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NOTES OF VP'S MEETINGS
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Region IV.

Col. Bonham Carter has been sitting in Brig. Dunlop's chair since Monday. Saturday, 29 July, 11 o'clock, Brig. Dunlop had conference with Col. Poletti and Col. Ames. Region IV took over TERNI yesterday. 31 July, 0830hrs., Brig. Dunlop has conference with Col. Poletti and all Provincial Commissioners Region IV, i.e. They are 8 hrs ahead of the hand-over schedule. Saturday, 29 July, Region "Z" Recce Party left for CHIARIANO.

General. Refugee problem appears to be easing down. The only outstanding problem appears to be that of the mine lifting Coy promised for Region IV which has not yet arrived. This unit is under strength; the matter is in hand with PBS and we hope to get them moved today.

ROME Region.

The main incidents in the last week were :

- (i) the attempt to issue pasta ration,
- (ii) the evacuation of about 200 families at ROME LIDO in connection with an exercise. This has proceeded very smoothly.

General. Things are satisfactory; food supply and coal supply is good. The question of personnel for the new Region IV is on the whole satisfactory. There was a small incident on Saturday night at a military dance hall in ROME where some Italian youths tried to shave the heads of Italian girls.

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SUBJECT:-

Meeting of RLOS and SLOS.

HQ AMG
Rear Eighth Army.

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17 Jul 44.

Executive Commissioners Branch,
HQ Allied Control Commission.

Copy to: Administrative Section (attn C.L.O.)

1. Receipt is acknowledged of notice of subject meeting at ROME 0900 hrs 1 Aug 44.

Edwin J. Mercer
Edwin J. Mercer, Lt. Col. Ord,
Senior Legal Officer,
for group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
AMG EIGHTH ARMY.

John Sherrin

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Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner

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1. Vice President's Meeting, 1000 hours, 17 July 1944, Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner, Rome.

2. Present: Acting Chief Commissioner Captain Ellery W. Stone, Mr. E. Grady, Colonel W. O'Dwyer, Mr. R. Caccia, Mr. S. Reber, Brigadier Lush, Colonel G. Upjohn, Colonel Monfort, and Colonel Densmore.

3. Acting Chief Commissioner:

a. The Acting Chief Commissioner welcomed Colonel O'Dwyer. The Acting Chief Commissioner will discuss with Mr. Grady relative to announcing date Colonel O'Dwyer to take over Economic Section.

b. The Acting Chief Commissioner announced AAI and Advisory Council had approved transfer of additional territory to Italian Government. Commission awaiting word from AFHQ on transfer publicity. Italian Government told to withhold any publicity. Densmore to send tracer to AFHQ. Tracer sent; see message #S-282.

c. The Acting Chief Commissioner reported relative to his meeting Sunday, July 16th, with Prime Minister Bonomi:

(1) The Prime Minister was told that the Commission had not as yet received word on the appointment of General Di Naisando as Director General of Railroads in the Ministry of Communications and was informed that his appointment would be published in an order of the day to be issued 17 July following the current meeting of the Council of Ministers.

(2) Discussed the matter of the advisability of merging Finance and Treasury Ministries as they were at the time that the Bonomi Government took over. The Acting Chief Commissioner told the Prime Minister that while ACC would not insist on the merger, he did most earnestly and strongly urge this matter purely on the grounds of efficiency of operations. The Acting Chief Commissioner pointed out that there was considerable uneasiness within the two Ministries on the part of the personnel and that ACC would prefer for the present to have the two Ministries merged, if, as we understood, Sig. Soleri was to be promoted to fill the vacancy caused by the pending resignation of Sig. Croce. The Prime Minister stated that while it was true that Croce had resigned, the Council of Ministers had voted not to accept the resignation and would urge him to reconsider. For that reason, Soleri was still Minister of Treasury although he admitted that if Croce persisted in resigning, Soleri would

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c. The Acting Chief Commissioner reported relative to his meeting Sunday, July 16th, with Prime Minister Bonacci:

(1) The Prime Minister was told that the Commission had not as yet received word on the appointment of General M. Salimondo as Director General of Railroads in the Ministry of Communications and was informed that his appointment would be published in an order of the day to be issued 17 July following the current meeting of the Council of Ministers.

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d. The matter of release of paroled POWs in Sicily was discussed. The Acting Chief Commissioner reports that he had informally discussed the matter with Prime Minister Bonacci and had pointed out to the Prime Minister that under Italian military law such prisoners were liable to prosecution, having given their parole not to escape, and be-

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fore granting them their proposed liberty the Commission would desire to receive the Italian Government's commitment in writing that they would not be prosecuted. The Prime Minister stated that the Government would be glad to take such an undertaking. Further in connection with the question of release of paroled prisoners in Sicily, it was agreed that since AAI and APHQ are not in agreement, the Acting Chief Commissioner will discuss the matter further with the Political Section for the purpose of making the Commission's position and views known to APHQ and AAI.

e. It was agreed that Colonel Poletti is to obtain approval of HQ ACC in connection with enlarging the scope of the Rome Region Commission on Defascistization. Brigadier Lush will discuss with Colonel Poletti.

f. Message SP/11 13 of July 14 from Region II stating "without sufficient agricultural PCL, harvest can neither be collected nor transported", Message No. 327 Region V July 13th stating "face shortage naphta and PCL for threshing forward provinces", and Message No. 11 2/27 Region II July 13th stating "rolling stock required to avoid complete collapse of grain program and distribution food" were discussed, and Brigadier Lush stated that the matter was being handled by the Economic Section. The Acting Chief Commissioner stressed the necessity for obtaining the necessary PCL.

g. Message 319 of July 12th from Region V ASD, relative to price of wheat, was discussed. Mr. Grady reporting that the matter is probably in hand.

h. The question of High Commissioner for Sicily was under discussion. Acting Chief Commissioner to take up the matter with the Prime Minister.

i. The Acting Chief Commissioner announced that if there was no objection, the Italian Liaison Section of HQ ACC, as such, will be eliminated, and that Lieut. Apostolo with necessary staff would be attached to the Acting Chief Commissioner's office for liaison purposes, and that Col. Monfort would check with each officer of the Liaison Section, except Lieut. Apostolo, and determine their status, and that Colonel Monfort would also check with Section Heads in order to determine whether or not they desired Italian officers attached to their section for liaison. It was agreed that Sig. Ruggiero Farace should be attached to the Political Section for liaison purposes. //

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5. Brigadier Luch

a. Reported that decision had been taken to hold up the return of refugees from Southern Italy coming in territory north of Naples, and to take care of refugees from the North in an area between Rome and Naples.

6. Mr. Cassia

a. Discussed the matter of whether or not approval should be given to Mideast for a visit by the Bishop of Tripolitania to the Vatican. Visit approved for the purpose of visiting Vatican only.

7. Mr. Reber

a. Discussed the question of whether or not private sector

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vehicles of members of the Italian Foreign Office could be made except from requisition. After discussion, it was suggested that no exception should be made and a suggestion was made that perhaps the Italian Government could requisition such vehicles and assign them to members of the Italian Foreign Office for official use.

b. The matter of requisition by Allied Forces of one of the news locations mentioned in Memoranda and Film Arts list was referred to Colonel Munfort to follow through.

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