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RAPPRESENTANTE PRESSO L' A. C. - ANDREA di ROBILA

(Representative of INPA to Allied Commission)

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MAGGIORE - GASTONE PIANELLA

Nº 2 persone addette

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16. The local Emergency Military Hospital Modena was visited in which 150 sick and wounded Patriots are being cared for. This is in excellent condition and medical treatment was being given and all possible aid to the Patriot wounded. General HUME inspected the wards and talked to most of the men. One ward contained approximately 20 German wounded soldiers which were guarded by the Patriots. General HUME personally presented certificates to all the band leaders present at the Parade, which numbered some 20, and a speech was made by the President of the C.L.N. which showed a keen appreciateion for the Allied effort and the statement that the Patriots worked not only for the freedom of Italy but for the freedom fof the world from aggression was made; it was, in fact, a sensible and well balanced speech and was received with acclamation by those present. 1019

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APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER - BRIGADIER UPJOHN, LT. COL. CRAIG, 8th FEBRUARY, 1945.

Subject: Patriots.

1. Prime Minister explains that delay in setting up Committee for dealing with Patriots is due to hold up of Decree for Ministry of Occupied Territory.

2. Decree had been forwarded to Field Marshal ALEXANDER for his approval.

3. Patriot Policy.

(a) Scoccimarri takes over the responsibility for all Patriots in AMG Territory (Medici.) *Occupied Territory

(b) Gasparotto will be responsible for welfare, assistance, etc., for all other Patriots.

4. INPC has been suppressed and the Executive Patriot Office abolished (Col. Bernabo.)

5. 160,000,000 lire have been allotted for payment to Patriots in Occupied Territory.

Summary.

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Prime Minister cannot act until the Ministry of Occupied Italy Decree has become law.

Remarks.

Decree has been amended to suit A.C. policy by Brigadier U. JOHN.

F. CRAIG. Lt. Colonel.
Director Patriots Branch

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To the Director:

Since over four weeks talks are taking place at the Council of Ministers to settle the matter of the reorganisation of the INPC and the Patriots Office without any results.

This waste of time creates a considerable prejudice against the patriots, who are waiting for the decision of the Council of Ministers enabling the Patriots Office to give them the necessary assistance.

May I be allowed, as patriots representative, to point out that only the intervention of the Allied Authorities with the Italian Government might bring the latter to adopt a decision, which being satisfactory or not, would at least settle definitely the problem of how patriots are going to be dealt with.

Rome, 22 January 1945

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH
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Ref 95/Pat Tel: 620

SUBJECT: Awards for Patriots. 19 December 1944

TO : VP Civil Affairs Section.

1. The following extract from the National Patriots Commission held on 31 October at the Viminale Palace, para 6, is, I submit, indicative of the position adopted in regard to the financial awards made to Patriots.

> "The President of the Council will establish and notify all decisions concerning military rewards to the Patriots. Meanwhile all recommendations for rewards will be sent to the Patriots Office or to their detachments for ascertainment, they will then be forwarded to the screening commissions who will express their opinion. The complete records will be forwarded to the Patriots National Commission which will give the final opinion. First priority will be given to the recommendations for rewards to Patriots who died, next will come those to be awarded on the field and finally the remaining ones."

2. It is the only record which I can find of any arrangements made between the President of the Council and my predecessor. You will remember that you asked me to ascertain what was on record this morning, and I therefore forward it to you.

R. G. B. SPICER
Colonel,
Director
Patriots Branch.

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TRANLSATION.

The necessary funds for subsistance to Patriots are and will be assigned by the Treasury - Central Accountant of the State - General Inspectorship of the Balance, on the request of the Council of Ministers.

As a result of letter of 30/11/44 n.1959 addressed to the above Inspectorate, a first allotment of L.20.000.000 was asked for.

A question regarding the interpretation of art.5 of the Regent's Decree of 9/11/44 n.319, published in the Official Gazette of the Realm, n. 85 of the 23rd November 1944, has however arisen.

The head of the Balance Office believes he cannot grant on the above article, the funds for subsistance, and that he is only authorised to pay out funds necessary for the functioning of the offices, that is only the expenses of personnel and general expenses.

This difficulty must be overcome. When this is done, the Balance office will prepare a Ministerial decree for the allotment of the balance of the agreed funds. This decree must then be transmitted to the Court of Accounts for its approval.

When we obtain the funds we shall start payments at once to certificated patriots.

Those payments must then be included in an administrative account, which must be rendered to the Presidency of the Council, which must then send it to the Court of Accounts for definitive approval.

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Translated by J.d.R.

LIEUTENENTIAL LEGISLATIVE DECREE - 9 NOVEMBER 1944.

Institution of a national Committee and of a Patriots Office for Liberated Italy.

Umberto di Savoia
Prince of Piedmont
Lieutenant General of the Kingdom

By the authority we have been imposed of

Seen the Royal Law Decree dated 30 October 1943, No.2/b and seen the following amendments;

Seen the Lieutenentinl Law Decree dated 25 June 1944,No.155;

Seen the decisions of the Council of Ministers;

Upon recommendation of the President of the Council of Ministers, Prime Minister Secretary of State, in agreement with all the Ministers

We order and publish what follows:

Art. 1.

At the Presidency of the Council of Ministers a National Committee for the Patriots of Liberated Italy is instituted.

Art. 2.

The Committee mentioned in the above article must study, with unitarian systems all the problems concerning the activities of the patriots in the fight against the Germans and the Fascists, and promote the necessary provisions.

Art. 3.

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The Committee is presided by the President of the Council of Ministers and its members are the Undersecretary of State to the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Vice-President, one Undersecretary of State for the War Ministry recommended by the Minister of War, the Under-

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secretary of State for the Press and Informations, and four experts appointed with a decree of the President of the Council, upon advice of the Council.

The President of the Committee appoints a Secretary to the Committee.

Art. 4.

Ruled by the Committee and with the specific task of bringing into action the general instructions of the Committee itself, an Office for the Patriots of Liberated Italy is instituted at the Presidency of the Council of Ministers.

The above office must see to :

a) - the ascertainment and evaluation of the Patriots activity, to enable the Committee to grant the qualification which they are entitled to, and issue the certificates;

b) - The provisions concerning all branches of moral and material assistance on behalf of the Patriots;

c) - the promotion of reemployment of patriots at the end of the war of liberation.

Art. 5.

The rules for the organisation and the work of the Office mentioned at Art. 4. will be established by a decree of the President of the Council of Ministers, in agreement with the Minister for the Treasury, and upon the advice of the National Committee for the Patriots.

Art. 6.

The expences of the bodies concerned by this decree will have to be sustained by the Ministry of the Treasury and charged to the Presidency of the Council of Ministers.

The Minister of the Treausury is authorised to bring the consequent amendments to the budget.

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Art. 7.

This decree becomes effective on the day following its publication.

We order, to who ever it may concern, to obey this decree, and to have it enforced as one of the Laws of the State.

Given in Rome the 9 November 1944.

signed

UMBERTO DI SAVOIA

Bonomi, Sforza, Cianca, De Gasperi, Saragat, Togliatti, Corandini, Tupini, Siglienti, Soleri, Casati, De Courten, Piacentini, De Ruggero, Mancini, Gullo, Cerabona, Gronchi.

Seen: The "Guardasigilli " TUPINI
Registered at the Corte dei Conti on 21 November 1944.
Atti del Governo Registro No.1, foglio 19 - Petia.

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I fondi necessari per l'assistenza ai patrioti vengono concessi dal Ministero del Tesoro - Ragioneria Centrale dello Stato - Ispettorato Generale del Bilancio - dietro richiesta della Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri.

Con lettera 30.11.1944 n.1959 diretta al suddetto Ispettorato fu richiesto, all'uopo, un primo stanziamento di £.20.000.000.-

E' sorta però una questione sull'interpretazione da dare all'art.5 del D.D.L.L.9.11.1944 n.319, pubblicato sulla Gazzetta Ufficiale del Regno, fascicolo n.85 del 23.11.1944 (allegato in copia).-

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Bisogna quindi superare tale ostacolo.

Una volta superato, viene dall'ufficio Bilancio predetto, redatto un decreto Ministeriale per lo stanziamento in bilancio dei fondi concessi.

Tale Decreto Ministeriale deve poi essere trasmesso alla Corte dei Conti per l'approvazione.

Una volta ottenuti i fondi necessari, si procede ai pagamenti agli interessati.

Tali pagamenti devono poi essere compresi in un rendiconto amministrativo da rendere alla Presidenza del Consiglio, che deve poi, essere da questa, inoltrato alla Corte dei Conti per la revisione definitiva.

Roma li 7 Dicembre 1944

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IL DIRETTORE AMMINISTRATIVO CONTABILE

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DECRETO LEGISLATIVO LUOGOTENENZIALE- 9 Novembre 1944 n.319.

COSTITUZIONE DI UNA COMMISSIONE NAZIONALE E DI UN UFFICIO PER I PATRIOTI DI UN ITALIA LIBERATA.

UMBERTO DI SAVOIA
Principe di Piemonte
Luogotenente Generale del Regno

In virtù dell'autorità a Noi delegata;

visto il R.Decreto legge 30 Ottobre 1943,n.2/b,e viste le successive modificazioni;

visto il D.Legge Luogotenenziale 25 Giugno 1944,n.151;

vista la deliberazione del Consiglio dei Ministri;

sulla proposta del Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri,Primo Ministro Segretario di Stato,di concerto con tutti i Ministri;

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Art. 1

E' costituita,presso la Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri,una Commissione Nazionale per i Patrioti dell'Italia liberata.

Art. 2

La Commissione di cui all'articolo precedente ha il compito di studiare,con criteri unitari tutti i problemi riferentesi all'attività svolta dai patrioti nella lotta contro i tedeschi e contro i fascisti,e di promuovere i necessari provvedimenti.

Art. 3

La Commissione è presieduta dal Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri ed è composta del Sottosegretario di Stato alla Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri,quale Vice Presidente,da un Sottosegretario di Stato per la Guerra, designato dal Ministro per la Guerra,dal Sottosegretario di Stato per la Stampa e le Informazioni,e da quattro esperti,nominati con decreto del Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri,sentito il Consiglio medesimo.

Il Presidente della Commisione nomina nel seno di questa un segretario

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Art. 4

Alle dipendenze della Commissione e con il compito di attuarne le direttive, è costituito, presso la Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri, un Ufficio per i Patrioti dell'Italia liberata.

Spetta al predetto Ufficio :

a) di accertare e vagliare l'attività dei patrioti, per porre la Commissione in grado di riconoscere la qualifica ad essi spettante e di rilasciare i relativi attestati;

b) di provvedere alle diverse forme di assistenza morale e materiale, in favore dei patrioti;

c) di promuovere il reimpiego dei patrioti ai fini della guerra di liberazione.

Art. 5

Con decreto del Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri, di concerto con il Ministro del Tesoro, sentita la Commissione Nazionale per i Patrioti dell'Italia liberata, saranno stabilite le norme per la organizzazione ed il funzionamento dell'Ufficio di cui all'art. 4.

Art. 6

Le spese relative al funzionamento degli organi di cui al presente decreto graveranno sullo stato di previsione della spesa del Ministero del Tesoro, rubrica della Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri.

Il Ministro per il Tesoro è autorizzato ad appartare le conseguenti variazioni di bilancio.

Art. 7

Il presente decreto entra in vigore il giorno successivo a quello della sua pubblicazione.

Ordiniamo, a chiunque spetti, di osservare il presente decreto, di farlo osservare come legge dello Stato.

Dato a Roma, addi 9 Novembre 1944

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Visto il Guardasigilli : Tupini.

Registrato alla Corte dei Conti,addi 21 Novembre 1944
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M E M O R A N D U M

Ref: 95/Pat.

3 December 44

Reference my MEMORANDUM of 14 Nov. 44.

1. As I have previously stated, I am convinced that whatever measures are taken by the Allied Command, the AMGs or the Allied Commission to solve the various urgent patriot problems in co-operation with the I.N.P.C., no effective results will be achieved as long as on the Italian side the I.N.P.C. deals with this matter.

2. The mere fact that the six parties of the C.L.N. are represented on the board makes it impossible for speedy and practical action as each party representative tries to use patriots to his own party advantage.

3. It seems essential to me that the new Government which will be formed within a day or two, should create an Under Secretary or a Commissariat for Patriots, with proper funds assigned from the Treasury, and with full power to deal with all problems arising from Patriots.

4. After the present political crisis, the Patriot problem in occupied areas, as well as in liberated areas, will undoubtedly become more pressing and important. May I suggest that a joint meeting of the Directors of Local Government Sub Commission, Patriot Branch, Political Sub Commission and M.M.I.A. would be most helpful to discuss the proposal in para. 3. and, if agreed, that this proposal be made to the new Prime Minister at a moment when the new Cabinet is being formed.

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A. Di Robilant.

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MEMORANDUM

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14 November 1944.

Until a couple of months ago, the Allied Commission proposed disposing of the Patriots problem on this side of the line in the following manner: disarming and disbanding them; quickly discriminating the genuine fighting Patriots according to definitely laid down rules, and on the judgment of the "Giunte Communali" assisted by Patriot Representatives and Allied Provincial Commissioners; awarding "General Alexander" Certificates to genuine fighting Patriots; inducing Patriots, by means of and with the assistance of Screening Agencies sent out by the Italian War Ministry and operating in conjunction with Allied Military Authorities, to enlist into the Italian Army; offering Patriots jobs on the reconstruction of roads and bridges. At present the Allied Commission, Patriots Branch, finds support in the recently appointed Italian National Patriot Committee, formed by the Italian Presidency of the Council, which deals with all Patriot problems.

In spite of joint Allied and Italian efforts, most Patriot problems have up to date found no solution, and present considerable danger to the future peace of this country. I believe this can be attributed to the following reasons.

1. Patriots, who have fought for months in the most frightful circumstances, accepting every sacrifice and displaying courage in the face of an enemy many times superior in number, organisation and equipment, and who have been supported by daily propaganda over the air and particularly by General Alexander's proclamations, expect to be considered as forces fighting for freedom and not as civilian bands to be disarmed. They wish to continue fighting for the liberation of Italy, but under their own officers whom they have freely chosen and who have proved worthy of their leadership. They are not willing to be dispersed into the many units of the Italian Army, under the orders of young officers who may never have seen action, and under the leadership of Generals of whom they feel, rightly or wrongly, that they have cooperated with the Fascists and the Germans and brought the country to its present tragic state of dejection.

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It should not be forgotten that most Patriots have faced the extreme hardships of warfare (with the certainty of being tortured and killed if they were caught, and with the knowledge of the cruel reprisals they would bring upon their own families and friends if they were detected) in the conviction of belonging to a very special and heroic legion - which indeed they are - fighting for a better world and a definite place therein for their country. Of course, many believe in their national ideals, and many believe in their party ideals. Many of them have been believing in and fighting for a Communist Eden, others for a land of Democracy, a sister to the great Anglo-Saxon countries, and waking up to realities is quite a shock to such highly-strung men who have been living in a world of their own with a few of their

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In spite of joint Allied and Italian efforts, most Patriot problems have up to date found no solution, and present considerable danger to the future peace of this country. I believe this can be attributed to the following reasons.

1. Patriots, who have fought for months in the most frightful circumstances, accepting every sacrifice and displaying courage in the face of an enemy many times superior in number, organisation and equipment, and who have been supported by daily propaganda over the air and particularly by General Alexander's proclamations, expect to be considered as forces fighting for freedom and not as civilian bands to be disarmed. They wish to continue fighting for the liberation of Italy, but under their own officers whom they have freely chosen and who have proved worthy of their leadership. They are not willing to be dispersed into the many units of the Italian Army, under the orders of young officers who may never have seen action, and under the leadership of Generals of whom they feel, rightly or wrongly, that they have cooperated with the Fascists and the Germans and brought the country to its present tragic state of dejection.

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Patriots do not know all the technical difficulties which oppose their continuing to be used as fighting units (such as a ceiling to the Italian Army, difficulty of increasing rations, etc.). They feel they are being dealt with unfairly, and as a result of their resentment against the Allies and the Italian Government they do not comply with the order to surrender arms and to disband, but secretly maintain armed units which will constitute a great danger to the future of this country. It should also be noted that while the Italian Government officially supports the Allied orders to disarm and disband patriots, parties, which through their leaders are actually a part of the Government, unofficially encourage patriots belonging to their own party or to parties in close cooperation to disregard Allied orders, in view of a future settlement of the Italian Constitution by means of force. This is not my personal opinion, but is the result of what I have heard from leaders of bands in Florence who made no bones about it, and of what is reported to us by most of the Representatives operating particularly in the advanced Regions.

As to the attempted enlistment into the Italian Army, sought by the Screening Agencies, this has proved an absolute failure, when you consider the number of men who have enlisted compared to the number of Patriots who have by now been joined by the Allied Armies - even though due consideration is given to the fact that some of them are middle-aged and who feel they have done their bit and want to return home, and that others are peasants who go back to their land, and so on. I do not believe that transport facilities, camps or any other facilities offered by A.C., Allied H.Q., or the I.N.P.C. will obtain positive results.

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The same applies to Welfare Committees, the organisation of which has been repeatedly urged by A.C., Patriots Branch, and agreed to by I.N.P.C., but which has not yet been brought into effect except in many cases in advanced regions by extreme parties, and by the Communist party in particular. In many villages and towns of the advanced regions, posters are to be seen: "Communist Party - Patriots Welfare Committee". The Communist party apparently has considerable funds at its disposal. In the advanced regions it is practically the only one which can and does do something for the Patriots, thus making very effective propaganda for itself.

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5. The movement of unrest among Patriots, who find that nobody can or will provide for their many and urgent needs with the approach of winter, creates a situation which is exploited by extreme parties for their own purposes to prepare the ground for class uprisings in the more or less near future, and is quite obvious to anyone in touch with Patriot units or with Patriot organisations. Its importance should not be minimised, because, while serious revolts do not seem possible as long as Allied forces continue to occupy Italy, there is no telling to what extremes man can be led by hunger and despair. Another element which should not be ignored is the uncanny speed with which news leaks from one side of the line to the other, and the present frame of mind of Patriots on this side is not such as to encourage Patriots on the other side of the line.

I sincerely believe I am not taking a dramatic or melodramatic view of events, but a very realistic one which is confirmed also by reports from Allied officers dealing with Patriot problems. It would be interesting to have the comments of Allied Regional Commissioners and of senior Allied officers at A.F.H.Q. of V and VIII Armies and at G.H.Q.

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Such problems as the treatment of sick and wounded Patriots in military hospitals, supplying Patriots with uniforms, and enlistment into the Italian Army would automatically be solved. With regard to the latter, small Patriot units should be left intact and attached to bigger units of the regular Army. While there is no doubt that discipline in a Patriot unit is very different from that in the Army, and that Patriot units have strong political tendencies, it is felt in competent military circles that such difficulties as might arise could be satisfactorily handled, and that the general discipline of a major Italian regular Army unit at war would be a decisive factor in restoring to normal the highly-strung mentality of Patriots. Such was the opinion of Under Secretary of War, General Oxilia, at a conference held on the subject with Brigadier McCarthy. As for the willingness of Patriots to join the Italian Army and to continue to fight, I have no doubt on this subject, provided that even small Patriot units are preserved under their own officers. Incidentally, most of the latter were officers in the Italian Army.

Two major difficulties could be raised to this scheme of recognition of Patriots as fighting forces and their incorporation into the Army, namely rations and the length of training period before Patriots could be of use in the regular Army.

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Length of Training. If the Allied Armies have found it so convenient to retain Patriot units for fighting and reconnaissance without any previous period of training, and have adopted this action which actually has not so far been officially recognised, it would appear that a very real use already exists for their employment. Should, however, some of them need preliminary training, this need never be very long, as, once incorporated in the Army, their employment would always be that of advance troops and assault and reconnaissance units.

In conclusion, the morale of the Patriots would thus be maintained at a high level, and great satisfaction would be given to the Italian people as a whole, which would be highly appreciated. Many material problems would be solved, and many dangers eliminated in regard to the future of Italy.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH
(Advance Detachment)
APO 394

Ref: ACC/528/PAT

11 October 44.

Subject: Handling of Patriots.

To: Col. G.B. McCARTHY,
Patriots Branch,
A.C.C.

1. I received last evening a visit from Major HENDERSON and his opposite American number, No.1 Special Force. These officers are deeply perturbed because of the way in which patriots are being handled in some instances when they first come through the lines.

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3. The feeling of Major HENDERSON to my mind is natural. He feels that if this kind of talk is allowed to go on it would lead to serious reperussions and an unnecessary element of danger for Allied individuals elsewhere. He furthermore feels that with the advent of winter something quite definite should be done with regard to the feeding of patriots in general, not just those volunteering to enter the Army. He has also pointed out that most of these patriots, while operational, are wearing shorts and singlets only, so that a clothing problem arises.

4. I have discussed this matter with Col. HOARE, AMG Florence Province, who, in fact, telephoned me on the subject. I pointed out to him that in my capacity here I was not in a position to interfere or to discuss the matter with Col. HOARE, but I do feel that there is a grave risk if this dissatisfaction is allowed to grow, that numbers of these patriots may return to the other side and stir up trouble which might lead to grave difficulties for Special Forces. I think the time has come when:

a) AMG Armies must be told quite definitely that these people must be fed;

b) That some consideration should be given to the question of clothing;

c) That undue publicity and propaganda must cease.

5. The Army is moving forward quite well now and the matter is urgent.

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HEADQUARTERS
AMG FIFTH ARMY
APO 464, U.S. ARMY

Subject: Clothing for Patriots. 31st October 1944.

To: H.Q. Allied Commission - Civil Affairs Section.

Reference your 417/CA of 24th October 1944.

1. Acknowledgement is made of the assistance given in the prompt supply of garments requested by signal.

2. With regard to the questions of policy raised by our request the position is as follows:

a. The rehabilitation and resettlement of ex-partisans is still regarded as primarily an Italian concern and no suggestion is made that the duty of providing clothing for such individuals should be assumed by AMG/AC. In normal circumstances and particularly in periods of a swift advance it is quite unnecessary and clearly undesirable for AMG/AC to become involved in any commitments of this nature, particularly as the association of partisans with Allied troops in such cases is brief and comparatively unimportant.

b. In the case in point however we were faced with a static front in a devastated mountain area with no shelter or local food supplies available for a group of some 500 Bolognese who had been fighting most courageously in direct support of Allied troops but whose usefulness was now over. They were therefore evacuated to Florence to a special centre where they could be looked after until it is possible for them to return to Bologna. Many of the men were dressed in rags and in the circumstances it was impossible to evade the responsibility for obtaining clothing for them.

3. Similar cases to that in paragraph 2b. may be expected to occur again in future where:

a. The fighting is in mountain areas where partisans are most used by Allied troops.

b. The advance is slow.

c. The weather is bad and ex-partisans genuinely need help.

d. A.M.G. has to take charge of ex-partisans who have been fighting in direc support of Allied troops and are not able to return at once to their own bases.

It is however quite impossible to give any worthwhile estimate of number when there are so many unpredictable factors involved.

4. At the same time it is felt desirable that a small stock of clothing should be available in readiness for other situations of this type and it is suggested that 1000 sets of shoes, socks, shirts, trousers and coats in assorted sizes be sent up to some central place (i.e. Florence) for this purpose.

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My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

I thank you for your letter of 15 Nov 44 drawing attention to the problem of supplying patriots fighting this winter in Northern Italy.

I have discussed this matter with the services concerned and am glad to be able to assure you that it is already having the most earnest consideration of the Allied authorities. Coordinating conferences have been held and it has been agreed that not only will supplies this winter be maintained but plans have been made for increases. Food and clothing will receive priority.

We are maintaining close touch with the situation and the measures taken will, I hope, relieve your anxieties in this direction.

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
The President of Council of Ministers
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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
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3 November 1944.

To: Civil Affairs Section.

From: Major Sir Philip MAGNUS.

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The present policy in dealing with the patriots is to disarm them and disperse them into civil life. This policy has met only with very partial success, and there is no doubt that in the breasts of the patriots a sense of bitterness and frustration is being aroused, which is potentially dangerous. The roots of the trouble, so far as it is possible to disentangle them, are these:

1. The patriots responded well to Allied appeals to resist and harass the enemy. There is no doubt that the life of the German invader has been made difficult and dangerous over a wide area by the activities of about a quarter of a million patriots. Now, when the Allies advance and the patriots with all their emotions quickened as a result of many months of privation expect to be received as brothers in arms by General ALEXANDER's soldiers, they experience a reception which chills their blood. They are disarmed by the Army, by A.M.G. or by the Carabinieri. They are often more or less willing to accept nominal disarmament at the hands of the Allies - although in an increasing number of cases they conceal a large majority of the arms which they possess - but psychologically it is very foolish to allow the Carabinieri to disarm patriots. Patriots are bound at first to regard the Carabinieri with suspicion, since north of the line the Carabinieri have been cooperating with the S.S. and the Republican Fascists.

2. Wounded patriots receive first-aid at Army dressing stations and are then sent down the line. No proper organisation exists for looking after patriots when they have left the advance dressing stations. The ball is passed from hand to hand, from Allied military hospitals to civilian hospitals, from civilian to Italian military hospitals and so on to the C.L.N. authorities and possible back to hospital again.

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5. The question of rations and clothing for patriots when they are first received in our lines is absolutely fundamental. The present policy - it would be more true to call it "absence of policy" - is responsible for much the larger part of the discontent which is being engendered. It is, of course, an affair of policy which can only be decided on a high level, since it involves questions of the supply of foodstuffs and clothing which are exceedingly difficult. I do, however, submit that this is a matter to which close and sympathetic attention should be given at this time as a matter of urgency.

4. The delay in issuing patriot Certificates depreciates their value in the eyes of the patriots. There is reason to fear that Certificates have been changing hands on a cash basis for something in the neighbourhood of 15,000 lire a time. The Italian National Patriot Committee has recently decided to draw up its own roll of patriots. It is not prepared to accept the award of a Certificate signed by General ALEXANDER as affording final proof that its holder is a certificated patriot.

5. The organisation of a welfare department of the I.N.P.C. is making little progress, and the prospects for the future are less bright than I had hoped. The I.N.P.C. argues that before a really effective welfare organisation can be established some of its powers must be delegated to offshoots of itself in the Provinces and Army areas. The intention is that welfare committees should work in association with these delegated offshoots, but the truth is that every one of the six parties is anxious to run a welfare "racket" to serve its own ends. General ODONE, the excellent secretary of the I.N.P.C., is wrestling with this situation.

6. The work of putting patriots back into civil life is proceeding only slowly. The I.N.P.C. has issued an order that patriots should be reinstated in Government employment if they enjoyed such employment before. In the case of private organisations, however, the I.N.P.C. has merely issued an instruction to prefects that employers should be invited when possible to re-employ patriots who were in their employment before. General ODONE is pressing for the appointment in every Region and in every Province of an honest and authoritative local employment agent who should be popular all round and energetic. However, here again all the six parties are shortsightedly eager to see one of their own number installed as welfare agent. It is very difficult to make them understand the necessity for an impersonal and non-political approach.

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I feel that the time has come when the patriots should be recognised - as they are recognised in France and in Russia - as a part of the regular fighting forces of the Italian Army acting under the orders of the Allied C. in C. I know that the ceiling imposed under the Armistice Agreement makes it technically impossible for this policy to be adopted immediately, but there are a great many respects in which the Armistice Agreement of 1943 is already becoming an anachronism. I think that a way should be found to overcome this difficulty. Even if the patriots were only regarded as an auxiliary military force, temporarily attached to the Italian Army, it would be possible for them to be subjected to discipline - which they sadly need - and military law, and the situation would be susceptible of vast improvement. It would be possible then to supply them, without recourse to subterfuge, with such rations and clothing as can be made available. The patriots would then have an ordered place in the world and would no longer feel themselves slighted, unregarded and unrewarded.

The patriots' main desire is to continue to serve under their own officers. They will not - in the great majority of cases - consent willingly to their bands being broken up, and this is the reason why they are unwilling to take advantage of the opportunity which is provided for them to volunteer for service in the Italian Army. They will not agree to be sent as isolated fragments of humanity to serve in some unit or other which is new and strange. If the patriots could be afforded the chance to continue to serve in their own bands and under their own officers, the esprit de corps which has been generated amongst them might become a stabilizing factor of immense value to the future not only of Italy but of Europe as well. In present circumstances the patriots remain united in sentiment if not in fact, and there is a danger that some day when the times are ripe they may conclude that a march on Rome in red shirts might have as good a chance of succeeding as a certain march a quarter of a century ago when the fashionable colour was black.

It may be argued, of course, that after a Region has been liberated the continued existence of patriot bands is useless to the Allied war effort; that the patriots must settle down in civilian life some time and that the sooner they start the better. There is a twofold answer to this argument.

1. If the transition to civilian life is to be made successfully, the time and conditions must be favourable. They are not favourable now.

2. Military considerations are not in all circumstances and at all times the most important. Two examples only need be given. First, in 1941, political considerations were rightly held to override military ones when a British Army was sent to help the Greeks. And, second, after the invasion threat was virtually at an end in England, and the Germans were hopelessly involved in Russia, the Home Guard was maintained at a high level of efficiency. Time and money were lavished upon it, and it is 1 97 obvious that the justification for all this was far less military than moral. The Home Guard justified itself because it helped to maintain the morale of the nation. In Italy today, if the transition from the present period of difficulty and confusion is to be accomplished successfully, the morale of the nation needs to be preserved. If the morale of the Italian people is to be preserved, it is essential that the patriot problem should be handled with

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Sir Philip MAGNUS,
Acting Director.

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PRESIDENCY OF THE MINISTER COUNCIL
PATRIOTS OFFICE

Prot. 56/A 2

SUBJECT: The working of the Commissions for the recognition of Patriots

Rome 30 /october 944.

To the A.C.H.Q.
Patriots' Branch
R C M E .

The way in which applications must be made for the recognition of Patriots has already been examind and approved by the National Commission of Patriots and it is now supervisioned by the Legal-Office of this Presidency because it includes many delicate juridical problems and it must be equal for all the territories of the state.

However the Commission of the recognition of Patriots of the city of Rome has already prepared a first selection of the requests.

The Under-secretary of the State.

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Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri

UFFICIO PATRIOTI

Prot. N° 56/A-2 Roma, 30 ottobre 1944

Oggetto: Funzionamento Commissioni di riconoscimento Patrioti -

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All'A.C.C. - PATRIOTS BRANCH

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MINUTE OF THE REUNION HELD BY THE NATIONAL PATRIOTS COMMISSION AT THE VIMINALE PALACE ON 31 OCTOBER 1944.

The Commission's meeting began at 1700 hours.

Chairman: Vice President H.E. Fenoaltea.

Present at the meeting : H.E. Palermo, Mgr. Brosio, Mr. Garosci and Mr. Di Pietro.

Secretary Gen. Odone.

The Commission has adopted the following decisions :

1. The Patriots Office is authorized to requisition or hire the means of transportation it needs to function, totalling four motorcars, and two light lorries. The necessities of temporary branches of the Office will be satisfied according to the exigencies that will arise in the future.

2. The"Associazione Nazionale Partigiani" created by the initiative of the C.L.N. is the only one that the Government will recognize.

The Chief of the Police will withdraw all authorisations formerly issued to other Patriots Associations for the collection of funds by means of public subscription, the press will publish a communique stating that all offers by individuals or bodies, on behalf of the patriots must be addressed to the Presidency of the Council.

3. The decree concerning the qualification of Patriot will specify that the use of the appellative of Patriot is forbidden to individuals and associations who have not been recognised as such individually on in a body by the Presidency of the Council.

4. Agreements will be reached with the Allies, to forbid the "Comando Superiore Partigiano" to use the appellative of "Comando Superiore" which could create a harmful confusion with the operational Commands.

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5. We aknowledge the names of the civilians recommended by the members of the Commission for employment at the Patriots Office. From them, the Chief of the Patriots Office will draw the personnel for the Central Office and for the temporary branches. The number of civilians will have to be nearly equal to the number of military representatives.

6. The President of the Council will establish and notify all decisions concerning military rewards to the Patriots. Meanwhile all recommendations for rewards will be sent to the Patriots Office or to their detachments for ascertainment, they will then be forwarded to the screening commissions who will express their opinion. The complete records will be forwarded to the Patriots National Commission which will give the final opinion. First priority will be given to the recommendations for rewards to Patriots who died, next will come those to be awarded on the field and finally the remaining ones.

7. The time that patriots spent with the bands must be considered, to all effects, as time spent with operating Units. The rank of the civilians will be determined by the importance of their task.

8. The Patriots Office is the body which must file the dossiers for the corresponsion of pensions to the families of the deceased and to the invalids. Arrangements will be made with the Ministry of Finances to detach a competent Official at the Patriots Office.

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 1900 hours.

The Vice President

The member Secretary.

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PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI

Commissione Nazionale per i Patrioti

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della riunione tenuta il giorno 31 ottobre 1944.

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Verbale della riunione tenuta dalla Commissione Nazionale per i Patrioti a Palazzo Viminale il giorno 31 ottobre 1944.

La Commissione ha iniziato la seduta alle ore 17.

Presiede il Vice Presidente S.E. Fenoaltea.

Sono presenti: S.E. Palermo, l'Avv. Brosio, il Dott. Garosci e il Dott. Di Pietro.

Segretario il Generale Odone.

La Commissione ha preso le seguenti deliberazioni:

1°) - L'Ufficio Patrioti é autorizzato a requisire od affittare i mezzi di trasporto necessari per il suo funzionamento nel numero di quattro autovetture e due furgoncini. Per i distaccamenti temporanei dell'Ufficio il fabbisogno verrà successivamente stabilito in relazione alle esigenze che si manifesteranno.

2°) - L'Associazione Nazionale Partigiani, sorta per iniziativa del C.N.L., é l'unica riconosciuta dal Governo.

Sarà interessato il Capo della Polizia a disporre che siano revocate le autorizzazioni, già concesse ad associazioni Patrioti, di raccogliere denaro per pubblica sottoscrizione e sarà diramato un comunicato a mezzo stampa nel quale sia stabilito che le offerte di privati o di Enti a favore dei patrioti debbono essere indirizzate alla Presidenza del Consiglio.

3°) - Nel decreto riguardante la qualifica di Patriota sarà specificato che é fatto divieto di valersi dell'appellativo di patriota da parte di persone od associazioni che non ne abbiano avuto il riconoscimento, sia come individui che come enti, da parte della Presidenza del Consiglio.

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civa nei riguardi di comandi operanti.

5°) - Si prende atto dei nominativi dei civili, proposti dai singoli membri della Commissione, da impiegare nell'Ufficio Patrioti; da tali nominativi il Capo Ufficio Patrioti trarrà il personale occorrente per l'Ufficio Centrale e per i distaccamenti temporanei, nei quali il numero dei civili dovrà essere all'incirca uguale a quello dei militari.

6°) - Il Presidente del Consiglio stabilirà e farà conoscere le decisioni circa la procedura per la concessione delle ricompense al valor militare ai patrioti. Frattanto, tutte le proposte di ricompense saranno inviate all'Ufficio Patrioti od ai suoi distaccamenti che le istruirà per essere poi passate alle Sotto-Commissioni di accertamento le quali esprimeranno il loro parere. Le pratiche così corredate saranno inviate alla Commissione Nazionale Patrioti che esprimerà il parere definitivo.

In ordine di precedenza, saranno esaminate le proposte di ricompense dei patrioti caduti e, successivamente, quelle da concedersi sul campo ed infine le rimanenti.

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TRANSLATION

TO : Col. Nichols, Pr. Commissioner ANCONA Pr.

Copies TO : H.Q. A.C.C. Patriot Branch ROME
H.Q. 8th Army A.M.G.
Capt. Decker C.A.O. PESARO

Subject : Constitution of the Patriot Committee.

When the commands of the Patriot's Brigades and the GAP groups were disbanded, following the liberation of the territory, the Patriots of the area felt the need ~~of~~ for representation by a committee who could accept their requests and represent their needs.

Pending the arrival of the representatives of the Patriot's Union, which is already recognised by the Italian Government and by the Allied Authorities, following the directions given by the Patriot Branch in the letter Ref. P.R.B./R.L/62, dated July 21st, with the authorisation of the C.A.O. a Committee has been constituted in Pesaro. This Committee is comprised as follows:

RICCI Ottavio (Commander of the Vth Brigade, Pesaro);
CARBONE Aldo (Representative of the Brigade B. Inghi);
VAMPA Urbano (Representative of the G.A.P.).

The above Committee which has established its temporary Headquarters in Via Tortona 14, Pesaro, has been introduced by the writer to the C.A.O. in Pesaro, who welcomed them and thanked them on behalf of the Allied Troops and asked them to collaborate further with Italian Headquarters and authorities. He especially drew their attention to the opportunity of directing the Patriots with a view to their return to normal conditions, and mainly to surrender their arms, in case they should not have done so.

(signed) Capt. CASSILI d'ARAGONA

Octobre 26th, 1944/

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Al Col Nichols Prov. Commissioner Ancona Fr.
per conoscenza HQ/ A.C.C. Patriot Branch Roma
HQ/ 8 Army A.M.G. Sede
capt. Decker C.A.O. Pesaro

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costituzione comitato partigiani.

Con lo scioglimento dei Comandi delle brigate partigiane e dei gruppi CAP, dopo la avvenuta liberazione del territorio da parte delle truppe alleate, i partigiani delle zone che rientrano nella normalità hanno sentito il bisogno di esser rappresentati da un comitato che riunisca le loro aspirazioni e faccia presente le loro necessità.

Frattanto che giungano sul posto i rappresentanti della costituita Unione Partigiani, riconosciuta dal Governo Italiano e dalle autorità Alleate, in base alle direttive impartite dal Patriot Branch, con lettera in data 21 luglio a. P.F.B./Ai /62 è stato costituito in Pesaro, presentito quel C.A.C., un comitato composto dai:

Ricci Ottavio (comandante la V Brigata Pesaro) Nicola
Cerbone Aldo (rappresentante della Brigata B.Leggi)
Verga Urbano (" " dei C.A.L.)

Tale Comitato, che ha sede provvisoria in Pesaro via Tortora 14, è stato presentato da lo scrivente al C.A.C. in Pesaro, che ha rivolto loro un saluto ed un ringraziamento a nome delle Truppe Alleate, e li ha esortati a continuare la collaborazione con i comandi e con le autorità italiane. In modo speciale ha richiamato la loro attenzione sulla opportunità di indirizzare i partigiani verso il rientro nella normalità, ed a consegnare le armi ove non lo avessero già fatto.

26 ottobre 1944

cap. Camilli d'Aragona

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH
APO 394.

Ref : 95/PAT. 2 Nov 44.
SUBJECT: Committees in A.M.G. territory and certificates for Patriots.

TO : I.N.P.C.

With reference to recent conversations between Major General Odone and Officers of this Branch it is officially notified:

1. That the C.-in-C. is not prepared to permit the setting up in A.M.G. territories of any Committees other than those which may be constituted by Regional or Provincial Commissioners.

2. That in A.M.G. territory the C.-in-C. would not be prepared to sanction the award of any certificates to Patriots other than those which are being issued at present bearing his signature.

R.G.B. SPICER,
Colonel,
Director,
Patriots Branch.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Tel Ext 374

Ref : 95/PAT

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.

Yours sincerely

Philip Magnus

Sir Philip Magnus,
Major,

General Odone,
Italian National Patriot Committee.

Copy to Adv. Det.

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Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri

UFFICIO PATRIOTI

N.31/A-2 di prot. Roma, 2I ottobre I944.

OGGETTO: Commissione Patrioti Roma.

AL PATRIOTS BRANCH

= Civil Affairs Section =

Roma 37A

Si accusa ricevuta del foglio Ref.95/PAT del 5 corrente di codesta Sezione e si ringrazia della comunicazione.

Si fa presente, però, che nell'elenco allegato al foglio suddetto vi è una inesattezza per quanto riguarda i capi delle quattro sezioni.

Precisamente :

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- ROCCHEGGIANI Edoardo è il Capo della Sezione Storica;

mentre:

- SIDERI Alessandro è il Vice Capo della Sez.Reimpiego e Trasporti;
- SARTORI Luigi è il Vice Capo della Sezione Assistenza.

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PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI - UFFICIO PATRIOTI E RIVOLTA - DISARMO E RIMPATRIO

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ISTITUTO NAZIONALE PER LA STORIA DEL MOVIMENTO DI LIBERAZIONE IN ITALIA

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH
APO 394

Ref: 95/PAT. 28 October 1944.

Subject: Patriot Representatives.

To: I.N.P.C.
Copy to: Army Sub Commission.

It is officially notified, in consultation with the Army Sub Commission, A.C., that those patriot representatives who are regular Army Officers in receipt of full pay and allowances must be returned to the Ministry of War within one month of 21 October.

The remaining Officers, i.e. those on the active list but unemployed, may continue their work as patriot representatives, but must understand that they are subject to recall to military duty by the Minister of War at any time.

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Sir P.M. MAGNUS,
Major,
Patriots Branch.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH
APO 394.

Ref : 36/PAT. 19 October 1944.

Subject : Patriot Representatives.

TO : Col. FAVA
copy to : Major DRAGE
Major MAGNUS
Capt. DI ROBILANT
Lieut. VILLA

I have agreed today with Capt. ARCHER of "A" Branch M.M.I.A. that those patriot representatives who are regular army officers on full pay must be returned to the Ministry of War within one month. Those regular army officers who are on minimum pay need not be returned until they are called for by the Ministry of War.

I shall be glad if you will make this clear to Major General ODONE+ and ask him to see that we get plenty notice for Italian officers on minimum rates who are called back by the Ministry of War.

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

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Subject: Italian Military Personnel - Officers

Military Mission
Italian Army,
R O M E
AQ/11
21 October 1944

To : Civil Affairs Sub Commission
Patriots Branch, HQ ACC.

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Ref our AQ/11 of 13 Oct 44 and ref conversation Col McArthy and Capt Archer

1. Will you please amend para 2 of the above quoted letter to read: "Officers in receipt of full pay and allowances will be withdrawn within one month of the date of this letter. The remaining officers i.e., those on the active list but unemployed, may continue their work with the Patriot Groups but are liable to be recalled to military duty by the Ministry of War at any time".

F. J Noakes.

F. J. NOAKES, Lt Col,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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Capt. SALVADORI	
Col. FAVA	
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Subject:- Italian Military Personnel - Officers

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Military Mission Italian Army
R O M E
AQ/11

13 October 44

Civil Affairs Sub Commission
Patriots Branch
HQ A.C.C.

Ref correspondence from Presidency of the Council of Ministers (returned herewith).

1. It has been decided that the Officers listed in the a/m correspondence cannot be employed as Regular Officers of the Italian Army, whilst serving with Patriot Groups.

2. These officers must be withdrawn within one month of the date of this letter.

3. The Ministry of War have been informed of the above decisions.

4. The only Italian Army Personnel authorised to work in conjunction with the Patriot Groups are the Screening Agencies as confirmed in this HQ letter TS/G/19 of 29 Sep and amended by TS/G/19 of 12 Oct.

F.J. NOAKES Lt Col
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

SPA/jrp

Copy to:- "G" MMIA

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Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri

COMMISSIONE NAZIONALE PER I PATRIOTI
= Segreteria =

N. 7 di prot. Roma, 7 ottobre 1944.

OGGETTO: Ufficiali in s.p.e.

Allegati n. UNO

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA = Patriots Branch =
Roma

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(Angelo Odone)

Odone

(Ufficio tempor. sprovvisto di bollo)

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Cap.art.s.p.e.	SCOTO Corrado
Ten.Col.S.M.	CAMBOSU Sebastiano
T.Col.bers.spe.	CROCI Adalberto
Cap.ftr.s.p.e.	LIGUORI Armando
Cap.ftr.s.p.e.	JANNARONE Filippo.

B) - UFFICIALI GIA' IMPIEGATI PRESSO GRUPPI INFORMATIVI DELL'A.M.G.

T.Col.bers.s.S.M.	FEDELI Vincenzo
Magg.cav.s.p.e.	NOMIS DI COSSILLA Gianluigi
Magg.bers.s.p.e.	MAGRI Aldo
Magg.bers.s.p.e.	BASILE Carmelo.

C) - UFFICIALI RAPPRESENTANTI PRESSO I COMMISSARI REGIONALI E PROVINCIALI ALLEATI

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Magg.ftr.s.p.e.	LOMBARDI Giacomo
Cap.bers.s.p.e.	CORBI Ettore
Cap.ftr.s.p.e.	DI COCCO Antonio
Ten.ftr.s.p.e.	VALERIANI Michele
Magg.art.s.p.e.	GRAZZINI Alberto
Magg.bers.s.p.e.	BIANCONI Giovanni
Ten.A.A.r.c.s.spe.	COLLURA Giuseppe
Ten.bers.s.p.e.	SALVADORI Andriano
Magg.gran.s.p.e.	COSTA Fernando
S.Ten.carr.spe.	IACOBONI Egidio

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH
APO 394

18th October 1944

Ref : 93/PAT.

TO : Italian National Patriot Committee.

May this Headquarters please be informed whether the report of the three Commissions investigating the question of awarding certificates to Patriots in Rome is now ready.

If it is not yet ready, it will be appreciated if this Headquarters could be informed when it may be expected.

P.M.
Sir P.M. MAGNUS
Major.
for Col.C.D.McCarthy,
Patriots Branch.

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MEMO.

General Odoni, the new Secretary of the ITALIAN NATIONAL PATRIOT COMMITTEE came to see us on October 2 and 4 to discuss outstanding matters in connection with Patriot Representative and payment for motor cars etc.

On the evening of 3rd. I saw Mr. Bonomi and made three points:-

(i) I thanked him for the assistance we were getting from General Odoni.

(ii) I said I had had numerous requests that the I.N.P.C. should make decisions on a majority vote. He said he would arrange this.

(iii) I said I felt keenly that a small working Committee was desirable and that Palermo should be the President of it in order that the Communists might have one post of importance on the Committee.as a means of recognising that so many Patriot Bands were communist. He agreed and said he would try to arrange this.

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Ref. 95/Pat.

5.October 44.

ITALIAN NATIONAL PATRIOT COMMITTEE

MEMO.

~~MINUTES~~ OF A MEETING HELD IN PATRIOT BRANCH ON 3 OCTOBER 1944.

Present: General Oddoni.
Colonel McCarthy
Lt.Col. Ingledew
Col. Fava
Capt. di Robilant
Lieut. Di Loreto.

1. Col. McCarthy opened the meeting by thanking General Oddoni for sanctioning the hiring of 7 cars to be used by patriot representatives in the Florence area.

2. General Oddoni agreed:-

(i) To discuss and settle with the INPC that afternoon the method by which patriot representatives should be paid.

(ii) To consider the status of Liaison Officers.

(iii) To obtain from INPC a recommendation to the effect that two of the liaison officers should be regular Italian Army Officers.

(iv) To find out how many representatives already sent out were regular army officers and to arrange to have them withdrawn. (It was also suggested that a list of names and recommendations should be forwarded through the Patriot Branch to MMIA. Capt. di Robilant agreed to show and check this list with Lt.Col. Ingledew.) 1576

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(vi) To take up the abolition of the words "partizan" and partigiana" from all official documents.

(vii) To try to disolve the three Patriot Organisations.

(viii) To attempt to coordinate all welfare organisations that may develop to assist patriots.

(ix) To obtain from the Committee a letter giving details

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of what it proposed to undertake to be put before the Commission.

(x) Have the Committee agree to a majority vote system.

3. Lt.Col. Ingledew undertook to let the Patriot Branch have almost daily the number of patriot recruits.

4. Col. Fava. undertook to keep General Oddoni advised as to number of patriots Reps required and likely dates.

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TRANSLATION

To confirm what I said in the conversation I had with you, I would like to state the following :

1. The Italian National Patriot Committee in the Meeting held yesterday decided to pay a sum of Lire 200 per day as from 1st Sept. 44 to the regional and provincial Patriot representatives and to the Liaison Officers assigned to the Patriot Branch A.C.

2. Our superior Liaison Officer assigned to your office will give you the nominal roll and dislocation of all personnel in service with A.C. and A.M.G. for Patriots and their respective pay-roll as to 30th Sept. inclusive.

3. The total amount of pays due as a/m will be payed to your Office which, as agreed, will arrange payment to these concerned through the Regional Commissioner.

4. With reference to our letter dated by which we authorized hiring and payment of cars for our representatives, we would be grateful to have a fortnightly return of the amount due for hiring of cars and this sum Will be payed into your office as agreed.

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PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO

COMMISSIONE NAZIONALE DEI PATRIOTI.

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Roma, 4 ottobre 1944.

Al Sig. Colonnello Mc Carthy,
Capo del Patriots Branch dell'A.C.
ROMA.

A conferma di quanto comunicato verbalmente a V.S. desidero precisare quanto appresso:

1. La Commissione Nazionale dei Patrioti nella sua riunione di ieri ha stabilito di corrispondere ai rappresentanti dei Patrioti, regionali e provinciali, nonchè agli ufficiali di collegamento in servizio presso gli uffici della Patriots Branch dell'A.C. una indennità giornaliera di L. 200 a partire dal 1° settembre s.m.

2. Il nostro ufficiale superiore di collegamento presso il vostro ufficio provvederà a comunicarvi i nominativi e la dislocazione di tutto il personale in servizio presso l'A.C. e l'A.M.G. per i Patrioti, e le rispettive competenze a tutto il 30 settembre.

3. L'ammontare relativo alle competenze di cui sopra sarà da noi versato a codesto Ufficio, che, come dai nostri accordi, provvederà al pagamento agli interessati per il tramite dei Commissari Regionali.

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IL GENERALE ODDONE,
Membro Segretario.

A. Oddone

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394

Ref: 9/6.2/1.43.

6th October, 1944.

SUBJECT:- Appointment of Italian Government officials.

TO:- All Sub-Commissions DA Section.

Until further orders Sub-Commissions will NOT have any discussions with the Italian Government as to possible Italian Government officials for any appointments whatever in the provinces of TORA, FIUME, TRIESTE or GORIZIA.

C.R. GROFFI. Brigadier
V.F. C.A. Sec.
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9ª URGENTISSIMO

COMANDO RAGGRUPPAMENTI BANDE PATRIOTI ITALIA CENTRALE

Nº 949 di prot. Roma, li 21 OTT. 1944

OGGETTO:- Pagamento Affitti Automezzi.-

SECTION PATRIOTS BRANCH
-A.C.C. - Ministero delle Corporazioni ROMA

Risposta fº 7 del Capitano MARINO Rocco in data 27 settembre u.s..-

Questo Comando farà fronte agli impegni presi in merito ai contratti di affitto degli automezzi in Firenze.-

Si fa riserva di comunicare le modalità di pagamento.-

IL TEN.COL.DI S.M.COMANDANTE
(Siro Bernabò)

COMANDO RAGGR. BANDE ESTE

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Extract from letter from Major DRAGE dated 3 Oct 44.

Ref : ACC/507/PAT/5 Filed in 16/PAT.

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To MAJOR FISCHER OF THE ALLIED MILITARY CO MAND

TO THE ALLIED POLICE

TO HON.BONOMI MINISTER OF INTERIOR

ROME

Rome Sept.8 1944

As I have already done in my former reports,I am informing this Command that the Quadraro suburb is still full of nazifasciets.

I point out the prejudice deriving to the glorious Allied Armies and especially to the American Army from the fact that no issue was given to my denounciation of Romolo Lazzarini,Filippo Lazzerini and his wife Olga Lazzerini as impudent fascists and nazists who unlawfully enriched themselves by usury and black market,with the collaboration of the Germans,who from Sept.8 to June 4,enjoying the woman's favours,put at her and her family's deposel their motors and their connivance.

In effect this Olga Lazzerini with an impudence unaccountable in a woman who, now that the tide has changed,ought at least to keep silent,having heard of the denounciation I made,is bragging the whole day that she fears nobody,either band commandrs of Allied and American Generals,and she is carrying on her activity so as to get richer and richer through the black market.

It appears that these Lazzerini who were penniless,are now the owners of various buildings in the Via Acquedotto Felice 26,which they acquired in the short republican period. A worthy partner of the Lazzerini is Carra Andrea with his son Carlo,whom the father has made a count,through an outlay of 30.000 lire to the fascist party.

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I am at Your Excellency's disposal for for any verification that you may wish to have in support of the advisability of a just punishment for the above-mentioned people.

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I am sure that if you will come to the decision of inflicting such punishment, you will be blessed by the Quadraro people, who would feel revenged of all the vexation, the robbing and abuse they have endured from those disreputable individuals who have prospered under fascism and still more under nazism.

The commander

Col. Fava.

Please speak. I think this is a matter for the Patriot Committee.

P.M. Magnes

Major

19 Sep 44

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH
APO 394

4 Oct. 44

Ref. 95/PAT.

TO : Italian National Patriot Committee.

This letter is to confirm our recommendation which is in the way of a suggestion rather than a demand, that the last sentence of Article 4 in the Decree on Patriots should be changed to read:-

"nonchè di promuovere il rèimpiego dei patrioti stessi ai fini dello sforzo bellico".

for P.N. Magnus Major

C.D. Mc Carthy, ~~C.B.E.~~
Colonel,
Patriots Branch,

Copy to :
Legal Branch, A.C.C.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH
APO 394.

Ref. 95/PAT.

5th October 1944.

TO : Presidenza del Consiglio
Commissione Nazionale per i Patrioti.

1. There is no objection to the names submitted for the commissions for Rome and the Heads of the four Sections. A copy of the list which we received from you is attached.

2. Please inform this office should any change, in the aforementioned personnel be made in the future.

C.D. Mc CARTHY
Colonel,
Patriots Branch.
Civil Affairs Section.

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	D-L	DE VIVO Guido
	L	MAZZEI Francesco
		PANTRIE' Francesco
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		Ten.Col. CHIOCCHIA Lucio
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	A	D'AGOSTINO Lorenzo
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IV.	History	P-S	STOPPI Alessandro

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RULES FOR QUALIFICATION AS " PATRIOTS ". 37 Feb 1944

(1) "Fighter Patricts" are the following and have a right to this qualification :

a) organizers and permanent and active members of armed bands who have actually participated in fighting or sabotage actions;

b) those who have systematically given important military information on the enemy;

c) those who have accomplished in whatever way possible exceptionally brave actions in the struggle for liberation.

(2) "Praise-worthy in the struggle for liberation" are the following and have a right to this qualification:

a) all those who although members of armed bands have not actually participated in fighting or sabotage actions or in organic and continued co-operation;

b) those who with their particular risk have efficaciously and continuously helped the bands engaged in war actions.

(3) The following are entlited to be qualified "dead for the struggle of liberation" :
all those who, as political prisoners or hostages or victims of reprisal have been murdered by the Nazis or by the fascists.

CRITERIA :

a) to exclude qualification of "patriot" (or "partisan") to the second category. The possible association could be the "Association of the Patriots or Partisans and their supporters;"

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		Ten. Col. QUACCHIA Lucio
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	D-C	SEGNI Carlo

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Col. Mc Carthy

Rule of qualificaters for "patriots".

1°) - Hanno diritto alla qualifica di "patrioti combattenti":

a) gli organizzatori ed i componenti stabili e attivi di bande armate, le quali abbiano effettivamente partecipato ad azioni di combattimento o di sabotaggio;

b) coloro che abbiano sistematicamente fornito informazioni di notevole importanza sul nemico;

c) coloro che abbiano compiuto in qualunque modo atti di eccezionale ardimento nella lotta di liberazione.

2°) - Hanno diritto alla qualifica di "Benemeriti della lotta di liberazione":

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Criteri :

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c) - il comma b) dell'art.2 riguarda i contadini e i borghesi che hanno aiutato le bande.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394

TO:- Patriot Branch.

SUBJECT:- Composition of Rome Patriot Committee.

4/7.1/C.A.

1st October, 1944.

Reference your 95/PAT dated 25th September.

The Vice President Admin. Section directs me to say that he has no views as to who should preside over this Committee as he is not familiar with the personalities involved.

SECTION	INITIALS	DATE
Col. Mc [illegible]HY		
Maj. Ma[illegible]	P.D.	
[illegible]. GRACE		
[illegible]VADORI		

YMB.

R.R. CRIPPS. Colonel.
CSO Admin. Section.

Dr. Caccia says the same.
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NOTES FOR ITALIAN COMMITTEE :

1. Permission for 7 motor cars. General Oddone, to increase number of cars in Florence.

2. Status and pay of Liaison Officers.

3. Status and pay of Patriot Representatives.

4. Total number of Patriot Representatives required and dates.

5. Abolition of the word "partizans" and "partigiani" from official documents.

6. Recognition or otherwise of the 3 Partizan Patriot organizations in Italy (called the Supreme Partisan Command, the Partizan Association, Union of Patriots).

7. Welfare work and payment for this by volunteers including women. A lot of this is now being done by the Union of Patriots.

8. A universal telegram about Patriot enlistment into the Army.

9. Agreed duties and status of Patriot Representatives to be published.

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I'm sorry Ma'am but I'm not authorized to discuss any objection.

Yeo. OS/POA.

UMBERTO DI SAVOIA

PRINCIPE DI PIEMONTE

LUOGOTENENTE GENERALE DEL REGNO

In virtù dell'autorità a Noi delegata :

Visto il decreto-legge luogotenenziale 25 giugno 1944, n. 151;

Vista la deliberazione del Consiglio dei Ministri;

Sulla proposta del Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri, di con_certo con tutti i Ministri

ABBIAMO SANZIONATO E PROMULGHIAMO QUANTO SEGUE:

Art. 1.

E' costituita, presso la Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri, una Commissione nazionale per i patrioti.

Essa ha il compito di studiare, con criteri unitari, tutti i problemi riferentisi all'attività svolta dai patrioti nella lotta con_tro i tedeschi e contro il fascismo, e di promuovere i necessari prov-vedimenti.

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Il Presidente della Commissione nomina, nel seno di questa, un Segretario.

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Alle dipendenze della Commissione nazionale e con il compito di attuarne le direttive, è costituito, presso la Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri, un Ufficio per i patrioti.

Spetta al predetto Ufficio : di accertare e vagliare l'attività dei patrioti, di riconoscere la qualifica ad essi spettante, sulla ba_
se dei fatti documentati, e di rilasciare i relativi attestati ; di coordinare le diverse forme di assistenza, morale e materiale in favo_
re dei patrioti; nonchè di assicurare il reimpiego dei patrioti stes-
si ai fini della guerra di liberazione.

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Art. 5.

Con decreto del Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri, di concerto con il Ministro per il Tesoro, sentita la Commissione nazionale per i patrioti, saranno stabilite le norme per la organizzazione ed il funzionamento dell'Ufficio di cui all'art. 4.

Art. 6

Le spese relative al funzionamento degli organi di cui al presente decreto graveranno sullo stato di previsione della spesa del ministero del Tesoro, rubrica della Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri.

Il Ministro per il Tesoro è autorizzato ad apportare le conseguenti variazioni di bilancio.

Art. 7.

Il presente decreto entra in vigore il giorno successivo a quello della sua pubblicazione.

Ordiniamo, etc.

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

Subject : Decree on Patriots

Ref. 95/PAT.

29 Sep. 44.

To : Brigadier Lush.
Admin. Section.
Interior Sub Commission.
Political Section.

1. I attach a copy of the translation of the decree on Patriots which is being examined today by the Cabinet.

2. If it is passed, as it should be, it becomes law tomorrow.

3. There have been two alterations to the original proposal as put up by the Italian Patriot Committee: -

(i) The first article has been split into two.

(ii) The words "in liberated Italy" have been inserted after the word "Patriots" in Article 1 and in the first line of Article 2.

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

UMBERTO DI SAVOIA

PRINCE OF PIEDMONT

LIEUTENANT GENERAL OF THE REALM.

By the authority given me:
By virtue of the decree of June 25, 1944, No. 151;
By virtue of the decision of the Cabinet;
Following the proposal of the Prime Minister in agreement with all the Ministers;
We have sanctioned and we promulgate the following :

Art. 1. A National Committee for Patriots of Liberated Italy is hereby formed and attached to the Prime Minister's Office.

Art.2. The function of the National Committee for Patriots in Liberated Italy is to study on a uniform basis all problems concerning Patriot activities in their fight against Germans and Fascists and to promote all necessary measures.

Art.3. The Committee will be under the Presidency of the Prime Minister and will consist of the Under-Secretary of State in the Prime Minister's Office who will be Vice-President, an Under-Secretary of State for War appointed by the War Minister, an Under-Secretary of State for Press and Information and four Experts appointed by a decree of the Prime Minister on the advice of the Cabinet. The President of the Committee will appoint a Secretary chosen from among its members.

Art.4. A Patriot Office depending upon the National Committee with the task of fulfilling its directives will be formed and attached to the Prime Minister's Office. The Patriot Office has the following functions : to ascertain and to screen patriot activities and evaluate them according to proved facts; to issue certificates to ascertain the various ways of moral and material assistance to Patriots; to guarantee the re-employment of Patriots in the war of liberation.

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Art.5. The rules for the organization and functioning of the Office as in Art.4 will be defined by a Decree of the Prime Minister in agreement with the Treasury Minister on the advice of the Patriot National Committee.

Art.6. The expenditure needed for the functioning of the offices formed by virtue of the authority of this Decree will be charged to the Treasury Ratio-Budget in the account of the Prime Minister's Office. The Treasury Minister is authorized to modify the Budget accordingly.

Art.7. This Decree comes into effect on the day following its publication.

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TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF THE MINISTERS — ROME (38)
TO H.E. THE PREFECT OF — BARI
AND FOR NOTICE TO THE HON.ALLIED COMMAND — ROME

The undersigned Commander of the Group "Quadraro Bands" applies to Y.E. to inform him of a matter concerning a Vice-Commander of his bands and begging for a quick intervention through the competent prefect so as to resolve the question with justice avoiding the long judicial procedure.

I am merely asking for justice,not for favours,in behalf of a partisan who deserves consideration for his activity in the liberation of Rome,for all that he was made to suffer in the famous Via Tasso prison and for his 20 years persecution by the past regime.

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We now beg that Y.E. request the Prefect of Bari to

the original sent To Bernabo

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intervene with his authority to make Azzone liberate and deliver the whole apartment which he illegally let to other people, so as to allow Cantimi to use it freely as he must go back to his native city. His doctors are advising him to do so in order to recover from the ordeals and ill-treatments he suffered in the above-mentioned Via Tasso prison, from where the mob rescued him on June 4th in very pitiful conditions.

We trust that Y.E. and the prefect of Bari will kindly consider this request, an aknowledgement of which we would appreciate.

With kindest regards

The commander

Col. FAVA.

Please speak. This seems like a matter for the Patriot Committe.

P. D. Magnus

Major

19 Sept 44

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R.C. & M.G. SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH
APO 394

Subject : Patriot Representatives. Ref. 95/PAT

24 Sep. 44.

To : The Patriot Committee

I have just returned from Florence where it was suggested to me by many people that future Italian Representatives for work with A.C.C. Regions, including the Regions of Lombardy and Venice, should perhaps be selected in Florence. In special cases no doubt, you will have representatives from these regions in Rome. I am asking Col. Fava to discuss this question with you. It is highly important that 20 to 30 Patriot Representatives should be chosen immediately. I hope to be able to give you the exact numbers in a few days.

C. D. Mc CARTHY.
Colonel.
Patriots Branch.
R.C. & M.G. Section.

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APO 394.

Subject: Composition of the Rome Patriot Committee. Ref. G5/PAT.
25 Sept. 44.

To: Administrative Section (2)
Copy to: Political Section

On instructions from Brig. Mack, I am sending you copy of the suggested members of the Patriot Commissions for Rome. The Italian Patriot Committee has decided that it is necessary to have three commissions for Rome, each commission consisting of three military members (of whom one will be a soldier, one a sailor, and one a member of the Air Force) and three civil members. It has not been decided who should preside over each commission.

If you could let me know whether the names are suitable I will inform the Italian Patriot Committee at once that the three commissions can start to function immediately.

Have you please any views as to who should preside over each commission? (The object of each commission, as you know, is to discover who were the real patriots when Rome was liberated, and to see that they are given suitable employment).

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

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1st Commission for ROME :

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Ten. Col. SPOTI Lucio
Cap. RAFFONELLI Mario
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2nd Commission for ROME :

Cap. MORONI Fulvio
Ten. Vasc. LUTTER Giovanni
Ten. Col. MARCHIA Lucio
I-L — VIGLIAR Renato
G — DI SIENIA Franco
A — D'AGOSTINO Lorenzo

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Magg. SALERNO Enrico
Cap. BLUNDO Giuseppe
D-L — RAI Vittorio
A — RICCI Gianni
D-G — SERRI Carlo

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G.R. UPJOHN Brig,
Vice CA Sec.
D.C.O.S.

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10 Nov 44

SUBJECT : Patriot Ceritificates

TO : D.C.C.A.O. (Col. Montford).

1. I attach a memorandum from the Acting Director, Patriots Branch, on the above subject matter which I think fully explains the position.

2. I think that the issue of General Alexander's certificates as soon as possible after liberation of territory and disbandment of Patriot bands has a definite advantage, and I should be very sorry if General Alexander desired to discontinue issue of such certificates.

3. I recommend that we prohibit the issue of any certificates other those of General Alexander's in Allied Military Government Territory committees in such territory.

4. Will you please take this matter up with Chief of Staff, AAI, and let me know his views as soon as possible.

G.R. UPJOHN Brig,
VP CA Sec
D.C.O.S.

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HEADQUARTERS REGION VIII
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

File Ref. RVIII/11/23/144 2 October 1944

SUBJECT : Communal Committes for Patriots

TO : HQ. ACC. (Attention Interior Sub Commission)

1. Reference your ACC/40/Int. dated 24 Aug.44.

2. The Prefect of Grosseto Province now reports, thru' F.C. to the effect that Patriot Committees have now been formed in each Commune.

For the Regional Commissioner :

s/ G.T. JOHNSON
Colonel
Exectuive Officer

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INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
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ACC/40/Int

24 August 1944

SUBJECT: Communal Committee for Patriots

TO : SCAO 5th Army
SCAO 8th Army
RC, Region IV
RC, Region V
RC, Region VIII

1. A copy of a letter received from the Minister of the Interior concerning communal committee to coordinate all patriot activities is forwarded herewith.

2. May the Prefects of your Provinces please be asked to report to you when such committees have been formed and may the information be then forwarded to this Sub-Commission?

R. G. B. SPICER
Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

Encl: as in 1 above

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C O P Y

MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR
File: No. 2840

ROME, 9th August 1944

SUBJECT: Communal Committee for Patriots

TO : THEIR EXCELLENCIES THE PREFECTS of the Provinces
administered by the Allied Military Government.

In order to coordinate all the activities undertaken on behalf of the patriots, it is advisable to form in each commune a Committee composed of the Mayor, four representatives of the patriots chosen from their midst, together with two members of the Communal Board, if this has already been formed, otherwise by two high-minded citizens with spotless political records.

The functions of such a Committee would be the following:

1) To ascertain what citizens have really carried out activities of patriots;

2) To send the names of those who wish to continue to serve as patriots to the competent military authorities;

3) To refer those who desire to enlist in the army to the provincial Headquarters of the Allied Military Command. The M.M.I.A. will keep the regional Commissioner and the S.C.A.O. informed of the localities where these patriots are to be sent, and will give them any other useful information;

4) To provide for the absorption into local activities, particularly agricultural ones, of the patriots, giving them preference over all the other citizens. Such a preference shall be extended to patriots belonging to the Commune as well as to those who come from other communes but desire to remain in the commune they are at present;

5) To facilitate the return to their own commune of those patriots who do not wish to remain in the commune. Their return shall be cared for by the C.A.O. from the place of departure to the provincial Headquarters, and from there by the Provincial Commissioner.

The political affiliation, the coordination of the efforts of the Communal Committees, the means of communication between the A.M.G. and the Headquarters of the A.C.C. shall be taken care of by Your Excellencies, according to the instructions of the provincial Commissioners of the A.C.C. 1550

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The Minister

/s/ Boromi

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PATRIOTS BRANCH
APO 374

To : Brigadier Lush
Copy to : M.M.I.A.
Political Section
Civil Affairs

Ref. 95/PAT

15 September 44.

Subject : Italian Patriot Committee.

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(vi) I was asked what my feelings were towards the Comando Supremo Partigiano and similar new Patriot organisations. I replied that the few organisations which we had investigated had proved to be very small ones and that I thought that it should be up to the Patriot Committee to decide to what extent these new organisations should be recognised.

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(vii) The Rome Committee.

I asked if it would be possible to have this Committee functioning and the names of Patriots in Rome fully listed by the end of September because I thought it desirable that this problem should be settled before we uncovered large towns in Northern Italy. The President thought this would be possible.

(viii) We discussed the advisability of recognising those who had helped the Patriots. I replied that I had been told that this was merely a political method of securing a 'patriot' following in order to strengthen the position of certain parties. In any case, I mentioned that we had discussed the matter very fully in July and decided that it would be almost impossible to make a complete list of all who had helped Patriots. In some cases this would embrace whole villages and in a case like Rome an almost infinite number of people would claim to be considered as helpers.

C. D. Mc CARTHY.
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b) Re-employment and transport section
c) Assistance section
d) History section
e) Administration

At the head of each section will be put a military or a civilian.
The Committee reserves itself the right to name the Chiefs of the Sections.
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2) Screening Agencies for the identification of the Patriots for Rome.
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(4) Major Lagumina to attend

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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95/Pat 16.9.44.

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 Patrioti"

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 PALERMO, Under Secretary of State for War.

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Dr. BAUER or other representatives of the C.L.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. BARBARO, 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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(M.S.LUSH) Brigadier, Executive Commissioner.

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Report by BIANCHI, representative of the Central Committee
of National Liberation
Rome

To: Central Committee of National Liberation
Military Junta - ROME

File
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1. BANDS - We have continued to keep in touch with the partisans who operated in the zone of the XIII Corps. On the whole the patriots are disciplined and know that as soon as the liberating troops arrive the function of the bands cease and therefore the members must return to their normal occupation and their activities must be within the law.

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The persons responsable of the 3 murders above-mentioned, have been arrested and their case will be settled by the authorities concerned. The Commander of the local partisan band has also been arrested as an accomplice, but according to information received from the Mayor of Torrita di Siena, he will be released for insufficiency of proofs.

The C.L.N. and the partisans of CHIUSI were reluctant to obey the orders issued by the local A.M.G. authorities. We have however persuaded the members of the C.L.N. and the leaders of the patriot bands to a closer collaboration with allied authorities. The population of the town suffers the consequences of war damage (70% of the houses have been destroyed or are uninhabitable)

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The band under the command of Lt. Ciabattini and the detachment of the Garibaldi brigade under Valli, which operated also in the Cortona area, did not give place to any inconveniences.

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At AREZZO, where I went 2 days after its liberation, there was part of a Casentino band under Capt. Rossetti. This band has done most useful work which has been notified to A.M.G. authorities. Among other things, a number of partisans lead by Lt. Caprini, arrived in the town a week before the arrival of the liberating troops; they took charge of it and saved Arezzo from German looting. On 18th July 44 a meeting of patriots present in the town was held. After the speech made by the allied Governor and by Col. Sabre, I gave the patriots the greetings and thanks on behalf of the Central Committee for their work. It was announced to the partisans, according to the directives issued by the A.M.G., that as soon as possible, provisions would be made for them: those who wished to continue the partisan fight beyond the lines would be enabled to do so; those wishing to volonteer in the Italian Army would be accepted when the Italian Army is formed; and those wishing to return to their homes would be sent there if they were situated in liberated Italy. A small part of the patriots are employed in the auxiliary police force. In general, the patriots with the exception of a few notified to us by their commander, are willing to return to normal activity.

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In the smaller comuni there are no parties and the local committee has therefore character of party representance. In others there are only one or two organized parties and the committee is formed of anti-fascist members without party dis-

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tinction. At Chiusi, the committee as well as the patriots were rather reluctant to collaborate with A.M.G. But later following our advice, they promised a real and closer collaboration with allied authorities.

At Cortona, the situation is still tense because of local quarrels. At a certain time there were 2 rival committees. Representatives of one party would tear down the posters of the other parties etc. At Arezzo, (as I could not remain at Cortona) the Provincial committee sent a representative to put things in order, by my advice. It seems that a new Cortona Committee will be formed and that the representatives of the parties have promised to work with more serious intentions.

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The surviving population of the Frazione is homeless, without means of living. The A.M.G. has provided for the victims

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with distribution of flour etc.

3. As understood, I enclose the lists of partisans and the report of the activity of the bands; countersigned by Col. Sabre representative of the Comando Supremo, and by me.

The representative of the C.C.L.N.
Attached to the XIII Corps

23rd July 44

(signed) BIANCHI ESPERIO

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
PATRICTS BRANCH

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Col. Mc CARTHY		
Major. MAGNUS		
Major. DRAGE		
Capt. SALVADORI		
Chief CLERK		
LIAISON SECTION		
Col. FAVA		
Dr. TREVES		
Mr. VILLA		

REMARKS: ?? Who is to decide on action of Letters in Italian.
Major Magnus has this in hand.

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Roma, 4 settembre 1944

Oggetto : Organizzazione dei patrioti

Captain ELLERY W. STONE
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ROMA

Rispondo alla Sua lettera, anche in relazione ai colloqui avuti con il Col. McCarthy del Patriot Branch.

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PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI
IL SEGRETARIO PARTICOLARE
DELL'ECCELLENZA IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

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Rome, Sept. 5th, 1944.

I enclose a copy of the Prime Minister's letter to Captain Stone.

Greetings

Alfredo Bizzi

Captain Salvatori
Patriot Branch
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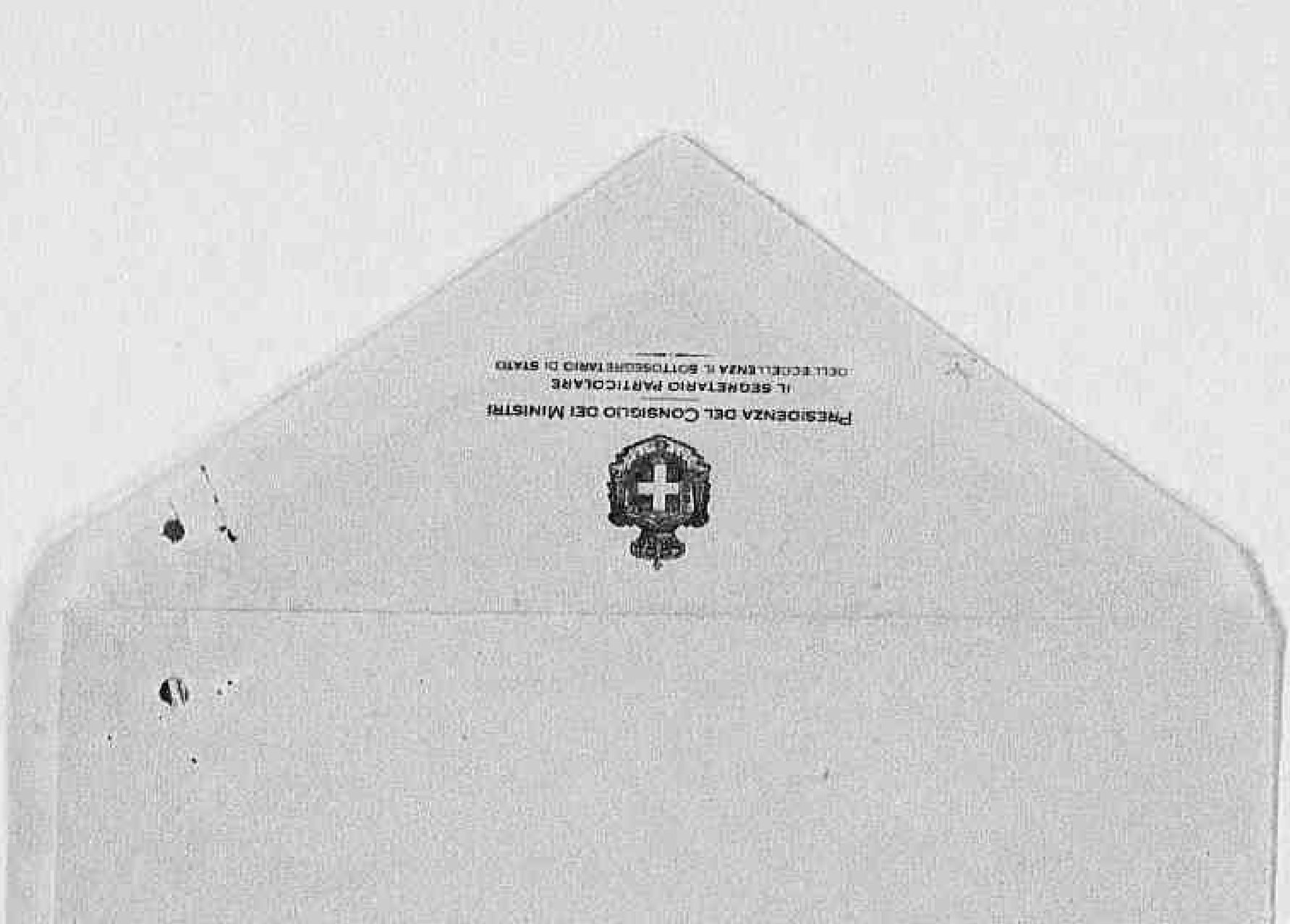

Captain SALVATORI

Patriot Branch

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PROMEMORIA

COSTITUZIONE UFFICIO PATRIOTI ALLE DIPENDENZE
DELLA PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI

COMANDO RAGG.PI C.I. BANDE ESTERNE

Il Comandante
(Ten. Col. S. M. SIRO BERNABÒ)

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MEMORANDUM

ORGANISATION OF THE PATRIOT OFFICE AT THE PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTRY.

The directives on which is based the organisation of the Patriot Office and of its tasks remain the same.

In view of the new policy concerning the dependence and composition of the office, the following suggestions are made:-

1. TASKS.

(a) Operations of recognition and disarmament of bands; dispersal and transferance of the Patriots in various localities.

(b) Collection of ~~arms~~ all reports from data and documentation on the activities of the bands to whatever organisations they might belong.

(c) To ascertain the activities of the Patriots; to define and distribute the qualifications of Patriots and of "Benemarito della Patria". (Well deserving from the father land)

(d) To collect, recruit and reemploy voluntary fighting Patriots.

(e) Assistance.

(f) Liaison with the right authorities.

(g) To ascertain dead and wounded; proposals for pensions.

(h) Awards.

(i) Various.

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2. ORGANISATION (Enclosure No.1.)

3. Composition of the Commission and criteria for ascertaining - (Encl.No.2.)

4. Patriot certificate of "Benemerito della Patria" (Encl.No.3.)

5. Press release (Encl.No.4.)

6. Office to close down problems connected with Bande Patrioti esterne (Encl. No.5.)

OGGETTO: COSTITUZIONE UFFICIO PATRIOTI ALLE DIPENDENZE DELLA PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI.

I concetti informatori della costituzione dell'Ufficio Patrioti ed i compiti ad esso connessi permangono invariati.

In relazione al nuovo orientamento per quanto riguarda dipendenza e composizione dell'Ufficio si prospetta quanto appresso:

1° - COMPITI:

a)- operazioni di riconoscimento, scioglimento e disarmo delle Bande; smistamento e trasferimento dei Patrioti in varie sedi;

b)- raccolta di tutte le relazioni, dati e documentazioni sull'attività svolta delle Bande a qualsiasi organizzazione esse appartengono;

c)- accertamento dell'attività svolta, determinazione ed assegnazione della qualifica di "Patriota" e di "Benemerito della Patria";

d)- raccolta, reclutamento e reimpiego dei Patrioti volontari combattenti;

e)- assistenza;

f)- collegamento con le Autorità Alleate;

g)- pratiche di accertamento morti e feriti; relative proposte di assegnazione pensioni;

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2° - COSTITUZIONE: Allegato n. 1

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Organization : Enclosure

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3° - COMPOSIZIONE, delle Commissioni e criteri di accertamento: Allegato n.2

Patriot Certificate and ... Certificate

4° - Attestato di "Patriota" e di "Benemerito della Patria" - Allegato n.3

Non valid

5° - Comunicato stampa: - Allegato n.4

Office to deal decide problems connected with ...

6° - Ufficio stralcio per le questioni in pendenza Bande Patrioti Esterne: - Allegato n.5

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Patria" - Allegato n.3

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Allegato n.1

PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI

Organizzazione dei Patrioti - Composizione Ufficio

I - COMMISSIONE CENTRALE

S.E. PENALTEA
S.E. PALERMO
Gen. ODONE
Prof. BAUER

II - UFFICIO PATRIOTI

Capo Ufficio	: Ten.Col. S.M.	BERNABO'	Siro
Uff. addetto	: Magg.s.p.e.	PIANELLA	Gastone
Addetto	: Signor	CHIARINI	
Addetto	: Signor	.....	
Segretario	: Magg.s.S.M.	DI MOLFETTA	Alberto
Uff. addetto	: Cap. compl.	JANNOTTA	Antonio
Uff. addetto	: Cap. s.p.e.	MARCHERI	Mario
Uff. addetto	: Ten. compl.	PICCIRILLI	Vincenzo

Ufficiali staccati presso l'A.C.C. (PatriotssBranch)

Colonnello gran.	FAVA	Guido
Tenente compl.	VILLA	Alberto

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Personnel Section

1ª - SEZIONE PERSONALE

Capo Sez. Magg. s.S.M.	ROCCHI	Luigi
Uff. addetto Magg.(o Cap.)CC.RR.	.....	
Uff. addetto Cap.	LENTINI	.Mario...
Signor	.....	
Uff. addetto Ten.CC.RR.	PANTALEO	Aurelio

COMMISSIONI DI ACCERTAMENTO : Elenco a parte

Allegato n.2

Re-employment and transportation

2ª - SEZIONE RIMPIEGO E TRASPORTI

Capo Sez. Magg. s.S.M.	JANNARONE	Michele
Uff. addetto Magg.s.p.e.	LICCARDO	Luigi
Addetto:Signor	.....	

Historical Section

3ª - SEZIONE STORICA

Capo Sez. Signor	.....	
Uff. addetto Cap.s.p.e.	COLOMBO	Mario
Addetto:Signor	.....	

Awards Section

4ª - SEZIONE RICOMPENSE

Capo Sez. Ten.Col.s.p.e.	DE PALMA	.....
Addetto:Signor	.....	
Uff. addetto Cap.compl.	BOLASCO	Giorgio

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Cap.)CC.RR. .....

Uff. addetto Cap. LENTINI .Mario...

Signor .....

Uff. addetto Ten.CC.RR. PANTALEO Aurelio

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Uff. addetto Magg.s.p.e. LICCARDO Luigi

Addetto:Signor .....

Historical Section

3^ - SEZIONE STORICA

Capo Sez. Signor .....

Uff. addetto Cap.s.p.e. COLOMBO Mario

Addetto:Signor .....

from Awards Section

4^ - SEZIONE RICCOMPENSE

Capo Sez. Ten.Col.s.p.e. DE PALMA .....

Addetto:Signor .....

Uff. addetto Cap.compl. BOLASCO Giorgio

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Assistance Section

5° - SEZIONE ASSISTENZA

Capo Sez. Magg.s.p.e. BOCHICCHIO Luigi

Addetto:Signor PATERNO'.:

Uff. addetto .....

Administration Section

6° - SEZIONE AMMINISTRAZIONE

Capo Sez. Ten.Col. R.A. REDIVO Norberto

Uff. addetto Ten.Compl. COLAFRANCESCO Ugo

Addetto:Signor .....

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Administration Section.

6^ - SEZIONE AMMINISTRAZIONE

Capo Sez. Tem.Col. R.A. REDIVO Norberto

Uff. addetto Ten.Compl. COLAFRANCESCO Ugo

Addetto:Signor .....

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Allegato n.2

COMPOSIZIONE DELLE COMMISSIONI DI ACCERTAMENTO

1° - Costituzione mista di elementi militari (Esercito - Aeronautica - Marina), del C.L.N. e dei gruppi autonomi.

Per l'accertamento dei fatti in posto le "Commissioni mobili" saranno integrate con elementi locali "noti Patrioti", onde evitare il formarsi di pseudorganizzazioni di Patrioti.

Per lo svolgimento di tale attività sarebbe necessaria l'assegnazione di mezzi di trasporto.

2° - Composizione delle Commissioni:

3 o 4 membri per Commissione

Numero delle Commissioni : vario

Per l'accertamento attività Bande Interne

Membri militari			Membri Politici		
Col.s.p.e.	TOSCHI	Vincenzo	Avv.	CHIRI	D.C.
Magg.R.M.	SALOMONE	Enrico	Signor	MOLINARI	Orazio P.C.I.
Cap. Eser.	MOSCONI	Mario	Signor	DONNINI	Dismo P.C.I.
Uff. R.A.(1)					
Uff. R.G.F(1).....					
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Per l'accertamento attività Bande Esterne

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Cap. Compl.Es.	SARTORI	Luigi	Signor	MORRI	Bruno P.C.I.
Ten.spe. Es.	LANNOCE	Francesco			
Te.Compl.Es.	DI CLEMENTE	Ezio			
Magg.spe Es.	STURCHIO	Tullio			
Megg. Es.	FERRI	Antonio			
Ten.Col. Es.	GUERRIZIO	Luca M.			
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Ten. Es.	CANTARELLI	A.			
Ten.Col.spe Es.	CROCI	Adalberto			
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IL _____ di _____ e di _____

nato il _____, ha attivamente operato contro le Forze nazifasci

dal _____ al _____.

Lo si dichiara pertanto "PATRIOTA".

Data _____

IL PRESIDENTE
DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI

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_____ al _____.

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IL PRESIDENTE
DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI

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Allegato

N° d'ordine

PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI

IL _____ di _____ e di _____

nato il _____, ha collaborato con i PATRIOTI nella lotta contro le Forze nazifasciste dal _____ al _____

E pertanto è un "BENEMERITO DELLA PATRIA".

Data _____

IL PRESIDENTE
DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI

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IL PRESIDENTE
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Allegato n.4

COMUNICATO STAMPA

COSTITUZIONE UFFICIO PATRIOTI

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L'Ufficio esaminerà e vaglierà l'attività svolta dai Patrioti nel periodo clandestino (organizzazioni militari e C.L.N. e Gruppi autonomi) ed in base a documentazione, prove e attestazioni riconosciute valide e ad accertamento dei fatti, stabilirà la qualifica che compete ad ogni elemento, rilasciando due attestati: uno per i Patrioti ed un per i Benemeriti della Patria.

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Con tale costituzione decade qualsiasi iniziativa privata o ente comunque formatosi per il riconoscimento e l'assistenza dei Patrioti.

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Allegato N.5

UFFICIO STRALCIO BANDE ESTERNE

Capo Ufficio: Ten.Col. CROCI Adalberto

1^ - Sezione "CASTELLI E LAZIO SUD"

Ten.i.g.s.	FRATTICCI	Luigi
Ten.s.p.e.	CORSI	Alessandro

2^ - Sezione " GRAN SASSO"

Cap.s.p.e.	MILLESIMI	Luigi
Cap. compl.	BRUGNA	Riccardo
S.Ten.s.p.e.	MELICA	Aldo

3^ - Sezione "MONTE SORATTE"

magg.spe	NAINI	Aimone
Cap.s.p.e.	BARCO	Luigi
Cap.	PATRONO	Vittorio

4^ - Sezione "MONTE AMIATA"

Magg.s.p.e.	GATT	Luigi
S.Ten.	FIORENTINI	Romeo

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L'Ufficio funzionerà sino ad esaurimento delle pratiche in pendenza.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
- PATRIOTS BRANCH

Rome, September , 1944

To the "~~Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri~~"
H.Q. Patriots' Central Commission (2 copies)
~~Patriots' Office~~
= ROME =

Subject: General directives. Presidenza

In order to render more effective the collaboration between the Patriots Branch and the above Office and taking into consideration the fact that all matters must be handled through the Patriots Branch, the following urgent points to be dealt with are:

1. The collecting of the reports about the Patriots' activities and the compilation of the "Story" of the Patriots for each Region and Province, respectively;
2. The collecting and listing of the names of the genuine Patriots and of the founders of the movements and leaders of the Bands. The lists ("Fuolini") of the genuine Patriots of the respective area must be available to each Regional and Provincial Command;
3. Inquiries and information concerning the Patriots;
4. The allowances of rewards to the Patriots and to their families;
5. The identification and the notification of the genuine Patriots, to be appointed as representatives for various duties, according to the requests issued by this Patriots Branch;
6. The granting of transport to the Patriots selected as representatives and entrusted with various duties;
7. The compilation and the keeping of the records of the meetings of the Patriots' Central Commission.

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Further more, that Office is requested to submit proposals about the administration and the payment of the representatives now collaborating with A.M.G. It would be opportune if the payment were to be carried out through the Regional Commands. Finally, as the creation of a "Patriot' Committee" for the town of Rome has been decided upon that Office is requested to communicate to the Patriots Branch prior to their nomination the names of the members of the Committee.

D.M. Mc CARTHY
Colonel,
Patriots Branch.

(At the present Time there are no persons being found by the Italian G. P. A. C.)

Col Lara.

Patriots
2 Liberal Parties
2 Christian Democrat
Communist

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Points for the Italian Patriot Committee.

1. Deal only with Patriot Branch.

2. Information and reference of Patriots.

3. Collection and compilation of History of the Patriot Movement by Regions.

4. Collection of the names of all genuine Patriots with the band leaders. Ensure that lists exist at Provincial Headquarters.

5. Compensation to Patriots and their families.

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3. Col. Bernabo is coming to a meeting here at 1000 hrs. today and we will all discuss with him what problems are to be tackled by the Committee at once and a letter should be sent to the Committee immediately afterwards asking the Committee to start work on such points, giving fairly detailed terms of reference.

4. The main channel of communication between the Patriot Branch and the Committee will be Col. FAVA who is our senior Italian Liaison officer. If possible, therefore, enquiries of any kind should be put through Col. FAVA and not repeat not direct to Col. Bernabo. In effect, this will mean that Col. FAVA should be present at all conferences between us and Col. Bernabo, since if two or more people start dealing with Col. Bernabo direct on the same subject, the Italian Patriot Committee will almost certainly have great difficulty in interpreting our wishes.

C.D. McCarthy

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Colonel.
Patriot Branch.

4 Sept. 44.

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D R A F T for confirmation by the A/Chief Commissioner.

From: Patriot Branch. Ref: 95/Pat.

6 Sept. 44

SUBJECT: Formation of Italian Patriot Committee

To: All Sections, Sub Commissions and Branches.

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 Patrioti".

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 :-

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H.E. Guiseppe Spataro, Under Secretary of State for Press and Information.

Mr. Bauer or other representatives of the C.L.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. Barnabo, 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 R.C. & M.G. Section. Officers of this Commission will reciprocally deal with this Italian Patriot Committee through the Patriot and not direct.

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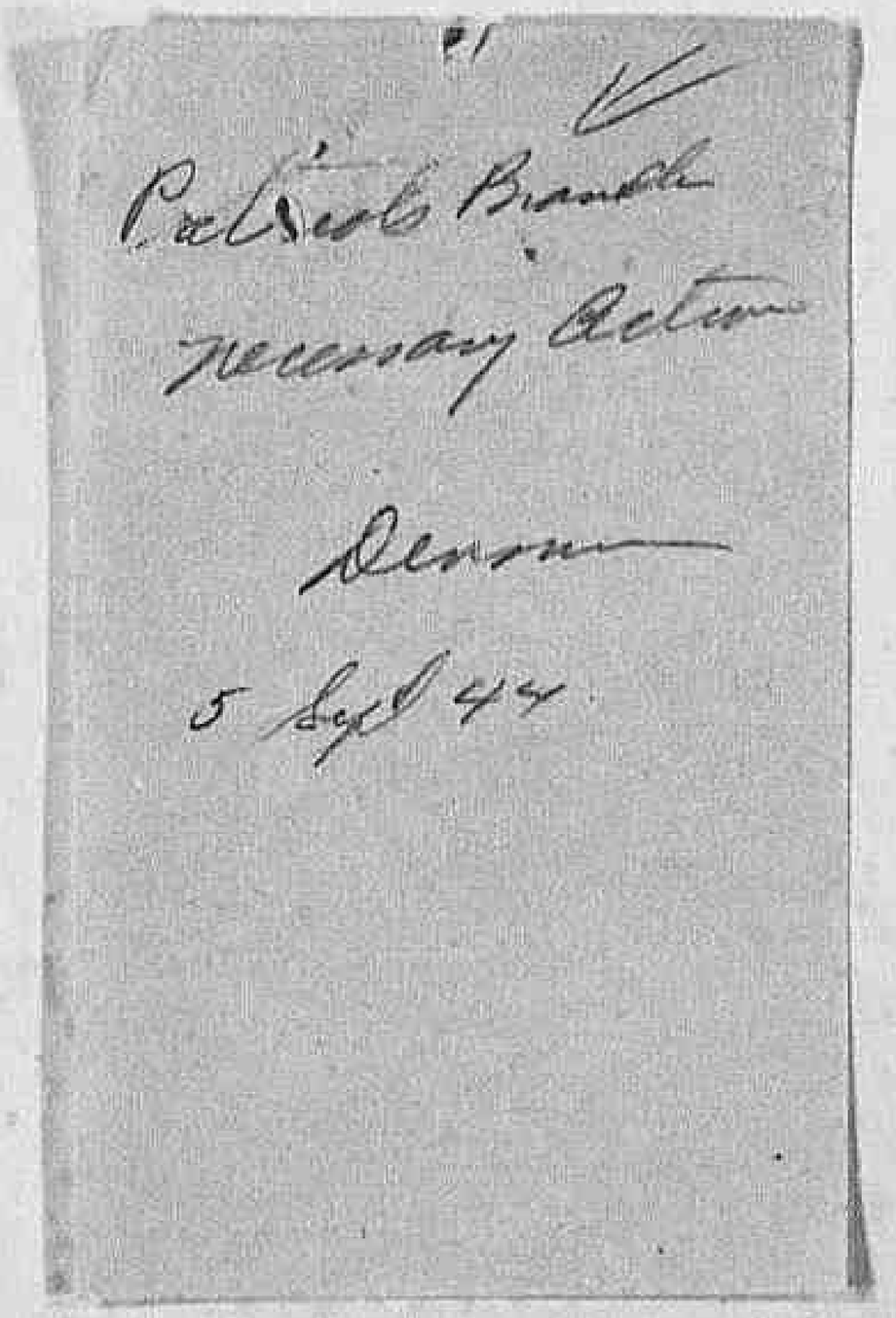

TRANSLATION

THE PRESIDENT
OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

HQ ACC, APO 394
34 Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 5 Sep 9 1000
By USA

Rome, 4 September 1944

Subject: Organization of Patriots

Captain Ellery W. Stone
Head of the Allied Control Commission, Rome

I am replying to your letter, and with reference to the talks had with Colonel McCarthy of the Patriots Branch.

I have decided, in full agreement with your suggestions and subject to your approval, to set up a Commission which would be called the "Commission for Patriots", subordinate directly to the Presidency of the Council of Ministers. The Commission will be presided over by me and, in my absnece, by the Undersecretary of State to the Presidency. The members will be: H.E. Mario Palermo, Undersecretary of State for War; H.E. Giuseppe Spataro, Undersecretary of State for Press and Information; Dr. Carlo Bandi (assumed name of Dr. Riccardo Bauer, whose relatives are in the enemy-occupied zone), who is a civilian expert; and General Oddone, military expert.

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As for the tasks of the Commission I am naturally in complete agreement with paragraph 4 of your letter of the 24th of August of this year. It is understood that the Commission, always in close cooperation with ACC, will have to confront and solve the numerous, delicate, and complex problems relative to Patriots both civilians and members of the various armed forces, in the areas behind the zone of operations. But the Commission will also be the organ of the Italian Government that will formulate proposals to be submitted to the Allies for all forms of aid and of publicity in regard to Patriots working in the areas occupied by the enemy. I should think, therefore, that a communique in this vein could be agreed upon and broadcast, through BBC, for the information of our brothers fighting in Northern Italy, who should know that the Italian Government is not forgetting them.

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Trans - Sgt Shenfield/lws

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Draft Instructions for Confirmation by the A/Chief Commissioner.

From : Patriot Branch. Ref. 89/PAT

To : Brigadier M.S. Lush. 4 September 44.

from Col McCarthy GL

SUBJECT : Formation of Italian Patriot Committee.

To : All Sections, Sub Commissions and Branches.

1. The new Italian Patriot Committee, under the Chairmanship of His Excellency the Prime Minister Mr Bonomi, has now been formed and will deal with the Patriot Branch of A.C.C. on matters concerning Italian patriots.

2. I would very much appreciate it if all Sections, Sub Commissions and Branches will put up any points which they may have for this Committee through the Patriot Branch so that the Committee will not be confused by having to deal with several different allied officials on the same or kindred subjects.

3. Col. Mc Carthy is also making it clear to the Committee that its members will deal with the Patriot Branch only, on all matters which have to be referred to the Allies.

A/Chief Commissioner.

P.T.O.

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
AIO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner.

5th September 1944.

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Memorandum to: Patriots Branch.

All Sections etc

(I should prefer the following:).

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

(Please fill in the terms of reference).

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MSL/JC.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Maj. MAGNUS		
Maj. DRAGE	AHG	
Capt. SALVADORI	M.S.	
Col. FAVA		
C. C.		
Lt. Col. JANZAN.		
1/Lt. COOKSON.		

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Points for the Italian Patriot Committee.

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3. Collection and compilation of History of the Patriot Movement by Regions. in liberated territory

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SUBJECT : Allied Requirements and Procedure.

To: H.Q. Italian Patriot Committee.

In order to outline the task of the Italian Patriot Committee and so that the procedure for handling affairs may be made as smooth as possible, the following points are suggested for consideration -- and we shall be glad to know if you agree:-

1. All letters from A.C.C. to yourselves will be sent in duplicate, one to the President's Secretary, Col and one to the Executive Secretary, Col Bernabo.
2. It is suggested that you should send 2 copies of all your letters to the Patriot Branch, so that one can be circulated immediately and the other can be worked upon by the branch concerned.
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4. We should appreciate it if you would send us minutes of your meetings showing what decisions have been taken by your Committee.
5. It is considered that your Committee should at once assume the following tasks:-

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All reports which come to us from leaders of the bands

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All reports which come to us from leaders of the bands and Patriot Representatives will be forwarded to you for attention. From these reports it is suggested that you can compile a history of the Patriot Movement by Regions We should very much like in due course to have a copy for our records.

b. It is suggested that lists of genuine Patriots should be available to Regional Commissioners and Provincial

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Commissioners. These names will have been collected through the Junta Communale.

c. If any particular information comes to you about Patriots North of the line we should like to receive this at the earliest possible moment.

d. It is presumed that you will pay rewards and compensations to certain Patriots and their families. I feel that this is entirely a matter for your discretion, but if any scale is decided upon, it might be of assistance to us to have a copy of the scale so that we may answer enquiries.

e. Patriot Representatives.

i. From time to time we shall ask you to provide true Patriot Representatives who can be of assistance to officers in forward areas. In the past these have been provided in pairs, one Military and one C.L.N. and for the time being we recommend that you continue with this procedure.

ii. Transport for the Patriot Representatives is now being found by you and we assume that this will continue. You have also recently arranged to pay these Representatives and we suggest that the payment should be made through the Regional Commissioners and S.C.A.O.s of Fifth and Eighth Armies, in order to give them a closer contact with the Representatives. It must be remembered that Allied Armies already provide for these Patriot Representatives free rations, free petrol and free housing.

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f. Rome Committee.

As you know there has been difficulty in starting the Rome Patriot Committee. It is strongly felt here that the position of the Patriot who helped to liberate Rome should be clarified. Names of genuine Patriots should be taken and these men should be given certificates.

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Care should be taken that those who are out of work are being properly employed and you will no doubt require to pay compensation to special deserving cases. It is felt ~~here~~ that a number of senior Italian officials who were connected with the clandestine movement in Rome before its liberation should be put quickly on this Committee and so stop criticism which is now being levelled against the Patriot leaders and others in Rome. The Mayor of Rome has already been informed through the Regional Commissioner that the A.C.C. requires to have the names suggested for the Committee before it starts to function.

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A/CC 324.5 (95/PAT) 6 September 1944

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I am writing to thank you for your letter of 4 September 1944 in which you explain how you propose to set up the "Commissione per i Patrioti". I am pleased to think that this Commission can start work immediately and have instructed our Patriot Branch to arrange with you without delay details in connection with procedure and requirements.

I agree with you that a communique should be made for the information of the Patriots in Northern Italy in order to explain to them that your Committee has started to operate.

I am making arrangements for this to be done.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
Rome.

Hq ACC Sec'y Gen.
DISPATCHED
Date-Time 7 Sept 1030
Via Msg Ctr
Initials

(Drafted by Patriot Branch RC & MG Sect)

c.c. Col. McCarthy - Patriot Branch.

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner.

5th September 1944.

Memorandum to: Patriots Branch.

I should prefer the following:

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

(Please fill in the terms of reference).

In their relations with the Allied Control Commission and the Regions this Committee will deal with the Patriot Branch of the R.C. & M.G. Section. Officers of this Commission will reciprocally deal with this Italian Patriot Committee through the Patriot Branch and not direct."

MSL/JG.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Pubblicare ltr to ACB.
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Acting Chief Commissioner.

HQ ACC, APO 394
943 Secy Gen.
Rec'd 2 Sept 1944
By

The attached is submitted for your information.

Do you agree?

Yes Enc

H.S. 2/5/44

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

2nd September 1944

Ref. 39/PAT.

Subject : Organization of the Patriots.

To : Brig. EUBH.

1. With reference to my note to you of 30 August and the attached papers, the suggested letter from the Prime Minister to Captain Stone has been approved, with the modifications mentioned in my note of the 30 August, by Maj. Gen. Browning and Brigadier Manweiring.

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

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Patriot Branch.

30 August 44.

Ref: 89/Pat.

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Copy: Political.

HQ ACC, APO 394
G/G Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 1730 30/8/44
By

→ A/C.C.

Submitted. ? agree.

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M.S. 25/VIII

Patriot Br. See ACC's decision below BR/31/8

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A/CC 327.5 24 August 1944

SUBJECT : Organisation of Patriots.

TO : His Excellency, President of the Council of Ministers.

1. The memorandum on this subject from the Minister of War has been carefully considered. It is felt that a meeting should be held as soon as possible to discuss the following matters.

2. WORKING COMMISSION.

Some form of commission should be set up immediately by the Italian Government to handle, with guidance from the Patriots Branch A.C.C., the problem of (a) appointing Patriot Representatives and providing them with transport, (b) the preparation of records of Patriot activities (c) the payment of compensation and rewards, and, (d) the regular supply of information to the Patriots Branch.

3. CONSTITUTION OF THE WORKING COMMISSION

It is considered that this might be formed under the Ministry of the Interior or the Presidency of the Cabinet and that it should contain some officials coopted from the Ministries of War and Finance.

4. CONTROL OF PATRIOT ACTIVITIES

For all questions affecting Patriots North of the rear Army boundaries the working commission must clearly understand that it cannot have any authority whatsoever. All authority and contacts will be under the absolute control of General Alexander's H.Q. Any recommendations the committee may wish to make (e.g. ref Propaganda) should be addressed to the Patriots Branch A.C.C. For problems South of the Rear Army boundaries the active cooperation of the working commission will be welcomed, it being understood that nothing can be done without the full approval of A.C.C. Patriots Branch. Suggestions for activities in addition to those mentioned above can be discussed when the meeting takes place. It is suggested any time on Friday 25 August would be a suitable date if the Italian Government will be ready with its proposals by then.

HENRY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner.

c.c. Minister of War.
Political Section.
Admin. Section.

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Subject: Organization of the Patriots.

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Subject to Brig Hamilton's & Gen. Browning's approval

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

2nd September 1944

Ref. 89/PAT.

Subject : Organization of the Patriots.

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By ..... NARS, Date 1/4/74

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SUBJECT: Italian Government and Patriot Activities.

H.Q. A.C.C.
C.M.F.

Patriot Branch.

Ref: 89/Pat.

31 August 44.

To: Brigadier M.S. Lush.

Reference para. 2. of Captain Stone's letter, A/CC 324.5. of 28 Aug., I feel that it might be wise to include the contents of the first paragraph of General Harding's letter of 25 Aug., ref.16/1/G(Ops), which is as follows :-

"Unofficial reports have been received at General Alexander's HQ that the Italian Government are endeavouring to control Patriot activities in enemy occupied Italy. The Commander-in-Chief wishes to make it quite clear that, under existing circumstances, this cannot be tolerated."

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BY ..... NARS, Date .....

C.D. McCarthy,
Colonel.
Patriot Branch.

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

Ref/89/ /PAT 25 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Organization of Patriots.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Armies in Italy.

1. With reference to recent conversation, Brigadier Mainwaring - Colonel Mc Carthy, the enclosed letter was sent to Mr Bonomi on 24 August and is being dealt with by him personally.

2. The signer had an interview with Mr Bonomi yesterday and made it quite clear that there must be no avoidance of the instructions contained in the first four lines of the fourth paragraph. To this Mr Bonomi entirely agreed.

C.D. MC CARTHY,
Colonel,
Patriots Branch,
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Subject:- Partisans.

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Army Sub Commission, MMIA.
H.Q. A.C.C.

ROME.

28 Ts/C/19.
Aug. 44.

To :- H.Q. A.A.I.

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GB. LE.

d. Browning

Major General.
Army Sub Comm. A.C.C.

Copy to:- Patriot Branch, A.C.C.).

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24 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Organisation of Patriots.

TO : His Excellency, President of the Council of Ministers.

1. The memorandum on this subject from the Minister of War has been carefully considered. It is felt that a meeting should be held as soon as possible to discuss the following matters.

2. PATRIOT ORGANISATION

Some form of coordination should be set up immediately by the Italian Government to handle, with guidance from the Patriots Branch A.C.C., the problem of (a) appointing Patriot Representatives and providing them with transport, (b) the preparation of records of Patriot activities (c) the payment of compensation and rewards, and, (d) the regular supply of information to the Patriots Branch.

3. CONSTITUTION OF THE PATRIOTS ORGANISATION

It is considered that this might be formed under the Ministry of the Interior or the Presidency of the Cabinet and that it should contain some officials coopted from the Ministries of War and Finance.

4. CONTROL OF PATRIOT ACTIVITIES

For all questions affecting Patriots North of the Rear Army boundaries the working coordination must clearly understand that it cannot have any authority whatsoever. All authority and contacts will be under the absolute control of General Alexander's H.Q. Any recommendations the committee may wish to make (e.g. re Propaganda) should be addressed to the Patriots Branch A.C.C. For problems South of the Rear Army boundaries the active cooperation of the working coordination will be welcomed, it being understood that nothing can be done without the full approval of A.C.C. Patriots Branch. Suggestions for activities in addition to those mentioned above can be discussed when the meeting takes place. It is suggested any time on Friday 25 August would be a suitable date if the Italian Government will be ready with its proposals by then.

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ELLIS W. STONE
Captain, USN
Acting Chief Commissioner

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C.C. Minister of War,
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MINISTRY OF WAR

CABINET

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL BROWNING AND COLONEL MAC-CARTHY

SUBJECT: Organization of Patriots.

1) - In order to unify and normalize all questions in any way concerning the Patriots, the Council of Ministers has decided to ask the Ministry of War the solution of the various problems concerning (the Patriots)and the subsequent organization.

Within the Ministry of War a "Commission for the Patriots" will take care of these problems. The Commission for the Patriots will act in full agreement with the Allies.

The Commission will be composed as follows:-

- H. Ex. PALERMO
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- an Allied representative
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- to follow the efforts of the Patriots, favouring and making easier the sending of war material, of money, etc;
- to develop moral support and propaganda.

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The problem can be solved only with the formation of a sole "Patriot Command of Northern Italy"; evidently this command

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would act on the basis of directives and orders of the Allied Military Command, to whom the Commission would send their own liason officer.

b) In relation to liberated Italy it is necessary to fulfil the following tasks:

(a) Recognition, disbanding and disarment of the various bands, dispersal and transfer of Patriots to the various localities, sending of volunteers to the regular units of the Army.

(b) Collection of reports, data and various documentation on the activities of the bands.

(c) Ascertainment of individual activities, recognition of the qualification of 'Patriot' and 'Collaborator'. The last qualifications for those who although not having acted actively, have however made easier with various help, the Patriot organization.

(d) Assistance to the Patriots and to the families of dead, wounded and missing patriots, ascertainments of dead and wounded Patriots, prisoners.

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(3) Emphasizing the action accomplished by the patriots.

To carry out this activity it is foreseen co-operation with the Press and Propaganda Under-Secretaryship at the Ministry of Interior.

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3) - The total organization foreseen is given in enclosure 1 and will be put into action as soon as this Sub-Commission gives its approval.

Signed

for the MINISTER

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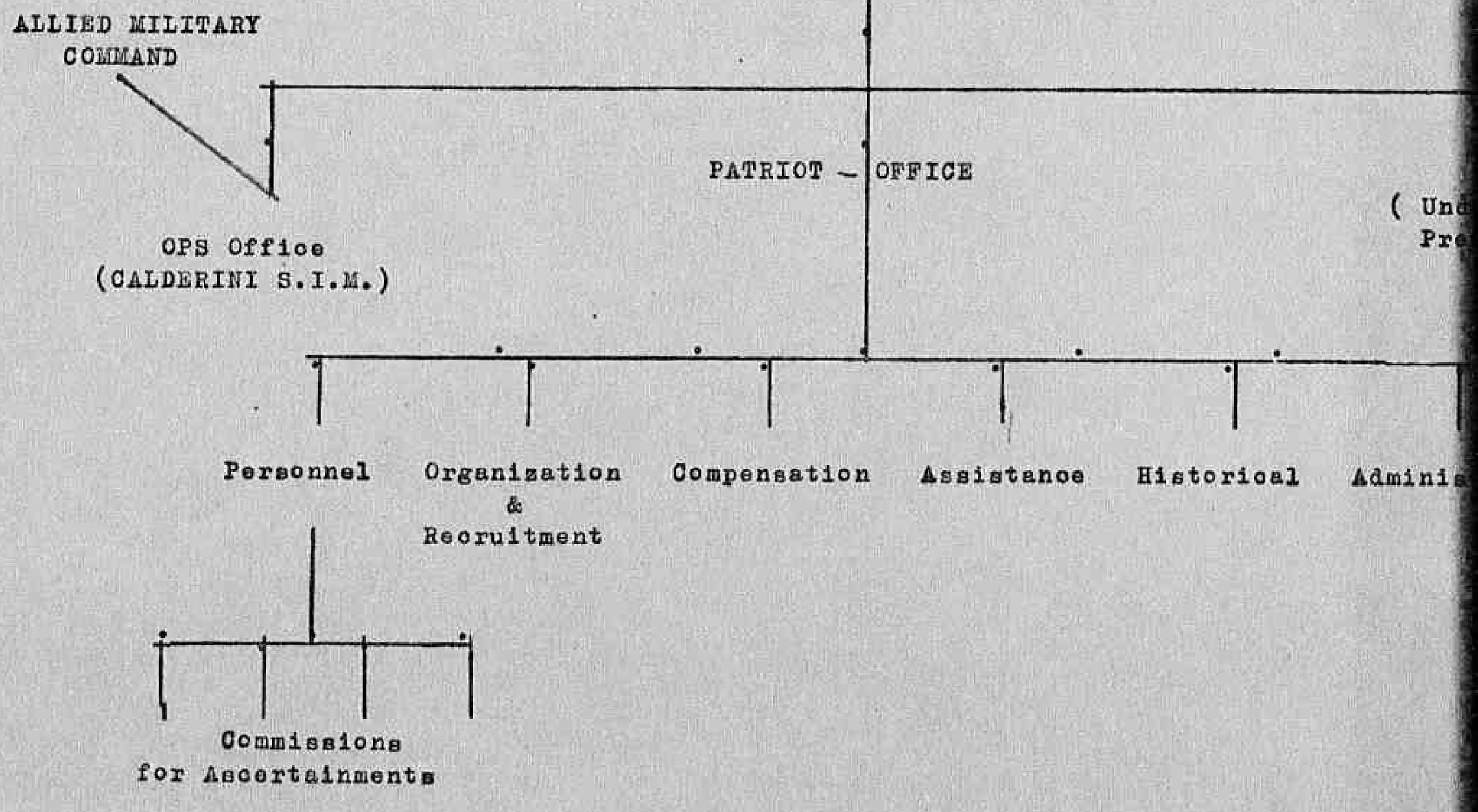

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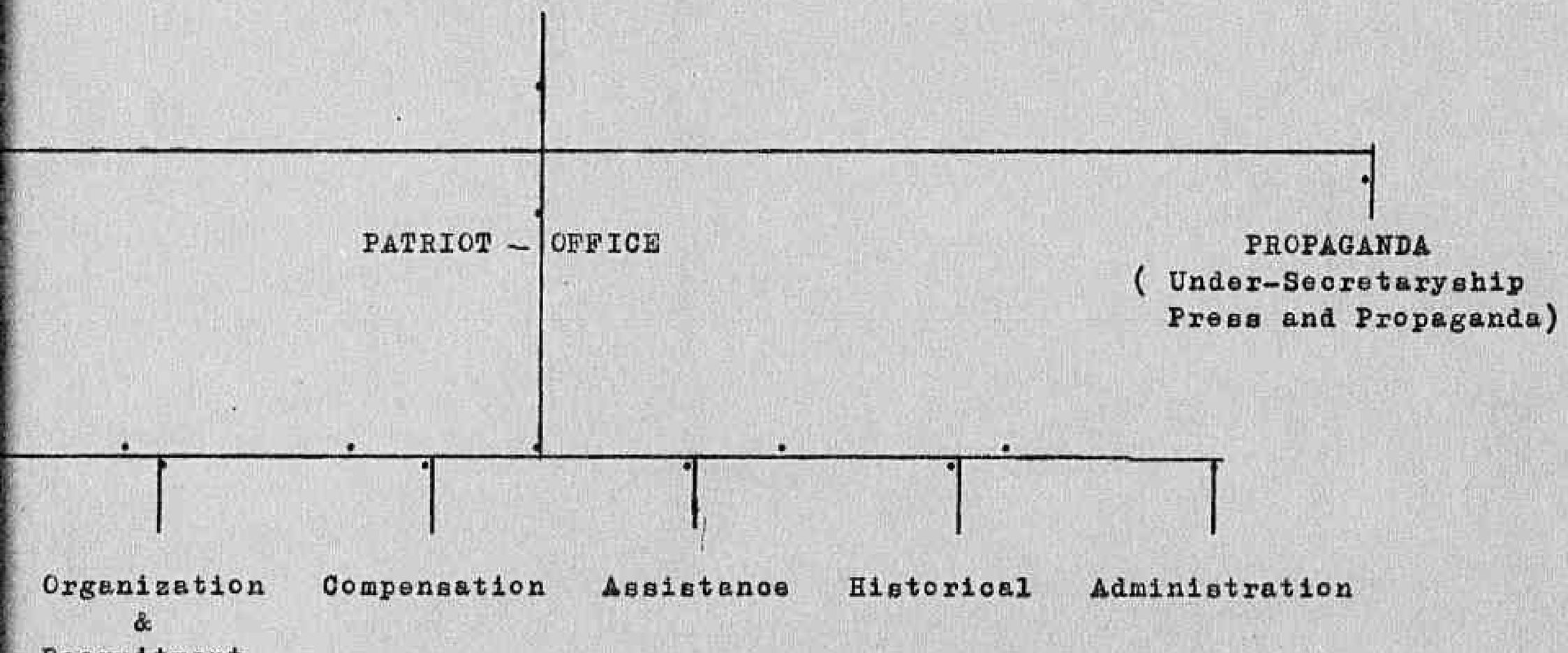

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SUBJECT: M. of W. Proposal of 12 Aug re Control of Patriots.

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Army Sub Commission, MMIA.
H.Q., A.C.C.

ROME.

T.S./G/19
13 Aug 44.

Patriot Branch, A.C.C. (Col. McCARTHY)

1. Ref above and our discussion today, herewith my views on the matter.

2. I feel we must be very firm and make it quite clear to the Italians that the C.-in.-C., commands in ITALY and no control whatever is permitted to anyone except Allied authorities.

3. I also think we should be specific as to the exact functions and powers of any Italian Patriot Commission the C.-in.-C., may approve. Otherwise we will get continual interference and gradual encroachment on Allied prerogative.

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I agree with 2 above - yours G.

I think we must allow the G.C. to have some form of committee & I like your form at the committee stage. The committee should be advisory to AFHQ & executive in their territory.

The working commission should be under the Min. of Interior. I must impress again that the bulk of the patriots with whom we have to deal

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Appendix "A" to MMIA T.S./G/19
of 13 Aug.

COMMENTS ON M. of W. PATRIOT PROPOSAL OF 12 AUG.

1. As explained yesterday, there can be no question of a central Italian Commission (whether under Minister of War or any other Minister) running the patriot problem as the directing organisation.

2. All patriots North of the line and inside Army Areas are operational. Policy, action and orders in connection with these are the responsibility solely of the Operations Branch AAI under Gen. ALEXANDER's orders.

3. All patriots south of Army rear boundaries are similarly under Gen. ALEXANDER's orders through his "third Army Commander," the Chief Commissioner, A.C.C., who delegates the executive working to Col. McCARTHY, Patriot Branch, A.C.C. The latter works in close touch with AAI and with Comd MMIA, who advises on and deals with the Italian Army aspect (as opposed to the civil aspect, though the two are intimately connected.)

4. This chain of control cannot be altered and any developments or changes can only be in respect of how much more the Italian Government or an "Italian Patriot Commission" can be brought in to assist and implement the policy or action by the control authorities.

5. (a) The M of W proposal is the exact opposite of the present arrangements.

(b) It puts control (both military and political) into the hands of the M of W., and his two under-secretaries, which is neither possible militarily or desirable politically. The conception of one "Commander of Patriots Northern Italy" is dangerous and unworkable; nor could it be acceptable to us or the various patriot organisations of differing colour or texture. Divide et impera ! It is far better for us to deal with the main local Commanders, who will balance each other out as regards control of the patriot organisation as a whole.

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(a) The constitution of the proposed Patriot commission or committee requires analysis.

(b) In M of W proposal I understand that the various sections will be composed of civilian patriot personnel, selected from all the representative patriot parties. These will have no executive authority, e.g. the pensions section can examine cases and recommend, but the authority for issue of pensions must rest with the Minister of Finance.

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6. (b) A representative of the Minister of Finance should therefore be head of that section. The same applies to other sections.

(c) Advice on the whole patriot question is the collective responsibility of the Italian Government. On the other hand there are advantages in having one centralised working commission or committee co-ordinating all the work.

(d) From all this, the logical answer seems to be as shewn at App "B" viz. an advisory ministerial committee and a working commission centralised under the War Ministry, the whole working under the Allies. This in fact is thus an extension or development of the existing set-up.

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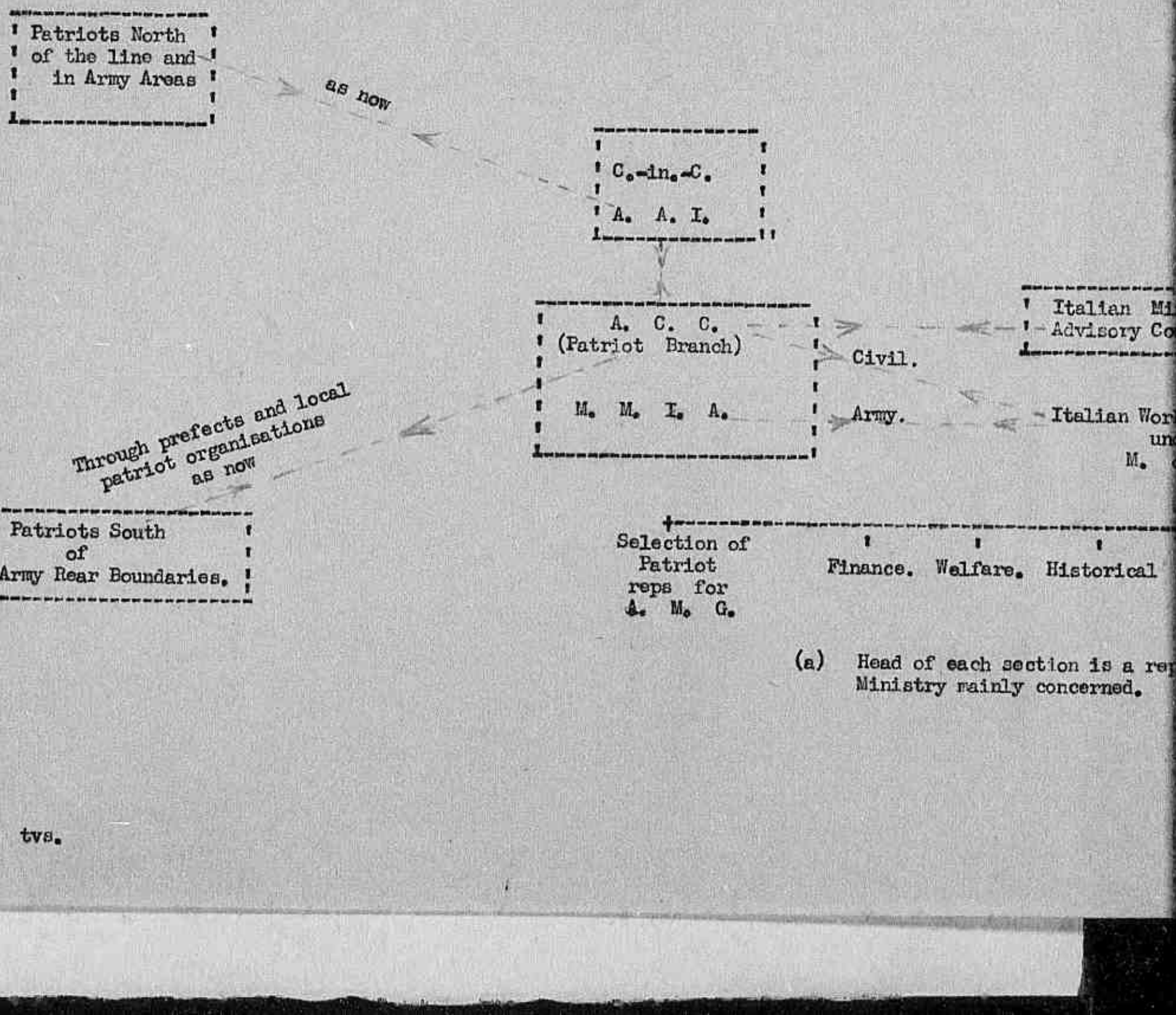

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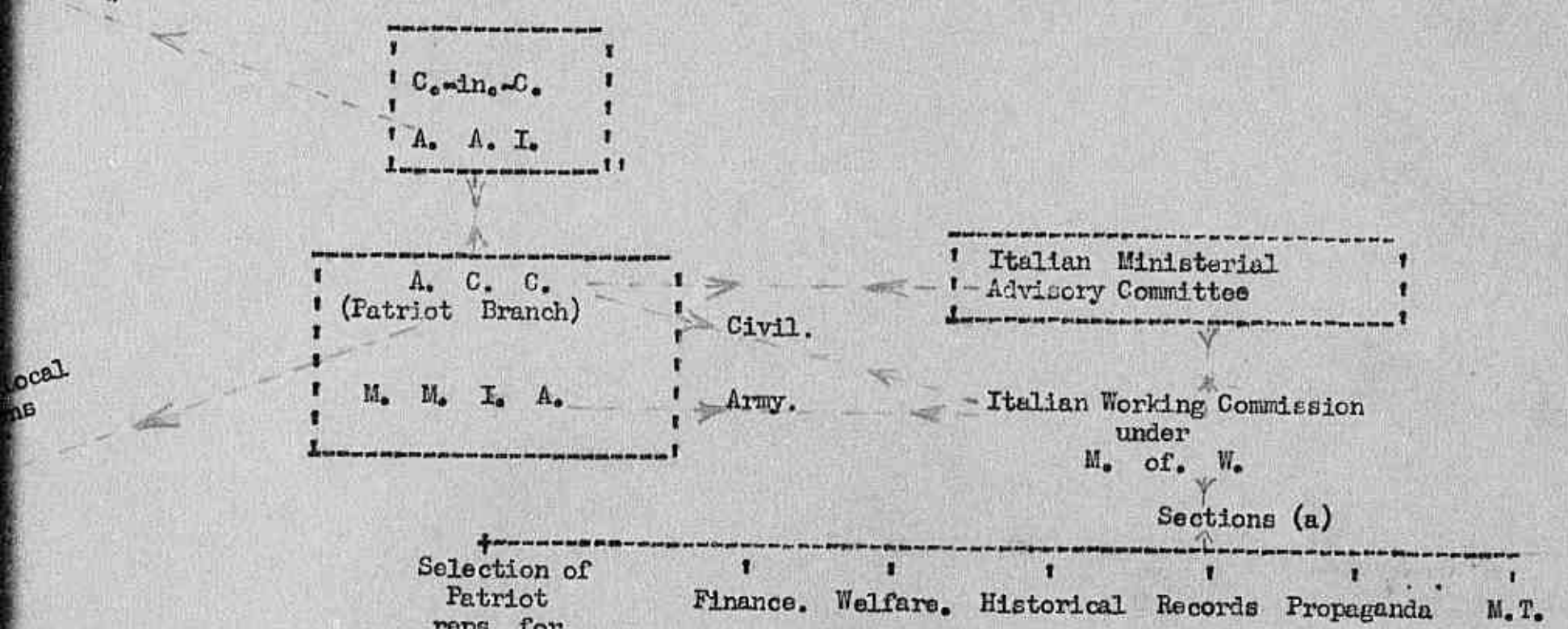

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

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PROMEMORIA PER IL GENERALE BROWNING E COLONNELLO MAC KARTY

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- seguire lo sforzo dei patrioti favorendo ed agevolando l'invio di materiali bellici, denaro, ecc.;

- svolgere assistenza morale e propaganda.

Il problema può essere risolto solo con la costituzione di un unico "Comando patrioti dell'Italia settentrionale"; tale Comando agirebbe evidentemente in base alle direttive ed ordini del Comando Militare Alleato, presso il quale la Commissione potrebbe inviare un proprio Ufficiale di collegamento.

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- dare ampia pubblicità alle varie disposizioni e provvidenze relative ai patrioti;

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- pubblicare le liste dei patrioti riconosciuti tali;
- valorizzare l'opera compiuta dei patrioti.

Per tale attività è previsto di valersi del Sottosegretariato Stampa e Propaganda presso il Ministero dell'Interno.

3°)- L'organizzazione complessiva prevista risulta dall'allegato 1) e verrà attuata non appena codesta Sottocommissione darà il suo benestare.

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