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Notes on Conference on devastated areas held  
at ROAD JUNCTION near FIEDIMONTE - S. GERMANO,  
Tuesday 18 July 1944, at 1130 hours.

Present:

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Regional Engineer, Region IV (Col. Edwards)  
Regional Medical Officer, Region IV (Col. Page)  
Regional Welfare Officer, Region IV, (Major Kenny)  
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Provincial Medical Officer (Major Pino)  
Civil Affairs Officer (Capt. Salway)

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2. Headquarters:

Decided that the HQ of Captain Boczi, Commissario Speciale for devastated areas, would be established at Roccasecca.

3. Return of Population:

Region IV to arrange for publicity in the press of Rome and Naples warning sfollati against returning to the devastated areas, in view of hardships involved. Only men and women capable of enduring rough conditions and doing hard work should return.

Capt. Salway produced complete figures of 1939 population and present population of various Communes, these to be the basis for as much control of return as is possible.

#### 4. Agriculture:

Prefect to approach Italian Government direct, and Region IV to support application for re-stocking of area with beasts from South Italy.

Commissario Speciale to provide estimate of the amount of seed required.

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CIP supplies urgently needed for agricultural works. Region IV to take in hand.

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Clearance of dead: Brigadier Moseley agreed this was military responsibility though it proceeded slowly. (Later Brigadier Dunlop met Lt. Col. Lawson of HQ Graves Registration Naples, and Capt. Foster, established at Venafro, who said that progress of clearance of dead now proceeding, and Cassino-Rapido area nearly clear.)

#### 8. Water Supply:

Situation near the Liri not bad. Situation south of the Liri barely satisfactory. Emergency wells being sunk south of the Liri and repairs being made near the Liri.

9. Anti-flooding measures:

Clearance of rivers already in hand, and serious flooding not anticipated.

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