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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref. No. 439081
Art. 321

Ref : 36/PAT

Subject : Appointment of Italian Military
Patriot Representatives.

10 June 45

To : HQ PIEDMONT Region
HQ LIGURIA "
HQ EMILIA "
HQ LUCANIA "
HQ VENETIA "
HQ TOSCANA "

Copies to : 5 Army - G-5
5th Army
Land Forces Sub Com. (LONIA)
Ministry of Occupied Italy.

1. Considerable difficulty is being experienced in finding suitable officers for appointment as Italian Military Patriot Representatives. It is proposed therefore whenever practicable to adopt the following procedure for their selection and appointment.

2. Regional Headquarters will submit to this Branch (for transmission to the Ministry of Occupied Italy) the name of a suitable local Patriot Officer (who may have been either a civilian or an officer of the regular forces before the war), together with a short history of his civilian and military activities, giving his home address, the names of his parents, and the date and place of birth.

3. Such an officer must be (a) physically fit and (b) have proof of having belonged to the C.V.L.

4. He must not have :

- (a) been a "squadrista", "marcia su Roma" or have taken part in any similar activity.
- (b) held any special appointment or been an official of the Fascist Party.
- (c) enriched himself materially as a result of the Fascist regime.
- (d) taken part in the Spanish war or in reprisals in the Balkans.
- (e) taken any oath of allegiance to the Fascist Social Republic or have collaborated with the Nazi Fascists.

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5. The officer so nominated may be employed immediately as a provisional Italian Military Patriot Representative.

6. Before final approval for the appointment can be given, the officer must be screened, and should therefore report at once to the nearest Italian Army Territorial Headquarters or Military District HQ for the screening. A copy of the screening report will be forwarded to this Branch through Regional HQ. If the report is satisfactory confirmation of appointment of the officer will be issued from this Branch; if it is negative in any of its phases, his temporary appointment will cease forthwith.

7. Until final approval has been received for the appointment of a locally nominated Italian Military Patriot Representative, his role will be that of assistant to, and collaborator with, Italian Military Patriot Representatives who have already been finally approved, or who were nominated by the Ministry of Occupied Italy, regardless of the ranks of the individuals concerned.

8. The terms of appendix "C" to 94/PAT dated 7 April 45 (exclusive of para 1) will apply to locally nominated Italian Military Patriot Representatives. In addition they will receive Partisan pay of 50 lire per day, or, if they are ex-regular officers, they will receive, in lieu, and as soon as their status and position has been regularized, the pay corresponding to their rank, for the total period during which they are employed as Italian Military Patriot Representatives. Employment as an Italian Military Patriot Representative will not be considered employment on "active service", and issue of pay etc. will be affected accordingly.

9. A locally nominated Italian Military Patriot Representative who holds Patriot rank, but who has not held a commission in the regular forces, will be considered junior to an Italian Military Patriot Representative of the same rank who has been granted such a commission.

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Subject Patriots UDINE Area. Patriots are demanding payment. As previously stated impossible disarm either OSOPEPO or SANIBARDI Groups whilst present situation prevails. Neither group is operational, therefore not paid as members of Armed Forces, both groups are cooperating in helping Military Govt and the Allies. This applies to OSOPEPO in practically their entirety and to SANIBARDI to a lesser degree. Impossible to state numbers, OSOPEPO believed to be about 6,000, SANIBARDI claim larger numbers. Total combined Patriots reputed to be round 20,000 though this is doubtful, the amount payments asked for by Patriots is 10,000,000 lire a month. Emphasise this request is from them and the figures have not and cannot be checked accurately nor have any discussions taken place with Patriots regarding rates or any other subject. Request policy of ROME Govt and AG on this matter. Question of feeding Patriots also arises. At present they are feeding on a considerably higher ration scale than civilians, and consider to abruptly cut off supply and bring ~~300~~ 300 down to ordinary civilian level would be impolitic if not impracticable at this stage. Request guidance on this matter also. All the

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above based upon these Patriots not being made operational which is extremely unlikely in view of Combined Chief of Staffs decision that the feeding of Patriot Forces on military scale shall be discontinued as far as possible.

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