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TO : Brigadier M. S. Lush, Executive Commissioner, Hq AC.

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A request is now being made to AFHQ Pet Section - RAG to increase the allocation for the current month to permit these contemplated projects.

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Communications:

Telegraph and telephone service has been restored in several more towns in this region.

In the Mantova and Brescia areas repair of civilian lines is still going slowly, owing to the number of civil lineamen helping in Army priority work. This will sort itself out shortly when the Army lines are completed.

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The direct military telephone line Milan-Bologna is expected to be completed today. This will provide telephonic communication to Rome.

Education:

Universities and Higher Institutions: The approval of the R.S.O. has been received in connection with the nominations for Committees of Jurisdiction for (a) the Brera Academy and (b) the Polytechnic. Instructions have been given for the immediate formation of these Committees.

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Finance:

Banks continue to function normally.

The unblocking of cheques and applications for specific withdrawals from blocked accounts continue to occupy a major part of our activities.

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Industry - Cont'd:

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Lt Spenser, Industry S/C Mining Division was consulted regarding supplies of mining equipment to be sent to Central & South Italy.

Mr. Meredith, Industry S/C, Textile Division, discussed machinery & spare parts for cotton & wool industries, and a report will be submitted to Hq AG in due course.

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Wages: There are many petitions for higher wages and some of them are justified. The Collocamento office workers demand higher wages because AGO wages are higher.

Legal:

Regional Orders: Samples of Regional Orders Nos. 2, 3, and 4 were distributed to all provinces. Instructions were given to post these and General Order No. 20.

Appointments of Commissari: A total of 41 appointments have been completed to date.

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Milan	5	
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The work of this division is progressing satisfactorily.

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Patriots:

The Patriots Office moved from Via Brera to the Montecastini Building on Monday 4 June.

The week has been more than usually marked by intensive travelling to all provinces, with the object of contacting formation leaders and preparing a campaign for the disarmament and disbanding of all Patriots formations.

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Property Control:

Examination of Company Books: The books of all allied companies have been examined by this office to date and full reports are on file.

Bank Accounts: 45 Bank Accounts have been unblocked to date and 245 special payments have been authorized.

Property Control - Cont'd:

Inspections: 31 inspections have been completed during the week, some of which were in Como where many allied villas are located.

Remarks: The first consignment of form PC 11a has been put in the mail today for AG, 35 in all; these represent a portion of the French accounts duly completed.

Public Health:

A small typhoid epidemic at Binasco (Milano) comprising 12 cases was investigated by Col. Cherry and measures for control suggested.

A typhus case from Germany was found at the Comune of Darfo in Brescia. All precautionary measures have been taken. There is no cause for concern.

Public Safety:

Civil Police: Position is further improved and most police agencies are now functioning normally. Questura in each Provincia is being re-organized and the personnel are being separated. Forest Guards are being re-activated subject to strict screening. The Railway Police are functioning and details of the new organization are being worked out.

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A uniform RGA rate is being developed in all the

Provinces.

Public Works & Utilities:

General: An expert on Housing has been sent from Rome by the Italian Ministry of Public Works to make a tour of the Region and explain to engineers and other persons interested the recent housing Decrees passed by the Italian Government.

Road Maintenance: A first delivery of 500 tons of bitumen has been made by 5th Army and projects have been approved for the expenditure of 14,000,000 lire on extraordinary maintenance of State Roads.

Unexploded Bombs: A retired Italian Officer with experience in bomb disposal has been employed to locate and survey all sites where unexploded bombs have been reported.

Electricity: The prefect of Milano has requested the electric companies which serve the City of Milano, to establish a new tariff for electricity for electric cooking. This proposed tariff gives approximately 350,000 consumers in Milano the benefit of a lower rate for electricity which is used for cooking purposes only. This Division has recommended the new tariff and sent it to the Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission of Allied Commission for approval.

Work is progressing satisfactorily on the repairs of the street lighting system in the City of Milano.

A request was received from AMG Fifth Army for information on electric power plants and transmission lines. The Utilities section of this division, is obtaining the requested information and will submit a report to AMG Fifth Army on the condition of power plants and transmission lines in Lombardia Region.

Security & Intelligence:

Dossier and Card Index: During the period under review information concerning 397 persons has been carded.

Screening: (a) 30 civilian employees belong to this Hq have been screened. 4 have been recommended for dismissal and an additional 60 are in process of screening.

(b) Names of 31 Italian officials or industrialists proposed for appointments to administrative or industrial places have been screened. 4 are in process of screening and 2 have been disapproved.

Examination: Schede personali emanating from Property Control Division (MO) and Education Division (36) have been checked.

Investigations on Industrialists: Special investigations on the more important industrialists are being carried on personally by Maj. Lister and this R.S.O. The firms Varesa, Montecatini, and Innocenti are being investigated.

Inspection Tour Throughout the Provinces: Lt. Sabetta, Special Investigating Officer, has continued the tour through the Provinces, begun last week. The Provinces of Brescia, Bergamo and Sondrio have been visited.

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A request was received from AMG Fifth Army for information on electric power plants and transmission lines. The Utilities section of this division, is obtaining the requested information and will submit a report to AMG Fifth Army on the condition of power plants and transmission lines in Lombardia Region.

Security & Intelligence:

Dossier and Card Index: During the period under review information concerning 397 persons has been carded.

Screening: (a) 30 civilian employees belong to this Hq have been screened. 4 have been recommended for dismissal and an additional 60 are in process of screening.

(b) Names of 31 Italian officials or industrialists proposed for appointments to administrative or industrial places have been screened. 4 are in process of screening and 2 have been disapproved.

Examination: Schede personnel emanating from Property Control Division (40) and Education Division (35) have been checked.

Investigations on Industrialists: Special investigations on the more important industrialists are being carried on personally by Maj. Lister and this R.S.O. The firms Viscosa, Montecatini, and Innocenti are being investigated.

Inspection Tour Throughout the Provinces: Lt. Sabette, Special Investigating Officer, has continued the tour through the Provinces, begun last week. The Provinces of Brescia, Bergamo and Sondrio have been visited.

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Transportation:

The work of organizing truck pools is progressing satisfactorily.

Analysis of Provincial Returns

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Cresona	191	---	--
Mantova	349	55285	25
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Sondrio	170	---	--
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Analysis of Dispatching

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War Materials Disposal - Cont'd

All deposits of material disclosed will be brought to U.S.M.I.F. warehouses in Milan and ownership will be gone into at that central point.

M.M.I.A. are now represented in Milan by Major Bird. It has now been agreed as above that all matters in dispute will be settled at the central assembly point.

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Brescia - Cont'd:

Public Works: Following undue delay in clearing debris in Brescia the Communal Engineer was suspended and several hundred more men put to work. 180 families living in damaged dwellings in Valsaviore will be visited by the Genio Civile.

Bergamo:

Public Safety: (a) Disarming.

The following arms have been turned in to 8 June:

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- 2698 Pistols
- 200 Automatics
- 58 Machineguns
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Food: Allied flour is now distributed throughout the Province.

Transport: Formation and decentralization of the truck pools is continuing and Regional Orders have been distributed.

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Agriculture: Anxiety is expressed concerning Harvest Plans and prices are urgently required for wheat, Roscoli and silk. Prices proposed by the farmers are as follows: Minimum prices estimated by AMG as essential for production are shown in the second column:

Wheat	900	650
Neizo	600	450
Rough Barley	600	450
Hulled "	1300	1000
Rye	650	450
Oats	550	400
Rice	650	500
Roscoli	200	180

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Como - Cont'd:

Fertigiani have been taken over by the military and Questura Police. After consultation with local military commanders, civilian curfew was abolished in Como Province at 2400 hours, June 5th, 1945.

The Medico Provinciale is handling V.D. cases. Military tuberculosis cases have been transferred to a TB hospital in Varese. The orphanage has been returned to its quarters in Camerlata after removal of POWs. The soap shortage is acute. The refugee camp is in full operation.

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Education: Defascistization proceeding well.

Finance: Majority State budgets have been approved. Communal budgets are lagging. Bank cash positions are steady. There is some confusion resulting from receipt of Official Gazette containing wage and tax rates south of the control line. Ruling: no present right to enforce these here.

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Labor: Growing and vocal unrest over increasing disparity between wages and living costs. Unemployment increasing.

Legal: Special Court of Assise had its second sitting on 7 June.

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Mantova:

Supply: Situation good. Price adjustments are urgently required, as the present ration is far from satisfactory and is causing discontent. This also applies to wages.

Agriculture: The fuel for reaping and threshing imminent harvest is inadequate. The German animal situation is in hand.

Transportation: Registration of vehicles is proceeding, and an organization for collecting all derelict vehicles is operating.

Legal: The ex Prefect was sentenced to 15 years imprisonment for collaboration by the first Special Assize Court.

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Milan City:

Public Safety: Ordinance No. 20 and notices 2, 3, and 4 regarding motor vehicles have been posted. In future temporary passes will not be granted by the Questura, and everything will be dealt with by R.A.C.I., and then passed on to the Italian agencies as named for supply of petrol. Questura report shows that there is a very little regular crime, and the figures on stealing, robbery by force, in comparison with the past, are very low. As a result of the closing down of patriots barracks, deaths and killings by night have greatly decreased. Repatriation proceeding satisfactorily. The committee under Professor Payronnel is already at work.

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Sondrio:

Supply: Arrangements have been made to receive separate supplies for hospitals, etc. If the 700 sheep, demanded by Agriculture Division, for Indian Army are delivered, it will cause hardship.

Transportation: A truck pool is being organized.

Legal: President of Court of Assize has arrived. Court opens Monday 11 June 1945.

Education proceeding satisfactorily. Separate section will be set up for Education.

Partisans: A large number of arms have been turned in.

Public Health: A limited amount of insulin has been received. Public health is good.

Verese:

Italian Administration: Italian Administration is functioning well, and we are experiencing no particular difficulties.

Public Safety: (a) CC.RR are now at full strength. We have found it necessary to place CC.RR on guard duty, which job was formerly performed by Partisans, there being an insufficient number of Questore to take over the entire job.

(b) Questore: Rome has been requested to assign a professional Questore to this province, as our present Questore is not satisfactory. It is urgent that this replacement be made at an early date so that recruitment may be carried on in a systematic manner.

(c) Partisans: The disbanding of Partisans is proceeding well. Many arms have been surrendered. There were large quantities of ammunition and hand-grenades turned in as well as 3 tanks and approximately 4000 rifles. These arms are being gathered into four centers; as soon as this is done the proper authorities will be advised for removal.

(d) Prisons: The population of prisons has been greatly reduced in the last week, and several emergency prisons have been closed. A women's prison has been established which is entirely separate from the regular prison.

(e) Courts: The Court of Assize is gradually releasing prisoners from the jail.

A Public Prosecutor's Office has been set up at Basto, and cases will be ready for trial in the near future.

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Public Health: A limited amount of insulin has been received. Public health is good.

Varese:

Italian Administration: Italian Administration is functioning well, and we are experiencing no particular difficulties.

Public Safety: (a) CC.NN are now at full strength. We have found it necessary to place CC.NN on guard duty, which job was formerly performed by Partisans, there being an insufficient number of Questura to take over the entire job.

(b) Questura: Rome has been requested to assign a professional Questore to this province, as our present Questore is not satisfactory. It is urgent that this replacement be made at an early date so that recruitment may be carried on in a systematic manner.

(c) Partisans: The disbanding of Partisans is proceeding well. Many arms have been surrendered. There were large quantities of ammunition and hand-grenades turned in as well as 3 tanks and approximately 4000 rifles. These arms are being gathered into four centers; as soon as this is done the proper authorities will be advised for removal.

(d) Prisons: The population of prisons has been greatly reduced in the last week, and several emergency prisons have been closed. A women's prison has been established which is entirely separate from the regular prison.

(e) Courts: The Court of Assize is gradually releasing prisoners from the jail.

A Public Prosecutor's Office has been set up atusto, and cases will be ready for trial in the near future.

Regular courts are functioning normally.

Food: Food is arriving daily and the distribution is proceeding normally.

Finance: Finance is functioning normally.

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TO : Brigadier M. S. Lush, Executive Commissioner, Hq AC.

1. Inclosed herewith is copy of the Weekly Report to IV Corps Headquarters, for the week ending 4 June 1945.

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Agriculture - Cont'd:

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Communications - Cont'd:

Transport: (a) As civilian personnel will be responsible for the repair and maintenance of certain Army lines on their routes, and are handicapped by lack of transport, the Chief Signal Officer, L. of C. Italy, has asked ANM to make an allotment, on loan, to the civil telegraph and telephone services, of some captured German Army transport.

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Universities and Higher Institutes: (a) Pro-Rectors, Pro-Directors and Commissioners of Universities and Higher Institutes are all now functioning and formal appointments have already in most cases been made.

(b) A University Committee of Education has been appointed for Pavia. Recommendations are also at hand for the Politecnico, the Academy of Fine Arts and the Conservatory of Music, the University of Milan, and the Reccan University. The work of Education should be under way very soon.

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- (e) With the exception of three companies which have not submitted full information and three which are to remain closed pending sequestration, all private insurance companies having their Head Offices in Lombardia have been opened under standard conditions.
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- (h) The banks continue to function normally.
- (i) Word was received from Genoa that the Municipal authorities there had publicly announced that the municipal loan raised by the Fascist Government was repudiated. Immediate steps were taken here to avoid a similar declaration.
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24	"	Lard	20
25	"	Flour	395
25	"	Lard	20
25	Como	Flour	100
26	Milan	Flour	273
26	Milan	Dried Veg.	2
26	Milan	Lard	20
26	Milan	Oil	10
26	Como	Flour	76
26	"	Vegetables	20
26	"	Salt	21
26	Varese	Flour	67
26	Sondrio	Flour	80
26	"	Dried Veg.	6
27	Milan	Flour	103
27	"	Salt	20
27	"	Lard	20
27	Pavia	Flour	73
27	Varese	"	40
27	Como	Salt	16
28	Milan	Flour	616
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28	Milan	Flour	311
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Suggestions have been called for from local interested parties as to whether they wish a rival of ration scale with a minimum of 250 grams and a corresponding cut in supplementary rations, or whether they wish to remain on present scale.

Food - Cont'd:

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The Technical Section has surveyed the undermentioned factories.

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Steel	Falck	Sesto S. Giovanni
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Textiles	Cotonificio Ottolina Corso Como	
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Cases tried	12
Sentenced to death	3
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Sentenced to 15 - 30 years imprisonment	5
Acquitted	2

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ANC Courts: None, apart from a few minor cases in Milan City.

Order: Regional Order relating to GIM was issued on 1st June. A number of other Orders are in course of preparation.

Appointment of Receivers: Approximately 25 have been nominated to date.

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During the week the following deposits of art objects were inspected: Villa Cavallini at Bolcic, Palazzo Borromeo at Isola Bella; Villa on Isola Madre, and Monastery of Acquafredda at Lecco. All deposits are in order.

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records of the Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri in Villa Settoni, Gargnano. Another was the Mostra della Rivoluzione Fascista in Salò. Conferences were held with the superintendents of the Archivi di Stato in Brescia and Mantova. Conferences were held with Major H. E. Bell, Archives Officer, Emilia Region.

Special Problems: The Appointment by the Regional Commissioners of receivers for the ministries in North Italy has done much to solve the problems of the Archives Officer in regards to the records of the Italian Government evacuated from Rome and those produced by the Repubblica Sociale Italiana. Some concern is felt about the safety of the records in villages on Lago di Garda where many buildings have been requisitioned by the Fifth Army.

Patriots:

All the Officers of this Division have concentrated their efforts during the week to the disarmament and disbanding of the formations in the City and Province of Milan, and laying the ground for the disbandment by the 7th June in the rest of the Region.

The results have been better than anticipated as records were collected. During period 27 May to 1 June, 15,232 arms have been assigned. From 8 May to 1 June, 55,183 partisans have been demobilized.

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(a) Four denominations, bearing the image of Caesar are being printed at Novara (15, 35, 50 Cent. and 1 Lira). This office is supplying stamps to all northern Regions.

Postal - Cont'd:

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Personnel: Upon request of P.C. Bergamo we sent a new Director to Bergamo. He is Dott. Cipriani Giscinto - Grade 7A.

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Bank accounts: 151 bank accounts have been unblocked to date.

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Motor Vehicle Licensing & Registration: We are still waiting for this to commence. In the meantime much time is spent in issuing temporary permits.

Prisons: Still overcrowded, but efforts to relieve the congestion are meeting with success.

Fire and Civil Defence: Fire Brigades are functioning efficiently, and equipment is good. 24 of the personnel have been suspended during the week. In Milan City during the week calls attended were: Fires 12. Dangerous buildings 6, Ambulance calls 5, Miscellaneous 19.

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Work during the last week has consisted mainly in organizing Provincial Welfare Departments.

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Road Transport: Pools are functioning at Pavia, Mantova, Gesso and Varese. Bergamo and Cremona are ready to start.

Registrations in provinces:

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Provincial Agriculture Committee has been formed.
 Orders are awaited concerning the Republican Ministry
 of Agriculture.
 Refugees: Have been arriving at the rate of 100 a day.
 The Central Committee of Co-ordination has been set
 up under the Director of Assistance, ex Vice Prefect Benetti.
 A centre has been examined and prepared for the re-
 ception of refugees in large numbers.
 Unemployment: The Camera di Lavoro claims that 35,000 are already
 unemployed in the Province. An examination is to be made of the situation.

Crema:

Prefecture: Continued slow pace in effecting reorganization of
 Prov. Govt. by the Prefect strengthens doubts respecting his ability to
 handle his job. Influence of collaborationist Archbishop on Prefect rather
 disquieting.

Security: Patriot groups continue to disintegrate. June 7
 deadline will be applied. Position strengthened by arrival of CO. A 760
 Tank Bn. on May 21. N.P. patrols established Crema and Crema in cooper-
 ation with CC.RR's. Arms being collected in central stations for disposal
 by ordinance. About 1000 P.O.W.s returned during week. Request filed with
 R.P. 3th Army for assignment of additional tank Bn. CO to Province prior
 to June 7. No serious difficulties anticipated.

Primo di Liberazione: Still hoping that some clear policy on this
 may be forthcoming. Still waiting for Commerce and Industry Officer
 (Capt. Jansen) to report. Regional Division heads seem to assume that he
 is here.

Legal: Italian courts operating satisfactorily. Expiration
 well under way. Two convictions 30 May - Ex-Prefect, 10 years - Ex-Federal
 Segr. 30 years, (graver charges coming up on latter). Next session June
 7. Meeting held to initiate Preliminary Enquiry Commission with view to
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Food: Position in June should be good. Transport for
 additional salt requirements for cheese industry being arranged. Still
 seeking suitable staff for truck Pool office. Office space and garage
 accommodations arranged. Orders posted.

Health Welfare-Function: Defascistization of school books under way.
 Refugees in steady stream cleaned, deloused and expedited - total week
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Mantova:

Local Government: The Quastore has been removed for malpractices. The Prefect is being asked for a new nomination. At the same time it would be appreciated if a professional Vice-Quastore could be sent as soon as possible.

The Provveditore Agli Studi has been kidnapped (it is believed with his own concurrence) by P.G. Modena, according to reports. At all events, he is absent without leave, and the matter has been reported to the Regional Education Officer for action.

Patriots: Disbandment is proceeding and arrangements have now been made for the concentration of political prisoners, which will greatly reduce the number of Patriots required.

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War Damage: There is very considerable damage to towns and industries bordering the Po. Outside requirements are mainly timber, lime, and cement and the provision of these materials immediately would be a sound investment. As an example, an expected 30,000 quintals of sugar beet have been planted to feed a damaged factory and unless it is put in order by August - September, the crop is wasted.

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Public Health & Welfare: Italian agencies continue to function properly. City of Milan Public Health officer experiences difficulties through lack of transportation.

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Public Works & Utilities: A program for Public Works has been approved.

Opera & Music: Progress is being made on the program for reconstruction of La Scala. Summer concert program continuing at the Lirico Theatre.

Transportation: During week approximately 50,000 tons of supplies hauled about 300,000 Km.

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The principal work of this week has been the disarming of the Partisans. Visits have been paid to four of the six Demobilization Centers of the Province in company with the I.M.P.O.

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Provincial:

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Communication: Roads, Rail, Trolley Bus, Telephones, all functioning.

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TO : Brigadier M.S. Lush, Executive Commissioner, Hq A.C.

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Conferences were held with committees representing the silk, cotton, wool, hemp, and artificial fibre producers, together with two representatives of AFHQ, for the purpose of obtaining estimates of the requirements of each group for raw materials and fuel necessary to bring the industry to full productive capacity. In each case, the physical plant and machinery is more than 95% intact and requires only materials and fuel to begin immediate operations.

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Appointments and Approvals: The following recommendations by the C.I.M. have been vetted by the Security Section, approved by the R.E.O., and submitted to the Regional Commissioner for the appointments to be made through the proper channels.

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- (b) FRACCOMINI EMILIO Pro Rector University of Pavia
- (c) CHIRCO PAOLO Pro Director Università Libera (Bocconi)
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All Fascist Government and enemy funds have been blocked. Credits for public expenditures are provided through the AMG Budget system.

The CNLAI authority and control over the financial institutions are gradually being eliminated.

The question of marks and receipts expressed in marks in the possession of Italian workers returning from Germany has been referred to the Finance Sub-Commission for direction. These marks were previously redeemed at 10 lire to 1 mark. As foreign exchange transactions are prohibited under Proclamation No. 2, it is not possible, at present, to permit the workers to obtain their dues. The political aspect and its urgency has been pointed out to the Finance Sub-Commission.

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Fine Arts & Archives:

Two Italian Fine Arts officials have been suspended by the C.L.N. Giorgio Nicodemi, formerly director of the Fine Arts Office of the Comune of Milano, and Gino Chiarici, formerly Superintendent of Monuments of Lombardia. The C.L.N. has named Costantino Baroni to the post of Commissario for the Fine Arts Office of the Comune of Milano, and Giovanni Rocco as Commissario for Monuments of Lombardia. These appointments are under further investigation.

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Fine Arts & Archives:

Two Italian Fine Arts officials have been suspended by the C.L.N. Giorgio Nicodemi, formerly director of the Fine Arts Office of the Comune of Milano, and Cino Chiarici, formerly Superintendent of Monuments of Lombardia. The C.L.N. has named Costantino Baroni to the post of Commissario for the Fine Arts Office of the Comune of Milano, and Giovanni Rocco as Commissario for Monuments of Lombardia. These appointments have not as yet been confirmed by the pending further investigation.

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Fine Arts and Archives - Cont'd:

Two days were spent at Sondalo inspecting large deposits of art objects and books in the Sanatorium there. There are several thousand cases deposited in two pavilions. Stories that pictures had been sold by one of the custodians proved, upon investigation, to be false. Plans for removal of cases to Milano, since most of the art objects are property of the Castello Sforzesco, were discussed.

Inspection of Archives: The Archives Officer inspected the records of the Ministero delle Produzioni Industriali in Bergamo, deposits of books and manuscripts in Lenato, various buildings on Largo di Garda containing records of the Italian government, and collected data on the exact locations of the offices of the Ministero delle Finanze in North Italy.

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Labor:

Organization: The Regional Labor Office is operating in all sub-divisions (Corso Venezia No. 40).

The provincial office will be operating by the first of next week (Via Bocchetto No. 6)

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AMS Courts: A few cases of illegal possession have been tried in Milan. Everything is in readiness to try arms cases when the final date for surrender is finally fixed.

Orders: Regional Orders on Transport etc. have been prepared also orders appointing Receivers for various concerns.

Level - Cont'd:

Amputation: General Order 35 is operating everywhere and a further order is under discussion to cover private industries.

General Orders: Instructions were issued to post General Orders Nos. 40 and 41 in all Provinces.

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Postal Services: The following postal services were resumed during the week:

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Public Safety:

Civil Police: (a) CC.MR. Strength is approximately 500 above establishment, but this is subject to screening. Those found on arrival and those who have subsequently reported now number about 2800 bringing the total strength up to 4500. Screening is continuing. Public Safety Sub-Commission have agreed that officers need not be sent to Rome for this purpose. CC.MR have resumed their normal duties, but some adjustment of strength as between Provinces is still needed. The badly clad CC.MR from the South are gradually being provided with new uniforms. The armoured vehicles and utility truck have not yet arrived.

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Public Safety - Cont'd:

(d) The name of a Commissioner is being submitted by the Committee of Liberation for Northern Italy to take charge of the Director General's office.

(e) Mines are being removed from the Commune of D1 Surbigo, Province of Milan.

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Public Works & Utilities - Cont'd:

on all the recent laws relating to the repair of private houses and it will be his job to get local committees started. His attention was drawn to the lack of coordination in the Ufficio Monografico in the area and he promised to send up a Hydrographic Specialist to reorganize.

Twenty four projects have been submitted to Hq AG for approval, including 16 bridge and 3 road repair jobs. Repairs to war damage amounting to over L. 71,000,000 are under reconstruction in the city of Milan, including 367 houses, 26 schools, 6 hospitals, and 9 public buildings. Conference has been held with GS II district regarding bridge priorities and road priorities. Fifth Army has designated military highway priorities. 100 horses have been consigned to City of Milan for use in public works.

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Expatriation: Distribution of schede personali for expatriation is continuing. Reg. Education Officer and Reg. Property Control Officer have already sent to this R.S.C. schede personali which are being checked.

Security - Cont'd:

Dossier and Card Index: During the period under review, information concerning about 200 persons has been sorted.

Special Cases: On 21 May 1945, this R.S.O. delivered to 427 F.S.S. Senator Paolo Vinassa De Regny for whom a warrant of arrest had been issued by the "Alta Corte di Giustizia" in Rome. (Report Ref. 5/26 dated 22 May 1945 from R.S.O. to Hq AD Security Branch, G-2 A.C. of S IV Corps, F.S.S., R.F.S.O.)

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Transportation:

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Road Transport: Truck Pools are actually functioning at Brescia & Milano. Progress has been made at Pavia, Bergamo and Varese. Milan Pool is working well. Registrations up to 23 May, totalled 6546 vehicles, with a total carrying capacity of 10,564 tons. This includes 104 vehicles not efficient.

1621 Trip tickets have been issued; 12,629 tons of supplies (chiefly grain have been carried). Distance covered 517,976 Km.

Loads are now being carried by Military and civilian transport from Forli to Cremona railroad. Civilian trucks are hauling 400 tons daily. Army trucks 300 tons daily. Number of civilian trucks will increase progressively as Milan's immediate food needs are satisfied, as registration of efficient trucks increases, and as the question of accommodating and feeding more drivers at Cremona are settled.

Sub-centres of Milan Pool are now established at . . .
Rho, Monza, Abbiategrasso, Lodi, Codogno, Legnano.

Recovery of illegally held vehicles plan progressing.

Rail: Supplies from Forli are being forwarded by rail from Cremona to Milan. Started on 23rd May. Tonnage to date completed:

May 23rd		215 Tons
May 24th		339 "
May 25th		211 "

To be increased to 850 tons, starting 26 May.

Fifth Army has been offered rail capacity of 300 tons per day (from Codogno to Milan and Turin for patrol). Acceptances not received yet from 5th Army.

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Road Transport: Truck Pools are actually functioning at Brescia & Milano. Progress has been made at Iavis, Bergamo and Varese. Milan Pool is working well. Registrations up to 23 May, totalled 6546 vehicles, with a total carrying capacity of 10,564 tons. This includes 1248 vehicles not efficient.

1621 Trip tickets have been issued; 12,629 tons of supplies (chiefly grain have been carried). Distance covered 517,976 Km.

Loads are now being carried by Military and civilian transport from Forli to Cremona railhead. Civilian trucks are hauling 400 tons daily. Army trucks 300 tons daily. Number of civilian trucks will increase progressively as Milan's immediate food needs are satisfied, as registration of efficient trucks increases, and as the question of accommodating and feeding more drivers at Cremona are settled.

Sub-centres of Milan Pool are now established at Rho, Monza, Abbiategrasso, Lodi, Codogno, Legnano.

Recovery of illegally held vehicles plan progressing.

Rail: Supplies from Forli are being forwarded by rail from Cremona to Milan. Started on 23rd May. Tonnage to date completed:

May 23rd		218 Tons
May 24th		339 "
May 25th		211 "

To be increased to 850 tons, starting 26 May.

Fifth Army has been offered rail capacity of 300 tons per day (from Codogno to Milan and Turin for petrol). Acceptance not received yet from 5th Army.

1366 tons fruit and vegetables from Genoa to Milan commencing soon.

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War Materials Disposal:

Captured enemy vehicles and Displaced Italian vehicles are in course of being taken-over by Region for "domestic" purposes in the Provinces and at Regional Headquarters, also to build up a Regional Transportation Pool.

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Bergamo - Cont'd:

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Industry:

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(b) The following industries blocked by "B" Force have been unblocked:

Dalsine	1250 now employed
Rumi	40 " "
Arti Grafiche	750 " "

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Presoia:

General situation satisfactory.

Public Safety: Disarming of Patriots as per order of General Cadorna. Report of murder of 10 people near Brescia investigated. Questura found inefficient. Replacement of Questore by appointee from Avellino awaited. Much time spent in problems created by behaviour of Allied Troops. Reported many incidents to 8-5 Fifth Army with repeated requests for M.P. supervision.

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Political Reactions and Popular Opinions: No change.

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Economic Resources and Supply: (a) The Ispettorato Agricoltura has been instructed that farmers will slaughter not less than 15% of their livestock for food purposes.

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Rice: Previous to our entry into this region, rice was supplied to Como Provinces from the three following provinces: Varese, Novara and Pavia. Several have continued to send transports to these Provinces to collect allotments already made, but in each case delivery has been refused. The reason for this inter-provincial blocking is not known.

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Oranoro - Cont'd:

Italian Legislation: This was implemented on Saturday 19 May 1945, handing to the Prefect copies of all legislation from 8 September 1943.

Food: Greatest concern is lack of transport. Ufficio Trasporti being organized and should be in operation by the end of the month. We are seeking cooperation of railroad trucks to pick up supplies ready for collection at Forli. Consorcio and Sepral functioning well.

Finance: (a) State and Communal: No extraordinary problems. State and Communal finances generally in good order. Wages and taxes virtually all paid to date. Subsidy and SOA payments have presented new problems but temporary measures should clear entire problem within a month.

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Public Health: Water in Province generally satisfactory. General health good - some malaria expected in the Provincial areas.

Public Welfare: Refugees: Larger accommodation is opening today at Ospizio Solai. Oranoro capable of catering over 500 refugees. A large number of Greeks and Russians were transported this week. The Hostel deals with approx. 300 persons per night.

Cases: During the week 66 individual welfare cases were dealt with in the office.

Education: School Personnel are now completed for all teachers. Schools open in all Communes except in the Oranoro area. Tesoro, Oranoro and Regnello Oranoro occupied by Czech troops. Consulato occupied by Partisans. Sanfelice - bombed.

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Local Government: Nearly all Provincial Officials (Heads of Services) and Sindaci have now been appointed and are gradually finding their feet. There is generally a lack of technical experience, but plenty of enthusiasm and hard work. The Provincial CIL is co-operative on the whole. The exceptions are sometimes due to ignorance of the normal system of administration and sometimes to a natural disinclination to surrender power, a power which they wielded very efficiently during the interim period.

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Mantova - Cont'd

Education: The education committees and special Courts are still in the examining stage, but are working hard. 90 suspensions have been proposed.

Supply: Very satisfactory. Steady export to Milan.

Agriculture: The allotment of fuel for the harvest is ludicrous, (Petrol 500 Kgs.). Should this not be 500 Quintals?

Industry: An up-to-date cellulose factory only requires wood and lignite in order to operate. A valuable silk industry requires mechanical needles only to function on a large scale.

General: A bridge for civilians over the Po should be ready in a few weeks. Schools are operating.

The Provincial Labor, Welfare, and Transportation offices have opened, under newly appointed Directors.

There is a little indiscipline in some of the Communes, particularly beyond the Po.

Milano:

Considerable numbers of the questionnaires sent to Sindaci have now been finalized. An interesting feature is that in the GIunte and the GIN's the political parties are by no means equally represented. In some cases parties are missing. The explanation given by GIN Lombardia is that members of GIN's may have been liquidated before our arrival and have not been replaced.

The Vice Prefetto Ispettore has accompanied the P.O. on several of his visits to Districts and he has appreciated the opportunity to hear the Sindaci's questions and to discuss the administration with the Segretario.

When the questionnaires for the whole Province have been collected the Prefect and the Ispettore will be given the opportunity to see them.

The GIN's have continued to issue orders but it is expected that the publication of the long awaited letter from the President of the GINAI will relieve and clarify the position.

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Industry: An up-to-date cellulose factory only requires wood and lignite in order to operate. A valuable silk industry requires mechanical needles only to function on a large scale.

General: A bridge for civilians over the Po should be ready in a few weeks. Schools are operating.

The Provincial Labor, Welfare, and Transportation offices have opened, under newly appointed Directors.

There is a little indiscipline in some of the Communes, particularly beyond the Po.

Milano

Considerable numbers of the questionnaires sent to Sindaco have now been analyzed. An interesting feature is that in the Giunto and the CUN's the political parties are by no means equally represented. In some cases parties are missing. The explanation given by CUN Lombardis is that members of CUN's may have been liquidated before our arrival and have not been replaced.

The Vice Prefetto Ispettore has accompanied the P.C. on several of his visits to Districts and he has appreciated the opportunity to hear the Sindaco's questions and to discuss the administration with the Segretario.

When the questionnaires for the whole Province have been collected the Prefect and the Ispettore will be given the opportunity to see them.

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Public Relations: The liberation honeymoon is over and the new status has become an accepted fact. Allied Military Government is functioning. The public appearances and official inspections through which the new status was brought home to the people in the preceding two weeks has been followed by a series of zone conferences during the present week, through which the Allied Officers, the Prefect, Vice Prefect, Questore, etc., have been able to make the acquaintances of the Sindaco, Secretaries, Communal Gigantes etc., throughout the Province. Thus first hand information has been acquired regarding local problems, general administrative machinery explained, and a friendly mutual interest has been developed. The half million people in the Province are working and working hard.

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Agriculture: Crop conditions are excellent. It is believed that at least 15,000 of the necessary rice workers have already reached the province and only about two thousand more need be brought in. It is hoped this transport work may be completed in three or four more days. Some sulphur is being distributed and it is hoped it will be sufficient and arrive quickly enough to prevent a serious blight in the vineyards.

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Industry: Flour mills, rice polishing plants, many butter and cheese factories, and several other food industries are operating at least part time. They have adequate power and small amounts of fuel of one sort or another to operate for a few weeks.

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Generally speaking, in the small communes the people are quiet. They are glad the war is over and are waiting for food.

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Sondrio - Cont'd:

Local Government: (a) The prefect and the chief Provincial Officers have been appointed and are functioning. They appear keen and honest. At the moment, the Prefect is moving cautiously, but the people are apparently satisfied.

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Merone	145
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Bormio ...	410

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Sondrio - Cont'd:

The order regarding slaughtering of cattle is known to the officials and is being acted upon.

The Forestry Corps 2 Officers and 42 other ranks are now operating again. They lack clothing and boots. An Industrial Forestry Meeting is being held to-day.

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Sondrio - Cont'd:

Population regard refugees as political and the sooner they can be evacuated the better.

Communications: Roads good. Trains running to Milan. Electric trolley bus operating Tirone to Bormio. Telephones working.

Finance: Currency Situation is normal. Revenue coming in quiet well. Budgets are very slow at coming in (a detailed report to R.F.O., dated 22 May 1945 has been forwarded). 20,000,000 Lire transferred from Milan before banks reopened 11 May 1945.

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Varèse - Cont'd:

on to patriot leaders and a Provincial Order will be posted accordingly.

Public Safety: (a) CC.RR; From Luino we had received word that patriots would not allow the CC.RR to enter. This matter was taken up with their leaders and orders were given to vacate the Caserme. The CC.RR have been placed in this commune without incident, and they are performing their duties here as well as in the rest of the province.

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Finance: Is progressing well. There has been an increase of available cash from 170,680,000 to 232,590,000 since last report. Accounts blocked by CIN are causing considerable investigation on the part of finance officers. Budgets are being submitted and are found to be in order. 14 odd tons of bank note paper together with dyes and other necessities for making bank notes have been located within the province.

Legal: The first court of Assise will sit on Tuesday, 29 May 1945. Beyond, there is nothing to report.

Public Health: Is generally good.

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Finance: Is progressing well. There has been an increase of available cash from 170,680,000 to 232,590,000 since last report. Accounts blocked by CIM are causing considerable investigation on the part of finance officers. Budgets are being submitted and are found to be in order. 14 odd tons of bank note paper together with dyes and other necessities for making bank notes have been located within the province.

Legal: The first court of Assize will sit on Tuesday, 29 May 1945. Beyond, there is nothing to report.

Public Health: Is generally good.

Industry: We are still awaiting advice or directives from Region to govern industries in their policy.

P.O.L.: We find that the allocation for May is not sufficient and an increase is being requested for June.

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Apart from the Station & surrounding area, the City has not been damaged, and life carries on.

Cinemas and Theatres are open.

Electricity & Water supplies are normal, but Gas is only supplied between the hours of 10 - 13.00 hrs. and 18.00-23.00hrs.

No buses are running and no Trams run in the City. itself. The only service still running is from Teatro Sociale to Porta Belfiore, where it divides into one service to the Hospital, and one to "Le Grazie" expensive. Clothing etc., may sometimes be found through Black Market channels.

Shoes cost 1500-2000 Lire, whilst a suit of clothes would cost about 4/5000 Lire.

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Resto del Carlino.

Another Paper, Subject cannot remember name of, but which, he states, is edited or controlled by Farinacci, the super fascist of Cremona and late member of Fascist Grand Council.

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Just before Subject left Mantova, he states, the Germans issued an order clearing people out of all houses and buildings in the Southern outskirts of the City. The outskirts to be cleared lie between the Mantova - Cremona road and the Mantova - Padova road. The reason for this order is understood to be in connection with defence works of the City. He also states that the Germans are preparing a defense line between MIRANDOLA - S. BENEDETTO del PO and MANTOVA, on which many civilians are compelled to work. A decree has come out calling up men, for work, between the ages of 16 and 60. Many are to be sent into Germany. All men are required to register at Mantova recruiting office by 6 or 7 November 1944.

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	Black Market: 10 Nazionale.	Lire 25.
	20 SERRAGLIO.	Lire 80/85.
	20 AFRICA.	Lire. 80/85.

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