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CIVILIAN OFFICIALS, REGION II
JUNE - AUG. 1944

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 2

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Ref; A/ 35/ 102.

27 August 1944

SUBJECT: - Prefect of Potenza

TO: - R.C. & M.G. Section
A.C.C. HQ. APO. 394

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1. The attached copy of letter dated 21 August 1944 from Prov. Commissioner at Potenza, together with copy of extract from article in "Gazzetta del Mezzogiorno" dated 20 August 1944 is forwarded for information.

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signed: R. Buchville Capt.
for: F.H. McCLEARY, Lt.Col.
Regional Commissioner.

1 Sept 44
Original sent to
Admin Section (for Bureau)
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[Signature]

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A. M. G.
GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO
POTENZA PROVINCE

21 August 1944

TO: A.C.C. HQ. Region 2, BARI.

FROM: Major A.E. HOWELL, Provincial Commissioner - POTENZA

SUBJECT: - Prefect of Potenza.

I enclose copy of an excerpt from an article published in the newspaper Gazzetta del Mezzogiorno which concerns the Prefect of Potenza. I cannot express too strongly my condemnation of the libellous insinuations of this article against the Prefect. De Guyzueta was not confirmed by Badoglio, but was appointed by him on 3 August 43 to replace the existing Fascist Prefect. He cannot therefore come into the category of epuration or defascistisation, more especially as he has never in any sense of the word been a Fascist, which was in fact the reason for his appointment.

Throughout the whole of their residence in Potenza he has cooperated loyally and wholeheartedly with the AMG/ACC authorities, as all reports of my predecessors and myself will confirm. It is obvious that this is a continuation of the attack carried out by the Communist paper the implications expressed in the article as a reflection against Allied policy and request that representations may be made to know why SCOCIMARRA was permitted to make such statements at a meeting attended by members of the public press.

sgd: A.E. HOWELL
Major.
Provincial Commissioner.

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TRALCIO di un articolo pubblicato in terza
pagina del giornale "LA GAZZETTA DEL
MEZZOGIORNO" N. 224 del 20 Agosto 1944.

L'EPURAZIONE DEI PREFETTI

-Magistrati sospesi dall'ufficio-

Rome, 19 Agosto.

su 125

L'Alto Commissario aggiunto all'epurazione, SCOCIMARRO,
in una riunione alla quale hanno partecipato rappresentanti
della stampa, ha illustrato l'opera finora svolta nel settore
a lui affidato. Tra l'altro egli ha annunziato che, nella
prossima settimana, verrà iniziata l'epurazione dei Prefetti,
tra i quali sono stati segnalati, per l'immediata rimozione
dall'incarico, quelli delle Province di Brindisi e Potenza
e alcuni della Sicilia. Si prevede che i quattro quinti dei
Prefetti confermati in un primo momento dal Governo Badoglio
e dagli Alleati, saranno rimossi. A sostituirli verranno
nominate persone di provata onestà e capacità, anche se non
di carriera.

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0 R A C T FROM AN ARTICLE PUBLISHED ON THE THIRD PAGE OF
"GAZZETTA DEL MEZZOGIORNO" NO. 224 OF AUGUST 20th, 1944.

THE PREFECTS' EPURATION
-Magistrates discharged from their offices-

Rome, August 19th.

The deputy High Commissioner of Epuration, Soccinmarro, during a meeting attended by members of the public press, has explained the work that he has carried out up to the present in his section. Among other things he informed that in the coming week the prefect's epuration will begin; among those who have been pointed out for immediate discharge are the prefects of the provinces of Brindisi and Potenza and some of Sicily. It is anticipated that four fifths of the prefects confirmed at first by Badoglio's government and by the Allies will be discharged. Persons of proven honesty and capability will replace them even if they are not career personnel.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION 352
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION 2
AFO 394

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SUBJECT : Replacement of unsuitable judicial officials in restored territory.

TO : RIO (thru RC) Region II .

CGH/In.
28 AUG 44.

28 AUG Recd

1. With reference to the numerous recommendations made at various times by you with a view to replacing unsuitable Italian judicial officials by more efficient personnel, please bear in mind that Italian judges cannot be removed from their seats after 3 years of function. (Art. 69 of the Italian Constitution of 1849) and 217 of the RDL of 30/1/41 on the organization of the Magistracy refer. Therefore the only way to remove them is either to promote them, to dismiss them because of fascist activities, to sentence them for a common law offence or to suppress their seat altogether.

2. It is a fact that the fascists tried, as late as 1941 to increase their hold on the magistracy by adding certain political considerations to the existing motives for removal of judges. It is obviously undesirable to take advantage of purely fascist legislation to solve even a temporary difficulty.

3. Furthermore it must be remembered that the transfer of an unsuitable judge to another region may relieve a tense situation in Province, but that the unfortunate RIO to whose Region the unwanted official is appointed will be faced with exactly the same problem as you are facing now .

C. G. HANFORD,
Lt. Colonel,
Officer i/c Italian Branch,
for Acting Chief Legal Officer.

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QUARTERS
27 AUG 1944
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27 AUG Recd

REF ACC/4039/ 1 OF 27.6.44 MINISTRY'S PROPOSAL NOT YET IMPLEMENTED PRESENT
PROCURATORE GENERALE POTENZA IS QUITE INEFFECTIVE AND JUDICIAL MATTERS PREJUDICED
PLEASE MAY MINISTRY BE REQUESTED TO SEND ZANNOTTI AS SOSTITUTO OR TO REPLACE
PROCURATORE GENERALE

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22 AUG Recd

REFERENCE YOUR NM 1903 OF 17 AUGUST. PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER BRINDISI
HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF CHARGES BUT OFFERS NO OBJECTION TO PROPOSED CHANGE.
HAS CONFERENCE IN CHASCO.

HEADQUARTERS
22 AUG 1944
A. C. C.

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21 JUL Recd 352
HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONF COMMISSION
REGION 2

CABR 121 3130
U-6035
17 JULY 1944

REF/ A/36/25

SUBJECT: - Attempted dismissal of Console de Porto - BARI

TO : - R.C. & M.G. SECTION
HQ. A.C.C. APO. 394

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1. Attached correspondence is forwarded with strong recommendation that action be taken to prevent the Ministry of Marine from removing a/m official.

2. Importance of smooth working of port of Bari cannot be too highly stressed and views expressed in attached correspondence are endorsed by this HQ.

3. Para 3 (b) of attached letter 37/2909/55 dated 13th July is incorrect. Camera del Lavoro is a legally constituted body under Italian Law.

Handwritten notes:
Navy Spc are in Ministry
Working to Italian Govt
of Marine
Action be taken to FOTM
reference copy to Rep II

Signature: John T. Zellars
JOHN T. ZELLARS
Col. Inf. 1,65
Regional Commissioner

Copies to: - D.L. A.A.I.
Labour Sub-Commission
Internal Sub-Commission

HEADQUARTERS
20 JUL 1944
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONERS OFFICE - BARI

COPY

SUBJECT: Attempted dismissal of Console
de Porto - Bari

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15/7/44
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TO : Regional Commissioner - Region 2

Reference the attached copy of letter 37/2909/55, dated
13 July 44 from D.A.D?L. (Civil)

In view of the strong views expressed by the Military
Port Authorities I recommend that the case be represented urgen-
tly so as to avoid the action apparently contemplated by the
Italian Government which can only lead in my opinion, to friction
and consequent loss to the War-effort.

I am also passing a copy of the above letter to the Prefect

(sgd) Lt.Col. Orpwood
Provincial Commissioner
Palazzo del Governo -Bari

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C O P Y

SUBJECT: - 1. Empty Dismissal of CAPRI
Console del Porto di BARI

Provinciale Commissioner
Allied Control Commission
Palazzo del Governo, BARI

CONFIDENTIAL

Ref. 37/2909/55

Tel. No II755

I. Reference telephone conversation of even date (Lt.Col.Orpwood - Major Horsburgh).

2. The Capitaneria of the Port of BARI received on 12 July 44 an instruction from the Ministero della Marina, Sotto-Segretariato della Marina Mercantile, that a rate of pay be fixed, in consultation with the Camera del Lavoro of BARI, for a Commissario Straordinario now in the process of being nominated for the Compagnia Portuale Nazario Sauro (BARI Stevedores) Such an appointment would involve the dismissal of the present Console (Head Stevedore) Signor Gaetano CAPRIATI. The British Authorities interested (S.S.T.O. and Docks Superintendent) indicated to the Capitaneria their satisfaction with the work of the Stevedores and their Console. This opinion is shared by the Capitaneria, who has therefore telegraphed reply as follows:-

"MARIMERCANT NAPOLI"

"Riferimento fono 014312 corrente undici alt Locali Autorità Alleate già at conoscenza nomina in corso del Commissario straordinario questa Compagnia Portuale hanno comunicato loro assoluta opposizione qualsiasi sostituzione attuale dirigente alt Riservomi precisazioni con lettera alt".

TRANSLATION Reference..... the Allied Authorities here know already that a Commissario Straordinario for this Docker's Company is being nominated. They have declared that they are absolutely opposed to any change in the present direction. Details follow by letter.

3. It is pointed out that:

(a) This attempt to remove the present Console has been sustained over a period of four months. When last March the Capitaneria was approached by the Secretary of the Camera del Lavoro, Province of Bari on the subject, no motive was produced by the latter to support the attempt. On that occasion also the Ministry communicated direct with the Capitaneria, but on being given a similar reply to that quoted in 2, agreed that the matter should be dropped so long as the present laws remained in force.

(b) The Camera del Lavoro is not a legally constituted body. The Compagnia Nazario Sauro however is so constituted, and any negotiation between the Capitaneria and the Dockers would naturally be made direct with the Company or through the

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(c) The Compagnia is strictly controlled by the Capitaneria and its accounts are audited quarterly. Any suspicion of financial dishonesty or indeed of any kind of malpractice on the part of the Compagnia could therefore only be referred to the Capitaneria for investigation.

4. This attack on the present Console the result of a vendetta on the part of certain stevedores, as the Console thinks, or a manoeuvre by certain political parties, or both combined, will if successful completely upset the present smooth working of the Port of Bari. Should a Commissario Straordinario be appointed, the Allied Authorities are in a position to cancel the present contract and either employ the Stevedores direct or, alternatively, allow the stevedores to reform as a new Company

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operating under a similar contract.

5. It is requested therefore, that, in order to avoid trouble between the Allied Authorities controlling the Port of BARI and the Italian Government, steps be taken to persuade the Ministry in question to desist from attempts to alter the present direction of the Stevedores Company.

sgd. Horsburgh
Major
D.A.D.L. (Civil)
2909 Civil Labour Unit

Field
13 July 44.
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ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ACC/4/1/51/Int

12 July 1944

SUBJECT: Vice Prefect Bari Province

TO : RO, Region II

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1. I refer to your letter P3/20 dated 29 June to RC & ME Section which has been passed to this Sub-Commission.
2. It is not possible for steps to be taken for the Vice Prefect's removal from office on the grounds only that he is inefficient in the discharge of his duties.
3. The allegation of "non-cooperation" however, is on an entirely different footing having regard to the obligation of the Italian Government and its administration in restored areas to co-operate fully in their capacity of co-belligerents with the Allied in the war effort. These remarks particularly apply to Bari bearing in mind the vital importance of the port for operational purposes and the necessity to ensure the proper functioning of the provincial Administration.
4. To enable me to approach the Italian Government it will be necessary to produce strong grounds for the request for removal.
5. Will you please therefore let me have all information possible indicating non-cooperation in relation to 3 above, including particulars of any specific instances of such behavior, constituting a hindrance of the war effort.

R. G. B. SPEDER

Copy to: RC & ME Section ✓

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R. G. B. SPEDER
Colonel 161
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. Section
APO 394

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Ref/352/116/CA.

4 July 1944.

SUBJE CT: Vice Prefect Bari Province.

TO : Admin Section (For Interior Sub-Commission)

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Copy of a letter from Col. Zellars is forwarded.
The request is strongly recommended.

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NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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Copy to: R.C. Region II.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II

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HEADQUARTERS
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29 June 1944

Ref. RS/20

SUBJECT : Vice Prefect Bari Province

TO : Executive Commissioner, RC & MG. Section,
HQ. ACC. APO 394

It is recommended that Vice Prefect Nicoli, Bari Province, be removed from office. He fails to co-operate, appears to be incapable taking any decisive action, and is entirely unsuited to hold his present position.

In the event of a change of Prefects while the present Vice Prefect is in office, it is highly desirable that there be no interregnum during the change over, which would even temporarily leave the Vice Prefect in charge of Administration.

John T. Zellars
JOHN T. ZELLARS.
Col. Inf.
Regional Commissioner.

EC. I suggest you discuss with Col Zellars
while he is here

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
APO 394

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29 June 44

SUBJECT: Prof. Viggiani

TO : Executive Commissioner (C.A. Branch)

See folio 112

1. Ref attached file, Agriculture Sub-Commission today conferred with the Minister and Under Secretary of Agriculture and reached an agreement whereby Prof. Viggiani will be permitted to remain in office on condition that he submit a letter to the Minister requesting the return of his letter of resignation which he handed to the Minister personally a few weeks ago.

2. The Provincial Commissioner of Potenza has stated that he will urge Prof. Viggiani to submit the letter requested by the Minister. If successful, the case will be closed at least until after the harvest. ✓

J. Bruce Thompson Major 20

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J. BRUCE THOMPSON, MAJOR R.A.
S.O. 2, (C.A.) Economic Section

*See Thompson to see
this should conclude this
matter satis properly
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*OK
JBT 17/6*

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Executive Commissioner.

Folios 110 and 111.

Re. Prof Viggiani Comcartment, Inspector

Region 2 are very anxious that the services of the above named be retained especially for the harvesting. In addition the Agriculture Sub-Commission have written a strong letter (folio 110) to the Minister of Agriculture to clarify his position. As the matter is one of urgency and the Italian Authorities appear loath to move in the matter it is suggested that you might take the matter up and press for his reinstatement. *+ recognition in his appointment.*

26 June 44.

J. S. Reakes

J. S. REAKES,
Major.

V.P. Economic Sect.

per folio 113

Will you take this matter up again with the W. Gov. ?

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 2
Ref: A/35/41 22 JUN 1944

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19 June 1944

SUBJECT: - Prof. Viggiani - Inspector Agriculture
Potenza Compartimenti.

TO : - R.C. & M.G. Section
HQ. A.C.C. APO. 394

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22 JUN 1944
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1. Reference A/35/40 of 10 June 1944 it now appears that after an interview with the Minister of Agriculture, Prof. Viggiani felt compelled to resign his appointment.

2. It appears that the Minister, although unwilling or unable to dismiss him, refused to confirm his appointment.

3. Attention is again drawn to the serious effect this is likely to have on the grain drive in Lucania and it is requested that every effort be made to procure his reinstatement and confirmation in the appointment.

For clearing Lt. Colonel
for JOHN T. ZELLARS
Col. Inf.
Regional Commissioner

Copies to:- Legal Sub-Commission
Interior Sub-Commission
Agricultural Sub-Commission
Provincial Commissioner - POTENZA
Provincial Commissioner - MATERA

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Agriculture Sub-Commission
APO 394

9 JUN 1944

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19 June 1944

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SUBJECT: Prof. Viggiani Compartment Inspector for Lucania.

TO : His Excellency the Minister of Agriculture.

1. In conference with Prof. Viggiani and Potenza Provincial Commissioner 18 June, I was informed that Prof. Viggiani conferred with you in Salerno for the purpose of clarifying his position but that to date he had not received any official communication from you outlining his official status as Lucania Compartment Inspector of Agriculture.

2. Prof. Viggiani was informed that the Regional Commissioner, The Provincial Commissioner, and this Sub-Commission had protested his removal in the interests of maximizing the collection of wheat. He was also informed that your predecessor informed this Sub-Commission that his appointment was made official and that letter from the Ministry No. 2951 dated 5 April 1944 reaffirmed his official appointment along with other Compartmental and Provincial Inspectors. In fact, copies of that communication from the Ministry were made available to all ACC Agricultural Officers under date of 11 April 1944 to provide added stability to the Italian Agricultural Officials in key positions on whom the farmers of Italy and ACC are depending to maximize the collection of crops to feed the Italian population.

3. Following our conference in your office in Salerno about two weeks ago concerning the status of Prof. Viggiani, ACC legal Sub-Commission was requested to provide this Sub-Commission with a legal interpretation of the Defascistization Decree. Our analysis reveals that the Defascistization law No. 29/3 provides for a discretionary power to retain in service the type of personnel such as Prof. Viggiani. Article 4 of said law reads as follows:

"Art. 4: The measures of this decree need not be applied as regards.....
(e) "Fascists whose political activity has been slight and who are considered, by reason of particular technical skill or outstanding merit, as desirable persons in the interest of the country to be retained in service."

The information we have concerning Prof. Viggiani is that he is not even subject to Defascistization proceedings under law No. 29/3 or under the new amendment now awaiting publication assuming that the population of the city of Potenza did not exceed 30,000 and that Prof. Viggiani did not display any further Fascist activities. Even if these two assumptions are incorrect, he could still be exempted by a competent Defascistization Commission at least for a period long enough to provide the Ministry and ACC with assurance that our all

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out efforts in Agriculture will not be unnecessarily handicapped for the next several months. In this connection, we wish to make our position very clear. That position is that we are not interested in Prof. Viggiani or any other Italian official for any other reason than his proven ability, industry, and willingness to cooperate fully in accomplishment of our very important mutual objectives. All reports from the Regional and Provincial Commissioners in the area in which Prof. Viggiani has been operating indicate that Prof. Viggiani can not easily be replaced unless local political activity continues to bleed away his effectiveness during the next few critical months.

4. I also learned that there still remains some question as to whether or not any Provincial or Departmental Agricultural Inspector has been given individual written assurance from the Ministry of Agriculture that they have been officially appointed. Needless to say without official appointments our all out effort to maximize the collection of grain, attain other mutually desired objectives as well as to establish a substantial Italian Agricultural Organization remains seriously handicapped. With those ends in view you are hereby again urgently requested to remove every possible obstacle to accomplishment of mutual objectives in the interest of the Italian people. Unless unbiased action takes place shortly please advise whether or not we have made a mistake in endeavoring to provide transportation for key Italian Agricultural officials whose appointments have not been officially approved. Furthermore, we also seek you advise as to whether or not we should continue to direct Allied Agricultural and other officers to utilize their own transportation and their limited time with key Italian Agricultural officials in connection with doing everything possible to encourage farmers to cooperate with the Italian Government and ACC.

5. It was also learned on my recent trip through the field that certain Italians are presently using various types of pressure to have other Department and Provincial Agricultural Inspectors removed from office. Needless to say the extent to which they succeed in removing officials for other than inefficiency or security reasons, until the present harvest has been completed, represents a direct attack on our mutual efforts to collect wheat and other crops and to develop 1945 agricultural program as the basis for justifying requests for imports of production and Harvest input requirements.

6. You are hereby urged to give the substance of this communication your most sincere and early consideration. Under present conditions such as are revealed above we are undecided as to which course to follow. As stated in previous communications and to you personally on several occasions this Sub Commission does not wish to have any objectives other than those of the Ministry of Agriculture on the assumption that both are ~~meeting~~ all efforts in the interests of rehabilitating and re-establishing a strong Agricultural economy in Italy.

7. Please reaffirm or revise appointments listed in your letter No. 2251 of 5 April 1944. It is also suggested that you prepare and submit list of recommended Department and Provincial Agricultural Inspectors for as much of the remainder of Italy as possible. On receipt of your recommendations steps will

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be taken to clear officials named for official appointment by the Ministry. In our opinion such action will have invaluable results in re-establishing a uniform agricultural organization and economy in all of Italy.

W. A. HARTMAN
Lt. Colonel
Director

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Economic Section - Mr. Grady

" " Col. Adams.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Agriculture Sub-Commission
APO 394

AGR/10020

WAM/11
13 June 1944

SUBJECT: Defascistization Decree.

TO : Director - Legal Sub-Commission.

1. Attached is a copy of self-explanatory communication to His Excellency the Minister of Agriculture, dated 10 June 1944.

2. It is hereby requested that necessary steps be taken to amend Decree in question to make it possible to retain key technically trained Italian officials when retention will result in accomplishing mutual interests of ACC and Italian Government.

3. Is it possible to have Decree amended or better still officially interpreted to permit exceptions approved or recommended by Regional Commissioner or some special ACC Italian Government Committee.

4. Although a copy of the order recently released by Region III is not available, we understand from conversation that substance thereof is not in harmony with Italian Government Decree and that under the Region III order virtually the entire Royal Forest Corps officials would automatically be dismissed from office. It is hereby requested that variations in legality be investigated immediately. It is also suggested that special orders be issued possibly through the Chief Commissioner which would have the effect of Regional orders in conflict with directives which supposedly are to be made applicable in all liberated Italy.

W. A. HARTMAN
Lt. Colonel
Director

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Economic Section

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be legal about it.
Chances are no amendment possible
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Agriculture Sub Commission
APO 394

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WAE/11
10 June 1944

SUBJECT, Confirmation Appointment of Viggiani - Potenza Compartment.
TO : His Excellency the Minister of Agriculture.

1. Quoted below is telegram just received from Region II.

"IMMEDIATE CONFIRMATION AP POINTMENT VIGGIANI COMPARTMENTI INSPECTOR AGRICULTURE LUCANIA RECOMMENDED AND URGENT. UNCERTAINTY AND DISLOCATION OF PRESENT ORGANIZATION MOST UNDESIRABLE IN MIDDLE OF GRANAIO DEL POPOLO DRIVE".

2. Regional Commissioner, Potenza, Provincial Commissioner, and this Sub-Commission urge that you do everything possible to confirm appointment of Viggiani. It is our understanding that Viggiani may be removed but must not be removed because of recent decree. Provincial Commissioner informs me that his membership in a former Fascist organization was in an area with a smaller population than the minimum established by the decree.

W. A. HARTMAN
Lt. Colonel
Director

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RC Region II
PO Potenza Province
Agricultural Liaison Office, Salerno

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