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Subject: Liaison Reports.

M.M.I.A., North Italy.

MILAN.

Tel: Milan 13939.

To: M.M.I.A. (4 copies)

MIL/3/E.

1 Oct 45.

Reference your A322/1 of 27 Sep 45.

1. Capt. BURLANDO, who is the Italian I.O. working in conjunction with Capt. COTTON in the Roma office, should have signed the liaison report FOR M.M.I.A. SO.
2. Capt. COTTON is, as you know, primarily concerned with ST matters, but carries out the ordinary duties of an M.M.I.A. I.O. when he is not visiting the Bulk Food Depot or otherwise engaged on ST work.
Thus, a certain amount of the routine office work cannot be easily carried out by him.
3. I mentioned this point in my letter SLOH/A/1 of 18 Sep, in which I requested the appointment of an I.O. for BEMDA other than the ST representative.
4. For your information, most out-stations have an Italian I.O. attached from the local Territorial HQ, and their work is invaluable.
5. Capt. BURLANDO is working in close collaboration with Capt. COTTON, and both officers submit weekly reports, one concerning Terr. HQ matters and the other relating to ST. Capt. COTTON checks Capt. BURLANDO's report before it is despatched, and also directs all policy.

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Copy to : MIA IO Genoa. Please note Para 1 for future guidance.

POST/pme

Subject : MMIA N. Italy.

M.M.I.A., N. Italy.

MILAN.

Tel : Milan 13989.

SLOW/G/4.

30 Sep 45.

Dear General

I have now been here just over a fortnight, during which time I have paid a brief visit to my L.O's at GENOA and TURIN. I hope to get up to BOLZANO and UDINE in the near future.

There are one or two points of importance which I would like to mention.

1. MMIA set-up in Northern Italy.

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MIA signal A382 of 28 Sep will of course be complied with, but if possible I would like permission to send BYATT back to BOLZANO as soon as he arrives here on his way through.

2. The Combat Groups.

Whatever the future of the Italian Army may be, it cannot be denied that the most valuable portion of the present Army is represented by the Combat Groups. One might say that (until the I.S. Bdes are fully formed) they are the only available Italian military force sufficiently organised to deal with disorders if the Carabinieri fail.

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I have frequently been urged by the B.I.U.'s and by the Divisional Commanders to use any influence I possess to prevent any weakening of the Combat Groups in view of the important part they might have to play this winter.

Two points in particular have been mentioned time and again :-

(a) Pay.

The proposed pay cut (temporarily postponed) is regarded as a leftist attempt to kill the Army for good and all. It comes at a time when wages for all types of civilian workers are being raised to meet the cost of living, and its object is NOT understood by any of the senior Italian officers with whom I have spoken.

(b) Instructors for Cesano.

All are in agreement that the plan for the development of Cesano is excellent, and should be carried out over a considerable period. All the Divisional Commanders are very insistent, however, that they cannot spare the 100 instructors they have been called upon to produce, and one B.I.U. in particular urges that no further weakening in the strength of the Combat Groups taken place at present.

They have got to. The future big project must take precedence over the present

L. J. B.
[Signature]

Lieut-Col.
 Senior WMA 10, N. Italy.

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Senior Liaison Officer: N. Italy Report.

To : Land Forces Sub-Comm. A.C.

H.O. M.E.I.A., Rome (4 copies)

M.E.I.A. N. Italy.

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Tel : Milan 13939.

SUCN/0/4.

1 Oct 45.

1. Visited GENOA on 27 Sep and saw Gen. FRATTINI. He is concerned about the local state of unrest and showed me some of his Staff Intelligence Reports. According to these, the Communist rising is to take place any time after 1 Oct.
The revolutionaries, it seems, are divided into two groups, (a) those living in the mountains, who have controlling the coup and (b) those in the town itself, who have received weapons from their leaders and who will be the actual executioners.
2. Amongst those to be murdered are the General himself, together with leading Civilian authorities and members of the nobility. The "revolution" which is intended to improve on Russia that the New Italy is led in principle, is to take place whether the Allies have left or not. The revolutionaries are to seize the Questura, Telephone Exchange, etc and control the city.
3. I have asked for copies of the Intelligence reports, which name some of the Communist leaders. In view of the few troops at the disposal of No. 2 Terr. MC, arrangements have been made with 60 Sub-area to drive a few tanks and armoured cars through GENOA on 1 October, when it is anticipated a strike will be staged.
4. Italian Guard Bns are disposed as under :-
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One Bn Dispersed on various duties throughout Liguria.
Mantova Combat Group HQ at VERCELLI, 35 km from GENOA.
5. The Caserma Vittorio Veneto at STURIA (GENOA) is empty and is reserved for Allied occupation if necessary.
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7. With reference to my signal SLOW/1 of 20 Sep : I am informed by Gen. FRATTINI that the goods to the value of 1 million lire were NOT sold. A contract had been made for their sale, but was successfully cancelled.

Mr. E. ...
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Subject: Liaison Officer's Reports.

S.I.A. N. Italy.
MILAN.

Tel: Milan 13889.

Ref: GEFION/0/4.

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25 Sep 43.

Report of Liaison Officer's Reports.

1. Arrived Milan 14 Sep via GENOVA. 101 9

2. Saw Capt. COTTON in GENOVA and discussed situation of moving the bulk depot to Trieste. Desires to do so as MILAN is on direct fly line whereas port of GENOVA not functioning properly. Suggest he is re-employed as a civilian. He is a useful man and a good interpreter.

3. Sergt. Major CARLUCCI, ex-2nd Battalion in Sardinia, is working at the GENOVA office and is shortly due for discharge locally. Suggest he is re-employed as a civilian. He is a useful man and a good interpreter.

4. There are many French officers in GENOVA, including those of the Naval Delegation.

5. Noticed that some of the CH. 15 have removed the V.E. (Vittorio Emanuele) monogram from their cap-badges. I have heard this reported from other towns as well. If they are described in the Order of Battle as CH. 15 they should retain the Royal monogram.

6. Accommodation in GENOVA is a problem as there are so many ex-PO and refugees. I told an A.M.G. Station representative that the Italian Army did require to retain the schools they at present occupy.

7. Arrivals and Departures.

Major BOUTIN reported for duty at MILAN 17 Sep.

Capt. CHIFFRE (Bologna) arrived on Liaison visit 17 Sep and left 19 Sep.

Major MORICO arrived 18 Sep from TRIESTE.

Major ROMANES arrived 20 Sep and returned BOZANO 22 Sep.

Major WYATT (Poland) arrived 20 Sep and left 22 Sep.

Capt. COTTON (Genoa) arrived 20 Sep to arrange location of Bulk Depot and left 22 Sep. Visited MILAN again 24 Sep and left 25 Sep. Site for Depot fixed at

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 Major EDMUNDS arrived 20 Sep and returned BOLZANO 22 Sep.
 Major BYATT (Bolzano) arrived 20 Sep and left 22 Sep.
 Capt. GORTON (Genoa) arrived 20 Sep to arrange location of Milk Depot and left 22 Sep. Visited MILAN again 24 Sep and left 25 Sep. Site for Depot fixed at Magazzini Generali, old D.I.D. close to Rly and very suitable.
 Capt. O'DONNELL (Turin) arrived 25 Sep left same date.
 Major BIRD and Major MORICCO are expected to leave for U.K. about 27 Sep.
8. VISITS.
 Visited G. A and C. & District with Major BIRD and BOURNE on 19 Sep and explained MILA lay-out for R. Italy.
 Visited Gen. MARAS (No. 3 Terr. HQ) on 21 Sep; introduced Major BOURNE who had conference with Chief of Staff.

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9. Major EDWARDS and Col. BALAZINO of the Divisione Motor-
insegni visited 2 District on 21 Sep and obtained
permit for the latter to inspect 2 District vehicle parks
for the purpose of identifying Italian Army vehicles.

10. A reply is requested to my signal MON/21 of 17 Sep
on the subject of withdrawal of Army vehicles, five civil
engineers.

11. Have now taken over from Major BIRD, and Major BOURNE is
installed as L.O., Milan.

Intend touring ORONA and TURIN this week, and will probably
visit BOLOGNA and UDINE next week.

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Subject: Liaison Report No. 6.

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M.A.I.A. L.O.
N.W. Italy,
Milan.

Phone: Milan 23989
HW1/3/0.

7 Sep. 49

To: Mr. MIA

1.- M.A.I.A. 10 Sep. 49 the reins of office are grasped by Lt. Col. Egerton. On that date, I hand over some of the most interesting work in Italy, and I hope a "going" concern.

2.- This is my Swan Song complete. For also in that date SSAN3 SMD is shattered up, and our remnants will sleep in the offices, until moving to a palatial villa in Milan on 15 Sep. 49.

Wid
Major
Sr. MIA
N.W. Italy.

Copy to: MIAIO Paris
MIAIO Boston

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"G" Points

Appx. 'A' to NWL/3/0
dated 8 Sep. 45

1.- The Ministry of War have instructed their Terr. Hq. that the internal security Bdes will be as follows:

Mic Hq.
Arty Gp.
Four Inf. Bns.

2.- Under Ministry of War instructions 302 Qd Bn remains in Milan as nucleus of 1 Terr. Sec. Bde, and does NOT move to Genoa to the remainder of 1 Qd. Regt.

"A" Points

Appx. 'B' to NWL/3/0
dated 8 Sep. 45.

Aft. question discussed and clarified with Col. Ridgely during visit.

"Q" Points

Appx. 'C' to NWL/3/0
dated 8 Sep. 45

Acen problems will definitely arise if Terr. Hq. attempt to concentrate Inf. Sec. Bdes inside TUMIN, MILAN and MENOA. Barracks seen is however readily available in the nearby districts.

1. And bloom have fallen upon S.M.I.A. S.M.I.A. Italy since the last report was written, and it would be able to prevent that efficiency, particularly with regard to the smaller details, will not suffer. The departure of Capt. CLARK, the instant departure of Maj. STUBBS, Maj. EYLE and Odor, and, with no replacement in view mean three things: firstly full attention will continue to be given to implementation and fulfillment of policy; secondly more and more local details will be referred direct by Allied HQ through Italian attached liaison officers, to Terr HQ and the reverse; thirdly Terr HQ will be encouraged to write to the Ministry of War for reference to HQ, S.M.I.A. on all matters where a French directive is required, rather than to S.M.I.A. i.e.C.S.

This will not unduly delay action, as Italian mail from this area should not take more than FOUR days to reach the War Ministry. Moreover I feel that the more Italian HQ inter-communicate and learn to stand on their own feet vis-a-vis Allied HQ, the more is the intention to give them further independence forwarded.

2. The main task of organizing S.M.I. Italy, and establishing the authority and functions of Territorial Headquarters, has now been completed. On the other hand the infinite details of consolidation, of collection, of distribution, of movement and in fact of normal activity are steadily increasing. Italian I.S. HQs are being formed, and their training is to be supervised by S.M.I.A. I.S. HQs are organized, and S.M.I.A. I.S. HQs are required to ensure collection of Italian materials from HQs, there and everywhere and in some cases to inspect it. (and we have no full officer), Italian clothing bags are inventoried and reported, and the annual shipments to other areas have started. Feeding from Italian sources has begun, with consequent extra Italian movements, extra Greek and extra units upon Italian transport, without compensating increase in holdings. Accommodation problems never cease; disciplinary cases are on the upward curve. Still to be tackled, are the A.S.S. held Italian Army vehicles, the masses of loose ammunition lying around, accommodation in MILAN for an Italian S.M.I.A.

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3. The foregoing paragraph is not written with the purpose of producing a picture of a flight against overwhelming odds. For from it, but I do not indulgence, if we cannot satisfy everyone all the time with the promptness of our actions, or the effectiveness of our enquiries. For we are at the same time increasing our territory, and losing our personnel. This central office, for instance, is now, myself and Captain POE. Our tanks are, or seem likely to be, five zero HQ (and KILAN in particular), all five, Combat Groups, HQ 2 District, HQ 32 Area, A.S.O. Lombardis, and in future L.C. WILLIAMS has as M.V.I. L.C., and in a tricky place (see appx. 11). BOLLOMA is happy under Captain BOLLOMA who also has 200 Miv under his wing. We are all cheerful warriors, indeed veterans of M.V.I. and quite undaunted, but - and please excuse me, if I put it this way - may a staff examination please be made of the detailed work at present required from M.V.I. L.C.s to see if the work can be lightened in some way to accord with our numbers. We are very thin on the ground. KILAN and POE at KILAN, O'MONAGHAN at KILAN, BUNNETT at GIMOL, BOWMAN at KILAN, GILBERT at KILAN, and we are the brains, eyes, and ears of everywhere north of the Appennines.

4. Turning to the lighter side, we are still villa-conscious. An exhaustive search has been made by A.C. for an alternative to Col. FINE's side. My unoccupied ones have gone to light, but a large, and extremely pleasant villa one fear; to be occupied only by three officers from A.F.H.C. Inquiries elicited that they were rarely in residence, but on being approached, said that they were keeping it as a "plod-a-tare" for Q-140. Hence protracted enquiries, conducted by Brig. BARNARD, with the following reply "The villa Marshall does not, never did, never will host the villa." Have no the fee to occupy it ourselves nor with two officers and three men? I think we have. As maybe BARNARD will be never the delight of town, and guests will be as welcome as ever. But may I please make a place? We have just found a bill of 300 lire for guests' laundry. Be my contributions, however small, will be willingly accepted.

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Major,
General BILLYING
M.S.I.A.

Copy to: M.S.I.A. L.O.; BILLYING.

M.S.I.A. L.O.; HUNTER.

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Appendix 'A' to HRL/1/0
dated 25 Aug, 1945.

'G' points.

Visited RUSSIA 17 and 18 Aug. Arriving from conference, reported to Capt. CLOUGHAN's Liaison Report 3, were the main points:-

1. The whole communist block from ALGERIA, MOROCCO to VIETNAM, well organized, and well armed. BRIG. GRAMM, 7 ABRA is going after the arms, and wanted Italian Terr HQ to help with search and vets. I have clarified with 2 District, that the Italians have no right of search, and that only such examination as is covered by the A.F.M.C. Directive is an Italian responsibility. 2 District will inform 7 ABRA accordingly.
2. BRIG. GRAMM is anxious to raise the prestige of the Italian Army. On the V-J parade in RUSSIA, the G.I.s were represented together with C.I.S. They received a great ovation. He intends to move some regt GRAMM's plus HQ into RUSSIA, so that the Italian Army may be shown too. Further units of 7 ABRA will work together with Terr HQ to show solidarity. I have seen 2 District, and there are hopes that this will generate, and Italian type in other parts will be used on similar occasions, though it is emphasized that where internal security is concerned, naturally Allied troops will not be involved - at least primarily.
3. RUSSIA now needs a difficult area, as the population are considerably German speaking, and do not like Italians. It is for consideration whether an area is not required there to guide Terr HQ. Indications point to this area remaining under Military Control for some period, after the Italian Government take over the remainder.
4. Gen. HAYES is leaving 2 District for RUSSIA, G.O.C. 1 District will take over.
5. 2 District are moving into RUSSIA almost immediately.

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Appendix 'B' to SWI/1/8
dated 12 August 45.

'A' Points.

1. Discipline.

- (a) 3 officers and 9 C.O.s of 1 S.I. Coy are under arrest for selling R.D. petrol, and plying for fares, transporting civilians. 150,670 lire taken from suspects.
- (b) Rumour from POLONA. Gen MARIGI(?) was accused for using POLONA apt. even during battle, for extensive black market enterprises, and is now a wealthy man.

2. Units.

- (a) The offloading of USIIS, coincided with LAR 2 District plan to prepare the reduction of IAR units by:-
 - (i) Putting all good men into selected Coys, and thus bringing up to strength.
 - (ii) Retaining other Coys on paper strength only, pending I.F.H.Q. reduction of units.

The scheme has of course been upset by the large influx of unskilled men, suitable only for IARs.

- (b) Slight shortages of Engns and other specialists still exist.

3. Demobilization.

No news yet received by ITALIAN HQ from Ministry of War of Genet 1913 class.

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Appendix 'G' to HSL/3/G
dated 25th, August, 43.

'G' Points.1. ACQU.

It is 2 District's proposed intention to take over some large empty Italian Army barracks in NOVARA for housing German P.W., as it is not considered a good thing to bring them into MILAN. In view of HQ, M.M.I.A.'s last directive on barracks for Germans, shall I warn 2 District off?

2. Rations.

(a) No complaints have been received from Allied quarters that Italian troops are not being fed.

(b) Feeding strength MILAN now approaching 32,000. Suggest next ST officer make his home MILAN, where the work will be, particularly if the M.S.B. is transferred to MILAN. It will then be possible for him also to look after POL, ration movements, and other ST matters, and be in closer contact with 2 District. It is necessary also for a ST expert to find a suitable Distribution Depot, and Bulk Supply Depot in MILAN. (See Maj. HILL's reports on these depots).

3. P.O.L.

Italians without properly endorsed work tickets continue to arrive at this office. No ticket has, or will be endorsed by this office, whatever the circumstances. In all cases the drivers are told to contact their own HQ, and say they cannot move for lack of POL, and to await results. I often wonder what happens!

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4. ORD & GEM.

(a) 2,000 rail wagons lie in MILAN goods yards, laden with all types of materials. Sorting has started. About 150 wagons per day once or twice a week, are examined. 2 District have asked for a B.M.I.A. rep to be there. But with the departure of Capt. CLARK and Maj. MUNRO this is no longer feasible.

(b) My HWI/11/2 of 23 Aug. shows a store of clothing, which we might claim at COMO. Many similar things come to light. Previously, before B.M.I. Italy was organised, we just collected. Now we have to claim in detail from GEM 2 District. An ORD, or in fact any additional officer, here would be useful, as all requests for GEM in 2 District, that are not bid for by HQ, B.M.I.A., will be channelled through this office. There is still more detailed work to do here, particularly as our "free booting" days are over.

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SECRETSubject:- Liaison Report No. 4.M.M.I.A. L.O.,
R.W. Italy,
MILAN.

Phone: MILAN 13989.

HWI/3/G.

4th. August, 1945.To:- Land Forces Sub Com. A.C. (4) -
(M.M.I.A.) R.O.M.R.

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Appx 'I' to NWI/3/G
dated 4th. July, 45.

'G' POINTS.

- (a) On 26 July, a successful cocktail party was given by G.O.C., 2 District to Italian Senior Officers, shown in Appx 'A' para (A) to Liaison Report No. 3, less G.O.C., 2 Terr HQ who was away in ROME.
- (b) 1, 2 and 3 Terr Gd Coys have arrived at destinations. All are without vehs, as previously reported. Under separate cover, was forwarded the proposed employment of 3 Gd Coy by Terr HQ, and a request for additional tps.
- (c) On 'I' matters, Gen MARRAS feels the prestige of CC RR is rising. This is confirmed by 'I' 2 District.

Appx 'B' to NWI/3/G
dated 4th. July, 45.

'A' POINTS.

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Appx 'C' to NWI/3/G
dated 4th. July, 45.

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'Q' POINTS.

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SECRETSubject:- Liaison Report No. 3.M.M.I.A. L.O.,
R.N. Italy,
MILAN.

Phone: MILAN 13989.

MSI/3/G.

24th. July, 1945.

To:- Land Forces Sub Com. A.C. (4)
(M.M.I.A.) R.C.M.E.

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App- 'A' to NWI/3/G
dated July, 1945.

'G' POINTS.

- (a) On Sunday 14 July 45, I attended a ceremony, when decorations and awards were given to the LEGHANO Div. It took place in MILAN. Among those present were the following:-

Allied: G.C. 34 Div
C. of S. 4 Corps
Brigadier S.A. Bde
GSO 2 (rep of 59 Area)
Senior M.M.I.A. L.O., N.W. Italy (rep of M.M.I.A.)
G.C. 52 B.L.U.

Italian: War Minister
G.O.C. 3 Terr HQ
G.O.C. LEGHANO
G.O.C. CC.HR. MILAN
and others.

The ceremony was most impressive, the marching and turn-out excellent. The attendance by the civilians was however negligible. The lunch afterwards exceeded the ration scale.

On Tuesday, I visited 2 District to "reprimand" the G.O.C. for non-attendance, found it had been done by his own officers - and now a cook tail party at G.O.C.'s Mess for Comds all Terr HQ, Combat Divs, 231 Div and 1 Gd Regt will take place on 26 July 45.

- (b) On 'I' points, C. of S. Brig Gen LADUE 4 Corps told me that they were a little disturbed by the new ex-Partisan Special police. There were too many, too inexperienced, and too solid blocks of Communists etc. A proposal to reduce them in number has been made. But 'I' Branch 2 District have an idea that the CC HR may be disbanded and the new force become the ordinary police. So they rather cancel out.

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Appx 'B' to NWI/3/G
dated July, 1945

'A' POINTS.

The take over of US-ITI personnel to reinforce units of 231 Division has just started and should not now take long to complete.

Co-operator Units are now under control but certain information re "odd bodies" employed by British formations is awaited from 2 District before the matter can be considered a "fait accompli."

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SECRETAppx 'C' to NWI/3/G
dated July, 1945'Q' POINTS.

(231 Div notes)

Suitable accommodation has at last been found in MILAN for 231 Division. The offices - officers mess and quarters will be in one large building in the centre of the town Via MANZONI 10. The Supply Section - MT Section - 805 Transit Camp will be in an Italian Army Barracks on the western outskirts of the town. A certain amount of engineer work has to be done in the barracks - latrines, water, light etc but the office building needs only cleaning. An advance working party is here and working and I see no reason why Monday 6 August should not see the entire HQ functioning fully in MILAN. It might appear that a long time has been spent in this move but when I say that during my early enquiries from District and Area HQ's, Town Majors etc, I received no encouragement or assistance and the best the Town Major could do was to give me a list of addresses which I could not have as they were reserved for other units, I feel justly satisfied that by perseverance, I have obtained excellent premises for the Divisional HQ. At the same time I feel my effort will be somewhat wasted as no doubt the HQ will be disbanded within a matter of weeks but I could not, of course, tell HQ 231 Division of that possibility.

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N.N. Italy,
MILAN.

Phone: MILAN 13983.

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14 July, 1945.To: - Land Forces Sub Com. A.C. (4)
(M.M.I.A. ROME)

Ref M.M.I.A. Office Instruction No. 96.

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5. Maj KYLS ST L.O. heard of trouble in VENICE and will probably by now have seen the ADST there. I understand he is going to operate from GENOA in future.
6. Capt BENATTI definitely has GENOA by the ears, and by all reports, the ears of GENOA.
7. At Appx 'A', 'B' and 'C' are the 'G', 'A' and 'Q' reports.

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SECRETAppx 'A' to NWI/3/G
dated 14 July, 45'G' POINTS.

1. (a) W.o.f. 15 July Phase 2 will be implemented in N.E. Italy.
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502 Gd Bn
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CINEMA Div.
- (f) 151 Sub Area have NO security responsibilities but 8268
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2. Details and locations of BRIT Service and Co-operator Units under comd 231 Adm Div HQ are at at-Appx 12, have been provided and NWI 231/43 dated 12 Jul 45.

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send serial 7 as under:-

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Appx 'B' to NWI/3/G
dated 14 July, 45.

'A' POINTS.

1. The hopes expressed in Report No.1 in regard to the enlistment of ex-Partisans were false. Perhaps 60 in each Terr. H.Q. have been enrolled. This has caused some difficulty in rfts, but is of no real loss to the Army.
2. There is general disinterest on the part of the Italians in the Army. The swagger of the GRUPPI may do some good, unless their "thieving" propensities spoil the market.
3. The machinery for taking over US-ITIs as rfts for BR-ITI units has been 'laid on' but as yet no actual transfer has taken place. The two Divisional H.Qs concerned 231 and 210 are located within a mile or two of each other and close liaison is being maintained. It is anticipated and hoped that within a week a number will have been transferred, since most units are well below strength and 1 Guard Regt. requires over 700 rfts.
4. The absorption of Cooperator units into the Italian Army is almost complete. A senior Italian Officer from 231 Div; was sent to lecture all ranks of these units explaining their new administration. He is still away but no serious difficulties have arisen yet. Cooperator personnel i.e. general duty men working in Area H.Qs etc. are being attached to a neighbouring unit or withdrawn as rfts for existing units in accordance with wishes of the employing formation. Full details will be forwarded on completion.
5. One det 58 Transit Camp and 805 Transit Camp under command 2 District are at present at BOLOGNA. Now that rail transport is available it is proposed to move them to MILAN where accommodation has been found.

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Appx 'D' to WHI/3/G
dated 14 July, 45.

Visit by Comd. WHIA.

Date	Time	Saw	Discussed
5 Jul	1600	(arrived by car)	
6 Jul	1430	Lt. Gen. CRITTENDEN IV Corps	Courtesy visit
6 Jul	1500	Lt. Gen. MARSH and C. of S. 5 Terr. H.Q.	(a) Welfare-in particular the difference in treatment between disbanded partisans and demobilised soldiers. (b) Men camps and disposal. (c) Vehs. if (d) Requisitioned military property. (e) No. 3 Gd. Coy. (f) Possibility of a military 'bus' service, and air tpt.
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(g) Necessity to live on our recovery program.

(h) Implementation of Stalin Italian's own feeding plan.
(i) Pay and Penal Codes, Revision of.

Asked by 2 District.
(a) What reliance can be placed on ITI tps (incl COMBAT)?
Disposition of Allied tps calls for reliance upon ITI tps at centre.

(b) Trg Policy for ITI tps in future.

(c) Gruppi ent. and what eqpt whether to hold some eqpt as mob. stores.

7 Jul 1300 ADC departed by car.

8 Jul Departed 1315 by air.

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Appx 'C' to WHI/3/G
dated 14 July, 45.

AO' POINTS.

1. Transport.
(a) Terr. H.Q. efficient holdings as at 12 Jul 45:

Staff Cars	Light Load	Heavy Load
8	12	12
10 (incl Dist)	2	9
4	etc.	9

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