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RECRUITING OF PATRIOTS
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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Ref. 19/PAT.

To : M.M.I.A. (For attention
Lt.Col. Ingledew.)

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a. Numbers expected.

b. Date, time and place of departure.

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7. Lt.Col. Ingledew stated that, depending on numbers, M.M.I.A. would make every endeavour to arrange for recruits to go to recruiting centres in forward areas e.g. Bologna, if possible.

8. It was agreed that Patriot Branch would later, after further discussion with the Italian National Patriot Committee, draft an instruction to be agreed by M.M.I.A. concerning the new procedure as outlined in this letter and in the letter under reply.

Copy to Major Proge
Col. Hava.
Lieut. Di Loreto

Col. Mc Carthy

C.D. Mc CARTHY,
Colonel,
Patriots Branch.

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TS/3/19

29 Sep 44.

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RC and MG Section, A.C.C.

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(signed) S.M. Ingledew

Major General
MMIA

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28 SEP 1944

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①	Major Drege	<i>[Signature]</i>
②	Capt. Knell	<i>P.K.</i>
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	Capt. Recco	

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PATRIOTS BRANCH
APO 394

Subject: Screening Agencies.

Ref. 49/PAT.

24 Sept 44.

To: General Browning, M.M.I.A.

Copy to: Col. Fava
Major Drage
Major Magnus

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27 SEP 1944

I have just returned from Florence and the position about screening agencies at present is as follows:-

1. Screening Agencies in Florence.

There are two screening agencies in Florence consisting altogether of five officers and fifteen other ranks. These will serve the Fifth Army area and are actually starting today to recruit up to 1,000 men for the new 6th Division. These men, as you know, are being taken back to Benevento by C.I.L. transport and are drawing from AMO in Florence sufficient rations to cover the journey and to cover also time spent in Florence and Florence barracks before the journey commences.

2. The third screening agency consisting of three officers and eight other ranks arrived in Ancona yesterday and is starting to operate in the Eighth Army area immediately. Lt. di Loreto, of our office here, meets them today and is fixing up their itinerary.
3. Di Loreto is also organizing in conjunction with the Italian Patriot Committee the handling of the camps for Patriots in the Eighth Army area.
4. We arranged with Col. Pidsley that three Screening Agencies should start work at once in the back areas and I presume they are already started. Can you let me know if there is any difficulty about their work.

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C.D. McCARTHY,
Colonel,
Patriots Branch,
R.C. & M.G. Section.

Major, Major.
Col. J. Magnanelli
Patriot Branch.

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19th Sept., 44.

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Present :

General BERNARDI - Chief of Staff of the Italian
Army.

Col. PALLAVICINI
Col. FAVA
Lt. Col. SAMPO
Lt. Col. BARNABO
Major CASALE
Major STURCHIO
Lt. VILLÀ.

Major Sir P. MAGNUS - Patriots Branch
Col. PISANI - " " " " " "
Major BOWMAN - " " " " " "
Capt. SHELBY - " " " " " "
Lt. Col. JANZEN - Patriots Branch.
Lt. DI LORENTO - " " " " " "

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3. Maj. Magnus pointed out that in his opinion
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lack of transport.

4. General Berardi stated that in his opinion
the lack of recruits was due also to :-

(a) The necessary rations and clothing not being forthcoming.

(b) Too much time being taken to provide between the arrival of the allied forces and the evacuation of the area.

(c) In agreement with Major Magnus in his lack of transport

He added that the fact that the evacuation of the area would not be allowed to proceed if they were delayed would be a serious disadvantage to the evacuation of the area. He suggested that they would be permitted to proceed as soon as the allied forces arrived and immediately put into camps on army rations.

5. Major Magnus asked General Bernardi whether, in view of the fact that transport and suitable rations were now available, he approved a further effort being made to collect recruits in the areas South of the armies, despite the lapse of time.

6. General Bernardi gave his full approval to this but stated that the area should be left out, as an ordinary call-up was in operation there, during the period of recruiting and movement.

7. General Bernardi discussed rations for Patriots. Major Magnus explained that refugee rations were on a better scale than civilian rations, though not so good as the military rations. General Bernardi said he was satisfied with this.

8. TRANSPORT.

(a) Major Magnus asked General Bernardi whether he would authorize the lifting of cars by the Italian Government to be used by the screening agents. This would help to ensure that every one wanting to join the Italian Army in country districts would have a fair opportunity of doing so.

(b) General Bernardi agreed to give this authorization.

In addition, he suggested:

- (i) - That the three screening agents for the back areas should come to Rome as soon as possible.
- (ii) - That the instructions be given as soon as possible.
- (iii) - That the cars should be taken in turn using all the cars in the area at one time.
- (iv) - That the first area should be evacuated.

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(e) Col. Fiddleley said that U.S.I.A. had wired I Bisetriot giving authority to Col. Sampa to enlist up to 1000 recruits in one batch for the Italian Army and to utilize CIL transport to move these recruits to VAIRANO.

(d) Major Magnus stated that in Florence, Adv. HQ, Patriot Branch had 20 to 30 cars available for hire provided the Italian Government was prepared to pay 300-400 lire a day each for the hire. In addition to this, the AGS were allowing the drivers one meal a day. General Magni said that he agreed to the hire of these cars by the Italian Government.

(e) The question of transport for camps was raised. It was decided to postpone any discussion on patriot camps until next meeting at 1700 hours that afternoon.

9. It was suggested that manifesto should be mailed up in the back areas dealing with recruitment for the Italian Army and that the press should publish manifesto also. Major Magnus asked to be allowed to discuss this with PWB and PNC.

10. RECRUITING.

Col. Fiddleley said that Italia wanted good recruits. The present system was obviously not satisfactory. They were therefore sending an officer to Florence where with the Adv. Patriot Branch, he would look into the situation. It was proposed to recruit on the spot up to 1000 men if the screening Agents could pass that number. These men would immediately be enlisted into the Italian Army. Col. Fiddleley stated that a special effort for transport might have to be made for this large number but normally CIL trucks would be used. Patriots were soldiers from the day of enlistment; therefore they would receive CIL ration one.

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11. Major Magnus stated that plans for handling recruits in the Rome area covered the period 25th September to 25th October. After this, the situation would again be reviewed. General Berardi approved this.

12. SUMMARY.

It was agreed that:

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- (1) Patriots in PLOMBO should be recruited into the Italian Army on the spot.
- (ii) Cars were to be hired at the expense of the Italian Government and screening agents would cover the areas of AVERRANO and VITELLO for recruits.
- (iii) 20 to 30 cars were to be hired in Florence at the expense of the Italian Government to be used by Screening Agents in that area.

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Sir P.M. MAGNUM
Major.

13. General Berardi stated: -

- Two points have been decided...
1. The immediate recruiting of patriots in Florence and Senia.
 2. Arrangements to be made for the recruiting of patriots in Avogadro and Viterbo should ready upon call.

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I cover with the above and added remarks.
(Signed) General Berardi.

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Major.

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I concur with the above and added remarks.

(Signed) General Brandi.

20/9/44

Note Additions in ink
made by General Brandi.

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