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Subject. Conditions in province of MODENA
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1. The following report is compiled from information supplied by S. Tenente di Cavalleria, Guido de Luise who left MODENA on 6 July.
2. Political Conditions
The Committee of National Liberation (MODENA) comprises five parties (Liberal Christian Democrat Action, Socialist Communist) The tendencies of the crowd swing between communism (workers and lower middle class) and liberalism.
3. The names of the most influential and well known anti fascist leaders are:
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Prof BALLI former rettore of the University
Prof DELLA VOLTA Jew -- Now in the maquis
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Ten. C llo FILIPPONE former teacher at the Accademie
C. llo ANTONIO ALBERGHINI MOLTONI
4. The fascist republican party in MODENA (Town and province) has exactly 865 members. Their morale is very low and many prefer not to wear the party badge.
5. Names of the persons who are pro German and persecutors of Patriots are as follows:

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Avv CAPPELLO and family persecutors of Patriots
Famiglia PINCHERLI - VICINI and family - Via del Teglio
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6. ECONOMIC CONDITIONS
MODENA is very fertile province and so the food situation is not too bad. There is a black market but prices are low. For example flour costs 4 - 5 Lire per KG.
7. After the bombardments the city's industries practically ceased to exist.

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8. The bombardments destroyed the cast iron foundry Corni S.A. iron works Orsi and seriously damaged the FIAT works (Cadele) and the motor works C.C.I.

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12. The workers nearly all took part in the strikes of May 1st in upper Italy.

13. VATICAN AND CHURCH

Clergy are almost totally favourable to Patriots. The Vicar of Stufione di Nayarino periodically subsidises partisan groups. An Encyclical of the Archbishop of MODENA in favour of liberty and denouncing German acts of violence was very well received by the population.

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