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EMPLOYMENT OF PATRIOTS
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Remember: please see up.

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CSO: Labor 5/c folder enclosed with letter. H. 4. refers JLB
 CSO: Labor 5/c is re-preparing for Ex. Comm signature JLB
 CSO: Letter re-submitted for C signature. JLB 13/3

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CSO
 Spoke to C. Grouble AFHQ ref 15. His interest
 was in the machinery for ensuring that Patriot
 Centres ~~would be~~ in touch with civil as well as
 mil labour recruiting centres. I told him
 this would be done + as I have not seen the
 point covered submitted is letter to C. Sec.

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23Ex Comm

for Shd see 19-22.

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Find out what action Land Forces Sub. Com. in Lahore

PA

JLB 24/5

Drawn attention
 of HQ to the
 matter + asked
 AFHQ if a retracti

did he retract.

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point covered submitted is letter to CAPSec.

(11) Sh

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Ext Com³

from Shd See 19-22.

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Find out what action hand force Sub. Com. is taking

PA Sh 20/5

17/5/45

Drawn attention
of MGW to the
matter & asked
Admiral if a report

should be made.

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CSO

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Economic Section (folio ~~12~~) recommends labour S/C views and suggestions in para 5 and 6 of folio ~~1~~ regarding employment of partisans.

16.2.45

J.C.R.
J.C.RIVELY
Major.

Ex Commr.

^{2.3.} ^{4.}
Please see ~~10~~, ~~11~~ and ~~12~~. 10 is Mr. Braine's appreciation of the employment of patriots problem which you requested. I will take up para 5 with Col. Marshall.

17 Feb 45.

E.TALBOT
Major

^{11.}
And see that para 3 of p.~~12~~ is done.

M.S.L.
17/2

Major Rively

⁶ ^{7.}
Action as above in ~~14~~ and ~~15~~.

E.T.
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File; Matter is being pushed thru Econ Sect to Mr. Braine to consult with C.A.Sect in preparation of policy instructions (ref p.~~12~~).

22 Feb 45

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J.C.R.
J.C.RIVELY
Major.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel. Ext. 525

Ref : %/PAT
Subject : Employment of disbanded Patriots.
To : Economic Section. (2)
Copy to : Exec. Commissioner.

13 June 1945.

JUN 14 1945

1. The finding of work for disbanded patriots is a matter of prime urgency for the preservation of good order in the North. The Italian Government had in preparation a programme of works for the restoration and rehabilitation of Italy including the repairs of road and railway bridges, tunnels and the like on which it was proposed to employ ex-patriots.
2. At a conference at Presidency of the Council of Ministers this morning it was alleged that the Italian Government had been informed that the cement required was all "frozen" as it was required for export to Austria in connection with the restoration of that country.
3. Will you please say whether there is any truth in the above allegation and if not confirm that cement can be made available for suitable works on which ex-patriots can be absorbed.

G. R. Upchen
G. R. UPCHEN,
Brigadier,
V.P. Civil Affairs Section.

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NOTE IMMEDIATE

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Serial No.
17.5.45
Date

From

KEYCHAIR.

Orig No. 5063

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FROM ROBINSON.

YES PAGE TO ADHERED RECIPIENTS.

GEN CRITTON BURGER COULD BE GLAD TO KNOW THAT PROMISED
WERE GIVEN TO GEN SANDORA BY ITALIAN GOVT ON THREAT
OF DEATH. ALSO THAT COMMITMENT IF ANY WERE MADE
TO HIM BY ALLIED COMMISSION. PLEASE REPLY MOST IMMEDIATE.

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(MR. McKeown)

(ORIGINAL SENT TO CA SEC)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APC 394
Local Government Sub-Commission
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref: 49/PAT

13 May 45

SUBJECT: Employment of Patriots.

MAY 14 Rec'd

TO: Land Forces Sub-Commission (SMIA).

- 1 On the afternoon of Friday, 11 May 45, the British Political Advisor informed Brig. LUSH and Brig. UPJOHN that General CADORNA was in Rome to see the Government as he (the Political Advisor) understood there was some difficulty with disarming patriots.

It was, therefore, decided that Brig. UPJOHN should see General CADORNA as soon as possible to find out the position.

- 2 Brig. UPJOHN saw General CADORNA on Friday evening when it transpired that the position was that the Patriots were concerned as to their position in joining the Armed Forces and Police. General CADORNA stated he wanted to get a statement of policy from the Government to show to Patriots in the North. It was arranged that the statement of policy, if obtained, would be shown to Brig. UPJOHN before General CADORNA returned to the North.

- 3 Brig. UPJOHN and General CADORNA again met on Saturday evening when General CADORNA produced a statement of policy (translation attached 'A') which he said the Government had agreed to.

Brig. UPJOHN asked General CADORNA whether the Minister of War had consulted SMIA before agreeing to the statement. General CADORNA did not know and tried, ineffectually, to get into touch with the Minister of War. Brig. UPJOHN pointed out that the Minister of War should undoubtedly seek the advice of SMIA before agreeing to this document and said that he himself would take the document to the Chief Commissioner to see if he approved of its application in the North.

- 4 Brig. UPJOHN consulted the Chief Commissioner who directed that a reply be sent to General CADORNA in the form of the letter attached 'B'.

- 5 In the meantime the Government Statement has been published in this morning's papers, almost exactly in accordance with the draft shown to Brig. UPJOHN yesterday evening. The Chief Commissioner is in agreement with the

(MAS Holden)

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Folio 100.

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proposed intakes into the Police Services and very strongly backs the recruitment into the Italian Army.

This is, however, a matter on which you must be consulted and for that reason the facts set out above are placed before you for consideration and such action as you may deem fit.

F. Craig
F. CRAIG,
Lt. Colonel,
Deputy Director,
Local Govt. S/C.

Copy to: Executive Commissioner
Public Safety Sub-Commission

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STATEMENT GIVEN BY THE CABINET TO GENERAL CADORNA 12 MAY 45.

The Italian Government approves:

1. An immediate wide and organized intake within the regular police forces of elements drawn from partisan units, such as in quantity and quality the police should become the safest guarantee and protection of renewed democratic status. The above intake does not constitute a temporary provision, as the Government considers it as one of the steps tending to the inception into all the bodies and the life of the state of fresh energies, which have been proved in the fight for national liberation.

2. A quick and organic intake within the regular army of partisan forces and all ranks drawn from the Corps of Volunteers of Liberty who have proved their ability, bravery and patriotism in the fight for national liberation. This provision tends to elevate the spirit of the national army of the new Italy in the atmosphere of liberty regained by conquest and of a renewed national solidarity.

The Italian Government will find the necessary finance to ensure to each demobilised partisan immediate help and the necessary assistance for the return to production activities, and to civil life of the nation of the volunteers of liberty.

ROME 12 May 45.

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Ref: 6/12 B/CA.

13 May 45

TO: Major General R. CADORNA,
Chief of Army General Staff,
Italian Army.

Dear Sir,

I have discussed the matter of the Government's declaration on the absorption of partisans into the Army and Police Forces with the Chief Commissioner, Admiral Stone. He has expressed the view that it would be better for you to receive any instructions as to the publication of the Government's Declaration in the North of Italy solely from the Minister of War.

I should observe that in any event no publication in Military Government territory should be made without the prior consent of the local A.M.C. authorities.

Yours truly,

G.R. URJOHN, Brig.,
VP CA Section.

Copy to: Patriots Branch
(Attn. Lt. Col. Craig.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

4/8.B/CA

2 May 45

SUBJECT : Employment of Patriots.

TO : Executive Commissioner. ✓

Reference your 573/49/EC dated 29 April.

This subject appears to be covered to the greatest practical extent by

- (a) 94/PAT of 7 Apl *DMPR will make arrangements for the absorption of Patriots into employment through Labour Organisations of the Army or any civilian Labour Organisation that may be available. District will give priority of employment to all genuine patriots. The civilian occupation of all patriots is to be noted in the centre records.
- (b) LSC/116 of 20 Mar directs that at each Patriot Centre a Labour Office should attend for the specific purpose of registering patriots for civil employment.

G. R. UPJOHN Brig.
VP CA Section

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(Mrs. MORDEEN)

Ref: 573/49/EC.

29 April 1945.

SUBJECT: Employment of Patriots.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. I refer to your letter 4/B.R/CA dated 25 April 1945, subject 'Future Policy in N. Italy'.

2. The point has been raised as to the arrangements for absorbing Patriots into civil employment. I understand that among the details which are recorded when a Patriot enters a Centre is his occupation and it is important that this information is not wasted. The officer in charge of each Centre must establish contact with local labour offices or large employers so that no opportunity of placing unemployed patriots is lost.

3. If this point is not already covered in your directives I should be glad if you would give it emphasis.

M. S. LUCH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Message Centre No: **D/8951**

Date/Time of Origin: **APR 272011B**

Date Time Rec'd: **APR 280840B**

Precedence: **PRIORITY**

FROM: **AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FHGEG**

TO: **ACTION ALCOM ROME**

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Reference your 573/9/EC.

Please send soonest fuller answer to part 2 question 4, with details of arrangements for absorbing patriots into civil employment.

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ACTION: Executive Commissioner 2

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Chief Commissioner

CA Sec

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(Mrs. Moore)

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EXTRACT FROM MEMO 573/9/EG dated 26 Apr 45
TO: G-5 AFHQ.

PART II

- "4. Patriots will be given the chance of enlisting in the Italian Army. The Allied Armies have undertaken to give Patriots priority in the matter of work. These matters will be arranged at Patriot Centres."

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER
APR 1945

Tel. 478904
March 1949

REF. : 480/116

SUBJECT : Northwest Italy Planning-
Employment of Patriots.

MAR 21 1945

TO : Regional Commissioners, Lombardia, Liguria,
Piemonte, Venezia and Emilia.

1. This memorandum deals with the civil employment of Patriots, following liberation of Northern territory, in pursuance of the primary object of Patriot policy to return these men to normal civil life as early as possible.

2. Patriots should be placed in employment at the earliest possible moment. The employment should be of a long-term character and regard should be paid to the industrial background and skill of individual Patriots so that the employment should be suited to their qualifications. It will be recognized that if Patriots are placed in casual employment lasting a few days only, the problem of reestablishing them in civil employment will be continually recurrent. Equally, employing units should not discharge known partisans without sufficient reason and without informing at an early date, and if possible before discharge, a responsible representative of the Regional Commissioner, e.g., the Provincial Patriots Officer.

3. The following directions give effect to the policy and principles stated above:

(a) Registration of Partisans for Civilian Employment. Patriots will be registered at Patriot Centers or Camps where these have been established; or at A&S Labor Offices; or at offices opened by D.A.D.L. or military employing units for the engagement of Italian civilian personnel.

At each Patriot Center a Labor Officer should attend for the specific purpose of registering patriots for civil employment. At the other offices arrangements should be

made for the separate registration of patriots. At the registration stage patriot leaders should identify the men as recognized patriots and the registration personnel should proceed to ascertain and record the qualifications and industrial background of individual patriots in order that they may be placed on the highest graded job for which they are qualified. Patriots whose services are terminated for good cause after employment will be entitled to re-register. The Patriots Register should be made available for the selection of men for employment by the Allied Armed Forces and also for employment in civilian industrial establishments from which demands for labor are received or are known to be developing. It will be realized that the closest cooperation between all interested parties will be essential to insure the effective operation of established policy in this connection.

(b) Immediate steps should be taken on receipt of these directions to ascertain the estimated requirements of the Armed Forces in various localities. Naval, Military, Air Forces and Civil Affairs Officers who are able to estimate by localities and by trades their labor requirements should supply such estimates to Regional Commissioners so that, through the Regional and other Labor Offices, and through the Provincial Patriot Offices, a number of posts may be reserved for patriots to the extent that suitable men can be made available from the registered patriots. As and when further possibilities of employment can be estimated or reported, similar steps should be taken through Regional Commissioners and the Offices indicated, to relate the labor requirements to the register of patriots. Prompt communications between offices involved will be essential, but employing units should be prepared to accept a slight delay in filling positions reserved for patriots, before filling them from other sources.

(c) Employing units should identify patriots employed by them with the object of insuring that when reductions of personnel, or discharges, take place, the patriots are the last to be discharged. Equally, if disciplinary or suitability issues arise which may lead to the discharge of patriots, special endeavor should be made to retain their services by rearrangement of work; failing which, early notification should be given to Patriot Offices and Labor Offices to which the discharged patriots should be instructed to report for the purpose of obtaining other employment.

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(d) Similar action should be urged by Labor Officers upon other employers, e.g., public utilities, relief schemes, and private employers.

(e) Although arrangements are being made for the accommodation, feeding and payment of patriots in the interim period while they are being considered for recruitment or for placing in civil employment, it should be understood that patriots who refuse suitable employment will forfeit their rights to benefits and preferential treatment. This principle should not however be harshly applied, and due regard should be paid to personal circumstances and industrial background when deciding whether a patriot has just cause for refusing offered employment.

4. From time to time reports will be required regarding the application and operation of this policy, and units should keep suitable records to be in a position to render necessary reports, the form of which will be indicated in separate instructions.

For the Chief Commissioner:



Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner

Tel. 316

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ECONOMIC SECTION

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15 February 1945

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SUBJECT: Northwest Italy Planning
Employment of Partisans

TO : Director, Labor Sub-Commission

1. Reference is your memorandum LSC/116 dated 1 Feb 45.
2. This Section agrees with your views in this memorandum. It would probably make sense for the officer responsible for keeping track of employment and dismissals of patriots to be the Provincial Patriots Officer referred to by the Chief of Staff at the meeting on 31 Jan 45.
3. With regard to the question you raise in para 6 of your memorandum, instructions should be prepared by you for signature by the Chief of Staff and should be cleared by you with Civil Affairs Section.

HARTAN CLEVELAND
Executive Director
Economic Section

cc: Chief of Staff ✓
Civil Affairs Section
(Copy of LSC/116 dated 1 Feb 45 attached.)

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Tel. 316

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Ref. 1.00/13

15 February 1945

FEB 15 1945

SUBJECT: Northwest Italy Planning
Employment of Partisans

TO : Lt. Col. D. Morley-Fletcher
Secretary, Northwest Italy
Planning Coordinating Committee

1. Reference is to letter addressed by the Director,
Labor Sub-Commission to Economic Section, ref. ISC/116
dated 1 Feb 45, copy of which was sent to you.

2. The instructions referred to in the last para-
graph of Mr. Braine's letter will be put up for issuance
by the Chief of Staff to Regional Commissioners.


MARIAN CLEVELAND
Executive Director
Economic Section

cc: Chief of Staff ✓
Civil Affairs Section

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DEPARTMENTS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 294

LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

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TEL : Ext. 104

1 February 1945

REF : DRC/116

SUBJECT: Northwest Italy Planning - Employment of Partisans.

TO : Colonel L. W. Densmore
Economic Section

1. At the meeting of 31 January, the Chief of Staff requested that special consideration should be given to the employment of partisans, giving if necessary special preference to insure that they are engaged at the earliest possible moment.

2. For this purpose it is essential that:

- (a) the opportunities for suitable and long-term employment should be known;
- (b) the qualifications and experience of the individual partisans should be ascertained.

3. As regards (a), it is important that employment should be long-term, i.e., that partisans should not be put into casual employment lasting a few days only so that the problem of replacing them is continually recurrent. For the same reasons, once they are placed in suitable employment instructions should be given that they are not to be dismissed without prior knowledge of a responsible representative of the Regional Commissioner so that adequate arrangements can be made either for their retention or for immediate placing in alternative employment.

Steps can be taken immediately by the Regional Commissioners to ascertain the employment which can now be foreseen in the various localities, i.e., the Navy might be able to say that they will want a certain number of welders, a certain number of electricians, a certain number of drivers, and a certain amount of unskilled labor. If this information can be collected by Regional Commissioners they can allot, in respective localities, an appropriate number of positions for which partisans are to be given preference.

4. As regards the second point, it might be possible for Intelligence Officers to discover the background and experience of the more prominent partisan leaders and sub-section leaders and tentative arrangements could be made for placing them into appropriate employment. Except as regards the more prominent men the ascertainment of qualifications and background for industrial employment will have to await the liberation of the

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territory. Accordingly, it is advisable to make advance arrangements for special registration in special sections of the Labor Offices of all partisans; or if it is not thought advisable to use Labor Offices for this purpose somewhere premises could be earmarked for the purpose. There is a certain danger in having partisan registration premises because these might develop into rival establishments for the placing of workers and might diminish the value of the official Labor Offices.

5. To give effect to the above proposals it seems appropriate that Regional Commissioners now planning should ascertain labor requirements of the various services with a view to earmarking a proportion of the positions for partisans. Perhaps advice to them on this point could be issued to them separately by the appropriate authority.

6. The action with regard to registration and placing of partisans would be performed by or under the direction of the respective Labor Officers. These are already earmarked and the instructions can be given either from this Labor Sub-Commission or through Regional Commissioners. I should be glad to have advice on this point.

W. H. Braine

W. H. BRAINE
Director
Labor Sub-Commission

cc: Brig. Lush
Chief of Staff

Mr. Harlan Cleveland ✓
Economic Section

Lt. Col. D. Morley-Fletcher
Secretary to Committee on
Northwest Planning

Col. Robert P. Marshall
R.C., Piemonte

Col. J. C. Feasey
R.C., Liguria

