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10 Nov 44.

Subject : Committees in A.M.G. Territory.

My dear General

With reference to our conversation when you kindly came here on Wednesday morning, I am writing this letter to confirm the point on which we both agreed at our meeting. In A.M.G. territory it would not be possible for any Committees to be formed except those appointed by Provincial Commissioners. I write this to avoid any misunderstanding in case it might be intended to appoint Patriot Provincial Committees in A.M.G. territory.

General Odone,
Italian National Patriot Committee.

Yours sincerely
Philip Magnus
Sir Philip Magnus,
Major,

Copy to Adv. Det., Patriots Branch.

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HEADQUARTERS
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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
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Ref: 9/5.E/CA

21 Oct '44

SUBJECT: - Treatment of Comitati di Liberazione

TO: - (See Distribution below).

1. Recent events have made it desirable to clarify the position and standing of local Comitati di Liberazione, and to lay down the policy to be adopted by AAG officers in their dealings with these bodies.
2. In Allied Military Government territory the Provincial Commissioner who is the local representative of the Military Governor is supreme in his province and he is responsible for the conduct of affairs there.
3. In carrying out his functions the Provincial Commissioner uses the local civil administration; where a Prefect has been appointed he is head of and represents the local civilian administration and is the person to whom the Provincial Commissioner gives his orders. The Prefect on his part is responsible to the Provincial Commissioner for seeing that the orders given by the latter are fully and properly carried out.
4. It follows therefore that the Provincial Commissioner must on his part give his full support and weight of authority to the Prefect in the discharge of his duties. If the Provincial Commissioner no longer has confidence in the Prefect, it is his duty to ask his Regional Commissioner or the SCIO, JAG Army to have him removed, in consultation with HQ AAG, but while the Prefect continues to enjoy such confidence the Provincial Commissioner must as stated above give him his full support and authority.
5. The local Comitato di Liberazione has no official standing in the conduct of affairs within the Province. Its members must not be permitted to assume any executive functions, to appoint Commissioners or judges, or to set up any Commissions of Enquiry, or to do any executive acts within the Province. If it becomes desirable to appoint Commissioners or Commissions of Enquiry into any matter, it is the duty of the Provincial Commissioner to give the proper instructions to the Prefect.
6. At the same time the Comitato di Liberazione must be treated with courtesy and their advice and views may be sought by the Provincial Commissioner or the Prefect. It is entirely a matter for the Provincial Commissioner, after consultation with the Prefect, to consider whether in any particular case the advice of the Comitato is to be followed or rejected. If the Comitato attempt to exercise executive functions and to usurp the authority of the Prefect they must be stopped at once. If instructions to that effect are not followed by the Comitato then the Provincial Commissioner will take steps to ensure that his orders are carried out, and as a last resort, dissolve the Comitato.

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6. At the same time the *Comitato di Liberazione* must be treated with courtesy and their advice and views may be sought by the Provincial Commissioner or the Prefect. It is entirely a matter for the Provincial Commissioner, after consultation with the Prefect, to consider whether in any particular case the advice of the *Comitato* is to be followed or rejected. If the *Comitato* attempt to exercise executive functions and to usurp the authority of the Prefect they must be stopped at once. If instructions to that effect are not followed by the *Comitato* then the Provincial Commissioner will take steps to ensure that his orders are carried out, and as a last resort, dissolve the *Comitato*. If necessary the Provincial Commissioner, subject to the concurrence of the Regional Commissioner or SCAG Army concerned will ask the local Military Commander to assist him for this purpose.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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APO 394

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SUBJECT: Formation of Italian Patriot Committee

TO: Distribution below.

The Italian Government have set up an Italian Patriot Committee under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister with the following terms of reference:-

1. The Commission will be called "Commissione per i Patriotti"
2. It will be presided over by the Prime Minister and, in his absence, the Under Secretary of State to the Presidency.

3. The members will be:-

H.E. Mario PILEGGIO, Under Secretary of State for War.

H.E. Giuseppe SPATARO, Under Secretary of State for Press and Information.

Dr. BAUER or other representatives of the C.I.N.

General ODDONE (Military)

4. The directives of the Commission will be carried out by a corresponding "Ufficio Patriote". The work will be undertaken by military and civilian personnel.

5. The head of this, Lt. Col. BARUCCI, will also be Secretary of the "Commissione".

In their relations with the Allied Control Commission and the Regions, this Committee will deal with the Patriot Branch of the RC and MG Section. Officers of this Commission will reciprocally deal with this Italian Patriot Committee through the Patriot Branch and not direct.

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