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Ref. R5/508/3

TO: All Officers, Region V.

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The following applies forthwith to all Region V areas except those now under control of AMG 8 Army. In the latter areas, it will take effect immediately upon transfer of control from Army to Region.

Recent personal reconnaissance covering, in some detail, all territory in Region V area except Campobasso has brought to my attention certain conditions which are set forth below for the information, guidance and attention of all concerned.

1. ROADS.

a. Small surface repairs are immediately needed in many main arteries and important secondary routes. Such repairs can readily be effected with locally available labor and material. Any delay in effecting these repairs or failure in continuing maintenance will unnecessarily increase transportation difficulties and magnify the extent of work to be done at a later date.

b. Reconstruction of high level bridges or those of great length (except those required operationally and now in hand by Army) will have to be deferred until priority claims in respect to critical materials shall have been reduced. Low level bridges and those of short span can, however, be built and repaired with locally available labor and material. In many instances, relatively minor reconstruction will eliminate lengthy detours.

c. Diversions, in many cases, while adequate for the moment, are neither designed nor constructed for continuing heavy traffic during inclement weather. With the advent of autumn rains, which may be anticipated not later than 15 September, many diversions will become impassable. Where diversions cannot be eliminated by that date, effective measures will be taken immediately to insure safe passage for all vehicles during the winter season.

d. In occasional instances, demolished vehicles are causing partial road-blocks. These will be removed to provide free passage in all lanes of traffic.

e. Procedure in all cases will conform to the provisions of Region V Engineering Section directive, copy of which is attached hereto.

2. CIRCULATION.

a. A large number of motor vehicles moving without proper license or permit was observed in all provinces. Obviously such movement creates many difficulties and problems that might otherwise be avoided. Effective immediately, no motor vehicle will be permitted to move except in strict accordance with directives of Headquarters ACC and Headquarters Region V heretofore issued and now in effect.

b. Civilians appear to have received passes for travel in greater number for greater distances than seems warranted. Such passes are usually regarded by civilians as conveying the right to demand transportation in WD and other AMG vehicles and not infrequently are endorsed, or carry a request, to that effect. Henceforth, passes will be issued sparingly and only for cogent reasons and will be stamped or endorsed to indicate clearly that no right to transportation is included. Transportation will, in the future, be provided by application to and upon orders of Provincial and Regional Headquarters only. The sole exception is in the

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case of Truck Pool No. 2, where authorization for the transportation of civilian passengers in vehicles of Truck Pool No. 2 only may be issued by the CTO of Truck Pool No. 2. Instances have occurred where MPs have loaded civilian and military personnel in AMG and Truck Pool vehicles. In such cases, immediate representation will be made to appropriate military authorities to secure issuance of orders to avoid such practice. In the case of continuance or other difficulties of control, prompt report will be made to Regional Headquarters.

3. ROUTE MARKINGS.

In many cases, secondary roads, CRs, RJs and city streets are not clearly marked. Direction signs will be erected to the extent necessary to indicate clearly the most direct routes to all AMG Headquarters.

4. CROP MOVEMENTS.

a. Innumerable instances were noted of the movement of flour, wheat and other crops by motor, animal-drawn and hand-hauled transport without required documents.

b. Agricultural Directive No. 2, this Headquarters, dated 6 August 1944 (Ref. R5/515/10) clearly defines the requirements for collection and movement of wheat and flour. It will be precisely observed and strictly enforced.

5. REFUGEES

Current directives cover all phases of refugee control and movement. Exact compliance is essential.

6. PARTISANS.

a. The partisan situation appears to be growing in complexity. It can be handled successfully only by a combination of tact and firmness. At the same time, many individuals and roving bands, masquerading in the guise of patriots, have committed many depredations. When the distinction is clearly established, it is obvious that there will be no consideration for past services to influence the action taken.

b. Accredited representatives of the Italian government will shortly be forwarded to all provinces to cover separate programs for recruiting and dispersal. These individuals should prove of material assistance in minimizing the difficulties caused by troublesome factors and factions. These will be afforded every facility for the prompt accomplishment of their missions.

7. VEHICLE MARKINGS.

Many Provincial vehicles were observed which bore incomplete or improper markings. Current directives clearly prescribe AMG requirements. Improperly marked vehicles are subject to impounding by MPs or to requisition by other units. After this date, no effort will be made by Regional Headquarters to recover or replace vehicles impounded or requisitioned by reason of inaccurate or incomplete markings.

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There may be an inclination to consider the aggregate of the above items as a target only. It will not be so regarded. Action in all elements can proceed simultaneously and effectively in charge of appropriate Italian officials, provided they are directed, supervised and held to strict account by all AMG officers concerned. The time factor is of paramount importance by reason of weather conditions and prospective further drafts against the already reduced strength of Provincial

and Regional organizations. No progress reports need to be made to Regional Headquarters unless specifically directed. Personal reconnaissance will serve to eliminate such paper work. 13

I appreciate that this program will tax the abilities, energies and resourcefulness of all Region V officers and RM/CRs and I have complete and unqualified confidence in their performance of the arduous tasks involved in its consummation.

Robert P. Marshall

ROBERT P. MARSHALL,
Colonel, FA,
Regional Commissioner.

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DIRECTOR - REGION V - ENGINEERING SECTION.

- A. 1. The Engineer Section of Regional Headquarters is responsible to the Regional Commissioner of Region V and, technically, to the appropriate Sub-Commission of ACC for all matters having to do with Public Works, Utilities, Communications and Civil Transportation, except where such matters have been specifically delegated as in the case of permits and licences for motor vehicles.
2. The Engineer Section through the Regional Engineer advises the Regional Commissioner on proposed improvements and operations within its field, reports on Regional activities in such matters and acts for him on routine matters not involving any determination of policy.

3. The Engineer Section reports monthly to the appropriate Sub-Commission of ACC the technical details of operations in Region V in which they are interested.
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(a) Under Highways and Bridges are included all State, Provincial & Municipal roads over which the Genio Civile exercises control. This includes all highways except a few side streets in some of the larger cities. It includes all bridges. The responsibility covers all construction, reconstruction, repair and maintenance.

(b) Under waterways are included all irrigation works, all rivers and harbours except those harbours controlled by the Allied Navy, and all district drainage ditches.

(c) Public Buildings include all hospitals, schools, storage warehouses, prisons and, for convenience of classification, public housing projects.

(d) Demolition of unsafe buildings and removal of war damage debris.

(e) Except in case of extreme emergency with possible loss of life and property, no orders will be issued by any Provincial Officer to any officer or employee of the Genio Civile's staff. Any request for construction or repair work or criticism of his methods must be in writing to the Regional Engineer. Any indication as to required or desirable projects will be given prompt attention and assigned a place in the priority list for execution.

In cases of extreme emergency direct orders for emergency work may be given to the senior Italian (Engineer) Official present, but such orders in writing must be immediately confirmed to the Regional Engineer. In case of emergency no contract or commitment for more than Lire 50,000 will be entered into without prior approval from the Regional Engineer. No Prov-

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2. (a) The following works are classified as Utilities rather than as Public Works because as a rule they are carried on by private or semi-private corporations rather than by the Genio Civile or State engineers.
- (b) Water supplies, including aqueducts, reservoirs, pumping stations, distributing systems and apertances.
- (c) Electricity, Generation & Distribution, including Hydro or Thermal generating plants, together with Transmission Lines and distributing systems, including measures for rationing use and fixing of prices for electricity.

(d) Sewers systems - combined or separate sanitary sewers, including sewage treating plants and pumping stations. In any areas these are operated by the same company that furnishes the water.

(e) Gas Plants, including the plants for generating or illuminating gas and by-products for domestic and commercial uses and gasometers, distributing systems and appertenances.

(f) Trolley Lines (trolleyways), either trackless or track and funiculars, including power stations, car barns, waiting rooms or stations and other plant.

(g) Any construction, private or otherwise, deemed essential to the Allied war effort or to the proper administration and supply of AEG territory.

(h) Any major construction or reconstruction in any of the above must be submitted for (and receive) the approval of the Regional Engineer before materials may be released for this construction.

(i) Water supply systems are first priority projects until an adequate supply has been obtained.

(j) No diversion of power, canalizing of plants and transmission or distributing systems or other change that may affect areas served will be undertaken without the approval of the Regional Engineer.

3. The Communications Division of the Engineer Section is technically supervised by the Communications Sub-Commission of AEG. It is directly responsible for the supervision of rehabilitation of the Civil Telegraph and Telephone services and the re-establishment of postal services.

(a) All questions referring to civil communications, telephone, telegraph or postal service extensions, rehabilitation or use of plant or equipment must be referred to the Regional Communication Officer for approval prior to any action being taken.

(b) Although by direct orders of the Communications Sub-Commission this section is not responsible for Regional & AEG communications, the R.C.O. will be glad to assist with advice or practically where possible on such problems. Routine questions of hook-up or maintenance will be taken up directly with the civil or military service involved.

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(c) This decision will be responsible for the inspection & organization of maintenance for W.D. vehicles assigned by ACC to work on Public Works in this Region.

(d) The Civil Transport Division will be responsible for the consolidation of PCL requirements for Civil Transport, including Public Works trucks assigned by ACC, cars of the Genio Civile and cars and trucks in the Postal service.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL R.P. MARSHALL, Regional Commissioner Region V, AMG:

[Signature]
G.A. LATIMER, Lt Col,
Regional Engineer.

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29 June 1944.

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PISA 176,000
LUCCA 85,000
PISTOIA 75,000
PRATO 75,000

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The present intention is to send in one senior Fifth Army CAO to each of the towns mentioned above on the first day entry is made, in some cases with a CAO, who will remain in charge as long as their presence is required. Entry of these CAOs will be under the orders of the Corps SCAOs and when the town ceases to be in Corps area they will remain directly concerned in the latter

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 and work in liaison with him.

3. CC.RR.

It is expected that the following numbers of Regional
 CC.RR will be available to accompany the CAO on the day he first
 enters the town.



LIVONNO 100 Others 50 each

These men will be equipped by K.P.S.O., Region VIII as soon as available, with arm bands and police identity cards. Each group will be under the command of a CC.RR officer, 4 days rations will be carried. CC.RR found in the towns on occupation will be ordered to report to the CC.RR officer, who if satisfied as to their suitability, will issue them with an arm band and an identity card and re-employ them forthwith, pending the arrival of the Provincial organisation, at which stage normal "reprocessing" will take place.

4. Traffic Control.

It is probable that the Army will require certain main routes through the town to be kept clear of civilians to facilitate the passage of tactical troops. The giving of assistance to the military police in carrying this out should rank as the top priority during the first few days. It is suggested that Corps SCACs should find out in advance from the appropriate Traffic Control authority which routes are to be treated in this way and work out a plan with the CC.RR commander before entry.

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(b) Bars and consumption of alcoholic liquors.

If the conduct of Allied troops in public, due to the consumption of alcohol, is so bad as to cause serious repercussions among the civil population, the permission of the Provost Marshal should be obtained to limit the hours of sale to two hours in the morning and two hours in the evening. The prohibition of selling liquor by the bottle should also be considered.

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(c) Brothels.

Placing brothels "off limits" is a matter to be dealt with ~~off~~ by the Provost Marshal. CC.RR can be usefully employed in enforcing the Italian laws on Prostitution.

(d) Military Police.

The Provost Marshal, Fifth Army, has agreed to post units of Military Police in these towns at any early date where necessary to enforce military discipline. It is suggested that joint patrols with CC.RR might be arranged as was satisfactorily done in Naples.

Details of the M.P. forces available will be made known later.

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It is possible that a quantity of civilian vehicles may be found. Separate instructions about motor car licesing have been issued in this headquarters letter 203/5 of 30 June 44 on this subject.

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In large towns the Questore should be available and he may have full records intact. Measures of control of civilian shops, bars, traffic, etc., outlined in the preceeding paragraphs should be handled through him, or his deputy if the Questore is absent or unsatisfactory for re-employment.

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8. Provincial Administration.

In order to accelerate the reorganisation of the Italian Provincial Administration which must be at work by the time Provinces are handed over to Regional control, it is the policy of this Headquarters that the Provincial Commissioner should enter the Provincial capital at the earliest possible moment. In the early stages he will concern himself only with the rehabilitation of Italian Provincial organisations and will later take over communes when released to him by Corps SCAOs.

Under whom command?

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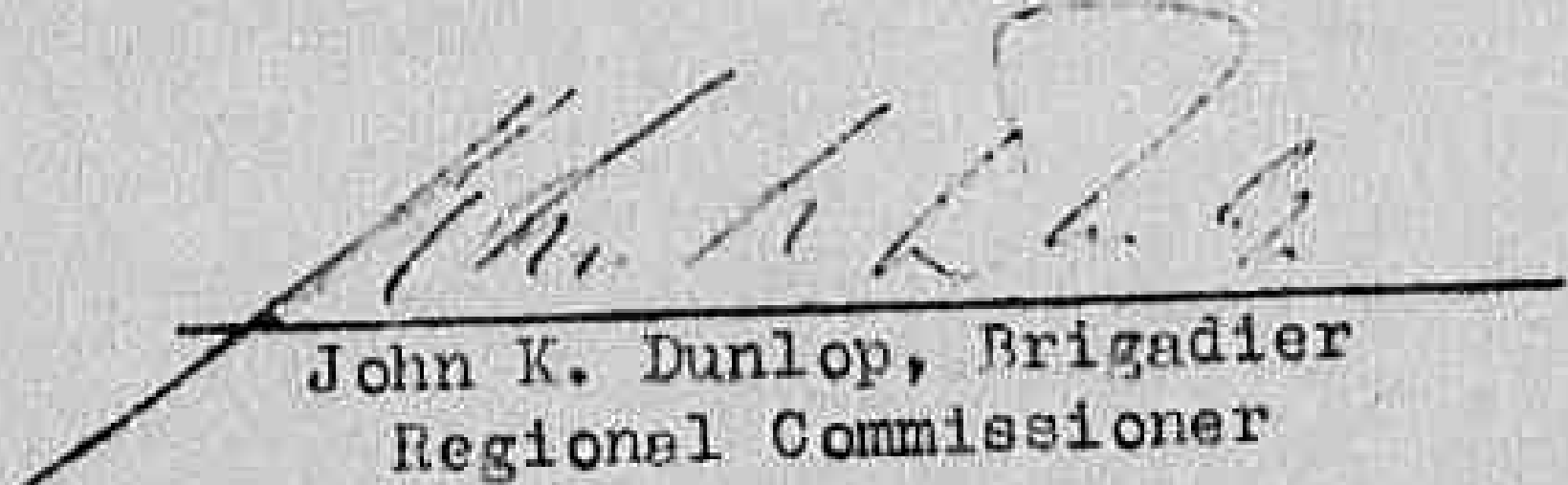
29 June 1944

TO : Provincial Commissioners, Viterbo

SUBJECT: Directive

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1. Region IV assumes control of Viterbo Province as from today.
2. The attached Directive is issued for your guidance. It is in general terms and no attempt will be made to give you instructions in precise detail. You will use your own discretion in giving effect to the spirit of the Directive. Regional Headquarters will always be ready to provide technical advice on difficult matters.
3. Sufficient copies of the Directive are enclosed to permit you to distribute them to the officers of your Province if you think fit.


John K. Dunlop, Brigadier
Regional Commissioner

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DIRECTIVE TO THE PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER, VITERBO.

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1. You are being asked to take over a large task with a limited number of officers. You will only be able to achieve satisfactory results if you concentrate on essentials, avoid dissipation of energies and interest, and practice a rigid economy in men and material.
2. Compared with the more Southerly Provinces of Region IV, Viterbo has not suffered severely from war damage. Certain of the towns on the main roads have been hit but the countryside as a whole is unspoiled.
3. The war has moved swiftly away to the north and it is likely that before long the armies will also have moved to northerly battles, leaving only a few scattered maintenance units strung along the main highway.
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 - e) It is anticipated that "Defascistisation" will already have taken effect. If, however, there remain officials of doubtful antecedents, they must be removed.
7. The Regional Policy in respect of price regulation, control of rebuilding, control of prostitution, etc., will be to induce and encourage the Italian Authorities to apply their own laws. These laws exist and are adequate to deal with the situation if properly and firmly applied.

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8. Every effort should be made to encourage the opening of branches of Banks, particular of the Banca d'Italia, and the office of the Intendente di Finanza, the latter two agencies are vital in the proper financing of Communes and Provinces. The opening of Post Offices for financial services only should be encouraged.

It is the policy of A.C.G. that new funds placed in circulation be held to a minimum in view of the dangers of inflation and that Communes and Provinces be financed through the Banca d'Italia at the earliest possible moment.

9. As a part of the general policy of economy of force, you should group your officers in pairs or threes in three - or not more than four - localities in the Province. These subdivisions of your Province should be called 'Groups' of Communes (Aggruppamenti di Comuni). The use of this phrase will avoid the need for the words "District" or "Area". Both of these have technical military meanings.

10. The Headquarters Office of each group should be efficiently organized with two or three Allied Officers and an adequate Italian Staff. This Italian Staff should include Carabinieri, clerks, interpreters if necessary, mechanic to look after the cars. It may be found desirable to secure the paid services of an Italian Doctor or Engineer, but normally all technical or professional work should be done through Italian channels.

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FROM : HQ Region V, AMB.
SUBJECT : Directive.
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DATE : 24 Jun 44.

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The attached Directive is intended as a guide, and no attempt has been made to give detailed instruction.

Use your own discretion in giving effect to the spirit of the Directive and consult Region on any difficult points, and technical advice you may require.

FOR REGIONAL COMMISSIONER:

[Signature]
S. H. A. FRENCH,
Lt Colonel,
Executive Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 5 A.I.G.
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DIRECTIVE TO PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONERS

24 June 1944.

1. The tasks allotted to you will loom large, and the number of officers-limited as it must be-will seem to you to be insufficient for the job on hand. This will mean that essentials (I.E. first things first) must receive your concentrated attention and your energies be directed to the most vital necessities of your Province. Economy in men and material will have to be exercised rigidly.
2. As the zone of battle moves forward your area will present to you such problems as displacement of populations, destruction of industry; and you will almost certainly find that many inhabitants have been deprived of the bare necessities of life.
3. Owing to the rapidity of the Allied advance, you cannot expect much help from Army sources.
4. It will therefore be necessary to encourage Italian Officials to assume their responsibilities in the shortest possible time. Everything possible must be done to restore the normal life of the community, and your efforts should be towards its reconstruction. Restrictive regulations should be reduced to a minimum.
5. Your particular tasks will be on the following lines.
 - (a) Agriculture. The importance of this industry must be known to you, but I would remind you of the necessity of receiving the normal return from the harvest and of getting the grain brought in to the Granai Pubblici. Labour for this may require special arrangements.
 - (b) Maintenance of Stock Piles will need your attention, and as far as possible should be centrally placed.
 - (c) The clearance of towns and villages of damage and debris. This must take precedence over any rebuilding. Health is of vital importance, and in this respect streets and roads must be kept clear of all refuse.
 - (d) Enforcement of law and order should be left to the Carabinieri and to Italian Magistrates. It will thus be important to re-establish Italian Courts, All Courts to be used only for serious offences and for those against Allied personnel and property.
 - (e) Post fascist officials will no doubt have fled, but if there remain officials of doubtful sympathies they must be removed.
6. It will be the policy of the Region to induce and encourage the Italian authorities to apply firmly their existing laws in respect of price regulation, rebuilding control, prostitution, etc.
7. Banks should be encouraged to open their doors for business. The Banca D'Italia and Intendente di Finanza play a very important part in the financing of Commerce and Provinces.
8. It may be that owing to lack of personnel the most economical method of control will be by groups of officers of two or more in the Province, and these sub-divisions should be organized with the necessary Italian personnel, clerks, interpreters, etc.
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For Regional Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS REGION IV
Allied Control Commission
APO 394

19th June 1944.

TO : Provincial Commissioner, Rome Province

SUBJECT: Directive

FILE NO: R4/850. 14

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DIRECTIVE TO THE PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER:

1. You are being asked to take over a large task with a limited number of officers. You will only be able to achieve satisfactory results if you concentrate on essentials, avoid dissipation of energies and interest, and practice a rigid economy in men and material.
2. Your Province presents many features demanding special care. Many parts have been heavily ravaged by War, there has been a violent displacement of population and a severe destruction of industry.
3. The Armies have moved away to the North, but you will have within your Region two large Port Areas and important lines of communication.
4. On the other hand your more hilly easternly Communes will be far from any Military installations.
5. Subject to Military Limitations in certain Areas your efforts should be bent towards reconstruction. Everything possible must be done towards restoring life to normalcy. Restrictive regulations should be reduced to a minimum. It will be necessary to transfer responsibility to Italian Officials and to encourage them to assume it.
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e) It is anticipated that "Defascistisation" will already have taken effect. If, however, there remain officials of doubtful antecedents, they must be removed.

7. The Regional Policy in respect of price regulation, control of rebuilding, control of prostitution, etc., will be to induce and encourage the Italian Authorities to apply their own laws. These laws exist and are adequate to deal with the situation if properly and firmly applied.

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8. Every effort should be made to encourage the opening of branches on Banks, particular of the Banco d'Italia, and the office of the Intendente di Finanza, the latter two agencies are vital in the proper financing of Communes and Provinces. The opening of Post Offices for financial services only should be encouraged.

It is the policy of A.C.C. that new funds placed in circulation be held to a minimum in view of the dangers of inflation and that Communes and Provinces be financed through the Banco d'Italia at the earliest possible moment.

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10. The Headquarters Office of each group should be efficiently organized with two or three Allied Officers and an adequate Italian Staff. This Italian staff should include Carabinieri, clerks, interpreters if necessary, mechanic to look after the cars. It may be found desirable to secure the paid services of an Italian Doctor or Engineer, but normally all technical or professional work should be done through Italian channels.

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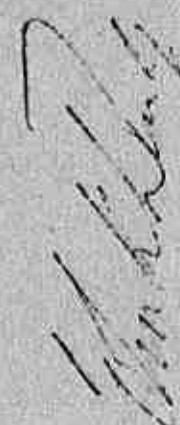
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