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POLITICAL CONDITIONS IN NORTHERN ITALY
JAN. - NOV. 1945

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Ex. Com.

To see folio 51 -

8 May.

Chief Commissioner

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Attached is submitted for your information/signature/approval.

No mention of the R.C. in Turin.

175/9/5

✓ 3 May

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Ex Com^{rs}

Ref 859 GORIZIA is in Venezia Giulia.
Is this a Vatican matter?

10/6/45

Edh.

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NOTE:-

Spoke to Major Monden, action being taken by Vatican authorities

11/5.

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C.S.O.

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10/5/47

see folio 59

Action taken on the file (6529/EC)

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10/5/45

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Chief Commissioner:

It would, I think, be highly desirable to have political advisors accompany the occupational forces, both in the Northwest and the Northeast. They should be designated at once in order that they can be thoroughly prepared for their duties. On the occupation of Rome, political advisors were attached to No. 1, Special Force which accompanied the occupying troops. However, the individuals were in fact members of the Political Section of the Commission. In the present circumstances, I feel that consideration should be given to attaching a political advisor to the Allied Commission, which would in turn make them available to the occupying forces as the operational plan develops. This has the advantage of giving them a parent body which would be charged with their billeting and transport and will also ensure close coordination of their activities with the Allied Military Government which will be established in the North.

(Re. folio ~~31-39~~)

4/4/45

N. E. F.

9/4 Discussed 7/4 with Mr Dowling who agrees with but points out lack of suitable and available personnel. Discussed 9/4 with CC who will see Ambassador Kille today as to US personnel. Discussed 9/4 with Mr Halford who will be available as well as Mr Hopkinson. 7

Note

Overclassification of ~~39~~ drawn to ~~5/2/45~~ attention of Big Ham.

20 Apr

5/2/45

Acting President.

Before taking action on Mr. Schott's memorandum at Page 33 I should be grateful to know if General Crittendenberger revised the matter when you met him last week. If he did I am sure that you made his mind easier but do you wish any further action to be taken?

4. March 1945

MSL
Brig.,
Ex. Com.

Ex. Com.

36.

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J.E.R.W.

9th March 1945.

P.A. to Acting President.

Chief Commissioner.

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REC'D
MAR 9

Attached is submitted for your information/signature/approval.

(9 addressed At President in your absence)

✓ Gup *MSL* *813* *2385*

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N.F.A. on 33. Ex. Com wishes Mr. Hopkinson to see.

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C.O.S.

Letter to the Ambassador from C.O. is opposite.

E.T. 3.2.45.

19.

AFHQ telegrams FX18248 and 18396 of 31.1.45. in Top. Sec. File (Resnais) have a bearing on this.

M.S.L. 4.2.45.

29.

G.O.C., M.M.I.A.

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P. H. G. Russell

PA to Ex. Com.

30.

Ex. Com.

Thanks. The information was mentioned to me En passant by Prince Umberto when I was talking to him recently about the Italian Army generally. I did not tell the Prince I would write to you about this; nor did he ask me to.

L. Browning
Maj. Gen. 23 Feb.

31.

FEB 23 RECD
ca 5.17

Chief Commissioner.

Suggested no further action - sources are

probably identical.

MS/23/2.

Ex. Com. ³²

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REC'D

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MS 23/2.

Ex. Com. 32.

I agree

MS 22/2.

TWB
CC

MS 2384

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VP. Political Sec.

7 best copy of 15 Jan 45 addressed by Mr. T. E. L. to
1st Regt (Since returned to Mr. T. E. L.)

This is another extremely well reasoned report concerning present conditions & future prospects in the north. Note that it is addressed to 15 Army Gp, this copy being on loan to us for information.

22 Jan 45

L. H. Jordan Capt

This information is extremely interesting and important. From the analysis of the situation, the recommendations made seem obvious and sound. However, an appreciation of the true work of the Partisan bands and the decision to employ them solely for sabotage and anti-scorch appears somewhat belated. Should it be determined to drop only materials to be used in those activities, care must be had that the monthly sums provided the C.L.N.A.I. are not deflected in part for the purchase of offensive weapons.

In an attempt to clarify the information contained in the report, and as a matter of record (since the attached copy is on loan only), I have rewritten the report and attached a copy.

W. B. Bullett

Vice President - Political Section

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Vice President - Political Section

(9) 20 Jan 45. Seen by Sec case E.H.

16.

C 50: Please note folio 15 (Minute from U.S. Pol. Advisor & British Pres. Minister) submitting comments on Northern Italy: its occupation and the future of Partisans and Patriots. Reference your folios 13-14. Perhaps PRO could act on para. 4 of folio 15. JCB 3 1/2

Ex. Com.

99

P. 97-98 for infm.
I will pass to Polada to see.

T-102
268

100.

22/10.

Chief Commissioner

I should like you to read H-97 & 98. Then I
much in what J. K. D. says in the last paragraph.

Noted by CC
705/221X

Rec'd today
OCT 29 1955
9/16

101

Polada (A) 1/10/45
Polada (B) 1/10/45

P. 97-99 - your message will be to see.

May I have a copy of the letter please?
102
T-102 9/16

103
1/10/45
cc.

103
1/10/45
cc.

105

Ex. Com. P. 97-99 - 1/10/45; 1/10/45; 1/10/45

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100.

Chil Commission

I should like you to read H-27 278. Then i
much in what J.K.D. says in his last paragraph.

Noted by CC
JTB

100/221x

Rec'd today
10/2/75
1055

101

Read (A) - 10/2/75
Read (B) - 10/2/75

P. 97-99 - you may wish to see.

May I have a copy of the letter please?
102

103
10/2/75
cc.

10/2/75

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See 104 in file: always present

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When is the big red under reply: see 105 to
explain it.

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See file 107

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#89

C.S.O.

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Letter acknowledging letter at #87 is submitted for

C.C.'s signature.

1/11/45

#90

So to CC

Letter for CC's signature

4/26/45

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Letter for CC's sig. in reply to 92

2/9

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Chief Commissioner.

Approval
Attached is submitted for your signature information

11/1/45

SEP 9 1945

cc file copy with power to

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70.

Please see 69.

26/5-45
5/27/5

72.

Ch. of Commission

1. Please see 67 for 69 for information.
2. 71 is record in a talk I had on 25 May

5/27/5 ✓

C. 3.0.

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72.

Ch. of Commission

1. Plans Dec 67 for 649 for

information.

2. 71 is record of a talk I

had on 25 May

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 8/72

Date/Time of Origin: NOV. 26 0930 A

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Message Centre No: G 4334

Date Time Rec'd: NOV. 26 1400

Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM: AMG 13 CORPS FROM BOWMAN

NOV 26 1945

TO: AFHQ FOR SACRED CITY PHCES FOR COMMANDING GENERAL, WPOUSA, INFO: COMMANDING

OFFICER 2675 REGIMENT HQ ALCOM

RESTRICTED :

Ref your F54349 of 24 November 1945. Thoroughly agree and will comply.
For the record, I have received through Deputy Political advisers Great Britain and United States invitations to call at Foreign Office London and State Department Washington to discuss informally political situation here. Understand invitations based on suggestions by your political advisers and copies sent your Headquarters. Washington is on usual air route home anyhow and am quite willing to visit London but appreciate that this would necessitate special travel arrangements and routing perhaps too inconvenient to arrange. While I am quite willing to accept invitations and feel discussions might be useful have no personal axe to grind and decision naturally is up to military superiors. At present planning to be in Rome or Casserta ready to leave on or before 5 December.

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ACTION - EX COM2

INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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AFHQ

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28 NOV 45

PRIORITY

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REFERENCE SIGNAL NIGHT SLANT SEVEN TWO FROM AIR 13 CORPS FROM
BOWMAN DATED TWO SIX NOVEMBER PD

PAREN TO AFHQ FOR GEORGE FIVE FROM HQ ALCOM CITE ACEXO PAREN

MAY COPY OF YOUR F FIVE FOUR THREE FOUR NINE OF TWO FOUR NOVEMBER
BE SENT TO THE HEADQUARTERS PLEASE PD

[Handwritten signature]
.. 10/11

[Handwritten initials]
23/11

Office of the Asst Com.

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PA
29/11

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I have been told that the Communist Party in Padova is running short of funds and that half the staff have been dismissed. My informant is reliable but I have not, so far, been able to check this interesting statement.

It is certain that the Christian Democrats are plucking up courage as they realise their potential strength. They have got some earnest men and women at the head of their movement, though of course they are bound to appear "conservative" when seen in comparison with the parties of the left.

Outside the C.L.N., the Republican Party is working hard in Padova, and the "Unione Monarchica Italia" has made its appearance in Venice. There is a plentiful display of Monarchical posters in the Piazza San Marco, an exhibition which has been too much for the left wing. Most of the posters have now such phrases as "MM IL RE", "PORCI", "LADRI", or a skull and cross bones painted roughly thereon. It is said in Venice that the Italian Navy, traditionally Royalist, is behind the U.M.I.

The strongest position still held by the Communist Party derives from their hold on the Camera di Lavoro, and on the factory Cs.L.N. In both these types of organisation there is a constant tendency to step over the boundary of labour relations into the realm of politics.

The political horizon is darkened by one cloud only, the very real fear of hunger. To that might be added cold. But hunger is a real fear.

If the Allies can only bring in grain and coal, and make clear the Allied origin of these two blessings, then, in my opinion, there is no need to fear Communism.

Yours ever
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Allied Commission

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Ref: 6519/96/20

11 September 1945

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Civil Affairs Section

Enclosed for your information is a copy of a letter received
by the Chief Commissioner from Professor Ferruccio Carli.

1 Incl;
as above

A. B. ARNOLDY.
Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 6519/EC

10 September 1945

My dear Professor Carli:

Thank you for your letter of 25 August.

I have read with interest your comments on the Italian political situation, and you may rest assured that I will pass your letter to the appropriate subcommission for study.

Yours very truly,

Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Professor Ferruccio Carli
Cameriere d'on. di Spada e Cappa di Sua Santita
Segretario Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei
Via Marcello Prestinari 13
Rome

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Italy's interest (as well as the interest of England and America) is in a sane and democratic political constitution reflecting the sane and really more numerous opinions prevailing among us. Therefore I believe it is the task of the Allies to hinder (with their enlightened judgement and advice) that our country falls into the arms of a few ambitious and wicked politicians and thence in anarchy.

I have spent some twenty years of my life abroad, and knowing, as I know, very well my beloved country, I feel it is my duty to appeal, full of hope, to your Excellency. You appear our only salvation.

Believe me, Excellency, respectfully yours

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Prof. FERRUCCIO CARLI

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Ref: 6519/EO.

4 June 1945.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Thank you for your letter 452 of 28 May 1945 enclosing reports on the political and economic situation in Northern Italy.

I have read these reports with great interest and I am most grateful to your Excellency for having sent them to me.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome

SEE MINS. 89-2370

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65194
Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers

4452

Rome, 28 May 1945

Dear Admiral,

I enclose the reports which I received from my information organs, about the political and economic situation in North Italy.

I thought you might find it useful to peruse them.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

s. I. Bonomi

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief of the Allied Commission
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CHIEF COMM

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C.A. SEC

ECON SEC

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The communist party which boasts the best organization during the underground period proves most efficient, especially because it has secured all the leading and control posts.

The socialist party has numerous members, but is weakened by interior strives about the program and about ideology.

The party which has the greatest share of esteem and sympathy is the Christian-Democrat party, which has a capillary organization and members belonging to all social classes.

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e.c.

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*Il Presidente
del Consiglio dei Ministri*

4452

Roma, 28 MAG 1945

MAY 29 1945

Caro Ammiraglio,

le rimetto le accluse relazioni, che ho ricevuto dai miei organi d'informazione, sulla situazione politica ed economica dell'Italia Settentrionale.

Penso che le possa essere utile prenderne visione.

Con molti cordiali saluti

Mussolini

ALL'AMM. ELLERY W. STONE
Capo della Commissione Alleata

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0700

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Non si dimentichi che solo una minima parte di fascisti sono stati posti in condizione di non poter più nuocere, e molti sono rimasti che possono avere tutta la convenienza di pescar nel torbido.

Si auspica/che quindi senza indugio e fin quando il territorio dell'Italia Settentrionale non verrà posto sotto la giurisdizione del Governo di Roma, il Comando Alleato assuma effettivamente il governo civile dell'Alta Italia, ed unica sia la autorità competente in materia di produzione, distribuzione, consumi, economia, finanza, e rapporti di lavoro; collaborato in ciò dalle sane energie del Paese e da quegli esponenti delle stesse la cui esperienza ed il cui passato di ineccepibile onestà e dirittura morale e civica dia reale affidamento di persone che hanno innanzi a sé come unico e supremo scopo l'interesse della intera Nazione.

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