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23rd January 1943.

SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER'S DIRECTIVE TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.

DRAFT DECREE ON LEVIES OF MILITARY OR CIVILIAN LABOUR.

1. The draft decree establishing the Ministry for Occupied Italy which was submitted to the Allied Commission by the Italian Government was referred to the Supreme Allied Commander for consideration in view of the fact that the contents of the decree related to occupied territory which will become an area of military operations and to other military matters.

2. The Supreme Allied Commander has directed me to inform the Italian Government:

(a) that the proposed decree goes too far having regard to military requirements in a theatre of operations;

(b) that communications with enemy occupied territory can only be permitted through the Allied Commission and Allied Force Headquarters, and then only on matters which will be laid down in an Allied Force Headquarters directive. This direction particularly affects Articles 1, 3 and 4;

(c) that the rehabilitation of patriots in forward areas and areas under Allied Military Government can only be carried out through the Patriot Branch of the Allied Commission. This applies particularly to Article 5((ii);

(d) that communications with patriots in other countries can only be permitted if each communication is cleared with and passed through the Allied Commission and Allied Force Headquarters in a manner to be determined by Allied Force Headquarters. This particularly refers to Article 4.

3. The Supreme Allied Commander further directs me to suggest to the Italian Government that the real work of the Ministry should, at the present stage, be of a planning rather than an operational nature; that appropriate activities for the Ministry would be such matters as planning to prevent unemployment, to clothe and rehabilitate the homeless and to plan for the full resumption of civilian and political life in the areas ultimately to be turned back to their administration. Further that in the immediate future the

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operational activities of the Ministry should be confined to the provision of remuneration, fitting equipment, and the contribution of clothing for patriots through the agency of the Patriots Branch of the Allied Commission.

4. In the light of the above I am directed to require the Italian Government to redraft the proposed decree so as to conform to the principles set out above and to resubmit it to the Allied Commission in revised form for consideration before issue.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

4th January 1945

SUBJECT: Decree on Powers of Ministry of Occupied Italy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. Reference is made to your G/22A/CA of 15 January, enclosing a translation of a draft of a proposed decree on the powers of the Ministry for Occupied Italy.

2. This matter has been brought to the attention of the Supreme Allied Commander who hasdirected that the following action be taken:

a. That the Allied Commission be directed to inform the Italian Government that the proposed decree goes too far having regard to military requirementsin a theater of operations.

b. That communications with enemy occupied territory can only be permitted through this HQ and then only on matters which will be laid down in an AFHQ directive.

c. That the rehabilitation of patriots in forward areas can only be carried out through the PatriotsBranch of the Allied Commission.

d. That communication with patriots in other countries can only be permitted if such communication is cleared with and passed through this HQ in manner to be determined by this HQ.

e. That the Allied Commission should suggest to the Italian Government that the real work of the Ministry should, at the present stage, be of a planning rather than an operational nature; that appropriate activities for the Ministry would be such matters as planning to prevent unemployment, to clothe and rehabilitate the homeless and to plan for the full resumption of civilian and political life in the areas ultimately to be turned back to their administration. Further that in the immediate future the operational activities of the Ministry should be confined to the provision of remuneration, finding employment, and the contributions of clothing for patriots through the agency of the Patriots Branch of the AlliedCommission.

f. That in the light of the above the Italian Government be required to redraft the proposed decree so as to conform to the principles set out above and to re-submit it in revised form for consideration before issue.

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3. It is requested that you bring the above to the notice of the Italian Government and re-submit the revised decree for consideration as soon aspossible.

/s/ E. M. ROBERTSON
Lieutenant General
Chief Administrative Officer

cc: CA Section (copy)
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ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner,
APO 394

Ref: 9/22A/GA

15 Jan 1945

SUBJECT: Decree on Powers of Ministry of Occupied Italy.

TO : AFHQ G-5 Section

1. I enclose a translation of a draft of the proposed Decree on the Powers of the Ministry for Occupied Italy which, as you know, has been set up by the new Government, and of which Bonomi is Minister.

2. The draft, broadly speaking, lays down three lines of activity for the Ministry:

a) Liaison and communication with the occupants of territory while it is still in enemy occupation, including the direction of the resistance movement in such territory;
b) Assistance to and rehabilitation of patriots in newly liberated territory; and
c) Liaison in conjunction with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with Italian patriots in territories outside Italy.

3. Dealing first with paragraph 2 (a) above, the proposed duties of the Ministry with regard to the inhabitants of enemy occupied territory are set out in the second sub-paragraph of Article I, in Article III and Article IV (1) and (ii).

It is the view of this Commission that these proposed duties go much too far, envisaging, as they do, direct communication with the inhabitants of enemy occupied territory.

You may well think that the only communication which should be permitted with occupied territory should be for military purposes, and only between PWB/ND and the CLNAI, or their resistance bodies, through the medium of SOE and OSS or other approved Allied channels.

In a preliminary meeting with Bonomi I have already indicated to him that the system of channels of communication existing for the Allied Armies demands that all communications with occupied territory can only be through military channels at the direction of AFHQ.

It is a matter for your decision as to whether any communication should be permitted except for military purposes and whether, for instance, political conversations between the Government and the CLNAI should be permitted. No doubt you will think it right that the Italian Government should be informed with regard to any directions that it may be desired to give to the CLNAI, but how far they should be permitted to initiate communications is a matter for your decision.

4. As to paragraph 2 (b) above, the proposed powers of the Ministry are set out in Art 5 (ii). These provisions are not acceptable to this Commission. Experience has already shown that it is most undesirable to have civilian representatives operating in connection with patriot matters in AMG territory, and I propose if you agree, to inform the Government that the rehabilitation of patriots in AMG territory will be carried out by the Patriot Branch of this Commission and not directly by the Italian Government. The Italian

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Government will, of course, be responsible for the provision of monetary remuneration and for contributing, as far as it is able, to the clothing of patriots. It will also be permitted to have Italian Army recruiting agencies in forward areas.

5. As to paragraph 2 (c) above, the proposed powers of the Ministry are set out in Article VI, and it is entirely a matter for the decision of your Headquarters as to how far such proposed powers are acceptable. It appears probable that our control over communications will render the exercise of such powers comparatively innocuous.

6. This Commission recommends that the Italian Government be informed that their proposed Decree goes too far having regard to the military requirements in a theatre of operations; that communications with enemy occupied territory can only be permitted through AFHQ and then only on matters which will be laid down in an AFHQ directive; that the rehabilitation of patriots in forward areas will only be undertaken through the Patriots Branch of this Commission; and finally that communication with patriots in other countries can only be carried out through AFHQ in a manner to be determined by that Headquarters.

It is further recommended that this Commission should suggest to the Italian Government that the real work of the Ministry should, at the present stage, be of a planning rather than an operational nature; that a very large field requires study by the Ministry and that the rehabilitation of people of the vital industrial north requires immediate planning in particular, programmes to prevent unemployment, to clothe and rehabilitate the homeless and to prepare for the full resumption of civilian and political life are essential and appropriate activities for the Ministry to undertake. Further, that in the immediate future its operational activities should be confined to the provision of remuneration, finding of employment, and the contribution of clothing for patriots through the agency of the Patriots Branch of this Commission.

It is requested that this important matter be considered as soon as possible as the Italian Government are requesting a decision and you will appreciate that if the recommendations set out above are approved the Decree will require substantial redrafting before it can be made law.

/s/ HENRY M. STONE
HENRY M. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

Encl: Translation of draft of proposed Decree

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ART. 1

The Ministry for Occupied Italy constituted by D.L. all provide in respect of the occupied Italian territory for the intensification of the struggle and for the defense of national interests against the German invaders and against their fascist collaborators.

During the occupation by the enemy the Ministry shall maintain liaison with C.N.L.A.I. which is delegated to represent the Government in the struggle against the enemy. After the liberation of the national territory and until the time when the powers of the Italian Government are extended thereto the Ministry shall assist in the solution of all problems concerning the position of patriots and their return to civil life.

ART. 2

The following offices are established in the Ministry for occupied Italy:

(1) for general matters
(2) for military matters
(3) for assistance
(4) for liaison with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
(5) for press and propaganda.

ART. 3

The office for general matters shall:

(1) maintain contacts between the Government and National Committees of liberation, established in invaded territories, by coordinating their activities and receiving information on them and on their aims;
(2) coordinate all clandestine activities and direct the resistance of the population against the invaders;
(3) collect all possible evidence on the behavior of the Italians towards the invader for the purpose of future rewards and punishments;
(4) investigate the financial, monetary and economic situation of the occupied territories.

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The office for military matters shall:

(1) maintain and assure the development of relations with "volunteers of liberty" (Volontari della libertà) operating in occupied Italy;
(2) provide for uniform organisation and intensification of the struggle of the partisans against the Germans;
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1) maintain and ensure the development of relations with "volunteers of liberty" (Volontari della liberta') operating in occupied Italy;

2) provide for uniform organisation and intensification of the struggle of the partisans against the Germans;

3) collect any evidence relating to the activities displayed by the patriots for the purpose of historical documentation and eventual measures which might appear necessary.

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ART. 7

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Ref: P/520.1 5 January 1

To : Civil Affairs Section

From: Political Section

Re: Draft Terms - Powers of Military Government of Occupied Italy.

1. As we had expected this draft document raises a number of important and difficult issues. The Political Section's main comments are as follows.

2. As regards Article 1 we obviously cannot object to the Military maintaining liaison with the U.S.S.R., but we must do our best to ensure that this is only done through Allied channels, i.e. through A.C.C. or C.M.F., or through the Italian Legation at Bern, which will enable us to see and control telegrams and correspondence. I have already asked the U.S. representative here to ensure that nothing is passed by wireless or otherwise to the U.S.S.R. from the Italian Government, and particularly, from the Military Government of occupied Italy, without its first being shown to the Political Section. [illegible] to the same for C.M.F.

3. As regards the last sentence of Article 1 we feel that there should be included a reference to the establishment of Allied Military Government, which appears in the Armistice and has been put into effect. We also feel that it is important to make the way in which the Military will define the word "assist" in the solution of problems concerning the position of patriots.

4. Article 2 (a) raises the same point which I have referred to above. We must keep control of the Military's communications with the Headquarters of National Liberation in occupied territory.

5. Article 2 (2) seems to ignore SACMED's overriding powers of control over all activities directed against the enemy in occupied territory. We think that there should be a reference to it in this paragraph such as "In conformity with the orders of SACMED in regard to the organisation of resistance in enemy-occupied Italy". I do not too much on the words "co-ordinate" and "direct" and if it were possible I would much prefer to see the paragraph suggested altogether.

6. Paragraphs (1) and (2), Article 3 raise the same question of SACMED's powers. In our view, it would be preferable that the Military Government of occupied Italy should deal only with the Allied Military Authorities on these matters. We do not object to Paragraph (3).

7. Article 5 (1) raises an awkward point as it is contemplated that letters should be sent to and from patriots in liberated and enemy-occupied Italy respectively. It is at the present illegal for the Italians in liberated Italy to write to persons in occupied territory, and any communications which it is decided to sanction must

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be controlled by limiting them to printed cards, to be exchanged in some uniform manner, e.g. through the International Red Cross at Geneva.

9. Article 5 (3) seems to put serious out own arrangements for the evacuation of patients in newly liberated territory, or those who cross across the lines. Unless we are going to hand this over to an Italian organisation, which in the forward areas would be open, I should think, to a great objection, I suggest that the most we could agree to would be the presence of a representative of the Ministry for occupied Italy in the evacuation areas. Even this, in view of the fact that the Ministry is under a rabid party man, opens up the possibility of dangerous political activities.

9. Pending our receipt of recommendations we should be able to [illegible] as already arranged in regard to.

10. In regard to Article 7 who will be collected, cared for and [illegible] after arrival [illegible] temporarily before being [illegible] for [illegible].

[illegible]
Acting Vice President, Additional Section

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2 January 1945

TO : Mr. Schott.

1. The annexed draft decree on the functions of the new Ministries for occupied Italy is a good deal better than the first one but there are still certain points which in my opinion call for emendment.

2. As regards Article 1, I suppose we cannot object to the stipulation that the Ministry is to maintain liaison with the C.L.N.A.I. but we must do our best to ensure that is only done through Allied channels, i.e. SLE or OSS, or through the Italian Legation at Bern which will enable us to see and control telegrams and likewise. I have already asked the SLE Representative here to ensure that nothing is passed by wireless or otherwise to the C.L.N.A.I. from the Italian Government and, in particular, the Ministry for occupied Italy, without its being shown to the Political Section. I suggest that you do the same for OSS.

I agree and shall speak to O.S.S.

3. The only other point on this Article seems to be that the last sentence ought to contain a definite reference to the establishment of Allied Military Government. This, I believe, was included in the first draft and I think we should insist on its inclusion again.

The reference should be made. Also, I should like to see something more definite as to how the Ministry will "assist."

4. Article 3 (1) raises the same point which I have referred above. We must keep control of the Ministry's communications.

Yes. We must know what is going on. I dislike par. (2).

5. Article 3 (2) seems to be overriding rights of control over all activities directed against the enemy. I think that there should be a reference to it such as "subject always to the orders of the S.A.C.M.E.D." in regard to the organization of resistance in enemy occupied Italy.

Even more, I think the military effect as concerns pars. (1) + (2) should deal only with the Allied military. I do not object to par. (2)

I agree.

6. This point comes out again in Article 4, especially para (2) where again I think there should be a reference to SACMED.

7. Article 5 (1) raises a rather awkward point if it is contemplated that letters should be sent to and from relatives in Liberated Italy of persons in enemy occupied territory.

Communications must be controlled by exchange in basic uniform material such as printed post cards to be filled in.

I dislike the whole proc. because it turns the Assistance Officer loose to crawl constantly into the hair of the military.

8. Otherwise I have no particular comments to offer. If you would add any views you may have, I will embody them in a draft tomorrow morning.

We should be able to watch well enough the activity envisaged in Art. 6.

Art. 7 - the information should receive strict Allied censorship (military) before it is released for publication.

H. L. d'A. HOPKINSON

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel. Ext.: 608.

Ref: 9/224/CA

31 Dec 44

SUBJECT: Draft Decree - Powers of Ministry of Occupied Italy.

TO: Political Section,
Economic Section (2),
Land Forces Sub-Commission,
Public Health Sub-Commission.

1 Reference this Section letter AC/9/7/LS dated 29 Dec 44 to which was attached a draft decree as to the powers of the new Ministry of Occupied Italy. It is confirmed that the decree that was forwarded to you has now been superseded by another draft which is attached hereto.

2 It would be appreciated if you will forward any comments which you may have on the new decree to this Section for collation by 1200 hrs Wednesday 3 Jan 45.

R.R. GRIPPS, Col.,
CSO CA Section.

Copy to: Legal Sub-Commission.

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ART. 1.

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ART. 3

The Ministry for occupied Italy shall provide for the functioning of its own services by civil and military personnel assigned to it from other government Departments and by temporary personnel employed in accordance with the provisions set out in RDL No. 100 of 4 February 1937 and subsequent amendments.

The tables of the personnel who can be assigned to it from other government Departments and those of the personnel who can be employed with a temporary status will be approved by a decree of the Minister for occupied Italy after consultation with the Minister for the Treasury.

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2. As regards Article 1, I suppose we cannot object to the stipulation that the Ministry is to maintain liaison with the C.L.N.A.I. but we must do our best to ensure that is only done through Allied channels, i.e. SAC or CCS, or through the Italian Section at Caserta which will enable us to see and control telegrams and likewise. I have already asked the SOE representative here to ensure that nothing is passed by wireless or otherwise to the C.L.N.A.I. from the Italian Government and, in particular, the Ministry for occupied Italy, without its being shown to the Political Section. I suggest that you do the same for OSS.

3. The only other point on this Article seems to be that the last sentence ought to contain a definite reference to the establishment of Allied Military Government. This, I believe, was included in the first draft and I think we should insist on its inclusion again.

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6. This point comes out again in Article 4, especially para (2) where again I think there should be a reference to SACMED.

7. Article 5 (1) raises a rather awkward point if it is contemplated that letters should be sent to and from relatives in liberated Italy to persons in enemy occupied territory.

8. Otherwise I have no particular comments to offer. If you would add any views you may have, I will embody them in a draft to cover morning.

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H. L. d'A. HANKEY

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EWS/hjp

29 December 1944

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I have received from the Office of Study and Legislation the draft decree setting out the powers and organization of the new Ministry for Occupied Italy, with the request for an expression of my opinion. I understand that you are anxious to submit this to the Council of Ministers at their next meeting tomorrow.

The functions of this Ministry are closely related with an area of Italy not yet liberated and which is a theatre of operations, and will subsequently pass under military government. In view of the military problems which must therefore arise the matter will require careful study and reference to the Supreme Allied Commander.

I must therefore ask you, my dear Mr. Prime Minister, for military reasons, to defer submission of this draft decree to your Council of Ministers until I have had sufficient time to give to it the necessary study, and advise you of Allied opinion thereon.

Yours very truly,

/S/ ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

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Ref: P/520.13

26 January 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR: Brigadier Upjohn,
Civil Affairs Section

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/s/ Percy W. Stone

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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT:

FILE No.

TO : C.O.S.

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The V.P. C.A.Sec. has instructed me to ask you to pass the attached Correspondence to M/s. Schutt for reply.

W.G.S. Dolland, Major
C.A.Sec

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Brigadier [illegible]:
C A S&C

We spoke carefully on the telephone. A letter to [illegible] is required in para (i) of C.C.S. memorandum. Can you supply a draft or should BILL SCOTT?

2 February 1945.

[illegible]
U.S.S.O.
to C.C.S.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

31st January 1945.

TO: Chief Commissioner.

Subject:

Ministry for Occupied Italy.

There are two assumptions:-

(i) That the Partisans are from Kesselring's Italy. If so, they are a military commitment with which the Italian Government should not interfere.

(ii) That they come from AMG territory, in which case they are an AMG commitment with which the Italian Government should not interfere.

Brigadier.
Chief of Staff.

Rpt Ltr. Pls draft letter as per para (1) above. JHD

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P.A.

For d cussion with CC 288

Chief Commissioner M 3011

Because it is an interference

in AMG. 4456

AMG has no authority either DS Civilians

north of Rimini or in Rome. Exec cc

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I suggest you take this up with C.C. & ask him to inform P.M. that all such activities must cease.

Why? 1435

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