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LOCAL GOV'T ELECTIONS
FEB. - APR. 1946

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CSO

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cf 379, para 3 as marked. This may
be of info to the Ex Comm. Aut 27/4

381.

A/C.C.

1 379 for info. HS 5/4

16/4

HS 6/4

382

CSO

Copy of 383 & 389 to Parks & Bryant CSO

HS 6/4

387

CSO HS 10/4

Folios 382 and 385 for your info, please

Aut 27/4

394

A/C.C.

CSO

Folio 393 for A.C.C.'s info, please. Aut 10/4

HS 16/4HS 18/4

400

5865

to Comm.

CSO

Letter at 396 for info. Aut 29/4

seen by
EC 10/4

C.C.

349

348

Reference your letter at Memphis ³⁴⁷ ~~and~~ a first draft is enclosed. I have delayed this matter somewhat as I have been trying to find out quite informally what are the IT Govts view on the question of the referendum. Nothing has been forthcoming so far except that it is a matter for the Prime Minister. Although we can express the hope that the election will be held as soon as possible after June 2nd we cannot include the referendum because it seems clear that it can only take place on June 2nd. New draft for consideration please.

M. G. B. G.
for Ex. Comm.

21/3/46

Sent at 349

MAR 21 RECD

1610

MAR 26 RECD

0850

Ex. Com.

236- Folio 353 for info, please

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Final

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to Comm.

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it seems clear that we can't take place on same 2nd.
Was chaff for consideration please

McLamb
for Ex Comm

2/13/46

Issued at 309

MAR 21 RECD

1610

MAR 26 RECD

0850

Ex. Com.

250/ Folio 353 for info, please Auth 25/3
775/363

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to Comm. ~~357-365~~ for info. H.L. 29/3

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Ex Comm. please Auth 21/4
Report enclosed with 374 for the info of the

775/314

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30.

Telegram tissue (as readily arranged)

not to know,

Re ser 338.337 for info.

11/13/13

MS. 1413

Chief Commissioner ~~342~~

The postponement of elections in BBZano caused you concern at your last V.P.'s meeting. Enclosed ^{is} report on the situation by Local Com. Sub. Com. together with a draft ³⁰⁰ letter to P.M. Definitely think that we should take action. You may wish to ask P. M. to call on BBZ.

Chief Commissioner ³⁴⁷

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in Bshyano caused you concern of you
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with a draft letter to P.M. I definitely
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EL.

Too tough - P.I.s draft

MS 15/3

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Ex Comm.
Atto

John 314 for info pre

Approvals show a great ^{SD's} improvement for N.P. territory & also in N.P. & I.C. territories combined. J.H. 113.

772/113

319.

by late in 318.

Ex Comm.

1 317 - 318 for info. I am investigating the late arrival in this office of the instructions. J.H. 513 772/113

Ex Comm.

326

1 322 - 323

Pre see 322-323 for info. 323 has

gone to local fort; will follow up shortly. Ask to 321 herewith for signature. J.H. 813

iii) Loyal at 1 326, drafted by V.P. CAS. for info.

Please avoid use of words GET GO etc especially in conjunction with OP & J.H. 113

772/113

DOWN

1 317 + 318 for info. I am investigating
the late arrival in this office of this
instruction. J.S. 513 10/1/43

to Com.
A/C 326
" 1 322 + 323 for info. 323 has
gone to local fort. will follow up
thorby. Ack to 321 herewith for signature J.S. 813
ii) Digital at 1 326, drafted
by V.P. CAS. for info.

Please avoid use of words GET GOT
etc especially in conjunction with OP & 10/1/43
DOWN 10/1/43

to Com.
A/C 329.
" 1 327 for info: This is action on 1 320
1 328 for info: Local fort SPE is 10/1/43
unusually action. This is reply to 1 326.
10/1/43 J.S. 1243

333
A/C 330 1 330-32 for info 10/1/43

302

A/C SO.

Ref min 300 for the min 301 ~~see~~ beneath.

- 1) If a reply is required for f. 299 Director Local Govt S/C would prefer to draft it since it is entirely an official matter with which this S/C deals.
- 2) Would Ex C approve my drafting a note to Col Miller requesting that official matters be sent through official channels, since DO letters confuse the issue.

C.S.O.

1. L.G. Sub Com. to do copy ES 15/12

2 No.

MS 15/12

304.

V.P. C.A.S.

For action in accordance with m 303 (1) 18/12

306

S.O. to CC

Re the Commander Apostole's remark at end of add. letter.

CC has seen file copy

ES 24/12

Noted for

E.C.

309.

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C.S.O.

303

1. L.G. Sub Com. to be copy ODS 15/2

2 No.

MS 15/2

V.P. C.A.S.

304

Your action in accordance with m 303 (v) 18/2

pk 18/2

306

SO to CE

Re see Commander Apostolos's remark at end of att'd. letter.

CC has seen file copy

DS 24/2

Noted for

309

E.C.

Ref. minute 302 please see ~~attached~~ ³⁰⁰ being draft.

reply. attached.

25 Feb. 46.

ODS

24/2

J. K. W. May
C.A. Section.

Ex Comm.

~~300~~ 310

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Draft reply to 1299 submitted by L.G. 31/2
attached. (see your m 303)
The form of this draft is a mixture of official
& P.O. will you indicate the form you desire.

31/2

MS 26/2

31/2

Issue as official

MS 26/2

FILE

DATE

MINUTES SHEET NO. 301

DATE

15 Feb 46

TO: The Executive Commissioner

1. Reference Minutes 299 and 300.

2. The ~~reference~~ ^{information} that is contained in Col Miller's letter is known by this S/C, the Civil Affairs Section, Polads, and presumably by you. Col Miller's reference in his Para. 2 to the Commission's letter of 20 August 1945 and 19 October 1945 are not quite accurate as indicating the basis for the setting up of certain commissions.

3. You may recall that the Italian Government had submitted a proposed decree dealing with citizenship for the Alto Adige Region in which provision was made for the creation of commissions to settle problems of citizenship and also provide for the reacquisition of Italian citizenship by those who had lost it. The Chief Commissioner's letter in connection with this decree indicated that the Allied Commission took an unfavorable view since it deprived a group of persons of Italian citizenship contrary to existing law. Subsequently, after the passage of the territory to the control of the Italian Government, representatives of the Office of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers requested an interview with me, following which they submitted a pro memoria on the legal aspects of the proposed decree. Pursuant to a conversation I had with Polad I informed these representatives that the whole matter was one for the Italian Government to decide. However, since they solicited our opinion, a re-examination of the decree was made. Polads A and B, Legal S/C, VP Civil Affairs Section, and myself agreed that from the legal standpoint the arguments presented in the pro memoria had merit but that as a matter of policy the enactment of the decree was inadvisable. A letter to this effect was accordingly sent to the Italian Government under the signature of the Chief Commissioner.

4. I have ascertained that the proposed decree is at the present time being considered by a commission in the Consulta from which it will probably emerge to be considered by the Council of Ministers within the next fortnight. Therefore, the commissions referred to by Col Miller in the first paragraph of his letter can not be any which have been formally established as yet, since the decree has not passed. The Prefect may be anticipating the passage of the decree and is laying the foundation for the accommodation of these commissions when they do arrive. It is more likely, however, that they may be commissions which are to study the problem of autonomy for the region.

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5. To recapitulate: there is nothing in Col Miller's letter that is new and that we have not been aware of. The position of the Allied Governments is to impress upon the Italian Government that this is a matter for them to deal with and that we do not intend to interfere.

RRB

Ralph R. Temple, Major
Director, Int. Sec. 5/c

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Capt B.

Re 199. Will you check Op on para 2
with L.G. S/c as they wrote letters referred to.
Also see if they have any other comments on 299
HJ. 18/2

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ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

399

SUBJECT:

FILE No.

TO : Ex Comm

April 26th 1946

APR 27 1946

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Machinery exists for getting adjustments made and while it may be difficult for an Italian citizen to get his complaints in order to take effective expeditious action this Headquarters should act as a channel for complaints. The occupants of the flat should appeal if they so desire when the time comes.

I do not think we should take any action in a case of this nature.

26/4/46

McPhee Bay
V.P.C. 25.

See the 401 402 403 & 404 3858

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AS/45/13/16.

Tel : 495

SUBJECT : Complaint on Election Procedure.

25 April 1946

TO : VP Civil Affairs Section.

APR 27 1946

1. At the request of Brig. Lush I saw yesterday Dr. Frangipane, a friend of his who desired to talk to me about electoral procedure. Dr. Frangipane complained that one Count Giovanni Piume and family living in Via Lovanio No.1, Rome had been instructed to vote at Via Cassia or Via Tor di Quinto, quite a distance from home, while the porter of the same house has been instructed to vote at the polling station No. 342 at Via Lovanio No.14 a few doors away. Dr. Frangipane also said that he understands that many others in the same apartment house have been sent to other sections much removed from their residences.
2. I asked Dr. Frangipane whether he had brought this to the attention of the appropriate Italian Government officials and he said there was no use because they were all Communists and Socialists and that the Minister of the Interior himself was a Socialist. I reminded Dr. Frangipane that the Undersecretary of ~~Interior~~ was a Demo-Christian and that the Heads of the various branches in the electoral service were all civil servants and employees without any politics at all. In any event I asked Dr. Frangipane what he wanted me to do. He said, nothing, he just wanted this matter to be brought to my attention because there was discrimination against a class of people who probably would vote rightist.
3. I informed Dr. Frangipane that I was sure there was adequate provision in the law to take care of any such situation and that if he had any just complaint I was certain that he would have no difficulty in having it taken care of. As a matter of fact D.L.O. 214 of 22 April 1945 does give voters an adequate remedy in cases of this sort. Briefly the following paraphrase of articles in the said decree covers the ground :
 - a) the elector is assigned to the section within which, according to the general registration list, he lives (art.2) ;
 - b) the Sindaco must give public notice of the elector's right to appeal. Said appeal to the Electoral Commission must be made within 10 days of the publication of such notice. During these 10 days the sectional lists which indicate where the person is to vote are open to public inspection (art.3) ;
 - c) the decision of the Electoral Commission is final (art.3) .
4. I do not think this is a case where any action should be taken on the part of the Allied Commission nor one which should be referred to the Italian Government for action. I doubt whether the complaint of Dr. Frangipane has widespread implications. There are 966 polling stations in the city of Rome and obviously it would be impossible for us to make an investigation of each of the sectional lists

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to ascertain whether or not persons are inscribed therein who reside a long distance away. Furthermore, as has been indicated above, there is adequate provision in the law to protect any person who thinks he has been unjustifiably inscribed in a section not conveniently located to his residence.

R. R. Temple

RALPH R. TEMPLE

Major

Director

Local Government Sub Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION A

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10/45/2/2/16.

Tel: 314
26 April 1946
APR 26 1946

SUBJECT: Analysis of parties presenting
Candidates for the National Elections.

TO : See distribution below.

1. The following figures relate to 30 colleges. (constituencies or districts)
Venetia Giulia and Aosta. The latter is a single member district: two candidates have
been nominated.

2. PARTIES AND GROUPS OF A NATIONAL CHARACTER

Communists	all colleges	30
Socialists	ditto	30
Neo-Christians	ditto	30
Unions Democratica Nazionale (Bonomi etc)	ditto	30
Republican		29
Action		26
Unione Qualunque		25
Blocco Nazionale della Libertà' (Rightists)		19
Concentrazione Democratica Repubblicana (Pardi etc)		9
Cristiano Sociale		7
Movimento Unionista Italiano		7
Contadini d'Italia		6
Movimento Nazionale Ricostruzione		5
Comunisti Internazionalista		4
Unione Democratica Indipendente Lavoro e Libertà'		4
Repubblicano Sociale		2
Liberalo		1
Labour Democrat		1

3. PARTIES OR GROUPS WITH LIMITED OR SPECIFIED PROGRAMMES

Unione Nazionale Sinistrati di Guerra	6
Concentrazione Nazionale Combattenti e Reduci	6
Reduci Italiani	4
Legg Pacificista Italiana	2

4. LOCAL PARTIES OR GROUPS

Movimento Indipendenza Siciliana	3
Movimento Lavoratori Indipendenti	2
Alleanza Repubblicana Italiana	2

and 31 local groups are presenting lists in one college only. These are listed on the
back.

Socialista
 Demo-Christians
 Unione Democratica Nazionale (Forconi etc)
 Republican
 Action
 Uomo Qualunque
 Blocco Nazionale della Libertà (Rightists)
 Concentrazione Democratica Repubblicana (Parti etc)
 Cristiano Sociale
 Movimento Unionista Italiano
 Centadini d'Italia
 Movimento Nazionale Ricostruzione
 Comunista Internazionalista
 Unione Democratica Indipendente Lavoro e Libertà
 Repubblicano Sociale
 Liberale
 Labour Democrat

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Unione Nazionale Sinistrati di Guerra
 Concentrazione Nazionale Combattenti e Reduci
 Reduci Italiani
 Lega Pacificista Italiana

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5. Altogether 36 different parties are presenting candidates.

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Distribution: CC

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Polad 1

Polad 2

PRC

Flent.

R. R. Temple

RALEIGH R. TEMPLE

Major

Director

Local Government Sub Commission

(corr.)

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Memorandum
Partito Socialista Democratico
Centro Italiano (da Roma)
Movimento Democratico Nazionale Italiano
Alleanza Democratica Italiana
Movimento Democratico del Mezzogiorno
Centro Politico Italiano
Partito d'azione Nazionale
Progressista Italiano
Indipendenti (Napoli)
Indipendenti (Lecce)
Partito Laburista Italiano
Repubblicana Anticomunista
Socialista Difensista
Comunisti Italiani Indipendenti
Confederazione Generale Femminile Italiana del Lavoro
Unione Combattenti, Vedovi, Partigiani e Famiglie di Partigiani
Combattenti, Vedovi, Partigiani
Combattenti e Indipendenti
La Gioventù Italia
Gruppo Politico Italiano di Sicilia d'Africa e del Mediterraneo
Partito Indipendente Italiano del Lavoro
Indipendentisti Siciliani della Sinistra
Nucleo Minuscolo Mezzogiorno
Indipendenti per la difesa degli interessi del Mezzogiorno
Partito Carlo d'Alagno
Legge Sociale
Movimento Gariboldi Antifascista Partigiani d'Italia
Unione Democratica Liberta' e Lavoro
Lavoro e Progresso
Movimento Nazionale

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Ref: MC/AS/38/16.

19 April 1946.

APR 19 1946

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

By reason of the elections held on the five successive Sundays ending on 7th April, the great majority of the communes of Italy now find themselves administered by freely elected Councils. After an interruption of twentyfour years the Italian people have again been able to exercise that right of choice which is the basis of all free institutions.

The reports which have come to me from all sides take note of the calm and orderly behaviour of the population, their deep interest in their responsibilities as indicated by the large numbers of men and especially women that have voted and the regular observance of the procedure prescribed by law.

The knowledge that the elections have been conducted so successfully must afford to you, Mr. Prime Minister, and to the other members of your Government, especially the Minister of the Interior, a high sense of satisfaction. This sentiment is fully shared by the Allied Authorities who hope and trust that at the political elections to be held on 2nd June the same respect for the principles of freedom of thought and speech will be displayed with equal clarity throughout the country.

Very truly yours,

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Acting Chief Commissioner.

Dr. Alcide de Gasperi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
R O M E.

Copy to: Chief Commissioner
Exec Commissioner

CRB
POLAD'A

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

40/45/21/14.

REMARK: Preparation of Electoral Lists -
Situation at 31 March.

Rel. 31A

15 April 1946

TO : see distribution below. APR 15 1946

1. In place of the usual fortnightly analysis of progress, the Ministry of the Interior have issued a statement of those communes which, as at 31 March, were not ready to hold elections.

2. The position at that date was as follows :-

Northern Italy	Valle d'Aosta	Belluno Province	6 Communes	
			14	"
	Genova	"	4	"
	La Spezia	"	5	"
	Torino	"	3	"
			32	= .8%
Central Italy	Frosinone	"	2	"
	Rieti	"	1	"
	Roma	"	1	"
			4	= .4%
Southern Italy	Castro	"	13	"
	Chieti	"	11	"
	Napoli	"	42	"
	Potenza	"	2	"
	Salerno	"	5	"
			78	= 4.6%
Insular Italy	Messina	"	2	"
	Palermo	"	11	"
			13	= 2%
TOTAL			127	= 1.7%

3. These figures do not include Venezia-Giulia or the Province of Bolzano neither of which will participate in the political elections on 2 June.

4. The Communes not ready for elections include 5 of the largest cities in Italy, as the following table shows :-

Population 100,000 - 250,000	Population over 250,000
Ready	Not ready
Not ready	Ready
Not ready	Not ready

Central Italy	Belluno Province	14	
	Genova	4	
	La Spezia	5	
	Torino	3	32 = .8%
	Provincia	2	
	Rieti	1	
	Roma	1	4 = .4%
Southern Italy	Castella	13	
	Chieti	11	
	Napoli	42	
	Potenza	2	
	Salerno	2	73 = 4.6%
Insular Italy	Messina	2	
	Palermo	11	13 = 2%
		127	1.75%
		267	

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x Catania	
x Ferrara	
x Genova	
x Livorno	
x Padova	
x Parma	
x Reggio di Calabria	
x Verona	

Those marked x have held their elections for their General Councils.

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5. The black spot in the Province of Naples. However, the latest information is that the 42 Communes in arrears have been reduced since 31 March to about 12 at the moment of writing. Moreover the Ministry have sent a special Vice-Prefect Inspector-General to control the preparation of the lists in the Commune of Naples itself and it is stated that good progress is being made.

6. There is no reason to believe that any commune will not be ready in good time for the political elections.

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R.R. Temple
Major

WALTER R. TEMPLE

Major

Director

Local Government Sub Commission

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Director

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HEADQUARTERS
LOMBARDIA REGION LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

Office of the Chief Liaison Officer

LCMB/MLC/29

10 April 1946

APR 15 1946

SUBJECT: Communal Elections - 7 April 1946.

TO : Civil Affairs Section, Allied Commission, A.P.O. 394 769.

1. Final Communal elections were held in Milan City on 7 April as well as in 259 Communes of 7 provinces in Lombardy. Among the localities voting on this date were Sondrio, Levia and Varese, all provincial capitals. Copy of signal No. 27105 is attached.
2. Contrary to expectations resulting from the clamorous propaganda campaign preceding the elections, Milan was quiet and orderly on Sunday. The percentage of voters was low, 70% with 650,000 of the eligible 818,000 going to the polls. Several "errors" allegedly occurred in compiling and distributing election certificates and right wing parties are charging in current presentations that election certificates were purposely withheld from certain classes, who are supposed supporters of right parties. While this allegation cannot be confirmed, the Northern President of "Yuno Qualunque" has formally protested to this Office and to the President of the Corte d'Appello.

Official results as of 10 April 1946 are:

Socialist	210,522 votes
Demo-Christians	195,009 "
Communist	145,519 "
Liberal	42,267 "
Republican	17,746 "
EPAM	9,171 "

3. PROVINCIAL - All provinces were quiet with the exception of Erba (Como) where, on election Monday 8 April, about 1,000 leftists propelled by a rumored Demo-Christian lead, invaded a polling station and destroyed the ballots. Arrests have been made and a decision is pending on the results of the elections.

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4. In the Provinces of Mantova, Cremona, Pavia, Varese and Milano, the Social-Communists are prevailing, while the Demo-Christians are ahead in Como and Sondrio. The Demo-Christians obtained first place in the provincial capitals of Pavia, Sondrio and Varese as well as in various industrial centers such as Monza, Legnano and Desio. The Social-Communists have the majority in Sesto S. Giovanni and Sesto Calende, also industrial centers.

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5. The results can be summed up as follows:

MILANO

Social-Communists
Demo-Christians
Socialists
Communists
Independent
SC and DC

70 55 22 11

COMO

Demo-Christians
Social-Communists
Independent
Socialists
Republican

15 5 3 1 1

CREMONA

Social-Communists
Demo-Christians

13 7

MANITOVA

Social-Communists
Demo-Christians
Comm. Demo.

15 1 1

SONDRIO

Demo-Christians
Social-Communists
Independent

13 1 1

PAVIA

Social-Communists
Demo-Christians
Communists
Independent

15 3 1 1

VARESE

Social-Communists
Demo-Christians
Socialist
Independent

21 10 1 3

TOTAL

Social-Communists
Demo-Christians
Independent
Socialists
Communists
Republican
Comm. Demo.
SC e DC

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Communists
Independent
SO and DO

Demo-Christians
Social-Communists
Independent
Socialists
Republican

Social-Communists
Demo-Christians

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Clyde A. Warren
CLYDE A. WARREN
Major, A U S
Deputy Chief L O
Commission A.P.O. 394 ✓

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CHIEF LIAISON OFFICER LOMBARDIA REGION

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ALCOM CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT BRANCH

REF. NO. 27103

RESTRICTED PD

AS BEFORE PERFECT ORDER PREVAILED IN ALL TWO SIX THREE COMMUNES
DURING YESTERDAY ELECTIONS WHICH INCLUDED MILAN AND ADJACENT
INDUSTRIAL COMMUNES PD PAREN TO ALCOM CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION FOR LOCAL
GOVERNMENT BRANCH FROM CHIEF LIAISON OFFICER LOMBARDIA REGION FOR
HANCOCK SIGNED PETRILLO PAREN

CLEMENTE C. PETRILLO

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Ref: 2806/386/70

8 April 1946

SUBJECT: Elections.

TO : C.A. Section.

May the Executive Commissioner please be advised of the action taken in respect of the two cables, details of which are given below, both received April 3.

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- 1) Cable 3401 from Committee for the Southern Italy, Monarchy Union.
 - 2) " 300 " the Demochristian Cardone.

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A. W. Knisely.

Chief Staff Officer
to Acting Chief Commissioner.

*Major Temple/Capt. Thurnley
Spoke 174. No action
taken as both cables
insignificant. AWK
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Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 2806/385/EC.

April 1946.

SUBJECT: Elections - BULGARIA.

TO : Allied Commission
Chief Liaison Officer,
BULGARIA.

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The attached copy of letter from the Chief Commissioner to the Italian Prime Minister, together with copy of reply, is passed to you for information.

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/s/ N.W. HIND SMITH
MAJ

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

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" L'UOMO QUALUNQUE "

Ufficio Politico

R O M A

Rome, 3 April 1946.

TO : Admiral ELLERY STONE
Chief Commissioner

R O M E

To day we have received from the Sec. of the
Provincial Centre of Catanzaro the following telegramme:

" Political Authorities declare impotence to guarantee
" liberty speech meetings Qualunquisti causing also
" denial of local public concessions. We beg you to
" protest to the Ministro Interni - Marincola "

The fact is very grave and I beg to be allowed
to call your Excellency's attention to it.

The elections are taking place in a poisoned
atmosphere and in anti-democratic manner by the social-
communists. So far it has been useless to appeal to the
Italian Government so as to have liberty of speech.

On account of the above mentioned telegramme
another protest has been made to Mr. De Gasperi.

EC DIST - 6 Apr.

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THE GENERAL SECRETARY
/s/ Ing. A. Freda 5846

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IL PRESIDENTE
DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI

Rome, 31 March 1946.

Dear Admiral,

In adherence to the considerations expressed
in your letter No. 2806/349/E.C. dated 26 March, I
wish to assure you that every effort will be made
to accelerate the compilation of the electoral
lists for the Province of Bolzano, so that the elect
ions may be fixed as early as possible.

/s/ De Gasperi

see M384 + 386

RE DIST - 5 Apr.

ACTION - EXEC COMM

To : Admiral ELLERY STONE
Chief Commissioner A.C.

R O M E

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Roma, 31 marzo 1946.

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*Il Presidente
del Consiglio dei Ministri*

Caro Ammiraglio,

In adesione alle considerazioni da Lei prospettatemi con la lettera n.2806/349/EC del 26 marzo scorso, desidero assicurarLa che nessuno sforzo sarà tralasciato, per accelerare i lavori di compilazione delle liste elettorali per la provincia di Bolzano, al fine di ottenere che le elezioni siano indette al più presto possibile.

Cordialmente Suo

Regarding

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All' Ammiraglio
Ellery W. Stone
Commissario Capo della
Commissione Alleata

R O M A

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HEADQUARTERS
LOMBARDIA REGION LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

Office of the Chief Liaison Officer

LOMB/CLO/29

3 April 1946.

SUBJECT: Communal Elections - 31 March 1946

TO : Civil Affairs Section, Allied Commission, A.P.O. 394

1. Elections were held in 407 Communes throughout the nine provinces of Lombardia Region including the Provincial capitals of Brescia and Como. With last Sunday, municipal elections terminated in the Provinces of Bergamo and Brescia with the exception of two small communes of Brescia Province where elections had to be postponed to 7th April for technical errors in procedure. Following on incidents at Palassolo sull'Oglio and Brignano Gera d'Adda (Bergamo Province) where ballot papers were destroyed after the voting was over, a decision is awaited from the Ministry of the Interior as to the necessity of another ballot. A copy of signal No. 2799 is attached hereto.

2. The percentage of voters was roughly 90% except for Sondrio Province where it was estimated 82%.

3. Public order was maintained by CCRR, Public Safety Agents and soldiers of the regular Army and, on the whole, voting proceeded in a most correct manner. The only incident reported is the following:

At Brignano Gera d'Adda (Bergamo Province) Communists were selling wine at low prices all the day long. During the night Sunday/Monday while the CCRR Brigadiere in charge of the polling station was temporarily absent, four persons, believed to be Communists, evidently drunk, invaded the Polling station and tore up most of the ballot sheets. In consequence no result has been declared awaiting a decision from the Ministry of the Interior. Local Government Authorities at Bergamo consider the occurrence of no particular importance.

4. In the provinces of Bergamo, Brescia, Como and Sondrio the Demo-Christians are leading, while the Social-Communists are ahead in Milano, Mantova and Pavia Provinces. The Demo-Christians had the majority in the industrial towns of Brescia, Como, Dalmine (Dalmine works), Mortara and Rusto Arsizio; the Social-Communists gained the day in the larger communes of Milano Province.

5. The results can be summed up as follows:

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<u>MILANO</u>	Social-Communists	39
	Demo-Christians	14
	Communists	1
	Socialists	1
<u>BERGAMO</u>	Demo-Christians	62
	Social-Communists	7
	Reduci	1
	Independent	2
<u>BRESCIA</u>	Demo-Christians	55
	Social-Communists	16
	Independent	9
<u>COMO</u>	Demo-Christians	22
	Social-Communists	3
	Independent	2
<u>CREMONA</u>	Demo-Christians	14
	Social-Communists	14
<u>MANOVA</u>	Social-Communists	28
	Demo-Christians	2
	Communists	3
	Socialists	1
<u>PAVIA</u>	Social-Communists	39
	Demo-Christians	2
	Demo-Christians and Blocco centro	1
<u>SONDRIO</u>	Demo-Christians	15
	Social-Christians	9
	-Independent	5
	Demo-Rurale	3
	Socialists	1
<u>VARESE</u>	Social-Communists	17
	Demo-Christians	12
	Socialists	3
	Independent	1

TOTAL:

Demo-Christians	198
Social-Communists	172
Socialists	6
Communists	4
Independent	19
Demo-Rurale	3
Reduci	1
Blocco di Centro	1

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Col. A. N. HANCOCK, O.B.E.
Chief Liaison Officer

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INCOMING MESSAGE

APR 9 1945

Rapoli 3402 45 29 11

To Admiral Stone Allied Commission Italy Rome

The symbol chosen by the government for the Republic in the referendum, hides a trap because it represents Italy. He who votes for the monarchy votes against Italy. We beg your Excellency in the name of the Allied Governments and real democracy, to prevent such insidious danger.

Committee for the Southern Italian Monarchy Union

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INFORMING MESSAGE

Rome Lavello 300 48 29 15/20

APR 3 1948

To Admiral Henry Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome.

Administrative elections in this Commune of Lavello in Potenza Province has been fixed for the 7th of April. Parties of the left threaten to upset the normal procedure of the elections. In defense of our liberty we ask that Allied observers be sent to this Commune with adequate police force for the Electoral Committee.
The Demochristian Cardone

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March 30, 1945

APR 1 1945

To: Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, USNR
Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission

From: G. Stewart Brown, Director USIS-Italy

Subject: Report on USIS elections program

Attached is copy of a report on the above subject
which I think may be of interest to you.

You will recall it was at your suggestion last summer
that USIS and MOI began an educational campaign on democratic
electoral processes in the United States and Great Britain. The
attached report explains what we have done to date.

I have sent you copies of several of the publications
mentioned in the appended report. If other copies are needed
by any members of the Allied Commission we shall be glad to furnish
them.

GB
G. Stewart Brown
Director, USIS
Italy

cc: Brig. Gen M. Lush, Executive Commissioner
Major Temple, Local Government. S/C
Major Leacados, PRB
J.W. Jones, U.S. Polad
A. Halford, British Polad

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APR 1 1946

SUBJECT: Report on Elections Program in Execution by USIS, Rome
FROM : USIS Headquarters, Rome

In line with the Special Guidance issued in March by OIC, Washington, we are committed to a "continuing interest in the creation in Italy of those political habits which are essential to democratic rule - primarily the habit of voting". The preparation and dissemination of material of interest to Italians in connection with their own elections began last summer; there is planned an intensification of our activities with the inclusion of specific new programs in April and from then on until the political elections take place two months later. The news section has been preparing material on how America votes, the role of a citizen in a democracy, and similar topics since June, 1945. Thus there is a background of USIS activity antedating the present intensified campaign. Accordingly, this report will cover what has been done to date by the various USIS sections, and what is planned after April 1st.

I. Material already in execution:

Special projects: Miss Raccanelli, Acting Chief, has obtained from the League of Women Voters informative material in quantity which she has distributed to the Alleanza Per l'Italia Democratica, and the Federazione Italiana Donne e Professioni ed Affari (an affiliate of the American Assn. of Business and Professional Women). The Italian organizations

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organization here, one which will give unelanted facts about the candidates, so that the individual voter can make up his mind as to the candidate's merits.

This section, in conjunction with Mr. Davies (Photographic) and Mr. Fornari (Exhibits) has been preparing five sets of panels (identical in content). These sets show the electoral process and the mechanics of voting in the USA. The individual exhibits are ready and are being sent to Milan, Genoa, Florence, Rome and Naples.

Publications: During September and October, the printing of a series of four booklets on various phases of the American democratic system was completed by the Publications Section. These were: Elections in the USA, Documents of Liberty, Making the US Constitution, and How the US Government Works. Distribution of the booklets (the print order of which was: Elections - 150,000 the other three - 100,000), has been handled in part by mail (35,000 of each booklet), by Ministry of Education (25,000 of each), by the Ministry for the Constituent Assembly (1,000 of each), and by educational groups and institutions (Centro di Studi Socialisti, Anni di Critica Sociale, AFID and UDI). There is a residuum of 70,000 of the Elections booklet and about 30,000 of the other three. It is planned to distribute a copy of each booklet after April 1 to every newspaper and weekly whose content indicates that it might draw on our material. Each outpost has received its quota of the booklets.

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News and Features: A master lecture has been prepared which has been made available to those most frequently called upon to lecture in Italian. A series of four special features was written by Mr. Fleischer. All these have been prepared and adapted in Italian for publication by the Bollettino del Ministero della Costituente. (The Bollettino is obtainable gratis in the book room of our home library and copies of it have been sent to the outposts). Three of them have already appeared and

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the fourth is due out in April. The Bollettino has taken several features on women and the vote which they have out down and used in their notiziario section, so that some mention of woman's role in the voting procedure has appeared in every issue. In addition, a total of thirty-six new features of varying lengths and content is available, and past features are used at lectures as handouts at the conclusion of the conversation. Thus we have found that every bit of election material processed by News and Features has been used in the maximum number of ways. However, the most important need is for more adaptable articles and notes from the New York Office.

Photographs. Possible prints which tie in with the electoral features are still inadequate. All available subjects have been paired with the corresponding text material and response is high. For example, in all cases where the feature on women's acquisition of the right to vote in the USA has been used, at least two of the prints (five in the series) have appeared too. However, the number of times such material can be printed is limited, and new pictures would be useful. Photographs have been used in preparing the panels described under Special Projects and a large choice of pictures was used in Miss Jaccarini's previous exhibit on Women in the USA, especially in the panels on Women in Politics and Women in Labor, both of which tie in with the election material. The choice of photographs for the current voting exhibit was inspected by Dr. Paolo Schweitzer of the Ministero della Costituzione, by Dr. Pietro Rambelli of the Centro Studi Socialisti, and by Mrs. Anna Canitano of Radio Rome. T5836

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Radio: To date, little has been done in the specific field of elections from this end, although plans for the post-April first date are outlined below.

Exhibits and Films Section: As mentioned previously, a special exhibit on American elections and the mechanics of voting in a democracy has been prepared from available photographs, which have been appropriately captioned and mounted. Five sets of this exhibit were prepared for circulation by all branch offices.

Branch Offices: Palermo, under Julian Fromer, has been particularly active in the distribution of the four election booklets, described above under Publications. Reception of the booklets has been most appreciative and stirring. Letters of appreciation, none solicited, have been received from Prefects, Mayors, political parties, editors, etc. In addition, the Palermo office has given morning showings on Sundays of our film strips before student audiences, and Fromer has begun discussions with various political parties to offer use of the election film (First Tuesday in November) at various party rallies, which are usually held in movie houses in the various small towns. Already the Christian Democratic party has taken several of the films for out-of-town showings.

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Edward Smith and Arnold Zurcher; Pamphlets: Ballot Analysis and Ballot Changes since 1930, by Spencer Albright, Registration for Voting in the U.S., by John Johnson and Irving Lewis, Constitutional Amendments and Direct Legislation, Government Printing Office, 1940, Presidential Elections, Department of State, The Electoral College, Edwin Halsey, Rural County Government in the U.S., Office of War Information, Our American Government, What it is and How it Functions, in two parts, one taken from the second session of the 77th Congress, the other from the first session of the 79th Congress, Politics and the Electoral College, by William Starr Myers, Our Constitutional Freedoms, by Robert Cushman, and A Model Registration System, by Joseph Harris. Although most of these books are available in the branch libraries, not all the pamphlets are and the office plans to make them available as soon as possible, supplementing them both in Rome and in the field with the pamphlets of the League of Women Voters. The request for this material is very high and the books get constant use. Particularly those pamphlets containing simple graphs and explanatory figures have been found useful.

II. Material Planned after April 1, 1946:

Special Projects: Miss Pacconnelli has prepared a suggested guidance for Outposts on use of Elections in America panels. This material will not be exhibited before the first of April and will be circulated thereafter in all the larger communities

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News and Features: Continuous preparation of new features has been entrusted to Mr. De Gregorio who is specializing in the application of our electoral procedure to the Italian scene. His work is only hampered by a shortage of new material, but Mr. Di Domenico, News Chief, has cabled repeatedly for supplementary basic material. A new list of ten features is ready for release on April first and thereafter the material will be staggered so that we shall not run out of new features during the next two months. The features will be distributed as backgrounders to the daily papers, then, after a week's time, if none of them has been published in toto, they will be released as exclusives to any one of a dozen weeklies in Rome, and after Rome publication they are available for regional publication. Through the distribution system of the News desk, the four elections booklets will be sent to all Rome dailies and weeklies.

Photographs: Increased use of this section depends on receipt of material from New York and Washington. For the present, material has been asked also from local sources to see if any of it may be adapted to our features.

Radio: Recorded interviews have been planned and will be immediately written and voiced. It is hoped that the following may be interviewed, especially as all are familiar with the electoral procedure in the United States: Sforza, Pacciardi, Cianca, Vairoce, Lupis, and possibly certain of the Ministers who are in a position to discuss their opinions on US electoral

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Exhibit and Film Section: A shortage of film material still exists, although Mr. Fornari has had made six copies of First Tuesday in November. Other films available are Freedom to Learn, and Democracy in Action, each of which has soent election material. The chief contribution of the section has been, accordingly, the help in preparing the five exhibits planned by the Special Projects section on Elections in the USA.

It is planned to open the election campaign on April 1 with the photo exhibits. They will be shown in the central sectors of each city first and then will be circulated to the outskirts. Particular attention will be paid to worker's districts. Where possible, the exhibits will be opened by a lecture by one of the Italian-speaking members of the USIS staff, and in all cases copies in quantity of the election features will be available for free distribution.

Distribution of the Election film will be made, when feasible, on the same basis with an accompanying talk and distribution of mimeographed features. However, the panels and the film are available to interested groups (when their use of the material does not conflict with our schedule) without the presence of any of our personnel.

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HEADQUARTERS
LOMBARDIA UNION LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

Office of the Chief Liaison Officer

LOMB/CLO/29

27 March 1946.

SUBJECT: Communal Elections - 24 March 1946

TO : Civil Affairs Section, Allied Commission, A.P.O. 394

1. Elections were held in 330 communes throughout the nine provinces of Lombardia Region including the Provincial capitals Cremona and Bergamo. A copy of signal No. 2794 is attached hereto.
2. The percentage of voters is calculated to be even higher than that of last week as 85 to 90% of the eligible voters went to the polls.
3. Public order was maintained by CORM, the local safety agency, Finance Guards and Forest Guards and there were no incidents anywhere, as everything proceeded in a most orderly manner.

On Monday a disturbance occurred at the small industrial town of Palazzone sull'Oglio (Brescia Province). The Communal Secretary was on the point of leaving with the Ballot Papers, unescorted, to deposit them at the Prefecture, Brescia, when he was attacked by what are believed to be Communists, who took away the papers and burned them. Two arrests have been made and others are expected. As a result the election will be repeated on 31st March.

- Communes
4. In other four of Brescia Province the elections were postponed owing to technical errors in procedure.
 5. There is evidence of a growing tension between the parties of the left and the Demo-Christians but police arrangements with troops in reserve should be sufficient to cope with any disturbances which might occur.
 6. At the moment in the Provinces of Milan, Varese, Mantova, Cremona and Pavia, the Social-Communists are leading, while the Demo-Christians are ahead in Bergamo and Brescia Provinces. In Bergamo itself the Demo-Christians obtained more votes than all the other parties put together. They also had the majority in the industrial towns of Lodi, Ponte . Pietro, (where one of the Caproni works is located), Rho and Lecco. The result in this last town was a surprise.

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7. The results can be summed up as follows:

<u>MILANO</u>	12 Social-Communists 7 Demo-Christians
<u>BERGAMO</u>	50 Demo-Christians 3 Social-Communists 1 Cattolico Indipendente
<u>COMO</u>	13 Demo-Christians 13 Social-Communists 2 Socialists 1 Demo. Rurale 2 Independent
<u>CREMONA</u>	16 Social-Communists
<u>MANTOVA</u>	15 Social-Communists 2 Socialists
<u>VALESE</u>	19 Social-Communists 2 Communists 3 Demo-Christians 2 Independent
<u>BRESCIA</u>	73 Demo-Christians 3 Socialists 11 Social-Communists 1 Soc. e Demo Liberali
<u>SONDRIO</u>	11 Demo Christians 5 Social-Communists 4 Independent
<u>PAVIA</u>	29 Social-Communists 7 Demo-Christians 10 Socialists 6 Communists 4 Independent 1 Liberal
<u>TOTAL</u>	
Demo-Christians	162
Social-Communists	120
Socialists	17
Communists	8
Liberal	1
Independent	11
Cattolico Ind.	1
Social. e Demo Lib.	1
Demo-Chr. e Lib.	1
Demo-Chr. e ind.	1
Demo. Rurale	1

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CHIEF LIAISON OFF LOMBARDIA REG. 251700

ALCON FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT BRANCH

REF. NO. 2794

RESTRICTED PD

VOTING TOOK PLACE YESTERDAY WITHOUT INCIDENT ALL PROVINCES OF
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FOR HANCOCK SIGNED PETRILLO PAREN

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Public Safety Liaison Office
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Phone 12441 ext. 2058

28 March 1946.

SUBJECT: Incident at Palazzolo sull'Oglio, 25/3/1946

TO : Major J. E. WINTERWOOD, PSLO

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3. The only fire damage was to the papers, none to the building or its contents.
4. The ballot had resulted in a definite Christian Democrat majority and the presumed reasons are either spite or the Communists' desire for a new ballot.
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Public Safety
Liaison Officer

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24 March 1946

MAR 28 1946

Subject: Communal Elections
To : AC.HQ. Civil Affairs Section
Copy to: AC.HQ. Executive Commissioner

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Copy is attached of signal despatched 13th March in connection with the above subject.

1. Elections were held in 229 Communes of Lombardy, 7 out of the 9 Provinces being concerned.
2. The greatest interest was shown by the population. Of the eligible voters, 80 to 85% went to the polls. The number of women voters was remarkable.
3. CC.RR., Questure, Agents and Firemen were engaged in maintaining public order which was of the highest standard.
4. No disturbances occurred anywhere. Much good humour prevailed.
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In the Communes bordering Emilia Region (Pavia and Cremona Provinces), the social-communists prevailed everywhere.

8; The results can be summed up as follows:

Province		11 Communes
<u>Milano</u>		
Varese	Social-Communists	2
	Demo-Christians	"
	Social-Communists	14
	Demo-Christians	6
	Independent	2
Cremona	Social-Communists	15
Como	Demo-Christians	18
	Social-Communists	3
	Independent	1
Bergamo	Demo-Christians	66
	Social-Communists	13
	Liberal	1
Pavia	Social-Communists	38
	Demo-Christians	11
	Socialists	4
	Communists	3
	Independent	1
Sondrio	Social-Communists	5
	Demo-Christians	2
	Small Landholders	2
Total:	Social-Communists	106
	Demo-Christians	105
	Independent	4
	Liberal	2
	Socialists	4
	Communists	3
	Small Landholders	2

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ALCOM FOR CIVIL AFFAIRS BRANCH

REF. N. 2787

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22 March 1946
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MAR 28 1946

SUBJECT : Elections.

TO : HQ, Allied Commission,
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5. I think a clear directive by the Italian Government is the first essential, defining the categories to be included and those to be excluded from the lists.

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Copy to : Brig. M.S. LUGB, CB, MC,
Executive Commissioner,
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Chief Liaison Officer,
BOLOGNA.

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TRANSLATION

Prot. n. 7712
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Bolzano, 31.12. 1945

Maj. W.M. HARRISON
Acting Provincial Commissioner,
Bolzano.

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As the instructions received concern the citizenship and this matter appears to be considered, also by the Allies, one for the Italian Government to deal with; as the instructions are not clear enough to be applied properly; lastly, as I have not received instructions in this regard from the Italian Government, I wish to notify you that I am not able, at present, to carry out the instructions.

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PERFECT.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 594
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

REPORT ON THE LAW FOR ELECTIONS TO THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY.

1. The Council of Ministers has now approved and published the final version of the Law for the elections to the Constituent Assembly. It is a Legislative Decree No. 74 of 10 March 1946 published in a supplement to the Official Gazette No. 60 of 12 March.

2. All criticisms of and suggestions as to earlier drafts of this Law which have been made by AG have been met in the Law as enacted. This report is therefore informative only and is confined to a brief description and explanation of the more important features of the Law.

3. Compulsory Voting Art. 1. enacts that "the exercise of the vote is an obligation from which no citizen can abstain without failing in his clear duty to the Country in a decisive moment of the national life". The legal duty thus imposed, however, lacks "teeth" in that by ignoring it the citizen incurs only two very mild sanctions, i.e. :-

- (a) his name is posted on the town hall notice-board for a month ;
- (b) for five years the entry "did not vote" will appear in his good conduct certificate.

Even these sanctions will not be incurred if the citizen can show good reason for failing to vote, e.g. illness, being more than 50 km from the polling place, for business, and so on. The Sindaco is the judge of whether the reasons offered for abstention are sound or not. There is an appeal from his decision to the Prefect.

4. Partial Elections. The Law also contains a provision for postponing the elections in those parts of the country where "exceptional circumstances inherent in the present situation in certain frontier areas renders the holding of elections in them impossible" (art. 13). This will meet the case of Bolzano and Valtellina. In these cases, the Order fixing the date for the elections generally throughout the country can also postpone the elections in these areas. If the area in which it is desired to postpone the election forms part only of a constituency (as is the case with Bolzano Province) then the Order can divide the number of Deputies to be returned for the whole constituency between the part to vote with the rest of the country and the part in which the elections are postponed.

5. The Order fixing the date for elections will be published at the end of this week. This Sub-Commission has ascertained that, besides fixing 2 June as the date for the general election, the Order does in fact postpone the elections in...

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6. Electorate. The Law reproduces in substance the provisions of the previous ministerial draft which in turn was based upon the provisions of the Law on the compilation of the electoral lists as to qualifications and disqualifications for voting. This subject was dealt with fully in para 7 and Appendix "A" of the Report submitted by this S/C on 28 October last.

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7. Eligibility. The provisions of the original Ministerial draft as to eligibility for election to the Constituent Assembly are likewise dealt with in para 8 of the Report of October last and the corresponding provisions of the law as enacted do not differ in any material particular.

8. Deputies and Constituencies. The number of Deputies has been raised from 537 to 573. The size of the Colleges (election districts or Constituencies), however, is considerably reduced. The regional basis has been abandoned, except in the case of the smaller ones, i.e. Calabria, Liguria, Sardegna, Marche and Liguria. Of the other four the larger regions have been subdivided, e.g. Lombardy into 4 constituencies, Veneto and Toscana into 2 each and so on. In two cases the regional boundaries had been crossed. Riati Province goes with Umbria to form Constituency XIX and Benevento and Campobasso Provinces form Constituency XXII.

9. A list of the colleges, their populations, the number of Deputies assigned to each, and the seat of the Court of Appeal or Tribunal which acts as the "central office" for the purpose of counting the votes and declaring the results, is given in Appendix "A". The colleges are further illustrated by the map in Appendix "B".

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11. Method of voting and counting of votes. It has been thought best to set out a brief description of these in Appendix "C" because:-

- (a) an alteration of substance has been made as to preference votes. All such votes will now count: the earlier Ministerial proposal was that they would not count unless they amounted to 20% of the ordinary votes given for the list;
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The actual constitutional provisions now prescribed will, it is hoped, appear clearly from Appendix "C".

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21 March 1946.

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APPENDIX "A"

List of Colleges (i.e., Election Districts or Constituencies)

	College and Provinces comprised in each	Population	Seats		Seats of Central Officers
			Asst.	1	
1.	Torino - Novara-Vercelli	2,074,305	28		Torino
2.	Como - Alessandria-Asti	1,348,774	18		Como
3.	Genova - Imperia-La Spezia-Savona	1,456,915	20		Genova
4.	Milano - Pavia	2,667,703	36		Milano
5.	Orma - Sondrio-Verona	1,040,905	14		Como
6.	Brescia - Bergamo	1,390,381	18		Brescia
7.	Monza - Cremona	777,492	10		Monza
8.	Trento - Bolzano	669,389	9		Trento
9.	Verona - Padova-Vicenza-Rovigo	2,190,100	29		Verona
10.	Venezia - Treviso	1,199,703	16		Venezia
11.	Udine - Belluno	958,003	12		Udine
12.	Trieste o Venezia Giulia-Zara	977,257	13		Trieste
13.	Bologna - Ferrara-Ravenna-Forlì	1,619,659	24		Bologna
14.	Parma - Modena-Piacenza-Reggio Emilia	1,519,062	20		Parma
15.	Piacenza - Piacenza	1,061,282	14		Piacenza
16.	Pisa - Livorno-Lucca-Apisania	1,139,817	15		Pisa
17.	Livorno - Grosseto	776,014	10		Livorno
18.	Arezzo - Grosseto	1,278,071	17		Arezzo
19.	Firenze - Firenze	897,909	12		Firenze
20.	Arezzo - Arezzo	2,429,963	33		Arezzo
21.	L'Aquila - Pescara-Chieti-Teramo	1,201,536	16		L'Aquila
22.	Benevento - Caserta	691,503	9		Benevento
23.	Napoli - Caserta	2,241,788	30		Napoli
24.	Salerno - Avellino	1,151,689	15		Salerno
25.	Bari - Foggia	1,139,873	21		Bari
26.	Brindisi-Taranto	1,102,503	15		Brindisi
27.	Potenza - Matera	503,262	7		Potenza
28.	Catanzaro - Cosenza-Belluno Calabria	1,771,651	24		Catanzaro
29.	Catanzaro - Reggio Calabria	2,059,225	27		Catanzaro
30.	Palermo - Agrigento-Caltanissetta	1,940,873	26		Palermo
31.	Cagliari - Sassari-Nuoro	1,034,266	14		Cagliari
32.	Val d'Aosta	81,451	1		Val d'Aosta

Totals..... 42,995,632 575

5. Como - Sondrio-Varese	1,040,903	16	Cuneo
6. Brescia - Bergamo	1,350,581	18	Frosinone
7. Mantova - Cremona	777,492	19	Mantova
8. Trento - Bolzano	669,029	9	Trento
9. Verona - Padova - Piacenza - Reggio	2,150,100	29	Verona
10. Venezia - Treviso	1,199,703	16	Venezia
11. Belluno - Udine	950,003	12	Udine
12. Trieste e Venezia Giulia - Zara	977,257	13	Trieste
13. Bologna - Ferrara - Ravenna - Forlì	1,519,659	24	Bologna
14. Parma - Modena - Piacenza - Reggio Emilia	1,329,062	30	Parma
15. Firenze - Pisa	1,064,122	14	Firenze
16. Livorno - Lucca - Apuania	1,139,817	15	Pisa
17. Siena - Arezzo - Grosseto	774,024	10	Siena
18. Ancona - Pesaro - Macerata - Ascoli Piceno	1,278,071	17	Ancona
19. Perugia - Terni - Rieti	897,505	12	Perugia
20. Roma - Viterbo - Latina - Frosinone	2,479,963	33	Roma
21. L'Aquila - Pescara - Chieti - Teramo	1,801,550	16	L'Aquila
22. Benevento - Campobasso	692,503	9	Benevento
23. Napoli - Caserta	2,241,703	30	Napoli
24. Salerno - Avellino	1,151,639	15	Salerno
25. Bari - Foggia	1,539,573	21	Bari
26. Lecce - Brindisi - Taranto	1,102,545	15	Lecce
27. Potenza - Matera	543,262	7	Potenza
28. Catanzaro - Cosenza - Reggio Calabria	1,771,651	24	Catanzaro
29. Catania - Messina - Siracusa - Ragusa - Enna	2,659,205	37	Catania
30. Palermo - Trapani - Agrigento - Caltanissetta	1,940,873	26	Palermo
31. Cagliari - Sassari - Nuoro	1,034,206	14	Cagliari
32. Val d'Aosta	83,453	1	Aosta

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APPENDIX "B"

MAP
SHOWING THE
COLLEGES
FOR
CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY
ELECTIONS



ROMAN NUMERALS INDICATE COLLEGES

ARABIC " " NO. OF DEPUTIES

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APPENDIX "U"

Method of voting and of Counting the Votes

1. Nomination. 45 days before the election the parties (or combination of parties) nominate their candidates by depositing lists of them with the Court of Appeal (or Tribunal) of the capital of each college which is called "central office" (see Col. 4 of Appendix "A"). They may nominate not less than three candidates and not more than the number of Deputies to be elected by the College. The names in each list deposited must be progressively numbered, with the list must also be deposited its symbol or "counter-sign".

2. The lists of serially numbered candidates, as approved by the Court, are printed on notices to be affixed in the polling station for the voters to see. At the head of each list is printed its symbol, as likewise approved.

3. The ballot-papers contain only the symbols with a square opposite to each upon which the voter marks his vote. The ballot-paper also contains a space for recording "preference votes", as described below.

4. Voting. The voter can only vote for a whole list. He does this by putting a mark on the ballot paper opposite the symbol of the list he wants to vote for. He cannot strike names out of the list, substitute names from other lists or vote for a candidate on another list.

5. Preference Votes. The seats eventually won by a list are filled by candidates in the order in which they are numbered -- see para. 1 and 2 above. This order may however be varied by the "preference votes" cast by the electors. A voter indicates that he wished a particular candidate to be preferred to the others by writing that candidate's name on the space provided for the purpose on the ballot paper. He selects the names, of course, from the lists affixed in the polling station, as noted in para. 2 above. The voter is limited to--

- 2 preference votes in the Colleges electing up to 15 Deputies
- 3 preference votes " " " 16 or more

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- (a) to allot seats to each list in proportion to the votes cast for it;
- (b) to determine the candidates elected to the seats so allotted, according to the order of the names on the list but as varied by preference votes.

7. To allot seats among the lists, the "electoral quotient" must first be ascertained. This is the result of the following fractions:-

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upon which the voter marks his vote. The ballot-paper also contains a space for recording "preference votes", as described below.

4. Voting. The voter can only vote for a whole list. He does this by putting a mark on the ballot paper opposite the symbol of the list he wants to vote for. He cannot strike names out of the list, substitute names from other lists or vote for a candidate on another list.

5. Preference Votes. The seats eventually won by a list are filled by candidates in the order in which they are numbered -- see paras. 1 and 2 above. This order may however be varied by the "preference votes" cast by the electors. A voter indicates that he wishes a particular candidate to be preferred to the others by writing that candidate's name on the space provided for the purpose on the ballot paper. He selects the names, of course, from the lists affixed in the polling station, as noted in para. 2 above. The voter is limited to--
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- (a) in Colleges returning up to 20 Deputies--

$$\frac{\text{Total votes for all lists}}{\text{No. of Deputies to be elected} + 1} = \text{Electoral quotient};$$
- (b) in Colleges returning 21 or more Deputies--

$$\frac{\text{Total votes for all lists}}{\text{No. of Deputies to be elected} + 2} = \text{Electoral quotient};$$

The number of seats won by a list is then:-

$$\frac{\text{Total votes for the particular list}}{\text{Electoral quotient}} = \text{No. of seats won} + \text{remainder}$$

8. It is possible for the total of the seats so assigned to the various lists to be less than the total seats of the College. In that case the seats unfilled go to the "Single National College" as to which see paras. 10 to 14 below. It is also clear that the total votes given to a list will but rarely be an exact multiple of the electoral quotient; usually there will be an appreciable remainder or "resto" of residuary votes unused. The remainders are made use of ("utilizzati come dei resti") also through the medium of the Single National College.

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9. Having ascertained the number of seats won by each College, the particular candidates to fill them are ascertained by reference to the approved list of each party, already in the possession of the Court (see para. 1 above). All candidates who have received the preference votes cast for individual candidates, the head of the list - the candidates with the highest number of the top and so in order. Those with the highest number of preferences are declared elected. If the number of party candidates who have received preference votes is less than the number of seats won by the party list, then to fill the seats thus left over, regard is had to the order in which the remaining candidates have been placed and numbered by their party in the list.

10. The Single National College. This part of the election proceedings is controlled by the Court of Cassation, acting as the "national central office". Thirty days before the elections the parties lodge with the Court of Cassation lists of their candidates for the National College, using the same list symbol as they have done in the district colleges. They cannot submit more than 52 candidates i.e. a number equal to the total number of colleges. Every candidate for the National College must also be a candidate in some district college. The lists and symbols, as approved by the Court of Cassation, are published in the Official Gazette.

11. After the election the Court of Cassation receives particulars of the results in each district college from the central offices thereof, including especially the number of unfilled seats and the number of residuary votes (resti) for each list - see para. 8 above.

12. The Court then finds the "electoral quotient" for the National College by (a) adding together all the unfilled seats, (b) adding together all the residuary votes for all lists in all colleges and (c) dividing (b) by (a). It then adds together the residuary votes cast for each particular list in every college and divides this total by the electoral quotient. This gives the number of seats in the National College attributable to the list in question.

13. As in the case described in para. 8, this arithmetic may not succeed in filling all the seats left unfilled from the district colleges. A few of the seats may still remain vacant. There may also be remainders or unused votes left over from the process of division. If so, the seats still unfilled are distributed among those lists whose remainders are the greatest.

14. To determine which candidates fill the seats thus distributed, regard is had solely to the order in which the candidates are named in the National College lists. In this instance there is no question of preference votes altering the order pre-determined by the party.

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16. Similarly, seeing that candidates for the National College must also be candidates in a district college, a man may find himself returned for the National College and also for one or more district colleges. In that case, he has no choice. He is deemed to be returned for the National College and in the district college (or colleges) the candidate next in order of preference on his list takes his place.
17. The settlement of all electoral disputes and of double elections is reserved to the Constituent assembly itself.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

Ref: 2806/356/120

26 March 1946

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I understand from information received from the Press and other sources, that it will not be possible to hold National Elections in the Province of Bolzano on June 2nd owing to the fact that the compilation of the electoral rolls will not be completed in time.

I feel sure that you will agree that this is very much to be regretted. All that remains would appear to be to hold the National elections in the Province at the earliest possible date so that its deputies can take part in the work of the Constituent Assembly to as great an extent as possible. I am confident that you are fully alive to the desirability of this and will take all the necessary measures to that end.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Dott. Alcide De Gasperi
President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome.

Copy to: Local Government S/O
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In reference to your letter of 13/3
attached are copies of a memorandum
on the position as regards holding of
National Elections in BOLZANO
Province.

A copy is attached in C.C. Copies have
been sent to Polads.

I think it will be agreed that no action
can be taken as regards having elections
in BOLZANO Province on June 2 tho'
C.C. may wish to express to the P.M.
a strong hope that the elections there
will be held as soon as possible.

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March 1946

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My dear Prime Minister:

I learn from my Chief Liaison Officer in Bolzano that the Acting Prefect of Bolzano has stated categorically that owing chiefly to the fact that the special Commission on citizenship not having yet begun its work no part of Bolzano Province will participate in the election for the Constituent Assembly to be held June 2.

As one who has urged you since last September to set up the special Commission at the earliest opportunity I must call your attention to the deplorable effect on public opinion in Italy and elsewhere at the delay in setting up the Commission. I would urge you to examine immediately the steps to be taken to ensure election in Bolzano at an early date.

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Rear Admiral, USNR
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Report on the holding of National Elections in Bolzano Province

1. The last fortnightly report of the acting Prefect of Bolzano states that:-
- a) all the 91 communes of the province have compiled their male and female lists;
 - b) in no commune have any lists, male or female, been approved by the Electoral Commissions;
 - c) the Electoral Commissions are proceeding by -
 - (i) first examining the regularity of the Prefect's proceedings;
 - (ii) then deciding the cases of those registered electors who are Italian speaking and whose citizenship is not in doubt; and
 - (iii) postponing cases of all German-speaking registered electors until after the Special Commission on citizenship has given a decision.
- In a recent interview the acting Prefect stated categorically that as a result of this no part of Bolzano Province will participate in the elections for the Constituent Assembly to be held on 2 June.

2. It is true that the work of the Special Commission and the work of the Electoral Commissions could proceed simultaneously to some extent, but this does not take the matter very far. Registrations have to be lodged with the Court of Appeal 45 days before the elections, i.e. by 10 April. The lists of candidates so deposited have to be subscribed by not less than 500 and not more than 1000 registered electors. The deposited lists have to be accompanied by certificates that the subscribers are in fact registered electors. Therefore the electoral lists must be approved, ready and printed at the latest a day or two before 10 April.

3. It follows therefore that the Special Commission would have to complete its labours by the first few days of April to allow time for entries to be made in the lists in consequence of their decisions. This is obviously quite impossible. The Special Commission has not yet been appointed.

4. It may therefore be seen as certain that the Province of Bolzano cannot in any circumstances take part in the elections to be held on 2 June.

5. This does not mean that representatives of Bolzano will never participate in the labours of the Constituent Assembly. The law governing the elections for the Constituent Assembly contains a provision to meet the case.

6. Article 13 of the law says that the order fixing the date of the elections may provide for supplementary elections in cases where exceptional circumstances inherent in the present situation is certain frontier areas it is impossible to hold elections in them at present. Bolzano and Trento provinces form constituency VIII, returning 9 deputies. Article 13 makes it possible for the Italian Government to provide that in this constituency only the Province of Trento shall vote on 2 June and only for (say) 5 deputies and that the remainder of the constituency, i.e. Bolzano Province shall vote for the remaining 4 deputies at a later date.

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7. It is understood that the law on the powers of the Constituent Assembly provides for it to meet 23 days after the elections, i.e. on 24 June and for it to have a maximum life of eight months, i.e. until 24 February 1947.

8. The acting Prefect of Bolzano expressed no opinion as to when it may be possible to hold elections in Bolzano. This must depend on how long it takes the Special Commission to complete its work, and I do not think anyone could venture a reliable opinion on this. I would say this much myself, that I do not think we shall have any elections in Bolzano before the end of August and probably later. It therefore seems reasonable to assume that the deputies from Bolzano will take part in the work of the Assembly in its later and possibly middle sessions.

9. The question arises as to what attitude this HQ should take upon the facts stated above and in particular whether any advice should be tendered or observations made to the Italian Government. In facilitating the consideration of this point, the previous correspondence between the CC and the HQ has been summarized in Appendix "A".

10. It will be observed that, with the exception of the CC's last letter, all this correspondence took place before the "hand-over". Now that Bolsena Province is under the jurisdiction of the Italian Government, the policy of this HQ is understood to be:-
 a) As to the Special Commission - "that this whole matter of citizenship is one for the Italian Government to deal with and that the Allies do not intend to interfere. It was only because this Commission (i.e., AG) was asked for its opinion that we advised the Italian Government" (quoted from HQ's letter to G16 Bolsena of 25 February 1946).

b) As to the preparation of electoral lists and the holding of elections - "that the contents of the elections is strictly a matter for the Italians to settle" (quoted from HQ section directive of 28 February 1946 to HQs as to their conduct in conducting elections.)

11. It is submitted therefore that this HQ should not volunteer any advice to the Italian Government on the matter. It may however be considered desirable to communicate to the HQ the observation that the Allies hope that the elections will be held in Bolsena Province as quickly as possible.

R. R. Temple

Major R. Temple
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 Director, Local Government S/C.

14 March 1946

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APPENDIX A

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Summary of previous correspondence.

1. About 3 July 1943 CG left an Aide-Memoire with Prime Minister PARELLI. This drew attention to the nationality problem in Bologna and asked for the views of the Italian Government.
2. Letter RM to CG - 23 July. This refers to the Aide-Memoire and states the views of the Italian Government, i.e. that there should be a Special Commission with power to exercise a fresh option. In the meantime the RM agreed that the preparation of electoral lists should proceed by registering only Italians and those of German blood who opted for Italy.
3. Letter CG to RM - 20 August. CG agreed with the RM's proposals as to the electoral lists, as in para 2 above, but stated that:
 - a) the Special Commission should apply the existing law;
 - b) a fresh option was considered highly undesirable until the Italian Government determined their future policy as to the Alio Adige.
4. Letter CG to RM - 21 September - urging the early setting up of the Special Commission as otherwise the embarrassment of all concerned in the preparation of the lists increased from day to day.
5. Letter CG to RM - 19 October - asking for an early reply and pointing out the danger of not being ready in time for the elections. This letter also referred to the possibility of the Special Commission being appointed by AMG if the Italian Government was not able to establish it in the immediate future.
6. Letter RM to CG - 9 November - stating that the Italian Government was studying a decree for establishing a Special Commission "to decide doubtful cases". Meanwhile the preparation of the electoral lists could proceed and the possibility would be considered of temporarily registering the German-speaking population and of subsequently cancelling registrations in those cases found not to have Italian citizenship.
7. Letter RM to CG - 13 November - enclosing a draft decree and report as to the setting up of the Special Commission. In this letter the RM asked that the preparation of the electoral lists should be suspended.
8. Letter CG to RM (28 January) - 21 November - pointing out the discrepancy in the letter of 9 and 13 November and stating that instructions had already been given to RM for the preparation of the electoral lists to proceed in accordance with the letter of 19 October.

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7. Letter PH to CG - 15 November - enclosing a draft decree and report as to the setting up of the Special Commission. In this letter the PH asked that the preparation of the electoral lists should be suspended.
8. Letter CG to PH (26 October) - 21 November - pointing out the discrepancies in the letter of 3 and 15 November and stating that instructions had already been given to CG for the preparation of the electoral lists to proceed; otherwise the lists may not be ready by the time of the elections.
9. Further letter CG to PH - 21 November - relating to the draft decree for the Special Commission. The letter reiterates that the Commission should ascertain the facts and apply the existing law and expresses the view that proposals which would deprive of their citizenship a number of persons who under existing Italian law are Italian citizens were inappropriate.
10. Letter CG to PH - 28 January 1945 - which refers to a lengthy memorandum submitted from the PH's Service upon the juridical aspects of the Italian Government's proposals as to the Special Commission and states that, while this memorandum has merit from a juridical point of view, the proposals are still considered unwise as a matter of policy.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 2806/80

13 March 1946

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V.P. C.A.S.

I should be grateful for the draft to P.M. on the
necessity for holding elections in Bolzano.

We can relate our argument to previous letters which
I think have passed on this subject

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TELEGRAM.

To: Admiral Stone.
ROME

List of Demoliberal candidates, friends of America and veterans of Adelsia (Bari) Elections 17 inst., protest strongly for the persistent head of list position of democristian mayor - report serious charges - abuses - arrogance - absolutely preventing free democracy taking place at Elections. We foresee disorders. Urge immediate nomination of Prefect Commissioner. We decline all responsibility. Beg for intervention of Italian authorities.

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Macchia, Jacobellis, Riscosso, Nicosia, Coszoli, Scattaglia, Bell
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INCOMING MESSAGE

TORRE MAGGIORE 104 26 16 1125-

ARRANGEMENTS AND VIOLENCE BY LOCAL COMMUNISTS. OUR LIBERTY DURING MEETINGS
AND FOR THE VOTING IS ATTACKED. WE INVITE MEASURES BE TAKEN TO AVOID COMPLETE
DEMOCRISTIAN ABSTENTION

SECRETARY DEMOCRISTIAN SECTION

ADMIRAL STONE
CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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LOMBARDIA REGION LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

Office of the Chief Liaison Officer.

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12 March 1946.

SUBJECT: Administrative Elections

TO : Executive Commissioner, Hq. Allied Commission,
A.P.O. 394

1. In Lombardy, administrative elections took place on 10th March 1946 in Como Province only, in 8 of the 9 Communes scheduled.
2. Everything proceeded smoothly and quietly and no disturbances or trouble of any kind occurred anywhere.
3. Carabinieri only were on duty to preserve order, the Questore of Como having issued an order that his Auxiliary Police would be held in reserve and intervene only in case of emergency.

4. The results recorded by each commune are as follows:

Commune	Population (1935)	Eligible voters	Voters	Result
Caspio	855	501	536	Autonomist
Cassago	1061	606	507	Independent
Lissone	915	746	601	Soc. Communist
Mergo	645	454	431	Independent
Parlasco	109	130	121	Independent
Proserpio	510	380	315	Demo-Christian
Vendrogno	934	538	350	"

5. Considering unfavorable weather conditions and that 5 of the villages are up in the hills, an average of 30% vote is highly satisfactory.

6. At Oliveto Lario the elections had to be postponed by the Prefect until 17th March owing to a technical error on the part of the Segretario Comunale.

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Margno	645	454	431	Independent
Parlasco	189	130	121	Independent
Prosempio	519	380	315	Dem.-Christian
Vendrogno	934	508	530	"

5. Considering unfavorable weather conditions and that 5 of the villages are up in the hills, an average of 80% vote is highly satisfactory.

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6. At Oliveto Lario the elections had to be postponed by the Prefect until 17th March owing to a technical error on the part of the Segretario Comunale.

7. The Social-Communist abstained from voting at Vendrogno after their lists of candidates had been refused by the Segretario Comunale due to the time for presentation having expired.

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(Signature)
Col. A. H. HANCOCK, O.B.E.
Chief Liaison Officer

(Signature)
H. J. J. J.
(Capt. K.)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

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Tel: 478706

SUBJECT: Results of Elections on 10 March

12 March 1946

TO : Civil Affairs Section

MAR 18 1946

1. No further information is yet available from the Ministry of Interior upon which a report could be founded. A study has however been made of such results as have been reported in certain of the Rome newspapers. All papers emphasize the following points:

- a. The entirely orderly character of the proceedings everywhere
- b. The heavy poll--averaging over 75%
- c. The especially heavy poll of women

2. Results are reported in a number of communes varying from 130 to 192 out of the 436 due to vote. The figures given are partial and sometimes contradict themselves, and no correct picture can be obtained even as to those communes reported on. One paper however gives a list of 130 communes, naming the party which secured the highest number of votes in each and which it may be of interest to summarize as follows:

46 communes

Socialists and Communists in majority
(including Actionists and Republicans
in the block in some cases)

Actionists or Republicans in majority

Independents

Demo-Christians

Labour - Democrats - Democrats - Liberals -
Liberals & UQ - or UQ - in majority

Veterans in majority

6	"
9	"
55	"
12	"
2	"
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It does not of course follow that the party or block winning the highest number of votes necessarily has a majority on the Council.

3. Some papers give the votes cast in the 6 provincial capitals which held

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Independents	" "	9 "
Demo-Christians	" "	55 "
Labour - Democrats - Democrats - Liberals - Liberals & UQ - or UQ - in majority		12 "
Veterans in majority		$\frac{2}{130}$ "

It does not of course follow that the party or block winning the highest number of votes necessarily has a majority on the Council.

3. Some papers give the votes cast in the 6 provincial capitals which held their elections on 10 March, which are summarized as follows:

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<u>Commune and 1931 population</u>	<u>Comm./Sec.</u>	<u>Dem.-Christ.</u>	<u>Others</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Arezzo (60,284)	19,335	6,423	4,556	Heavy left majority
Enna (23,581)	No figures available; but papers report a clear majority for the "Republican concentration"			
Frosinone (18,447)	2,212	3,500	787	D.C. majority
Grosseto (26,428)	9,066	1,209	4,569 (incl. 3503 Rep. votes)	Heavy left majority
Rieti (34,769)	7,132	3,180	3,115	No clear majority
Teramo (33,796)	8,408	5,641	1,867	A left major- ity, but a balance on the Council
Seats won:	<u>Comm.</u> 12	<u>D/C</u> 16	<u>Rep.</u> 2	<u>Lib./UG</u> 2

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for *Major*

RALPH R. TEMPLE
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Local Government Sub Commission

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CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT IS ITALIAN ADMINISTRATIVE ELECTIONS WHICH WERE HELD IN
FOUR THREE SIX COMMUNES SUNDAY PD
INITIAL REPORTS FROM ALLIED AND ITALIAN OBSERVERS SHOW THAT
VOTING TOOK PLACE WITHOUT INCIDENT PD POLLING WAS HEAVY
ESPECIALLY ON PART OF WOMEN PD BOTH OFFICIALS AND ELECTORATE
APPEARED TO BE CONSCIOUS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE OCCASION AND
CONDUCTED THEMSELVES WITH DIGNITY

cc:

U.S. Embassy.
British Embassy.
Polad (A)
Polad (B)
CA Sec

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Executive Commissioner
BLWS-DNR W. M. 000

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AO/45/40/IG.

Tel: 286

SUBJECT : Macerata Electoral Campaign
(Polish Troops).

11 March 1946

TO : Ministry of the Interior (Gabinetto)
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1. Reference yours 4942/21409 dated 20 February 1946.
2. We have been informed that orders have been issued to ensure that Polish troops do not interfere during elections.
3. These orders state that Polish troops will be confined to barracks throughout the election days.

signed: RALPH R. TAMPLIN
Major
Director
Local Government S/O

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MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
P.S. General Direction

Cabinet

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Rome, 20/2/1946

Nr. 4942/21409

To: ALLIED COMMISSION
Sub Commission of P.S.
ROME

SUBJECT: Macerata. Election campaign.

The Macerata Prefect has pointed out to our Ministry the fear expressed by the representatives of the various Parties, that the propaganda activity and the election campaign in that district might get disturbed by the intervention of Polish Troops.

In order to avoid that such an eventuality may take place, our Ministry begs to ask your Commission to examine the possibility that Allied Troops be sent to that district during the election campaign with the purpose of carrying out a Police service control on the Polish Troops.

We furthermore point out that the said Polish Troops are stationed at the following localities of the Macerata district:

Macerata, Montecassino, Montefano, Urbisaglia, Corridonia, Cingoli, Treia, Monte S. Giusto, Mogliano, Porto Recanati, Civitanova Alta, Portocivitanova, Potenza Picena, Recanati, Morrovalle, Montelupone, Montecorsaro, Camerino, Castelrainondo, Matelica, S. Severino Tolentino, S. Ginesio, Lore Piceno, Pollenza, Colmarano and Petriolo.

For the Minister
/s/ SPATARO

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I.E.C. ✓

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

MAR 11 1946

FIRST LOCAL ELECTION DAY MARCH 10th 1946

From our own sources information will not be available until Officers of the Local Government S/C return to this Hd.Qrs and reports are received from Chief Liaison Officers.

As regards Officers of the Local Govt. S/C one Officer proceeded to the Como Area and another to CALABRIA.

Liaison Officers have instructions to report immediately after each election day and reports should come in during the week.

No information is available from the press on Monday morning, as no papers are issued.

Italian Government sources state that as regards results of the elections no information has yet come in. As regards Public Safety in general no disorders are so far known to have occurred in connection with the elections except in the small village of ~~PINA~~ in TIRANO Province where there were some disturbances of a minor nature.

^{based mainly on H.N.}
The report of a Liaison Officer who observed in FROSINONE Province is attached.

1200 hrs.

11 March 46.

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See Memo 333-333A

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMISSION

AC/45/45/1

SUBJECT: Local Elections of 10 March

TO : Civil Affairs Section

Tel: 478706

11 March 1946

1. The information as to yesterday's results at the moment of writing (10:30 AM) is as follows:

2. Ministry of Interior

They have unofficial information of the results in one commune only-- Montefiore dell'Ago (province of Ascoli), population 3591.

The polling was over 75% (I should estimate this at about 1500 votes cast). Number of councilors to be elected: 20.

Returned: -

4 Christian Democrats
16 Socialists
20

3. Official results will come in gradually during the week and will be tabulated and summarized by the Electoral Service. They don't expect a general picture of the situation before Thursday or Friday.

4. The Ministry have not been notified of any infringements of public order or irregularities.

5. AC Liaison Officer RAG:

Lt Col MILLHOUSE visited the following communes in Frosinone province: -

Alatri
Faventino
Pignone
Frosinone
Terracina

His reports heavy polling, especially by women--crowds in the street-- everything quite orderly everywhere. Police arrangements excellent, the police keeping themselves well in the background in accordance with the Government's orders.

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5. AC Liaison Officer RAAG:

Lt Col MILLHOUSE visited the following communes in Grosseto province: -

Alatri
Paventino
Puglia
Piedmont
Serrone

He reports heavy polling, especially by women--crowds in the street--everything quite orderly everywhere. Police arrangements excellent, the police keeping themselves well in the background in accordance with the Quastore's orders.

6. As to nominations, combinations of parties were the rule, and generally only 2 or 3 lists put up, e.g.:-

Alatri	} Demo-Christian } Liberals, etc. } Communists/Socialists
Puglia	} Demo-Christian } Communists
Paventino	} Demo-Christian } Communists/Socialists

See p. 33/4

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An exception was Presirano, which had 5 lists: -

Demochristian	40 candidates	
Communists	40	"
Socialists	40	"
Independents, about 20		"

parties on area basis with object of securing representation for fractions.

~~United Democrats~~, about ~~150~~ candidates.

This is because Presinone has proportional representation.

7. Noteworthy incidents are as follows:

Perventing: The printers had left a lot of completely blank sheets among the ballots. Voters receiving these nevertheless in their ignorance put them in the ballot box. This was discovered during the day and arrangements made to notify voters to demand a proper ballot if they should receive a blank sheet. Nothing could be done of course about those who had already put blank sheets in the ballot box.

Servers: (2707 pop.) Election supervised by Prefect due to last minute discovery of irregularities in preparing electoral lists. The census includes a fraction which has a greater population than the rest of the commune. No elections in this fraction had been registered at all in order (it is alleged) to secure control to the old village center.

Providence: Christian Democrats had a committee room close to one of the sections. A crowd assembled outside it. CGR closed the committee room as infringing the law about no electoral propaganda within 200 meters of a section. Their decision was accepted without trouble.

Generally considerable delay in beginning to take the votes due to the fact that officials did not start to prepare the ballot papers until after the poll had opened at 8.00 hours. This meant considerable crowds and congestion and polling sometimes did not start until 10.00 hours. Nevertheless, this is in accordance with the law.

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The general feeling seems to be that the Christian Democrats will win in most countries except Switzerland, where the Communists/Socialists will.

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Ralph R. Thorne
Major

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Director
Local Government Sub Committee

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: F 62410

Date / Time of Origin: MARCH 09/1946

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITY'S PROCT

TO: ALCAM

Message Centre No: H/398

Date Time Rec'd: MARCH 100930A

Precedence: PRIORITY

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Ref your 1701 of 8 March.

1. Understand very comprehensive orders have been issued by 2 Pol Corps to ensure that Polish Troops do not interfere in any way with local Italian elections orders also state that when polling takes place all Polish Troops in the Area will be confined to barracks throughout the day.
2. Consider above should enable Italian Government fears to be allayed.

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1. Italian local elections will be held in approximately 5000 Communes on sundays 10, 17, 24 and 31 March and 7 April. Date will vary from Commune to Commune.
2. Personnel of all Military formations will be directed to avoid any kind of intervention or appearance of intervention in these elections.

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INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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TO (ACTION) G-5, AMHQ

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SUBJECT IS ITALIAN LOCAL ELECTIONS PD

FURTHER TO MY ONE SIX ZERO SEVEN OF SIX MARCH FOUR SIX PD

LETTER JUST RECEIVED FROM ITALIAN GOVERNMENT EXPRESSES FEAR THAT

POLISH TROOPS MAY INTERFERE WITH ELECTION ACTIVITIES PD

THIS IS NOTIFIED IN CASE YOU CONSIDER ANY SPECIAL ACTION

NECESSARY

cc: Polad (A)
Polad (B)
CA Sec

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PREFERENCE: PRIORITY

Executive Commissioner

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Thank you so much for your letter of 4th March,
enclosing the pamphlets on the general elections in Great Britain.

I found the pamphlet most interesting and very well
prepared, and it will, I am sure, serve a useful purpose. I
showed a copy to Admiral Stone, who was extremely interested.

M. S. LUSH

D. Pemberton-Pigott Esq.,
Assistant Press Attache,
British Embassy,
Moscow.

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ALLIED COMMISSION 323

(LIAISON)

CUNEO - TENDA

L. O. LT. COL. A. H. GARDNER R. A.

To: Chief Liaison Officer. A.C. PIGNONE Date: 22nd February 1946

Re: PAC/CV/5.

Subject: Communal Elections - TENDA & BRIGA.

MAR 7 1946

1. The Sindaco of TENDA & BRIGA have to-day received telegrams from the Prefect advising them that the date for the Communal Elections, in both Communes, will be 7th April, 1946.

2. In view of the situation here, I consider these elections should be postponed until after the Peace Conference, the date of which, I believe, is 15th May, 1946.

3. At the present time, the very greatest interest is taken by all inhabitants, in the future of the Communes, and the question I am asked with great regularity, is - "Will TENDA & BRIGA remain Italian?"

4. Both Communes are in a state of tranquillity and peace but the thought of an election would, I know, cause the pro-French element to commence operations immediately - and I can see no point in having disturbances in May-April, when a decision as to the ultimate fate of the two Communes is likely to be one of the first items on the agenda of the Peace Conference in early May.

5. These are entirely my own observations and if you agree with them, will you please forward these suggestions to Local Government Sub-Commission, H.Q. A.C.

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Lt. Colonel, 34th
Liaison Officer.

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c/c B.V. 10/3 1946.

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Original to - CAJ*

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TELEPHONE:—
ROME 43.951.

BRITISH EMBASSY,
ROME.

4th March, 1946.

MAR 7 1946

Dear Brigadier,

I am pleased to be able to tell you that we have at last been able to produce our pamphlet on the general elections in Great Britain.

I am afraid that for a number of reasons, including the strike of the Italian printers, it is very late in appearing, but I hope it will nevertheless be fairly widely read.

Mr. Stewart has asked me to send you two copies, and I have great pleasure in doing so.

Yours sincerely
D. Pemberton-Pigott

D. Pemberton-Pigott,
Assistant Press Attaché.

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

Ack with admiral's thanks

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TO (ACTION) G-5, AFIS.

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SUBJECT IS ITALIAN LOCAL ELECTIONS PD
ABOUT FIVE THOUSAND COMMUNES WILL HOLD LOCAL ELECTIONS ON SUNDAYS
CMA TEN CMA ONE SEVEN CMA TWO FOUR CMA AND THREE ONE MARCH AND
SEVEN APRIL PD
WITH / FULL AGREEMENT OF EMBASSIES AND MINISTRY OF INTERIOR I HAVE
ARRANGED FOR ALLIED COMMISSION LIAISON OFFICERS TO OBSERVE PD
THEY HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO DO SO INCONSPICUOUSLY AND AVOID ANY
APPEARANCE OF INTERVENTION OR SUPERVISION PD
COPY THEIR INSTRUCTIONS FOLLOWS PD
RECOMMEND THAT ALLIED MILITARY FORMATIONS BE INFORMED OF HOLDING OF
ELECTIONS AND BE ADVISED TO AVOID ANY KIND OF INTERVENTION OR
APPEARANCE OF INTERVENTION

cc: Polad (A)
Polad (B)
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Precedence: PRIORITY.

Executive Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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AC/45/38/50

28 February 1946.

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SUBJECT : Observation of Elections of Communal Councils

DISTRIBUTION : see below

1. Over fifty per cent of the Communes in Italy will go to the polls to elect the members of their new Communal Councils on five successive Sundays: 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st March and 7th April. It is part of the functions of All Liaison Officers to observe these elections in the same way as they do any other public activity in their area. This directive contains instructions as to how LOs are to proceed in observing such elections.

2. Appendix "A" contains a list of the Communes in your area which will vote on the four Sundays in March above mentioned. The lists for 10th and 17th March are final, but those for 24th and 31st March are not yet complete and no information has yet been received as to the Communes voting on 7th April. Supplementary lists will be supplied as information is received in this HQ.

3. Appendix "B" is a very brief statement of the procedure at the polling stations restricted to the main points likely to be of interest to LOs.

4. The policy of this HQ is that the conduct of elections is strictly a matter for the Italians to settle. Great care must therefore be taken to avoid any possible impression, which would be erroneous, that Allied representatives are interfering in or supervising the elections. The conduct of LOs in observing the elections will be as inconspicuous as possible. In particular an LO will on no account enter a polling station or any place where votes are being counted.

5. Within the General principles enunciated in the preceding paragraphs it is left to the discretion of LOs to determine how they should inform themselves upon this subject. They will of course make use of their usual sources of information such as the local Press and their normal contacts with Italian functionaries. LOs should visit a typical Commune or Communes on election day and observe the behaviour of the population in the streets and public places.

6. The Italian Government itself has appointed a number of officials from the Ministry of the Interior of the rank of Prefect or Vice-Prefect to be

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6. The Italian Government itself has appointed a number of officials from the Ministry of the Interior of the rank of Prefect or Vice-Prefect to be Inspectors-General for the purpose of observing the conduct of elections in various parts of Italy. A list of these Inspectors-General and their areas is given in Appendix "C". LOs should make contact with these Inspectors-General who can obviously be a useful source of information.

7. Reports are required after each election day from LOs on this subject and should be addressed to the Local Government Sub-Commission at this HQ. They should mention very briefly what they have observed and draw attention to any special or unusual feature. In this connection Appendix "D" should be studied carefully. Among points which might be noted are the following: state of public order; any electioneering within 200 metres of polls; any election meetings in public places; any other type of political activity; any form of intimidation or bribery to influence voting; any unusual use of transport to bring people to the polls; etc.

See M. 349.

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8. As regards UNING Province the attention of the Provincial Commissioner is drawn to the fact that although the Province is under AM the elections are entirely an Italian matter and that they are being carried out by the Italians themselves pursuant to Italian law. The instructions contained in this directive apply equally as well to AMG Officers in UNING.
9. The Officers of Local Government Sub-Commission will visit selected Communes to make a closer technical study of the elections. They will, when it is possible, contact the appropriate CIOs in the course of their visits. Such visits however are not in substitution for the observation of the elections by LOs in accordance with this directive.

BY COMMAND OF MARSHAL STUBS

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Brigadier
VP Co Section

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Direction of Communal Council - Procedure at polling station

1. Communes are divided into sections containing 100-1000 electors. Each section has its own polling station.
2. Only the officials and electors holding certificates of registration in the electoral lists may enter the polling stations. The police may not enter unless requested by the presiding official or in the case of disorder.
3. The polling stations are divided across the middle by a barrier: on one side are the officials' table and the voting booths, on the other side stand the electors waiting to vote.
4. The elector must first produce his identity card or otherwise identify himself as the person registered. He must also present his certificate of registration in the electoral lists. The Sindap issues the certificate to all registered electors 5 days or more before the election. The presiding official then tears off and preserves a detachable strip from the certificate of registration and hands the voter a ballot paper and a pencil.
5. The ballot paper contains lists in parallel columns of the candidates nominated by the various parties. Candidates have to be formally nominated 30 days before the election. The names of those duly nominated have to be publicly posted in the Communes 15 days before the elections and also in the polling station. (Note: Nominations for the elections on 10 and 17 March should therefore have been published by now or within a day or two).
6. The elector goes into one of the curtained polling booths, marks his paper, folds it and hands it (and the pencil) to the presiding official who places it in the ballot box.
7. In Communes of less than 30,000 inhabitants the candidates receiving the highest number of votes are elected, but the elector can only vote for four-fifths of the seats to be filled. The elector votes by putting a cross against the names of the candidates of his choice. He can also vote for a whole list by putting a cross on top of the column. In that case he may cancel names by striking them out and add names from other lists by putting a cross against them.
8. In Communes of 30,000 inhabitants or more or which (whatever their population) are provincial capitals, the voting is by proportional representation. In this case the voter must vote for the list by putting a cross at the head of the column of candidates chosen by him. He may however cancel names from the

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7. In Communes of less than 30,000 inhabitants the candidates receiving the highest number of votes are elected, but the elector can only vote for four-fifths of the seats to be filled. The elector votes by putting a cross against the names of the candidates of his choice. He can also vote for a whole list by putting a cross on top of the column. In that case he may cancel names by striking them out and add names from other lists by putting a cross against them.

8. In Communes of 30,000 inhabitants or more or which (whatever their population) are provincial capitals, the voting is by proportional representation. In this case the voter must vote for the list by putting a cross at the head of the column of candidates chosen by him. He may however cancel names from the list. He may also put a cross against the names of particular candidates in the list voted by him to indicate that he prefers them to the others. He may give from 1 to 5 preference votes according to the size of the Council to be elected.

9. Polling hours are from 0800 to 1900 hours - in large sections until 2000 hours. Electors actually within the polling station at the close of the poll may vote until 2100 hours.

10. The ballot papers are checked and votes are counted at the polling station immediately after the closing of the poll. The following day the presiding officials of all sections meet in one of the polling stations, add up the results of all the sections and declare the result.

11. All kinds of electioneering are forbidden within a radius of 200 metres of a polling station. No election meetings may be held in public places on the election day.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APC 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

26 February 1946

SUBJECT : Observation of Elections of Communal Councils
TO : Executive Commissioner
R.A.C.

1. Attached is a redraft of the instructions to Liaison officers on elections made pursuant to your directions as result of the meeting held today in your Office.
2. The only question open is whether the officers of the Local Government Sub-Commission shall enter a polling station accompanied by an Inspector-General even at the specific invitation of the Presiding officer of the polling station. It is to be noted that the president of the polling station, according to past precedent and the Italian construction of the law, is in full charge of the voting and has discretion of allowing non voters to enter the room, as has been done in the past. The Italian Government has been considering making it obligatory on the President of the polling station to admit Inspectors-General.

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Brigadier
VP CA Section

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Chief Commissioner.

1. We discussed this morning the draft directive (opposite) defining the activities of Liaison Officers in observing the administrative elections during March and early April.
2. The Local Government Sub-Commission has been in very close touch with the Ministry of Interior on the question of these elections and gained from them the impression that the Italian Government will raise no objection to Allied officers of the Sub-Commission and Liaison Officers in the field observing the elections. The Italian Government have gone so far as to detail three Inspectors General to accompany members of the Sub-Commission in their visits to the voting areas. It is perfectly true that we have had no direction telling us to observe the elections but I should say that it has been tacitly agreed that a general observation of these elections should be made by officers of the Commission. Polads (A) and (B) agree with this contention.
3. We have got to be extremely careful that Allied officers do not make themselves conspicuous and I lay particular stress on the fact that they should not, even at the invitation of the Italian officials, themselves do anything which is contrary to law, e.g., enter the polling booth themselves. The Local Government Sub-Commission, being more experienced in the background of the elections, propose to visit about 50 communes during March. They were very anxious to have more access and to observe what goes on in the polling booth, but here again I think we should avoid anything that might lead the Italian Government or Frees or people, to say that Allied control existed even in their elections. The same avoidance of appearing to inspect will also be impressed upon the Provincial Commissioner, UDINE Province who will be told that this is an Italian election and should be run on Italian lines without military government control.
4. Both Polads and I think that this matter is of sufficient importance for you to discuss it with the Ambassadors at your political meeting tomorrow.

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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C.C. after discussion with Ambassadors agree to issue of draft ~~as~~ amended in accordance with our discussion today. Please see that A above is carried out.

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February 1946.

SUBJECT: Special Commissions in BOLZANO.

TO : AG CLO, BOLZANO.

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I refer to your letter ACLO/BZ/12 of 11 February 1946.

1. I am aware of all the facts you mention and I appreciate your bringing them to my attention.

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2. To put you in the picture as to the subsequent developments following letters AG/45/12/12 of 20 Aug 45 and 19 Oct 45 which you refer to, the following information may be of interest to you. Before the passage of BOLZANO to the Italian Government a Decree creating Special Commissions to settle problems of citizenship and to provide for the re-acquisition of Italian citizenship by those who had lost it was submitted to the Allied Commission for its consideration. The Commission took an unfavourable view of it. Subsequently, after the turnover, the Italian Government requested the opinion of the Commission on a pro-memoria dealing with the legal aspects of the proposed Decree. After a re-examination of the Decree in the light of the pro-memoria, the Italian Government was advised that from a legal standpoint the arguments presented had merit, but as a matter of policy the enactment of a Decree was inadvisable.

3. The official position of the Allied Governments is to impress upon the Italian Government that this whole matter of citizenship is one for it to deal with and that the Allies do not intend to interfere. It was only because this Commission was asked for its opinion that the Italian Government was advised as indicated in the preceding paragraph.

4. The proposed Decree setting up the Special Commissions is at the present time being considered by a Commission in the Consulta from which it is expected to emerge for consideration by the Council of Ministers within the next week or two. It is possible that the Prefect is anticipating the passage of the Decree and is attempting to make provision for the accommodation of the Commissions when they do arrive. There is a likelihood, however, that these may be the Commissions which are to study the problem of autonomy for the Region.

For the Chief Commissioner:

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

MIL/JG.

Copy to: Local Government Sub-Com (2)

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SUBJECT: Analysis of Progress of Electoral work
for Period Ending 16 February 1946.

TO : V.P. Civil Affairs Section

(see distribution below of copies)

(Note: For the purpose of this analysis territory is shown as Italian
Government (I.G.) and Mortmain Provinces (M.P.) territory in accordance
with the situation prior to 31 December 1945.)

Ref: 478190

25 February 1946

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1. ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TERRITORY

Total No. of Communes:
No. reported on :

3505
3505

1. Compilation of draft lists (March)

Male lists compiled :

3,460 - i.e. 98% of all I.G.
Communes have male
lists compiled

Female lists compiled :

3,568 - i.e. 99.5% of all I.G.
Communes have female
lists compiled

Total :

7,028 - i.e. 98% of all I.G.
Communes have communal
lists compiled

2. Approval of definitive lists

Male lists approved :

2,375 - i.e. 66% of all I.G.
Communes have male
lists approved

Female lists approved :

2,543 - i.e. 71% of all I.G.
Communes have female
lists approved

Total :

4,923 - i.e. 69% of all I.G.
Communes have male and
female lists approved

3. Summary of 1945/46 progress (attached report)

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4. ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TARIFFS

Total No. of Camuses:
No. reported on :

3505
3585

1. Compilation of draft lists (March)

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lists approved

Total :

4,918 - i.e. 69% of all I.G.
Camuses have male and
female lists approved

3. Comparison with previous fortnightly report:

a. 27% of lists were compiled up to 31 January.
98% " " " " " 16 February.

b. 61% of lists were approved up to 31 January.
69% " " " " " 16 February.

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4. MONTHLY PROVISIONS INVENTORY AS PRESENTLY HANDLED OVER TO THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT
(INCLUDING GAINS FOR SUPPLYING VASILLA CIVILIA)

Total No. of Camuses:
No. reported on :

3,629
3,629

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1. Compilation of draft lists (Alenabi)

Male lists compiled :	3,210 - i.e. 84% of all Gossams in H.P. territory have male lists compiled
Female lists compiled :	3,544 - i.e. 98% of all Gossams in H.P. territory have female lists compiled
Total :	6,754 - i.e. 94% of all communal lists compiled

2. Approval of definitive lists

Male lists approved :	1,488 - i.e. 41% of all Gossams in H.P. territory have male lists approved
Female lists approved :	1,623 - i.e. 45% of all Gossams in H.P. territory have female lists approved
Total :	3,111 - i.e. 43% of all Gossams in H.P. territory have male and female lists approved

3. Comparison with previous fortnightly report:

a. 83% of lists were compiled up to 31 January.	7,214
94% " " " " " 16 February.	7,214
	14,428

C. I.G. AND H.P. TERRITORIES COMBINED

Total No. of Gossams :	13,732 - i.e. 96% of all communal lists
Total No. reported on :	8,034 - i.e. 56% of all communal lists
Total No. of lists involved:	

1. Total No. of draft lists (Alenabi)
male and female combined:

2. Total No. of definitive lists
male and female approved:

3. Comparison with previous fortnightly report:

a. 92% of lists were compiled up to 31 January.	
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Total

5,111

in N.P. territory have female lists approved
i.e. 43% of all Communes in N.P. territory have male and female lists approved

3. Comparison with previous fortnightly report:

- a. 83% of lists were compiled up to 31 January.
94% " " " " 16 February.
- b. 24% of lists were approved up to 31 January.
43% " " " " 16 February.

4. I.C. AND N.P. TERRITORIES COMBINED

Total No. of Communes :
Total No. reported on :
Total No. of lists involved:

7,214
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14,428

1. Total No. of draft lists (Klenohi)
Male and female compiled:

13,782 - i.e. 96% of all communal lists

2. Total No. of definitive lists
Male and female approved:

8,034 - i.e. 56% of all communal lists

3. Comparison with previous fortnightly report:

- a. 93% of lists were compiled up to 31 January.
94% " " " " 16 February.
- b. 42% of lists were approved up to 31 January.
46% " " " " 16 February.

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1. Between 10th March and 7th April the following 23 entire Provinces will hold municipal elections :

Bergamo	Campobasso	Caserta	Bene
Crescote	Modena	Piacenza	Pisa
Reggio	Siracusa	Parma	Verona
Cagliari	Catanzaro	Arezzo	Parma
Vicenza	Pavia	Verucelli	Ferrara
Imola		Bologna	

2. It is announced that 59 provincial capitals will be ready to hold municipal elections on the scheduled dates in March and April as hereafter indicated:

10th March :	Place	Problems
	Arunachal	None
	Grenada	None
	Toronto	None

17th March : Cagliari

24th March :	Ancona	Ascoli	Bergamo
	<u>Bologna</u>	Campobasso	Crestone
	Novara	Fenova	Ilavona
	Sienna	Venezia	Verocelli

Brindisi	Brescia
Cuneo	Cosenza
Imperia	Forlì
Monza	Pesaro
Parma	Pisa
Reggio Emilia	Ravenna
Rimini	Trapani
Verona	

7th April :	Alessandria	Ascoli	Belluno
	Catanzaro	Chieti	Imperia
	Matera	<u>Milano</u>	Parma
	Pavia	Perugia	Reggio
	Gondrio	Varese	Viterbo

3. It has been stated that a total of 4,635 Germans will be ready to hold their elections on the dates hereafter indicated :

10th March	1	1,433
17th "	1	1,074
24th "	1	1,470
31st "	1	1,429
7th April	1	1,449

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17th March :	Cagliari	Macerata	Vicenza
24th March :	Adcona	Asti	Bergamo
	<u>Bologna</u>	Campobasso	Cresenza
	Novara	Padova	Savona
	Ugento	<u>Venezia</u>	Vercelli
31st March :	Agrigento	Bruscia	Brindisi
	Caltanissetta	Cosenza	Cuneo
	Ferrara	Forli'	Imperia
	Salerno	Foraro	Parma
	Piacenza	Pisa	Pescara
	Reggio Emilia	Sassari	Potenza
	Terni	Trapani	Siracusa
	Verona		Treviso
7th April :	Alessandria	Ascoli	<u>Belluno</u>
	Datunaro	Chieti	Isola
	Imperia	<u>Milano</u>	Parma
	Pavia	<u>Perugia</u>	Ragusa
	Sondrio	Varese	Viterbo

3. It has been stated that a total of 4,835 Communes will be ready to hold their elections on the dates hereafter indicated :

10th March :	433
17th " :	1,074
24th " :	2,470
31st " :	1,429
7th April :	449

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21 Feb 46

Villa Taverna
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Near Treviso

TO : H.Q. Allied Commission
Executive Commissioner.
SUBJECT : Interim Report on the
Venezia Liaison Group.
FILE NO : CLO/V/R/13.1

1. The decision of the Italian Government to give an extension of time to the administrative elections, and to allow them to take place as late as April 7th, means that these elections will, in fact, take place in the great majority of the Communes in the Veneto.

Inspectors from the Ministry of the Interior who have been up visiting the area express themselves as satisfied with the care and accuracy given to the preliminary work.

It is clear that March is going to be one of the most important months since the liberation of Northern Italy.

In that month Italy will have to demonstrate to the world whether or not, after twenty years of fascism, she can conduct fair and free elections. Moreover the elections themselves will act as a very definite pointer towards the probable relative strength of the Parties in the Costituente.

There are those who express a fear that there may be a good deal of abstention in spite of the Government's decision on the subject of compulsory voting. On the other hand there is less public concern expressed on the subject of open intimidation at the time of the elections. The fact that the Belgian elections passed off with complete calm will not be without effect on the Italians who are, at the present time, very sensitive to foreign opinion.

2. The process of replacing "political" Prefects by career officials continues. There is little press comment one way or the other.

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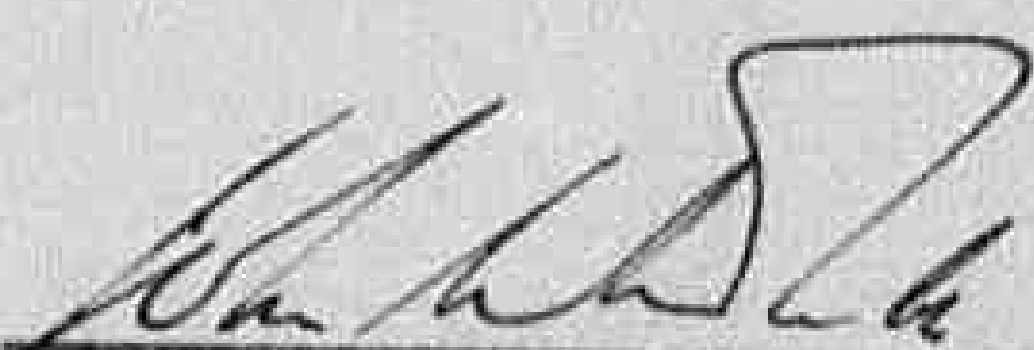
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3. There is little change in the Public Safety situation. A large scale demonstration took place at Verona, largely sponsored by building trade operatives, who were disappointed at the slow rate of progress of Public Work schemes.

4. Prices continue to fall, and sales at reduced prices are advertised. Despite the hazardous position regarding grain, the fruit and vegetable stalls in the markets are filled with produce, both local and from the South, at not unreasonable prices.

The present crop prospects are excellent but will deteriorate unless spring rains come soon.

5. The season is mild and dry, and the snow is rapidly disappearing from the foothills. This early melting of the snow, will help some of the hydro electric plants, but at the expense of diminishing summer reserves.


John K. DUNLOP, Brigadier,
Chief Liaison Officer.

Summary Translation

PARTITO LIBERALE ITALIANO
Sezione di Fossato Ion.
(Clerico)

FEB 20 1946

TO: H E Adm. Stone - Rome
SUBJ: Administrative elections at Fossato Ionio:

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All night shots and grenade blasts are heard; evidently the evil people are armed and want to get the power with violence. Arms and ammunition left in the Zone by the Livorno Div. withdrawing through Fossato at the time of its liberation.
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With the view to avoid that this continuous trouble may lead to fatal conclusion, it is requested that a Public Forces should timely

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Copies sent to: Prefetto (Reggio Calabria)

Procuratore del Regno

Questore

C.O. Carabinieri-Group of Reggio C. prov.

C.O. Carabinieri-Station of Montebello Jonico

Liberal Party - Reggio Calabria

I think the Adm. may like to have a look at this before sending it to Civ. Aff. Sect. - Apostolo

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NO: H E VGE. Stone - Roma

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ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of Chief Liaison Officer
BOLZANO

ACLO/BZ/12.

Bolzano, 11 Feb 1946.
SWM/gq.

FEB 14 1946

PERSONAL and CONFIDENTIAL

Dear

Brigadier Lark.

This morning the Prefect asked my help in the provision of accommodation for certain commissions due to arrive shortly in Bolzano to examine doubtful cases of citizenship.

Suitable accommodation can, of course, be provided and I take it, these commissions are coming in accordance with your letters AC/45/12/LG of 20 Aug 45 and AC/45/12/LG of 19 Oct 45.

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I am further informed that these options are concerned with a possible autonomy for the whole of the South Tyrol (Bolzano and Trento). This may or may not be true, but I believe the information is substantially correct and I think it will interest you.

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To Brig M.S. LUSH, CB, MC,
Executive Commissioner,
Allied Commission ROME.

With my kindest regards

Yours sincerely,

S. Lush.

See M. 300, 301, 302, 303, 304.

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