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37a 38	4452, Bonomi Cbl AC CC 8620	28 May 45 28 May 45	Stone AFHQ C5	It reports on pol/econ sitn in North Arrest of Nenni & Togliatti - report. Suggest Armies follow CCS on pol mtgs. Pol Adv Sitreps fr N - Bolzano, Trento
39	147/129/EC, Talbot	29 May 45	Dist	
40	OCS Int Report JR-2062	31 May 45		Report of Mtg CIN Rome with CINAI 25/5
41	151/390/EC, Llewellyn	1 Jun 45		Report on Politics in CINAI.
42	OCS Int Report JR-2085	2 Jun 45		Composition of CINAI (as of 18 May)
42a	6519, Stone	4 Jun 45	Bonomi	It reports on pol/econ sitn in North.
43	Cbl AFHQ FX-89032	7 Jun 45	15, AC	Armies to follow CCS directive, allow political meetings to be held.
43a	Cbl AC Halford 9346	7 Jun 45	Lomb, Hopkinson	Pol parley in Rome continuing.
44	147/130/EC, Talbot	9 Jun 45	Dist	Pol Adv Sitrep fr N dtd 8 Jun; CINAI del to Rome proceeding.
45	Cbl 15 AC, CAS-601	9 Jun 45	5, 8, AC, AFHQ	Armies to follow CCS directive; poli- tical meetings may be authorized.
46	147/EC, Llewellyn	9 Jun 45	AFHQ	Sitreps fr Hopkinson dtd 7 June.
47	Cbl Hopkinson, 1792	9 Jun 45	AC	CIN Reg deputation left for Rome.
48	Cbl 9148 Stone	10 Dec 45	AFHQ G-5	Italian Political Appointments
49	Ltr AC/14027/PS Chapman	10 Dec 45	Civ Affs Sec	Abridged Monthly Report fr Nov 1945

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26	117/EC, Stearns	10 May 45	Dist	Pol Adv sitreps fr North, 9 May.
27	Chl CG IV Corps	11 May 45	AC Stone	Cadorna and two others arrive Rome.
28	147/82/EC, Stearns	11 May 45	Dist	Pol Adv Sitreps fr N.; Pol Adv's views on proposal that Bonomi visit North.
29	Chl AFHQ, F-74570	12 May 45	AC	Instructions on commitments to be signed by any new Govt taking over.
30	117/EC, Lush	18 May 45	Dist	Pol Adv Sitrep fr N - Sitn in Milan.
31	147/95/EC, Lush	19 May 45	Dist	Pol Adv Sitreps fr N - 18 May 45.
32	147/EC, Talbot	21 May 45	Dist	Pol Adv Sitreps fr N - 19 May 45.
33	147/EC, Talbot	23 May 45	Dist	Pol Adv Sitreps fr N - 22 May 45.
34	Chl AC Stone, 8304	23 May 45	AFHQ SAC POLAD RESMIN G-5	Mtg in Milan agrees on formation of new IG; Bonomi's views at i'view w CC.
35	147/EC, Talbot	24 May 45	Dist	Pol Adv Sitreps fr 23 23 May 45.
36	Chl AC CC, 8489	26 May 45	5A, IV, AFHQ, Piemonte	Confirm alleged arrest of Nenni and To gliatti.
37	147/120/EC, Talbot	26 May 45	Dist	Pol Adv Sitreps fr N - 24-25 May: Arrest of NENNI - Parties agree form govt.

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12	Cbl AC Stone, 6866	3 May 45	CG IV Corps	Lieut's visit restricted mil calls.
13	CC-225-7, Stone	4 May 45	Bonomi	CLINAI delegates arrive Rome 5 May; IG shd make arrangements for mtg/accommod.
14	Churchill	4 May 45	Bonomi	Message on German surrender in Italy.
15	DO Ltr, Stone	4 May 45	Truscott	Apologia for not sending msg to IV Corps via 5/A CG.
16	Cbl Quayle 6917 via SOM	4 May 45	Walker	Plane will pick up delegation in Milan
17	Cbl Quayle 6951 via SOM	4 May 45	Hopkinson, Mc	Hopkinson & Maclean to report Rome.
18	Cbl Stone 6952 via SOM	4 May 45	Milan, Fiske	Fiske to report at Rome.
19	Cbl AC Stone 6970	4 May 45	IV - Fiske	Fiske to report at Rome.
20	Cbl Morandi, CLINAI	4 May 45	Bonomi	Bonomi invite accepted - CLINAI arrives Rome week-end.
21	Cbl AC 7092 Lush	5 May 45	AFHQ	Reception of Lt of Realm at Milan
21a	Cbl AC Local Govt 6995	5 May 45	8 AMG	CLNs will not visit Rome.
22	147/12/EC	5 May 45	Dist	Political Advisers' sitreps from the North - consolidated report 2/5/5 APPENDIX: All such cables of 1 & 2 May
23	147/50/EC	5 May 45	Dist	Political Advisers' sitreps from the North - consolidated for 4 & 5 May
24	147/EC, Quayle	6 May 45	Dist	Pol Adv Sitreps from the North.
25	Cbl AC Exc 7111	6 May 45	AFHQ G5 RES- MIN, USPOLAD	Instructions requested as to procedure to be adopted in case change of govt.

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2	Ltr Quayle	1 May 45	SOMLO Rome	Bonomi invites Pres CINAI to Rome.
3	Ltr Stone	1 May 45	Kirk, Charles	Promemoria on "need exchg visits IG- CINAI" - for views.
4	Ltr Noel Charles	1 May 45	Stone	Promemoria on "need exchg visits IG- CINAI" - no objections by Ambassadors.
4a	150/0/0, Macmillan	1 May 45	CC	SAC & Pres against ministers going N.
5	CG 504, Quayle	2 May 45	Talbot	CG directs 15 AG be asked permission implmt proposal of Bonomi promemoria.
5a	Cbl Hopkinson No. 12	2 May 45	AC Lush	Lieut anxious visit Milan - views.
5b	Cbl Hopkinson, No. 18	2 May 45	AC Lush	Report on Mtg with CINAI - CINAI view on composition of mtg with Govt.
5c	Cbl Hopkinson No. 20	2 May 45	AC Lush	CG IV Corps arranging visit Lieut to Milan on 4 May, - also to Turin.
6	308/8/EC, Lush	3 May 45	DOGAO	Advise if permission will be given to send officials (re Bonomi promemoria).
7	308/9/EC, Talbot	3 May 45	Hq Comdt	Bonomi requests, CG OKs, loan of jeep for IG officials travelling North.
8	Cbl Quayle via SOM	3 May 45	Hopkinson	Has CINAI replied to Bonomi invite?
9	Cbl Quayle via SOM	3 May 45	Hopkinson	Lieut's itinerary visit Milan-Turin.
9a	SAC(P)(45) 9th Meeting	3 May 45		SAC approves visit of Lieut to Milan.
10	Cbl AC Quayle 6838	3 May 45	CG IV Corps	Lieut's itinerary visit Milan, Turin.
11	Cbl AC via SOM 6865	3 May 45	Hopkinson	Lieut's visit restricted to Mil Calls
11a	147/EC, Talbot	3 May 45		Pol Adv Sitreps from North.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : Ex. 686

10 December 45.

AC/14027/P2

SUBJECT : Abridged Monthly Report
for November 1945.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. The last week of the month saw the collapse of the Parri government. Following the withdrawal of the Liberal Party from the Government which precipitated the crisis, demonstrations were held in many parts of the country supporting suggestions that Parri retain his position. No serious incidents have been reported as result of these demonstrations.

2. In AMG territory crimes of violence appear to be well under control due to the increasing efficiency, morale and activity of the police forces. On the other hand, in Emilia Region, the last area to be handed over to Italian control, crimes of violence again for the fourth successive month increased over the preceding month with a small number of arrests. The assigned reason for this condition is the formation and recognition of partisan police of strong political bias which interferes with and smothers the activities of the regular police bodies. In other parts of Italy there are also reports of increased criminal activity particularly robbery by organized bands.

3. Searches for arms in AMG territory again were productive of reasonably good results.

4. AMHQ authorized the release of 3000 pistols and 10000 automatic carbines for the use of the CC.RR. which are in the process of distribution. 30,000 sets of uniforms together with stocks of cloth for the manufacture of uniforms and overcoats were also made available to the CC.RR. during the month. Stocks of clothing and materials have also been made available to Agents of P.S.

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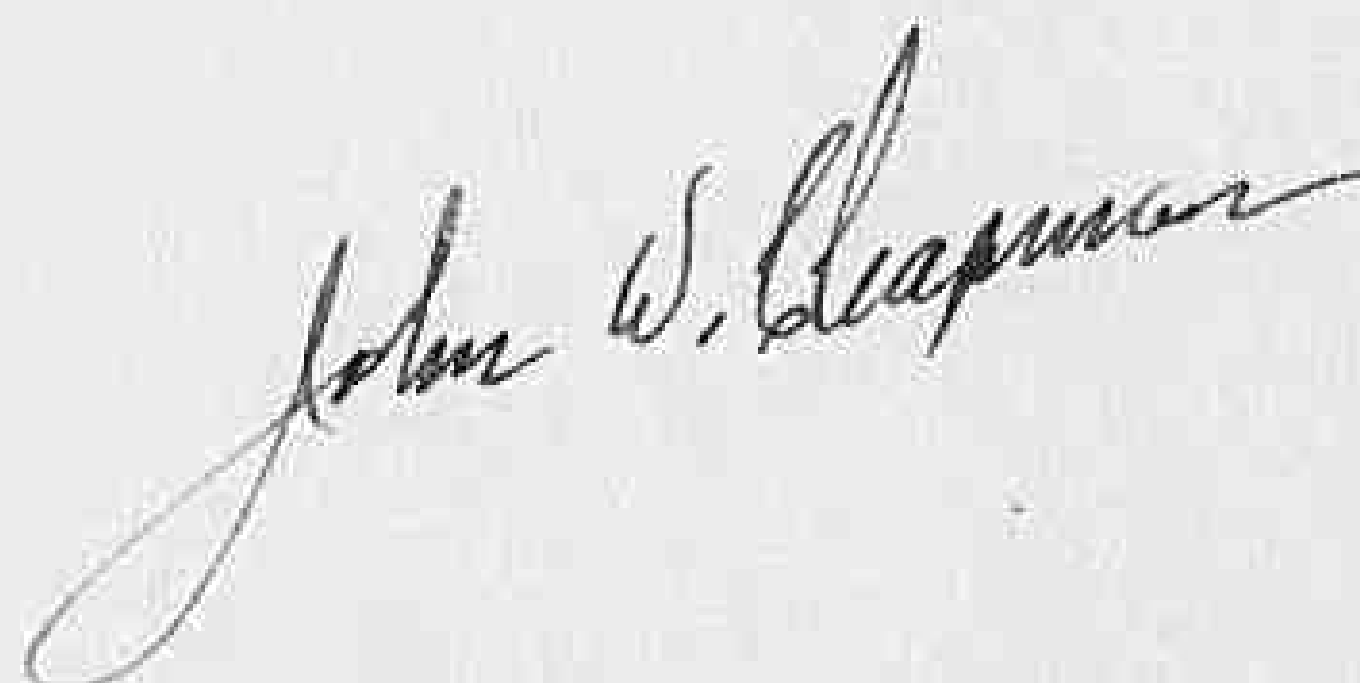
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and the GG.FF.

5. The morale and efficiency of all the regular police bodies continue to show an increase particularly in AMG territory. The partisan police auxiliaries and some independently organized, are still untrained, undisciplined and chiefly interested in the privileges which they can obtain. The reports from Emilia Region indicated that they are a menace to public order. The situation in the Northern Regions is such that a like condition can prevail there following the hand over to Italian control.

6. Prison conditions remain substantially unchanged. Overcrowding of accommodations is still prevalent. Some blankets have been obtained and distributed but many more are urgently required. No serious prison breaks have been reported although several attempts were made.

7. Public order generally during the month has been fairly satisfactory. There has been the usual outbreak of strikes and food and wage demonstrations all of which were well handled by the police bodies and without serious consequences.



JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel J.A.C.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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10 December 1945

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PAREN TO AFHQ FOR GEORGE FIVE UNCLE SUGAR POLAD BRITISH RESMIN FROM HQ ALCOM FROM

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ADMIRAL STONE/PAREN

VICE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS FOR THE COSTITUENTE CMA NENNI CMA
 SOCIALIST PD MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO FOR THE CONSULTA CMA LUSSU CMA ACTION PD
 MINISTER OF INTERIOR CMA ROMITA CMA SOCIALIST PD MINISTER FOR JUSTICE CMA
 TOGLIATTI CMA COMMUNIST PD MINISTER FOR FINANCE CMA SCOCCIMARRO CMA COMMUNIST PD
 MINISTER OF THE TREASURY CMA CORBINO CMA LIBERAL PD MINISTER FOR EDUCATION CMA
 MOLE CMA LABOR DEMOCRAT PD MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS CMA TO BE NAMED BY LIBERAL
 PARTY PD MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE CMA GULLO CMA COMMUNIST PD MINISTER FOR
 TRANSPORT CMA LOMBARDI CMA ACTION PD MINISTER FOR POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS CMA
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 CMA CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT PD MINISTER FOR LABOR CMA BARBARESCHI CMA SOCIALIST PD
 MINISTER FOR RECONSTRUCTION CMA LA MALFA CMA ACTION PD MINISTER FOR POSTWAR
 ASSISTANCE PD GASPAROTTO CMA LABOR DEMOCRAT PD

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ELLEN W. STONE
 Rear Admiral, USNR
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Following members of CLN Regional Deputation left for ROME yesterday by car.
 MENEGHETTI (Action party VENICE) AFFENSI (Liberal LIGURIA) JOHI (Socialist
 LOMBARDIA) SALIZZONI (Christian Democrat EMILIA) UGOLINI (Communist PIEMONTE).
 MORANDI and BRUSACO (Christian Democrat) of CLN AI leave this morning by air.

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8 JUN 1945DIST

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Tel: 478201

9 June 1945.

Ref: 147/BC.

SUBJECT: Sitrops from Mr. Hopkinson dated 7 June.

TO : Resident Minister, AMHQ.
 U.S. Political Adviser, AMHQ.
 C-5 Section, AMHQ.

The following sitrops dated 7 June have been received from Mr. Hopkinson:

"Congress of Regional Committees of National Liberation of Northern ITALY covering LOMBARDIA, PIEMONTE, LIGURIA, VENETIA, EMILIA and TOSCANA opened yesterday in MILAN. Agenda consists of (1) relations in internal political field (2) consultative functions of CLN (3) relations of CLN with public administration and in particular prefects (4) activities of industrial CLNs (5) urgent problems of supply, unemployment etc.

President of CINAI MORANDI opening session outlined action taken by CINAI in ROME and MILAN to secure formation of new government and after criticizing liberals recent action in ROME he welcomed declaration of parties of the second June which he said placed beyond all doubt usefulness of CLN in participating in reconstruction and democratic revival of political life."

"Christian Democrat representative on CINAI MARAZZA called yesterday and expressed grave anxiety in regard to (1) activities of CLNs in factories and (2) acts of violence in Provinces. As regards (1) he said that activities against individuals in factories were still continuing. Wholesale education was being carried out by factory CLNs against managements and employees. Managers were being sent away on purely personal grounds and with no political justification. Appointment of COMMISSARI was not an adequate remedy. General ~~keeling~~ among moderate elements including many workers was leading to risk of reaction. As regards (2) he said that in Provinces and especially in smaller communes of NOVARA, BIELLA, VA D'OSOLA and other mountain regions there existed that he described as virtual reign of terror. Locally appointed police were carrying out requisitioning and blackmail and conniving at robbery and killing. Carabinieri were intimidated and powerless. He said that similar conditions existed in country districts of BOLOGNA, MODENA and REGGIO Provinces.

He admitted/.....

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He admitted that elements were in fact a small minority of things only nominally forming part of Communist party but deplored failure of Communist and Socialist leaders to take an open stand against these practices. Indeed by accepting many dangerous republicans into their parties they were making situation still worse. He thought that Christian Democrats might find it necessary themselves to take the lead in the matter.

As regards the factory committees, I told MARASIA that the ALLIED COMMISSION and AEB were working actively on the question in consultation with the Italian Government and that I hoped that very shortly, measures would be announced which would clarify the position. He said that he hoped it might be possible to establish operation commissions for factories which would not only have the duty of clearing out fascists but would have the power to reinstate owners, members of management, and workers who had been sent away improperly. Decisions of any commissions should be open to review by Allies.

As regards state of affairs in Provinces, Public Safety Officer of LOMBARDIA REGION confirms that violence of this sort is on the increase. He attributes it in part to activities of criminal elements released from jails by Germans. In existing circumstances this state of affairs is not surprising. It is of course mainly a police matter but from this and other reports I have received, it has attained such proportions that it requires special investigation by Provincial Commissioners and organized suppression involving if necessary, use of Allied troops. General CRITTENDEN is already interesting himself in this situation and has given orders to divisional commanders to increase their patrols. He also is interesting himself actively in raising prestige of Carabinieri.

For the Chief Commissioner:

J. Jewell
Brigadier, I.C.A.
Executive Commissioner.

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HQ 15 ARMY GROUP

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1. The following signal FX 09032 cite FHGEG dated 7 June received from AFHQ signed SACHED with information copy to ALCOM.
2. Consider that now hostilities have ceased permits to hold political meetings should be granted in Army areas as matter of course provided such meetings not likely to cause public disturbance or interfere with normal Allied military activities. This policy in force considerable time in areas under Regional AMG administration and is in line with policy laid down by CGS directive which was sent FILPOT 8 January 1944 and is repeated below for information.

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3. Pursuant to this policy you are accordingly authorized to approve the grant of permits to hold political meetings in accordance with the above.

4. Such authority will be exercised by you at your complete discretion in all respects in the light of and having regard to the particular conditions and considerations prevailing in or affecting any given area from which an application for a permit may be made.

5. Relevant A.G. proclamation and/or general order relating to public meetings and assemblies apply.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 147/130/EC.

9 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Political Advisers - Sitreps from N. ITALY.

TO : Distribution below.

The following is copy of cable received by hand from Mr. HORKINSON in N. ITALY dated 8 June 45 :

"At concluding meeting of Regional Committees of National Liberation of Northern Italy yesterday strong criticism was expressed by speakers of various parties of delay in formation of new government. There was tendency to lay blame on politicians of the South and Republican party speaker went so far as to say that if ROME could not make up its mind the CLN's in the North should consider the possibility of setting up a provisional government of Northern Italy. He also suggested that delay might be due to foreign intervention.

Formal motion passed by the congress after calling attention to the grave dangers created by delay in forming government announced intention to send down delegation of representatives of regional committees headed by President of CLNAI to demand from Central Committee of Liberation immediate formation of new government representing the CLN and on the basis of the MILAN programme of 23rd May the radical revival of the political direction of the country and the improvement of the international status of ITALY. In this government complete parity would have to be guaranteed among the parties in the allocation of principal ministries.

Motion also approved the political and planning activities of CLNAI during the insurrectionary period and its governmental acts after liberation. It went on to refer to the historic role played by the CLN's in the liberation of the country and demanded that the committees as consultative organs of the democratic state should until elections to the Costituente were held, be the only organisation which represented the will of the people for the radical revival of Italian political life and the source of all initiative in the reconstruction of the country.

A motion by the Christian Democrat representative of VENEZIA GIULIA that the CLN of VENEZIA GIULIA should be represented in the delegation going to ROME caused much acrimonious discussion. The President, MORANDI, and the Communist representative from Lombardy held that it was out of place as it raised issues of international importance. In all other quarters it seems to have received approval. Eventually it was found impossible to pursue the matter any further and no action was taken on the motion.

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For the Chief Commissioner:

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Executive Commissioner.

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7 June 1945

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POLITICAL PARTY DISCUSSIONS CONTINUE WITH NO RPT NO PROSPECT OF EARLY CONCLUSION PD
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FROM HALFOED PAREN

HAVING AGREED ON GOVERNMENT PROGRAMME PAREN WHICH IS FUSION OF MILAN AGREEMENT AND SIX
 PARTY DECLARATION ON CHARLIE LOVE HAN PAREN ORA PARTIES ARE NOW BACK TO PERSONALITIES PD
 NERDIO AND DE CASPERI ARE BEST FAVOURITES FOR PRESIDENCY BUT BONDI IS STILL IN THE
 RUNNING PD NERDIO SEEM NOT TO HAVE WON SUPPORT OF LIBERALS AND LABOUR DEMOCRATS IN
 ADDITION TO COMMUNISTS AND ACTION PARTY ORA BUT DE CASPERI ALSO HAS AMPLE SUPPORT
 FROM HIS OWN PARTY AND SOME LIBERAL ELEMENTS PD SARAGAT IS HERE AND IS TAKING PART
 IN DISCUSSIONS BUT IS APPARENTLY NOT RUNNING FOR PRESIDENCY PD
 TWO PD NO RPT NO GUIDANCE YET RECEIVED FROM CHARLIE CHARLIE SUGAR ON FRENCH POSITION
 IN NORTH WEST ITALY

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Lt Col.
 Chief Staff Officer.

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Ref: 6519/EG

4 June 1945.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

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Thank you for your letter 4452 of 26 May 1945 enclosing report on the political and economic situation in Northern Italy.

I have read these reports with great interest and I am most grateful to your Excellency for having sent them to me.

Yours very truly,

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

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

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2677th REGIMENT (Prov)

2 June 1945

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

COUNTRY Italy

SUBJECT Political

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Present Composition of
The Committee of National Liberation
For Northern Italy (CINAI)

At the present time, the CINAI is made up of the following representatives:

RODOLFO MORANDI	Socialist Party, President
SANDRO PERTINI	"
FERRUCCIO PARRI	Action Party
LEO VALLIANI	"
LUIGI LONGO (Cello)	Communist Party
EMILIO SERENI	"
GIUSTINO ARPESANI	Liberal Party
FILIPPO JACINI	"
ACHILLE MARAZZA	Christian Democratic Party
AUGUSTO DE GASPERI	"

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GIUSTINO ARCESANI Liberal Party
FILIPPO JACINI "

ACHILLE MARAZZA Christian Democratic Party
AUGUSTO DE GASPERI "

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1 June 1945.

SUBJECT: AMB IV Corps Situation Report as of 23 May 1945.

TO : G-5 Section, AFHQ.

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A Railroad has now been established at CUREMA where the food is transported by truck from PORLI and then placed on freight cars and delivered by rail from this point to the Regions of Lombardia and Piemonte. While the railroad could handle approximately 1000 tons daily, thus far only about 450 tons daily have been hauled by the railroad, due to the lack of transport from PORLI to CUREMA. However, additional truck transport is being secured by the Senior Supply Officer, AMG Fifth Army and this amount will soon be increased."

For the Chief Commissioner:

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Executive Commissioner JCH

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4. The Christian Democrats would not object to having the premiership. De Gasperi would assume the role of Prime Minister, although without enthusiasm, as it is felt that he would become the prisoner of the leftist elements in the Cabinet. It is also felt that his Ministry would be doomed to failure, with consequent loss of prestige to the Christian Democratic Party, because of the limited freedom of action and the many grave problems facing the Government.

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TO : Distribution below.

The following is copy of further cable received from the AC
Political Advisers in N.ITALY.

"No.4056 of 26 May 45.

I visited BOLZANO and TRENTO May 24 -25. Despite continued presence of large numbers of German troops situation in both Provinces appears satisfactory. I will submit detailed report on my return to ROME but briefly position is as follows. In BOLZANO Province there is roughly two-thirds German speaking majority and in BOLZANO city large Italian majority. Prefect a Socialist selected by CLNAI Milan is adopting sensible Liberal policy towards German speaking population e.g. there is a German newspaper, German schools and two representatives of South Tyrolese Party on the local CLN.

Active agitation in favour of separation or union with AUSTRIA is however banned. In TRENTO position is quite different. Except for ten communes which are administered as part of BOLZANO population province is overwhelmingly Italian and there is no racial problem. CLN consisting of usual five parties is functioning well."

For the Chief Commissioner:

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Brigadier,
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FULL REPORT WAS REQUESTED FROM FIFTH ARMY MAY TWENTY SIXTH PD FOLLOWING ARE FACTS SO
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TOGLIATTI NOT ARRESTED PD ON MORNING TWO FIVE MAY NENNI WAS ARRESTED BY ORDER OF
PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER OF VERCELLI CMA PIEMONTE REGION UNDER PROCLAMATION THREE
FOR HAVING ADDRESSED A PUBLIC MEETING FOR WHICH AUTHORITY HAD NOT REPEAT NOT
PREVIOUSLY BEEN OBTAINED PD HEAD OF LOCAL SOCIALIST PARTY HAD IN FACT BEEN WARNED
LESS THAN AN HOUR BEFORE NOT REPEAT NOT TO HOLD THE MEETING PD NENNI WAS TAKEN TO
TURIN WHERE THE MATTER WAS INVESTIGATED BY THE REGIONAL AUTHORITIES PD HE WAS BROUGHT
BEFORE A SUMMARY COURT AND THE HEARING WAS ADJOURNED UNTIL MONDAY MORNING TWO EIGHT MAY
PD MEANTHILE HE WAS RELEASED THE DAY OF HIS ARREST ON GIVING AN UNDERTAKING NOT TO MAKE
ANY PUBLIC ADDRESS AND TO APPEAR WHEN THE CASE WAS CALLED PD WHILE LEGALLY JUSTIFIED
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HIS LOCAL AID OFFICERS PD INSTRUCTIONS WERE THEREFORE SENT EARLY SATURDAY MORNING
TO DROP CHARGE PD ALLIED COMMISSION AND FIFTEENTH ARMY GROUP AGREED THAT CHARGE

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SHOULD BE DROPPED AND APPROVED OF HIS HAVING BEEN RELEASED CMA BUT THAT HE SHOULD BE WARNED THAT A REPETITION OF VIOLATION OF ARMY ORDERS WOULD MEAN THAT HE WOULD BE REQUIRED TO LEAVE THE ARMY AREA PD IF NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT WARNING HE WOULD BE ESCORTED OUT OF ARMY AREA BUT NOT PLACED UNDER ARREST PD TO AVOID DISCRIMINATION IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT NOGLIATTI SHOULD LIKEWISE BE WARNED BECAUSE OF AN INCIDENT OF TWO ONE MAY WHEN HE ADDRESSED A LARGE MEETING IN MILAN WITHOUT PERMISSION PD FIFTEENTH ARMY GROUP AGREED TO SO INSTRUCT FIFTH ARMY PD BENNI WROTE DEPUTY SCAG FOUR CORRS AT TURIN A LETTER EXPRESSING HIS REGRET OVER INCIDENT AND STATING THAT IT WAS NOT INTENTIONAL AND PROMISING THAT THERE WOULD BE NO RECURRENCE PD HE PROMISED IN FUTURE TO COMPLY STRICTLY WITH ALL REGULATIONS PD ON BASIS OF ABOVE CHARGES WERE QUASHED PD BENNI LEFT FOR ROME AFTERNOON TWO SIX MAY PD PARA COMMENT COLON WHEN THE CLNAI AND PRIME MINISTER REQUESTED PERMISSION FOR THE TWELVE DELEGATES OF THE SIX PARTIES TO GO NORTH THEY STATED INTENTION WAS NOT TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS BUT PRIVATE POLITICAL CONFERENCES PD IT WAS ONLY BASED ON THIS TEMPORARY PLEDGE NOT TO HOLD POLITICAL MEETINGS THAT PERMISSION FOR TRIP WAS SECURED BY FIFTEENTH ARMY GROUP FROM FIFTH ARMY COMMANDER PD THIS AGREEMENT WAS SET FORTH IN MY LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER OF FOURTEENTH MAY CONVEYING THE ARMED PERMISSION FOR THE TRIP PD ON TWO SIX MAY BONONI INFORMED ME THAT HE HAD FORWARDED A COPY OF MY LETTER TO EACH DELEGATE PD

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The President of the Council of Ministers

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Rome, 28 May 1945

Dear Admiral,

I enclose the reports which I received from my information organs, about the political and economic situation in North Italy.

I thought you might find it useful to peruse them.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

S. I. Bonomi

Admiral Henry A. Stone
Chief of the Allied Commission
Rome

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GENERAL POLITICAL SITUATION ON MAY 21st 1942

It is not yet possible to explain its characteristic aspects because of the huge problems caused by the liberation, the breach between the region and Central and South Italy, the various aspects of the popular uprising which took place before the Anglo-American occupation.

The rapidity of the exodus of the Germans made the triumphant armed masses consider themselves the only and essential elements of re-conquered liberty; this caused a widely spread tendency to over-estimate the contribution of the partisans to the victory of the Allies and a badly concealed feeling of intolerance for the unavoidable coercive interventions of the Allied Military Government.

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The allied military and police authorities mean to take action progressively and finally, above all to put an end to the spreading of terrorism which is taking preoccupying forms in the cities and suburbs. Every day, dozens of corpses killed during the night with fire arms, are found abandoned on the highway, without any papers; more and more frequent are the acts of violence followed by thefts of money and valuable objects, as well as other goods, committed by armed elements in civilian dwellings under the pretence of resources and requisitions of a political character.

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The legislative powers entrusted to the Committee for Liberation of North Italy are a source of apprehension because of the unavoidable confusion to be foreseen because of the co-existence of two State organs far apart from each other and lacking in coordinating elements in the heated debate of the problems concerning the whole of the national frame.

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The communist party which boasts the best organization during the underground period proves most efficient, especially because it has secured all the leading and control posts.

The socialist party has numerous members, but is weakened by interior strives about the program and about ideology.

The party which has the greatest share of esteem and sympathy is the Christian-Democrat party, which has a capillary organization and members belonging to all social classes.

Memorandum

The political and economic situation in North Italy is most ambiguous; while there is an Allied Military Government, the C.L.A.I. is carrying on because of the fall powers given to it by the Rome Government, and has installed itself like a real civilian government, with commissions and commissioners acting as ministers.

The decrees and regulations which they issue do not always correspond with those of the Allied Government or of the National Government.

While the military organization of the partisans was perfect, the civilian may not be prepared for the grave problems of the present time; this creates a state of confusion which might seriously harm the political and economic future of North Italy and of the whole nation as well.

Extremist elements follow systems which are not very different from the demagogic systems of the past regime; others aim at getting hold of the leading posts of command through a rash and personal work of epuration, considering the fact of belonging to this or that partisan formation to be an essential condition, and overlooking all other technical or experience requisites.

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We must repeat that there are far too many elements which make the most of the circumstances and of the lack of preparation to grab seats, boasting of a most doubtful partisan activity which they assert to be clandestine, and try to keep superstructures which experience has now proved to be harmful or at least superfluous.

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The well meaning classes or the responsible categories cannot oppose their opinion to these initiatives or these orders, for according to proclamation 2.28 of the Allied Command, all syndical organizations have been dissolved and their members suddenly found themselves scattered without the possibility of reorganizing themselves in voluntary and non-political associations because of the present chaos.

Many urgent and serious problems require to be quickly solved, and the categories concerned as well as men of experience and responsibility would like to co-operate in the interest of the country; but they don't know how to present themselves and they don't know to whom they should refer, for the spirit of mistrust, the lack of an organic structure of all directive organs, the conviction of being able to do without the collaboration of the others, the preoccupation of getting a seat by creating the functions for the charge instead of the charge for the functions, are general.

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Chaos is still worse in the periphery. Local C.L.N. ignore or disregard the orders of the Allied Command and proceed according to personal and autonomous criterions and system, which contrast from locality to locality.

For instance, for what concerns salaries, in spite of the block of prices and salaries sanctioned by the Allied Command, except for the liberation bonus fixed from 9.000 to 2.000 lire per head, which, in some organizations, the Comitato di Liberazione Aziendale completed with other compensations in nature (in the Bianchi, besides the bonus, orders were given for a distribution of food-stuffs and the allotment of two bicycles for each worker - one for nothing and one at cost price, - with the result that there was a rush to collect the first bicycles to be able to sell them before the increased offer should diminish the black market price) in some localities such as Biella, the local C.L.N., praising the merits acquired by the courageous patriots of that zone, without giving the possibility of examining or discussing the regulation, enforced a levelling of the salaries for the 1st January - 30th April period, on the basis of L. 15.000 for every worker, independently from their qualification, and is drafting a new labour contract which in some cases increases tenfold the former salaries.

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Regulations of this kind and in this form find no justification, not even in the cost of life which is greatly inferior in North Italy than in the rest of Italy which had previously been liberated; it would have been a good thing for such a reform to be made organically and according to a general plan, not to create unavoidable perturbations of an economic character, and differences which would be very difficult to correct.

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Chaos is still worse in the periphery. Local C.L.N. ignore or disregard the orders of the Allied Command and proceed according to personal and autonomous criterions and system, with contrast from locality to locality.

For instance, for what concerns salaries, in spite of the block of prices and salaries sanctioned by the Allied Command, except for the liberation bonus fixed from 5.000 to 2.000 Lira per head, which, in some organizations, the Comitato di Liberazione Aziendale completed with other compensations in nature (in the Bianchi, besides the bonus, orders were given for a distribution of food-stuffs and the allotment of two bicycles for each workman - one for nothing and one at cost price, - with the result that there was a rush to collect the first bicycles to be able to sell them before the increased offer should diminish the black market price) in some localities such as Biella, the local C.L.N., praising the merits acquired by the courageous patriots of that zone, without giving the possibility of examining or discussing the regulation, enforced a levelling of the salaries for the 1st January - 30th April period, on the basis of L. 15.000 for every worker, independently from their qualification, and is drafting a new labour contract which in some cases increases tenfold the former salaries.

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It must be kept in mind that a very small number of fascists only have been rendered harmless and that many are left who might find it convenient to fish in murky water.

We therefore hope that the Allied Command will effectively assure the civil Government of North Italy, without delay, and as long as the territory of North Italy will not be handed over to the jurisdiction of the Rome Government; we hope

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that there will be one authority only competent in matters of production, distribution, requirements, economy, finance and labour relations; helped by the sound energies of the country, and by their representatives, whose experience and past honesty and moral and civic straightforwardness show that their only aim is the interest of the whole nation.

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Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 147/120/EC.

26 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Political Advisers - Sitreps from N. ITALY.

TO : Distribution below.

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AC Political Advisers in N. ITALY.

No. 4048 of 24 May 45.

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1. Necessity of forming new government.
2. Necessity for all six parties to participate in new government.
3. Key positions in new government to be held by men who represent the progressive spirit shown by the people in their struggle for liberation.

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15TH ARMY GROUP, G-5 AFHQ

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STONE CITE ACSEC PAPER

PLEASE CONFIRM URGENTLY PD IN VIEW OF POLITICAL REPERCUSSIONS REQUEST FULLY
DOCUMENTED REPORT ON MENNI ARREST

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leaders from South are returning to Rome by air leaving at 1500 hours,
tomorrow, May 24. Remainder are returning by car.

For the Chief Commissioner.

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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FOLLOWING INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM MILAN COLON

QUOTE AT MEETING OF CLNAT TWENTY FIRST AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON FORMATION OF GOVERNMENT
 ALONG FOLLOWING LINES COLON PRIME MINISTER CMA SOCIALIST CMA RENZI OR SARAGAT PD
 FOREIGN AFFAIRS CMA CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT CMA DE GASPERI PD INTERIOR CMA LIBERAL
 CMA BROSIO PD WAR CMA ACTION PARTY CMA PARRI PD JUSTICE CMA COMMUNIST CMA
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FIVE FROM HQ ALCON CITE ACSCC FROM ADMIRAL STONE PAREN

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 UNDER INTER REGIMIN DECREES PRIOR TO ALLIED ENTRY INTO MILAN PD I AM BRINGING THESE
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AND THE INSTITUTIONAL QUESTION WHICH HE FELT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HIM PD
PARA FOUR PD HE FEELS THAT IF THE NEXT PRIME MINISTER IS A SOCIALIST CMA THE
NEXT SUCCEEDING GOVERNMENT WILL CLEARLY BE COMMUNIST

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Office of the Executive Commissioner.

Ref: 147/EC.

23 May 45.

SUBJECT: Political Advisers - Sitreps from N. ITALY.

TO : Distribution below.

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No. 4040 of 22 May 45

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I would venture to suggest that the United States and British Ambassadors should give further warning to the State Dept and Foreign Office and urge that from the purely political angle action should be taken to solve this crisis without further delay.

Mc.4041 of 22 May 45

TOGLIATTI yesterday addressed a meeting at seat of Communist Party HQ. He afterwards spoke a few words to an immense crowd which had assembled outside building. General Crittenberger is investigating whether circumstances were such as constitute violation by TOGLIATTI of his undertaking not to hold public meetings. If this proves to be the case he proposes to inform him that he will be obliged to report the matter to higher authority. Speech which lasted two hours was moderate in substance and tone. TOGLIATTI reviewed activities of Communist Party since beginning of war and particularly since his return to Italy. While insisting on need for radical changes in political economic and social life of the country he advocated national unity through CLM movement and expressed desire to continue working with Christian Democrats and Liberals. On VENEZIA GIULI he came out stronger for Italian character TRIESTE but claimed that this could be satisfactorily arranged by agreement with YUGOSLAVIA. He stressed that Italy must be fully independent and not a sphere of influence of Soviet Russia or an Anglo-Saxon dependency.

for the Chief Commissioner.

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Ref: 147/EC.

21 May 1945

SUBJECT: Political Advisers - Sitreps from N. ITALY.

TO : Distribution below.

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Resolution states that present situation gravely prejudices the solution of pressing problems of Italian labour and of the whole nation and makes the following specific review;

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5. That the new government, in agreement with the central CLM, should immediately arrange for establishment of a provisional representative assembly to undertake forthwith the proper administration of the electoral law of the constituent (Text corrupt).
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Left Wing Parties are complaining about ban on public meetings and sarcastic article in 'Unita' today asks whether this is the sort of liberty which the Allies have brought with them and whether it is merited in view of sacrifices of the North. I understand, however, that Christian Democrats are greatly relieved as they feared incidents if public meetings were allowed. Left Wing Parties will probably try to get ban removed and if they fail must be expected to improvise meetings during visits to factories, etc.

General Crittenberger intends to take no chances but is asking for formal written orders on the subject which he has thus far never received. My own impression is that no attempt will be made to secure final solution of Government issue while Ministers are in North but that every effort will be made to convince them of strength of progressive forces and futility of trying to resist these tendencies.

No. 4032 of 19 May 45

All principal Party leaders including Nenni, de Gasperi and Rumor have now arrived in Milan. Montanari informed me last night that Bonomi has not yet finally made up his mind whether to come or not. If so it would be purely private visit. Tocellatti and Scoccimarro yesterday called on General Crittenberger to ask for removal of ban on public meetings. General Crittenberger replied that it had been imposed by higher Allied military authority and reminded them that they had been aware of the ban when they left Rome. He invited them to collaborate in seeing that it was made effective to which they agreed. Tocellatti in a short statement to press hinted that Bonomi was responsible for imposition of ban.

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19 May 1945.

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SUBJECT: Political Advisers - Sitreps from N.ITALY.

TO : Distribution Below.

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3. Preservation of order in factories.

General CRITTENBERGER is in full agreement on this and is taking necessary measures. As regards 1 - these include issue of an order by General CRITTENBERGER to hand in arms. Responsibility by heads of parties for enforcing this. Raids by Allied Military Police on arms caches. Drastic punishment for offenders. Working out of new measures for accommodation, compensation and disposal of patriots more in keeping with actual conditions in NW ITALY. As regards 2 - establishment by AG of Italian Military Tribunals to be followed in near future by Popular Assize Courts which are already functioning in Provincial centres outside MILAN. Reorganisation of police force and building up its authority and that of CC.RR. Joint Allied and CC.RR. jeep patrols at night. Lighting of streets, etc. As regards 3 - an order is being prepared for whole of NW ITALY under IV Corps implementing existing AG directive which will lay down that where management of factories has been set aside for political or other reasons, Commissario will be appointed by AG who must be technically competent and not political. OMs in factories will be relegated to background in an advisory capacity. This order will be firmly enforced. If successful I suggest it be implemented in other parts of N.ITALY.

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APC 394

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SUBJECT: Political Advisers - Sitreps from M.ITALY.

TO : Distribution below.

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No.4010 dated 10.May.45.

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Admiral Stone ALCOM General Cadorna and two others being flown to Rome today at Cadorna's request to discuss with Italian Government certain guarantees regarding Partisans future that he could not give personally. Estimated time of arrival 11/1330E. Please have met.

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Ref: 147/EC.10 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Political Advisers - Sitreps from N. ITALY.

TO : Distribution below.

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APO 394

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SUBJECT: For Adv sitreps from the North

TO : Distribution below.

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4. At CIMA meeting last night it was decided not repeat not to see the Lieutenant of the Realm. Also decided not to organize demonstration today. All press articles today make unfavourable and sarcastic references to his visit.

J.A. Gandy
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APC 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Copy No.....

Ref: 147/50/EC

5 May 1945

SUBJECT: Col Adv Sitreys from the North.

TO : Distribution below.

Following is a consolidated report from cables dated 4/5 May 45 received today from the Political Advisers to the AC, Mr. McLean and Mr. Hopkinson:

1. After discussions with LORNET and SALVADORI suggest very desirable if possible arrange accommodation for CMLM delegation at same hotel.
2. You will no doubt have seen telegrams from Col STEVENS, BLO, TURIN, reporting movements of French troops down Valleys into PIEDMONT beyond agreed line. 27 Div for example went forward as far as RIVOLI and have established a large military mission in TURIN. In this case are certain other local French Commanders have agreed with Colonel STEVENS to retire to points further West but not repeat not as far as position originally laid down. In other cases they are remaining where they are. Mr. Haldord who has arrived here from CMOA has reported to you existence of a similar situation on the coast. General CRUTCHFIELD will issue order to all concerned in sense of your telegram received this morning. Matter is naturally causing grave concern to Italians and it was raised with us by CMA at WELK yesterday. It is said that French are trying to arrange a so-called spontaneous plebiscite and have brought in two battalions of W d'Algeria recruited from ex-partisan refugees in France for this purpose. There is no confirmation of this but Col STEVENS states that in fact French civilians from CMA have been distributing pamphlets containing terms offering French citizenship. There also appears to be a confused situation in the neighbourhood of AOSTA where the French are said to have established rival CMA. He would urge that steps should be taken to clear up the position with the French on the highest level and that appropriate instructions should be issued to French Commanders of troops in regard to cooperation with A.G.

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TO : Distribution below.

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4. At our meeting with CHAI yesterday, Committee was forwarded also for urgent supplies of coal to which Committee has agreed. All heavy that 3000 tons of coal are loaded in various starting in different stages in SUIZHI. These were frozen as a result of all this and -China diplomatic pressure applied sending supplies as indicated below.

5. CHAI have been considering that action has been taken on declaration made to address CHAI on 29th March with regard to collaboration with the. Also any instructions being issued to CHAI regarding establishment of regional consultative boards, etc. If not we would propose informing CHAI that this is under consideration of Provincial Party to which direct with any officer concerned. It does not seem to us that any formal response can be necessary. That matter should be settled as circumstances in any given place dictate. Civil Affairs Officer in Chengdu.

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Executive for Liaison

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1. Originator's No. 10.10 PT 1. Date: 1 May 45

An impressive column of German troops including tanks together with British units and formations from Lorraine Group entered at 1600 hours on 30 April. 03, IV Corps with small party including ourselves went in shortly afterwards. General Ritterberger was received on the outskirts of the town by General Ochs and accompanied all patriot forces in northern Lorraine, and paid a formal call on GUMI.

2. Originator's No. 10.10 PT 2. Date: 1 May 45

There were fair sized crowds and a good deal of enthusiasm. Lorraine Group (V) units were well received. All services in the town including tramways, electricity, telephone, telegraph posts and even electric passenger train connections with neighbouring towns functioning normally. There appear to have been no demonstrations which applies equally to GUMI, METZ, NANCY, THIONVILLE, which we passed on the way. All power stations and pylons we saw were standing and high-voltage electric plants are said to be intact. The town is patrolled by large numbers of armoured troops but the Gestapo, appointed by GUMI, who is still under the name of "GUMI" in Lorraine report. "GUMI" who in said to be good man, has already succeeded in getting a few bandits out of the streets without incident who had been in hiding.

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4. Originator's No. 10.10 PT 4/1945. Date: 1 May 45

As the German General commanding METZ has already surrendered, it is hoped to straighten matters out this afternoon. Food supplies are said to be two or three days but ample supplies in province. Only difficulty is transport. For political situation see our immediately following telegram.

5. Originator's No. 11 PT 1. Date: 1 May 45

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6. Originator's No. 11 PT 2. Date: 1 May 45

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Committee have elected as President FULLEN BARRAL a Socialist who is still in Tunis. He is an economist and writer and spent seven years in jail under Fascists. Count CASALI who knows him said yesterday he was honest, reserved, stubborn and would not be easy personality to handle. Colonel SALVADOR believes this appointment forced through by Socialists owing weakness Liberal with object of showing Socialist strength in North and securing appointment of a Socialist Prime Minister.

7. Originator's No. 11 PT 3. Date: 1 May 1945

According to SALVADOR Socialists until recently favored revolution in North on liberation but apparently decided on other tactics having as their objective control of the LOMMI Government, as a result of last

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visit to MILAN(?) who expects to see Labour Government elected with whom he can cooperate instead of MILAN. Communists also apparently originally favoured a violent revolution but have now piped down and are showing themselves more moderate than socialists. Action party have greater following here than in the South but lack leaders.

8. Originator's No. 11 Pt 1. Date: 2 May 1945

Christian Democrats also have large following. Liberals are weak in numbers and personalities. Colonel SALVADORI says (9) members of CLAM (two per party) should go home as soon as possible. This is also view of Civil Affairs Officer IV Corps. Objects would be (1) reconstruction of Government by inclusion of elements from CLAM; (2) merging of CLAM in central organization in home. As regards (1) following are possible candidates.

9. Originator's No. 11 Pt 2. Date: 2 May 1945

Christian Democrats - MARAZZA, said to be a good man. ARZUFFI who recently visited home. MARAZZA, General Manager PIRELLI, had an economic commission of CLAM and IACCI whose brother is a member of Christian Democratic Party in home. Action party in need leaders but ARZUFFI and VALIANI would be their candidates. Communist - LANGE(?) also GALLI, who coordinates Communist party but takes orders from ARZUFFI.

10. Originator's No. 11 Pt 3. Date: 1 May 1945

Socialists MARINELLI ARZUFFI who is said to be violent type of demagogue of the order of MUZZI but who supports law and order. If delegation goes to home socialists will probably ask for post of Prime Minister and Ministry of Interior and all parties of Left are expected to ask for a Agency in place of Government of the home.

11. Originator's No. 12 Pt 1. Date: 2 May 1945

Lieutenant of the home landed at IV Corps yesterday. He had visited VIGNA, PAVIA, MONZA, MILANO and later MILANO and MILANO. He was accompanied by Ministers of War and Air. He seems to have received an enthusiastic welcome. He is anxious visit MILAN as soon as possible and General ARZUFFI has no objection in principle.

12. Originator's No. 12 Pt 2. Date: 2 May 1945

He felt however that it would be undesirable for him to come in with Allied troops yesterday and may say would clearly not be suitable. **3664** over Civil Affairs Officer IV Corps and Colonel SALVADORI both feel it would be taking undue risk for him to come in while passions still running high and rifles and grenades abundant. Colonel SALVADORI is therefore recommending to General ARZUFFI that visit should be postponed for a time until emotions subsided and he is able to judge more clearly the temper of people.

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When it takes place we suggest Prince should be accompanied by members of the Government possibly Communist under Secretary of State for War, Count CASSINO and Signor GARZANO were both unwilling for political reasons to accompany him if he decided to come at once.

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10. Originator's No. 11 PT 6. Date: 1 May 1945

Socialists FERRARINI ASSANTO who is said to be violent type of demagogue of the order of Mussi but who supports law and order. If delegation goes to Rome Socialists will probably ask for post of Prime Minister and Ministry of Interior and all parties of Left are expected to ask for a Deputy in place of Lieutenant of the Media.

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14. Originator's No. 13 PT 1. Date: 2 May 1945

You will have seen in the press names of Ministers and other persons executed with GROSSOLI. Meanwhile people's courts set up by CASALI have tried and executed a number of other persons. Yesterday figure rose to about 50 making total of about 200 and there is reason to believe personal scores were being paid off.

15. Originator's No. 13 PT 2. Date: 2 May 1945

At request of Allied authorities Prefect appointed by CASALI yesterday gave orders that popular courts should cease to function but shootings are certainly still going on in surrounding districts. It is hoped that presence of Allied troops will help to stop this. From this point of view timing of

entry was perfect. MILI had a few days to exert their authority but troops and MIG arrived in time to prevent growing excesses and risk of trouble on any day.

16. Originator's No. 14, 15, 16.

Date: 2 May 45.

You will have heard from Brig Gen MILI of successful disarmament 10,000 patriots after ceremonial parade at MILI. MILI presents different problems. There are 4,000 armed patriots in city who have come in from outside districts. Well organized and will probably hand over arms without difficulty.

17. Originator's No. 14, 15, 16.

Date: 2 May 45.

In MILI it believed up to 60,000 persons probably possess arms but fortunately not arm ammunition. These are in the hands of individuals owing loyalty to respective parties. A ceremonial parade can hardly be expected to bring out more than a small proportion of these and hidden arms in large numbers will remain a problem for MIG police or the Italian Govt to tackle in due course.

18. Originator's No. 15.

Date: 2 May 45.

Civil Affairs Officer IV Corps states that he has never received any instructions regard to attitudes towards French should they be found in occupation of military on which Allied Military Government is to be established. We think it would be useful if it could be clearly laid down in advance what action Allied authorities should take if they find French Military Government installed. We should also like guidance ourselves. In this connection we would note that several French officers have already appeared in MILI.

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EIGHT ARMY MAIN FOR AMG

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5th May, 1945

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PARA ONE PD REFERENCE MISC NINE ONE SEVEN DATED FOURTH MAY FOLLOWING COPY OF
ABLE CHARLIE SUGAR CHARLIE CHARLIE SIX FIVE SEVEN ZERO OF THIRTY APRIL WAS SENT TO
EIGHT ARMY HEAD FOR AMG PD

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PERMISSION TO SEND DELEGATES TO ROME FOR POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS PD

PARA THREE PD THE POLICY GMA AGREED BY US AND BRITISH AMBASSADORS GMA IS TO LEAVE
THE UNWINDING OF THE POLITICAL TANGLE WHICH IS BOUND TO FOLLOW LIBERATION AS MUCH
AS POSSIBLE IN THE HANDS OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT COLOM THIS WILL MAKE THEM FACE
AND SHOULDER THE RESPONSIBILITY AND WILL IMPRESS ON GINS THE FACT THAT THE ALLIES
ARE CONDUCTING POLITICAL AFFAIRS OF ITALY WITH ITALIAN GOVERNMENT ONLY PD

PARA FOUR PD GRATEFUL THEREFORE IF COMMANDERS AND AMG OFFICERS IN FIFTEENTH
ARMY GROUP COULD BE INSTRUCTED NOT REPEAT NOT TO GRANT PERMISSION TO ANY MEMBER OF
GINS OR POLITICAL LEADERS TO VISIT ROME UNLESS CALLED FORWARD BY THIS HQ WHICH WILL
DO SO ONLY ON REQUEST OF ITALIAN GOVERNMENT PD LOCAL APPLICANTS SHOULD BE
INFORMED THAT THEIR REQUESTS WILL BE FORWARDED THROUGH YOU TO THIS HQ FOR DISCUSSION
WITH ITALIAN GOVERNMENT PD

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PARA FIVE PD GRATEFUL ALSO FOR EARLY AND DAILY REPORTS ON THE POLITICAL SITUATION
AND THE ATTITUDE OF OMBES ESPECIALLY IN THE MAIN TOWNS PD THE OMB IN ROME ARE AL-
READY ASKING FOR PERMISSION TO GO TO MILAN WHICH WILL BE REFUSED PD

LOCAL GOVERNMENT S/C

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NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
CWO USA
Asst. Adjutant

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5 MAY 1945

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LIEUTENANT GENERAL OF THE REALM ARRIVED IN MILAN AFTERNOON FOUR MAY PD NUMBER
OF PARTISANS AT AIRPORT SOME WITH RED SCARVES CHEERED HIM ON LANDING AND SOME
PARTICIPATED IN ESCORT THROUGH CITY PD

PAREN TO AFTER FROM HQ ALCON CITE ACEND PAREN

DURING DRIVE TO BARRACKS STREETS WERE VERY EMPTY OWING TO RAIN AND HE PASSED
PRACTICALLY UNNOTICED PD HE HAD FRIENDLY RECEPTION AT BARRACKS FROM SMALL
NUMBER PARTISANS AND TROOPS PRESENT PD HE SENT MESSAGE TO LOCAL CIVIL AUTHORITIES
AND CIVIL RPT CIVIL SAYING THAT HE WAS HERE ON A PURELY MILITARY VISIT BUT THAT
IF ANY OF THEM CARED TO COME HE WOULD BE GLAD TO SEE THEM PD THEY DID NOT
APPEAR PD

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for */s/ J. A. Lough*
M. S. LUGH, Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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HQ LOMBARDIA REGION

SO (M) LIAISON STAFF ROME

IN CLEAR.

Following text in Italian received today from MILAN:

"AL PRESIDENTE BONOMI ALT A NOME DEL CLNAI RINGRAZIO PER IL GRADITO INVITO
ALT CONTO ESSERE COSTI CON DELGAZIONE MEMBRI CLNAI FINE CORRENTE SETTIMANA ALT
MORANDI PRESIDENTE CLNAI".

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Original delivered to Marchese Cittadini at
1055 on 5 May 1945 for communication to Prime
Minister Bonomi. Transmitted by telephone to
Flores "Capo di Gabinetto" of the President of the Council.
May 5th - 1100 hours.

/s/ Cittadini

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S.O.(M) Liaison Staff,
c/o R.A.A.C.

5th May, 1945

To: Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission.

Attached hereto is a signal received
last night from MILAN.



[Signature]

Major,
S.O.(M) Liaison Staff

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IV CORPS FOR WALKER FOR FISKE

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4 MAY 1945

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IN THE CLEAR PD
AM BRINGING MACLEAN AND HOPKINSON DOWN ON SECOND FLIGHT OF SPECIAL PLANE
FROM MILAN MAY FIFTH PD
PAREN TO FOUR CORPS FOR WALKER FOR FISKE PERSONAL FROM HQ ALCOM CITE
ACSCC FROM ADMIRAL STONE PAREN
PLEASE ACCOMPANY THEM TO GIVE ME REPORT ON GENERAL SITUATION PD
ACKNOWLEDGE

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ELLERY W. STONE
REAR ADMIRAL, USNR
CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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4 May 1945

TO: SOMLO, Rome

Please dispatch following signal:

REFERENCE NO. 6952

TO MILAN FOR COLONEL FISKE

IMMEDIATE

FROM HQ ALCOM FROM STONE PERSONAL

IN THE CLEAR

Hopkinson and Maclean returning Rome on second flight tomorrow
5th. Request you return with them to make report.

/s/ J. A. Quayle

J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to CG

CC: Executive Comm'r
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JAG/afe

4 May 1945

TO: SOMLO, Rome

Please dispatch following signal:

REFERENCE NO. 6951

TO MILAN FOR HOPKINSON AND MACLEAN
FROM HQ ALCOM FROM STONE PERSONAL

MOST IMMEDIATE
SECRET

Appreciate your reasons for not wishing accompany delegation but consider your presence here desirable and U.S. and British Ambassadors concur. Have therefore arranged for plane to make two trips tomorrow 5th. One of you should be at airfield at 1000 hours without fail when delegation leaves in order contact pilot and arrange time for your own takeoff.

/s/ J. A. Quayle

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

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British Political Adviser
Executive Commissioner
Chief Commissioner

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4 May 1945

TO: SOMLO, Rome

Please dispatch following signal:

REFERENCE NO. 6917

TO MILAN FOR WALKER

FROM HQ ALCOM FROM STONE PERSONAL

MOST IMMEDIATE

IN THE CLEAR

C-47 will arrive Milan airfield 1000 hours tomorrow 5th May
to collect delegation. Please have party ready at airfield.
Plane will contain Captain Arnoldy (U.S.) who will act as conducting
officer.

/s/ J. A. Quayle

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

cc: Executive Comm'r
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4 May 1945.

My dear General:

I want to apologize for sending a message directly to General Crittenger last night in connection with the visit of the Prince to the Northern Area, instead of sending it through your Headquarters. The matter was of extreme urgency and I was fearful that the time required for the additional decoding, coding, and relaying of the message might prevent its receipt by General Crittenger before the arrival of the Prince this morning.

In any case, the message should have been repeated to you and I am very sorry that this was not done.

Sincerely,

Elery W. Stone

ELERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief CommissionerLieutenant General Lucian K. Truscott, Jr., U.S.A.,
Commanding General, FIFTH Army,
APO 464, U.S. Army.

cc: Exec. Comm'r.

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Italy's contribution to victory

In the occasion of the surrender of the German armed forces in Italy, I send Your Excellency, in the name of the Government of His British Majesty, a message of warm congratulations for the final liberation of the Italian territory from our common enemy, and particularly for the part taken by the regular Italian forces, and by the patriots behind the lines.

The knowledge of having contributed to this victory without precedents and of having materially hastened the liberation of their own territory, will be, I trust, a source of strength for the Italian nation in the no less difficult days it is faced with. The fact that the defeat of the German armies in North Italy took place with little human sufferings and with relatively little damage to the material resources of this part of your country is a cause of great satisfaction to the Government of His Majesty, as it is also, doubtless to the Government of your Excellency.

I send Your Excellency the best wishes of the Government of His Majesty for the great work of reconstruction with which the Italian people and the Italian Government are now faced.

With trust, I wait for the time, not to be long delayed, in which Italy whose forces co-operated in war with those of the United Nations, will collaborate with the United Nations in the fruitful works of peace.

Winston S. Churchill

(Risorgimento Liberales, May 4th)

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4 May 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

From signals which I have received from Milan, it is clear that the CLNAI accept your invitation to come to Rome which we transmitted on your behalf, and that they propose to arrive on Saturday the fifth.

I cannot give you exact details of the composition of the party but it would appear that two from each political party will be represented and that the names may be as follows:

Christian Democrat	MARAZZA Achille and 1 unknown
Action Party	POZZI Giuliana VAGLIANI Leo
Communists	SERENI Emilio BASTI Ilario
Socialist	MORANDI Rodolfo PENTINI Sandro
Liberal	ARFESANI Giustino VOCHIERI Giovanni

It is also possible that only one member of each party will come.

Arrangements have been made for their transport and the party will be arriving at Ciampino Airport at approximately midday or slightly later tomorrow, so no doubt you will make arrangements for the transport and accommodation of the delegates.

I would be glad if you will note, my dear Mr. Prime Minister, that we shall make no arrangements for meeting the delegation at Ciampino and that our responsibility for the matter will end upon the arrival of the plane.

Sincerely,

15/ Henry W. Stone

cc. Ex. 6074.
RA. Adv. (A)
Doc. Adv. (6)
cc. E. (F)
His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome

ELDERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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C.L.N.A.I.

From WALKER to STONE Alcom.

C.L.N.A.I. in MILAN ask permission visit
ROME Saturday 5th May. Delegation as
follows:

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| Christian Democrat | ✓ MARAZZA Achille ✓
and 1 unknown. |
| Action Party | ✓ POZZI Giuliano ✓
✓ VAGLIANI Leo ✓ |
| Communists | ✓ SERENI Emilio ✓
✓ BOSI Ilario ✓ |
| Socialist | ✓ MORANDI Rodolfo ✓
✓ PERTINI Sandro ✓ |
| Liberal | ✓ ARPESANI Giustino ✓
✓ VOCHIERI Giovanni ✓ |

If visit is agreeable, please advise
if air transport will arrive from ROME and
what hour. MILAN airport O.K.

*Disagreed - Liberal off Hq
primary*

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*Ack Walker
Hq. Rome 3590*

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SIGNAL

No. 8 Part 6 from Mr. HOPKINSON.

..... We agree with this view.

Committee will (Gp. Mut.) delegation of five persons, one from each party, with full power from the Committee.

Col. WALKER has arranged aircraft to take them down on morning Saturday May 5th.

Other five members of Committee will carry on Committee business here.

We consider this visit should be confined to making preliminary contacts and that delegates should then return here and consult full Committee and their respective parties.

We are sending Col. SALVADORE with them, who knows them all personally. We suggest you see him as soon as possible. We do not think it desirable to accompany them ourselves, as we do not wish to identify our governments/with the too closely mission. If you would like us to come down will you arrange air transport.

BONCOMI invitation was received after meeting but certainly made favourable impression.

d) Have placed Co. Peter

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d) Have placed Seagrand to auto for 2nd floor.

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ARMY GROUP FOR DEPUTY CHIEF CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER AND TO AMG FIFTH ARMY
FOR SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER

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3 MAY 1945

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SUGAR AND BRITISH POLITICAL ADVISORS EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE OF RESTRICTING
PRINCE'S ACTIVITIES TO PURELY MILITARY INSPECTIONS AND CALLS PD
PAREN TO FOUR CORPS PERSONAL FOR COMMANDING GENERAL RPTD FOR INFO TO
FIFTEENTH ARMY GROUP FOR DEPUTY CHIEF CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER AND TO AMG
FIFTH ARMY FOR SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER FROM HQ ALCOM FROM STONE
PERSONAL CITE ACSCC PAREN

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OTHER UNDERSECRETARY FOR WAR PD LATTER SHOULD REMAIN WITH PRINCE DURING
STAY SO THAT HIS ACTIVITIES ALSO WILL BE PURELY MILITARY

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MAJOR, R. A.
STAFF OFFICER TO CC

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

COPY NO. 4

Ref: 227/155.

3rd May 1945.

SUBJECT: Political Advisers - Sitrops from North.

Following is a consolidated report from cables dated 2.5.45, received today:-

1. Attended full meeting CINAL last night at which General CADOGAN and WENTHILL, also Colonel WALKER and some of his officers were present. Before the meeting we saw LOBDEL alone, who warned us Communists would raise question of Government. They had not previously given thought to this question but have now discussed it and were unanimously of opinion that the Government must resign and new Government formed containing good proportion of men who had participated in resistance in North.

2. He said majority of the committee, particularly the left elements, would not agree to serve under BOMMI but would probably accept Pains Minister of moderate views. Left Parties would, however, insist on having certain key ministries. The Committee were most anxious to send a delegation to Rome at once. For above reasons he warned us this would precipitate an immediate crisis, but he considered it would be wiser to force this at once rather than wait until later when CINAL might become more independent and intransigent in their views.

3. At a subsequent meeting, representatives of Action and Communist Party, speaking in the name of the whole committee, expressed similar views. They accused present Government of complete inertia and failure to respond to progressive (? completely corrupt group) which had emerged in this country, particularly in the north. No reference made to premiership but Committee evidently consider their services in the cause of liberation entitle them to large share of decisions of composition of Government.

4. General Crittenden informed us this evening that he is arranging for the Lieutenant of the Reala to visit CINAL and WENTHILL Friday May 4th, although possibility of an incident cannot be excluded, it would seem strange if the Prince did not come here after visiting so many towns in this area. We still think it very desirable that he should be accompanied by Member of Government. This may make things easier with the CINAL. We also think that if visit is to be made it should take place before their delegation leave for Rome on Saturday, otherwise they may think we are putting something over on them.

5. May Day celebrations passed off without incident.

Paul M. Dyer
Brigadier.
Executive Commissioner.

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Following is a consolidated report from cables dated 2.5.45, received today:-

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4. General Orittonburger informed us this evening that he is arranging for the Lieutenant of the Reala to visit MILIA and JULIA Friday May 4th, although possibility of an incident cannot be excluded, it would seem strange if the Prince did not come here after visiting so many towns in this area. We still think it very desirable that he should be accompanied by Member of Government. This may make things easier with the CHAI. We also think that if visit is to be made it should take place before their delegation leave for Rome on Saturday, otherwise they may think we are putting something over on them.
5. May Day celebrations passed off without incident.

To: US Ambassador - Copy No. 1.
 British Amb.
 A/Pres.
 Chief
 VP

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 Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

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Ref No: 6865

3 MAY 1945

TO: SOMLO, ROME (9)

PLEASE DISPATCH FOLLOWING SIGNAL:

SECRET AND MOST IMMEDIATE FROM STONE PERSONAL
TO MILAN FOR HOPKINSON, MACLEAN, AND WALKER

SACRED AND BOTH U.S. AND BRITISH AMBASSADORS EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE
OF RESTRICTING PRINCE'S ACTIVITIES TO PURELY MILITARY INSPECTIONS AND
CALLS. HE WILL NOT REPEAT NOT BE ACCOMPANIED BY PALERMO BUT BY CHIATRIAN
THE OTHER UNDER SECRETARY FOR WAR. LATTER SHOULD REMAIN WITH PRINCE
DURING STAY SO THAT HIS ACTIVITIES ALSO WILL BE PURELY MILITARY. PLEASE
CONVEY ABOVE MESSAGE TO GENERAL CRITTENBERGER IF POSSIBLE. ALSO DO NOT
FAIL SEND US IMMEDIATE REPORT AFTER PRINCE'S VISIT.

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J. A. QUAYLE
MAJOR, R. A.
STAFF OFFICER TO CC

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Supreme Allied Commander's Secretariat

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SAC (P) (45) 9th Meeting

3rd May 1945

SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE
(POLITICAL)

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5. VISIT OF THE PRINCE OF PIEDMONT TO MILAN

REAR ADMIRAL STONE stated that the Prince of Piedmont had recently been visiting Italian troops under arrangements made by 15th Army Group and that these visits had been successful. The Commander of the U.S. 4th Corps had requested that the Prince should pay a visit to MILAN accompanied by the Italian Under-Secretary for War. Rear Admiral Stone wished to know whether there would be any political objection to such a visit.

MR. KIRK observed that the visit would be purely military in nature and no serious political considerations would therefore arise.

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER :

Instructed the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission,
to proceed with arrangements for the visit of the Prince of
Piedmont to MILAN.

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3 May 1945

TO: SOMLO, Rome

Please dispatch following signal:

SECRET AND IMMEDIATE

STONE PERSONA

TO MILAN FOR HOPKINSON, MACLEAN, AND ~~WALKER~~ WALKER

Reference your 889 of 2 May Lieutenant of Realm has accepted General Crittenberger's invitation with approval of SACMED and both U.S. and British Ambassadors. He has invited Palermo to accompany him and offer has been accepted. Party will arrive Milan airfield tomorrow 4 May at 1400 hours. Lieutenant of Realm plans to spend night if possible in Turin. He would be grateful if impending visit could be kept secret. Have sent separate signal to Crittenberger advising him of above.

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

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3 May 1945

TO: SOMLO, Rome

Please transmit following message:

TOP PRIORITY ~~SECRET~~ *In the clear.*

TO MILANO FOR HOPKINSON FROM HQ ALCOM

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Have CLWAI replied to Bonomi's invitation? Are they coming? If so, who and when? Reply earliest as time getting short to arrange transport, etc. Reply in clear.

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J. A. QUAME
Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to CC

*Phoned to SOMLO at
1800 hours, 3 May 45.*

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FROM: KEYCHAIN

Date: 2 May 1945

Orig No: 20

Serial No 6

Most Immediate

Embassy Nr 11 of 2 our Nr 20 following for Brigadier Lush AC
pass to agreed recipients from Hopkinson Maclean General Crittenberger
informed us this evening that he is arranging for Lieutenant of Realm visit
Milan and Turin Friday May fourth all though possibility of an incident can
not be excluded it would seem strange if Prince did not come here after
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he should be accompanied by members of Gvt. This may make things easier
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their delegation leave for Rome on Saturday otherwise they may think we are
putting something over on them.

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Immediate

FROM: KEYCHAIN

Date: 2 May 1945

Orig No. 18

Serial No.: 2

Nr 18 of 2 Part 1 our Nr 19.

Following for Brig Lush AC. Pass agreed recipients from
Hopkinson and Maclean. Ref our . . Part 4 attended full meeting CLNAI last
night at which General CADORNA and LONGHI also Col Walker and some of his
officers present. Before meeting we saw LONGHI alone who warned us
Committee would raise question of Govt. They had not previously given
thought this question but have now discussed it and were unanimously of
opinion that Govt must resign and new Govt formed containing good proportion
men who had participated in resistance in North.

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FROM: KEYCHAIN

Orig. No: 18 Part 1

Date: 2 May 1945

Serial No. 7

Immediate

Cur Nr 19. He said majority committee particularly left elements would not agree serve under Bonomi but would probably accept Prime Minister of moderate views. Left parties would however insist having certain key Ministries. Committee were most anxious send delegation Rome at once. For above reasons he warned us this would precipitate immediate crisis but he considered it would be wiser to face this at once rather than wait until later when CINAI might become more independent and intransigent in their views. TOP SECRET

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FROM: KEYCHAIN

Date: 2 May 1945

Orig No.: 18 Part 3

Serial No: 8

Immediate

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FROM: KEYCHAIN

Serial No. 887

Orig. No. 12 Part 1

Date: 2 May 1945

Immediate

Following for Brigadier Lush Allied Commission.

Nr 12 of 2.1. Please pass to agreed recipients from Hopkinson and Maclean. Lieutenant of the Realm lunched at Hq Four Corps yesterday. He had visited Verona Parma Modena Reggio and Mantua and later Brascia and Bergamo. He was accompanied by Ministers of War and Air. He seems to have received an enthusiastic welcome. He anxious visit Milan soon as possible and General Crittenberger has no objection in principle.

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C O P Y

FROM: KEYCHAIN

Date: 2 May 1945

Orig No. 12 Part 2

Serial No. 888

We felt however that it would be undesirable SIM to come in with Allied troops yesterday and May day would clearly not be suitable. Nr 12 of 2 I 2. Moreover civil affairs officer Fourth Corps and Col SALVADORI both feel it would be taking undue risk for him to come in while passions still runnin high and rifles and grenades abundant. Col Walker is therefore recommending to Gen. Crittenberger that visit should be postponed for a time until emotions subside and he is able to judge more clearly the temper of the people.

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C O P Y

FROM: KEYCHAIN

Date 2 May 1945

Orig No. 12 Part 3

Serial No. 889

Immediate

When it takes place we suggest Prince should be accompanied by members of the Government possibly communist under-secretary of state for War. No. 12 of 2 part 3 last. Count Casani and Sig GASFEROTTO were both unwilling for political reasons to accompany him if he decided to come at once.

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Office of the Resident Minister,
Central Mediterranean.

1506/0

To: The Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission for Italy.
From: Mr. Macmillan.

I have discussed with the Field Marshal the suggestion that three or four of the leading Italian Ministers should go to Northern Italy.

2. We both feel that this is not advisable. It should certainly not be even considered until after the C.L.N.A.I. representatives have accepted the invitation to Rome and we know the outcome of their discussions.

3. The precedent of Canossa is still remembered in Italy.

4. If you wish to use this as a directive in your discussions with Bonomi, please do so.

1st May, 1945.

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1 May 1945

TO: SOMLO, Rome

Attached is message which the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, requests that you transmit by your means to the President of the CLNAI, Milan. It is from the President of the Council of Ministers.

2. Will you please inform this Headquarters as soon as you can confirm that this message has been delivered.

J. A. Quayle

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

Encl.

cc: Ex. Commr.

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C O P Y

AL PRESIDENTE DEL COMITATO DI LIBERAZIONE
ALTA ITALIA

Sarebbe molto gradita una visita a Roma sua e di codesto
Comitato.

Io ho già avuto l'approvazione della Commissione Alleata per
questa visita ed il Commissario Capo sta ora occupandosi del loro
viaggio attraverso il Comando del Gruppo di Armate.

Ulteriori particolari la raggiungeranno attraverso l'Ufficiale
di collegamento Alleato.

BONOMI

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ARMY FOR SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER

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3 MAY

PRIORITY

SECRET PD

PARA ONE PD AM REQUESTED BY GENERAL INFANTE TO PASS YOU FOLLOWING MESSAGE
CLN QUOTE HOW ROGER HOW VERY GRATEFUL FOR INVITATION PD WILL ARRIVE
MILAN AIRFIELD TOMORROW FOUR MAY AT ONE FOUR ZERO ZERO HOURS TO VISIT ITALIAN
ARMY UNITS AND PATRIOTS PD WOULD LIKE TO MEET GENERALS UTILI AND CADORNA PD
PLANNING TO SPEND NIGHT IF POSSIBLE IN TURIN PD HOW ROGER HOW WILL BE
ACCOMPANIED BY UNDERSECRETARY FOR WAR PALERMO AND TWO AIDES PD UNQUOTE
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FIFTEENTH ARMY GROUP FOR DEPUTY CHIEF CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER AND TO AMG FIFTH
ARMY FOR SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER FROM HQ AICOM FROM STONE PERSONAL
CITE ACSEC

PARA TWO PD LIEUTENANT OF THE REAM WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF DEPENDING VISIT
COULD BE KEPT AS SECRET AS POSSIBLE PD

PARA THREE PD VISIT HAS FULL APPROVAL OF SACMED AND BOTH UNITED STATES AND
BRITISH POLITICAL ADVISERS

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