

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supervision of personnel in the Italian armed forces by the three Service Sub-Commissions would remain unaltered.

During our discussion he suggested that we might both want to consider making the appointments of the high Commissioners for Sicily and Sardinia subject to AC approval.

I promised to give the Undersecretary our reaction to all his proposals as soon as possible.

The discussion was conducted in an atmosphere of the greatest cordiality.

ELLERY W. STONE
Commodore
Chief Commissioner

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Capo di Stato Maggiore Aviazione

Principali Rappresentanti diplomatici

Alto Commissario per l'Epurazione

Vice Alti Commissari per l'Epurazione

Direttore Generale della Pubblica Sicurezza

Comandante Generale dei Carabinieri

Added Suggestion

High Commissioners for Sicily and Sardinia.

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