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ADMIN., SICILIA REGION
NOV. 1944 - JUNE 1946

Chief of Staff

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1. No 26, see copy of reply to 24.
2. In view of the explanation, is it still considered necessary that a supplementary letter be put up? (minute at 21 refers.)

Sturges, Capt
for Col, DCOs

Establishment Section

27 January 1945.

No. M(21)

28.

May Rwy.

The story of this "case" was started by four inmates at

21. Please explain.

29/1

29. CCO: Minute and comments of COS on file 171/COS directed that this matter be looked into. Information in minute 21 obtained from the Bayonet Adjudant (Major Apple). In view of file 26: explanation of Chenichans - Sicily trip, COS considers the matter closed. J. G. S. 27/1

28/1

May Rwy.

The 5:00 PM 'have' been
started by 5:00 in the air

21. Please explain.

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29.
COS: Minute and comments of COS on file 171/COS directed
that this matter be looked into. Information is minute 21
obtained from the Regional Adjutant (Major Bly). In view of
folio 26: explanation of Chicochans-Sicily Trip, COS considers the
matter closed. J. G. 29/11

29/11

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L. Simmons

To note folio 34.

2 Apr

2304

has. Secured

Sim. Adit's copy already seen by L. Simmons - any further
action please?

29/11

Now 29/11 3 Apr

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Major Rivley.

Means see by 18A - Big Carri
on file 17/105.

11 - also COS comment on
by 18A also his comment on
page 8. will be like taken
as required.

file 17/105.

See 17/11.

~~21~~

COS: I have called the matter of "Rome merchants" to the attention of
K. con. det. to report vigilance in future. (see folio 19).

② Reference folio 8: Orders to travel to Sicily were authorized by
file 17/105. Lombardie Region Exe. C. (L. Ed. Giles) and purpose of visit was
to obtain certain items for their move (this from Maj. Ryley, 14/11/51)
see folio 19.

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P.A. / B. f. at a COS meeting

1. Ex. Sec to staff - discussing matters re 10/10/51.
3. B. f. for reply after COS meeting
4. Extract para 3. 15/12/51

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 see folio 19.

23.

P.A. / B.4 at next COS meeting

2. Ent. Sec to draft a disciplinary letter re 10-4-68.
3. B.4 to reply after COS meeting
4. Extract para 3. 19/231

23.

D.C.O.S. Establishment Section.

24th January 65.

I am directed by the Chief of Staff to draw your attention to
 Minute 23 above, and the letter at 19 to which it refers, and to ask you
 to draft a disciplinary letter on the matter referred to therein. May
 this draft please be ready by the evening of 25.1.65 in time for discussion
 at COS meeting on 26.1.

P.M. G. Russell

24 to COS.

25.

Chief of Staff:

Explanation of apparently irregular trip to

Sicily has been requested (see 24). If warranted,

disciplinary letter will issue in due course.

W. Lee
 25 Jan 65

19/231

1/10/65
 for Col. 19/231

18A

TO: OOS.

File 11 file 11/65

1. Please see Brig Carr's latest D.O. bulletin.
2. I will take up the question of Rome Merchants (p. 10 para 2) with Economic Section.
3. Shall I enquire into the facts of the travel order mentioned in penultimate para of p. 10?
4. Otherwise, though good reading, there's nothing much that we don't already know.

16 Jan 45.

E. TALENT,
Major.

I agree. B.f. on my return.

M.S.L.
16 Jan.

File 19 refer

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M.S.L.
16 Jan.

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Col Staff To see 4 in ref to action 3 Feb 5 Dec 4/13

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TO: Chief of Staff.

1. Brig. Carr has written in on the subject of withdrawal from SICILY. He says briefly that if there is any withdrawal the withdrawal should be complete, that he is against withdrawal at present because of the Allied installations and the food situation. A third objection is the administration of PANTHERIA, but this is probably being overcome in another way.
2. He then goes on to detail the officers who could be spared and ends up by saying that he does not recommend any reduction in staff until the end of the year and further, as we knew before, that both the Italian Government and Military and Naval authorities are averse to any withdrawal at present.
3. Copy of the letter has been circulated to Sections for comments and I suggest that when they are received the matter is discussed at a COS meeting.

9 agree
W. J. Phipps
 6 Dec 44.
 Office, Chief of Staff.
 Ext. 300
 C.S.O.

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C.O.S.

Re Brigadier Carr's proposed re-organization of Sicilia Region, comments on the RC's plan have been received and may be briefly summarized as follows:

- Establishment Section - (folio 10) - agrees with RC recommendation except that all US personnel (8 officers and 15 EM) should be withdrawn in conformance with RC demilitarization policy. British replacements to be made where necessary.
- Economic Section - (folio 12) - recommends retention of 11 specialist officers as compared to RC's proposal of 9, the principal difference being in the Finance S/c which desires complete retention of their specialists.
- Civil Affairs Section - (folio 9) - recommends retention of the legal (1 officer) and public safety (2 officers) officers and the RC on the

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W. J. Phipps
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Economic Section - (folio 12) - recommends retention of 11 specialist officers as compared to RC's proposal of 9, the principal difference being in the Finance S/C which desires complete retention of their specialists.

Civil Affairs Section - (folio 9) - recommends retention of the legal (1 officer) and public safety (2 officers) officers and the withdrawal of the public health officer. The RC on the other hand recommends complete withdrawal of this Civil Affairs Section group.

In summary, it appears that with the modifications as proposed by the sections, Sicily Region after 1 January could be re-organized to operate with a total staff of 15 officers compared to the present 32. This entire plan is predicated on the assumption that Sicily's domestic affairs will have resumed a near normal status.

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29/12/44

15
The suggestion is good but how does Sicily see proposal to withdraw all American personnel re-locate itself with the Allied Nations of the Mediterranean? We have to be strong and integrated regions.

We will await general policy decision before going further. 21/12.

560 / 58
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Translation

PREFECTURE OF AGRIGENTO

Agrigento, 19th June 1945.

No. 554

JUN 26 1945

SUBJECT: Closing down of AC Division Officer's office

TO : HQ Allied Commission
Rome

Security letter
I acknowledge receipt of your kind communication of the 8th inst. AC/S/H of concerning the above subject, and thank you for your appreciation about the work made by this Prefecture in daily collaboration with AC's organs.

Yours very truly

THE PREFECT
/s/ Antonio Longo

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Div. Gab. N. 994



EX-COMMA

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PREFETTURA DI AGRIGENTO

Agrigento, li 19 Giugno 1946

Oggetto: Chiusura della A.C. Liaison Officer Sicily

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

ROMA

Segno ricevuta della cortese comunicazione dell'8 corrente AC/S/H 09 relativa allo oggetto e ringrazio per l'apprezzamento fatto dalla S.V. Ill.ma sull'opera svolta da questa Prefettura nella diuturna collaborazione con gli Organi della A.C.

Ricambio alla S.V. Ill.ma con la più viva cordialità, auguri e distinti saluti

IL PREFETTO
(Antonino Longo)

rec 42351

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

20 June 1946.

JUN 20 1946

SUBJECT : Closing of A.C. Liaison Group, Sicily
TO : HQ. A.C.

1. In accordance with verbal orders received from the Executive Commissioner on 23 May 1946, the A.C. Liaison Group; Sicily; was closed down at 0001 hours on 15 June 1946.

2. All military personnel attached returned to HQ. A.C. on 18 June 1946 and reported to G-1 (B) and G-1 (A).

3. All civilian personnel were dismissed as from 15 June 1946.

4. All outstanding requisitioned vehicles were returned to the Ispettorato Compartimentale della Motorizzazione and receipts forwarded to G-4 (A).

5. All requisitioned premises were transferred in the presence of the Genio ~~Divile~~ to II BLU in accordance with instructions from C.C. British Troops in Sicily; acting Town Major.

6. All known bills have been dealt with, bank account closed, and funds turned over to APA against receipt.

7. Property found in the billets, the ownership of which could not be traced through files or G-4 (B) or G-4 (A), was dealt with as follows:

- (1) Two typewriters handed over to American Consul General; in Palermo, for use of his office, against record handed to G-4 (A).
- (2) Two tables handed over to UNRRA, Palermo, against receipt.
- (3) Remaining miscellaneous, office equipment and four more tables left with II BLU, who now use the office.

8. All Italian major officers, including High Commissioner and all Prefects, were informed in writing in advance.

9. All military units in Sicily, and HQ. 3 District, UNRRA and all Allied Consulates were informed in writing in advance.

10. Files have been brought to HQ. A.C. and handed over to Archives Division.

(CAPT K)

10 June 1946
Lt. Col. G.L.
245 GLO Sicily

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HQ ALCON SITE MEXICO

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A.P.H.O. FOR C-5 SECTION

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ALLIED COMMISSION LIAISON OFFICE SICILY CLOSED WITH REPORT FROM ONE NIGHT JUNE
FOUR SIX PD

ROUTINE

Office of the Executive Commissioner

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A. W. Katsely

NICHOLAS PICHINO
OWO USA
Asst Mjt

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ROUTINE

JUN 13 1946

ALCOM PALERMO

AC/S/ F 02 COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO UFFICIO TRASPORTI AEREI

ROMA - ALCOM FOR AIR TRANSPORT OFFICER.

UNCLASSIFIED.

This office closes Saturday 15 June 1946. Personnel of three have to report Alcom HQ some morning. Ordinary air service apparently not working. Can special plane be arranged for three persons and 250 kilos total baggage including office papers.

ACTION AC DIST
HQ COMDT
CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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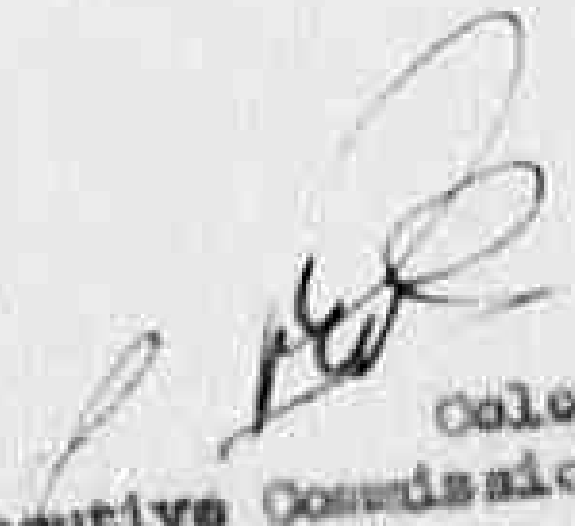
7 April 1945.

Ref: 560/39/20.

SUBJECT: Channels of Communication.

TO : AC Liaison Officer,
PALERMO, Sicily.

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1. Your 10/311.22 dated 30 Mar 45 is acknowledged.
 2. Contents have been noted and necessary action is being taken through Italian Military channels for the withdrawal of cypher HOO's referred to in para 4.


Colonel,
Acting Executive Commissioner.

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APR 5 1945

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FROM: SIGNAL OFFICE, HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION, 5 April 1945
TO: Office of the Executive Commissioner (Attn: Major Stearns)

1. Reference basic communication attached, action required in paragraph 4 is being taken. Instructions have been issued to the Officer in charge of the Italian cipher detachment for the removal of the Italian Cipher Team in Sicily through the proper Italian Military channels.

William B. Simmons
WILLIAM B. SIMMONS
1st Lt., Signal Corps
Hq Signal Officer

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(Major Stearns)

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Tel: 289

Ref: 560/37/80

4 April 1945.

SUBJECT: Italian Cipher M.O.'s.

TO : Communications Sub-Commission.

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The attached copy of letter from the A.C. Liaison Officer, Palermo, reference LA/311.22 dated 30 Mar 45, is passed to you for appropriate action on paragraph 4.


Chief Staff Officer,
Executive Commissioner.

Encl:
as above

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OFFICE OF A.C. LIAISON OFFICER
PALERMO SICILY
APO 394

FILE:10/311.22

30 Mar 1945

APR 2 1945

SUBJECT: Channels of Communications

TO : Headquarters Allied Commission
APO 394

1. Since no enlisted men can remain in Sicily, as ordered by Acting Executive Commissioner, it is necessary to close the A.C. message center here.
2. Arrangements have been made with U.S. Naval Operating Base Palermo who have agreed to serve the A.C. offices remaining in Palermo Area. To facilitate handling, recommend that all mail from your Headquarters for A.C. offices in Palermo Area should be placed in large covering envelope addressed to "Allied Commission Liaison Officer, Palermo" and despatched in the usual manner.
3. Naval Base here has also extended to us their signal facilities. Their call station is LHDK. Please route your signal messages through them for the remaining A.C. offices in Palermo.

4. In view of para 3 above, there is no longer need here for the three Italian cipher N.C.O.'s. May instructions be issued regarding them.

5. A considerable volume of signals and mail is being received addressed to Allied Commission Offices which are no longer in existence, having closed on 25 MAR. May action be taken to stop this. The offices that closed prior to 27 MAR 1945 are:

Regional Commissioner
Economics and Supply
Legal
Public Safety
Surveys Accountant

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Exec Comm
ESR Sec

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3. Naval Base here has also extended to us their Signals facilities. Their call station is ZNRK. Please route your signal messages through them for the remaining A.C. offices in Palermo.

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Regional Commissioner
Economics and Supply
Legal
Public Safety
Supply Accountant
Company "A" 2675 Regiment
Education
Labor
Allied Financial Agency
Regional Engineer
Telecommunication
Agriculture
Public Health
Now in the process of closing are:
Regional Finance
Exports

Dist

Exec Comm
R5706 Sec
CA Sec
Elem Sec
GAS

See M35 and 36

2 Feb 37



Edward Morton
EDWARD MORTON
Lt Col
A.C. Liaison Officer Palermo

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ENS/hjp

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25 March 1945

My dear Colonel Thomas:

In CC files

I received with pleasure and read with much interest the report of the tribute paid to your work in the Province of Trapani. From this and other reports it is apparent that you have realized your duties and more than fulfilled your responsibilities.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone
ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Colonel Floyd E. Thomas
Baillie Region
Allied Commission

*EST. SECTION
cc: Exec. Comm'r
CC files*

*HA 2342
[Signature]*

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11/26/EST

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EXT: 301 32

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Chief of Staff

26/10/45
JAN 30 1945

The attached copy of letter from G-4 (B) is passed to you as a matter of interest, for inclusion on file 560/COB.

incl: copy letter, M.T. Spares,
G-4/132/17, 29 Jan. 45

11/26/EST
Est. Sec.
29 Jan. 1945

William E. Fiske
WILLIAM E. FISKE,
Colonel
Deputy Chief of Staff

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10/2 *FAK*

EXT: 596

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INTER OFFICE MEMO
OFFICE OF G-4 (B)

G-4/132/17

29 January 1945

SUBJECT : M.T. Spares.

TO : Capt. MONTANE, Office of D.C. of S.,
Establishment Section.

1. Reference this mornings discussion.
2. LOMBARDIA Region have asked for a Ford half-shaft but these are not available throughout the country. Request was first made last November.
3. Their transport Officer has since told G-4 (B) Spare Parts Section that he has tried all over the country, including Sicily. It is the impression of G-4 (B) Spare Parts Section that LOMBARDIA Region have not yet obtained the half-shaft as the Transport Officer of the Region asked for one as recently as last week.
4. If Capt. Coult knows of some method of obtaining Spare Parts not available to R.E.M.E. should he not put this knowledge at the disposal of this H.Q. ?
5. It is appreciated that sometimes Regions can obtain spares by local "scrounging", but in view of the fact the G-4 (B) Spare Parts Section can go direct to the main Ordnance Depot it is thought that long journeys in search of spares which this main Depot cannot supply will only rarely achieve any object, and in the long run will show a considerable debit balance in fuel, mileage and man-hours wasted.

G. D. Hasler, Maj.
for S. H. MILLER
Lieut. Colonel,
G-4 (B).

Copy to : Executive Officer, (B)

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[Handwritten signatures and initials]

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INTER OFFICE MEMORANDUM

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APO 374

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Tel : 478800

30 January, 1945

AD/14080/9/PS

SUBJECT : Control of Movement. Rome-Sicily.

TO : ~~Economic Section.~~

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FEB 1 1945

1. With reference to letter 560/19/COM, dated 18 January, 1945, addressed by the Chief of Staff to Economic Section (copy to this Section) in which attention is drawn to the undesirability of permitting merchants from Rome to visit Sicily to the detriment of Sicilian exporters.

2. This matter is only of concern to this Section in so far as it affects civilian movement. Southern Italy (including Rome) and Sicily fall within the Free Zone where movement is unrestricted except that civilians are forbidden to travel between the mainland and Sicily unless in possession of movement of civilian passes. These passes are issued at the point of departure (by the Questura in Italian Government territory) to persons who show good and sufficient reason for such travel. Business reasons are regarded as sufficient to warrant the issue of passes.

3. Before calling upon Public Safety to take any necessary action, it seems desirable that Economic Section, after consulting with the Italian Government, should issue a statement of policy with regard to this matter. Public Safety will then advise the Minister of Interior of the action that should be taken in connection with the issue of passes.

4. Executive Memorandum No. 77, relating to the Control of Civilian Movement, will shortly be revised. This Section would be glad to receive your early comments as to whether you consider it desirable, from a point of view of controlling the economy of Sicily, as illustrated in the matter considered above, to maintain the present restrictions relating to the control of movement between the mainland and Sicily.

Copy : Office of the Chief of Staff. ✓

Handwritten signature
C.R. WILSON Brig
M. CA Sec. 2346
DOCS. AC.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REGION LOMBARDIA
APO 394

Reference: R/G-1B/113

26 January 1945

Subject: Travel to Sicily

To : HQ, Allied Commission
(Establishment Section)

Reference 11/22/EST dated 25 Jan 45. Writer as A/Executive Officer Lombardian Region authorized the journey of Capt. Coult to Sicily for the following reasons:-

- a. The Ford Staff Car used by R.C. Lombardian Region broke a half shaft in the transmission.
- b. On dismantling the car it was found that other parts required replacement.
- c. A thorough search was made of Ordnance and R.E.M.E. installations in the neighbourhood of CHIAROLANO to find spare parts, without success.
- d. A similar search was made in ROME Area also without success. G4 (Br) M.T. Spares Dept were unable to supply the necessary parts.
- e. Capt. Coult had, for a long time, been Pn. O. at Region I HQ and was well acquainted with Ordnance and R.E.M.E. installations in the Island.
- f. Capt. Coult succeeded in obtaining the necessary parts and the car, which would otherwise have been written off, has been repaired.

/s/ A.S. GILES,
Lt. Colonel,
A/Executive Officer
Lombardian Region

[Handwritten signature]

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
RESEARCH SECTION

11/22/44

25 January 1945

SUBJECT: Travel to Sicily

TO : Regional Commissioner, Lombardia Region

1. On or about 16 December 1944, pursuant to Para 2, S.O. 319, Hq. A.C., Capt. C.W.E. Gault (B), accompanied by Tpr Thompson, travelled from Rome to Catania, Sicily, on temporary duty.

2. It has been reported to this office that this travel, authorized by Lt. Col. Giles, was for the purpose of obtaining certain items for the Regional Mess.

3. Might this point be looked into, please, and a report sent this Hq.

H
NORMAN E. PIERCE,
Colonel
Deputy Chief of Staff

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Ref: 560/19/003

SUBJECT: Merchants from ROMANIA.

TO: : Economic Section.

1. Your attention is drawn to the following extract from a report by the Regional Commissioner of SICILY :

"The continuous stream of merchants from ROMANIA bearing Allied Commission visas continues to cause considerable embarrassment here and all efforts with your Headquarters to regularise the situation have failed. The main representations come from the High Commissioner who rightly protests against Sicilian exporters being cut out of this trade. The matter is being taken up further with your Headquarters."

2. Though this is a matter which concerns Civil Affairs Section principally and Public Safety Sub-Commission in particular, it has bearing on activities of some of the Sub-Commissions within your Section and you are directed to call this matter to their attention for appropriate action and vigilance.

C.O. 17/003.
C.A. Sec. attn P.S. Sec.

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

Decos Est.

De-super. Funded and Col Clough is on his

ways to Rome. Will you suggest Ex Dfr. for Emily?

John to refer WJ (no pen.)

see minutes in letter

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OCS

Ref

- Col Clough has arrived in Rome.

20 Dec

Major Stearns.

seen M.S. Lush

20/12.

CCS:

Mr. Col. Russell A. Surok (H) is on the spot - has been cleared for the jet by Public Safety, and will be appointed shortly.

Ref. Sec.

21 Dec 44.

Attorney General for Col. Surok

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Decos Est. Please discuss. vide 2.

WJ (no pen.)

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Ref

- Col Clough has arrived in ROME.

20 Dec

Major Stearns.

seen M.S. Lush

20/12.

COS:

at Col. Russell A. Swook (A) is on the spot -
has been cleared for the job by Public Safety, and will
be appointed shortly.

For Sec.

21 Dec 44.

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at Washington
for Col. Swook

Deos EA. Please discuss. vide 2. Dr. Lush.

6.

28/12 Dec 44 - See Sigint at (6) 7

For Sec.
24 Dec 44.

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HQ SICILIA REGION

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PRIORITY

CONFIDENTIAL PD PARA ONE PD ON DEPARTURE COL CLOUGH
SUGGEST HIS DUTIES ASSUMED BY LT COL SMOCK IN ADDITION HIS DUTIES
AS REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY CHIEF PD
PAREN FROM HQ ALCON FROM FISKE SIGNED STONE TO HQ SICILIA REGION PAREN
PARA TWO PD PROPOSED ASSIGN MAJOR SIR PHILIP MAGNUS PAREN BAKER
PAREN TO ASSIST WITH OFFICE DUTIES PD PARA THREE PD PLEASE SIGNAL
IF YOU HAVE ANY SERIOUS OBJECTIONS PD

cc. COS

see 18
Expt. Hender seen

ESTABLISHMENT SECT (FISKE)

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ORIGINAL

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FILE:RC/201

18 Dec 1944

My dear Lush,

With reference to your 994/15/COS of 9 December Colonel Clough has got his orders and is leaving for Rome with the car today and I trust that this will settle the matter.

Col. Clough got
in 994/COS.

I have already written officially and also semi-officially to Farren (but that was before I heard he had given up his appointment at your Headquarters) giving my views on having another Executive Officer here. If one is available, I should like one otherwise I shall be completely tied to my office.

My experience with Clough as Executive Officer was not a successful one because he was here such a short time and because from the very start he did not expect to stay and latterly has been expecting orders any day so that I found myself rather keeping matters out of his hands than encouraging him to get involved in them.

Yours sincerely
M. Carr

M. CARR
Brigadier
Regional Commissioner

Brigadier M.S. Lush M.C.
Chief of Staff
Headquarters Allied Commission
R O M E

see 17 & 18

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Ref. 558

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

CJM/omt

3-01/ES

16 December 1944

18 DEC 1944

SUBJECT: Reorganization of Sicilia Region

TO : C. O. S. Section ✓

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Reference is made to the Regional Commissioner's letter 25 November 1944, RC/320.2.

1. Agreement has been reached by the following sub-commissions with the Regional Commissioner's proposals:

<u>Sub-Commission</u>	<u>No. Officers Withdrawn</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Public Works	1	Withdrawn 31 Dec. 44
Agriculture	1	Italian machinery established.
Rail Transportation	1	
Economics & Supply	2	

2. Agreement on the retention of the following officers:

Economic & Supply	2	Food agree, Commerce agree.
Export & Warehousing	3	Commerce agree. No withdrawal until end of citrus fruit season.
Transportation	1	Will be in charge also of Sardinian railways.
Mining	1	Agreed.

3. Disagreement on Regional Commissioner's proposals:

- continued -

see Memo 13
233.1

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SUBJECT: Reorganization of Sicilia Region (2)

Finance advises the retention of all five finance officers.
Labor is against the withdrawal of Labour officers owing to
military installations and their employment of Sicilian labour.

L. D. Densmore
L. D. DENSMORE
Colonel, FA
Chief Staff Officer
Economic Section

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Establishment Section

Ref/55/Est

NEF/ard
10 December 1944

11 DEC 1944

MEMO:

To : Chief of Staff, Allied Commission

Reference your memorandum 560/4/COS of 5 Dec. 44.
I concur in the recommendations of the Regional Commissioner.
For simplification of administration and in conformity with
announced policy of the U.S. War Department, I would suggest
that the nine U.S. officers and 15 U.S. enlisted men be with-
drawn. Three of these officers are engaged primarily in
the administration of U.S. personnel, three in finance and
one each in Public Safety, Transportation and Industry.
They could be replaced, where necessary, by British officers
presently in the region.

Norman E. Fiske

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Chief of Staff

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel: 608

Ref. 420.3/CA

10th December, 1944.

SUBJECT: Reorganisation of Sicily Region.

TO : Chief of Staff. ✓

10 DEC 1944

1. Reference your 560/4/COS dated 5th December, it is agreed with the RC Sicily Region as regards paras 1 and 2, in particular that while Allied naval or military personnel remain in the island it is necessary to maintain an AC Headquarters. Furthermore, if the islands of Pantelleria and Lampedusa are to remain under AMG it facilitates the administration of these islands if there is a headquarters in Sicily. It is appreciated, however, that such administration could be dependent from Southern Region through its Taranto zone.
2. With regard to para 5, it is considered that as long as it is necessary to maintain an AC Headquarters in Sicily it is essential to maintain a representative of the Public Safety and Legal Sub-Commissions, as although it may well be possible to leave almost entirely to the Italian Administration all the legal and public safety work the presence of any bodies of naval ratings or Allied troops necessitates a certain amount of work and the occasional calling of an AMG Court, in fact one is at present sitting in Catania trying two cases, one of sabotage of ammunition and one of espionage.
3. With regard to the only other Sub-Commission concerned in para 5, i.e. Public Health, it is considered that this officer could well be withdrawn.
4. No Sub-Commission of this Section is concerned in para 6.

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QUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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ECONOMIC SECTION

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Tel: 558

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8 December 1944

SUBJECT: Reorganization of Sicily Region
TO : Office of the Chief of Staff ✓

1. Reference your 560/4/COS dated 5 December.
2. This matter will take some time to obtain the opinions of the Sub-Commissions concerned, but it is hoped to let you have recommendations by the 15th of December.

Harlan Cleveland
Executive Director
Economic Section

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BU 15 Dec

Ref: 260/7/3.5

7 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Reorganization of Sicilia Region.

TO : Regional Commandant, Sicilia Region.

1. I have received your letter SO/320.2 of 25 November. The recommendations contained in it have been circulated to Sections of this Headquarters for their comments before the matter is finally considered by me, and a reply will be sent to you as soon as possible.

L. J.
Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Sicilia Region.

1. I have received your letter RM/520.2 of 25 November. The recommendations contained in it have been circulated to Section of this Headquarters for their comments before the matter is finally considered by me, and a reply will be sent to you as soon as possible.

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Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

Tel Ext 341

INTER OFFICE MEMO

LWS/el

From: Office of the Chief of Staff

SUBJECT: Re-organization of Sicilia Region

FILE No. 560/4/COS

5 December 44

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TO: DCOS, Civil Affairs Section
DCOS, Establishment Section
DCOS, Economic Section

1. Your attention is invited to the attached letter.
2. Will you please submit to this office your recommendations on the re-organization of Sicilia Region in the light of the Regional Commissioner's remarks?

[Signature]
Chief of Staff Office
To the Chief of Staff 337

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COMPAILED COMMISSION
SICILIAN REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394 11/21/44

FILE : RC/320.2
SUBJECT: Reorganization of Sicilian Region
TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission

25 November 1944
30 NOV Recd

With reference to the discussions which have taken place with your Headquarters in regard to the withdrawal of the whole or part of A.C. personnel from Sicily, my views in the light of existing circumstances are as follows.

1. As regards the Civil Affairs side as opposed to specialists I consider that when the decision is taken to withdraw that withdrawal should be complete. I feel that it would be undesirable to leave a liaison officer or liaison officers for the purpose of contact with the H.Q. for Sicily. I feel that it would be preferable for the Italian administration here to be entirely independent and for all Civil Affairs matters to be dealt with by your H.Q. through Italian channels.

2. The reasons against withdrawal immediately are as follows:
(a) The work connected with the Allied installations on the island. These are principally the American Naval Base at PALERMO and the British Naval Base at MESSINA, CATANIA, AUGUSTA and SYRACUSA. Some of these are being or may be reduced in the near future. There is in addition a Military Sub-Area H.Q. on the island: 204 Sub-Area H.Q. under No. 3 District. Work connected with these installations and H.Q. requires general liaison and coordination.
(b) The existing food situation which, with grain stocks only sufficient to carry the island to the end of the year, makes the position most delicate and should serious trouble arise in the island, the war effort would be affected.
(c) The islands of PANTELLERIA and LAMPEDUSA which are at present under AMG and controlled by Sicilian Region.

3. The reasons for immediate withdrawal might be as follows:
(a) The need for the employment of personnel elsewhere.
(b) External political influences of which I am not aware. *all out*

4. As regards Specialist Officers or representatives of A.C. Sub-Commissions it would appear essential that some must remain until arrangements are made either for more responsibility to be taken over by the Italian Government or for the replacement of officers by Allied civilian personnel. The question of which specialist officers are required in Sicily would appear to be a matter for your H.Q. rather than ours. For instance, instructions were received by this H.Q. that, subject to my concurrence, my Public Works Officer would be withdrawn on 15 Oct. I wholeheartedly agreed (see RSO/210.2 of 26 Sept 1944) subject to necessary

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5. In my opinion the following could be withdrawn when it is decided to disband Regional H.Q. here, subject to certain adjustments as outlined below.
 - a. Public Works - 1 officer. Reasons have already been given to your H.Q.
 - b. Public Health & Welfare - 1 officer. The status of the Italian Regional Director of Public Health should be decided upon by the Italian Government before the A.C. representative is withdrawn.



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- c. Agriculture - 1 officer.
- d. Labor - 1 officer. Should any complicated matters arise in regard to wages or conditions of employment it might be necessary for a representative of the Labor Sub-Commission to be located temporarily in the island.
- e. Rail Transportation - 1 officer. Traffic regulations, A.C. and military priorities, supervision of coal consumption, transfer of locomotives and rolling stock would require to be handled over completely to the Italian officials.
- f. Legal Division - 1 officer. Appeals and applications for grace in cases tried under AMI would be dealt with by your HQ and any Allied Forces remaining in Sicily would have to deal directly with Italian judicial agencies.
- g. Public Safety Division - 2 officers.
- h. Supply Accounts Division - 3 officers. It is presumed that the arrangements being made with the Italian Government for the payment of various commodities would not require the presence of supply accountants in Sicily. Books to be transferred to Southern Region.
- i. Commodity Officer, Co. War

6. I consider that the following could not be withdrawn unless or until they should be replaced by other personnel:

- a. Economics and Supply Division - 2 officers. There are at present 4 officers with this Division so that a reduction by two would be effected. So long as the importation of Allied food and other commodities is continued some Allied supervision seems desirable. Moreover, some organization will be necessary to deal with movement of civil food supplies to the Mainland, and bids for shipping and control of P.O.L.
- b. Export Division - 3 officers. Extensive actual operation and control of exports are carried out by this Division. It controls 11 warehouses used in connection with the exportation of commodities to the UK and the US, and it is stated that under existing circumstances no other warehousing arrangements are possible.
- c. Finance - 1 officer. Would be required to make payments of AC expenditures, deal with the indebtedness due from Italian agencies to AC, make payment to needy Nationals and deal with AMI finance for Pantelleria and Lampedusa.
- d. Property Control - 1 officer. The administration of property and assets of Allied Nationals and the return of such property to its owners will require the work of some Allied representative, although it is possible that this work could be combined with similar duties in some other Region.
- e. Transportation Division - 1 officer. Some 500 trucks, largely captured enemy material, are operated under AC supervision for the benefit of the civilian economy of the island. There are considerable AC financial interests involved.
- f. Mining Division - 1 officer. The procurement of supplies for sulphur and asphalt mining, many of them from Allied Military sources, the difficulties of transportation, the importance of such products for the prosecution of the war make the presence of an AC representative essential.
- g. Administrative - 1 officer. It is considered that at least one officer would be required to deal with such matters as accommodation, pay, discipline of EM/GRs and messing. His presence would also be necessary if there should be considerable replacement by Allied civilian personnel as, generally speaking, normal accommodation and feeding arrangements in hotels are not possible. Command of

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11. The above proposals would make a strength of some 10 Specialist Officers to remain.

12. In my opinion Regional HQ together with Specialist Divisions should remain as at present constituted in Sicily until the end of the year, after which the matter could be reviewed in the light of existing circumstances. I consider that, if the personnel are not then required for employment elsewhere, any decision taken should be determined by the needs of the war effort and not by external political influences.

13. In connection with this whole matter it may be mentioned that in existing circumstances the population and local Italian administration are averse to the withdrawal of the support given and influence exercised by the presence of an AC organization on the Island. Similarly, the Allied Service authorities are not

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in favor of any withdrawal at the moment, in view of the food and labor situation on the Island and the need for contact with the local Italian administration in respect of these and other matters.

M. Carr

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Regional Commissioner

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