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ADMINISTRATION, SARDEGNA
OCT. 1944 - MAR. 1945

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Discussed at Co meeting in Oct. per memo below

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CSO: pls see #13

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CSO: please see #16 per 10 Nov

Major Stein

In view of C-130 being concerned that discussion of
C-130 meeting is being held in secret to the Pentagon
is being held.

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Col Shiff: Please see the attached draft per your request per 15/11 (21 sent)

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CoS

To see #22 (copy has been passed to Est Section
for info) per 5/Dec.

Major Stein

Copies should also go to C-130 & CoS for info.

Done per 6/12

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Major General
in view of CMC's be. See Commodity and determine if
C.M. working in empty can was. (Sent to C.C. Lindgren)
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Ad Shift: Please see the attached draft per your request Feb 15/11 (21 out) 19

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COS To see 22 (copy has been passed to Est. Section
for info) Feb 5/Dec.

Major General
Copies should also go to C.A. Sec & E.C. Sec for info.
Done Feb 6/12 6/12

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Ex. Com To see 25. Feb 24 Feb.

B. (on my return)
MS (24/12)

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Col
This is an appreciation from Col Pennycook
saying he can reduce in Sardinia to 9 officers
(para 3) in December (para 7).
He does not think we can vacate the
island (opening para).

I shall pass to Estab Sec for their
comments when you have read it.

It is odd that Col P. says the same as
the section at the COS meeting on Saturday.

J
1410

This is a good report. I agree in principle
will mention at next ^{COS} meeting & we
will then ask (Est. Sec) Col Pennycook
about personalities.

To C.O.S.
Please bring up at next meeting
There was no time this morning.
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

AFO 394

Place of the Executive Commission

Ref: 522/28/52.

4th March 1949.

SUBJECT: Reduction of Staff - Sardinia Region.

TO : Regional Commissioner,
SARDINIA Region.

1. I refer to your HQ/1008 of 19th February. There is no question of a sudden closing down of the Allied Commission staff in SARDINIA as is suggested in your paragraph 1. The changeover has been taking place gradually ever since last February.

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RSJ/SC.

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
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HQ/30.

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
SARDINIA REGION

EX-10448

19 February 1945

REFERENCE: HQ/1008

SUBJECT: Reduction of Staff - Sardinia Region

TO: Headquarters, Allied Commission

FEB 23 1945

1. With reference to the proposals for closing down Sardinia Region, I am again referring to my letter of the above number dated 11th October 1944.

This Region has never been A.M.C. and has always acted on an advisory basis during the 18 months that it has been in existence. I suggest, therefore, that, if practicable, it should not be closed down too suddenly. My main object has been to give firm "advice" and keep the place quiet to assist military operations in general. There are, at present, three commitments of considerable military importance in the island, namely:

- (a) 63 Staging Post, R.A.F. at ELIAS, a formation that is growing in size and importance.
- (b) the production of Sardinian coal which is now being greatly increased by order of A.P.H.Q.
- (c) Shipping in connection with minerals, coal, etc. which is still considerable for Allied purposes, particularly British Ordnance.

2. I believe myself that the presence of a Regional Allied Headquarters is still necessary to act as a guiding influence and that the High Commissioner's office is not yet ready to act on its own, particularly in view of the autonomy just been given to it. As regards timing, from an A.C. point of view I feel that the best time for the Region to cease to exist would be after local elections have been held, if that could be made to fit with other considerations.

3. As military reasons may make the early closing of the Region essential I would suggest, for your consideration, that the Headquarters should be closed down to the small nucleus recommended in my letter of the 11th October, that is to a total of 6 Officers, 11 W/Os, and 3 Government vehicles. If this were agreed to all possible archives and stores would be sent over to the mainland now and the remaining small party would then be available to come over at short notice, using the ferry steamer "ANSAZIA". The Regional team might then be a small reserve Regional Headquarters at your immediate disposal.

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J. A. C. MERRYCHICK,
Colonel,
Regional Commissioner.

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JAC Merrychick
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
SARDEGNA REGION

Cof 20

Reference : Hq/1005.

27th November 1944.

Subject : Reduction of Staff.

To : Headquarters, Allied Commission.

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With reference to your Hq/1005 of 15th November 1944 and further reference to my letter of the above number dated 11th October 1944, Para 7 - Date of Reduction. I do not now recommend that reductions should take place before January 1945. In particular with regard to the finance office although every effort is being made to close down and hand over to the Italians, there are delays and in some cases added commitments.

For example, we received instructions to hand over to the Italians all Medical Stores and accounting. SASSINIA has now, however, been exempted from these instructions.

We have a large quantity of stores on charge and the last Medical Officer has been suddenly ordered away from the Region.

As a consequence these stores have to be accounted for and new arrangements for disposal made.

In addition the financing of the coal is not yet cleared up.

Apart from these points there is some additional work in connection with the arrival at Cagliari of new Naval Units.

J.A.C. PENNYCOCK

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Colonel
Regional Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

Tel: 415

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8 November 1944

9 NOV Recd

SUBJECT: Reduction of Staff - Sardinia Region

TO : Chief Staff Officer

1. Your memorandum reference 522/COS, dated 23 October, 1944.

2. Herewith, comment of each interested Sub-Commission of Economic Section in regard to proposed reduction of Staff, Sardinia Region.

3. Agriculture S/C

Staff reduction agreed to. Italian Agricultural agencies have assumed responsibilities and leadership to such a point that the Regional Agricultural Officer was withdrawn approximately one week ago. A food officer could call in local agricultural officials on matters affecting local agriculture.

4. Commerce S/C

This Sub-Commission has already requested orders transferring Capt. Turner, Commerce officer in Sardinia, to Piedmont Region in accordance with the recommendations made in the appendix on commerce furnished with the report of Lt. Col. Sharp of 9 September 1944 (ref. ES/21/6) on the subject: Report on Economic Section work in Sardinia, Region VI.

5. Finance S/C

The remaining Finance Officer in Sardinia Region can be withdrawn sometime in December.

6. Food S/C

Food officers in Sardinia already down to required strength for reduction. One Lt. Colonel - he should remain.

Copy to: Establishment Section

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7. Transportation S/C

Major Matthews of Mining Division this Sub-Commission is considered competent to deal with Industrial questions and should in any case remain view of the importance of mining.

8. P. W. & U. S/C

The one officer in Sardinia deals with railroad and shipping. On the rail side, military railway service has just handed over to ACC, and it is essential one officer remain to supervise for some time at least. Shipping requirements also require supervision.

L. D. Densmore
L. D. DENSMORE,
Col., FA, CSO
Economic Section

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ACTION AGO NO. 45 FOR INFO: AGO SARDINIA, AG SARDINIA

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CITE: FIDIS

HEADQUARTERS
NOV 1944

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Allied Garrison Commander in SARDINIA requested authority to dispose of approximately 325 buildings in the vicinity of the airfields in SARDINIA. These buildings were constructed by local labor using mostly local materials and it is not considered practical to salvage them for military use. The joint disposal committee has authorized their disposition.

Para Two. The Italian government desires the buildings. The AGO and Italian High Commissioner have appointed a board to establish their value and to determine separately the cost of USA labor and materials and the Italian labor and materials.

Para Three. On the basis of the recommendations of this board the AGO and the Italian High Commissioner for SARDINIA propose to enter into an agreement for their sale to the Italian Government. Any agreement entered into will assure that the USA is relieved of any liability with respect to the use and occupation of the property involved. The procedure has been approved by this Headquarters in AFSAO EX 41241 of 25 October to AGO. Transfer must be completed by 10 November.

Para Four. It is desired that you send a representative to SARDINIA or direct your representative there to advise the AGO on the proper procedure for the consummation of the sale by the authorized Italian official and on accounting for the sale.

Para Five. In view of the urgency of this matter it is desired that you expedite all assistance to the completion of the transaction.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

Office of the Chief of Staff.

Ref : 406/19/303.

31 October 1944

SUBJECT : Visit of M. Baldelli to Sardinia.

TO : H.Q., SARDEGNA Region.

1. M. Ferdinando Baldelli saw me yesterday. The Monsignor made several statements regarding the feeding of the population in Sardinia which were inaccurate and he was given the true facts. He did, however, give me the impression that there was grave under-nourishment in the island and was anxious to help in every way to overcome this, particularly during the coming winter months. As you will see from the attached memorandum he is anxious to set up soup kitchens in eight centres and to draw from official stocks the amount shown in his memorandum. These will be issued against ration tickets at the soup kitchens and would not, therefore, be an extra drain on your food stockpiles.

2. Every assistance should be given to the Monsignor and his helpers to make a success of the scheme. His impression of the High Commissioner was that while willing to help he seemed unable to take steps to make his help effective. It should be your duty to see that this help is made effective.

3. The Monsignor also spoke of the Commissario appointed by AGI, one of the mining organisations at Carbonia. This man, SANNA, appears to the Monsignor to be quite inefficient and merely more of a figurehead than a capable technical manager. You should bring this to the attention of the Mining Division in the island and see what can be done, if necessary, to rectify matters.

4. The Monsignor also urged that immediate steps should be made to supply the island with sufficient twine to mend their fishing nets. I notice that sailing cloth has been supplied to the island but so far as I can see no twine.

5. Although the Monsignor was inaccurate in many details and had obviously been told many tales by the Sardinians, he is clearly genuinely out to help the island and the administration, and the Acting Chief Commissioner is most anxious that every thing should be done to give him more than verbal assistance.

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

Copy to : Econ Sec.
Food Sub-Com.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref : 4/15.2/CA

31 October 1944

SUBJECT : Reduction of Staff
Sardinia Region

TO : Office of Chief of Staff

Reference your 522/CCS of 22 October 1944.

This matter was raised at the Chief of Staff's meeting this morning when it was decided that the question be held in suspense.

[Signature]
G. B. UPJOHN, Brigadier
V.P. C.A. Sec.
Dep. C. C. S.

1 EXTRACT FROM 1. JOTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING
31 OCTOBER

PARA II:

" Personnel in Sarlinia. DCS CA Sec said the reduction of personnel in Sarlinia should be delayed until more officers were needed for the mainland. Any Section needing specialist officers could draw from that pool."

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
OCC
Office of the Chief of Staff

Ext. 300

23rd October, 1944

SUBJECT: Reduction of Staff - Sardinia Region.

TO : Civil Affairs Section
Economic Section
Establishment Section.

1. I forward to you a letter received from Col. Janyardick of the 11th of October, suggesting that the Staff in Sardinia could be reduced to nine officers by the end of the year.

2. I would be grateful if you would give these proposals your consideration and be prepared to discuss them at the Chief of Staff meeting on the 31st of October.

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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HEADQUARTERS
THE CONTROL COMMISSION
SARDINIA REGION

11 October 1944

TO: Headquarters, A.C.C. (Office of Chief of Staff)

SUBJECT: Reduction of Staff - Sardinia Region.

REFERENCE: HQ/1008

14 OCT 1944

1. GENERAL

As requested verbally by the ~~High~~ Executive Commissioner, I am making suggestions to provide for a further reduction in the staff of this Region. So long as we have commitments on the island in the way of Allied troops or quasi-military requirements for minerals, coal etc. I feel it will be essential that some A.C.C. staff should remain. The High Commissioner's Office is also not yet functioning with sufficient efficiency to be left to itself.

I do not consider that we should attempt to run Italian affairs and would be content to leave subjects of such universal importance as Finance and Health to the Italians, provided that we could get occasional advice and help from A.C.C. visiting officers. I am also omitting all reference to the coal mines at CARRONIA. If the Coal Section consider special control there is still necessary then an Officer, clerk and vehicle will be required for that place.

There is, however, still a lack of spirit and direction in Italian administration, and I suggest that, to be sure of no impediment to the war effort and to obtain tranquility in the period immediately after general hostilities cease, the Allies should keep a helping hand in, and supervision over, the essentials of community life; namely:-

- (a) Food
- (b) Transportation (distribution)
- (c) Labour and Industry
- (d) Public Relations and Press
- (e) Public Order.

I put the subjects in the above order deliberately. Although Public Order (Police and Law) is, of course, of primary importance, it should be possible to hand this subject over to the Italians sooner than it will be possible to hand over all control of imported foodstuffs.

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Approved by the Italians

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I believe the retention of a small A.C.C. staff would be welcomed by the Italians and greatly strengthen the elements working for reconstruction. I shall confine myself to suggestions for an A.C.C. staff and shall not include military staff or transport required for running the military office of C.C. troops in the Island as I have not yet received information of what that may entail with its Signals, Intelligence, etc.

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2. ASSUMPTIONS

In arriving at the suggestions below I have made the following assumptions:

- (a) The staff will act in an advisory capacity working in close touch with the High Commissioner's Office. Specialist written reports will cease.
- (b) Individual departmental work, as such, would cease, though Officers would still be responsible for certain types of work and we shall still need Officers with specialist knowledge.

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(a) Where possible, work now carried out by A.C.C. personnel would be wholly transferred to the Italian officials; e.g. the control and supervision of civilian movement has reached a point where from three to four hours daily has to be devoted exclusively to this work by the Public Safety Office. Actual screening and security is done by the High Commissioner's Office through the Questura. The Public Safety Department, however, interviews about ten persons daily and maintains constant liaison with the High Commissioner's Office and with the Army Sub-Commission (in connection with cruiser travel). Public Safety also issues A.M.G. travel permits and maintain complete file records of all persons moved. Up to the end of August over 700 persons had been moved to the mainland and 255 travel permits were issued in that month alone. With A.C.C. permission this special supervision could cease.

(d) The small staff must be mobile and be prepared to go out and visit provinces so that they maintain personal contact in the provinces and know themselves. Regional H.Q. is located in CAGLIARI near the Office of the High Commissioner. CAGLIARI is, however, situated at one end of the island and distances are considerable, four hours each way to either of the Provincial Headquarters at SASSARI or NUORO. I have made use of seaplane (Italian), Diesel rail car and ordinary M.T. to get about, but find that much time has necessarily to be spent travelling. The comparative smallness of the population in the region does not save travelling time.

3. STAFF SUGGESTION

(a) Administrative Staff

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(i) An Officer to advise on food supplies and agriculture. His duty would be to check food produced in the island, check rations required and work out bulk demands for food to be imported. He would also check proposed exports of surplus foods.

(ii) An Officer to advise on transportation. He would have the particular responsibility of advice on road transport and fuel requirements. His main duty would be to advise on distribution throughout the island.

(iii) An Officer to advise on labour and industry. He would also deal with public works and his task would be to ensure the correct flow of exports of such commodities as minerals and coal. He would advise on policy so as to avoid unemployment and discontent.

If the coal mines at CAPENIA are considered to require special supervision an additional Officer will be required to live there. I am assuming coal will be handed over to the Italians as far as detail is concerned.

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(iv) An Officer to deal with Public Relations and the press. The comparative smooth acceptance of the recent reduction in workers' rations has again demonstrated the great value of the work done by P.W.B. I feel, therefore, that even if there is a very small staff a P.W.B. Officer should be left as an integral part of the Regional Commissioner's staff in a detached Island such as SARDINIA.

(v) An Officer with Legal training to give legal advice, at present a very big subject.

(vi) A Police Officer. Even if A.C.O. work on passes etc could be cut, the Police work of this Region is a really responsible job requiring an Officer of rank and standing, and it should not be combined with the legal side.

4. OTHER RANKS AND ENLISTED MEN

On the basis of 1.2 O.Ps. or S.M. for each Officer we should require eleven (11) for our reduced establishment. At least one senior experienced clerk for the office and a good transport N.C.O. will be essential.

Italian office staff and Italian interpreters, who would also be required, are unfortunately not easy to find locally.

An additional clerk will be required for CARBONIA if an Allied Officer is specially left there.

5. TRANSPORT

The Region would require at least two reliable Government passenger vehicles for touring on indifferent roads, and one heavy vehicle to draw rations etc.

In taking allowance for requisitioned cars, we have to provide for unexpected calls from many different sources, for example, touring Officers come to SARDINIA by air or sea and do not as a rule bring transport with them. Then we get unexpected outside calls which we are obliged to meet. We had to help, at short notice, with some transport, 22 Italian Government Officials sent over by the Economic and Supply Section. A labour deputation of four Russians and three or four others is also expected by air this month and no mention is made of transport. The Camp Commandant gets demands for transport and help from military personnel on ships and other parts of the Island which have to be met. Apart from this, requisitioned cars are generally unreliable and the type shortage is as bad in SARDINIA as it is anywhere else.

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Staff Car	1
Jeep	1
3-ton Truck	1
Requisitioned Cars	2

6. MILITARY REQUIREMENTS

In making my suggestions, as I have pointed out above, I am unable to say what work will be involved if the Regional Commissioner is made Officer Commanding British and American troops in the island. So far there has been a very large staff in Allied Garrison of Sardinia and 42nd Wing Headquarters, it still numbers over 20 Officers although 42nd Wing has gone.

The future relationship of C.C. Troops with Allied Navy and the R.A.F. personnel who have been augmented by the arrival of the Staging Unit, and with Italian Navy, Army and Airforce personnel left on the island, will require to be clearly defined.

An important item, for example, concerns requisitions. I am informed that for

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SARDINIA as a whole they have been about 3,000 military requisitions, exclusive of requisitions for motor cars. Many of the premises occupied will now be given up by Allied troops, but this is the precise time when such work and correspondence is likely to arise. A whole time Officer and some staff will almost certainly be required to investigate claims etc.

Apart from administrative staff we shall also presumably have a Signals commitment and an intelligence commitment. For example, the enemy is, for some reason, still sending to SARDINIA a small but steady stream of agents. We have thought it worth while to drop by parachute over SARDINIA in the last three months nine agents, and this side of intelligence will have to be covered.

The office staff and transport required for this side of the work will have to be worked out separately.

7. DATE OF REDUCTION

As regards the date when the change over to a smaller staff can take place I suggest it depends on the departure of the troops and the degree of efficiency of the High Commissioner's Office. Possibly some time in December would provide a suitable opportunity for this reduction.

As team work will be essential if the staff is reduced, I hope that the Regional Commissioner may be consulted before final decisions are taken and Officers and O.R.s. and E.M. selected for the staff of the Region.

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