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Patriot Representatives.

Col. S.D. McArthur, O.B.E.  
Patriots' Branch,  
Headquarters, A.S.C.  
C.M.F.

Further to our conversation when last I was in Rome when it was suggested and when I agreed that I would be prepared to hold a pool of representatives here in Florence, I have now been able to make the necessary arrangements and am prepared to accept immediately up to 35 representatives. I have arranged billets for them all but they will have one centralised mess. 48 hours notice of their arrival should be given and they should, if possible, bring camp kit with them. Arrangements however, can be made if this is not available. The daily cost of messing and accommodation to each representative will be a maximum of 65 Lire.

Major Gillette arrived safely yesterday and is quite comfortable. He however, seems to be extremely worried about the condition of his son and I have advised him to make the necessary approach to the right authority for permission to take a flying trip home. Perhaps you might be able to help him in the matter.

News has palled somewhat during the last few days 833  
owing to the slowness of the war but we are all on our toes waiting for the balloon to go up. Some suggestion was made to me on the telephone the other day that Lt. di Leretto was to come up here. I do feel, however, th

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until things get a little more hectic it would be as well if he stayed in Rome. There are so many people in Florence now who are waiting for the great day.

Hoping we will have the pleasure of your company again quite soon?

I am, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

B.L. DRAGE,  
Major, R.A.S.C.

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10 Oct 44.

Patriot Representatives.

Col. C.D. McCarthy, O.B.E.,  
Patriots Branch,  
H.Q. Allied Control Commission.

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Pfc. Muller, assistant to Major Gillette, reported to me today bringing with him certain correspondence.

I am so pleased to note in your communication of 5 Oct 44 reference 16/PAT that you have at last been able to do two most important things:

- a) Arrange for I.N.P.C. to pay for the cars, and
- b) that the Patriot representatives are finally going to get their money.

I have an appointment today with Major Reid, Finance Sub-Commission here in Florence, so that I can fix up final details. I am presuming naturally that the payment by Finance Sub-Commission to me in Florence as enumerated in para 1 of Major Magnus' letter to Col. Graffety-Smith means that I should draw the necessary funds here, and that A.M.G. will reclaim from Head Office. In any case, I am proceeding along these lines unless I hear to the contrary. The same applies to the payment of salaries to the Patriot representatives that I have here. Q33

With regard to Capt. Rocco, I presume by your letter that he is going to be taken back on to the strength of the Italian Army, but will be retained here as a liaison officer. I have read your communication of the 7 Oct 44 subject Patriot Representatives with its attached list, and note with concern that as yet the I.N.P.C. have not furnished 8 military representatives and 9 civilians in Emilia. In

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view of the fairly fast advance now of the army towards that region this is somewhat serious. However, I have told Capt. Rocca to get moving immediately and to furnish a suggested list of representatives with their particulars, which I hope to be able to get off to you by tomorrow.

With regard to representatives still required for Piemonte and Liguria, he is compiling a list in this case and this will be forwarded to you under separate cover. I note that no official members have been given for Lombardia and Venezia Tre. I shall be obliged if you will let me know how many are required for this region so that we may start to find them here on the spot and submit nominal rolls for final approval to I.N.P.C. Attached please find nominal roll of the 5 representatives that have already been placed from here, two to Lucca, two for Ancona and one requested by Florence Province. Full particulars of these individuals are also attached.

Intelligence Teams: With the exception of Region IX which is on the point of going into active duty, I have received no further requests from Regional Commissioners to return their teams. At the moment we have become quite busy owing to the quite large amount of information obtained from BGS.Cps. This will be coming on to you with map references etc., I hope within the next day. Teams are hard at work at the moment.

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B. L. D R A G E, Major, R.A.B.C.

11 ottobre 1944

List of military and Civilian Representatives for the following Provinces, as communicated by Captain ROCCO, Ref. 19-21 and 24.

Left for ANCONA. 29. Settembre 1944.

Asp. S. Ten. Genio Navale MORESCHI Ubaldo. (Military Representative)  
Dott. BARATTINI Sergio. (Civil Representative).

Left for LUCCA for LA SPEZIA. 2 Ottobre 1944.

Cap. Artiglieria S.P.E. BESSONE Alberto (Military Representative)  
Dott. BARATTI Enzo. (Civil Representative).

FIRENZE 18 Settembre 1944

Maggiore Fanteria Complemento FOGGIOLINI Domenico.  
(Civil Representatives).

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PAI LOT BRANCH  
CIRCULATION SLIP

Date \_\_\_\_\_

FOLIO... 5<sup>A</sup> ..... ) For information  
~~Attachment~~ ..... ) ~~For action~~

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| <u>1</u> | ! | Major Drage    | ! |
|          | ! | Capt. Knell    | ! |
|          | ! | Capt. Glaspool | ! |
|          | ! | Capt. Harris   | ! |
|          | ! | Capt. Rocco    | ! |

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
R.C. & M.G. SECTION  
PATRIOT BRANCH  
APO. 394.

Subject : Reports.

30th September 44

Ref. ACC/64/55a/PAT

TO : Major Drage  
Advance Detachment, A.C.C.

In reply to your letter of 20th September  
(Ref. ACC 507/5/PAT) the suggestion which you  
made has been carefully considered.

It is felt, that at the present time  
the suggestion is on the whole not practicable  
and I do not think we should pursue it.

*P. M. Magnus*

Sir P.M. MAGNUS  
Major.

for Col. C.D. Mc CARTHY  
O.B.E.  
Patriot Branch.

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3rd October, 1944.

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Patriot Representatives General.

Colonel C.D. McCarthy,  
Patriot Branch, A.C.C.1. Italian Patriot Association.

It will be seen by the attached that the Italian Patriot Association wish to establish in Florence an office for a Provincial Branch, and they have requested that they may be allowed to proceed. Final decision of course would have to be made by A.M.G., but before turning over this request I thought that you should know about it, especially in view of the fact that the organisation is decidedly communistic.

2. Patriot Representatives.

I have had no further news of Patriot Representatives who were supposed to come to Florence for Region IX. I hear that ten Pat. Reps. for Uiedmonte are already at Chianciano.

An urgent immediate request was made by the Provincial Commissioner for Spezia asking that their Reps. be sent to Lucca. I had no alternative but to send two local representatives as follows :- Captain A. Bessone and Dottore Barattol Enzo.

Both of these come from Spezia, are highly recommended, and know the Province well. In effect this means that a further eight Reps. are required for Liguria. Lists of suggested Reps. have already been sent to Colonel Fava but as yet no reply has been received.

Once again I would remind you that nothing has been done with regard to the pay of these reps. - this matter is most urgent.

3rd Oct 44.

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Patriot Representatives (Cont).

Colonel C.D. McCarthy.

3. New Patriot Posters.

Regions have commenced to enquire and request delivery of the new Patriot Posters, signed by General Sir H.R. Alexander. I would be obliged if I could know something of the position re these posters, and as soon as they are available I think that stocks should be held at this Headquarters so that they could be delivered at once on demand. You will remember that when we discussed this question you agreed that main stocks should be held at Advanced Detachment H.Q., owing to its close proximity to the forward areas.

4. Visit to 4 Corps, Fifth Army.

Yesterday I paid a visit to 4 Corps, where I met and talked to 1/Lieut. D. Petrucci (A), the Corps Patriot Officer. It may interest you to know that here they have met with considerable success in dealing with the problem of disarmament, 90% being handed in. During the period between the cessation of active patriot duty and the dispersal of the Patriot Bands the Patriots were fed by A.M.G., from the civilian food stocks. 1/Lieut. D. Petrucci is sending to me a complete report of his activities and a copy of this will be forwarded to you at a later date.

Trusting that you are keeping well,

B.L. Drage,  
Major,  
Patriot Branch,  
Advance Detachment.

ITALIAN PATRIOT ASSOCIATION  
Florence Section

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In Florence, a Provincial Section of the Italian Partisan Association has been constituted with headquarters in Rome, 2. Via Castellio, with the approval of the Italian Government.

The aims of this Association is to protect and defend the rights that these true Patriots have won for themselves by their sacrifices and their blood, and above all to prevent that the honest sentiments and the high spirit of the Patriots from being corrupted by dubious elements and opportunists.

All Partisans of whatever unit they belonged are invited to present themselves at the Florence seat of the Association-- 2 Via della Robbia-- to take vision of the Social Status and to draw up the demand of inscription.

The inauguration of this seat will shortly take place and will be notified by another notice.

We feel sure that who have fought with faith and conviction will not fail to present themselves to this Association.

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The Secretary

Florence, 30 September 1944.

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## PALM BEACH

## CIRCULATION SLIP

Date 28 SEP 1944

POLIO...3.9... For information  
Attachment.... For action

Major Drage

Capt. Knell

Capt. Glasspool

Capt. Harris

Capt. Recco

Remarks

P. H.

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PATRIOT BRANCH

Ref.

25th September 44

SUBJECT : Payment of Patriot Representatives

TO : Major Drage - Adv. Detachment  
Patriot Branch, A.C.C.

Many thanks for your letter of 20th September. I am taking this up with the Italian Government and hope to evolve a scheme for payment with Finance Sub Commission soon.

1. Payment of liason officers

I am also trying to get the question of the payment of and rank for such liason officers as Col. Fava and Capt. Roco established. I know there will be difficulties about this, but will you please tell Capt. Roco that we are trying to do our best.

2. TRANSPORT

I am very glad to hear of the arrangements and I am trying to arrange with the Finance Sub. Commission and with the Italian Government for payment in a regular manner. I am also trying to get the Italian Government to agree that Roco should be empowered to sign on their behalf.

3. Patriot Teams.

We seem to be having the greatest trouble in the world in getting these teams together. I feel that you should keep them together and not split them as mentioned in Section 4 of your letter.

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C.D. McCarthy  
Colonel  
Patriot Branch

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Colonel C.J. McCarthy

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When the plan has been conceived, I think the best method would be to have it distributed to Regions etc. in the form of a directive.

2.

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3.

#### PATRIOTS TEAMS

Teams for Region 9 and Region 12 are now installed and are already at work. I have visited Colonel REAPER and I took with me Captain Knell (Region 9) who has been able to obtain considerable further up to date information. This information will be added to the original Region 9 Report as an appendix and will be distributed according to the distribution which you laid down.

Captain GLASSPOOL (Region 12) is visiting Colonel REAPER today. When I saw Colonel REAPER I arranged with him that each regional representative would visit his HQ at least once each week, in order to keep up to date with any new information coming to hand.

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#### 5th AND 8TH ARMY PATRIOT OFFICERS

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#### 4. 5th AND 8th ARMY PATRIOT OFFICERS

Colonel MAIN sent me today Capt. CUNNINGHAM 5 Army Patriot Officer and he is spending the day with Captain KNELL (Region 9) obtaining information re patriots in that region, and the following

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scheme has been suggested by him, and I personally think it is an extremely good one. It is as follows:

The 5th Army Patriot Officer is going into BOLOGNA on 2-day and as soon as possible after his arrival he will whistle up from me the Region 9 Team. That means to say that the Region 9 Team will be in operation almost immediately after BOLOGNA is taken. It will then be the responsibility of the Regional Team to call forward the provincial representatives as and when they are required. It is hoped that by so doing it will be possible to obviate a repetition of the happenings in ELONACE. If you are in agreement with this plan, might I suggest that it be taken up with Group Captain SIMON and his agreement obtained. This having been done instructions could be got out in the form of a directive to Regional Commissioners. It appears to me that this idea is in accordance with AMB's intention to have the Regions nearer to army.

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#### OFFICE ORGANISATION

The office at this advanced HQ is now firmly established on the same lines as at your HQ. Captain ROCCO is here as the representative of Colonel P.V.. He has under him one military officer and one representative of G.N.

The teams are all working together in one large office so that exchange of information can take place, and I feel sure that when the teams from Region 10 (LOMBARDIA) Region and LIGURIA Region) and Region 12 are established we shall be able to produce some extremely good team work which we hope will result in successful handling of future problems to be encountered.

Very close contact is being kept with all Sections of IAB and I have now arranged through them that considerable publicity will be given to the patriots through the local rag Corriere di Firenze. Translated extracts of this publicity will be forwarded to you as and when they appear.

I think that is about all I have to say at the moment. Ann Love arrived safely and I think is quite happy. I am proposing to arrange to put all five lady secretaries together in an apartment.

Sir,  
I am Your Obedient Servant,

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20 September 1944

ACC/507/1/PAT.

Reports.

Colonel C.D. Mc Carthy

Enclosed please find the translation of a suggestion for the handling of Patriots once their usefulness from a point of view of the Army has ceased to exist.

Some of the points and suggestion brought out may, I think, be adopted, most especially the suggestion that they be allowed to retain the individual weapons provided same are rendered useless.

This may be quite a strong propaganda point to issue each Patriot with a specially inscribed medal for attachment to his weapon.

However I should be obliged if you would let me have your views.

I am Sir your obedient servant

B.L. D R A G E  
MAJOR

PATRIOTS BRANCH

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