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REPUBLICAN ALLIED COMMAND
APO 3A
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref 9/22/CA ✓

5 MAY 45

SUBJECT : Ministry of Occupied Italy

TO : HQ FORTY-THIRD Region
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- 1 It is possible that your attention has been drawn to a publication on G.I.s which originated from BOCCARDI, Minister for Occupied Italy.
- 2 This booklet is highly contentious and is not the official publication of the Government.
- 3 It has been discussed by the Prime Minister and copy of his letter is attached. The Chief Commissioner desires that if the booklet has been circulated in the North you should, without providing open fight, do everything possible to minimize its effect.

BY ORDER OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

G.R. UNDER BRIG,
VP OR Section

Copy to : Executive Commissioner

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The President of the Council of Ministers

Rome, 20 April 1945

Dear Admiral,

after receiving your letter of the day before yesterday, I drew the attention of Minister Lombardo on the booklet published by the Ministry for Occupied Italy, under the denomination of Documents, describing the formation and functioning of the Committee for Liberation of North Italy.

Considering the importance of the argument, I made this observation in the presence of the two vice presidents of the Council, of the ministers who represent the parties in the Government, and of the military ministers. We agreed that even if what is said in the booklet expresses the thought of all or part of the Committee for Liberation of North Italy, this thought cannot be mistaken for that of the Government. Therefore, if this booklet which bears the inscription 'Ministry for Occupied Italy' could be misunderstood by the reader, it must not be believed that the powers, tasks and aims, which, from this reading, seem to be among the purposes of the Committee for Liberation of North Italy, have been decided in agreement with or in any way authorized by the Italian Government, nor that they are the development of the delegation of powers, which formerly took place between the Government and the Committee for Liberation which resided in Milan.

On this point which is of vital importance with the C.L.N.I. of North Italy and with the Allied General, I want to make it clear that on the 26th of December 1944, the Government made these two statements only:

- 1 - The Italian Government acknowledges the National Committee for Liberation in North Italy as organ of the anti-fascist parties in the territory occupied by the enemy;
- 2 - The Italian Government delegates the C.L.N.I. to represent it in the fight which the patriots against the fascists and Germans in non-liberated Italy.

It is therefore established that as long as the Italian territory will not be liberated, the Committee for North Italy can act as delegate of the Government in the fight against fascism and against the German invader, and will naturally be able to take whatever action circumstances require. As soon as the national territory will be liberated, and while waiting for the Allied troops to enter the said territory, as delegate of the Rome Government, the Committee for Liberation will be able to take the necessary action for the maintenance of public order and for the requirements of local life. Of course, when the Allied Military Command will have assumed the administration of the Italian territory, the powers of the Committee for Liberation of North Italy will be reduced to what the Command will deem fit to leave it, and the Committee will not be able to claim others.

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This has been fixed by the agreement of December 7th, between the Committee for North Italy and the Supreme Allied Command for the Mediterranean. In fact, in art. 4 we read: "When the enemy will retire from the territory it is occupying, the C.I.N.C.A.I. will do everything to maintain public order and to go on saving the economic resources of the country, till the Allied Military Government be established. Immediately after the institution of the Allied Military Government, the C.I.N.C.A.I. will acknowledge the Allied Military Government and transmit it all the authority and powers of government and local administration it had formerly assumed."

Such being the precise agreements which took place, the Government considers all that is written in the booklet published by the Ministry for Occupied Italy as not included in the said agreements, and therefore continuous to the delegation to the C.I.N.C.A.I. for well determined aims and for a well determined length of time.

In making this statement, I am glad to say that in the communication made on March 29th by the C.I.N.C.A.I. to the Undersecretary of State Naval, during his recent visit to Occupied Italy, it clearly appears that the C.I.N.C.A.I. seems to follow the spirit of the agreement No 4, mentioned above, so that we may hope that the relations between the C.I.N.C.A.I., the Allied Command and the Italian Government (whatever the thought and aspirations of those who wrote the booklet which is the subject of this note) will remain within the forms and limits of the agreements which took place.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Ivarice Bonal

Admiral Wilfrid S. Stone
Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission,
Rome

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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16 April 45

SUBJECT: Italian Ministry for Occupied Territory

TO : AFHQ, G-5 Section

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1. Reference your G-5: 094.1-5 of 26 March and 13 April 45.
2. Herewith 3 copies of the English translation of the booklet on the National Committee of Liberation as requested.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

G.R. LINDEN BRIG,
VP CA Section
HQ AC.

L. S. Bonham Jr. 4/6/45

File copy of enclosure with Local Govt.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5 : 091.1-5

SUBJECT : Italian Ministry for Occupied Territory

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

1. Reference is made to this Headquarters G-5:091.1-5 dated 26 March 45 and to your 9/22.A/CA dated 2 April 45.

2. It is requested that you inform this Headquarters when the documents referred to may be expected.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff G-5

R. P. Mannock
R. P. MANNOCK
Jnr. Comdr.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

2/22.A/CA

2 April, 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Ministry for Occupied Territory
TO: G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters

1. Reference your G-5: 091.1-5 dated 26 March 1945.
2. The Document Number 1 to which you refer has not previously been seen in this Section. Copies have now been procured and a translation is being made. When this has been completed you will be furnished with the three copies which you request.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER :

G. R. UPJOHN, Brig.
Vice President
Civil Affairs Section

B.4. The translation is completed.

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28 MAR 1945

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 091.1-5

26 March 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Ministry for Occupied Territory.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. The Supreme Allied Commander has received, with a compliment slip from the Italian Minister for Occupied Italian Territory, a copy of Document Number 1 issued by the Ministry for Occupied Italy territory under the heading ICLN. NELL'ALTA ITALIA (Formations and Functions).

2. Enquiry is made as to whether you have had translations made of this document and if so it is requested that 3 copies of the translation be transmitted to this Section for information. If on the other hand only a precis has been made this would suffice.

For Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:


T. B. JACKMAN,
Lt. Colonel.



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