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3	Memo MacMillen	23 Jan 45	Stone CC	Draft decree on Ital Ministry for Occupied Italy should be studied by Patriot machinery. I feel
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5	Ltr CC-221 Stone	30 Jan 45	Kirk & Charles	Copies of 3a & 4 forwarded.
6	Memo, Stone	3 Feb 45	COS	PM submits revised draft decree for consideration.
7	Ltr P/520.13 Stone	9 Feb 45	Bonomi	Partisans being interviewed by parts of new Min. for Occ. It., & disposed of. Partisans come under SACMED only: pls give instructions
7a	210/83/EC Meeting	23 Feb 45		Mil Affrs Sec of Ministry.
8	Bonomi, N.164	24 Feb 45	Stone	Revised draft decree for OK.
9	9/22.A/CA, Stone	28 Feb 45	G-5 AFHQ	Revised draft decree forwarded; recommend approval by AFHQ.
10	Ltr G-5 AFHQ	5 Mar 45	AC, CC	COS AFHQ OKs revised decree.
11	3208/47/EC, Stone (Lush)	6 Mar 45	Bonomi	SAC OKs draft decree on Ministry Council may OK definite text.
12	Memo, Ministry	31 Mar 45	AC	Ministry wd like attach reps to RCs, Northern AMG, OLNAI, etc. as soon as liberation takes place.

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MEMORANDUM TO: Marchese Cittadini-Cesi

SUBJECT: Request for an interview between Field-Marshal Alexander and H.E. Scoccimaro.

The Allied Commission has been instructed to inform H.E. Scoccimaro that Field Marshal Alexander cannot grant his request for an interview as he is fully occupied with pressing operational matters.

It should be further pointed out that any matters concerning Northern Italy which His Excellency may wish to discuss with the Allied Authorities should be routed in the normal way through the Allied Commission.

J.A.Q.
J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to CC

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff

APR 19 RECD
CC 1435

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18 April 1945.

SUBJECT: Request by the Italian Minister of Occupied Territory for Interview with Supreme Allied Commander.

TO : Chief Commissioner,
ALLIED COMMISSION.

1. Reference is made to your letter CS 221, dated 8 April 1945.
2. The views expressed in paragraph 3 of your letter are approved. It is desired, therefore, that you inform the Italian Minister of Occupied Territory that his request for an interview with the Supreme Allied Commander cannot be granted as the latter is fully occupied with pressing operational matters. You should further notify R. E. SCOCCIMARRO that any matters, concerning Northern ITALY, which he may wish to discuss with the Allied Authorities, should be routed in the normal way through the Allied Commission.

By command of Field Marshal ALEXANDER:

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L. L. Lemnitzer

L. L. LEMNITZER,
Major General, G.S.C.,
Deputy Chief of Staff.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the President

APO 394

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APR 16 RECD

Pres/45229/SI.

15th April, 1845

Your Ref: CC 221.

Subject: H. E. ScoccimarroTo: Chief Commissioner

With reference to your letter of the 9th April enclosing H. E. Scoccimarro's request for an interview with Field Marshal Alexander, the Acting President states that the Supreme Allied Commander has agreed not to see him.

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Office of the President
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To: Chief Commissioner.
From: Mr. Macmillan.

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I spoke to the Chief of Staff about your minute CC 221 of the 9th April dealing with Signor Scoccimarro's request for an interview with the Supreme Allied Commander. He agreed with me that this interview should not be granted, but that the matter should be dealt with as suggested in your minute.

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15th April, 1945.

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CC 221

9 April 1945.

SUBJECT: Request by the Italian Minister of Occupied Territory
for interview with Supreme Allied Commander.

TO : Chief of Staff, AFHQ.

1. Enclosed herewith is a translation of a letter from
H.E. SCOCIMARRO, Minister of Occupied Italy, requesting a per-
sonal interview with Field Marshal Alexander, together with a list
of the points which he wishes to cover.

2. I see no reason why approval for such a request should
be granted inasmuch as these matters have already been fully
covered in discussions Scocimarro has had with the Acting Presi-
dent and myself. Any further points which he may wish to bring up,
I can handle as Chief Civil Affairs Officer of Occupied Territory.
With your concurrence, I will so inform Scocimarro.

137, Elery W. Stone

ELERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Translation

Ministry of Occupied Italy

Office: IV Allied Affairs
E/61

Rome, 5 April, 1945

To : Marchese G.G. CITTADINI CESI
LIAISON OFFICE, A.C.
R O M E

Subject: Request for an interview between Marshal ALEXANDER and
His Ex. SCOCCHIARRO

His Ex. SCOCCHIARRO - Minister of Occupied Italy - very much
wishes to meet Marshal ALEXANDER to discuss the questions concerning
the activity of the Ministry of Occupied Italy in the relations with
North Italy.

We therefore ask to contact A.F.H.Q., through the channel of
the Allied Commission, so that this meeting may take place as soon as
possible, considering the urgency and importance of the problems to be
dealt with.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
ATO 334

8 April, 1945

LETTERS THAT THE MINISTER OF OCCUPIED ITALY WISHES
TO DISCUSS WITH FIELD MARSHAL ARMYATON

1. Survey and solution of the problem of partisans in Northern Italy immediately after the liberation.
2. Practical organization of the collaboration between the Ministry of Occupied Italy, the Allied Forces Command, and the Allied Commission.
3. Survey of the necessity that the Minister of Occupied Italy be authorized to travel to the North of Italy immediately after the liberation in order to under take the solution of the above problems.

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TranslationVISIT OF THE MINISTER FOR OCCUPIED ITALY
TO ADMIRAL STONE

Today, during his visit to Admiral Stone, the Minister for occupied Italy, for whom I acted as interpreter, submitted to the Admiral some of his ideas in relation with the action to be taken in the economic, civil and political field, when the North will be liberated.

For the economic part, see the enclosed copy of the memorandum handed over by the Minister. For what concerns the civil and political action, the Minister proposed to appoint delegates of the Italian Government next to every Allied Provincial Commissioner, and, of course, next to the two personal representatives which Admiral Stone will appoint in the North; they might give useful informations and advice to the Allied Commissioners because of their special knowledge of the local problems, and because of their authority.

Admiral Stone answered he considered the idea to be a good one, but he added that he deemed it necessary for all contacts between the Italian Government and such delegates to take place through the channel of the Executive Commissioner of the Allied Commission, and not directly with the said delegates; this to assure uniformity of action in all the regions.

The Minister added that to avoid the suspicions which might be aroused by his being a communist, he would propose for such posts men belonging to other parties only.

For instance, for what concerns Milan, he will suggest to appoint Mr. Arpesani who belongs to the Liberal Party.

The Minister has also explained to the Admiral the organization of his Ministry which has an economic and a political section.

These sections have to collect all the economic and political informations, respectively, which come from the North and to transmit them to the Ministries when they concern.

The Admiral acknowledged all this and told the Minister that these informations, of an economic as well as of a political character, were all to be transmitted, not only to the Italian Ministries when they concerned, but also to the Allied Commission, but while the informations of an economic character were to be forwarded to the Economic Section of the Allied Commission or to the office of the Executive Commissioner, according to whether they dealt with matters concerning several provinces, or with specific matters, particularly to one region, all the informations of a political character were to be sent directly to the office of the Chief of the Allied Commission.

Going back to the subject of the action which he means to take in the North, the Minister for occupied Italy stressed the fact that this action must be taken mainly in two fields, that of the industrial masses and that of the partisans,

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A propos of the latter, he said that with the patriots branch, he had already drafted a big plan foreseeing the establishment of rest-camps where the partisans would be gathered on the liberation of each territory.

In these camps, the necessary action will be taken to frame such partisan forces as might be further used in war or in anti-guerilla action, in case the republican elements should have formed guerrilla nucleus, to choose the elements which might find employment in public service, to convey the rest to the reconstruction works, and to demobilize those who are unfit or too old.

Explaining point 2, concerning the project of employment of the partisans in public service, the Minister pointed out that there might be cases in which republican carabinieri collaborated with the enemy in some regions of the North; the presence at the side of the formations of loyal carabinieri, to be sent from the South, of some partisan patrols or elements would strengthen their authority, and help their task by a knowledge of men and places.

For what concerns the action to be taken amidst the great collectivities of workers in the North, the Minister said he had in mind to make a kind of general mobilization of the working forces to direct them towards the work of reconstruction, and at the same time, to prevent their heading towards class struggle.

The Minister means to reach this important aim through the work of men who have acquaintances and influence in the North and also through his personal action.

At this stage, he asked the Admiral whether it would be possible for him to go North immediately after the liberation.

The Admiral answered he could give him no assurance on this subject, for such a decision had to be taken by the Supreme Military Authorities, which had to take in consideration numerous and different elements, among which, possibly, the movements of troops of another nationality; he added that on this subject, there were the precedents of ministers who had twice crossed the line without permission, and that these precedents had had an unfavourable influence on the attitude of headquarters about such matters. He nevertheless added that the decision which will be taken will be dictated by the interests of the country.

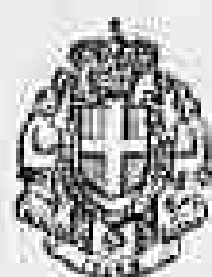
A propos of the general modalities of the collaboration between the Ministry for Occupied Italy and the Allied Commission, Admiral Stone stated that, his opposite number being the President of the Council, he will delegate powers to his dependant offices only as far as the President of the Council will delegate them to the dependant organs of the Italian Government.

Rome, April 4th, 1945

cc: Marchese Cittadini

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Ministero delle Corporazioni

DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL SEGRETARIATO
DEL CONSIGLIO NAZIONALE DELLE CORPORAZIONI
DEGLI AFFARI GENERALI E DEL PERSONALE

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

Almiana

CITTADINI yesterday
conveyed to me a message from
SCOCIMARO requesting that he be put
in touch with the Regional Commissioners
designate for the North.

If this meets with your
approval SCOCIMARO requests that
arrangements be made for him to meet
with these officers.

Col. Fiske -
Suggest SCOCIMARO
see you - not the RC's. *WV*

J.A. Quayle 27-
14-4-45.

RISERVATOVISITA ALL'AMIRAGLIO STONE DEL MINISTRO
DELL'ITALIA OCCUPATA

In occasione della sua visita odierna all'Amiraglio Stone, il Ministro dell'Italia Occupata, per il quale ho interpretato, ha sottoposto all'Amiraglio alcune sue vedute relative all'azione da svolgere, all'atto della liberazione dei paesi del Nord, nel campo economico ed in quello civile o politico.

Per la parte economica si veda l'acclusa copia del memorandum presentato dal Ministro. Per ciò che si riferisce all'azione civile o politica, il Ministro ha proposto che accanto ad ognuno dei Commissari Provinciali Alleati e, naturalmente, accanto ai due rappresentanti personali che l'Amiraglio Stone nominerà nel Nord, siano posti delegati del Governo Italiano che, per la loro particolare conoscenza dei problemi locali e per l'autorità di cui godono, possano fornire ai Commissari Alleati ogni utile informazione e consiglio.

L'Amiraglio Stone ha risposto di considerare l'idea buona ma ha aggiunto di ritenere necessario che tutti i rapporti tra il Governo Italiano e tali eventuali delegati debbano passare per l'ufficio del Commissario Esecutivo della Commissione Alleata e non andare direttamente ai delegati di cui trattasi; ciò allo scopo di assicurare una uniformità di azione in tutte le regioni.

Il Ministro ha soggiunto che, allo scopo di evitare gli eventuali sospetti che possono sorgere dalla sua qualità di comunista, proporrebbe per tali posti tutti uomini di altri partiti.

A mò di esempio, per ciò che si riferisce a Milano, ²⁷ gli suggerirà la nomina del Sig. Arpesani che appartiene al Partito Liberale.

Il Ministro ha inoltre illustrato all'Amiraglio l'organizzazione del suo Ministero il quale ha una sezione economica ed una sezione politica.

Compito di tali sezioni è di raccogliere tutto il materiale informativo rispettivamente economico e politico che proviene dal Nord e trasmetterlo ai Ministeri interessati.

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L'Amiraglio ha preso atto di quanto sopra e ha detto al Ministro che tale materiale informativo, sia di natura economica che di natura politica, dovrà essere tutto comunicato oltre che ai Dicasteri Italiani interessati, anche alla Commissione Alleata ma, mentre le informazioni di natura economica dovranno essere indirizzate alla Sezione Economica della Commissione Alleata o all'ufficio del Commissario Esecutivo, e seconda che trattisi di materie interessanti più regioni o di materie specifiche particolari di una regione, tutto il materiale informativo di carattere politico dovrà affluire direttamente all'ufficio del Capo della Commissione Alleata.

Tornando a parlare dell'azione che egli si propone di svolgere nel Nord, il Ministro dell'Italia Occupata ha fatto presente come tale azione debba realizzarsi principalmente in due campi, quello delle masse industriali e quello dei partigiani.

Circa questi ultimi egli ha detto di avere già elaborato con la "Patriots Branch" un largo progetto che contempla la costituzione di campi di riposo nei quali i partigiani verranno fatti affluire appena ogni singolo territorio sia liberato.

In tali campi si provvederà in primo luogo ad inquadrare quelle forze partigiane che potranno trovare un ulteriore impiego in guerra o in azione di contro guerriglia qualora elementi repubblicani abbiano costituito focolai di guerriglia, e scegliere gli elementi che possano trovare un impiego di ordine pubblico, a convogliare i restanti verso la via di ricostruzione ed a smobilitare i vecchi e gli inabili.

Illustrando il punto 2° relativo al progetto di impiego di partigiani nel servizio di ordine pubblico, il Ministro ha rilevato che si potrà verificare il caso che dei Carabinieri repubblicani abbiano collaborato in qualche zona del Nord col nemico: in tali zone l'affiancare alle formazioni di Carabinieri leali, di cui è previsto l'afflusso dal Sud qualche pattuglia, o di elemento partigiano ne rafforzerebbe l'autorità e, per la conoscenza di uomini e luoghi, ne faciliterebbe il compito.

Per ciò che si riferisce all'azione da svolgere nel seno delle grandi collettività operaie del Nord, il Ministro ha detto che egli intenderebbe operare una specie di mobilitazione generale delle forze operaie per convogliarle verso l'opera di ricostruzione distogliendole in pari tempo dall'orientarsi ver

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Tale importante scopo il Ministro si prefigge di raggiungere attraverso l'opera di uomini che abbiano conoscenze ed influenze nel Nord e attraverso la sua azione personale.

A questo punto egli ha chiesto all'Ammiraglio se gli sarà possibile recarsi al Nord immediatamente dopo la liberazione.

L'Ammiraglio ha risposto che non poteva dargli nessuna assicurazione in merito, poiché una decisione del genere dovrà essere presa dalle Supreme Autorità Militari, le quali devono tener conto di molti e disparati elementi, tra cui anche eventuali movimenti di truppe di altra nazionalità; ha soggiunto che in questa materia vi erano dei precedenti di ministri che avevano fino a 2 volte passata la linea senza permesso e che tali precedenti avevano influito sfavorevolmente sull'attitudine del Quartier Generale in merito. Ha tuttavia soggiunto che la decisione che sarà presa, sarà dettata dagli interessi del Paese.

Circa le modalità generali della collaborazione tra il Ministero dell'Italia Occupata e la Commissione Alleata, l'Ammiraglio Stone ha fatto presente che il suo "opposite number", essendo il Presidente del Consiglio, egli delegherà poteri ai suoi uffici dipendenti, solo nella misura in cui ne delegherà il Presidente del Consiglio ai dipendenti organi governativi italiani.

Roma, 4 Aprile 1945

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Rome, 31 March 1945

Notes for the Allied Commission

- I. The economic and civil affairs office of this Ministry is intensifying its collaboration with the technical regional Commissions of the National Liberation Committee for North Italy and the Allied Authorities and Rome Government Authorities in accordance with the aims for which this Ministry was created.

Among other things, the office:

- a) puts before the technical commissions of the C.L.N.A.I. the problems which are to be studied;
 - b) collects and controls the informations which are deemed necessary for the establishment of the programs which will first have to be realized in the North;
 - c) coordinates the informations received from all sides and transmits them to the Allied Authorities and to the Italian Ministries when they concern;
 - d) collaborates with the other Administrations for all questions concerning also North Italy.
- II. When the liberation will have taken place and during the period of A.M.G. administration the work of the office will have to be done - in accordance with the regulations - in close connection with the Central and Regional C.L.N.A.I. Commissions, and with the A.M.G. regional Administrations. It is therefore indispensable for the functionaries of the office to be sent to the said regions at the very moment when the A.M.G. Governments will be installed.

It would of course be necessary for representatives of the other Central Administrations of Rome, expert in the various sectors, to join our representatives. Thus, nucleus would be formed which might prove most useful in the North for the following tasks:

- a) to complete the experience of the C.L.N.A.I. experts Commissions, the experience of the difficulties, efforts, and result of the work which has been done in Central and South Italy;
- b) to take the experts representing the C.L.N.A.I. familiar with the methods of work and orientation of A.M.G.
- c) to supply the A.M.G. Administrations with useful help in dealing with the problems of the orthodoxy on the basis of the collaboration criterion established in Rome;
- d) to ascertain also, in agreement with the Allies and the C.L.N.A.I., the various aspects of the economic and social situation of the North to give better informations to the competent authorities of Rome for

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the delicate operation for the joining of the North with the rest of Italy;

- a) to assure immediate liaison with the Central Administrations of Rome, and to promote the welding of both sections.

III) It would also be advisable for the Ministry of Occupied Italy to have with each Regional Commissioner (A.M.G.) its own delegate, chosen among people of well known dignity and influence, and therefore apt for the job:

- a) to help by his personal action the cooperation between the Regional Commissioner, the Italian Government, and the C.L.N.;
- b) to act, thanks to his experience acquired in the region, as a direct collaborator of the Regional Commissioner for the most delicate matters concerning the civilian life of the region;
- c) to exercise a useful influence on the responsible milieux of the region for the realization of the aims agreed upon with the Allied Authorities in the superior interest of the common war effort.

As it has already been mentioned, such delegates would be chosen in agreement with the Allied Commission, among people who enjoy particular esteem in the region and give full guarantees from every point of view.

IV) We trust that the Allied Commission will approve of these proposals which bear at establishing a close and useful connexion among the Authorities concerned for all action concerning the delicate problems which will arise in the field of the civilian life of all the country because of the liberation of the North.

Should the Allied Commission agree, the Delegates of this Ministry and the various functionaries to be sent North for the various administrations concerned would have to be appointed.

1 - CITTADINI (with request of delegation).
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6th March 1945.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I am glad to be able to tell you that the Supreme Allied Commander, Field Marshal H. R. Alexander, has approved of the terms of the draft decree on the powers of the Ministry of Occupied Italy as submitted to me by your letter of 24th February 1945. It is therefore perfectly in order for the Council of Ministers to proceed to approve the definite text.

Very truly yours,

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier.

for KENNETH W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

Copy to: C.A.S.E.C.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

5 March 1945

SUBJECT : Decree on Powers of Ministry of Occupied Italy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394
(Attention : Chief Commissioner).

Confirming my telephone conversation with you to day, the
Chief of Staff this Headquarters has no objection to the revised decree
on the functions of the Ministry of Occupied Italy as enclosed with your
9/22.A/OA of 28 February 1945.

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CHARLES M. SPOFFORD,
Brigadier General, G.S.C.,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

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20 February 1945

SUBJECT: Decree on Powers of Ministry of Occupied Italy.

TO: C-5 Section, Allied Forces Headquarters, AFHQ SIC. *3a*

1. Reference is made to your letter of 26 January 1945, signed by the Chief Administrative Officer, which laid down the principles upon which the Italian Government should reconstitute the proposed Decree setting out the functions of the Ministry of Occupied Italy.
2. A number of discussions have taken place between the Chief Commissioner and the Prime Minister and E. C. Scodinharro and finally the Government submitted a revised draft decree, translation of which is attached.
3. This Commission is of opinion that the revised Decree is reasonable and that the Italian Government should be permitted to enact the same in its present form.

You will observe that the main functions of the Ministry are now of a planning nature and that wherever executive action is contemplated such action may only be taken through the action of, and in collaboration with, the Allied Commission and, where appropriate, AFHQ.

4. The Prime Minister asked this Commission to give its consent to the proposed Decree in its revised form so that the Council of Ministers could pass it at their meeting on Tuesday morning but he was informed that while there was no objection to the consideration of the Draft by the Council, it could not be passed until the consent of AFHQ had been obtained.

5. It will be appreciated therefore if the Supreme Allied Commander will give this Decree his most urgent consideration so that, if possible, the Prime Minister can be informed of his decision this week.

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WILLIAM W. STONE

HENRY S. STARR
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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⑨. cc: U.S. Pol. Advsr. (AC) - 2/4/45

9/22.4/CA

26 February 1945

SUBJECT: Decree on Powers of Ministry of Occupied Italy.

TO: C-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 514. 3a

1. Reference is made to your letter of 24 January 1945, signed by the Chief Administrative Officer, which laid down the principles upon which the Italian Government should redraft the proposed decree setting out the functions of the Ministry of Occupied Italy.
2. A number of discussions have taken place between the Chief Commissioner and the Prime Minister and M. L. Scavini and finally the Government submitted a revised draft decree, translation of which is attached.
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BURNHAM, W. Stone

KILBY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

(9) cc: U.S. Pol. Assoc. (40) - 9/22.4/CA

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5. It will be appreciated therefore if the Supreme Allied Commander will give this decree his most urgent consideration so that, if possible, the Prime Minister can be informed of his decision this week.

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cc: U.S. Pol. Advise. (AC) - 7/4/45

WILLIAM W. STARR
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Art 1

The Ministry of occupied Italy, instituted by D.L. . . . shall provide, as regards the occupied Italian territory, through the medium of and in collaboration with the Allied Commission and the Command of the Allied Forces, for the intensification of the fight and the defense of national interests against the German invaders and the fascists who collaborate with them.

During enemy occupation the Ministry, through the medium of the Command of the Allied Forces, shall maintain liaison between the Government and the CLMAY which is entrusted with the representation of the Government in the fight against the enemy, and shall provide for the complete restoration of civil and political life in the occupied regions.

After the liberation of the national territory and before the restoration of the said territory to the Italian administration, the Ministry shall cooperate and collaborate with the Allied Commission and with the other Departments of the State to solve all the problems concerning the re-organization of civil life and the position of the patriots.

Art 2

The following offices shall be instituted in the Ministry of Occupied Italy:
General Affairs Office
Relief Office
Press and Propaganda Office
Allied and Foreign Affairs Office.

Art 3

Through the medium of and in collaboration with the Allied Commission and the Command of the Allied Forces, the General Affairs Office shall:

- 1) maintain relations between the Government and the Committees of National Liberation constituted in the occupied regions with the object of safeguarding national unity and organize the full restoration of civil and political life in the invaded territory;
- 2) make enquiries into the economic, financial and monetary situation in the occupied regions in order to draw up economic, financial and technical plans for the re-institution and resumption of the economic life in the said regions;
- 3) follow the activity of volunteers in their fight against the Germans and the fascists also for the purpose of recompensing, in conjunction with the Minister of War, the bestowal of awards for valor and such measures that may be eventually deemed necessary;
- 4) supervise, through a special liaison office with the Ministry of War, the enlistment of patriots in the armed forces of the State.

Art 4

The Police Office shall:

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- 4) supervise, through a special liaison office with the Ministry of War, the enlistment of patriots in the armed forces of the State.

Art 4

The Relief Office shall:

- 1) prepare, in conjunction with the Allied Commission, plans for giving every material and moral assistance to patriot groups of whatever origin or character, and to the population of the occupied regions after their liberation;
- 2) provide, in all the regions at present under the Allied Military Government and in the areas that will be liberated by the Allied Forces, for the drawing up and execution of plans to give every material and moral assistance to the aforementioned patriot groups and to the population of the said liberated areas, in conjunction with and through such channels that will be established by the Allied Commission.

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Art 5

The Press and Propaganda Office shall:

- 1) contribute to the propaganda for the war of liberation in occupied Italy according to directives of the Command of Allied Forces.
- 2) gather information on the situation and the war in occupied Italy and publicize throughout the country the patriot war as an integral part of the war effort of the Nation.

Art 6

The Allied and Foreign Affairs Office shall:

- 1) carry on relations with the Allied Commission and with the Command of the Allied Forces on all matters coming within the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Occupied Italy;
- 2) in conjunction with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of War and through the medium of the Allied Forces maintain relations with those patriots who, owing to the exigencies of the struggle, are outside the national territory.

Art 7

The present decree shall come into force the day after its publication.

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The President of the Council of Ministers
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Rome, 24 February 1945

Dear Admiral,

I enclose the new text of the decree for the institution
of the Ministry of Occupied Italy.As you will see, we gave up art. 4 and we slightly modified arts.
1, 4, 5, and we add two paras to art. 3.I should like the Council of Ministers to approve the definitive
text on Tuesday and ask you therefore to let me know without delay
whether the modifications made after our conversation of this morning
correspond to our common thought.

I remain,

Truly yours,

I. Bonomi

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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Art. 1

Formed by law, the Ministry of occupied Italy provides, for what concerns the occupied Italian territory, through and in collaboration with the Allied Commission and the Command of the Allied Forces, to the intensification of the fight and to the defense of national interests against the German invaders and the fascists who are collaborating with them.

During enemy occupation, the Ministry, through the Command of the Allied Forces, keeps contacts between the Government and the C.E.N.A.I., which is entrusted with the representation of the Government in the fight against the enemy and organizes the return of the occupied regions to civilian and political life.

After the liberation of the national territory and before the passage of the said territory to the Italian Administration, the Ministry will co-operate and collaborate with the Allied Commission and with the other State Administrations to solve all problems concerning the re-organization of civilian life and the position of the partisans.

Art. 2

The following offices have been created in the Ministry of occupied Italy:

- General Affairs Office
- Relief Office
- Press and Propaganda Office
- Allied and Foreign Affairs Office.

Art. 3

The General Affairs Office, through and in collaboration with the Allied Commission and the Command of the Allied Forces:

- 1) maintains relations between the Government and the Committees for National liberation which have been formed in the occupied regions to safeguard national unity and organize the return of the invaded territories to civilian and political life.
- 2) makes investigations about the economic, financial and monetary situation of the occupied regions, to elaborate economic, financial and technical plans for the rehabilitation and reorganization of the economic life of the said regions.
- 3) follows the activity of the volunteers in their fight against the Germans and the fascists, so as to be able to propose, in agreement with the Ministry of war, the concession of rewards and the regulations which will be deemed necessary.

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2) makes investigations about the economic, financial and monetary situation of the occupied regions, to elaborate economic, financial and technical plans for the rehabilitation and reorganization of the economic life of the said regions.

3) follows the activity of the volunteers in their fight against the Germans and the fascists, so as to be able to propose, in agreement with the Ministry of War, the concession of rewards and the regulations which will be deemed necessary.

4) sees that the patriots are taken in the army force of the State, this through a special liaison office.

Art. 4

Relief Office:

1) Prepares in collaboration with the Allied Commission, programs to give moral and material relief to the patriot formations of any origin and character whatever, and to the populations of the occupied territories after their liberation.

2) It provides to the drafting and materialization of programs for the moral and material relief of the said patriot formations and to the populations of the said liberated zones, in the zones which are at present under Allied Military Government and in the zones which will be liberated by the Allied forces, and this in collaboration and through such channels as will be fixed by the Allied Commission.

Art. 5

Press and Propaganda Office:

- 1) According to the orders of the Command of the Allied Forces, it contributes to the propaganda for the liberation war in occupied Italy.
- 2) Gathers information about the situation and the fighting in occupied Italy, and makes partisan war popular in the country as being part of the war effort of the nation.

Art. 6

Allied and Foreign Affairs Office:

- 1) is entrusted with the relations with the Allied Commission and with the Command of the Allied Forces for all things related with matters of the competence of the Ministry of occupied Italy;
- 2) In agreement with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and with the War Department, and through the channel of the Allied Forces, maintains contacts with the patriots who are out of the national territory because of fighting necessities.

Art. 7

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Ref: P/520.13

7 February 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

It has been reported to me that the new Ministry for Occupied Italy already has been organized physically, at least in part, and that it has begun some activity. Included in this, it is said, there is the reception of Partisans arriving from the North who had been told to report to the Ministry upon their arrival in Rome where they are interviewed and given instructions before returning to the North. Should this be the case, I wish to state that it is an irregular procedure inasmuch as Partisans from German-occupied Italy are under the direction of the Supreme Allied Commander, Field Marshal Alexander. They should therefore not be instructed by the Italian Government.

I am sure that you will understand my attitude in this matter and that, should the above-indicated practices actually exist, you will take measures to terminate it.

Yours very truly,

Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

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Ref: 210/83/EC

23 Feb 45

Minutes of Executive Commissioner's Meeting - 23 Feb 45

EXTRACT:

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9. Decree of Ministry of Occupied Italy. CA Sec said this matter had been discussed and it had been suggested by Land Forces Sub-Commission that the Military Affairs Section was not necessary since the Ministry of War could perform its functions. CA Sec pointed out that the Ministry of War would not be of any use in respect of Patriots who were not absorbed into the Army and that they thought the Military Affairs Section was necessary. Ex C agreed and instructed CA Sec to take the matter up with Gen. BROWNING.

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3 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Second Draft of Decree re Ministry of Occupied Italy.

TO : Chief of Staff.

1. Prime Minister Bonomi has sent me by hand at 1800 hours today the attached revised draft of a new decree for the Ministry of Occupied Italy.
2. Will you kindly arrange to have it translated immediately and reviewed by Civil Affairs Section.
3. The Prime Minister is of the opinion that article 5 will not be acceptable to the Allies because of interference with the responsibilities of both SACRED and AMG. From a hasty reading, I am certain that he is correct.
4. Civil Affairs Section will desire to review General Robertson's letter on this subject in passing on the enclosed.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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1830 hours 3/2/45 LMS

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30 January 1945.

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of
an Aide Memoire which I delivered to and discussed
with the Prime Minister on January 27th pursuant
to letter from General Robertson dated January
24th, copy of which is also enclosed.

Very truly yours,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Sir Noel Charles, Bt., R.C.M.G.,
British Ambassador,
84 Via Venti Settembre,
Rome.

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Dear Mr. Ambassador:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of an Aide Memoire which I delivered to and discussed with the Prime Minister on January 27th pursuant to letter from General Robertson dated January 24th, copy of which is also enclosed.

Very truly yours,

MILLY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

The Honorable Alexander Kirk,
American Ambassador,
119 Via Vittorio Veneto,
Rome.

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27th January 1945.

AID MEMOIRE FOR SUBMISSION TO THE PRESIDENT
OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.

DRAFT DECREE ON POWERS OF MINISTRY OF OCCUPIED ITALY.

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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, finding employment, 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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*Copy of a minute to COS from Major Quayle:
C.C. will present Aide Memoire at 1730 hrs.
this evening, Jan. 27th, to Sig. Bonomi.*

*cc: CA Section**COS**Pol Sec.**Fidd Blaudel**cc Kersh**Charles*

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
AFO 512

SECRET

24 January 1945

SUBJECT: Decree on Powers of Ministry of Occupied Italy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, AFO 394.

1. Reference is made to your 9/22A/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 has directed 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 requirements in 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 Patriots Branch of the Allied Commission.
 - d. That communication with patriots in other countries can only be permitted if each 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 Allied Commission.
 - 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.
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 as possible.

cc: Pol. Sec.
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SECRET

/S/ B. H. ROBERTSON
Lieutenant General
Chief Administrative Officer

To: The Chief Commissioner.

From: Mr. Macmillan.

Our conversation this morning.

File 1201/cc
I shall be seeing the Field Marshal to-morrow on my way to Greece. I wonder whether you would like me to speak to him and leave with him a minute on the lines of the attacked draft.

Is not the decree setting out the functions of the Italian Minister for Occupied Italy of some importance in considering the Patriots question, and should it not be studied by the same machinery? I should imagine that a good many of the questions arising from the functions of this Minister affect A.F.H.Q. just as much as us, if not more.

H. M.

23rd January, 1945

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Ref 3/22/CA

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 Scoccimarro 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 (i) 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 SACED and the CIMA, or their resistance bodies, through the medium of SOE and OSS or other approved Allied channels.

In a preliminary meeting with Scoccimarro I have already indicated to him that the system of channels of communication existing in 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 CIMA 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 CIMA, 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 Government will, of course,

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be responsible for the provision of monetary remuneration and for contributing, so 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.

MURRY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Encl: Translation of draft of
proposed Decree

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ART. 1

The Ministry for occupied Italy constituted by R.I. shall 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.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

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- 2) coordinate all clandestine activities and direct the resistance of the population against the invaders;
- 3) collect all possible evidence on the behaviour of Italian 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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ART. 4

The office for military matters shall:

- 1) maintain and ensure the development of relations with "volunteers of liberty" (Volontari della libert ) operating in occupied Italy;
- 2) provide for uniform organization and intensification of the struggle of the partisans against the German;
- 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.

ART. 5

The office for assistance shall:

- 1) provide for any possible kind of assistance moral and material to Italians living in the invaded territory and for the exchange of news with their relatives residing in liberated Italy;
- 2) assist and receive Patriots both those in newly liberated zones and those who cross the lines. Supplying them with immediate material and moral assistance;
- 3) take care of any kind of material and moral assistance to all the patriots fighting in occupied territory and to their families.

ART. 6

The liaison office with the Ministry for Foreign Affairs shall provide, in agreement with this Ministry, for maintaining contacts with the Patriots who are outside of the national territory because of the necessities of the

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ART. 6

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ART. 7

The office for information and propaganda shall gather all the information concerning the struggle in occupied Italy.

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LWS/hjp

29 December 1944

Dear Mr. Prime Minister: *21/12/44*

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/ E. W. Stone
 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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cc: CofS
 DCOS, CA Section
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Orig. delivered by hand of Commander Gastolo, 29 Dec.
 1200 hrs.

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