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APR., MAY 1944

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 398
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

4/3.2/42.

18 May 44.

SUBJECT : Points Raised by the Italian Government.

TO : Sec. Gen. HQ ACC.

- 1 I shall be obliged if this letter can be placed before the Chief Commissioner when he is dealing with Marshal Badoglio's letter enclosing particulars of a number of matters for discussion (your reference SG 000.1 of 9 May 44).
- 2 Is not some lack of perspective shown by the Italian Government in some of their complaints? Do they really understand how hardly the war bears upon the Allied people?
- 3 I cannot speak for America, but do the Italians understand that in England every man up to 51 is either conscripted or engaged in essential work, that boys of all classes are sent to the coal mines, that all women up to 50 (except those with young children) are either in the services or engaged in essential work, that no civilian can use his car, that large areas of England are closed to all non-residents, that considerable areas have been compulsorily evacuated so that the area can be used for war purposes, that a substantial population has been compulsorily moved because it resided in the neighborhood of targets or because their houses have been destroyed or because they have been directed to work in some other part of the country and that this state has continued for several years? That all (men and women) engaged in civil occupations including those in war industries have in addition to their work to spend long hours as Home Guards, Fire Watchers or on other civil defence work and that income tax runs from 10/- in the £ up to 19/60?
- 4 If we could make this plain it might not only be educational but also facilitate the reaching of agreement on the points raised.

STANBATE,
VP Adm Sec.

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9/3.3/AS.

16 May 44.

SUBJECT : Problems Raised by the Italian Government.

TO : RC and MG Section.

- 1 With reference to the Sec Gen 000.1 of 9 May 44. I desire to comment on certain paragraphs of the enclosure to Marshal Badoglio's letter which have been marked to RC & MG as the Section to take action.
- 2 My comments are submitted loose so that they can easily be assembled by you in such order as may best meet your convenience.

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STANBATE,
VP Adm Sec.

PROBLEMS CONCERNING PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION.

7 Premises for Public Offices.

It is considered that the Government has some ground for complaint. This area has been allotted to the Italian Government but so many troops are accommodated in the area that there is serious difficulty in finding sufficient accommodation for Government offices and for ACC.

RELATIONS WITH ALLIED AUTHORITIES.

3 Behaviour of the Allied Forces.

- 1 The behaviour of the Allied Troops towards the Italian civilians and Police agencies is far from satisfactory. Acts of indiscipline are repeatedly brought to the notice of Public Safety officers, but the only course open to them is to refer such complaints to the appropriate Provost Marshals who are responsible for dealing with such Allied offenders.
- 2 From time to time this Section has brought this matter to notice. On 7 May 44 a report was forwarded to the Executive Commissioner asking for the publication of an order by AAI Hq bringing this to the attention of Military Commanders and asking for their full co-operation to prevent interference by Allied troops with the Italian police.
- 3 The Public Safety Sub-Commission is in contact with the Provost Marshal AAI Hq and a meeting with him on this subject has been arranged for 15 May 44. The result of which will be reported.

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9/3.3/AS.

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SUBJECT : Points submitted by Italian Government.

TO : Sec. Gen. HQ ACC.

Attached are the comments asked for by your SG 000.1 of 9 May 44 which I have to make upon those portions of the enclosure to Marshal Badoglio's letter which have been referred to the Adm Section.

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STANBATE,
VP Adm Sec.

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RELATIONS WITH THE ALLIED AUTHORITIES.

2 Allied Forces' Police.

- 1 So far as the extract may be construed as an allegation that persons are kept in gaol for a long time "even for months" before trial before an AMG Court I am satisfied that the allegation is without foundation. There was at one time a delay in NAPLES but this was cured by the appointment of a commission which released all persons who had been in prison awaiting trial before an AMG Court for an unreasonable time and their work has been completed.
- 2 I do not doubt that a number of Italians have been arrested by the Allied Forces and sent for trial before an Italian Court and that they have remained in prison for a long time before trial. This is a matter over which the Allied Control Commission has been complaining repeatedly to the Italian Government but I hardly think that the Marshal is referring to this class of case.
- 3 I do not doubt that a number of Italians have been thrown into gaol from time to time by the Allied Forces for security and other reasons but this is a matter which does not concern this Section. I understand that nearly all such persons have been "re-screened" by HQ AAI and those not released have been sent to PADUA.
- 4 The only power of imprisonment of persons without trial which is exercised by AGC personnel is that provided for by Proclamation 2, Article VII (old series). There are at the moment only two such persons in prison.
- 5 Royal Decree Law of 31 January 44 No 45 confers extended powers of arrest on Italian Police in certain circumstances. I feel that it would be entirely inappropriate for us to bind the Allied Authorities to observe such regulations. It may well be necessary for Allied Military Police to make arrests in circumstances not provided for by this decree. If it be true that officers and soldiers of the Italian Army have been interned without informing the Italian Army Commanders this would seem to be wrong. HQ AAI Directive lays down that in unoccupied territory arrests, will, except in emergency, only be carried out through the Italian Police and where emergency requires an arrest by Allied Military personnel a report will immediately be made to AGC. A reminder as to this procedure may be desirable and I am prepared to issue one if desired.

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PROBLEMS CONCERNING PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION.

9 School Services.

- 1 The Education Sub-Comm is in full accord with the need of assuring unity of direction in school services and is in frequent contact with the Minister of Education. All matters of policy, time tables, calendars, programmes, examinations etc., for occupied Italy are presented to him for comment and council and, up to the present, nothing has been done contrary to his advice. It is the policy of the Education Sub-Comm to advise all Regional Education Officers in occupied Italy to incorporate in their Region the policies, programmes etc, which are from time to time agreed between the Minister of Education and the Education Sub-Comm, insofar as military and local situations permit. As of the present date no disagreement or conflict of policy has appeared.
- 2 The Education Sub-Comm has organised in Naples a Youth Commission of which the present Minister of Education has been the Chairman. This Youth Commission has prepared a statute for submission to the Minister providing for a reorganised Patronato Scolastico to give aid to needy students. The Minister is, of course, fully acquainted with this work and is in hearty agreement with it. The full report will be submitted to him this week.
- 3 A committee of the Youth Commission has worked out a comprehensive plan for hot school lunches in Naples, has secured the approval and promise of assignment of desiccated soup from the Food Sub-Comm, has analysed the practical problems of distribution, etc., all in the hope of demonstrating in Naples what can be done in all large cities. This programme has, however, been halted by the Regional Commissioner of Region III who disapproves, for the present, any plan for serving school lunches.

INDUSTRIAL RECOVERY.

7 Institutions of technical - professional instruction.

The Education Sub-Com is in full agreement with the Italian Government regarding the necessity of releasing buildings and reconstructing scientific and technical institutions. Through its Regional Officers it is taking such steps as can be taken locally but the practical difficulties have in most cases temporarily insuperable. The Education Sub-Com will welcome suggestions from the Italian Government as to concrete ways in which it can be of assistance in this highly important work.

ARTISTIC PATRIMONY.

All possible measures are being taken to assure the conservation of monuments and works of art as set forth in 20900/2/MEAA of 23 April 44, copy attached. (See also ACG/040.-6/AS of 25 April 44 and the Chief Commissioner's letter to Marshal Badoglio, 541/73/CA of 30 April 44).

Close liaison has been established with the representatives of the Italian Government and with the Royal Superintendents. Several conferences have already been held with the newly appointed director of Monuments and the inspector general of Monuments in the new government to discuss plans and action in the territory administered by the Italian Government. It is proposed to have regular fortnightly meetings with these Italian officials.

All along, both in the Sub-Commission and in the various Regions, Italian officials have been consulted in the making of plans and in the execution of them.

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MEMO:

9/3.1/48

11 May 48.

To : Legal Sub-Comm.
Public Safety Sub-Comm.
Interior Sub-Comm.
Education Sub-Comm.
Monuments, Fine Arts & Archives Sub-Comm.

1. The following is an extract of a letter written on the instruction of the Chief Commissioner.
2. The Chief Commissioner desires that you examine the questions raised by the Marshal which concern your Section and present your reactions in writing at the earliest possible date, in order that the Chief Commissioner may make arrangements for the meeting requested by the Marshal."
2. Attached are extracts from the enclosure to Marshal Badoglio's letter. Will you please submit your comments at the earliest possible moment.

[Signature]
R. H. CRIPP,
Lieut. Colonel,
for VP Admin Section.

copy of Marshal Badoglio's letter sent to all addressees.

11/3/48

[Signature]

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7 Premises for Public Offices.

In Salerno the Italian Government must meet an ever increasing request for office by the public administrations in connection with the increased requirements of their services.

It is submitted that the Allied Control Commission might examine the advisability of suspending the assignment of other commands offices or units of Allied troops to Salerno and instead, transferring to different localities some command or office now in Salerno in order to allow the Italian Government to have at its disposal a greater number of premises.

It is also submitted that the Commission might examine the advisability of returning to the Italian Government the Prefecture buildings, so that the Prefects and the other Governmental authorities might, with the necessary dignity, be able to carry out the public services in the main towns of the provinces.

It is also necessary to avoid possession being taken by Allied troops of premises allocated to public services and where there are machines, installations, valuable equipment such as the Railway Offices and the Post-Telegraph buildings and that such premises be used for billeting troops. In several localities (Taranto, Naples, Palermo, Foggia) such occurrences have provoked serious deficiencies in the performance of the services, damages, often beyond repair, to the plants, and the loss of valuable equipment.

PROBLEMS CONCERNING PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION.

1 Administrative Organisation.

It has happened that the Allied authorities have suppressed in the territories under their control, agencies and institutions of fundamental importance to the Italian administrative organization such as the Economic Provincial Councils, which are only the old Chamber of Commerce; and, as for instance, in Sicily they have established in some regions new offices which have nothing to do with the administrative organization of the remaining provinces of the Kingdom.

In order to secure unity of directive in the administration of free Italy, it would be desirable if the Italian and the Allied Governments should consult one another before issuing ordinances that might have differing effects upon the organization of the public administrations.

2 Appointments and Movements of Prefects.

In some provinces as, for instance, in Sicily, in Cosenza, in Matera and in Reggio Calabria, the occupying Allied authorities have proceeded to remove the Prefects in charge, substituting for them local elements or functionaries of low rank with little experience or administrative ability.

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3 Appointments, promotions and dismissals of personnel.

In the territories controlled by them, the Allied authorities have similarly disposed of appointments and public positions, promotions in the administrative posts and dismissals without any attention to the Italian administrative set-up.

The Italian authorities are, therefore now at a loss as regards the regularization of these appointments which also alter the classification and lists of the personnel and cause damage to the interests of many categories of employees.

It seems desirable in this connection that :

The Allied authorities should always request the personnel needed in the territories controlled by them from the appropriate Ministries which might have an overstrength of personnel.

In case of necessity only temporary or special personnel, and ~~with~~ ^{initial} rank, should always be employed.

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7 Institutions of technical-professional instruction

A major part of the premises of the teaching materiel and of the equipment of institutes of technical and professional instruction, so closely linked to the industrial recovery of the country, have been lost through war developments or requisitions. It is indispensable to proceed with release of buildings and reconstruction of scientific institutions.

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ARTISTIC PATRIMONY

Particularly grave are the devastations which the Italian artistic patrimony, the patrimony indeed of all civilized nations, has suffered due to war. All possible measures to assure conservation of works of art, monuments still existing, bibliographical materiel and the repair and reconstruction of the galleries, institutes of art should be put into effect at once. In this respect joint undertakings would be desirable as to the action to be taken in the territory administered by the Italian Government and in that still controlled by the Allies.

2. Allied Force Police.

Numerous cases of arrests made by the Allied authorities of Italian citizens who are detained for a long time, sometimes even for months, without a trial or hearing of any kind, are to be deplored.

In matters concerning personal liberty it would also be desirable if the Allied authorities followed the regulations of the Royal Decree Law of January 31, 1944, No. 45. It has happened that the Allied Military authorities have arrested Italian officers and soldiers and have detained them, also for a long time, in concentration camps and without informing the Italian military commands at all.

Any arrest of an Italian soldier by the Allied forces should immediately be communicated to the appropriate Italian command.

3. Behaviour of the Allied Forces.

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Use of fire arms; It also appears that Allied soldiers make use of fire arms for non-warlike reasons, such too carelessly, seriously endangering the life of the population and damaging their private property.

Between Jacotenente and Puntone Turco, in the territory of Viso del Garicano (Foggia) 51 electrical insulators have been for instance damaged by pistol or rifle fire. This causes the conductors to fall down or to break, thus interrupting communications.

In the same locality, Allied soldiers hunt roebuck, which is forbidden by Italian laws. They shoot wildly in the woods of the Government forest called 'Umbra', and jeopardise the safety of those engaged in the production of charcoal for the use of the Allied Forces. Allied soldiers do not even refrain from shooting domestic animals, close to houses.

It is indispensable that a greater discipline be

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Public Safety Sub-Commission
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Interim report

ACC/14601/16/1/P5

May 14, 1944

SUBJECT : Letter from Marshal Badoglio.

TO : Vice President Administrative Section.

1. The behaviour of Allied troops towards the Italian civilians and Police agencies is far from satisfactory. Acts of indiscipline are repeatedly brought to the notice of Public Safety officers, but the only course open to them is to refer such complaints to the appropriate Provost Marshals who are responsible for dealing with such Allied offenders.

2. From time to time this Sub-Commission has brought this matter to notice. On 7 May

PROBLEMS CONCERNING PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

1. Administrative Organisation.

Interior Sub-Commission has no comment since any body which it has caused to be established is within the framework of the Italian local government system and has had full approval of the Italian Government. In particular, R.D.L. No. 111 follows the same pattern in local government prescribed in Regions I and III by Administrative Orders and Instructions. The appropriate Sub-Commissions concerned should present their own views in regard to such agencies and institutions as the Giunta Economica (Finance) and other bodies affecting Public Welfare etc.

2. Appointment and Removal of Prefects.

This is agreed as a matter of policy if and whenever circumstances permit, the Italian Government will be consulted in regard to all senior appointments.

In regard however to past appointments made by ASG, if the appointee although junior in grade has proved his administrative ability to the full satisfaction of AGC he should be retained in office.

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4. Defascistization.

It is agreed that uniform directives jointly approved as suggested are desirable and necessary. It should, however, be emphasized that the responsibility for administration rests on different shoulders in the course of the different phases of military government. If any pattern is to be observed, it should be one basically laid down by Allied Authorities.

The whole of this question is indissolubly bound up with the previous paragraphs. Once defascistization is undertaken firmly and without vacillation, the difficulties met in regard to appointments and concomitant factors will almost entirely disappear.

Wm. C. Lewis
for and in the absence of

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course, the H.Q., A.A.I. Directive lays down that in unoccupied territory arrests will, except in emergency, only be carried out through the Italian Police and where emergency requires an arrest by Allied Military personnel a report ~~has to be made straight away~~ to the A.C.C. It may be that this directive is not widely known as to my surprise I found — on Tuesday that its contents had never been disclosed to Colonel Gibson, the Senior G.S.I.B. officer at H.Q., A.A.I. I suggest, therefore, that a revised directive (which after conversation with Colonel Gibson I had already started to prepare) on the question of arrests might go far to meeting the Marshal's complaints without accepting for one moment the limitations imposed by the decree which he suggested should be observed.

Gerald R. Upcher

GERALD R. UPCHER,
Colonel,
Chief Legal Officer.

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Major, Spec. Res.
Director.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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Subcommission for Monuments Fine Arts and Archives

20900/2/MFAA

12 May 1944.

Subject: Protection of Artistic Patrimony of Italy.

To : Vice President, Administrative Section.

1. Ref. Memo 9/3.1/AS of 11 May 44 the following is submitted.

2. All possible measures are being taken to assure the conservation of monuments and works of art as set forth in our 20900/2/MFAA of 23 April 1944, copy attached. (See also ACC/040.-6/AS of 25 Apr 44, and the Chief

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Office of the Secretary General
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9 May 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Executive Commissioner, R.C. & M.G. Section
Vice President, Administrative Section
Vice President, Economic Section
Director, Communications Sub-Commission
Chief, Naval Sub-Commission
Director, Public Relations Branch
Director, Army Sub-Commission

1. Attached is a copy of a letter from Marshal Badoglio addressed to the Chief Commissioner dated 13 April 1944, together with a copy of the inclosure thereto.

2. The Chief Commissioner desires that you examine the questions raised by the Marshal which concern your Section and present your reactions in writing at the earliest possible date, in order that the Chief Commissioner may make arrangements

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ITALY

No. 1941

Salerno, 1 April 1944

Office of the Chief of the Government

1 Enclosure.

Dear General,

On March 10 I welcomed the opportunity of explaining to you my point of view concerning the criteria which in my opinion should have inspired the actions of the Allied Control Commission. I also proposed a meeting between the Commission and members of my Government in order that they might examine together the problems requiring a more urgent solution for the industrial, agricultural and military rebirth of Italy so as to provide a still more effective contribution in the fight against the common enemy.

You suggested that I draw up a Memorandum of the subjects to be discussed and I am pleased to send you a resume of the questions which could be examined

ACTION

R.C. & M.G.

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ACTION

Communications
Sub-Commission

8. Post Office:

Considerable delays in postal and telegraph service are to be noted. Such poor service is of special disadvantage to the public administration. The cause may be sought in the slowness of censorship operations, to which official Italian correspondence is still subject in some provinces, notwithstanding the agreements of December 27, 1943. It is suggested that official mail be presented, where necessary, to the consular office in a separate bag to be examined and returned to the post office on the same day.

Administrative
Section

9. School services:

a. Unity of direction: Proper agreements are necessary to assure unity of direction in school services, especially as regards time tables, the school calendar, text books, programs and examinations.

b. Aid to students: Similar agreements would be desirable to assure aid to students in the form of hot meals, distribution of garments, etc., to needy students.

10. Paper for the Public Administration:

The Allied authorities have requisitioned all the paper in stock at the Poggia Paper Mill (about 18,000 quintals). The delivery of quantities already assigned to Government Administrations is urgent.

This applies to all Administrations, but is especially urgent as regards the Financial Administration which must make provision for the preparation of forms required for collection of taxes and as regards the Railroad Administration which encounters difficulties even in printing railroad tickets.

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A.C. & M.G.

The requisitioning of hotels assumes constantly waster proportions. It would be desirable to limit such requisitions to strictly indispensable cases, utilizing, if possible, during the period of requisition the personnel formerly employed therein.

P.R.B.

CULTURAL RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED NATIONS

Fascist policy resulted in that important expressions of Anglo-American political thought and valuable writings of Italian authors remained totally unknown to the Italian public.

Therefore, the preparation of a plan of exchange of publications between Italy and the Allied Nations both in the original editions, as well as in translations would be very useful.

In this respect the establishment of a cultural Italo-Anglo-American Union for the purposes of promoting a more intimate spiritual understanding and a more strict collaboration between Italy and the Allied Nations would be extremely desirable.

Special agreements might be effected with the psychological warfare Branch of ~~ASSTOF~~ in order to establish the means necessary to the concrete activation of the undertaking.

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