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ADMINISTRATION, VENEZIE REGION
OCT. 1944 - SEPT. 1946

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Chief Commissioner

Attached is submitted for your signature ~~approval~~

78 & 79

AG 9/5

Ex Comm

Letter at 59 submitted for signature in answer to 38, implementing 57.

signed 26/11

70.

Please see 69 for info - Ex. C. may like to see. The Italians have complained before but no one seems to think they are of much importance.

Miss S. 71. 28. 3/1

Forward copies to PC Hoare, SCAO V.G. for info. Ex. Comm. has seen. H.S. 3/1

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76

Please draft suitable letter as required by C C

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76.

Ex Comm

~~68~~ Draft letters A & B submitted for approval Folio 75 refers.

J McCall 5/9. 1947

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Forward copies to PC Hodine & SLAO V.C. for info.
Ex. Comm. has seen. H.S. 4/1

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75

Please draft suitable letter
as required by C.C.

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76.

Ex Comm

~~CSO~~ Draft letters A & B submitted for
approval Folio 75 refers.

J.M.O'M 5/9.xii

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As amended for signature of Admiral Stone

HS 6/5.

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Ex. Com

To see folio 24. 15th May.

MS 15/5.

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Ex. Com

To see folio 26 19 May.

Seen by K.C. 19/5

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Ex. C.

Sir

DO ltr submitted by CSO for signature at 39 & 40.
Your minute on P38 refer.

24/10. 28/10.

47

Ex Com - Fol. 43 for info. Brig. Dunlop writes he will send a long report

Encl 2/11

48.

In meantime (1) Copy to V.G. ✓ — see 48.
(2) Proofs to see

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Seen by K.C. 19/5

43 B

Ex.C.
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34/10. 41/10.

44

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Encd 7/11

45.

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(2) Papers to see

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46.

Pdad (A) Pdad (B) Sen Jos Nov. 15/45

37 & 43 for info, also 47 - on these any comments ~~to make~~ 7/11.

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Is any action being taken on 47

See 58.

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To see 2

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A/for Com^n

Ref 7 I submit that VENEZIE may be technically more correct but VENEZIA has been in use in the Commission for seven months + may be said to be established. The Region is unlikely to be confused with the Province as it is I think an invariable custom to refer to e.g. Toscana Region, Arezzo Province.

3 Apr 45

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4/4 For political reasons it is desired to use the plural. Please minute accordingly. 7

3 Apr

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Ex. Com

To see Cable of 14

4 May

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Ex. Com

To see Cable at 14 4 May.

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Ex. Com

To see Cables at 19 & 20. 9 May

Seen by Ex. Com. P.R. 10/5/45

Repeat cable at 16 to 8th Army - Icos Belluno.

Done

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
A P O [redacted] 794

Ref: 552/TS/NO

10 September 1946

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Dear Colonel Miller,

I enclose a letter received from Dr. Innocenti the Prefect of Bolzano and my reply.

I wish personally to congratulate you on a job well done and to thank you for the excellent work you have carried out in a difficult province.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Lenny W. Stone

LENNY W. STONE,
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Colonel S.W. Miller, MC.
AC Chief Liaison Officer,
BOLZANO.

Copy to: Chief Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

Ref: 559/78/AO

10 September 1946

Dear Dr. Innocenti,

I thank you for your letter of 23 August 1946 expressing your appreciation of the Allied Military Government and the work performed by Colonel Miller in Bolzano.

I am sure much of the success of AMG and of Colonel Miller was ahieved by the willing cooperation and assistance given by yourself and the civil authorities of Bolzano.

Your appreciation has been conveyed to Colonel Miller and on behalf of all those Allied Officers who served in Bolzano I would like to acknowledge with thanks your expressions of esteem and recognition for the work done.

Yours very truly,

(S) SLATTY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Dr S. Innocenti,
Il Consigliere di Stato,
Reggente la Prefettura,
BOLZANO.

Copy to: Chief Commissioner.
Colonel S.W. Miller, ACLO, BOLZANO.

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Brig Nash 559

Pls prepare suitable letters to Innocenti & Miller

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TRANSLATION

AUG 31 1946

Bologna, 23 August 1946.

Dear Admiral,

After eight months of government of the Province and other seven of not less important activity in liaison service, the Allied Officers are going to leave this city.

I feel that I would fail in a precise duty of mine if I would not draw your attention to the regret with which the population and the authorities of this Province see the departure of the Allies who have been very popular here for their incomparable personal qualities and particularly for the care taken of the local interests, always followed with careful attention and efficient promptness.

Whenever necessary, the assistance of the Allied Authorities, full of the highest sense of human solidarity, has never failed; and there has never been a particular local situation in which, if necessary, said Authorities did not intervene with clear understanding and perfect tactfulness.

I wish particularly to point out to you the special success of esteem and consideration achieved here by Colonel S.W. Miller, first Provincial Commissioner and then Chief of the Liaison Office of the Allied Commission. This officer has exceptional qualities of character, broadness of mind and exquisite tact and everybody here will remember him, especially for the perfect objectivity with which he fulfilled his task in a difficult local situation characterized by the co-existance of two distinct ethnical groups.

I believe that if you would express, to Colonel S.W. Miller particularly, your praise for these feelings of wide popularity which he and his officers are leaving behind in the Province, this would respond to the sincere desire of the whole local population.

I avail myself with particular and sincere pleasure of this opportunity to confirm to you the expression of my highest consideration.

E C Dist - 31 August
Act: E C
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IL CONSIGLIERE DI STATO
Reggente la Prefettura

/a/ S. Innocenti

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Ltr 79

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome.

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IL CONSIGLIERE DI STATO
REGGENTE LA PREFETTURA

Bolzano 23 agosto 1946

Signor Ammiraglio,

dopo otto mesi di governo diretto della Provincia ed altri sette di non meno importante attivita in servizio di collegamento, gli Ufficiali Alleati si accingono a lasciare questa città.

Sento che mancherei ad un mio preciso dovere se non segnalassi alla S.V. il rincrescimento con cui la popolazione e le autorita della Provincia vedono allontanarsi gli Alleati che hanno saputo guadagnarsi le generali simpatie per le impareggiabili qualità personali e sopratutto per la solerzia dedicata agli interessi locali seguiti sempre con vigili cure e con fattiva prontezza.

Ogni qual volta sia stato necessario, non è mancata l'assistenza delle Autorita Alleate, improntata al più alto senso di umana solidarietà; nè vi è stata particolare situazione locale nella quale, occorrendo, le predette Autorita non siano intervenute con chiaro spirito di comprensione e con tatto ineccepibile.

Desidero sopratutto segnalare alla S.V. il particolare successo di stima e di simpatia che ha saputo qui cattivarsi il Colonnello S.H. Miller, prima Commissario Provinciale e poi Capo dell'Ufficio di collegamento della Commissione Alleata. E' un ufficiale di eccezionali doti di carattere, di larghe vedute e di tatto squisito, del quale sarà da tutti qui serbato il mi

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All'On.Signor Ammiraglio
Ellery Stone
Capo della Commissione Alleata
Roma

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gliore ricordo, in ispecie per la impeccabile obbiettività con cui ha disimpegnato il proprio compito in una difficile situazione ambientale caratterizzata dalla coesistenza di due distinti gruppi etnici.

Ritengo, Signor Ammiraglio, che se la S.V. volesse far pervenire, al Colonnello S.W. Miller in particolare, il Suo compiacimento per questi sentimenti di larga simpatia che egli ed i suoi ufficiali lasciano nella Provincia, ciò risponderebbe al più vivo desiderio della intera popolazione locale.

Mi è particolarmente e vivamente gradita l'occasione per confermare alla S.V. i sensi della mia particolare considerazione.

IL CONSIGLIERE DI STATO
Reggente la Prefettura

(S. Innocenti)

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ROUTINE

ALCOM LO VENEZIE

HQ ALCOM

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Brigadier Dumlop left on Limp 21 Feb. Major Harrison acting chief liaison officer.

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INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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Ref: 559/72/SC

4 February 1946

SUBJECT: Friulan Autonomy.

TO : AMG Venezia Giulia
AMG Udine Province.

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Attached is a translation of a letter on the above subject received by this H.Q. It is passed to you for information.

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Translation

Association for the Autonomy of Friul

Udine, 16 January 1946

Admiral Stone
Rome

Between the Livenza and Tagliamento rivers lives a population including 1% Austrians, 7% 'Veneti', 31% Slovenians, and 58% Friulani. Such an area, with over a million inhabitants is the Friuli Mother Country. For centuries, its inhabitants lived in peace till race hatred was roused: it would therefore be natural to reestablish the order upset by geographical violations as well as ethnical ones, all based on questions of interests, and go back to the historical positions tested by centuries; the various nationalities shouldn't be divided but united by their mutual interests. Nowadays, Friul is divided from zone A, and a Friulano requires a pass from A.M.G. for a trip of a few kms, just like an Italian coming from Sicily. We ask and propose that the Udine and Gorizia Governorship be replaced by one single Allied Administration under the name of PATRIA DEL FRIULI.

s. Marchi Felix

c/c

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PATRIE DAL FRIÛL

ASSOCIAZIONE PER L'AUTONOMIA FRIULANA

Sede in UDINE

Prot. N.

Risp. al foglio N. del

OGGETTO:

UDINE li 16 Gennaio 1946

Signor

ADMIRAL S T O N E

Allied Military Government

R O M A

Tra i fiumi Livenza e Timavo vive una popolazione composta il 4 % da austriaci, il 7 % da veneti, il 31 % da sloveni e il 58 % da friulani. Questa zona con oltre un milione di abitanti è la Patria del Friuli. Per secoli questi abitanti convissero pacificamente fino a che non si fomentarono attriti razziali, oggi divenuti sensibili. Sarebbe naturale quindi rimettere l'ordine sovvertito dalle violazioni geografiche, etniche, interessate, ritornando alle posizioni storiche collaudate nei secoli, non dividendo ma fondendo come prima le varie nazionalità nei reciproci interessi. In contrasto con ciò, oggi la Patria del Friuli si trova divisa dalla Zona A ed un friulano per distanze di pochi Kmetri ha bisogno di un lasciapassare dell'A.M.G. tal quale un italiano proveniente dalla

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Marchi Felix

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From: Lt. Col. F. H. Keeleson, Chief Staff Officer.

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Ref: 559/67/MO

4 January 1946.

Brigadier Lush has asked me to reply to your letter of 23 December 1945. By now you will have received our various signals assigning officers to their new jobs.

In the case of those to whom no assignment orders had been issued I have instructed our Establishment Section to get out their orders as soon as possible so that people are not left hanging about in the air.

I am sorry to have taken so long in replying but there seemed to have been so many odd holidays that it was not until yesterday that your letter came up to me in the appropriate file.

Hope you had a good Christmas and with all good wishes for the New Year.

Lt. Col. H. N. Bright,
Provincial Commissioner,
Headquarters,
Allied Military Government,
Udine Province.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
UDINE PROVINCE
OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER

Tel. No.
A.M.G. Udine Exc. 4
Cipher No.

Udine, 23 Dec 45.

(15)

Dear Brigadier

With reference to HQ AMG Venezia Region letter RXII/ADM/116 dated 15 Dec. in which letter I see, much to my disappointment, that I shall be losing nearly all the very good officers, who are at present serving in this Province.

I am wondering if, since accomodation will be no problem, you would be prepared to leave these officers here until such time as definite jobs have been found for them elsewhere.

Yours Sincerely

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Jno. Bright

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To : Brigadier. M. S. Lush. CB. CBE. MC.
Executive Commissioner.,
Headquarters A. C. ROME.

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In Lieu of Army Form C.2136

From :- AMG VENEZIE REGION

To :- HQ ALCOM 151530A DEC 20 1945

Unclassified RXII/ADM/116(.)

1. Reference conference MILAN eleventh and twelth December herewith my recommendations for staffs after hand over(.)

-. AMG UDINE

Provincial Commissioner	Lt.Col.H.N. BRIGHT (B)
Deputy Prov Comm	Major C.A. WARREN (A)
Administrative Officer	Capt. B.H. ARCHER (B)
Provincial Officers	Major F.J. RUSSI (B)
	Major W.C. FLETCHER(B)
	Major C.W. JONES (B)
	Capt. N.M.V. BLACKSTOCK (B)
	Capt. P.L. YOUNG (B)
	Capt. Thos. J. TAYLOR (A)
	Capt. A. SCARIDI (A)
	One Officer (A)
	One Officer (A)
	One Officer (A)
Public Safety Officers	Major J.T. MANUEL (B) LIAP
	Major T.P. COTTON (B) LIAP
	Major H.W. SYKES (B)
	Capt. C.E. LEE (B)
	Capt. T.W. GLASSPOOL (B) LIAP
	Capt. D.J. HOPKINS (B) LIAP
Finance	Capt. E.H. FLETCHER (B) U.D.F.
	1st Lt. J.J. MURPHY (A)
Food	Capt. W.C. HALL (B) or Officer (A)
Industry Suggest not needed instead	
Agriculture	Major R. RUSSEL (B)
Public Works	Capt. A.G.A. SAUL (B)
	One Officer (A) or (B)
Legal	Major C.L.P. GILSHENAN (B)

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[illegible] Officers	Major F.J. RUSSI (B) Major T.C. FLETCHER (B) Major C.W. JONES (B) Capt. N.M.V. BLACKSTOCK (B) Capt. P.L. YOUNG (B) Capt. Thos. J. TAYLOR (A) Capt. A. SCARIDI (A) One Officer (A) One Officer (A) One Officer (A)
Public Safety Officers	Major J.T. MANUEL (B) LIAP Major T.P. COTTON (B) LIAP Major H.T. SYKES (B) Capt. C.E. LEE (B) Capt. T.W. GLASSPOOL (B) LIAP Capt. D.J. HOPKINS (B) LIAP
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Transportation	Capt. Paul E. HANNON (A)
Labour	One Officer (A)

Seen by Ex Com

20/12.

3. LIAISON GROUP TREVISO

Civil Affairs	Lt.Col. Fred C. MAVIS (A) LEAVE Major W.M. HARRISON (B) Capt. A.A. SIMPSON (A)
Public Safety	Capt. A.A. BAKER (B) Capt. L.W. TOES (B)

4. LIAISON GROUP BOLZANO

Civil Affairs	Colonel S.W. MILLER (B) LIAP Major KOOPMAN (A) One Officer (A) Capt. E.R. FAIRWEATHER (B)

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LIAISON GROUP BOLZANO

Public Safety — Capt. C.H. BROWN (B) LIAP
Capt. J.H. DODRIDGE (B)

5. All British Officers in above lists have service availability of at least six months.

6. Following Officers required for approximately four weeks as Regional closing down party.

Major J.H. SALTER (B)
Capt. D.J. FRASER (B) FINANCE
Capt. A.H. LINGEN (B) R.M.O.
Capt. J.B. FORSTER (B) PUBLIC SAFETY
Lieut. R.G. JEFFERY (B)

7. Following Officers for HQ. Company "A"

1st Lt. J. BELLOTTI
1st Lt. J. CICERELLE

8. Following Officer required for limited period at BOLZANO

Capt. I.W. SCOTT (B) EDUCATION

9. Following Officers required for approximately three weeks to replace Officers on Leave or LIAP

Brig.J.K. DUNLOP at TREVISO
Major W.R. HARE at BOLZANO
Lieut. H.T. LAVENDER at BOLZANO

10. Suggest following U.D.F. Officers now serving UDINE remain there till recalled by U.D.F.

Capt. D.J. MCLOUGHLIN
Lieut. P.J. VAN RENSBURG
Lieut. J.W. HEMSTED
Lieut. A.J. RICHARDS

11. Possible that Major J.T. MANUEL(B) P.P.S.O. UDINE may be recalled as Class "B" Release. If so recommend Major T.G. MACKENZIE as P.P.S.O. UDINE.

12. Understand Major H.J.O. PRINSLOO may be required for Transportation at VENICE.

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7. Following Officers for HQ. Company "L"

1st Lt. J. BELLOTTI
1st Lt. J. CICERELLE

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13. All other Officers on Regional strenght not shown on above lists, including those officers now on LIAP, will be available for reposting as from January 7th. In view of accomodation problems would appreciate your reposting instructions at early date.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
13 CORPS

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3 December 1945

My dear Brigadier,

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Thank you for your 559/59/RC of 26 November relating to the suggestion from certain residents of Cervignano that politically and economically that place is closely linked with Venezia Giulia. I quite agree with your conclusion.

Your attention was originally called to this matter principally because of the novelty of the situation.

I did not really intend to start a series of correspondence and investigations, and am sorry to have put everyone concerned to so much trouble.

Sincerely

Brigadier M. S. Lush,
Executive Commissioner,
HQ Allied Commission

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From : Brigadier J.K. Dunlop, OBE, MC, TD.

HEADQUARTERS
VENEZIE REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER

19 Nov 45

Dear Lush

I spoke to you about my hope of borrowing some Officers from the 6 Armoured Division.

The attached copy of a letter which arrived at my office today may be of interest to you.

Yours

Brigadier Maurice Lush, CB, CBE, MC.
HQ Allied Commission

Encl. (1)

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From : Lieut. Col. R.L.V. French-Blake DSO

HQ 6 Brit Armd Div
CMF

Nov 45

Dear Brigadier

Ref your RXII/850.01 re loan of officers. We received a severe blow today, from GHQ, who tell us that we have got to find in the near future an incredible number of officers for the Greek elections - to see fair play! They may be away for over two months.

I am afraid that this makes loan impossible. I am very sorry about this, as we should have liked to have helped.

Yours

/s/ French-Blake

To : Brig. J.K. Dunlop, OBE, MC, TD.
General Commissioner
VENEZIA REGION

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 559/59/20

26 November 1945

My dear Bowman,

Further to my 559/40/20 of 25 October 1945, and my 559/48/20 of 7 November 1945.

Attached is a copy of a letter Brigadier Dunlop has received from the Provincial Commissioner, Udine, together with a map showing the 1919 boundary between Italy and Austria as well as the present eastern boundary of Udine Province.

I think that we should accept Lt. Col. Bright's conclusion that the signatories of the original letter have no strong local following.

Yours sincerely,

Maurice Lush

Colonel A.C. Bowman
Border Civil Affairs Officer
Venezia Giulia

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 559/60/AC 24 November 1945

SUBJECT: Interrogation of Inhabitants of Tarvisio

TO : G-3, AFHQ

1. Herewith one extract from a report received from the Regional Commissioner Venezia Region for your information and any action you may wish to take.

"(a) On the 4th October it is reported that representatives of the Allied Commission in Austria accompanied by a delegate of the Austrian Government, went to the Municipio of Tarvisio and requested information concerning the nationality of the local population.

(b) It is understood that the Commission furnished certain data of which neither I nor the GAO had been informed.

(c) It is also reported that the Commission contacted a number of local people who had opted for Germany, and were still resident in the Mandamento of Pontebba, and further sought to obtain information of those who migrated to Germany on or after the German sponsored plebiscite in that area in 1939.

(d) Subsequently, it is alleged, the Commission interrogated Rosario Schoenberg Arturo, Dino Giuseppe and Furlan Francesco, Austrian citizens now resident in Tarvisio, who had opted for Germany and acted as propaganda agents for that cause."

2. It is felt you will agree that such a method of obtaining information without the knowledge and assistance of Allied Military Government of this region, or of the responsible Italian officials of the Province, is most irregular.

3. We would be grateful if, in the future, we could be informed when representatives of the Allied Commission Austria wish to visit Italy officially. Were such information made available it is considered that incidents such as that described would not occur.

For the Chief Commissioner:

ABS Fyfe Lieutenant Colonel
in absence of Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Copy to: GOC XIII Corps
RC, Venezia Region
Poland (A)
Poland (B)
CA Section

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From : Brigadier J.K. Dunlop, OBE, MC, TD.

HEADQUARTERS
VENEZIE REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER

NOV 23 1945

20 Nov 45

My dear Maurice,

With further reference to your letter 559/39/BC of the 25th October and my interim reply of the 28 Oct, I now send you a letter received from the Provincial Commissioner, Udine, together with a map showing the 1919 boundary between Italy and Austria as well as the present Eastern boundary of Udine Province.

I think that we should accept Lt. Col. Bright's conclusion that the signatories of the original letter have no strong local following.

Yours ever

Brigadier Maurice Lush, CB, CBE, MC.
HQ. Allied Commission.

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15 Nov. 1945

UGI/30/27

Subject : Cervignano and neighbouring Comunes

To : R. A. A. G. Venezia Region

Reference your AII, 850.30 dated 12 Nov 45.

I attach a map showing the boundary of the Province prior to the 1919 Peace settlement.

The present boundary is shown by conventional sign.

I have made searchers enquiries regarding the claims of Dr. Boas and Bortal Sclernot to represent the population of the group of Comunes in the Cervignano district.

My conclusions are that these men represent themselves and possibly a very few merchants who have decided that their business interests might receive more favourable treatment if the district to which they refer was incorporated in a free city of Trieste protected by Allied Nations rather than in either Italian or Iugo-Slav territory with their possibly unsettled conditions following the Peace Treaty. The population of this area has become wholly Italian after 26 years and its people, except for a very few, wish to remain within the Province of Udine under the Italian Government. A very small number for sentimental reasons would like to return to Austria.

Its chief interests is agriculture, the produce of which is marketed, so far as can be ascertained, in Udine, Venice and Trieste in the proportion of 4:2:2.

I consider, therefore, that the appeal of these two so-called representatives should be disregarded.

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[illegible], Lt. Col.
Provincial Commissioner.

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H. [illegible], Lt. Col.
Provincial Commissioner.

HRH/ce

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Levels Map.

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Nominal Roll of officers as at 10 Nov 45

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Brigadier	J.K. Dunlop, OBE, MC, TD	B	Regional Commissioner
Col	E.C. Howell, Jr.	A	D.R.C. & R.F.O.
Lieut	R.G. Jeffery	B	Asst Adm Offr & OC Br Det
J/Comd	M.F.L. Paskin	B	Adjutant
Ist Lt	J. Bellotti	A	Comd Co."M" and Purch & Contracting Offr
1st Lt	J. Cicerelle	A	Executive Offr Co."M" & O i/c Officers'Mess
J/Comd	M.E. Lawrence	B	Staff Capt to Reg.Comm.
Lieut	A.F. Large	B	R.M.O.

ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

Legal

Maj	C.L.P. Gilshenan	B
Maj	P.D. Cotes-Preedy	B → ?

Monuments, Fine Arts & Archives

Capt	R.E. Enthoven	B

Public Health

Capt (QM)	J.R. Arno	B

Public Safety

Lt Col	F.G. Green	B
Capt	J.B. Forster	B
Capt	L.W. Toes	~~B~~ → /c

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Capt	J.B. Forster	B
Capt	L.W. Toes	B → K

ECONOMIC SECTION

Agriculture

Lieut	W.E. Morgan	B

Commerce

Maj	A.W. Ellison	B

Food

Maj	H. Dring	B

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Industry

Capt	S. Laidlaw	~~B~~ →

Public Works & Utilities

Maj	W. Knight, MC	B
Capt	J.W.L. Butcher	B

Transportation

Maj	E.B. Corby	B

INDEPENDENT

Communications

Maj	C.I. Turner	A
Maj	R.H. Ayre	A
Capt	M.P. Lam	B

Records

Capt	J.W. Brown	B	Also Commerce → ?

ATTACHED PERSONNEL

Displaced Persons & Refugees

Maj	C.A.P. Winser	B
Capt	F.D. Hayward	B
Capt	J.C. Paxton	B

Air Forces Sub Commission

S/L	R.G.E. Dismant	B
F.O.	R.T. James	B

PROVINCIAL SECTION

Padova and Rovigo Provinces

Provincial Commissioner

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Padova and Rovigo Provinces

Maj	B.R. Powell	B	A/Provincial Commissioner

Verona Province

Maj	H.J.O. Prinsloo	B	A/Provincial Commissioner
Maj	T.G. MacKenzie	B	Public Safety
Capt	O.C. Venus	B	Food (also Vicenza)

Attached

Capt	D.B. Archer	B	"A" Gp D.P.R.S.C. Pescantina
Capt	W.N. Baines	B	" " " "
Capt	G.W.W. Crane	B	" " " "

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Venezia Province

Col	R.H. Farren	B	Provincial Commissioner
1st Lt	D.A. Tessaro	B	Provincial Officer
Maj	H.S. Harris	B	Public Safety
Lieut	W.J.D. Evans	B	Ports & Warehouses
1st Lt	W.S. Allen	A	Transportation

Attached

Capt	W.H. Morris	B	Civil Consorship
Lieut	A.E. Camarinos	A	" "

Vicenza Province

Maj	F.O. Mavis	A	Provincial Commissioner
Capt	A.A. Simpson, Jr.	A	Provincial Officer

Treviso Province

Maj	A.J. Shove	B	A/Provincial Commissioner
Capt	G.S. Elliott	B	Provincial Officer
Maj	T.P. Cotton	B	Public Safety

Belluno Province

Maj	T.G. Brennan	A	Provincial Commissioner
Capt	J.D. Forbes	B	Provincial Officer

Trento Province

Maj	M.B. Somerset	B	A/Provincial Commissioner
Capt	T.W. Glasspool	B	Public Safety

Bolzano Province

Maj	E.H. Kinselle	B	Provincial Officer
Capt	P.S. Harmer	B	Provincial Officer
Lieut	F.C. Willmore, MN	B	Provincial Officer
1st Lt	F.D. O'Keefe	A	Provincial Officer

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1st Lt	F.D. O.Keefe	A	Provincial Officer
Capt	G.W. Brown	B	Public Safety
Capt	D.J. Hopkins	B	Public Safety
Capt	D.J. Prastr	B	Finance (also Trento & Verona)
Capt	G.L. MacLachlan	B	Food (also Trento)
Lieut	F.H. Leaning	B	Legal (also Trento)
Capt	J.N. Bowes	B	Transportation (also Belluno)
1st Lt	R.M. Bombino	A	War Material Disposal
1st Lt	J.S. Narcini	A	" " "

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Bolzano Province

Attached

Col	S.W. Miller, MC	B	Provincial Commissioner
1st Lt	H.J. Polisky	A	Civil Censorship
Lt Comd	W. Smith (USNR)	A	" "
Capt	S.J. Carrigher	B	D.P. & R.
Lt Col	L. Snedeker	A	Public Health
Capt	F. De Angelis	A	" "
Capt	K. Battaglia	A	" "
Mr	B. Katzin	A	A.R.C.
Mr	F. Sigerist	A	"

Udine Province

Lt Col	H.N. Bright, MBE	B	Provincial Commissioner
Maj	W.G. Fletcher	B	Provincial Officer
Maj	H. St. G. French	B	Provincial Officer
Capt	C.W. Atkinson-Grimshaw	B	Provincial Officer
Capt	B.H. Archer	B	Provincial Officer
Capt	K.W.V. Blackstock	B	Provincial Officer
Capt	S.S.W. Chambers	B	Provincial Officer
Capt	A.O.G. Conner	B	Provincial Officer
Capt	A.W. Knisely	B	Provincial Officer
Capt	D.J. McLoughlin	B	Provincial Officer
Capt	P.L. Young	B	Provincial Officer
Lieut	J.W. Hemsted, DCM	B	Provincial Officer
Lieut	A.J. Richards	B	Provincial Officer
Maj	J.T. Manuel	B	Public Safety
Maj	W. Sykes	B	Public Safety
Maj	R. Russell	B	Agriculture
Capt	S.F. Cramo	B	Agriculture
Capt	W.G. Hall	B	Food
Lieut	F.J.J. Van Rensburg	B	Industry
1st Lt	W.H. Crage, Jr.	A	Legal
Capt	J.W.E. Osborne	B	Transportation
1st Lt	R.W. Henley	--	Transportation

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Capt	S.H. Young	B	Civil Censorship
Capt	E.E.L. Strauss	B	D.P. & R.

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Maj	W. Sykes	B	Public Safety
Maj	R. Russell	B	Agriculture
Capt	S.F. Crame	B	Agriculture
Capt	W.G. Hall	B	Food
Lieut	F.J.J. Van Rensburg	B	Industry
1st Lt	W.H. Crago, Jr.	A	Legal
Capt	J.W.E. Osborne	B	Transportation
1st Lt	R.W. Henley	A	Transportation

Attached

Capt	S.H. Young	B	Civil Censorship
Capt	E.E.L. Strauss	B	D.P. & R.

LIAISON 13 CORPS

Maj	W.M. Harrison	B

REGION HQ - UNASSIGNED

Capt	A.G.K. Somerville	B

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				Party No.
Maj	W.R. Hare	B	Public Safety	(30)
Maj	G.W. Jones	B	Provincial Officer	(27)
Maj	J.H. Salter	B	Adm Officer	(30)
Maj	F.J. Russi, MC	B	Provincial Officer	(30)
Maj	J.B. Wilson	B	Provincial Officer	(Dongol)
Capt	A.E. Baker	B	Public Safety	(30)
Capt	K.C. Black	B	Food	(30)
Capt	J.H. Dodridge	B	Public Safety	(30)
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Capt	B. Marriott	B	M.F.A. & A.	(30)
Capt	W.H. Page	B	Provincial Officer	(23)
Capt	R.J.O. Rees	B	Provincial Officer	(30)
Capt	A.G.A. Saul	B	P. W. & U.	(30)
Capt	I.W. Scott	B	Education	(29)
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Major R.A.
for Regional Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 559/40/30 November 1945

Further to my 559/40/30 of 25 October 1945 I have received from Brigadier Dunlop the attached comments on the petition you forwarded in your letter of 14 October.

I will send you a copy of Brigadier Dunlop's longer report when I receive it.

Colonel A.O. Bowman
Senior Civil Affairs Officer
Venezia Giulia

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HEADQUARTERS
VENEZIE REGION
Allied Military Government
APO 394

TO : HQ. A.C. 5 Nov 45

NOV 6 1945

SUBJECT : Interrogation of Inhabitants of Tarvisio.

FILE NO : RXII/850.30

1. I have received a report from the Provincial Commissioner of Udine, as follows :-

" a) On the 4th October it is reported that representatives of the Allied Commission in Austria accompanied by a delegate of the Austrian Government, went to the Municipio at Tarvisio and requested information concerning the nationality of the local population.

b) It is understood that the Commune furnished certain data of which neither I nor the C.A.O. had been informed.

c) It is also reported that the Commission contacted a number of local people who had opted for Germany, and were still resident in the Mandamento of Pontebba, and further sought to obtain information of those who migrated to Germany on or after the German sponsored plebiscite in that area in 1939.

d) Subsequently, it is alleged, the Commission interrogated Messrs Schoenberg Arturo, Treu Giuseppe and Furlan Francesco, Austrian citizens now resident in Tarvisio, who had opted for Germany and acted as propaganda agents for that cause.

2. I feel sure it will be agreed, that such a method of obtaining information without the knowledge and assistance of A.M.G. of this Region, or of the responsible Italian officials of the Province, is ~~somewhat~~ most irregular.

3. Further, with a thorough knowledge of the various conflicting national aspirations of the small local population, I find it difficult to believe that information obtained in such a way would be free from partiality.

4. The local Italian Communal administration of Tarvisio has

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2. I feel sure it will be agreed, that such a method of obtaining information without the knowledge and assistance of A.M.G. of this Region, or of the responsible Italian officials of the Province, is ~~somewhat~~ irregular.

3. Further, with a through knowledge of the various conflicting national aspirations of the small local population, I find it difficult to believe that information obtained in such a way would be free from partiality.

4. The local Italian Communal administration of Tarvisio has proved unsatisfactory and a new Commissario Prefettizio has recently been appointed. It is therefore unlikely that the information given by the previous administration, which was not representative of the people and would not co-operate with the A.M.G. representative there, would be in all respects reliable."

2. I consider that the Provincial Commissioner of Udine has been entirely correct in bringing this matter to my notice. I am prepared to deal with it by direct representation to Senior Civil Affairs Officer, Klagenfurt. On the other hand, it may well be that news of this may have reached the Italian Government from Italian sources, so that you might prefer to deal with the matter at your level.

3. Please let me know your wishes.

Regional Commissioner

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Copy to: P.C. Udine

MISS DAMPSON
(all ~~MAYORCCC~~)

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(My dear Rennie.) 39

26 October, 1945
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Thank you for your interesting letter of the 25th October, 559/39/SC with its enclosure from Cervignano. The reference is to that small group of communes south east of Palmanova which were Austrian before the last war and were included in Friuli (Udine Province) after the last war.

I shall write you a longer report after I have got hold of a large scale map upon which I can mark the former and present boundary line.

In brief I can say that the writers are historically correct when they assert that these villages are traditionally linked with Gorizia rather than with Udine.

On the other hand the attempt to claim the generic term Friuli for their own little group is going a long way too far. The name Friuli is just as likely derived from "Forum Julii" which is the old name for the City of Cividale, founded by Julius Caesar.

I should say, as a quick estimate, that the writers have not a strong following. The names of the signatories are not Italian, and I should think they represent a Slovene national feeling that is not prepared to go pro-Tito.

The whole question is a left over from a piece of incomplete military history in the 16th century. At the time of the league of Cambrai, the Holy Roman Empire, in its counter offensive against the eastward penetration of the Republic of Venice, took Gradisca, and crossed the Isonzo, getting as far as Cervignano and Aquileia.

There they stopped, and the Venetians built Palmanova in 1593 to bar further progress. Palmanova was, in its time, one of the most famous fortresses in Europe.

So, from about 1600 to 1800, the Empire held this half open sally port across the Isonzo onto the Friulian plain, and

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into the terrain of the Republic of Venice. When, in 1866, Venice was set free from the Austrian domination under which it had fallen, and became Italian, the new Kingdom of Italy fell heir to the same problem.

As you rightly say, there is food for much thought.

Yours ever,

(Brigadier M. Lush, CB, CBE, MC
Office of the Executive Commissioner
Headquarters
Allied Commission)

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Ref: 559/40/SC

25 October 1945

Many thanks for your letter of the 14th and the attached petition. I have passed it to Brigadier Dunlop for comment: it is certainly most interesting and I am very glad you sent it down. I will let you know what Brigadier Dunlop thinks about it when I hear from him.

M. S. PUSH

Colonel A. C. Bowman
Senior Civil Affairs Officer
Venezia Giulia

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Ref: 550/39/SC

25 October 1945

I feel sure you will be interested in the attached letter which Bowman sent me the other day. The writers, as you can see, are residents, not of Venezia Giulia, but of a nearby area in Italy. In effect, they ask to share the fate of Venezia Giulia, whatever it may be, but preferably as an international free territory.

I would like to have your comments on this petition: there seems to be a little food for thought in it.

M. S. LUSH

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Brigadier J. K. Dunlop, O.B.E., M.C., T.D.
Regional Commissioner
AMG Venezia Region

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
13 CORPS

14 October 1945

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My dear [illegible]

I receive, as you know, hundreds of letters from Triestini and other residents of the occupied territory, expressing their aspirations for the annexation of this bit of Venezia Giulia to Jugoslavia or its retention as part of Italy, as the case may be.

The inclosed is a slightly different type of letter. The writers are residents, not of Venezia Giulia, but of a nearby area in Italy. In effect, they ask to share the fate of Venezia Giulia, whatever it may be, but preferably as an international free territory.

There is a little food for thought in this and it occurred to me that you might be interested.

Sincerely,

Brigadier M.S. Lush, CBE, OBE, MC
Executive Commissioner
Headquarters, Allied Commission

cso

Acknowledge to CAD Rome

& pass to Brig Stanley for comment

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To the Allied Military Government
of the Zone of Allied Jurisdiction (Venezia Giulia)
in Trieste.

Gentlemen,

Whereas we have noticed that the river Isonzo has been mentioned as a possible boundary, we wish to express herewith our earnest objection to such an absurd and inadmissible conjecture. We, the population of the Cervignano district, embracing the Commons of Aquileia, Cervignano, Ajello, Buda, Campolongo al Torre, S. Vito al Torre, Visco, all situated on the west side of the aforesaid river, have always been closely united to Gorizia and Trieste, our beloved sister towns, to which we are bound for race, history, tradition, customs, and vital economic interests.

In Gorizia (Gurizze, as we call it), our own Friulan language is spoken, and the same was in Trieste for over thirteen centuries, to say, till to some hundred years ago. Almost one half of the native population of Trieste, and even more of that of Gorizia, is of our blood, we have all the same feelings and views (which make us to reject both the Yugoslav and the Italian rule), and, over all, our business relations with the two towns are so close and essential that we entirely depend upon them for our daily living.

We further wish to point out that our district is a part of Venezia Giulia and like Gorizia and Trieste has, most unfortunately, been annexed to Italy following to the Peace Treaty of 1919 after the first great war, (the consequences of which have so seriously affected and still continue to affect this whole region of the former Austrian Monarchy), and we therefore ought to be included in the area of Allied jurisdiction, what [illegible] has been done to our entire disad-

strongly objection to such an absurd and inadmissible conjecture. We, the population of the Cervignano district, embracing the Commons of Aquileia, Cervignano, Ajello, Buda, Campolongo al Torre, S. Vito al Torre, Visco, all situated on the west side of the aforesaid river, have always been closely united to Gorizia and Trieste, our beloved sister towns, to which we are bound for race, history, tradition, customs, and vital economic interests.

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We further wish to point out that our district is a part of Venezia Giulia and like Gorizia and Trieste has, most unfortunately, been annexed to Italy following to the Peace Treaty of 1919 after the first great war,(the consequences of which have so seriously affected and still continue to affect this whole region of the former Austrian Monarchy), and we therefore ought to be included in the area of Allied jurisdiction , what seems not to have been done, to our entire disadvantage. Our farmers and tradesmen are thus prevented from carrying their products to Gorizia and Trieste, which are our natural markets, the outcome of this being a noticeable contribution to the shortage of food in both towns and especially in Trieste.

Our long administrative association with these towns has been brutally set apart by the Fascist Government for purely political

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reasons, in spite of our protests, and we were put under the province of Udine. But we have little to do with that town, and nothing at all with Venice, the nearest larger one on Italy's side, some 75 miles away, whilst Trieste and Gorizia are only 24 and 12 in the average. Further it is to remark that both Udine and Venice have large productive areas around, whilst Trieste and Gorizia have none to supply them with agricultural products - their industries, on the other hand, are largely dependent upon us for the manpower.

It is not to be wondered that in these circumstances we are much concerned about the forthcoming events, and that we want and need to share with the fate of Trieste, as we did since we exist as an organised human society. All this, we believe, does count for more than something, and no wise man would venture to abruptly shatter with a dash of pen on a map such deeply felt and needed bonds. This, we hope will not happen, otherwise the most serious harm to the aforenamed towns, and the actual ruin of ourselves will result.

Some historical notices about our district may be of interest: Anciently, like the whole Trieste-Gorizia area, this was a part of the homeland of the Carns, a Celtic people, of whom, we, The Friulans or Furlans, are the direct descendants. It was conquered by the Romans in the year 182 b.C., and after the parting of the empire by Theodosius our land belonged to the Greek Empire of Byzantium. The Byzantines passed it by contract in one with the whole of the now called Venezia Giulia, in the 9th century, to the Franks, where it was a part of the large Patriarchate of Aquileia or of the Duchy of Friul, both in the influence of the German Empire; this condition lasted till to 1423 when the Patriarchate was parted and we fell under the Venetians. But shortly after, in 1500 we returned to the Empire, and namely to Austria, becoming a land of the Gorizia's County. This lasted, excepted for

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Like the whole of this old Austrian territory, improperly named by the Italians "Venezia Giulia", we suffered decay and slavery

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under their domination, and when the war came, our men, and even many women, went numerous to the partisans, where they joined the famous Furlan "Fontanot" brigade, which fought gallantly the Italians and their Nazi-German allies, suffering the heaviest casualties of all the units operating in this area. We are proud of them, but we know that they fought bravely, on your side, and died, not just to allow that the links of our chains be riveted again, but for FREEDOM.

We rely on you, who had, and fought, the same foe, and trust that our claims will meet with due consideration. To this end, we request you to kindly inform of this appeal your respective Governments and the secretariate of the London Conference.

First of all, we want to be included in the "Venezia Giulia" Zone of Allied Jurisdiction, as we are entitled to claim, and furtherly we wish to join Trieste in the constitution of a Free Territory under your supervision.

We are, yours ever faithful,

" I Patriots Furlans "
Representatives of the population of the
Communes composing the Cervignano district

Dr Bare Bortul Selessotto

Cervignano, October the 4th. 1945.

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TOP SECRET

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HEADQUARTERS
VENEZIE REGION
Allied Military Government
APO 394

8 August, 1945

11 AUG 1945

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
(Executive Commissioner)

SUBJECT : Establishment after 1 September.

FILE NO : RXII/RC

1. Reference my letter, RXII/RC of 8th August, 1945.

2. I submit herewith a table showing estimated officer establishment in the area now covered by Venezie Region. This is shown tabulated as on October 1st, November 1st, and December 1st.

3. The table has been based on the following postulates:-

(a) The continuance of A.M.G. in Udine Province till December 1st.

(b) The maintenance of AMG/AC responsibility for displaced persons until at least October 1st.

(c) The provision of a liaison team for the port of Venice.

(d) The provision of a liaison team for Bolzano strong enough to affect a good handover to the Italian Government of the complicated problems in that province. There is also provision for officers to work on the distribution of material from the German dumps. (My letter RXII/386.83(CEV) of 7th August, refers.)

(e) The provision of small liaison teams at Verona and Belluno. (My letter RXII/0[illegible].III of 30 July refers.)

(f) The maintenance of a small "Regional" Liaison Headquarters at Padova which will include the Padova provincial liaison team.

(g) That it will be possible to close down the following existing Divisions at Headquarters in the period Sept. 1st - Oct. 1st:- Education, [illegible], Patriots, Public Health and Welfare, Agriculture,

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4. It should be noted that the establishment as set out will not be large enough to "supervise the elections". It will, however, be strong enough to supervise the preliminary work leading up to the elections, as explained in my MXII/0[illegible].111 of 30th July. I consider that additional officers, from combat units, could be drafted in as temporary reinforcements some two weeks before the date of the elections. Much must depend on the date upon which the Italian Government proposes to hold these elections.

5. If you will let me have your comments on this draft I shall prepare tables for RM/OM and transport.

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6. I am holding a Regional Commissioner's Conference of all Provincial Commissioners and Heads of Divisions on Tuesday, August 21st. I know that it would be a very great help to all my officers if we could have yourdecision by that time.

Regional Commissioner

JKD/lgc

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Headquarter	Oct.	1 Nov.	1 Dec.
Senior Regional Liaison Officer	1	1	1
Deputy " " "	-	-	- (a)
Staff Captain to Regional Liaison Officer	1	-	-
Administrative Officer	1	1	1
Commander Co. "M"	1	1	1
Regional Adjutant	1	1	1
H.Q. Commandant & Q.M. (Br)	1	-	-
Purchasing & Contracting Officer	1	1	1
R.M.O.	1	1	-
Civil Affairs Section			
Public Safety	2	1	1
Legal	1	(b)	(b)
Education, M.F.A.A., Patriots, and Public Health closed by Oct. 1st.			
Economic Section			
Finance	2	1	1
P.W.U.	3	1	1
Transportation	3	2	2
Agriculture, Commerce, Food, Industry, Labour, closed by Oct. 1st.			
Independent			
Communication	(c)	(c)	(c)
Displaced Persons	5	?	?
Provincial Section			
Rovigo : Closed			
Padova : Liaison Officers	2	2	2 (d)
Venice : Liaison Officers	2	2	2
Ports and Warehouses	2	2	2
Treviso : Closed			
Belluno : Liaison Officers	3	3	3
Trento : Closed			
Bolzano : Liaison Officers	5	5	5
Finance	1	1	1

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Public Health closed by Oct. 1st.

Economic Section

Finance	2	1	1
P.W.U.	3	1	1
Transportation	3	2	2
Agriculture, Commerce, Food, Industry, Labour, closed by Oct. 1st.			

Independent

Communication	(c)	(c)	(c)
Displaced Persons	5	?	?

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	Ports and Warehouses	2	2	2
Treviso	: Closed			
Belluno	: Liaison Officers	3	3	3
Trento	: Closed			
Bolzano	: Liaison Officers	5	5	5
	Finance	1	1	1
	Legal	1	1	1
"	Officers on distribution ex dumps	5	5	?
"	Displaced Persons	2	?	?
Verona	: Liaison Officers	2	2	2
	Displaced Persons	4	?	?
	Transportation	1	1	-
Vicenza	: Closed			
	Total - less Udine	54	35	28 (e)
Udine	: (See detailed distribution)	40	40	40
	Total	94	75	68

(a) A divisional head or liaison officer Padova to act as Deputy.
(b) Dependent on whether appeals from Udine officer are heard at Padova or Rome.
(c) Suggested that "Communications" be transferred to Trieste.
(d) Amalgamated with "Regional" H.Q.
(e) Existing Public Safety Officers to be available as Provincial Liaison Officers.

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Udine Province Detailed Distribution

Provincial Commissioner		1
Administrative Officer		1
Finance	"	1
Food	"	1
Legal	"	2
Public Safety	"	2
Transportation	"	1
Public Health	"	1
15 Mandamenti at 2	Officers	30
	Total	40

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RESTRICTED

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JUNE 20/1515B

E/5980
JUNE 21/0830B
ROUTINE

AMG FIFTH ARMY CITE: OUR 246

ACTION: IV CORPS, EMILIA LIGURIA, LOMBARDIA, PIEMONTE, VENEZIA AMG INFO ALCOM

RESTRICTED.

Hitherto the Military Government officer commanding a region within FIFTH ARMY Area has been known as Deputy Senior Civil Affairs Officer. Hereafter these officers will be referred to as Regional Commissioners.

DIST

INFO-ACTION : [illegible] COMGR (2)
INFO : CHIEF COMGR
CA SEC
SCOM SEC
ESTAB SEC
FILE

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Exec Branch

FXII/332.1
JUN 1316008

R/4890
JUN 1320208
IMPORTANT

FROM: HQ VENEZIA REGION
TO: HQ ALGOM

RESTRICTED.

Grateful if we could have all flags Union Jacks and Stars and Stripes made available from TOBCANA. Badly needed in frontier provinces.

LIST

ACTION: G-4(A)
" G-4(E) 2
INFO: Chief Commissioner
Exec Commissioner
Estab Sec
File 2
Fleet

Co Parkin will send all to Head Ins and Park Plan Will Suffice

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Tel: 289

Ref: 559/SC.

22 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Insertion for Daily Bulletin.

TO : Adjutant.

Please insert the following in Daily Bulletin:

"ADMINISTRATION - PROVINCES.

VENEZIA Region assumed responsibility for the administration of ROVIGO, PADOVA, VENEZIA and TREVISO Provinces at 0001 hrs 8 May 45, and of UDINE Province on 10 May 45.

(Exec Comm)"

Chief Staff Officer,
to Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: 990/SO.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference 9074
Date Time of Origin MAY 171539B

Message Centre No. T/1202
Date Time Recd MAY 170830
Precedence ROUTINE

FROM: AMG 5 ARMY BGR HOME CIRCE OUR T 153.
TO: HQ AFCOM FOR EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER.

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ACTION

RESTRICTED.

Reference your 7451 of 12 May.

Preliminary report on DETAILS mailed you 12 May. Exact details of administration are very difficult to ascertained. It is suggested that more accurate picture can be presented by allowing Provincial Commissioners to give full details. These will be forwarded as soon as available.

DIST

ACTION - EX COMMISSIONER 3
INFO - A/PRESIDENT
CHIEF COMMISSIONER
FILE 2
FLOAT

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Originator's Reference: A 108
Date Time of Origin: MAY 1411303

Message Centre No: 3/797
Date Time Rec'd: MAY 150550
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: MAJ. GEN. COOKE
TO: ALCOM

CONFIDENTIAL

ACTION

CONFIDENTIAL.

Personal DUNLOP to LUSH.

On instructions 5TH ARMY arrived last night M. G. COOKE for conference. Now proceeding TRIESTE GORIZIA UDINE. Will report on tour by air courier soonest possible.

DIST

ACTION - MG COOKE 2
INFO - A/PRESIDENT
CHIEF COMMISSIONER
FILE

see M25

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(Mr Stewart)

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[illegible] ARMY [illegible] FOR ASW

7451 12 May 45 [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] TO ADMINISTRATION OF PROVISIONS OF TREATY AND [illegible] IN

[illegible] IN [illegible] ARMY [redacted] FOR ASW FROM [illegible] ALASKA [illegible]

[illegible] PAR [illegible] 1, [illegible] OF [illegible] OF ADMINISTRATIVE [illegible]

[illegible]

Distribution

CG [illegible]
[illegible]

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L W. STEARNS
MAJ

[illegible]

[illegible] 17/5

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Ex Commr

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Originator's Reference: M 961
Date Time of Origin: MAY 9/1600B

Message Centre No: K/155
Date Time Rec'd: MAY 10/0830B
Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: MAIN AMG EIGHTH ARMY
TO: HQ AICOM FOR ACEXC

MAY 10 REC'D

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ACTION

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RESTRICTED.

Reference your 6956 of 4. All provinces except BELLUNO in FIVE ARMY Area.

Report on BELLUNO follows.

DIST

ACTION : EX COMMISSIONER (2)

INFO : A/PRESIDENT
CHIEF COMMISSIONER
CA SEC
ECON SEC
FILE (2)
FLOAT

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10 MAY 945
A. C.

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RX11/323.3
MAY 09NFT

R/161
MAY 10
ROUTINE

From: HQ VENEZIE REGION

To: ALCOM INFO AMG 5 ARMY, AMG 8 ARMY, 15 ARMY GP

IN CLEAR.

Please inform all concerned HQ VENEZIE REGION are situated at SCUOLA SCALCERLE PADOVA. This is on eastern outskirts of town close to SUN UPROUTE. Offrs mess at ALBERGO STORIONE in centre of town.

DIST

ACTION: Executive Commissioner 2
INFO: A/President
Chief Commissioner
Est Sec
Hq Comd
MI Centre
File & float 3

Seen on file 553/EC.

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(Mrs Lowenolya)

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MAY 080510B

P/9976
MAY 080900B
OP PRIORITY
MAY 8 RECD

From: MAIN AMG 8 ARMY
To: HQ ALCOM INFO REGION VENEZIA FOR AMG FOR REG COMM, AMG REAR 8TH ARM

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Ref AFHQ signal P 69803 not to least 2 addressees.

1. Provinces ROVIGO, PADOVA, TREVISO and VENEZIA will be responsibility of Regional Commissioner direct to 8th ARMY. Province UDINE will be administrative responsibility Regional Commissioner VENEZIA Region but overall responsibility remains with AMG 8 Army.

2. Responsibility of VENEZIA GIULIA remains with AMG 8 ARMY until position clarified.

Dist

Action - Ret Sec 2
Info - A/President
Chief Commissioner
Exec Comm
File

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INCOMING MESSAGE

Ex. Comm. 19

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMIS

Originator's Reference: AG 3
Date/Time of Origin: MAY 7/2046B

Message Centre No: D/994B
Date Time Recd: MAY 7/1730B
Precedence: ROUTINE

From: 15 ARMY GROUP LIAISON

To: FILPOT FOR G-5 INFO: ALCOM

MAY 8 RECD

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL.

AMG now arrived BOLZANO and taken over. Further routine report AMG matter from this Hq.

DIST

INFO-ACTION : EX COMMISSIONER (2)

INFO : A/PRESIDENT
CHIEF COMMISSIONER
PR 3
FILE (2)
FLOAT

HEADQUARTERS
7 MAY 1945
A.C.

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MAY 061000B
OP PRIORITY

MAY 05NFT

REGION VENEZIE AMG

ACTION ALCOM AMG 5 ARMY AND 8 ARMY 15 ARMY GP

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Combined HQ REGION VENEZIE opened 0900 hrs this morning. MGPO telegraphic address REGION VENEZIE PADOVA.

HEAD-QUARTERS
7 MAY 1945
A.F.H.Q.

DIST

ACTION: Executive Commissioner 2
INFO: A/President
Chief Commissioner
GA Sec
Econ Sec
Int Sec
Hq Comdt (Tn Offr)
M. Centre
File

ACTION COPY ON 0354/E.C

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SECRET

FX 11/ADM/164
MAY 4/2358

D/9666
MAY 5/0835B
PRIORITY

AMG VENIZIE REGION

HQ AIGOM

SECRET.

Closing present location is main headquarters VENEZIE Region at 0900 hours Saturday 5 May 1945 and reopens same time at PADOVA

DIST

ACTION : EX COMMISSIONER (2)

INFO : A/PRESIDENT
OTHER COMMISSIONER
OA SEC
ECON SEC
ESTAB SEC
HQ COMDT (FOR MTC)
MESSAGE CENTER
HQ SIGNALS OFFICER
INFO DIV
FILE

SECRET

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Ex Comm

I don't know where he is.
Seen this
E.S/S

4.

Files 1 + 2 seen by Ex. Com on file 50A/AC
Sent by R.C. VENEZIA under cover of D/O letter

5 days

Memorandum should be kept in a separate jacket
refer to folio 17B-C

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Sent by R.C. VENEZIE under cover of D/o letter

5 Encs

Moments extract from Inf. over Jacobel refer to file 178.C

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[illegible]
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
FOURTH ARMY

ANNEX

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[illegible] - TOPSECRET

[illegible] April, 45.

To: Lt-Col. [illegible]
G.S. Civil Affairs Det.
[illegible]

MAY 4 Rec'd

1. The 2nd War Contact Detachment have been dispatched today by 15 jeeps to proceed to the town of [illegible] by road. It is believed that there was little or no resistance.

[illegible].

2. You will proceed on [illegible] April, starting from [illegible] to follow the U.S. Div to [illegible]. You will arrive as soon as possible after, or with the U.S. Div.

[illegible].

3. The following personnel will compose the [illegible] Team.

Lt-Col.	[illegible]	G.S.
Lt-Col.	[illegible]	
Major	[illegible]	P.R.O.
Capt.	[illegible]	Sup Offr.
Major	[illegible]	G.A.M.G.
Capt.	[illegible]	Fin Offr.
Capt.	[illegible]	Legal Offr.
Major	[illegible]	Public Safety

4 G.A.Os.
3 Clerks.
2 U.S. Men
6 Drivers (4 [illegible] Party - 2 [illegible] Party)

4. The officers mentioned by name above will rendez-vous at [illegible] Region H. . [illegible] today, 29th April.

5. The four G.A.Os will rendez-vous with the [illegible] Party at the Rockefeller [illegible] on 30th April or 1st May.

[illegible].

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4. [illegible] will proceed on [illegible] April, starting from [illegible] to follow 2nd U.S. Div to [illegible]. [illegible] will arrive as soon as possible after, or with the U.S. Div.

[illegible]

3. The following personnel will compose the [illegible] team.

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Lt-Col.	[illegible]	
Major	[illegible]	S.A.O.
Capt.	[illegible]	Sup Offr.
Major	[illegible]	G.S.O.2.
Capt.	[illegible]	Fin Offr.
Capt.	[illegible]	Legal Offr.
Major	[illegible]	Public Safety

4 G.S.Os.
3 Clerks.
2 U.S. Sgt
6 Drivers (4 [illegible] Party - 2 [illegible] Party)

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5. The four G.S.Os will rendez-vous with the [illegible] Party at the [illegible] on 30th April or 1st May.

[illegible]

6. [illegible] Party

	1 Colonel	at [illegible] Region.
	1 Capt	at Lt-Col. [illegible].
	2 S-Sergeants	at [illegible] Region.
[illegible] Party	2 15-cwts	with G.S.Os at [illegible].

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[illegible]

7. [illegible] Party is to move first light 30th April to [illegible] via [illegible]. Link up with G.S.Os at [illegible] and proceed earliest possible towards [illegible]. G.S. Party to determine own route from [illegible].

17th

See Para B

(Mr. TALBOT)

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[illegible] GOVERNMENT [illegible]

8. On arrival at [illegible] you will set up Allied Military Government in the normal manner.

9. You are to use such existing local administration as you find there, provided that, but irrespective of whether it has been set up by Bagnoli or by Italian anti-fascist supporters.

10. If there is no local government in existence, you will form one, using suitable local people for the purpose, being particular not to discriminate against persons on account of either their Bagnoli or Italian sympathies.

11. It is extremely important to avoid any indication as to the future of [illegible] or any part of [illegible].

12. In the event of any difficulty with Bagnoli forces you will refer to the local Military Commander for instructions.

POLICE.

13. No Carabinieri or Italian Public Safety personnel from occupied Italy will be introduced into [illegible] pending further instructions.

14. Local police as found may be used subject to screening and supplemented if necessary by suitable civilians or partisans.

FINANCE.

15. All Fascist accounts are to be blocked. Banks may be allowed to remain open or may be re-opened, provided there is sufficient currency available to last until fresh supplies of Allied Military Lire can reach you.

LAW.

16. Proclamations Nos. 1 and 2, General Orders Nos. 1 and (Provisional) Sub Order No.2) are to be posted on arrival. You will not permit Italian Courts to function in [illegible] until receipt of further orders.

[illegible].

17. It is the intention to disarm patriots who are declared by the Military Commander to be of no further operational value. This should be done in your case when you are satisfied that there is sufficient military strength to enforce the order. Disarmament should be done in close cooperation with the local Military Commander.

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[illegible]

18. You are to keep this H.Q. in touch with the civilian situation in [illegible] by signal at frequent intervals.

19. [illegible].

Eisenhower

Air Commodore,
Officer Commanding,
R.A.F., A.M.G. [illegible] AMG.

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[illegible]

1. [illegible] - G.O.C. Civil Affairs and [illegible] & Sub Regional Commissioner, VENICE CENTRE (2)
Regional Commissioner, VENICE Region. (1)
R.A. Allied Commission, APO 394. (1)
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SUBJECT TO ADMINISTRATION IN PROVINCES OF BELGIAN CONGO AND BOLIVIA

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C. A. Sec.
Econ. Sec.

Major E. Talbot

Exec. Coordinator

JCC

Lt. Col.

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From: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGEG
To: ACTION ALCOM - 8 ARMY FOR INFO 15 ARMY GROUP, 5 ARMY MAY 4 REC'D

SECRET

In order to enable 8 ARMY to carry out its responsibility for Military Govt both in the British zone of AUSTRIA and in its area of responsibility in North ITALY essential supplement present Military Govt resources of 8 ARMY. The following action will therefore be taken forthwith.

1. ALCOM will place under comd 8 ARMY forthwith the whole VENEZIA Region Military Govt team less personnel as required to operate in 5 ARMY area.

2. All detached personnel will be ordered to rejoin VENEZIA Region earliest.

3. Method of employment personnel in para 1 above to be decided by 8 ARMY, but personnel will not be employed outside VENEZIA Region.

4. As Army rear boundaries move forward personnel of VENEZIA Region will rever to comd ALCOM.

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Chief Commissioner
~~Exec Comm~~
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FOR ACTION EIGHTARMY MAIN FOR AMG VENEZIE REGION

6615 1 May 1945 PRIORITY.

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PAREN TO FOR ACTION EIGHTARMY MAIN FOR AMG VENEZIE REGION FROM ALCOM CITE AGGIB PAREN

PARA ONE PD FOR POLITICAL REASONS AND ACCORDING TO EXPLICIT INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIGHER AUTHORITY CMA YOU MUST HAVE EQUAL NUMBER OF BRITISH AND AMERICAN OFFICERS IN YOUR TEAM FOR VENEZIA GIULIA CMA EVEN IF THIS CAUSES DISPROPORTION ELSEWHERE PD

PARA TWO PD PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY PD

PARA THREE PD ACKNOWLEDGE PD

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NICHOLAS FIORENTINO
CWO, USA.
ASST ADJUTANT

Copy To:

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Exec Comm R

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(Mrs Stearns)

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HQ ALDOM FOR EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

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Please advise all Sub-Commissions that telegrams involving policy or for Regional Commissioners attention should be routed 8 ARMY MAIN for VENEZIA REGION ADVANCED. Telegrams on technical civil affairs or economic matters to 8 ARMY REAR for VENEZIE MAIN.

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MAIN AMGOT 8 ARMY FROM ADV HQ VENEZIA REGION
HQ ALCOM

SECRET.

ADV HQ VENEZIA REGION opened 1800 hours 5th April vicinity MAIN AMGOT 8TH ARMY. All messages this HQ to be routed via MAIN AMGOT 8TH ARMY.

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6 APR 1945
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Tel : 478730

Ref:559/10/SC.

5 April 1945

SUBJECT : Re-designation - Regional Title.

TO : R.C., VENEZIA Region.

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1. Reference your RXII/RSAR/SSO.LII G of 3 April 1945.

2. An amendment will shortly be issued to Executive Memorandum No. 32 embodying the change in Regional title recommended in your above-quoted letter.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Acting Executive Commissioner.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
VENEZIA REGION
Allied Military Government
APO 394

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission. 3 April 1945.
(For attention of Executive Commissioner)
SUBJECT: Re-designation - Regional Title. APR 3 1945

FILE No: RXII/REAR/850.III G

Confirming conversation Colonel Fiske - Brigadier Dunlop would you please authorise the use of the plural form "VENEZIE" for the title of this Region.

This will save confusion with the title of the Province of "Venezia" and will be more technically correct.

It is noted that the plural form has been used by the authors of the A.C. Desk Guide.

Brigadier.
J.K. Dunlop,
Regional Commissioner.

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Original letter on file 534/14/105

EXTRACT FROM MEMORANDUM TO COL. MONFORT, DCCAO, FROM Lt.Col. BRUCE THOMPSON, Ref DCCAO/4/7.3 of 16 Dec 44

3. Is a liaison officer being appointed to the District or Base Section which will administer to the ports of Venice and Trieste ?

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Allied Commission
APO 394

3 November 1944

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VENEZIA REGION ORDER NO. 135

By Brigadier J.K. Dunlop, CBE, MC, TD

During the absence of the Regional Commissioner on temporary duty in Southern Region, the following acting appointments are notified:-

Col. Carl M. Gevers - to be Acting Regional Commissioner.

Maj. Sir J.E.T. Ritchie Bt. - to be Acting Executive Officer and Administrative Officer.

Carl M. Gevers
Col. C.C. I.T.
for Regional Commissioner

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OPERATION INSTRUCTION No. 2

1. On instructions from ACC, Brigadier J.K. Dunlop proceeds to Southern Region forthwith on temporary duty as Regional Commissioner, vice Col. Temperley recalled to England.

2. Undernoted Officers, EM/OR, and vehicles will accompan Brigadier Dunlop.

3. Command of all Venezia Region personnel passes to Col. Carl M. Gevers, 2359 hours 3 Nov 44.

4. Advance HQ. Venezia Region remains at Cattolica.

Regional Commissioner

Party:-

Brig. J.K. Dunlop
1/Lt. H.R. Cookson
J/Cond M.E. Lawrence

Pfc. A. Mazzullo
Pvr. F. Brooks
Pvr. K. Muthig
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INCOMING MESSAGE

C. o. S. (2)

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TO: HQ ACC INFO AMG 8TH ARMY

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: N103/26

FROM: AMG MAIN 8TH ARMY FRCM++

CLASSIFICATION:

REFERENCE No: N556

PRECEDENCE: IMPORTANT

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: Oct 261315A

OFFICE OF ORIGIN:

26 OCT Recd

++: ADVANCED HQ VENEZIA REGION.

ACTION

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REFERENCE No: A656 PRECEDENCE: IMPORTANT

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: Oct 261315A OFFICE OF ORIGIN: 26 OCT Recd

TO: ADVANCED HQ VENEZIA REGION.

ACTION

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Office of Chief of Staff.

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DCOS Establishment Section. 26 Oct 4.

I am directed by C.O.S. to say that the VENEZIA Region Team is NOT now to go to SICILY.

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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