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ADMIN, LOMBARDIA REGION
APR. 1945 - JULY 1946

CSO & Ex Com

Wanted to be best if
J- filed att in
you file, since you
seen to be collecting
lit & pieces in
'Op Duomo'. There
is no action
required.

KWS, 3005
27/6
[Signature]

55.
~~54~~

20 Ex Com. *Alt*

Suppose 54.

There may be some changes after H Col
these reports.

EW W

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7/11/46

Ex Comm. *Alt* 13/7

Please see folio 58 for info. *Alt* 13/7
See my bc for

cc: Please see file 50
V.P. Enclosed 52. ¹⁰ 10/17

Will you let me know what arrangements
are being made. Mr. [unclear]

Dir CEMR 53
Please give me the answer. C.W. [unclear]

V.P. Economic Section. 54

1. No. 1 German Vehicle Dump comprising some 100 running vehicles is still to be hauled over to the Italian Govt. There are also two dumps of very vehicles ~~large~~ with a total tonnage of some 600 tons. Apart from these released there are untakenly many other ~~also~~ and onto to clear up. Polygons were also rich in CKH not yet hauled over.
2. They have been instructed to haul over No. 1 German Vehicle Dump and the 2 very shale dumps prior to closing date of 13 July 46.
3. 1. Italian Civilian clerk is being left at CKH office

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V.P. Germanic Section.

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2. Tony Rowan has been instructed to hand over No. 1 German Vehicle Dump and the 2 scrap vehicle dumps prior to closing date of 13 July 46.
3. 1. Italian civilian clerk is being left at C.E.H. office London for a period of 2-3 weeks in order to refer all enquiries to C.E.H., Rome, where it is felt that anything can be adequately dealt with.
4. Special arrangements have been made regarding Botzno clearances and many liaison and help will be maintained between C.E.H. Rome and Field Officers undertaking this particular work.

21/7/46. London Dist. Insp. C.E.H. Branch.

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CSO

Please see folio 319 for info. Out
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CFO.

No. Chubasco

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Ex Comm.

See p 43 for remarks by Col Walton
re closing down of CEM Brackets. 17/6.

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Ex O. (B)

34.

Ex Comm wishes you to comment,
as a matter of urgency, on 1's 30-33.
I have forwarded copies to Gen Sec.
Dispers, & Ex O. (A) for any comments
they may have. I will get one of
these copies back for your retention.
H.S. 7/6

39.

I quite agree with 38. Do not want
Niklan closed until the CAO has order from
me. Lt Col Barclay should be retained
as the CAO isn't further water. Tell

Brig Decatur.

While the idea of closing in on Niklan - action
Do not want let CAO know the

39.

H.S. 7/6

I quite agree with 35. I do not want
Milan closed until the CRO has order from
me. Lt Col Casselman should be retained
with the CRO until further order. Tell

Brig Decallop.

Like the idea of closure in on Milan - action
accordingly. ~~But~~ and let CRO know the

Plan beforehand.

A sample signal sheet

H.S. 14/6

suffice

DD/8/10

41.

Ex O.(B)

I believe game were going to 300.
phone CIO MILAN re "Rumor" etc. Are there
any points raised in it's 33, 35, 37 or 38 - 61(c)
not cleared by game. phone call, which
require any immediate action? H.S. 15/6

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18.

Chief Commissioner.

Attached is submitted for your information/signature/record.

PP 15-17. No action necessary

NS (ulv.

300.

21/5 E.C.
Fwd to G1 (A) for 201 file ans cc

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Ex. Low

To see folio 5 (Ch Tallies cable of the 12th May)
14 May

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5 seen by cc vke. for 15/5

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Chief Commissioner

As shown by submitted for this reference

But Cen Spafford said that the telegram was
circulated AFTER for universal concurrence!

McLeods

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Note Confirmed in it Feb See that they will
Take action on 26. MP 9/8

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But Gen Spofford said that the telegram was
circulate AFRA for univied concensus!

W/C 10/13

Note ²⁷ Confirmed with E.C. that they will
Take action on 26. MP 9/8

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Thur E.C. (Seen)
P.R.O. (Seen)

Reamer ~~not~~ Jan 28.

offer, i.e.
20 Sept 45.

M. S. LUSK

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HQ ALCON MILAN for GEN BRANCH

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JUL 15 1946

ON INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED FROM ACTING VICE PRESIDENT ECONOMIC
SECTION HQ JUNE ALLIED COMMISSION ORDERS FOR THE CLOSING OF
THE MILAN OFFICE OF CHARLES RAY NINE BRANCH ARE TEMPORARILY
CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE PD MILAN OFFICE WILL CONTINUE
TO FUNCTION AS HERETOFORE PENDING RECEIPT OF FURTHER ORDERS.

INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION

2 (AE). A.P.H.C.

Land Forces B/C.

Air Forces B/C.

Navy B/C.

Executive Comm. —

Message Center.

Transportation Disp.

HQ. Comdt.

G-4 British.

Leon. Sec.

IMPORTANT

GEN BRANCH

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Major

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(CAPT K)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMBAT COMMAND
APO 794
ECONOMIC SECTION

REF: ES/ 108

11 July 1946

SUBJECT: Letter of Instructions.

TO : Lt. Colonel R. E. Horn
Economic Section, A.C.

1. You have been ordered to proceed to Bolzano Area to clear up in that area the transfer of any and all GEM property to the Italian Government. It is desired that you effect transfers as rapidly as feasible and obtain from appropriate Italian representatives, signatures for the quantities of goods transferred to those agencies without waiting for further clearances from this Headquarters. The primary objective is to transfer the property in a minimum amount of time, and, therefore, you will of necessity be obliged to obtain receipts for property in bulk rather than with great precision and detail as to itemization. Reports will be submitted to this Headquarters, along with such documents as you may obtain, on the transfers made by you.

2. In proceeding to Bolzano it is desired that you stop at Milan long enough to make an investigation and a report with recommendations upon the status of the Milan Office as to:

- (a) the status of its files;
- (b) the readiness of the office, including files and personnel, to move to Rome;
- (c) what means should be taken to cover our liaison and working relationships with the Sub-Area Authorities. In this connection please communicate with Lt. Colonel Gardner, CLO, Milan, who has made representations to the Chief Commissioner that some GEM coverage should be provided in Milan, and that the files should be investigated before removal from that city.

The Executive Commissioner has informed me that Lt. Colonel Gardner may be called upon by you for any assistance desired.

3. I have been advised by the Executive Commissioner's office that Captain Dore of the Milan Office will furnish you with transportation.

(Signed)
CHARLES W. WALTON
Colonel, A.G. Acting Vice President
Acting Vice President

CC: Executive Commissioner
GEM Branch
Lt. Col. Gardner

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HEADQUARTERS
LOMBARDIA REGION LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Liaison Officer

REFERENCE:- LOMB/CLO/1.

8th July, 1946.

SUBJECT :- Confiscated property of Siamese Diplomats.

TO :- United States Claim Service,
Regional Office - VI,
APO 794. U.S. ARMY.

1. Reference your letter of 1st July, 1946, addressed to C.O., A.M.C., Lombardy Region.
2. A.M.C. closed down on 31st December, 1945 - at present there is only one Liaison officer in this Region and I regret it is impossible for him to undertake the investigations you require.
3. All correspondence is returned herewith.

A.H. Gardner

A.H. GARDNER.
Lt. Colonel. R.A.
Chief Liaison Officer.

AME/JM.

Copy to:- Executive Commissioner,
Headquarters, Allied Commission,
ROME.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Captured Enemy Materials Branch

CEM/64/5
10 July 1946.

JUL 1 1946

SUBJECT : Closing down of CEM Branch, Milan.

TO : Allied Commission
CEM Branch
Milan Office.

1. It has been decided that CEM. Office, Milan will close down w.e.f. 13 July 46.
2. All outstanding matters will be dealt with by Rome H.Q.
3. Files etc. will be prepared as per instructions already given and they will be bundled and cased, ready for despatch on the morning of Saturday 13 July 46.
4. Files etc. will be moved to Rome by W.D. transport and Lt. Warren will accompany them. On arrival at H.Q. Allied Commission, Rome, the files will be temporarily housed in CEM Branch, room 34, 2nd floor.
5. Major Roworth, Capt. Moore, and Lt. Warren will report to Director, CEM Branch, Rome on Monday 15 July 46.
6. One civilian clerk will remain at the Milan Office for a limited period in order to deal with enquiries and mail. All enquiries will be referred by him to Rome and any correspondence arriving will be forwarded to H.Q., Allied Commission, Rome, daily.
7. Should any matters arise subsequent to the move necessitating personal attention, an officer will be sent from Rome to conduct the business.
8. Upon termination of leave Major Streichen-Baden will report to Director, CEM Branch, Rome unless later instructions are given.
9. Contrary to telephone instructions issued on 3 July 46 no civilian staff will accompany the files from Rome-Milan. An adequate filing staff will be provided from H.Q. Allied Commission.

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 10. All movements will be reported to H.Q. C.C., by telephone.

Copy to:

Q (21). A.P.H.Q.
Land Forces S/C.
Air Forces S/C.
Navy S/C.
Executive Comm.

Message Center.
Transportation Disp.
HQ. Comdt.
Gen. British.
Econ. Sec. (6).

R.C.C. 24223
Major R.A.S.C.,
Acting Director,
CEM Branch.

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HEADQUARTERS
LOMBARDIA REGION LIAISON GP
ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Liaison Officer

D/O - Lom/Clo/5.

8th July, 1946.

JUL 9 1946

My dear Brigadier

Further to our telephone conversation this morning regarding the Area Commanders' wish that a C.E.M. officer may be left at MILAN - I enclose a copy of a letter received from him shortly after our conversation.

If a C.E.M. officer is not left - will you please advise me of the future procedure to enable me to reply to the Area Commanders letter.

Yours sincerely
A.B. Gardner

Brigadier Maurice S. Lush, C.B., C.B.E., M.C.
Executive Commissioner,
Headquarters, Allied Commission,
ROME.

no action as
CEM for Milan
is not closing

See memo. 48.49.54.

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SUBJECT: Disposal of CEM.

HQ 59 Sub Area,
Q 211

7 Jul 46.

To: CLO,
Allied Commission, Lombardia,
MILAN.

I have been informed verbally that all members of the Allied Commission are shortly to leave MILAN.

If this information is correct, will you please say what arrangements have been made for the disposal of such items of CEM as are not required by the Ministry of Supply, under the terms of reference contained in para 9 of 2 District Adm. Instruction No. 35 (1100/Q) dated 23 Oct 45, a copy of which is attached.

Sgd: H.W. MATTHEWS.
Colonel.
Commander.

/ns.

COPY

No 2 DISTRICT ADM INSTRUCTION NO 35
DISPOSITION OF CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIAL

9 (b) Use of Captured Eqpt

(i) Max use will be made of captured eqpt to assist in maint of Allied Forces (incl essential requirements) or surrendered forces. Where WD stocks are adequate for needs of Brit Forces, German eqpt will be used first for needs of surrendered forces; where WD stocks are short it will be used first for needs of Brit Forces.

(ii) Any captured enemy material of mil or civ origin having in its present form value in the rehabilitation of Italy and being neither required under (i) above nor disposed of specially under sub paras c-f below will be handed over to Italian Govt through AC. Except in the case of vehs (see para 10 below) any material surplus to known mil requirements in this Dist will automatically be assumed to be surplus to theatre requirements and will be disposed of to Italian/through AC. Further instrs will be issued.

(iii) Any captured enemy material having no value in its present form in the civ rehabilitation of Italy will be disposed of by being rendered innocuous and reduced to scrap by services concerned and disposed of by them. As far as possible, and in order to reduce tpt commitments, the material will be reduced to scrap in situ. Services will arrange for the disposal of the material through AC to the Italian Govt from the locn where the material is reduced to scrap. It will be the responsibility of the Services concerned to ensure that all material is rendered of no further mil value, in its existing form, before it is made available for disposal as scrap.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Captured Enemy Material Branch

CEM/6A/5
5 July 1946.

SUBJECT: Closing down of CEM Branch, Milan

JUL 8 1946

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CEM Branch,
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10. All movements will be reported to H.Q., A.C. by telephone.

P.C.G. BATES
Major R.A.S.C.
Acting Director,
CEM Branch.

Copy to:

G.H.Q., G-5 Sec.
3 District
Econ. Sect. A.C.
CHO, Bolzano.

HEADQUARTERS
LOMBARDIA REGION LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794

Office of the Chief Liaison Officer

8 June 1946.

JUN 27 1946

SUBJECT: Operation Duomo

TO : H.Q. Allied Commission G.I. B

1. Further to my proposals of 4 June I have now to report an important interview yesterday evening with Brigadier Matthews, now out of hospital and since yesterday again in charge of 59 area.
2. Area will be reduced to a sub-area with effect 15 June. Brigadier Matthews has offered to continue in charge in the reduced rank of Colonel and this will probably be the solution adopted.
3. Brig. Matthews has received instructions from Caserta to proceed with the immediate derequisitioning of all accommodation surplus to real military needs. Though he has not received official information of the cancellation of the proposed move of A.P.H.Q. to Milan, the inference of the derequisitioning is obvious.
4. Brig. Matthews is proposing to move his own HQ into the buildings in Foro Bonaparte, formerly occupied by HQ No. 2 District. He will concentrate there as many as possible of the various H.Q. now in Milan. He proposes to bring the CRP services out of the 2nd floor of the Montecatini Building. Even after such a concentration he would be able to offer quite a fair amount of room at the Foro Bonaparte to any reduced Liaison Group which remained after 30 June.
5. He is very anxious that the Albergo Principe & Savoia should be derequisitioned by the end of the month. He could guarantee accommodation at the Excelsior Gallia for any remaining Liaison Group officers.
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6. As far as the nomination of the C.L.O. is concerned, the situation appears to me to be as follows: There would be obvious advantages in having, as C.L.O., an officer of Lt. Col.'s rank and of Lt. Col. Gardner's experience, ability and capacity. On the other hand once it is clear that the country accepts the elections, the actual amount of work passing through this office must certainly does not warrant the retention here of a Senior Officer. Obviously the situation must be judged by you in the light of your estimate of the time likely to elapse between June 15 and the final closing down.

JOHN K. DUNLOP,
Brigadier,
Chief Liaison Officer

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JUN 21 1945

SUBJECT: CON. BRANCH

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ECONOMIC SECTION

Date 8 June 46

Fr	To	Fr	To
✓ Acting Vice President		Chief Commissioner	
Chief Staff Officer		Executive Commissioner	
Chief Correspondence		Civil Affairs Section	
Admin. Pers. Officer		Establishments Section	
Message Center		G-1 (A)	
		G-1 (B)	
		ATTENTION OF:	
Sup. Op. VGZCine		✓ <i>W. C. Campbell</i>	
U.S.A. Br.			
Food & Agriculture Br.			
Ind. & Utilities Br.			
Mar. & Shipping Br.			
Commerce Br.			
For appropriate action		Information	
Invest. & Insp.		Investigation Report	
Division		Note & Retain	
Circulation & Return		File	
Signature		Concurrence	

NOTE: Initials should be placed in correspondence and not on this sheet.

Please use Routing & Work Sheet for comments.

Your comments on the attached marked paragraphs returned to this office as soon as possible

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It is almost certain that C.E.M. will not be able to completely clear down by 15 June. As you know I am going Milan 11th and will report to you by phone 12th/13th

P.T.O.

I think it will be necessary to leave at least
one officer with Sub Area Milan and another
perhaps may have to be attached Bologna.

Files will come to home as soon as possible
but certain files will have to remain as long
as there is an officer in Milan.

J. Campbell
Lt. Col.

10 June '46

Dir C.E.M.

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V. P. Com Sect.

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Attached forwarded for
info. Please let the
Ex Comm have any
comments you may
wish to make
particularly with regard
to paras 4 (1) and 8

F. D. Hing. Smith.
Lt. Col.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB COMMISSION

DPR/1/ADM

Tel. 489081, Ext. 414

8 June 1946
JUN 11 1946

SUBJECT : Closing down of Lombardia Region.

TO : Office of the Executive Commissioner A.C.
Attn. Lt. Col. L.W. Hind-Smith.

1. Reference Lombardia Region Liaison Group letter dated 4 June '46, subject as above.
2. It is agreed that Major Stewart should be attached to Sub-Area.

For the Director :

B. Woodcock

B. WOODCOCK / Maj
Major
O. i/c ADM.

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7 June. ✓

Exec Comm.

Plan for closing seems sound.

American offices on duty in Milan
(Capt Kurlan on Investigation & Claims) can be
filled in the Nord, operated by S.S.O for
Swiss Tour.

Co "B" will be completely closed out
by midnight, 10 June. May Craig, G-4 (A) is
now in Milan.

Robert C. Press
Lt Col FA.

Folio 33 refers

E. off (A) consents

Ad. No. 843. 15203. 2nd. 33.

Subject: Closing Down of Liaison Section.
(Liaison Group)

Executive Coordinator.

Headquarters,
Allied Commission (ITALY),
I.R.P.

Ref: 105.11.4.

7 Jan, 1946.

Reference Brigadier DELOP's letter of 2 Jan 46.

1.

The subject, as such, is correct, except that

(a) transport will only be disposed of on instructions from G-4(2).

(b) No mention is made of disposal of I.R. stores or requisition of cargo.

2.

The real question however is - do you want MILAN closed down as quickly. If so, why should not all the other Liaison Groups close in the same way? In which case, is it not a better plan to leave Lt. Col. DELOP as C.O. MILAN when Brigadier J.A. goes, and when you have decided on a date, to will issue comprehensive instructions from here on the closing of all Groups.

3.

When the groups in Liguria, Piemonte and Venezia close down, which is the natural collecting point for officers and I.R.'s who we then render surplus, and because of ease of communication I should have said ought to be the last to close down. My plan would have been "Close in on MILAN".

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L. WILCOX-JONES,
Lt. Colonel,
Executive Officer (2nd).

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HEADQUARTERS
LOMBARDIA REGION LIAISON GROUPE
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794

4 June 1946

SUBJECT: Closing down of Lombardy Region
(Operation "Duomo")

JUN 6 1946

TO : Executive Commissioner
Headquarters Allied Commission

1. The following outline scheme for the closing down of Lombardie Region is submitted herewith. For ease of reference, the plan can be known as operation "Duomo":

2. United States Section: HQ Company "O" is now (June 4th) in course of closing down and no United States Officer or Enlisted Men other than those of HQ Co "O", now remain on the strength of Lombardie Region (Capt. Kurlen, Investigating Officer 2675 Regt. is now in Milan. He is accommodated at the Nord (US Leave Hotel).

3. British Section Officers:

a. The following British Officers are now with Lombardie Region:

Brig. J.K. Dunlop	G.L.O.
Capt. J.O. Dero	Adm. Officer
Lt. Col. A.H. Gardner	Dep. G.L.O.
Maj. J.E. Fleetwood	P.S.O.
Capt. J.B. Foster	P.S.O.
Maj. A.G. Holland	Comms.
Maj. Symons H.A.	Tptn Officer
Capt. L.J. Hedges	L.O. 2 District
Capt. E.T. Lonnien	Records
Maj. T.I. Roworth	CEM
Maj. D.S. Strachen-Audon	CEM
Capt. J.P.S. Moore	CEM
Lt. M.J. Warren	CEM
Maj. A.J. Stewart	D.P. R. S/O
J/Odr M.T. Bourne	D.P.R. R/O

EL DIST. 7 June

P. E. L. L.

D. L. L.

E. L. L. (1)

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b. It is recommended that the closing d n party should consist of Maj. Fleetwood, Capt. Foster and Capt. D. e.

c. By 15 June the undernoted officers can be disposed of as shown:

Brig. Dunlop	to U.K. on posting
Lt. Col. Gardner	see letter
Maj. Synons	to U.K. on release
Maj. Holland	suggest work from Rome
Capt. Hodges	to U.K. on release
Capt. Lonsdale	attend Area pending release

d. It has been suggested to Maj. Stewart that in view of the probable continuance of his work in Milan, he and his staff should be attached to Sub-Area. Your concurrence is requested.

e. It is considered that CEM could be closed down and moved to Rome by June 15. Any officer required to remain in Milan could be attached to Sub-Area.

4. British Section - O.R.

16 OR's will remain on the strength of the Region on June 15. It is considered that of this number seven will be required till June 30.

5. Transport:

Twelve vehicles as list attached will remain on the strength of Region on June 15. It is recommended that these be disposed of by hand over to appropriate local authority as officer strength is reduced.

6. Equipment:

Office equipment will be reduced forthwith by hand over to the Intendente di Finanze against receipt.

7. Accommodation:

a. Hotel accommodation - A complication arises by reason of the fact that this HQ has made itself, in fact, responsible for the running of the Albergo Principe & Savoia, though the large majority of residents or visitors do not belong to the Allied Commission. As the position will, in any case, be materially altered by the new regulations which come into effect by July 1st, it is suggested that Capt. Dore continue as Military Manager till June 30. After

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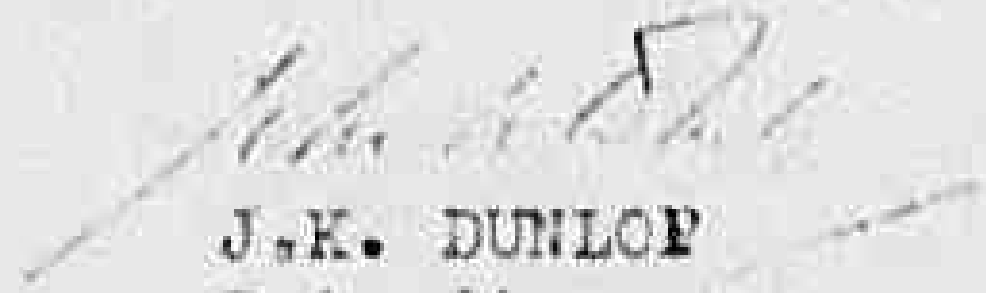
- that date the building be derquisitioned or taken over by Sub-Area. (In this connection it should be noted that Area becomes Sub-Area as from 15 June).

b. Office accommodation - It is proposed that the Montecetini Building be vacated on June 15th and that the residual office work thereafter be carried out from the Albergo Principe & Savoia. The direct line to Rome will be connected to the Principe & Savoia as from 15 June.

8. Files:

All outstanding files except minimum required for current use will be boxed by Capt. Lannon and sent to Rome before June 15. C.E.M. and D.P. will be responsible for their own files.

9. Civilian employees: All except a nucleus staff required for the closing down party will be discharged as of 15 June.


J.K. DUNLOP
Brigadier
Chief Liaison Officer

DISTRIBUTION:

HQ Co "O"
Lt. Col. Gardner
Adm. Officer
Public Safety
Archives Officer
C.E.M.
D.P. & R.
L.O 59 Area
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AG/L 1	Pont 1500	Autotrasporti Como	Col. A.C. Gardner
2	Alfa Romeo	O.E.M.	Maj. V.C. Holland
3	Mercedes	O.E.M.	Capt. J.B. Forster
4	Buick	Venezia Region	C.L.O.
5	Bmw	Lombardia Region	Capt. J.O. Dore
6	Landia	O.E.M.	Adm. Office
7	Ford Mercury	O.E.M.	Maj. H.A. Symons
8	Pont 1500	Venezia Region	Garage
9	Landia	O.E.M.	Maj. Fleetwood
10	S/car	HQ AG.	C.L.O.
	15 cwt Ford	HQ AG	Adm. Office
	15 cwt Dodge	HQ AG	" "
	n/s BBA	Venezia Region	" "

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REGION LOMBARDIA
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Office of D/Regional Commissioner.

18 Settembre 1945.

Attached herewith for information is the announcement published in today's "Corriere d'Informazione" regarding the office of the representative of the Chief Commissioner and its transfer to the Montecchini building "to take over the activities carried on to date by A.M.G. which, with the departure of Col. Poletti will cease to function".

Acting on your instructions given by telephone, a suitable correction will be published tomorrow by the Milan press.

Col. H. H. H. H.
Deputy Regional Commissioner

Brig. A.S. Lush, M.C., C.B., C.B.A.,
Executive Commissioner,
A.G. - H.Q.

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La Commissione
trasferisce i propri uffici

La Commissione Alleata, a capo della quale, a Milano, è il vice-comandante col. Pike, sta trasferendo i propri uffici da via Bonaparte 16 a via Principe Umberto spallando nella Montecchini per continuare all'opera. Sin ad ora svolta l'A.M.G. che con la partenza del col. Poletti, cesserà dalle sue funzioni.

La Direzione della Commissione Alleata risiede al 10 luglio 1945, quando ufficiali degli uffici civili sbarcarono, con le armi, sulle spiagge della Sicilia. Reclamano quattro mesi più tardi il gen. Eisenhower, quando la Commissione di controllo alleata con la Commissione Alleata per dare attuazione alle condizioni di armistizio in Italia.

La direzione alleata in quella parte della nazione italiana che è stata liberata dal nemico, è passata per varie fasi: governo militare iniziale, controllo di pace alle condizioni di armistizio, vigilanza benevola della neutralità, e più recentemente, al rispetto della nazione alla sua piena libertà.

Attualmente la direzione si può fare in cinque periodi: l'occupazione della Sicilia, il periodo Palermo-Brindisi, il periodo Napoli-Bari e la fase di stasi. Il quinto ed ultimo periodo si chiude con la piena liberazione dell'Italia dal Nord.

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Ex Comm.

Reference : RC/G-1B/100.

7 August 1945. *754*

Subject : Inactivation Region Lombardia.

9 AUG 1945

To : HQ - Allied Commission.
(for Executive Commissioner's ettn).

1. In anticipation of this HQ being relieved of A.M.G. responsibilities in area Lombardia early in Sept. consequent upon the handing back of territory to the Italian Government the attached Schedule is forwarded for information.

2. The Schedule has been prepared to give as accurate an indication as is possible at this juncture of the time required to close finally the various divisional offices of this HQ after the actual date of inactivation.

3. The number and type of personnel required for the final liquidation of Regional Headquarters are also shown.

4. Those officers deemed necessary for liaison purposes with local formations are shown under columns (e) and (f) of the Schedule.

5. It is estimated that each Provincial HQ will be able to close down within 10 days of transfer of the territory to the Italian Government. Provision for liaison officers in Provincial capitals is not contemplated unless specifically ordered by A.C. H.Q.

For the Regional Commissioner:

A.N. Hancock Col
A.N. HANCOCK,
Colonel,
D/Regional Commissioner.

Copies to:-

V.P. Establishments Section (lr. G-1B/302/O dated 2 Aug refers)
Executive Officer
Adjutant
HQ Commandant
File.

9 AUG 1945

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This Schedule has been prepared to give (i) an overall indication of Lombardie Region HQ and Specialist Divisions to close up finally after the inactivation - (ii) Personnel deemed necessary in liaison role for such purposes by HQ-Allied Commission, or local formations.

The inactivation date is indicated as 'A' day.

Serial (e)	Division (b)	Can liquidate on (c)	Remarks (indicating staff required during period after 'A' day) (d)	Suggested Liaison personnel (e)		
				Offs.	ORs/Eas	Civili
1.	Final Liquidation Administra- tion Team (including Coy 'R')	'A' + 4 weeks	with present staff	As necessary		
2.	Transporta- tion	'A' + 2 weeks	with existing RHQ Provincial staff	2	-	-

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on, or local formations.

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		Offs.	ORs/Eas	Civilians	
Weeks	with present staff	As necessary			1 Gen. Purposes Liaison Officer with 59 Area
Weeks	with existing RHQ Provincial staff	2	-	-	1 rail officer required for liaison with local formations 1 road officer required for liaison with local formations Suggest Capt. Woodcock (B) + Capt. Nunn (B) - Period indefinite.

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
3.	Agriculture	'A' + 2 weeks	do.	-
4.	Public Health	'A' day	-	-
5.	Labour	'A' day or earlier if requested		
6.	Legal	'A' + 3 weeks	Owing to right of 30 days appeal of those sentenced by AMG Courts estimated 3 weeks required to liquidate 1 Offr. 1 Clerk (NCO) 1 Civilian	Suggest liaison duties handled by Legal Office and 59 Area.
7.	Industry	'A' + 1 week	with 1 Officer 1 NCO 2 Civilian	
8.	Communication	'A' + 2 weeks	with existing staff	1 2

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eks	do.	-	-	-		
	-	-	-	-		
eks	Owing to right of 30 days appeal of those sentenced by AMG Courts estimated 3 weeks required to liquidate 1 Offr. 1 Clerk (NCO) 1 Civilian		Suggest liaison duties as handled by Legal Officers of HQs 2 District and 59 Area.			
ek	with 1 Officer 1 NCO 2 Civilian					
ks	with existing staff	1		2	Army request liaison officer for 2 months with HQ 2 District together with 2 civilian assistants (Major Holland (B) RC of S and existing staff of 2 civilians)	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)		
9.	Postal	'A' day	-			
10.	P.W. & Uts.	'A' + 2 weeks	3 offrs and 1 clerk required from 'A' day 2 weeks	1		
11.	D.P. & Rs	'A' + 4 weeks	Extra vehicles required Rations through SEPRAL Finance through Prefect with existing staff			
12.	Welfare	'A' day				
13.	Int. and Security	'A' + 10 days	2 civilians			
14.	Epuration	'A' day				
15.	Commerce	'A' day				
16.	Food	'A' + 10 days	Require 1 Officer, 1 NCO 1 civilian			

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	(d)	(e)			(f) 3.
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Weeks	3 officers and 1 clerk required from 'A' day 2 weeks	1			Liaison with HQ 2 District
Weeks	Extra vehicles required Rations through SEPRAL Finance through Prefect with existing staff				
Days	2 civilians				Question open as to whether R.S.O. be attached HQ 2 District
Days	Require 1 Officer, 1 NCO 1 civilian				

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)		
17.	W.M. & D.	'A' day				
18.	Public Safety	'A' + 3 weeks	with existing staff	2		
19.	M. and F.A.	'A' day				
20.	Education	'A' + 1 week	2 Offrs. 1 NCO 1 civilian			
21.	Finance	'A' + 3 weeks	3 Offrs. 1 En/OR 4 civilians			
22.	Patriots	see next col.	Ready to hand over to whatever Italian agency, such as Post War Relief, when established. 1 week for report and records. 1 Italian P.O. and 1 stenographer.			

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	(d)	(e)	(f)	4.
Weeks	with existing staff	2		1 Capt. Bellamy until 1 Oct liaison with HQ 59 Area 1 other PSO for liaison with this formation recommended by RPSO
Week	2 Offrs. 1 NCO 1 civilian			
Weeks	3 Offrs. 1 Em/OR 4 civilians			
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GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 43 DATED 22 JUNE 1945.-

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JUN 2 1945

" II-ANNOUNCEMENT OF DUTY

1. Colonel ROBERT P. MARSHALL, 0138555, Field Artillery, is appointed Regional Commissioner, Piemonte Region, Allied Military Government, IV Corps, to supervise Allied Military Government activities in Piemonte Region.
2. Brigadier M. CARR, (British), is appointed Regional Commissioner, Liguria Region, Allied Military Government, IV Corps, to supervise Allied Military Government activities in the Provinces of Genoa, Savona, and Imperia.
3. Colonel CHARLES POLETTI, 0923774, AUS, is appointed Regional Commissioner, Lombardia Region, Allied Military Government, IV Corps, to supervise Allied Military Government activities in the Provinces of Bergamo, Brescia, Como, Cremona, Milan, Pavia, Sondrio and Varese. "

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Hereafter 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.

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Ref: 577/18/50.

Rel: 735

26 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Reports - Officers.

TO : Establishment Section.

The Chief Commissioner directs that the attached correspondence concerning Colonel Charles Poletti is to be filed in Colonel Poletti's personal 201 file.

R.
Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

Incl:
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HEADQUARTERS IV CORPS
Civil Affairs Section

HTT/PP
16 May 1945

MAY 22 1945

MEMORANDUM:

TO : See Distribution

This is to advise that the provinces of
Cremona and Brescia in addition to Mantova are no longer in IV Corps area.

Hamilton E. Walker
HAMILTON E. WALKER,
Colonel, Ord. Dept.
SCAO AMG IV CORPS

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All Officers - A.M.G. IV Corps
HQ ALCON (for information)

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LOMBARDIA REGION
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14 May 1945

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SUBJECT : Location of Lombardia Region Hq.

MAY 20 1945

TO : See Distribution

1. Lombardia Region Headquarters is now operating in the Montecattini Building, via Albania, 20, Milano.

2. Telephone numbers for Regional Headquarters are: 12407, 12408, 12457, 12459, 12481, 12482, 12484.

FOR THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER:

Neil C. Barth
NEIL C. BARTH
Captain USMC
Adjutant.

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- US 12th AV Corps (3)
- US 3rd Zone (5)
- US 1st (1)
- US 12th (1)
- 267th Regt. (1)
- US 394 (2)
- US P.O. (2)
- Chicago Ctr. Hq., A.C. (2)
- Hq., No. 2 District (5)
- Hq., 57 Area (3)
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Office of the Executive Commissioner

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12th May 1945.

Chief Commissioner.

Two personal and off-the-record reports from
Legal Officers in R.F. Italy give a fair picture of the
lack of control in that territory. It is inevitable -
and will be disastrous unless Regional Control is established. Soon.

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Pls call. Aunt to see what is holding
up the instructions I understood were
being prepared.

Big Head experiment.

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Kotel Prindipe e Savein.

MILAN.

8th May.

Dear Bill,

Please excuse this pencil scribble, but Col. Robertson has just offered to take mail back to Rome if ready by 0830 tomorrow morning, and no facilities in the way of ink or typewriters are available at midnight - or indeed at any other hour of the day. Guy and I feel as if we were communicating by whaler from an arctic island, though the organization of the Polar Bears would probably be a lot better than what we have here - The confusion is indescribable.

First Poletti has not yet been allowed to establish Regional HQ in Milan because C.O., IV Corps is too angry with him. I hear tonight that the ban will be lifted within a day or two and he will be allowed to function. In the meantime the HQ is sitting in Mantua with all its boxes still packed and those Specialists who have been permitted to come to Milan are working individually without central direction, without offices, without means of communication -

Second, it is still Army Area, so that technically Gen Rume is SCAG and considers himself the proper person to appoint e.g. Prefects. Yesterday I was told he had gone away for 4 or 5 days - and even when he is here nobody seems to know where he is or what he does.

Third - IV Corps has its HQ here and Valter struggles to control an area from the Mediterranean to Lake Garda, without much success.

All this confusion is not lost on the natives, whose goodwill of 10 days ago is rapidly evaporating. The C.I.M.A.I. and all the other C.I.M.s had more or less apparent plans made for our arrival, which would have been fitted into our scheme - Now that they see we don't have one each branch will go its own way.

AMG is non-existent. Proclamations 1 - 4 have been posted here and there but in present conditions could not be enforced. Partigiani armed to the teeth are everywhere acting as police, road blocks and what have you and dashing about in cars and trucks waving flags. The GCHQ from the South are persons non gratae and in at least one province have to be confined to their barracks to avoid incidents. The leaders of the genuine Partisan Groups are good fellows and don't like the undisciplined behaviour of these bands - but they have very little control. In the meantime old secrets are being paid off, the voice of the people demands vengeance, and shootings and beatings

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Guy is conducting a most successful lecture tour in all the provinces on the Peoples Courts which are warmly welcomed by all the more respectable elements. The First President here - Cortasogni by name - is a first class old boy, full of energy and very much on the ball, though subject in all things to the Legal Section of the C.L.N.A.I. represented by one avv. Becos, who permits no appointment or power of appointment without their approval. A list of presidents for the Courts in the Milan C. of A. district has been completed and the list of Public Ministers will follow as soon as we can get the names. Guy will write to you about the Court of Cassation.

Most Provinces are also going ahead with G.O.35 and Commissions should be functioning in Mantua this week.

Implementation of the Italian law is a headache. The decrees have arrived and will shortly be distributed but I have no directive on the Economic Decrees and no idea whether these are to be included or excluded.

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pending instructions I am deferring any general implementing and have advised Mercer to do likewise - He had already gone ahead on verbal directions from Walker but thinks he can recover all the O.Ds. We had, of course, had to go ahead with LAL 159, the Fascist Legislation Decree and the Decree on Courts. Any advice you can give on this problem would be appreciated.

There have been no AMJ Courts so far and if present conditions continue, should not be except in a serious case. Permits to travel are not required, there is no allied property. Everyman has a gun - so the Summary Court has no work and obviously it is much better to make the Italian Courts function from the start.

Major Dreyfus had a car accident here last week and broke his elbow. He has been evacuated somewhere and is not likely to be available for some time. My chief regret is that he has taken all the provincial supplies with him. That reduces me to 14 (2 deficient) so that a substitute would be welcome - though there are no AMJ Courts, this Expedition business will keep L.Os busy.

I hope you can come up soon yourself and see how matters stand.

Yours

(sgt) HEC.

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Yours

(sgd) HUGH.

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8 May 1945.

Dear Billy,

Just a few lines on the general situation.

Hugh is sending you another preliminary report and Robertson has agreed to take both our messages tomorrow.

Since I left Rome on the 28th no directive from any quarter of IV Corps or 5th Army has even reached Polotti's Headquarters or anybody in Milan or Turin or the provinces.

The consequences of this state of affairs is that no one is in a position to take any positive action.

Yesterday Hugh and I had to request Salter to stop Marshall by radio as he was about to implement all repeat all the decrees of the Rome Government in Piedmont from 8 Sep 43 to date!

I asked Marcor to come to Milan and this morning explained the position to him. The implementation order had already gone but he hopes to be able to stop the Provincial Commissioners in time, although he is not so sure!

Another difficulty is that with Hume flying from parade to parade, Walker without authority and Charley kept out of his realm, no one is in a position to appoint a Prefect legally.

There are hundreds of others such as the lack of available D.L. 159 and others, the convoy carrying such legislation reaching Milan only yesterday.

I will not bother you with the thousands and one objections raised by CIN to all suggested appointments of judges and procurators under 142, the attitude of provincial Committees of Liberation etc. Baylis in Turin stated today that he had never seen a situation so alike to that existing in Greece before Elias started off the warpath.

I suppose the economic line is dead and buried. In the meantime all industrialists were ordered by CIN to pay Lira 5000 to all workers as a bonus for their participation in the resistance movement. And that in spite of the great shortage of currency prevailing here.

However Hugh and I have done the best we could under the circumstances.

We got the Messina circuit set up and hope that the people's Courts will be functioning this next week in all four provinces.

Yesterday and today we had very conferences with the acting First President of Milan, a first class Piedmontese and got him and the Procuratore Generale to appoint all the necessary officials for City and Province. We went to Turin and obtained the names of the officials whom the P.C. will appoint by decree tomorrow.

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Wednesday and Thursday we shall visit Varese, Vigevano, Sesto
Cassino, Como and Sondrio and get things going there. Many "magistrati"
are "scollati" and we do not know until we get there who is available.

Generally CIM raise all sorts of objections and it takes sometimes
before we can produce to the S.P. a list of judges which has their blessing.

In the meantime shootings without judgement and incarcerations are
going in full swing (2100 in Milan alone).

When I saw however no people's Court had been set up in Piedmont,
where no thing appears to have been done in that direction (or any other)
to date.

I have explained at length to Sabatino how to get things going and
have supplied him with all necessary papers, decrees, translations etc.
General Order no. 35 is just out in Lombardia.

In Piedmont neither D. O. 35 or even the closing of the border have
been posted.

Lets hope the Swiss and French have done something about it!

After the greatest difficulties I have been able to persuade Milan
CIM and the P and PG to agree on a list of "Consiglieri di Cassazione"
now in Milan, who will compose the special section of Cassation under
Art. 16 of D.S. 142. This list is being sent to you. Would you please
be good enough to see that the Minister passes immediately the necessary decree
(Art. 16) appointing these "consiglieri" to this special section which will
sit in Milan, at least for the time being - as you well realize no
judgement of the people's court can be final until this section is in
function.

Excuse scribble and length.

All the best to Gerald, Vernon and self

Yours ever

Guy

We shall be back here Thursday night

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ~~ALCON~~ COMMISSIONER

Originator's Reference: 1201
Date/Time of Origin: MAY 121830

Message Centre No: 3/568
Date/Time Recd: MAY 131125
Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: TALBOT ALCON & CORP.
TO: HQ ALCON FOR DUSH.

MAY 13 Rec'd

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Cols POLETTI and HANCOCK moved into MILAN CITY today with AMG approval. Will report fully on Monday. Meeting of yesterday with Prefect LOMBARDI of MILAN Province and Economic Council of CINA was explanatory and introductory but showed satisfactory desire to cooperate with AC/AMG. Detailed opposite number discussions are taking place today and coordinating conference will take place Monday morning.

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Authorized to move forward by IV CORPS to CORPS Area are
PIEMONTE and LOMBARDIA Regions. Advance parties should precede
WALKER will instruct direct to Regions. I remain at IV CORPS.

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- Chief Commissioner
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LOMBARDIA REGION FOR POLETTI FOR INFORMATION CIVIL AFFAIRS ONE FIVE
ARMY GROUP FROM HQ ALCON PARAN

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11 May 1945.

MEMORANDUM TO: Colonel Charles Poletti,
Lombardia Region.

I duly received your letter of 4 May and both Colonel Monfort and I (by phone) discussed the subject matter of your letter with General Gruenther at some length.

My original agreement was made with General Gruenther through General Saltzman and was to the effect that, notwithstanding earlier objections, you and the other two Regional Commissioner Designates would be permitted to enter your respective areas with the Fifth Army forces (in your case, IV Corps). The agreement was that you were to function under the direction of the Senior Civil Affairs Officer of the Army. The original message sent 27 April read "to function as Regional Commissioner under authority of Senior Civil Affairs Officer Army". This telegram was in error and as soon as I had seen it I caused it to be corrected to read "to function under direction of Senior Civil Affairs Officer Army", which was in accordance with the arrangement I had made with General Gruenther. I do not know whether you received the second message or not. But in any case, there should have been no misunderstanding that you were subject to the orders of the Army Civil Affairs Officer.

Moreover, I had informed Colonel Monfort of the arrangement, which was the reason that he, as U.S.C.A.O., wanted to take you to Milan himself under conditions that would have prevented the embarrassment which has been caused me by your entering Milan alone. Both of my telegrams read that you were "to accompany the Civil Affairs Officer of Armies into the territory of your Region".

In view of this failure to comply with your orders, I was able to secure your readmission to Milan only by myself apologizing for this breach of the agreement which I had personally made with the Chief of Staff, since such a violation of discipline, of course, could not be overlooked. And I must reiterate that until control has been released by the Armies to our Regional Commissioner setup, you will be expected to function under the direction of the U.S.C.A.O. Fifth Army, in accordance with your orders.

ELLEAY H. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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FROM HQ ALCON PAREN

PARA ONE PD CHIEF OF STAFF ONE FIVE ARMY GROUP ON BEHALF OF THE
COMMANDING GENERAL HAS GIVEN PERMISSION FOR YOU AND YOUR STAFF OF
CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICERS TO ACCOMPANY THE CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICERS OF
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