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

4th May, 1945

To: Office of Executive Commissioner,
Allied Commission.

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German surrender French troops will immediately return FRANCE. States that if he cannot give this assurance there will be trouble in valley.

2. LIGURIA

GENOA

nd May

B.L.O. reports six food trucks arrived from VOGHERA. A.M.G. agree use this means of supply and C.L.N. member is leaving to arrange details.

VOGHERA

B.L.O. reports no A.M.G. arrived yet VOGHERA. VOGHERA C.L.N. continuing send food supplies to GENOA until other arrangements made by A.M.G.

3. LOMBARDY

PAVIA

B.L.O. reports following condemned and put to death by popular tribunal on 30th April:

PIVARI	-	Vice-Federal
MUSELLI	-	Questure
BIANCHI	-	Commanders of
BALDI	-	BLACK BRIGADE
SAPORITI	-	Italian

4. GENERAL

B.L.O. reports are becoming fewer as A.M.G. takes over from C.L.N.s. All reports speak of co-operation given A.M.G. by C.L.N.

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Major,
SO(M) Liaison Staff.

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Pavia 4th May

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2. LIGURIA

Voghera 5th May

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Turin 4th May

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5 May

anesthetics. Hospitals are performing operations without them.

Val d'Aosta 3rd May

B.L.O. reports German troops surrendered to French Ivrea area, and French Captain in charge has satisfied himself area is cleared. However French Captain has taken 50 men to Ponte San Martino, reason unknown. Troops have no rations and are feeding off local population who have little themselves. French company reported arriving Introd night 5rd. An increasing number of French officers are arriving in Aosta town. 100 Valdoctant Partisans arrived from France and have already caused minor incidents. Head of Aosta C.L.N. is moving them to Gressoney to prevent recurrences. B.L.O. urges presence Allied troops to prevent trouble.

for *Gen. Grogan* *liaison*
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Italians SAN MARCO Division surrendered 30th to C.V.L. at VALENZA. No demolitions carried out.

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TURIN30th April

B.L.O. reports "Prefect reports discovery stock of coal which he proposes use for gas. All gas cut TURIN since two weeks. Grateful know when first deliveries coal can be expected since Prefect wishes take some of stocks for railways."

BORGIO SAN DALMAZZO1st May

B.L.O. reports BUSCA switch station and important factory saved.

AOSTA1st May

B.L.O. reports all installations AOSTA safe.

NOVARA

MOSCATELLI believed nominated Mayor of NOVARA.

4. LIGURIAGENOVA29th April

Italian Mission reports: "21 workmen and 1 foreman under the orders of 2 technicians are voluntarily removing explosive charges. The East basin area has already improved. An expert in rendering air bombs harmless is needed. For immediate landing operation it would be possible to use the stretch of beach opposite the Piazza del Popolo. It would only be necessary to demolish anti-landing obstacles of cement. I will continue to inspect and report exact condition piers."

1st May

First train carrying civilians left VOGHERA for GENOVA yesterday.

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VITTORIO VENETO

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(b) Central Sector

B.L.O. reports French troops opposite frontier

zone between Valleys SCHISONE and MAIRA have crossed with machine guns and light mortars at COL DELLA CROCE.

(c) Southern Sector

B.L.O. reports French have occupied VENTIMIGLIA and taken over local administration, requisitioning of transport. Two partisan leaders CURTO and MUSSO paid visit French Colonel in VENTIMIGLIA with B.L.O. to try and arrive friendly agreement.

R. T. Wilson

Major,
S.O.(M) Liaison Staff

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PAVIA

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A War Tribunal has been instituted - President is MONTONI. Members - ANDREANI, DE ROSA, TACCUNI AND LANGSCHEDEL (Names probably corrupt in signal).

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4. LIGURIAGENOVA30th April

B.L.O. reports surprising degree satisfaction in cooperation CLM and AMG. No trace political discussions hampering local administration.

Explosive charges being removed in port and harbour prospects are good.

AMG patriot officer has arrived and is himself forming partisan centre.

5. EMILIAPIACENZA30th April

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UDINE

Italian Mission reports Cossacks ready to surrender in mass provided not handed over to RUSSIANS. OSCOPPO and GARIBALDI closing in on UDINE morning 30th. Germans in UDINE have disarmed Republicans and Police. Over 1,000 prisoners taken by partisans.

VERONA30th April

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28th April

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Major TILMAN (B.L.O. BELLUNO zone) reports following in Province:

(a) Food in shops and warehouses on 15th April

Flour	7,000 quintals
Pasta	750 "
Maize	200 "
Fats	100 "
Jam	600 "
Sugar	100 "
Cheese	15 "

(b) Held for "our account"
(Presumably for a/c of the mission)

At MONTEBELLUNA	Grain	1,800 quintals
At TRENTO	Grain	8,000 "
At PORTOGUARO	Maize	6,000 "

(c) Taking into account CADORE now supplied from BOLZANO sufficient to end May. June and July difficult. Probable needs:

Grain	8,000 quintals
Maize	4,000 "
Pasta	3,000 "
Rice	3,000 "

(d) Cattle in Province

50,000

Sheep- 20,000

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(a) Food in shops and warehouses on 15th April

Flour	7,000 quintals
Pasta	750 "
Maize	200 "
Fats	100 "
Jam	600 "
Sugar	100 "
Cheese	15 "

(b) Held for "our account"

(Presumably for a/c of the mission)

At MONTEBELLUNA	Grain 1,800 quintals
At TRENTO	Grain 8,000 "
At PORTOGUARO	Maize 6,000 "

(c) Taking into account CADORE now supplied from BOLZANO sufficient to end May. June and July difficult. Probable needs:

Grain	8,000 quintals
Maize	4,000 "
Pasta	3,000 "
Rice	3,000 "

(d) Cattle in Province

50,000

Sheep-

20,000

Goats

10,000

Pigs

10,000

(e) Distribution of food badly organised. 70 charcoal-burning lorries available. Very full list of essential work prepared with men, material and money required. There are 3 factories still producing cement, lime, bricks, but short fuel and transport. No iron or steel but sufficient timber available.

(f) Probable unemployed will be:

Agriculture	500
Industry	8,000
Trade	1,500

/s/ Illegible
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