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ITAL GOV'T, POWERS OF MINISTRY OF OCCUPIED
ITALY
SEPT. 1944 - APR. 1945

(15)

To C.C.

At this 20A is submitted for your approval sheet of
with address to AFMO. on the right of the revised sheet is
Name of Ministry of Campfire Study.

J.A. Quayle
cc.

CAS

27 Feb 45

X. 601.

(16)

To Colonel Cupps.

Draft at 20A approved by C.C.

J.A. Quayle
Major.

(17)

To C.S.O. & Co.

At 20A is submitted for signature of C.C. for day of letter
to AFMO

CAS

27 Feb 45

J.A. Quayle
cc.

Letter signed and dispatched
for type 2 8 FEB 1945

Draft at 20 A approved by

JA Quayle
Major.

To. C.S.O. 54. (17)

At. all A is written for signature of CC. for any letter

& AFRO

CMS

Letter signed and forwarded
28 MAR 1945
J. Hays

18.

C.A. Section

This Branch is taking steps to obtain the translation
asked for in folio (3880), which will be passed to
you when received.
28 March 45.

A. P. S. G. P. S. G. P. S. G.
Director, Patrols Branch

~~19.~~

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CMS

The internal draft is
J. Hays

22 APR 45

MINUTE SHEET III

C.O.S.

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You will probably have to take the instructions of the C.C. on 12a. I have not drafted any letter to the Govt as the C.C. may prefer to discuss the matter orally with them. You will note SACh.F.D. entirely concur in our recommendations.

26 Jan 45 Submitted to you for action.

T. V. R.

CAS
12.08

cc 236

Chief Commissioner.

P. 12c This is highly satisfactory. I recommend that the Italian Government be informed verbally by yourself & that at the end of the interview you hand in a written document in line of A.P.R. letter.

-175/26/1/65

(of S. concn. PLS prepare aide memoire for me to give Phil at 1200 today

Chief Commissioner

CC 236

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27/1
C of S concur. Pls prepare aide memoire for me to give PH at 1700 Today
JWS
CC
47113

Chief Commissioner.

Submitted. 175/271/45.

C.O.S. 13
C.C. will present Aide Memoire at 1730 hrs this evening. 175/271. to Sig. Bonanni.

JA Quenby
replies.

Copy to C.C. 175/271/14.
CA Sec

Please see 13 above. Sheridan Capt
30 Jan 45

MOVED SHEET II

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CASec

Ref minute 2 draft letter as amended is approved. Please prepare for final signature.

E. H. Harden Capt
Office of COS

10 Jan 55

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To: COS

He has now been prepared for final signature & opinion

on submitted

letter has been seen & approved by Mr. Lister

GRE.

COS

12 JAN. 55
X COS

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To: C-ASec

Ref minute 5 same. Signed and returned

for distribution.

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E. H. Harden Capt

Office of COS. 15 JAN 55

see letter
letter has been seen & approved by Mr. Lister.
CPS
12 JAN 45
2 608
DRE.

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10: C.A. S.
Ref minute 5 above. Signed and returned
for disposition.
15 Jan 45
E. Hardin Capt
Officer, C.I.S. 47112

10 C.A.S. 7
File passed to you for the attention of Mr. Craig.
as indicated by V.P. Cas
CPS
18 JAN 45
2 608
DRE

10 C.A.S. 9
Seen
19/Jan/45
Craig H. Cas

MINUTE SHEET 1

10. VP.

There is file in a series of comments submitted by

Polio 8a.

Econ. " (Finance & Econ. matters)

Local Gov.

Local Gov.

Local Gov.

The full text of this report are at Polio 8a & 7a.

Local Gov's reply is in a separate file 9/7/69 at serial 6.

CA.

in Jan. 68

[Signature]

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TO: COS.

I regret that I misinformed the Chief Commissioner and yourself at our conference on Friday afternoon when I stated that a new draft Decree on the Powers of the Ministry of Occupied Italy had been submitted. This was not so. The draft on translation proved to be a proposed Decree setting up a High Commissioner for returning soldiers; I have sent this to the Land Forces Sub-Commission for their comments.

For the purpose of the record I have placed in the file Polio 8a and annexures referred to therein, which was read by the Chief Commissioner and yourself at the conference. It has been slightly amended as directed by the Chief Commissioner.

I have now prepared, for the approval of the Chief Commissioner, a draft letter to SACRED, at Polio 9a.

[Signature]

TO: COS.

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8th Jan. 1945.
Tel: 525.

J. R. P. [Signature]
VF CA Section.
DCCS. 4711

To: Chief Commissioner.

8th January 1945.

I submit Civil Affairs Section's draft letter to WH on the Decree defining the Powers of the Ministry of Occupied Italy. The Decree itself is contained in pages 9a etc. The contents of other Sub-Commissioners are flagged, but I do not think you need trouble to read them, with the exception of Political Section's comments at 9a, flagged 3.

My own opinion is that the whole draft Decree is so unacceptable that we should return it to the Italian Government without reference to WH. I do not think that we should bring them into the picture until we have carried out our duty of persuading the Italian Government to set up something which is acceptable to us if acceptable to SACRED. I do not see that G-5 can do anything but study the matter and reply approving our suggestion, all of which will take time and all of which is, at the moment, unnecessary. If you feel you wish to take it up on a higher level before returning it to the Italian Government, the point that I should like to refer it to the Acting President. If you agree with the above the draft letter to WH can easily be altered to read as well to the Prime Minister and I recommend that this be done.

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Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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even in Italy. Peter AFHQ D

Ref: 320/47/33.

6th March 1945.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I am glad to be able to tell you that the Supreme Allied Commander, Field Marshal H. R. Alexander, has approved of the terms of the draft decree on the powers of the Ministry of Occupied Italy as submitted to me by your letter of 24th February 1945. It is therefore perfectly in order for the Council of Ministers to proceed to approve the definite text.

Very truly yours,

M. S. CURRIE

Signature

for
SIR W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
Rome.

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Copy 101 C. A. Sec.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

5 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Decree on Powers of Ministry of Occupied Italy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.
(Attention: Chief Commissioner).

Confirming my telephone conversation with you to-day, the Chief of Staff this Headquarters has no objection to the revised decree on the functions of the Ministry of Occupied Italy as enclosed with your 9/22.A/CA of 28 February 1945.

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD,
Brigadier General, G.S.C.,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

EC List - 6 MAR 45

Action: C A SEC

INFO: Chief Commr

Exec Com 4709

SECRET

214

3/22.1/CA

25 February 1945

SUBJECT: Decree on Powers of Ministry of Occupied Italy.

TO: G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512.

1. Reference is made to your letter of 24 January 1945, signed by the Chief Administrative Officer, which laid down the principles upon which the Italian Government should redraft the proposed decree setting out the functions of the Ministry of Occupied Italy.
2. A number of discussions have taken place between the Chief Commissioner and the Prime Minister and B. N. Smedinarte and finally the Government submitted a revised draft decree, translation of which is attached.
3. This Commission is of opinion that the revised decree is reasonable and that the Italian Government should be permitted to enact the same in its present form.

You will observe that the main functions of the Ministry are now of a planning nature and that wherever executive action is contemplated such action may only be taken through the medium of, and in collaboration with, the Allied Commission and, where appropriate, AFHQ.

4. The Prime Minister asked this Commission to give its consent to the proposed decree in its revised form so that the Council of Ministers could pass it at their meeting on Tuesday morning but he was informed that while there was no objection to the consideration of the draft by the Council, it could not be passed until the consent of AFHQ had been obtained.

5. It will be appreciated therefore if the Supreme Allied Commander will give this decree his most urgent consideration so that, if possible, the Prime Minister can be informed of his decision this week.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Art. 1

The Ministry of occupied Italy, instituted by DL..... shall provide, as regards the occupied Italian territory, through the medium of and in collaboration with the Allied Commission and the Command of the Allied Forces, for the intensification of the fight and the defense of national interests against the German invaders and the fascists who collaborate with them.

During enemy occupation the Ministry, through the medium of the Command of the Allied Forces, shall maintain liaison between the Government and the CINAI which is entrusted with the representation of the Government in the fight against the enemy, and shall provide for the complete restoration of civil and political life in the occupied regions.

After the liberation of the national territory and before the restoration of the said territory to the Italian administration, the Ministry shall cooperate and collaborate with the Allied Commission and with the other Departments of the State to solve all the problems concerning the re-organization of civil life and the position of the patriots.

Art. 2

The following offices shall be instituted in the Ministry of Occupied Italy:

General Affairs Office
Relief Office
Press and Propaganda Office
Allied and Foreign Affairs Office

Art. 3

Through the medium of and in collaboration with the Allied Commission and the Command of the Allied Forces, the General Affairs Office shall:

- 1) maintain relations between the Government and the Committees of National Liberation constituted in the occupied regions with the object of safeguarding national unity and organize the full restoration of civil and political life in the invaded territory;
- 2) make inquiries into the economic, financial and monetary situation in the occupied regions in order to draw up economic, financial and technical plans for the re-institution and resumption of the economic life in the said regions.
- 3) follow the activity of volunteers in their fight against the Germans and the fascists also for the purpose of proposing, in conjunction with the Minister of War, the bestowal of awards for valor and such measures that may be eventually deemed necessary;
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- 4) supervise, through a special liaison office with the Ministry of War, the enlistment of patriots in the armed forces of the State.

Art 4

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The Relief Office shall:

- 1) prepare, in conjunction with the Allied Commission, plans for giving every material and moral assistance to patriot groups of whatever origin or character, and to the population of the occupied regions after their liberation.
- 2) provide, in all the regions at present under the Allied Military Government and in the areas that will be liberated by the Allied Forces, for the drawing up and execution of plans to give every material and moral assistance to the afore mentioned patriot groups and to the population of the said liberated areas, in conjunction with and through such channels that will be established by the Allied Commission.

Art 5

The Press and Propaganda Office shall:

- 1) Contribute to the propaganda for the war of liberation in occupied Italy

- according to directives of the Command of Allied Forces.
- 2) Gather information on the situation and the war in occupied Italy and publicize throughout the country the patriot war as an integral part of the war ~~as~~ ~~an integral part of the war~~ effort of the Nation.

Art 6

The Allied and Foreign Affairs Office shall:

- 1) carry on relations with the Allied Commission and with the Command of the Allied Forces on all matters coming within the jurisdiction of the Ministry of occupied Italy;
- 2) In conjunction with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of War and through the medium of the Allied Forces maintain relations with those patriots who, owing to the exigencies of the struggle, are outside the national territory.

Art 7

The present decree shall come into force the day after its publication.

Draft

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

Ref: 9/22 A/CA.

27th February 1945

SUBJECT: Decree ^{on} of Powers of Ministry of Occupied Italy.
TO: G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512.

1. Reference is made to your letter of 24 January 1945, signed by the Chief Administrative Officer ~~to this Commission~~, which laid down the principles upon which the Italian Government should redraft the proposed decree setting out the functions of the Ministry of Occupied Italy.
2. A number of discussions have taken place between the Chief Commissioner and the Prime Minister and H.E. Scoccimarro and finally the Government submitted a revised draft decree, ^{translation} copy of which is attached.
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5. It will be appreciated therefore if the Supreme Allied Commander
will give this decree his most urgent consideration so that, if possible,
the Prime Minister can be informed of his decision this week.

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Gm*
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TRANSLATION No 552

DL 73 of 28 Feb 1945
Functions and organization of the Ministry of occupied Italy, Art 1

The Ministry of occupied Italy, instituted by DL 395 of 11 Dec 1944, shall provide, as regards the occupied Italian territory, through the medium of and in collaboration with the Allied Commission and the Command of the Allied Forces, for the intensification of the fight and the defense of national interests against the German invaders and the fascists who collaborate with them.

During enemy occupation the Ministry, through the medium of the Command of the Allied Forces, shall maintain liaison between the Government and the CINAI which is entrusted with the representation of the Government in the fight against the enemy, and shall provide for the complete restoration of civil and political life in the occupied regions.

After the liberation of the national territory and before the restoration of the said territory to the Italian administration, the Ministry shall cooperate and collaborate with the Allied Commission and with the other Departments of the State to solve all the problems concerning the re-organization of civil life and the position of the patriots.

Art 2

The following offices shall be instituted in the Ministry of Occupied Italy:
General Affairs Office
Relief Office
Press and Propaganda Office
Allied and Foreign Affairs Office.

Art 3

Through the medium of and in collaboration with the Allied Commission and the Command of the Allied Forces, the General Affairs Office shall:

- 1) maintain relations between the Government and the Committees of National Liberation constituted in the occupied regions with the object of safeguarding national unity and organize the full restoration of civil and political life in the invaded territory;
- 2) make inquiries into the economic, financial and monetary situation in the occupied regions in order to draw up economic, financial and technical plans for the re-institution and resumption of the economic life in the said regions,
- 3) follow the activity of volunteers in their fight against the Germans and the fascists also for the purpose of proposing, in conjunction with the Minister of War, the bestowal of awards for valor and such measures that may be eventually deemed necessary.

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- 4) supervise, through a special liaison office with the Ministry of War, the enlistment of patriots in the armed forces of the State.

Art 4

The Relief Office shall:

- 1) prepare, in conjunction with the Allied Commission, plans for giving every material and moral assistance to patriot groups of whatever origin or character, and to the population of the occupied regions after their liberation.
- 2) Provide, in all the regions at present under the Allied Military Government and in the areas that will be liberated by the Allied Forces, for the drawing up and execution of plans to give every material and moral assistance to the afore mentioned patriot groups and to the population of the said liberated areas, in conjunction with and through such channels that will be established by the Allied Commission.

Art 5

The Press and Propaganda Office shall:

- 1) Contribute to the propaganda for the war of liberation in occupied Italy according to directives of the Command of Allied Forces.
- 2) Gather information on the situation and the war in occupied Italy and publicize throughout the country the patriot war as an integral part of the war effort of the Nation.

Art 6

The Allied and Foreign Affairs Office shall:

- 1) Carry on relations with the Allied Commission and with the Command of the Allied Forces on all matters coming within the jurisdiction of the Ministry of occupied Italy;
- 2) In conjunction with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of War and through the medium of the Allied Forces maintain relations with those patriots who, owing to the exigencies of the struggle, are outside the national territory.

Art 7

The present decree shall come into force the day after its publication.

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TRANSLATION

Art 1

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During enemy occupation, the Ministry, through the Command of the Allied Forces, shall maintain liaison between the Government and the C.N.N.A.I., which is entrusted with the representation of the Government in the war against the enemy, and shall provide for a complete, organized restoration of the occupied regions to civilian and political life.

After the liberation of the national territory and before the ^{restoration} peace of the said territory to the Italian Administration, the Ministry shall cooperate and collaborate with the Allied Commission and with the other State Administrations to solve all problems concerning the re-organization of civilian life and the position of the partisans.

Art 2

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- Relief Office
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Art 3

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- 1) Shall maintain relations between the Government and the Committees for National Liberation which have been formed in the occupied regions for the purpose of safeguarding national unity, and shall organize the complete restoration of the invaded territories to civilian and political life.
- 2) Shall make inquiries into the economic, financial and pecuniary situation of the occupied regions in order to elaborate the economic, financial and technical plans for the ~~rehabilitation~~ ^{reorganization} and resumption of the economy ~~in the~~ ^{in the} said regions.
- 3) shall follow the activity of the volunteers in their war against the Germans and fascists for the ~~purpose~~ ^{purpose} of proposing, in accord with the Ministry of War, the granting of rewards for valor, and such provisions as may be deemed necessary.
- 4) shall provide, through a special ~~liaison~~ office of liaison with the Ministry of War, for the enlistment of the patriots in the State Armed Forces.

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Art 4

Relief Office

- 1) Shall prepare, in collaboration with the Allied Commission, programs ^{for} giving every ~~and~~ moral and material relief to the patriot formations of whatever origin and character, and to the population of the occupied territory after liberation.
- 2) Shall provide, in all the regions at present under the Allied Military Government and in the regions which will be liberated by the Allied Forces, for the arrangement and ~~the~~ execution of programs for giving every moral and material relief to the said patriot formations and to the population of the said liberated regions, in collaboration and through such channels as will be decided by the Allied Commission.

Art 5

Press and Propaganda Office

As command in chief

- 1) ~~Following~~ instructions from the Command of the Allied Forces, shall contribute to the propaganda for the war of liberation in occupied Italy.
- 2) Shall gather information on the situation and the war in occupied Italy, and shall popularize the partisan war in the country as part of the war effort of the nation.

Art 6

Allied and Foreign Affairs Office

- 1) Shall carry on relations with the Allied Commission and with the Allied Forces Command, in all matters coming within the jurisdiction of the Ministry of occupied Italy.
- 2) In accord with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the War Ministry, and through the Allied Forces, shall maintain relations with the patriots ~~in the liberated~~ who are outside national territory, ~~in the liberated~~ for war purposes,

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The present decree shall come into force on the day after its publication.

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and through the medium of the Allied Forces maintain
relations with the patriots who through force of war
are outside national territory.

[Signature]

Nothing said as to dissolution of Ministry

Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers
n. 154

Rome, 24 February 1945

FEB 24 1945

Dear Admiral,

I enclose the new text of the decree for the institution
of the Ministry of Occupied Italy.

As you will see, we gave up art. 4 and we slightly modified arts.
1, 2, 3, and we add two paragraphs to art. 3.

I should like the Council of Ministers to approve the definitive
text on Tuesday and ask you therefore to let me know without delay
whether the modifications made after our conversation of this morning
correspond to our common thought.

I remain,

Truly yours,

I. Bonomi

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission

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c.c.

RC ISS - 25 FEB 45

Action: CASE 4693

INFO : Chief Commr

Ex. Commr

1787

Art. 1

Il Ministero dell'Italia occupata, costituito con Decreto legge... provvede, nei riguardi del territorio italiano occupato, per il tramite ed in collaborazione con la Commissione Alleata ed il Comando delle Forze Alleate, alla intensificazione della lotta e alla difesa degli interessi nazionali contro i tedeschi invasori e contro i fascisti che con essi collaborano.-

Durante l'occupazione nemica, il Ministero, tramite il Comando delle Forze Alleate, mantiene il collegamento tra il Governo e il C.I.N.A.I. a cui è delegata la rappresentanza del Governo nella lotta contro il nemico, e provvede a predisporre il pieno ritorno alla vita civile e politica delle regioni occupate.-

Dopo la liberazione del territorio nazionale e prima del passaggio di detto territorio all'Amministrazione italiana, il Ministero concorre e collabora con la Commissione Alleata e con le altre Amministrazioni dello Stato per la soluzione di tutti i problemi interessanti la ripresa della vita civile e la posizione dei patrioti.-

Art. 2

Nel Ministero dell'Italia Occupata sono istituiti i seguenti Uffici:

- Ufficio per gli Affari Generali;
- Ufficio per l'Assistenza;

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- Ufficio per l'Assistenza;
- Ufficio stampa e Propaganda;
- Ufficio Alleati ed Esteri.-

Art. 3

L'ufficio per gli affari generali, per il tramite ed in collaborazione con la Commissione Alleata e il Comando delle Forze Alleate: 1°)- mantiene i rapporti tra il Governo ed i Comitati di Liberazione

Nazionale costituiti nelle regioni occupate al fine di garantir-

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re l'unità nazionale e predisporre il pieno ritorno alla vita civile e politica dei territori invasi.

2°)-Compie accertamenti circa la situazione economica, finanziaria e monetaria delle regioni occupate al fine della elaborazione di piani economici, finanziari e tecnici, per il riassetamento e la riattivazione della vita economica di dette regioni.

3°)-Segue l'attività dei volontari della libertà nella loro lotta contro i tedeschi e i fascisti anche al fine di proporre di accordo col Ministro della Guerra, la concessione di ricompense al valore e gli eventuali provvedimenti che si ritenessero necessari.-

4°)-Cura, mediante uno speciale ufficio di collegamento con il Ministero della Guerra, l'immissione dei patrioti nelle forze armate dello Stato.

Art. 4

L'ufficio per l'assistenza:

1°)- Prepara in collaborazione con la Commissione Alleata, i programmi per dare ogni assistenza materiale e morale alle formazioni di patrioti di qualsiasi origine e carattere ed alle popolazioni delle regioni occupate dopo la loro liberazione.

2°)-In tutte le zone attualmente sotto il Governo Militare Alleato e nelle zone che verranno liberate dalle forze Alleate, provvede alla elaborazione e attuazione di programmi per dare ogni as-

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Art. 5

L'ufficio Stampa e propaganda:

1°)-Secondo le direttive del Comando delle Forze Alleate contribuisce alla propaganda per la guerra di liberazione nell'Italia occupata.-

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2°)- raccoglie notizie sulla situazione e la lotta nell'Italia occupata e popolarizza nel paese la guerra partisansiana come parte integrante dello sforzo bellico della Nazione.

Art. 6

L'ufficio Alleati ed Esteri:

- 1°)- Cura i rapporti con la Commissione Alleata e con il Comando delle Forze Alleate per tutto ciò che attiene alle materie di competenza del Ministero per l'Italia occupata;
- 2°)- Mantiene, d'accordo con il Ministero degli Affari Esteri e col Ministero della Guerra, e per il tramite delle forze Alleate, i rapporti con i patrioti che, per la necessità della lotta si trovano fuori del territorio Nazionale.-

Art. 7

Il presente decreto andrà in vigore il giorno successivo a quello della sua pubblicazione.-

Forze Alleate per tutto ciò che attiene alle materie di competenza del Ministero per l'Italia occupata;

2°)- Mantiene, d'accordo con il Ministero degli Affari Esteri e col Ministero della Guerra, e per il tramite delle forze Alleate, i rapporti con i patrioti che, per la necessità della lotta si trovano fuori del territorio Nazionale.-

Art. 7

Il presente decreto andrà in vigore il giorno successivo a quello della sua pubblicazione.-

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formed by local...., the Ministry of occupied Italy provides, for that concerns the occupied Italian territory, through and in collaboration with the Allied Commission and the Command of the Allied Forces, to the intensification of the fight and to the defense of national interests against the German invader and the fascists who are collaborating with them.

During enemy occupation, the Ministry, through the Command of the Allied Forces, keeps contacts between the Government and the C.E.H.A.I., which is entrusted with the representation of the Government in the fight against the enemy, and organizes the return of the occupied regions to civilian and political life.

After the liberation of the national territory and before the release of the said territory to the Italian Administration, the Ministry will cooperate and collaborate with the Allied Commission and with the other State Administrative bodies to solve all problems concerning the re-organization of civilian life and the position of the portisans.

Art. 2

The following Offices have been created in the Ministry of occupied Italy:

- General Affairs Office
- Relief Office
- Press and Propaganda Office
- Allied and Foreign Affairs Office.

Art. 3

The General Affairs Office, through and in collaboration with the Allied Commission and the Command of the Allied Forces:

1) maintains relations between the Government and the Committee for National Liberation which have been formed in the occupied regions to safeguard national unity and organize the return of the invaded territories to civilian and political life.

2) makes investigations about the economic, financial and monetary situation of the occupied regions, to elaborate economic, financial and technical plans for the rehabilitation and reorganization of the economic life of the said regions.

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- Relief Office
- Press and Propaganda Office
- Allied and Foreign Affairs Office.

Art. 3

The General Affairs Office, through and in collaboration with the Allied Commission and the Command of the Allied Forces:

1) maintains relations between the Government and the Committees for National Liberation which have been formed in the occupied regions to safeguard national unity and organize the return of the invaded territories to civilian and political life.

2) makes investigations about the economic, financial and monetary situation of the occupied regions, to elaborate economic, financial and technical plans for the rehabilitation and reorganization of the economic life of the said regions.

3) follows the activity of the volunteers in their fight against the Germans and the fascists, so as to be able to propose, in agreement with the Ministry of War, the concession of rewards and the regulations which will be deemed necessary.

4) sees that the patriots are taken in the army forces of the State, this through a special liaison office.

Art. 4

Relief Office:

1) prepares in collaboration with the Allied Commission, programs to give moral and material relief to the patriot formations of any origin and character whatever, and to the populations of the occupied territories after their liberation.

2) It provides to the drafting and materialization of programs for the moral and material relief of the said patriot formations and to the populations of the said liberated zones, in the zones which are at present under Allied Military Government and in the zones which will be liberated by the Allied forces, and this in collaboration and through such channels as will be fixed by the Allied Commission.

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Art. 2

Press and Propaganda Office:

- 1) According to the orders of the Command of the Allied Forces, it centralizes to the propaganda for the liberation war in occupied Italy.
- 2) gathers information about the situation and the fighting in occupied Italy, and makes persons war popular in the country as being part of the war effort of the Nation.

Art. 3

Allied and Foreign Affairs Office:

- 1) is entrusted with the relations with the Allied Commission and with the Com and of the Allied Forces for all things related with matters of the competence of the Ministry of occupied Italy;
- 2) in agreement with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and with the War Department, and through the channel of the Allied Forces, maintains contacts with the patriots who are out of the national territory because of fighting necessities.

Art. 4

The present decree will be in force on the day after its publication.



*Il Presidente
del Consiglio dei Ministri*

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Caro Ammiraglio,

le mando il nuovo testo del decreto per l'istituzione del Ministero della Italia occupata.-

Come vedrà si rinunzia all'art.4 e si ritoccano lievemente gli articoli 1, 4, 5 e si aggiungono due paragrafi all'articolo 3.-

Io desidero far approvare nel Consiglio dei Ministri di martedì il testo definitivo e perciò la prego vivamente di dirmi subito se le modifiche introdotte, dopo la nostra conversazione di stamani, corrispondono al nostro comune pensiero.-

Con i migliori saluti.-

Benito Mussolini

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te gli articoli 1, 4, 5 e si aggiungono due paragrafi all'articolo 3.-

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Al Sig. Ammiraglio
Ellery W. Stone
Capo della Commissione Alleata

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ALIDE MEMORIE FOR COMMUNICATION
TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

The revised draft handed to the Chief Commissioner by the President of the Council of Ministers on 2 Feb 55, has been carefully considered by this Commission which offers the following comments thereon.

Article 1 appears to be unnecessary as the functions of the proposed Military Affairs Section are properly the concern of the Ministry of War. I am informed that the Ministry of War is, in fact, already performing such functions and needless duplication will result if a Military Affairs Section is created.

It is considered that Article 5, as it stands, placed on the Welfare Section executive functions which the military situation may render impossible of performance.

A revised draft of this Article has been prepared for your consideration.

It is considered that Article 6 places on the Press and Propaganda Section duties in relation to propaganda which, under the Armistice Terms and in view of the military situation, must be controlled by the Allied Forces.

A revised draft of this Article has been prepared for your consideration.

A revised suggested draft is attached hereto.

February, 1955.

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UNIVERSITY OF SAVOIA
OFFICE OF THE
LIEUTENANT GENERAL OF THE REARM

By virtue of the authority entrusted with us;

Having seen the Art. 1, No. 3 of the law 31 Jan 1926 No. 100;

Having seen the decree of the Lieutenant General of the Realm dated Dec 1944 No. which institutes the Ministry for Occupied Italy;

Having seen the decree-law of the Lieutenant General of the Realm 25 July 1944 No. 151;

Having consulted the Council of Ministers;

On the proposal of the President of the Council of Ministers, Prime Minister Secretary of State and Minister for the Interior, in agreement with the Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Treasury, War, Navy, Air Force and Industry, Commerce and Labour;

We have decreed and do now decree :

ART 1.

The Ministry for Occupied Italy, constituted by decree-law.....shall take all measures in respect of occupied Italian territory, through the channel of and in collaboration with the Allied Commission and ARI, for the intensification of the struggle and for the defence of the national interests against the German invaders and against the Fascists co-operating with them.

During enemy occupation, the Ministry, through ARI shall maintain

liaison between the Government and the C.L.N.A.I. (Committee of National Liberation for Northern Italy) which is delegated to represent the Government

To have decreed and do now decree :

ART 1.

The Ministry for Occupied Italy, constituted by decree-law.....shall take all measures in respect of occupied Italian territory, through the channel of and in collaboration with the Allied Commission and A.E.R., for the intensification of the struggle and for the defence of the national interests against the German invaders and against the Fascists co-operating with them.

During enemy occupation, the Ministry, through A.E.R. shall maintain liaison between the Government and the C.L.N.A.I. (Committee of National Liberation for Northern Italy) which is delegated to represent the Government in the struggle against the enemy, and make preparations for the full resumption of civil and political life in the occupied areas.

After the liberation of the national territory the Ministry shall assist and collaborate with the Allied Commission in the solution of all problems concerning the resumption of civil life and the position of the patriots.

ART 2

The following Sections are instituted within the Ministry of Occupied Italy:

- General Affairs Section;
- Welfare Section;
- Press and Propaganda Section;
- Allied and Foreign Relations Section.

ART. 3

The General Affairs Section, through the channel of and in collaboration with the Allied Commission and AMHQ, shall:-

- 1) maintain relations between the Government and the Committees of National Liberation formed in the occupied areas for the purpose of safeguarding national unity and of laying the foundations for the full resumption of civil and political life of the invaded territories;
- 2) carry out investigations on the economic, financial and monetary situation of the occupied areas in order to prepare economic, financial and technical plans for the rehabilitation and re-organization of the economic life of these areas.

ART. 4.

The Welfare Section shall,

- 1) in conjunction with the Allied Commission, prepare programmes for the provision of all material and moral assistance to every type of Patriot and to the population of the occupied areas when liberated.
- 2) in all areas now under Allied Military Government and in areas as they shall become liberated by the Allied Forces be responsible

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- 2) in all areas now under Allied Military Government and in areas as they shall become liberated by the Allied Forces be responsible for the preparation of programmes for the provision of all material and moral assistance of every type to the Patriots and population of such liberated areas and in conjunction with and through such channels as may be prescribed by the Allied Commission for the execution of such programmes in AMG territory.

ART. 5.

The Press and Propaganda Section shall:

- 1) in conjunction with the Allied Commission and the PMS, prepare material for propaganda in favour of the war of liberation in occupied Italy.
- 2) collect news on the situation and struggle in occupied Italy and give due publicity to the Partisan war within the framework of the

military effort of the nation.

ART. 6.

The Allied and Foreign Relations Section, shall:

- 1) be responsible for relations with the Allied Commission and the AFHQ in all matters pertaining to the Ministry of Occupied Italy;
- 2) in agreement with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and through the Allied Forces, maintain contact with those patriots who are outside of the national territory owing to the exigencies of the struggle.

ART. 7.

The present decree shall come into effect on the first day following its publication.

We order all those concerned to observe this decree and to enforce it as law of the State.

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TO : COS

- 1 I refer you to Minutes 18 and 21 for opinion of Legal and Local Govt on the new draft decree for the Ministry of Occupied Italy.
- 2 The main controversy seems to centre around Art 5. This article is most important and is the charter for the handling of patriots in AMG territory by the Italian Govt through Patriots Branch. I have drafted an alternative clause (folio 23) which the Italian Govt might like to consider.
- 3 Art 6 seems to me to go a long way; surely the propaganda should be controlled by FWB or we may have extravagant and uncontrolled promises made to patriots which there is no hope of fulfilling.
- 4 Owing to shortage of time the draft has not been coordinated with HQ, Pol Sec or Land Forces Sub-Command.

CA Section
9 Feb 45

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VP CA Section

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The Welfare Section shall

- (i) In conjunction with Allied Commission, prepare programmes for the provision of all material and moral assistance to every type of Patriot and to the population of the occupied areas when liberated.
- (ii) In all areas now under Allied Military Government and in areas as they shall become liberated by the Allied Forces be responsible for the preparation of programmes for the provision of all material and moral assistance of every type to the Patriots and population of such liberated areas and in conjunction with and through such channels as may be prescribed by the Allied Commission for the execution of such programmes in AMG territory.

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UMBERTO DI SAVOIA
PRINCE OF PIEMONTE
LIEUTENANT GENERAL OF THE REALM

By virtue of the authority entrusted with us;

Having seen the Art. 1, No. 5 of the law 31 Jan 1926 No. 100;

Having seen the decree of the Lieutenant General of the Realm dated Dec 1944 No. which institutes the Ministry for Occupied Italy;

Having seen the Royal decree-law 30 Oct 1943 No. 2/3 and its subsequent modifications;

Having seen the decree-law of the Lieutenant General of the Realm 25 July 1944 No. 151;

Having consulted the Council of Ministers;

On the proposal of the President of the Council of Ministers, Prime Minister Secretary of State and Minister for the Interior, in agreement with the Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Treasury, War, Navy, Air Force and Industry, Commerce and Labour;

We have decreed and do now decree:

ART. 1

The Ministry for occupied Italy, constituted by decree-law shall take all measures in respect of occupied Italian territory, through the channel of and in collaboration with the Allied Commission and ASHQ, for the intensification of the struggle and for the defence of the national interests against the German invaders and against the Fascists cooperating with them.

During enemy occupation, the Ministry, through ASHQ shall maintain liaison between the Government and the C.I.N.A.I. (Committee of National Liberation for Northern Italy) which is delegated to represent the Government in the struggle against the enemy, and make preparations for the full resumption of civil life.

We have decreed and do now decree :

ART. 1

The Ministry for occupied Italy, constituted by decree-law shall take all measures in respect of occupied Italian territory, through the channel of and in collaboration with the Allied Commission and AFHQ, for the intensification of the struggle and for the defence of the national interests against the German invaders and against the Fascists cooperating with them.

During enemy occupation, the Ministry, through AFHQ shall maintain liaison between the Government and the C.I.N.A.I. (Committee of National Liberation for Northern Italy) which is delegated to represent the Government in the struggle against the enemy, and make preparations for the full resumption of civil political life in the occupied areas .

After the liberation of the national territory the Ministry shall assist and collaborate with the Allied Commission in the solution of all problems concerning the resumption of civil life and the position of the patriots.

ART. 2

The following Sections are instituted within the Ministry of occupied Italy:-

General Affairs Section;
Military Affairs Section;
Welfare Section;
Press and Propaganda Section;
Allied and Foreign Relations Section.

ART. 3

The General Affairs Section, through the channel of and in collaboration

• with the Allied Commission and ABHQ, shall :-

- 1) maintain relations between the Government and the Committees of National liberation formed in the occupied areas for the purpose of safeguarding national unity and of laying the foundations for the full resumption of civil and political life of the invaded territories;
- 2) carry out investigations on the economic, financial and monetary situation of the occupied areas in order to prepare economic, financial and technical plans for the rehabilitation and reorganization of the economic life of those areas.

ART. 4

The Military Affairs Section, through the channel of and in collaboration with ABHQ, shall :

- 1) maintain relations with the Corps of Volunteers of Freedom, and follow their actions in the struggle against the Germans and the fascists;
- 2) collect ^{evidence} all relating to the action of the patriots with the view of bestowing awards for gallantry and taking such steps as may be deemed necessary;
- 3) provide for re-employment of patriots as volunteers in the Armed Forces of the State.

ART. 5

The Welfare Section, through the channel of and in collaboration with the Welfare Branch of AC and ABHQ, shall :-

with AMHQ, shall :

- 1) maintain relations with the Corps of Volunteers of Freedom, and follow their actions in the struggle against the Germans and the fascists;
- 2) collect ^{evidence} all relating to the action of the patriots with the view of bestowing awards for gallantry and taking such steps as may be deemed necessary;
- 3) provide for re-employment of patriots as volunteers in the Armed Forces of the State.

ART. 5

The Welfare Section, through the channel of and in collaboration with ⁴⁶⁸⁶

Patriot Branch of AC and AMHQ, shall :-

- 1) provide all material and moral assistance of every type to the patriots and to the ~~population~~ ^{population} of the occupied areas;
- 2) provide material and moral assistance of every type to the patriots and to the population of the forward areas and of the regions under AMG, with special regard to the families of the victims of German and fascist outrages.

ART. 6

The Press and Propaganda Section shall :

- 1) deal with propaganda in favour of the war of liberation in occupied Italy.

- 2) Collect and diffuse all news on the situation and the struggle in occupied Italy; and publicize throughout the country the partisan war as an essential aspect of the military effort of the Nation.

ART. 7

The Allied and Foreign Relations Section, shall:

- 1) be responsible for relations with the Allied Commission and the AMHQ in all matters pertaining to the Ministry of occupied Italy;
- 2) in agreement with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and through the Allied Forces, maintain contact with those patriots who are outside of the national territory owing to the exigencies of the struggle.

ART. 8

The present decree shall come into effect on the first day following its publication.

We order all those concerned to observe this decree and to enforce it as law of the State.

UMBERTO DI SAVOIA
PRINCE OF PIEMONTE
LIEUTENANT GENERAL OF THE REALM

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By virtue of the authority entrusted with US;

Having seen the Art.1, No.3 of the law 31 Jan. 1926 No. 100;

Having seen the decree of the Lieutenant General of the Realm dated Dec. 1944 No. which institutes the Ministry for Occupied Italy;

Having seen the Royal decree-law 30 Oct. 1943 No. 2/3 and its subsequent modifications;

Having seen the decree-law of the Lieutenant General of the Realm 25 July 1944 No. 151;

Having consulted the Council of Ministers;

On the proposal of the President of the Council of Ministers, Prime Minister Secretary of State and Minister for the Interior, in agreement with the Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Treasury, War, Navy, Air Force and Industry, Commerce and Labour;

WE have decreed and ^{do} now decree:

Art. 1

The Ministry for Occupied Italy, constituted with the decree-law, for what pertains to the occupied Italian territory, through the channel of and in collaboration with the Allied Commission and the AFHQ, takes all measures for the intensification of the struggle and for the defence of the national interests against the German invaders and against the Fascists cooperating with them.

As long as the enemy occupation will last, the Ministry, through the AFHQ, will maintain the liaison between the Government and the C.L.N.A.I. (Committee of National Liberation for Northern Italy) to which the representation of the Government in the struggle against the enemy is delegated, and provides to prearrange the full resumption of civil and political life in the occupied areas.

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After the liberation of the national territory the Ministry concurs and collaborates with the Allied Commission to the solution of all problems concerning the resumption of civil life and the position of [✓] Patriots.

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Art. 2

Within the Ministry of Occupied Italy the following Sections are instituted:

General Affairs Section;
Military Affairs Section;
Welfare Section;
Press and Propaganda Section;
Allied and Foreign Relations Section.

Art. 3

The General Affairs Section, through ^{the channel of} and in collaboration with the Allied Commission and AFHQ,

- 1) entertains relations between the Government and the Committees of National Liberation formed in the occupied areas with the purpose of guaranteeing national unity and of laying the foundations for the full resumption of civil and political life of the invaded territories;
- 2) -carries out investigations on the economic, financial and monetary situation of the occupied areas in order to set out economic, financial and technical schemes for the rehabilitation and reorganization of the economic life of those areas.

Art. 4

The Military Affairs Section, through the channel of and in collaboration with AFHQ,

- 1) -entertains relations with the Corps of the Volunteers of Freedom, and watches their action in the struggle against the Germans and the Fascists;
- 2) -collects all elements relating to the action of the patriots in view of bestowing awards for gallantry and of taking such steps as may be deemed necessary;
- 3) provides re-employment to the patriots enlisting them as volunteers in the Armed Forces of the State.

Art. 5 ^{the channel of}

The Welfare Section, through and in collaboration with the Patriot Branch of AG and AFHQ,

- 1) -looks after all forms of material and moral assistance to the patriots and to the population of the occupied areas;
- 2) -looks after all forms of material and moral assistance to the patriots and to the population of the advanced areas and of the regions under AMG, with special regard to the families of the victims of German and Fascist outrages.

Art. 6

The Press and Propaganda Section;

- 1) -deals with the propaganda in favour of the war of liberation in occupied Italy;
- 2) -collects and diffuses all news on the situation and the struggle in occupied Italy; and advertises throughout the country the partisan war as essential aspect of the Nation's military effort.

Art. 7

The Allied and Foreign Relations Section,

- 1) -manages the relations with the Allied Commission and the AFHQ in all matters pertaining to the Ministry of Occupied Italy;
- 2) -in agreement with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and through the Allied Forces, keeps in touch with those patriots who are out of the national territory owing to struggle conditions.

Art. 8

The present decree shall come into effect on the first day following its publication.

We order all those concerned to observe this decree and to enforce it as law of the State.

Uberto di Savoie
Principe di Piemonte
Luogotenente Generale del Regno

In virtù dell'autorità a Noi delegata;
Visto l'Art. 1 n. 3 della legge 31 gennaio 1926 n. 100; che
Visto il decreto luogotenenziale dicembre 1944 n. che
istituisce il Ministero per l'Italia Occupata;
Visto il R. Decreto-legge 30 ottobre 1943 n. 2/8 e viste
le sue successive modificazioni;
Visto il decreto-legge luogotenenziale 25 giugno 1944
n. 151;

Sentito il Consiglio dei Ministri;

Sulla proposta del Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri,
Primo Ministro Segretario di Stato e Ministro dell'Interno, di
concerto con i Ministri per gli Affari Esteri, per il Tesoro,
per la Guerra, per la Marina, per l'Aeronautica, e per l'In-
dustria, il Commercio ed il Lavoro;

abbiamo decretato e decretiamo:

Art. 1

Il Ministero dell'Italia Occupata, costituito col Decre-
to legge.....provvede, nei riguardi del territorio italiano
occupato, per il tramite ed in collaborazione con la Commis-
sione Alleata ed il Comando delle Forze Alleate alla intensi-
ficazione della lotta e alla difesa degli interessi naziona-
li contro i tedeschi invasori e contro i fascisti che con es-
si collaborano.

Durante l'occupazione nemica, il Ministero, tramite il
Comando delle Forze Alleate, mantiene il collegamento tra il
Governo e il C.L.N.A.I. a cui è delegata la rappresentanza
del Governo nella lotta contro il nemico, e provvede a predi-
sporre, il pieno ritorno alla vita civile e politica delle re-
gioni occupate.

Dopo la liberazione del territorio nazionale, il Ministe-
ro concorre e collabora con la Commissione Alleata per la so-
luzione di tutti i problemi interessanti la ripresa della vi-
ta civile e la condizione dei fascisti.

Art. 1

Il Ministero dell'Italia Occupata, costituito col Decreto legge....provvede, nei riguardi del territorio italiano occupato, per il tramite ed in collaborazione con la Commissione Alleata ed il Comando delle Forze Alleate alla intensificazione della lotta e alla difesa degli interessi nazionali contro i tedeschi invasori e contro i fascisti che con essi collaborano.

Durante l'occupazione nemica, il Ministero, tramite il Comando delle Forze Alleate, mantiene il collegamento tra il Governo e il C.L.N.A.I. a cui è delegata la rappresentanza del Governo nella lotta contro il nemico, e provvede a predisporre, il pieno ritorno alla vita civile e politica delle regioni occupate.

Dopo la liberazione del territorio nazionale, il Ministero concorre e collabora con la Commissione Alleata per la soluzione di tutti i problemi interessanti la ripresa della vita civile e la posizione dei patrioti.

Art. 2

Nel Ministero dell'Italia Occupata sono istituiti i seguenti Uffici:

Ufficio per gli Affari Generali;
Ufficio per gli Affari Militari;
Ufficio per l'Assistenza;
Ufficio Stampa e Propaganda;
Ufficio Alleati ed Esteri.

Art. 3

L'Ufficio per gli Affari Generali, per il tramite ed in collaborazione con la Commissione Alleata e con il Comando delle Forze Alleate:

- 1) mantiene i rapporti tra il Governo ed i Comitati di Liberazione Nazionale costituiti nelle regioni occupate al fine di garantire l'unità nazionale e predispone il pieno ritorno alla vita civile e politica dei territori invasi;
- 2) compie accertamenti circa la situazione economica, finanziaria e monetaria delle regioni occupate al fine della elaborazione di piani economici, finanziari e tecnici, per il riassetto e la riattivazione della vita economica di dette regioni;

Art. 4

L'Ufficio per gli Affari Militari, per il tramite ed in collaborazione con il Comando delle Forze Alleate:

- 1) mantiene i rapporti con il Corpo dei Volontari della Libertà, ne segue l'attività nella lotta contro i tedeschi e i fascisti;
- 2) raccoglie tutti gli elementi relativi all'azione svolta dai patrioti al fine della concessione di ricompense al valore e degli eventuali provvedimenti che si ritenessero necessari;
- 3) provvede al reimpiego dei patrioti come volontari nelle Forze Armate dello Stato.

Art. 5

L'Ufficio per l'Assistenza, per il tramite ed in collaborazione con l'Ufficio Patrioti della Commissione Alleata e del Comando delle Forze Alleate:

- 1) cura ogni forma di assistenza materiale e morale ai patrioti e alle popolazioni delle regioni occupate;
- 2) cura ogni forma di assistenza materiale e morale ai patrioti e alle popolazioni delle zone avanzate e delle regioni sotto il Governo Militare Alleato, ecc.

- ed in collaborazione con gli Affari Militari, per il tramite
ed in collaborazione con il Comando delle Forze Alleate:
- 1) mantiene i rapporti con il Corpo dei Volontari della Libertà, e ne segue l'attività nella lotta contro i tedeschi e i fascisti;
 - 2) raccoglie tutti gli elementi relativi all'azione svolta dai patriotti al fine della concessione di ricompense al valore e degli eventuali provvedimenti che si ritenessero necessari;
 - 3) provvede al reclutamento dei patriotti come volontari nelle Forze Armate dello Stato.

Art. 5

L'Ufficio per l'Assistenza, per il tramite ed in collaborazione con l'Ufficio Patriotti della Commissione Alleata e del Comando delle Forze Alleate:

- 1) cura ogni forma di assistenza materiale e morale ai patriotti e alle popolazioni delle regioni occupate;
- 2) cura ogni forma di assistenza materiale e morale ai patriotti e alle popolazioni delle zone avanzate e delle regioni sotto il Governo Militare Alleato, con speciale riguardo alle famiglie delle vittime delle barbarie tedesche e fasciste.

Art. 6

L'Ufficio Stampa e Propaganda

- 1) provvede ~~alla~~ alla propaganda per la guerra di liberazione nell'Italia Occupata;
- 2) raccoglie e diffonde tutte le notizie sulla situazione e la lotta dell'Italia occupata; popolarizza in tutto il paese la guerra partigiana come parte integrante dello sforzo bellico della Nazione.

Art. 7

L'Ufficio Alleati ed Esteri:

- 1) cura i rapporti con la Commissione Alleata e con il Comando delle Forze Alleate per tutto ciò che si attiene alle materie di competenza del Ministero per l'Italia Occupata;
- 2) mantiene, d'accordo con il Ministero degli Affari Esteri, e per il tramite delle Forze Alleate, i rapporti con i patrioti che, per la necessità della lotta si trovano fuori del territorio nazionale.

Art. 8

Il presente decreto andrà in vigore il giorno successivo a quello della sua pubblicazione.

Ordiniamo a chiunque spetti, di osservare il presente decreto e di farlo osservare come legge dello Stato.

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27th January 1945.

AIDE MEMOIRE FOR COMMUNICATION TO THE PRESIDENT
OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.

DRAFT DECREE ON POWERS OF MINISTERS OF OCCUPIED ITALY.

1. The draft decree establishing the Ministry for Occupied Italy which was submitted to the Allied Commission by the Italian Government was referred to the Supreme Allied Commander for consideration in view of the fact that the contents of the decree related to occupied territory which will become an area of military operations and to other military matters.

2. The Supreme Allied Commander has directed me to inform the Italian Government:

- (a) that the proposed decree goes too far having regard to military requirements in a theatre of operations;
- (b) that communications with enemy occupied territory can only be permitted through the Allied Commission and Allied Force Headquarters, and then only on matters which will be laid down in an Allied Force Headquarters directive. This direction particularly affects Articles 1, 3 and 4;
- (c) that the rehabilitation of patriots in forward areas and areas under Allied Military Government can only be carried out through the Patriot Branch of the Allied Commission. This applies particularly to Article 5((11));
- (d) that communications with patriots in other countries can only be permitted if each communication is cleared with and passed through the Allied Commission and Allied Force Headquarters in a manner to be determined by Allied Force Headquarters. This particularly refers to Article 4.

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3. The Supreme Allied Commander further directs me to suggest to the Italian Government that the real work of the Ministry should, at the present stage, be of a planning rather than an operational nature; that appropriate activities for the Ministry could be such matters as planning to prevent unemployment, to clothe and rehabilitate the homeless and to plan for the full resumption of civilian and political life in the areas ultimately to be turned back to their administration. Further that in the immediate future the

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operational activities of the Ministry should be confined to the provision of remuneration, finding employment, and the contribution of clothing for patriots through the agency of the Patriots Branch of the Allied Commission.

4. In the light of the above I am directed to require the Italian Government to redraft the proposed Decree so as to conform to the principles set out above and to resubmit it to the Allied Commission in revised form for consideration before issue.

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Political Section
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

24 January 1945 *12a*

SUBJECT: Decree on Powers of Ministry of Occupied Italy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. Reference is made to your 9/22A/CA of 15 January, enclosing a translation of a draft of a proposed decree on the powers of the Ministry for Occupied Italy.

2. This matter has been brought to the attention of the Supreme Allied Commander who has directed that the following action be taken:

a. That the Allied Commission be directed to inform the Italian Government that the proposed decree goes too far having regard to military requirements in a theater of operations.

b. That communications with enemy occupied territory can only be permitted through this HQ and then only on matters which will be laid down in an AFHQ directive.

c. That the rehabilitation of patriots in forward areas can only be carried out through the Patriots Branch of the Allied Commission.

d. That communication with patriots in other countries can only be permitted if each communication is cleared with and passed through this HQ in manner to be determined by this HQ.

e. That the Allied Commission should suggest to the Italian Government that the real work of the Ministry should, at the present stage, be of a planning rather than an operational nature; that appropriate activities for the Ministry would be such matters as planning to prevent unemployment, to clothe and rehabilitate the homeless and to plan for the full resumption of civilian and political life in the areas ultimately to be turned back to their administration. Further that in the immediate future the operational activities of the Ministry should be confined to the provision of remuneration, finding employment, and the contribution of clothing for patriots through the agency of the Patriots Branch of the Allied Commission.

f. That in the light of the above the Italian Government be required to redraft the proposed decree so as to conform to the principles set out above and to re-submit it in

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revised form for consideration before issue.

3. It is requested that you bring the above to the notice of the Italian Government and re-submit the revised decree for consideration as soon as possible.

B. H. Robertson

B. H. ROBERTSON
Lieutenant General
Chief Administrative Officer

*cc: GDS
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Political Section
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
FOR THE
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

MINISTRY OF OCCUPIED ITALY

1. The draft Decree establishing a Ministry for Occupied Italy divides the proposed activity into three main divisions:

- (a) Liaison and communication with the occupants of territory while it is still in enemy occupation, including the direction of the resistance movement in such territory;
- (b) Assistance to, and rehabilitation of patriots in newly liberated territory; and
- (c) Liaison in conjunction with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with Italian patriots in territories outside Italy.

2. The first of these provisions (Arts. 1, 2 and 4) for liaison and communication with these enemy occupied territories goes, it is submitted, too far. The only communication with organizations or individuals on the other side of the line which can be permitted should be those conducted through military channels for purposes approved by AFHQ, and this has already been indicated to the Minister.

3. It will be for OACM to see what communication serves Allied aims. It may well be that some communication from the Italian Government may be desirable on furthering those aims by political means but OACM will be the only authorizing authority. A directive on the subject matter and machinery for submission of matter for approval may be desirable.

4. The second provision (Art. 3 (ii)) for assisting patriots is not acceptable to this Commission. Experience has shown that to have civilian representatives operating in AOC territory on patriot matters is most undesirable. It is considered that the rehabilitation of patriots is a matter which must be dealt with solely by this Commission through the Patriot Branch. The Italian Government would, however, be responsible for making provision for paying and, as far as it is able, for clothing patriots. Recruiting agencies would be permitted in forward areas.

5. The third provision (Art. 4) is for liaison with patriots outside Italy. The purposes and control of such communications to be permitted is a matter for AFHQ rather than for this Commission.

4. The only communication with organizations or individuals on the other side of the line which can be permitted should be those conducted through military channels for purposes approved by AFHQ, and this has already been indicated to the Minister.

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6. The second provision (Art. 5 (4)) for assisting patriots is not acceptable to this Commission. Experience has shown that to have civilian representatives operating in AMG territory on patriot matters is most undesirable. It is considered that the rehabilitation of patriots is a matter which must be dealt with solely by this Commission through the Patriot Branch. The Italian Government would, however, be responsible for making provision for paying and, so far as it is able, for clothing patriots. Recruiting agencies would be permitted in forward areas.

7. The third provision (Art. 4) is for liaison with patriots outside Italy. The purposes and control of such communications to be permitted is a matter for AFHQ rather than for this Commission.

8. This Commission has recommended to AFHQ that the Italian Government be informed that their proposals go too far having in view the military requirements of a theatre of operations; that communications with enemy occupied territory can only be permitted through AFHQ and then only on matters which will be laid down in an AFHQ directive; that the rehabilitation of patriots is forward areas will only be undertaken through the Patriot Branch of this Commission; and finally that communication with patriots in other countries can only be carried out through AFHQ in a manner to be determined by that headquarters.

9. It is further recommended that this Commission should suggest to the Italian Government that the real work of the Ministry should, at the present stage, be of a planning rather than an operational nature; that a very large field requires study by the Ministry and that the rehabilitation of the people of the vital industrial north requires immediate planning; in particular, programmes to prevent unemployment, to clothe and rehabilitate the homeless and to prepare for the full resumption of civilian and political life are essential and subordinate activities for the Ministry to undertake. Further, that in the immediate future its operational activities should be confined to the resumption, finding of employment, and the contribution of clothing for patriots through the agency of the Patriotic Branch of this Commission.

Art. 1

The Ministry for occupied Italy constituted by D.L. shall provide in respect of the occupied Italian territory for the intensification of the struggle and for the defense of national interests against the German invaders and against their fascist collaborators.

During the occupation by the enemy the Ministry shall maintain liaison with C.N.I.A.I. which is delegated to represent the Government in the struggle against the enemy. After the liberation of the national territory and until the time when the powers of the Italian Government are extended thereto the Ministry shall assist in the solution of all problems concerning the position of patriots and their return to civil life.

Art. 2

The following officers are established in the Ministry for occupied Italy:

- (1) for general matters
- (2) for military matters
- (3) for assistance
- (4) for liaison with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- (5) for press and propaganda.

Art. 3

The office for general matters shall:

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- (1) for general matters
- (2) for military matters
- (3) for assistance
- (4) for liaison with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- (5) for press and propaganda.

ART. 3

The office for general matters shall:

- 1) maintain contacts between the Government and National Committees of liberation, established in invaded territories, by coordinating their activities and receiving information on them and on their aims;
- 2) coordinate all clandestine activities and direct the resistance of the population against the invaders;
- 3) collect all possible evidence on the behaviour of Italian towards the invader for the purpose of future rewards and punishments;
- 4) investigate the financial, monetary and economic situation of the occupied territories.

ART. 4

The office for military matters shall:

- 1) maintain and ensure the development of relations with "volunteers of liberty" (Volontari della libert ) operating in occupied Italy;
- 2) provide for uniform organization and intensification of the struggle of the partisans against the German;
- 3) collect any evidence relating to the activities displayed by the Patriots for the purpose of historical documentation and eventual measures which might appear necessary.

ART. 5

The office for assistance shall:

- 1) provide for any possible kind of assistance moral and material to Italians living in the invaded territory and for the exchange of news with their relatives residing in liberated Italy;
- 2) assist and receive Patriots both those in newly liberated zones and those who cross the lines. Supplying them with immediate material and moral assistance;
- 3) take care of any kind of material and moral assistance to all the Patriots fighting in occupied territory and to their families.

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Art. 6

The liaison offices with the Ministry for Foreign Affairs shall provide, in agreement with this Ministry, for maintaining contacts with the Patriots who are outside of the national territory because of the necessities of the struggle and for the protection of the Patriots captured by the enemy.

Art. 7

The office for information and propaganda shall gather all the information concerning the struggle in occupied Italy.

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Ref: 3/22/45

15 Jan 1945

SUBJECT: Decree on Powers of Ministry of Occupied Italy.

TO: AMT 4-5 Section

- 1 I enclose a translation of a draft of the proposed Decree on the Powers of the Ministry for Occupied Italy which, as you know, has been set up by the new Government, and of which Scoccimarro is Minister.
- 2 The draft, broadly speaking, lays down three lines of activity for the Ministry:
 - a) Liaison and communication with the occupants of territory while it is still in enemy occupation, including the direction of the resistance movement in such territory;
 - b) Assistance to and rehabilitation of patriots in newly liberated territory; and
 - c) Liaison in conjunction with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with Italian patriots in territories outside Italy.
- 3 Dealing first with paragraph 2 (a) above, the proposed duties of the Ministry with regard to the inhabitants of enemy occupied territory are set out in the second sub-paragraph of Article I, in Article III and Article IV (i) and (ii). It is the view of this Commission that these proposed duties go much too far, envisaging, as they do, direct communication with the inhabitants of enemy occupied territory. You may well think that the only communication which should be permitted with occupied territory should be for military purposes, and only between GADSD and the GMAI, or their resistance bodies, through the medium of GSI and GCS or other approved Allied channels. In a preliminary meeting with Scoccimarro I have already indicated to him that the system of channels of communication existing in the Allied States demands that all communications with occupied territory can only be through military channels at the direction of AMT. It is a matter for your decision as to whether any communication should be permitted except for military purposes and whether, for instance, political conversations between the Government and the GMAI should be permitted. No doubt you will think it right that the Italian Government should be informed with regard to any directions that it may be desired to give to the GMAI, but how far they should be permitted to initiate communications is a matter for your decision.
- 4 As to paragraph 2 (b) above, the proposed powers of the Ministry are set out in Art 5 (ii). These provisions are not acceptable to this Commission. Experience has already shown that it is most undesirable to have civilian representatives operating in connection with patriot matters in AMG territory, and I propose, if you agree, to inform the Government that the rehabilitation of patriots in AMG territory will be carried out by the Patriot Branch of this Commission and not directly by the Italian Government. The Italian Government will, of course,

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be responsible for the provision of monetary remuneration and for contributing, so far as it is able, to the clothing of patriots. It will also be permitted to have Italian Army recruiting agencies in forward areas.

As to paragraph 2 (c) above, the proposed powers of the Ministry are set out in Article VI, and it is entirely a matter for the decision of your Headquarters as to how far such proposed powers are acceptable. It appears probable that our control over communications will render the exercise of such powers comparatively innocuous.

5. This Commission recommends that the Italian Government be informed that their proposed Decree goes too far having regard to the military requirements in a theatre of operations; that communications with enemy occupied territory can only be permitted through AMIS and then only on matters which will be laid down in an AMIS directive; that the rehabilitation of patriots in forward areas will only be undertaken through the Patriots Branch of this Commission; and finally that communication with patriots in other countries can only be carried out through AMIS in a manner to be determined by that Headquarters.

It is further recommended that this Commission should suggest to the Italian Government that the real work of the Ministry should, at the present stage, be of a planning rather than an operational nature; that a very large field requires study by the Ministry and that the rehabilitation of people of the vital industrial north requires immediate planning; in particular, measures to prevent unemployment, to clothe and rehabilitate the homeless and to prepare for the full resumption of civilian and political life are essential and appropriate activities for the Ministry to undertake. Further, that in the immediate future its operational activities should be confined to the provision of remuneration, finding of employment, and the contribution of clothing for patriots through the agency of the Patriots Branch of this Commission.

It is requested that this important matter be considered as soon as possible as the Italian Government are requesting a decision and you will appreciate that if the recommendations set out above are approved the Decree will require substantial redrafting before it can be made law.

/s/ ELLERY W. STINE
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Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Encl: Translation of draft of
proposed Decree

ART. 1

The Ministry for occupied Italy constituted by D.M. shall provide in respect of the occupied Italian territory for the intensification of the struggle and for the defense of national interests against the German invaders and against their fascist collaborators.

During the occupation by the enemy the Ministry shall maintain liaison with C.I.F., which is designated to represent the Government in the struggle against the enemy. After the liberation of the national territory and until the time when the powers of the Italian Government are extended thereto the Ministry shall assist in the solution of all problems concerning the position of patriots and their return to civil life.

ART. 2

The following offices are established in the Ministry for occupied Italy:

- (1) for general affairs
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- 2) provide for uniform organization and interunification of the struggle of the partisans against the German;
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- 1) provide for any possible kind of assistance moral and material to Italians living in the invaded territory and for the exchange of news with their relatives residing in liberated Italy;
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Art. 6

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- 1) provide for any possible kind of assistance moral and material to
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news with their relatives remaining in liberated Italy;
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those who cross the lines. Supplying them with immediate material and
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ART. 7

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief Commissioner

Ref. 9/22A/CA

7th January, 1945.

SUBJECT: Decree on Powers of Ministry of
Occupied Italy.

TO : AFHQ, G-5 Section.

1. I enclose a translation of a draft of the proposed Decree on the Powers of the Ministry ^{for} ~~of~~ Occupied Italy which, as you know, has been set up by the new Government, and of which Scoccimarro is Minister.

2. The draft, broadly speaking, lays down three lines of activity for the Ministry:

(a) Liaison and communication with the occupants of territory while it is still in enemy occupation, including the direction of the resistance movement in such territory;

(b) Assistance to and rehabilitation of patriots in newly liberated territory; and

(c) Liaison in conjunction with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with Italian patriots in territories outside Italy.

3. Dealing first with paragraph 2 (a) above, the proposed duties of the Ministry with regard to the inhabitants of enemy occupied territory are

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- (a) Liaison and communication with the occupants of territory while it is still in enemy occupation, including the direction of the resistance movement in such territory;
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 - (c) Liaison in conjunction with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with Italian patriots in territories outside Italy.
3. Dealing first with paragraph 2 (a) above, the proposed duties of the Ministry with regard to the inhabitants of enemy occupied territory are set out in the second sub-paragraph of Article 1, in Article III and Article IV (i) and (ii).

It is the view of this Commission that these proposed duties go much too far, envisaging, as they do, direct communication with the inhabitants of enemy occupied territory. **4666**

You may well think that the only communication which should be permitted with occupied territory should be for military purposes, and only between SACRED and the CLNAI, or their resistance bodies, through the medium of SOE and OSS or *other approved channels*.

In a preliminary meeting with Scoccimarro I have already indicated

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to him that the system of channels of communication existing in the Allied Armies demands that all communications with occupied territory can only be through military channels at the direction of AFHQ.

It is a matter for your decision as to whether any communication should be permitted except for military purposes and whether, for instance, political conversations between the Government and the CINAI should be permitted. No doubt you will think it right that the Italian Government should be ^{informed} ~~consulted~~ with regard to any directions that it may be desired to give to the CINAI, but how far they should be permitted to initiate communications is a matter for your decision.

4. As to paragraph 2 (b) above, the proposed powers of the Ministry are set out in ^{Part} Para 5 (ii). These provisions are not acceptable to this Commission. Experience has already shown that it is most undesirable to have civilian representatives operating in connection with patriot matters in AMG territory, and I propose, if you agree, to inform the Government that the rehabilitation of patriots in AMG territory will be carried out by the Patriot Branch of this Commission and not directly by the Italian Government. The Italian Government will, of course, be responsible for the provision of monetary remuneration and for contributing, so far as it is able, ^{to} ~~with~~ the clothing of patriots. ^{It} They will also be permitted to have Italian Army recruiting agencies in forward areas.

5. As to paragraph 2 (c) above, the proposed powers of the Ministry are

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4. As to paragraph 2 (b) above, the proposed powers of the Ministry are set out in ^{part} Para 5 (ii). These provisions are not acceptable to this Commission. Experience has already shown that it is most undesirable to have civilian representatives operating in connection with patriot matters in AMG territory, and I propose, if you agree, to inform the Government that the rehabilitation of patriots in AMG territory will be carried out by the Patriot Branch of this Commission and not directly by the Italian Government. The Italian Government will, of course, be responsible for the provision of ^{for} monetary remuneration and for contributing, so far as it is able, ~~with~~ the clothing of patriots. ^{It} They will also be permitted to have Italian Army recruiting agencies in forward areas.

5. As to paragraph 2 (c) above, the proposed powers of the Ministry are set out in Article VI, and it is entirely a matter for the decision of your Headquarters as to how far such proposed powers are acceptable. It appears probable that our control over communications will render the exercise of such powers comparatively innocuous.

6. This Commission recommends that the Italian Government be informed

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countries can only be carried out through AMHQ in a manner to be determined by that Headquarters.

It is further recommended that this Commission should suggest to the Italian Government that the real work of the Ministry should, at the present stage, be of a planning rather than an operational nature; that a very large field requires study by the Ministry and that the rehabilitation of the vital ^{people of the} industrial north requires immediate planning; in particular, programmes to prevent unemployment, to clothe and rehabilitate the homeless and to prepare for the full resumption of civilian and political life are essential and appropriate activities for the Ministry to undertake. Further, that in the immediate future its operational activities should be confined to the provision of monetary remuneration, finding of employment, and the contribution of clothing for patriots through the agency of the Patriots Branch of this Commission.

It is requested that this important matter be considered as soon as possible as the Italian Government are requesting a decision ~~as soon as possible~~, and you will appreciate that if the recommendations set out above are approved the Decree will require substantial redrafting before it can be made law.

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ELLERY W. STONE,
Rear Admiral, USNR,
Chief Commissioner.

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Encl: Translation of draft of
proposed Decree.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
ADP 204
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel: 525

6 Jan 45.

Ref: 9/22A/CA

SUBJECT: Draft Decree on Powers of Ministry of
Occupied Italy.

TO: COS.

1. Attached and flagged "A" is a translation of a copy of the latest decree submitted by the Italian Government setting up and defining the powers of the new Ministry of Occupied Italy.

Attached and flagged "B" is a summary of the comments made on the draft decree by the various Sections and Sub-Commissions of this Commission which are effected. I have not expended any comments from the Patriots French but have discussed the draft with Col. Greig and Col. Spicer.

Attached and flagged "C" - "D" are the detailed comments of the affected Sections and Sub-Commissions.

2. The draft, broadly speaking, envisages the activities of the Ministry along three lines:-

- (a) Liaison and communication with the occupants of territory while it is still under enemy occupation and in particular the direction of the resistance movement.

the course of the new Ministry of War and the Italian Government setting up and defining the course of the new Ministry of War and the Italian Government.

Attached and filed "B" is a summary of the comments made on the draft decrees by the various Sections and Sub-Commissions of this Commission which are affected. I have not appended any comments from the Patriots Branch but have discussed the draft with Col. Craig and Col. Spicer.

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- (a) Liaison and communication with the occupants of territory while it is still under enemy occupation and in particular the direction of the resistance movement.
- (b) Assistance to, and rehabilitation of patriots in newly liberated territory.
- (c) Liaison in conjunction with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with Italian patriots in territories outside Italy.

It is plain that the military and political implications of the decrees are so far reaching that SACRED will desire to consider the matter himself, and the following observations are made for the consideration of the Chief Commissioner before he makes any recommendations to AFHQ.

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3. Dealing first with para 2 (a) above, the proposed duties of the Ministry with regard to the inhabitants of enemy occupied territory are set out in the second sub-paragraph of Article 1, in Article 3, and Article 4 (i) and (ii).

The Political Section state in their observations that we cannot object to the maintenance of liaison between the Government and ONIAI but this should only be done through Allied channels. I doubt if this goes far enough.

In principle, the inhabitants of an enemy occupied territory must be treated for the time being as enemies, and to permit any communication, except for purely military purposes, is contrary to modern practice. I think that AFHQ will insist, and rightly, that the only communication with occupied territory which can be permitted will be for military purposes between MACHSD and ONIAI and other resistance bodies through the medium of SOE and OSS. I have no doubt the Italian Government will be consulted and kept in the picture with regard to the activities of, and the directions to be given to, the ONIAI, but I cannot believe that it would be right to do more. In my opinion, therefore, the proposed liaison between the Ministry and the inhabitants of occupied territory goes far beyond anything which can be reasonably expected of the military authorities and would indeed be extremely dangerous.

4. As to para 2 (b) above, the proposed powers of the Ministry are

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4. As to para 2 (b) above, the proposed powers of the Ministry are set out in Paragraph 5 (ii). This paragraph envisages that the Ministry will have its representatives in forward areas administering to the needs of patriots immediately they cross the line. As pointed out by the Legal Sub-Commission, such powers would only be operative in AMV territory if we implement the decree in such territory.

I am entirely opposed to such implementation. In the past we have had civilian patriot representatives with the military representatives and the former have usually wasted their time undertaking political activities, and they have, in fact, by my direction, already been withdrawn. The military representatives, who are subject to the military discipline, on the other hand

perform, on the whole, a useful service. I am convinced that to permit the representatives of the Ministry to enter newly liberated territory in the guise of giving immediate assistance would be a retrograde and dangerous step from the point of view of maintenance of law and order, and, as pointed out by the Political Section (para 8) also entirely cuts across our own arrangements. I am against having even a civilian representative in the reception camps.

5. As to para 2 (c), this is not a matter which concerns us so directly in the Allied Commission, but as pointed out by the Political Section it is probably a fairly harmless activity having regard to our control of communications.

6. In the circumstances I recommend that we point out to the Italian Government that their Ministry cannot, for military reasons, be permitted to carry out certain of the activities envisaged by the decree, and that these activities should be directed along different lines. I suggest that we invite the Government to turn it into a Ministry of ~~Planning~~ ^{Planning and Rehabilitation} for Northern Italy. There must be much that such a Ministry can accomplish, and it should take on executive functions in North Italy only when such territory is restored to the administration of the Italian Government. In the meantime it can plan for the resumption of civil and political life in the north and can produce in Italian Government territory financial aid and other assistance which will be operated by AN in newly liberated territory.

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7. I have not, having regard to the views I have expressed above, attempted a detailed amendment of the draft decree. The Chief Commissioner may well think it desirable to call a conference of VPs to consider the matter before making a recommendation to AFHQ.

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S. P. W. J. H. J.,
VP CA Section,
AFHQ.

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4 Jan 45

Notes of Comments on "Ministry of Occupied Italy Decree"

1 ECON SEC

Finance

Make the general comment that policy decisions should be referred by the Italian Government to AC for approval before implementation in North Italy.

Econ Analysis Branch

Object to Art III para 4 and wish to substitute "Collate economic intelligence originating from the N.C. of Lib. and pass such information promptly to the Ministries concerned". They do not consider It. Govt. can or should carry out such investigations during a period of AMG.

2. CA SEC

Public Health

No comments.

Legal

- a) ART I raises question of assistance "material and moral" to Patriots; point out that as the decree stands at present an implementation in AMG territory there may will be interference with AC organisation in this branch of work.
- b) ditto in particular Art V paras 3 and 4.
- c) Suggest that this decree should NOT be implemented in AMG territory and that It. Govt. be so informed before it is passed.

Interior
(Local Government)

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4 POLITICAL S/C

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- a) Want method of maintaining liaison, only through Allied Channels i.e. through S.O.E. or O.S.S. or Italian Legation at Bern.
- b) Also want reference to establishment of Allied Military Govt inserted, as appeared in former draft.
- c) Feel it important to lay down the way Ministry will define word "assist" (art I last sentence).

Art 2

- (1) See a) above
- (2) Queries ignoring SACMED overriding powers of contra-territory. Thinks there should be reference to this such as "in conformity with the orders of SACMED in regard to the organisation of resistance in enemy-occupied Italy". Do not like words "co-ordinate" and "direct". Would like to see para suppressed altogether.

Art 4 (b)(2)

Raises again the question of SACMED's powers. Thinks it preferable that Ministry for occupied Italy should deal only with Allied Military Authorities on these matters.

Art 5 (1)

Does this contemplate exchange of letters between occupied and liberated Italy? This is illegal at the moment. Suggest exchange through International Red Cross.

(2)

Suggests this cuts across their own arrangements for reception of Patriots. Unless this is being handed over to an Italian Organisation the most Political can agree to is the presence of a rep. of Ministry for Occ. Italy in reception Camps. This may open up dangerous political activities.

Art 6

All right if communications are controlled.

Art 7

Want strict military censorship before releasing for publication.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION

AG/4104/L.

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3 January 1945. ²/rip.

SUBJECT : Draft Decree - Powers of Ministry of Occupied Italy.

TO : CA Sec.

Reference your 9/22A/CA dated 31 Dec 44.

1. From the purely formal and legal point of view the proposed decree is in order. Nevertheless it is clear that unless the decree is implemented in AMG Territory, the Ministry established by the decree will be little more than a shell.

2. Two clauses in the proposed decree raise serious questions of policy which must be decided before the decree, if passed, is implemented in AMG Territory.

3. Article 1 provides that in liberated territory while under AMG the Ministry shall assist in the solution of all problems concerning the position of patriots and their return to civil life.

4. This article, if implemented, will give the right to the Ministry to interfere with the handling of patriots in all areas where implementation is effective. It will be recalled that implementation now extends to some provinces in army areas. Such a right might well embarrass the existing policy for the handling of patriots.

5. Further, the Article does not specify to whom the assistance shall be given, and thereby leaves open the possibility of direct action between the Ministry, the patriots themselves and the RSVAI without the intervention of the Allied authorities. It seems that even if the present policy is approved the Article should make clear that any assistance is to be given to the Allied authorities in the form of cooperation with them.

6. Article 5, clause 3 raises the same problem. In addition, however, it should be observed that much of the work involved in the assistance to and reception of patriots will of necessity take place ⁱⁿ areas where the decree will not be implemented. If the decree is approved in general it might be advisable to point this out to the Italian Government in order to avoid future misunderstanding.

7. It is considered that if by reason of any question of policy involved in the decree it appears necessary to exclude the decree from implementation, this fact should be made clear to the Government at the present stage before the decree is finally passed.

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W. J. Higgins
W. J. HIGGINS,
Colonel,
Deputy Chief Legal Advisor.

LOCAL GOV'T
SECRET 6963

SUBJECT: Draft Decree - Powers of Ministry
of Occupied Italy.

2 JAN 1945

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

G/6
3/ December 1944

TO : H.Q. A.C.

Ref your AC/9/7/LG dated 29 Dec.

1. I am unable to comment as to whether it is necessary to have a "Ministry of Occupied ITALY" at all.
2. (a) From the military point of view I feel that there may be overlapping and duplication between the Director General of Military Affairs and the Minister of War.
(b) Also, the Minister of War is very closely concerned with the Patriot question.
3. I feel that the Decree should take account of this and that it should be specifically stated in the decree that the Director General of Military Affairs will keep the Minister of War fully informed of all his (the D.G. of M.A.) activities and work in the closest collaboration with the Minister of War.

A. Brown

Major General
M.M.I.A.

P.S. The above remarks also apply to the revised decree forwarded under your 9/22A/G dated 31 Dec, just received.

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Ref: P/520.1

3 January 1945

TO : Civil Affairs Section

FROM: Political Section

SUBJ: Draft Decree - Powers of
Ministry of Occupied Italy.

1. As we had expected, this draft decree raises a number of important and difficult issues. The Political Section's main comments are as follows.

2. As regards Article 1 we obviously cannot object to the Ministry maintaining liaison with the C.N.L.A.I., but we must do our best to ensure that this is only done through Allied channels, i.e. through S.O.E. or O.S.S., or through the Italian Legation at Bern, which will enable us to see and control telegrams and correspondence. I have already asked the S.O.E. Representative here to ensure that nothing is passed by wireless or otherwise to the C.N.L.A.I. from the Italian Government, and particularly, from the Ministry for Occupied Italy, without its first being shown to the Political Section. Mr. Schott will do the same for O.S.S.

3. As regards the last sentence of Article 1 we feel that there should be included a reference to the establishment of Allied Military Government, which appeared in the first draft but has now been cut out. We also feel that it is important to ~~note~~ the way in which the Ministry will define the word "assist" in the solution of problems concerning the position of patriots.

4. Article 3 (1) raises the same point which we have referred to above. We must keep control of the Ministry's communications with the Committees of National Liberation in Occupied Territory.

5. Article 3 (2) seems to ignore SACMED's overriding powers of control over all activities directed against the enemy in occupied territory. We think that there should be a reference to it in this paragraph such as "in conformity with the orders of SACMED in regard to the organization of resistance in enemy-occupied Italy". I am not too keen on the words "co-ordinate" and "direct" and if it were possible I would much prefer to see the paragraph suppressed altogether.

6. Paragraphs (1) and (2), Article 4 raise the same question of SACMED's powers. In our view, it would be preferable that the Ministry for occupied Italy should deal only with the Allied Military Authorities on these matters. We do not object to Paragraph (3). 4650

7. Article 5 (1) raises an awkward point if it is contemplated that letters should be sent to and from relatives in liberated and enemy-occupied Italy respectively. It is at the moment illegal for the Italians in liberated Italy to write to persons in occupied territory, and any communications which it is decided to establish must

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be controlled by limiting them to printed cards, to be exchanged in some uniform manner, e.g. through the International Red Cross at Geneva.

8. Article 5 (2) seems to cut across our own arrangements for the reception of patriots in newly liberated territory, or those who come across the lines. Unless we are going to hand this over to an Italian organization, which in the forward areas would be open, I should think, to a great objection, I suggest that the most we could agree to would be the presence of a representative of the Ministry for occupied Italy in the reception camps. Even this, in view of the fact that the Ministry is under a rabid party man, opens up the possibility of dangerous political activities.

9. Through our control of communications we should be able to watch well enough the activity envisaged in Article 6.

10. As regards Article 7 the information collected from occupied Italy should receive strict Allied military censorship before being released for publication.

H. L. d'A. Hopkinson

H. L. d'A. HOPKINSON
Acting Vice President, Political Section

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- 30 JAN 1945
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

7.10/ES
Ext. 271

EDM/men
3 January 1945

SUBJECT: Draft Decree - Powers of Ministry of
Occupied Italy.

TO: Civil Affairs Section.

1. The interested sub-commissions of the Economic Section
have no comment to offer on the subject decree, with the ex-
ception of the two attached;

1. Economic Analysis Branch
2. Finance Sub-Commission.

E. D. Wash
E. D. WASH, Major
Special Assistant to ADCOS
Economic Section

Enc. 1 memo 7.10/ES
1 memo 13103/F

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

7.10/ES

FWT:hcb

3 January 1945

SUBJECT: Draft Decree - Powers of Ministry of Occupied Italy

TO: Major Robert E. Doe
Chief, Admin. & Pers. Div.
Economic Section

1. Reference is your 7.10/ES dated 2 Jan 45.
2. The decree as now re-drafted appears satisfactory from the economics standpoint except for Art 3, para (4).
3. During the occupation of N. Italy by the enemy the ministry cannot carry out economic investigations itself, nor can it delegate such work to the C.E.L.A.I., which, at the best, can only provide sketchy economic intelligence. After the liberation of the territory, AC/MS will carry out all necessary economic investigations and during the period of military government the Italian government will have no right to make such investigations.
4. It is suggested that the paragraph in question might be re-written as follows:

"Collate economic intelligence originating from the National Committee of Liberation and pass such information promptly to the Ministries concerned."

[Signature]
Major, R.A.
Chief, Economic Analysis Branch
Supply & Resources Division

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION

13103/W.

2 January 1945

SUBJECT: Draft Decree - Powers of Ministry of
Occupied Italy.

TO : Economic Section. ✓

1. I refer to your 7.10/ES of 2 January, 1945.
2. We have no specific financial points to make regarding the draft decree itself. However, I should think AC must insist on the Italian Government obtaining our prior approval for policy decisions that affect North Italy. In particular I feel this is necessary on the financial side.

A. P. Grassie Smith

Joint Director
Finance Sub-Commission.

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POLITICAL SECTION, APO

ROUTING SLIP

31 Dec 74
(Date)

CHIEF COMMISSIONER
CHIEF OF STAFF

X MIL AFFAIRS SECTION
ECONOMIC SECTION

AIR SUB-COMMISSION
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REPATRIATION SUB-COMMISSION
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OTHER SECURITY DIVISION

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- * Approval and Return
- * Consent and Return

X See Mr. SCHOTT'S/ADJUTANT'S/
REMARKS

REMARKS:

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel: 608

Ref. AC/9/7/IG

29th December, 1944.

SUBJECT: Draft Decree - Powers of Ministry of Occupied Italy.

TO : Political Section.
Land Forces Sub-Commission.
Economic Section.
Public Health Sub-Commission.
Legal Sub-Commission.

1. Attached is a draft Decree as to the powers of the new Ministry of Occupied Italy.

2. In order that this Section may coordinate the comments of all Sections and Sub-Commissions for submission to the Chief Commissioner would you please forward any remarks you may have to make concerning the proposed Decree to this office by 1200 hrs. on Monday, 1st January.

*I understand from Col
White that this draft
has been scrapped and
that a new one will
be forthcoming shortly.
The marked passages of the
present decree seem to me*

Encl: Draft Decree. *to need deletion
(Economic Section 2 copies) or modification*

*I agree and feel that the entire
draft save that concerning the Direction
General of Economic Affairs should be
reviewed thoroughly and made much more
explicit. WMB
Dec. 30.*

R. R. Cripps
R. R. CRIPPS, Col.
CSO CA Section.

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WMB Dec. 30

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HUMBERT OF SAVOY

PRINCE OF PIEMONTE

LIEUTENANT GENERAL OF THE REALM

By virtue of the authority delegated to us;

Having seen Art. 1, No. 3 of the Law of the 31st January 1936, No. 100;

Having seen the Lieutenantcy Decree of the December 1944, No.

which establishes the Ministry for Occupied Italy;

Having seen the Royal Decree-Law of the 30th October 1943, No. 2/3 and its successive modifications;

Having seen the Lieutenantcy Decree-Law of the 25th June 1944, No. 151;

Having heard the Council of Ministers

On the proposal of the President of the Council of Ministers, Prime Minister, Secretary of State and Minister of the Interior, in accord with the Ministers of Foreign Affairs, the Treasury, War, Marine, Air, and Industry Commerce and Labour;

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After the liberation and until the administration of the liberated territory passes to the Italian Government, the Ministry maintains the contacts with the Allied military administration for the solution of the problems inherent in the passage of powers from the Committees of National Liberation, in the demobilisation of Patriots and in the resumption of civilian life.

Art. 2.

In the Ministry of Occupied Italy are established the following offices:-

- (1) General Direction of Political Affairs.
- (2) General Direction of Military Affairs.
- (3) General Direction of Economic Affairs.
- (4) General Direction of Relief.
- (5) ~~GENERAL~~ Office for Relations with Allied Authority.

Art. 3.

The Direction General of Political Affairs:

- (1) maintains the relations between the Government and the Committees of National Liberation constituted in the invaded territories, co-ordinating their action;
- (2) directs and co-ordinates the clandestine political action carried out in the occupied territories and the resistance of the population against the invader;
- (3) collects all facts possible as to the conduct of Italians in relation to the invader, whether for the purpose of the historical documentation of the subject or for the purpose of future rewards or punishments;
- (4) prepares, in agreement with the Committee of National Liberation of Upper Italy, the plans for the politico-administrative re-ordering of the liberated zones.

Art. 4.

The Direction General of Military Affairs, in accordance with the directives of the Allied Command:

- (1) assures the carrying out of the relations with the volunteers of liberty operating in occupied Italy;
- (2) provides for the organisation and intensification of the partisan struggle against the Germans;
- (3) collects all the facts relative to the action carried out by the Patriots.

Art. 5.

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The Direction General of Economic Affairs:

- (a) inquires into the facts regarding the financial, monetary and economic situation of occupied territories;
- (b) inquires into the facts regarding war damage in territories not yet liberated, destruction and removals effected by the enemy and displacement and deportations of workmen;
- (c) ascertains the presumable state and trend of agricultural cultivation in the aforesaid territories, the degree of productivity of various branches of industry, the availability of labour, the situation of transport, the efficiency of commercial services, banking and insurance, and also the estimated availability of stocks of all kinds;

(d) takes part in the elaboration of financial, economic and technical plans for the re-establishment of the economic life of the said territories, from the moment of their liberation.

Art. 6.

The Direction General of Relief:

- (1) collaborates with Allied Authority in collecting the Patriots of the zones newly liberated and others who pass the lines, supplying them with every form of material and moral assistance;
- (2) provides for every form of material and moral assistance to all Patriots and their families;
- (3) provides aid for the families of the victims of German or Fascist barbarism;
- (4) provides for every possible form of assistance, moral and material, for Italians living in invaded territories and for their relatives living in liberated Italy and for the exchange of news between them.

Art. 7.

The Office for Relations with Allied Authority (Foreign Relations) in agreement with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

- (a) takes charge of the relation with the Allied Commission and the Allied Military Authorities in respect of everything concerning matters within the competence of the Ministry of Occupied Italy;
- (b) maintains contact with the Italian Committees of National Liberation in

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(b) maintains contact with the Italian Committees of National Liberation in Switzerland and France;

(c) Concerns itself with problems relating to political and military refugees in France, Switzerland and Yugoslavia;

(d) provides, according to the rules and customs of international law, for the care of Patriots captured by the enemy or forced, as a result of operations of war, to cross the borders of other states.

Art. 8.

The Ministry of Occupied Italy provides for the functioning of its own services by means of civil and military personnel directed from other State Administrations and by means of temporary staff engaged according to the rules of the Royal Decree-Law of the 4th February 1937. No. 100 and successive modifications.

The schedules of personnel who may be directed and of those who may be engaged as temporary shall be approved by decree of the Minister of Occupied Italy in accord with the Minister of the Treasury.

Art. 9.

The present Decree shall come into force the day after that of its publication.

We order, to all whom it may concern, to observe the present Decree and to cause it to be observed as a law of the State.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIR SECTION

Tel. Ext.: 608.

Ref: 9/221/CA

31 Dec 44

SUBJECT: Draft Decree - Powers of
Ministry of Occupied Italy.

TO: Political Section,
Economic Section (2),
Land Forces Sub-Commission, *h*
Public Health Sub-Commission.

- 1 Reference this Section letter AC/9/1/13 dated 29 Dec 44 to which was attached a draft decree as to the powers of the new Ministry of Occupied Italy. It is confirmed that the Decree that was forwarded to you has now been superseded by another draft which is attached hereto.
- 2 It would be appreciated if you will forward any comments which you may have on the new Decree to this Section for collation by 1200 hrs Wednesday 3 Jan 45.

R. R. Cripps
R. R. CRIPPS, Col.,
CSD CA Section.

Copy to: Legal Sub-Commission

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The office for military matters shall :

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- 3) take care of any kind of material and moral assistance to all the patriots fighting in occupied territory and to their families.

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The liaison office with the Ministry for Foreign Affairs shall provide, in agreement with this Ministry, for maintaining contacts with the Patriots who are outside of the national territory because of the necessities of the struggle and for the protection of the patriots captured by the enemy. 4832

ART. 7.

The office for information and propaganda shall gather all the information concerning the struggle in occupied Italy.

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ART. 8

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The Ministry for occupied Italy shall provide for the functioning of its own services by civil and military personnel assigned to it from other government Departments and by temporary personnel employed in accordance with the provisions set out in SOL. No. 100 of 4 February 1957 and subsequent amendments.

The tables of the personnel who can be assigned to it from other government Departments and those of the personnel who can be employed with a temporary status will be approved by a decree of the Minister for occupied Italy after consultation with the Minister for the Treasury.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

MINUTE SHEET

FILE :

SUBJECT : Admin. KK N.H. Shetye.

No Date To

1. 30 Dec Local Gov. ✓
Attachments for information & return to
CA Sec.

A. R. Chappo
cd.

2. 29 Dec C.A.

As you are aware
The P.H. substituted a new notice
this morning.

A. R. Chappo
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For approval A. R. Chappo

To VP
for information

Shaw to [unclear]

SP: Please this is the
new file I
instructed you to
open on the subject.
Admiral [unclear] [unclear]
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Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I have received from the Office of Study and Legislation the draft decree setting out the powers and organization of the new Ministry for Occupied Italy, with the request for an expression of my opinion. I understand that you are anxious to submit this to the Council of Ministers at their next meeting tomorrow.

The functions of this Ministry are closely related with an area of Italy not yet liberated and which is a theatre of operations, and will subsequently pass under military government. In view of the military problems which must therefore arise the matter will require careful study and reference to the Supreme Allied Commander.

I must therefore ask you, my dear Mr. Prime Minister, for military reasons, to defer submission of this draft decree to your Council of Ministers until I have had sufficient time to give to it the necessary study, and advise you of Allied opinion thereon.

Yours very truly,

W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome

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