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54a	Memo	? Dec 44		Draft CLN-Govt agreement.
55	Cbl Stone S-400	22 Dec 44	AFHQ	Scoccimarro's interview to Chicago Sun on AFHQ recognition CLNAI.
55a	Cbl,Berne Legation	23 Dec 44	Govt	CLNAI welcome Min.Occupied Areas
56	Cbl Stone S-401	23 Dec 44	AFHQ	Text of agreement Ital Govt-CLNAI if AFHQ approves.
56a	Ltr, Bonomi	23 Dec 44	Stone	(CLNAI recognizes Govt;but CLN remains subordinate and not de facto government.
57	Cbl AFHQ F-74148	25 Dec 44	AC	AFHQ views text of agreement between Ital Govt and CLNAI
57a	Text Agreement	26 Dec 44		Text of agreement,Govt - CLNAI.
57b	Ltr Bonomi	27 Dec 44	Stone	Govt-CLNAI pol agreeement signed
58	Cbl Stone S-403	27 Dec 44	AFHQ	CLNAI-Govt sign agreement 26 Dec
59	SAC(P) (44) 161	27 Dec 44		SAC asked for approval to Govt-CLNAI agreement.
60	Text Agreement	28 Dec 44		SAC-Ital Govt financial agreement for support of CLNAI.
47 61	SAC(P)(44) 161 Annex	29 Dec 44		Political conference asked take note of Govt-CLNAI agreement.
61a	SAC(P)(44)37 Mtg	30 Dec 44		Conferences takes note of agreement between Govt-CLNAI.
62	Ltr Quayle CC-3201	3 Jan 45	Secy IS & PS AFHQ	Order of the day by Govt inferring"AFHQ gives CLNAI political redognition";correction thereof.
63	Ltr AFHQ G-5/100	4 Jan 45	CC, AC	SAC-Ital Govt financial agreement for support of CLNAI.
64	SAC(P)(45) 1	7 Jan 45		SAC to note Govt's statement on Govt-CLNAI agreement (31 Dec 44)
64a	AFHQ G-5/100	10 Jan 45	COS AC	Copy of SAC-Govt Agreement on financing of CLNAI.

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42	Cbl AC COS, 6745	20 Nov 44	8 Army AMG	Payment patriots not approved but will be discussed at mtg in future.
42a	PC(44) 33rd Mtg	22 Nov 44		SAC directs AC invite Govt pay patriots, join in agreement, etc.
43	PC(44) 141	23 Nov 44		Relations with Ital Partisans - Mtg between SAC, SOMTO, CLNAI.
44	Draft Memo, Stawell	? Nov 44		Draft agreement between SACMTO, Ital Govt and CLNAI.
45	Ltr Lush 4809/18	23 Nov 44	Bonomi	Supplies for patriots for winter will be maintained, maybe increased.
45a	Ltr COS, 3201/COS	27 Nov 44	Land Forces S/C	Rev ad in Stars & Stripes 'Ital Partisans recruited for Army'.
46	Ltr Stone	28 Nov 44	Alex Kirk	Draft agreement between SACMTO, Ital Govt and CLNAI.
47	Ltr Stone	28 Nov 44	Noel Charles	Draft agreement between SACMTO, Ital Govt and CLNAI.
48	PC(44) 34th Mtg	30 Nov 44		Relations with Ital Partisans. Monthly contribution to Comm. raised from 100 million to 16 million lire
48a	PC(44) 144	30 Nov 44		Relations with Ital Partisans
48b	Text-Agreement.	1 Dec 44		SAC-CLNAI bilateral agreement.
49	PC(44)144 Annex.	5 Dec 44		Relations with Italian Partisans
49a	PC'44) 35th Mtg	10 Dec 44		Relations with Ital Partisans.
49b	Memo 3201/75/COS	15 Dec 44	CC(AC consultation)	Bi-lateral agreement signed.
49c	Ltr SOM, Stawell	15 Dec 44	IS&PS AFHQ	Drafts 1&2 of CLNAI-Govt agreement.
50	PC(44) 154	16 Dec 44		Relations with Italian Partisans
50a	Notes on Meeting	17 Dec 44		Draft for tripartite agreement.
50b	Memo, COS	17 Dec 44	(On Stawell's memo)	Notes on Mtg on amending tri-partite agreement.
51	Statement - CC	18 Dec 44		Statement on proposal for recognition of CLNAI as agents of Govt
51a	PC(44) 36th Mtg	19 Dec 44	(SAC ok's CLN-Govt	agreement, not tripartite)
52	Cbl Stone S-396	20 Dec 44		Bonomi agrees SAC's decision re Tripartite agreement.
53	Cbl Stone S-397	21 Dec 44	AFHQ	Ital Govt order of the day with re "recognition by AFHQ of CLNAI as rep. of anti-Fascists in North".

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30	Cbl F 26015 AFHQ	16 Sep 44	ACC for Wilmer ///	German patriot forces, in view of present treatment of FFI etc, to be treated as POW by Allies.
31	Ltr A/CC 471 Stone	19 Sep 44	Admin Sec	Disarming of Patriots, incl ltr 7380 Bonomi to Stone of 15 Sept 44
32	Ltr Capt Stone	25 Sep 44	Bonomi	Disarming civilians newly occupied Provinces
32a	Memo, Patineti (?)	11 Oct 44	Adm. Stone	Outline of new legislation on patriots due resent on disarming.
33	AFHQ, PWB	13 Oct 44	- -	PWB Campaign on Patriots.
34 471	Ltr, Comma. Stone A/CC 324.5	30 Oct 44	Chief of Staff	Demolition of Power Houses by Patriots in Northern Italy.
35	Cbl AAI 86, Cite C-26"3"	11 Nov 44	AFHQ, AC	Funds needed by Partisans in Northern Italy.
36	Ltr Venosta, 1/843	13 Nov 44	Stone	Supplies needed by Patriots.
37	Ltr Venosta, 1/856	15 Nov 44	Stone	Financial needs of Patriots.
37a	Ltr Bonomi 19481	15 Nov 44	Stone	Resume of Patriots' needs.
38	Ltr Stone 4809/COS	18 Nov 44	Venosta	Supplies needed by Patriots.
38a	Memo, Min For Affrs	? ?		Resume of CLNAI-Govt relations.
39	Ltr Stone 4809/COS	18 Nov 44	Venosta	Financial needs of Patriots.
39a	Ltr Gen Stawell	18 Nov 44	SAC (Note for Pol Comm on patriots)	CLNAI-Govt;disposal of
40	Memo, Quayle	20 Nov 44	- -	Notes on Meeting: CC, Gen Stawell, Cmdr Holdsworth - Nov 18, 1944.
40a	Memo	20 Nov 44		CLNAI proposal that Govt delegate full powers to them; Bonomi disagrees.

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17	Ltr Col Pollock	8 Aug 44	Capt Greenhill	Firearms held by patriots
18	Ltr Browning G/19	10 Aug 44	Chief Comm	Status of Patriots
19	Ltr Capt Stone	11 Aug 44	CINC AAI	Statement giving recognition to Italian Patriots
20	Ltr Capt Stone	11 Aug 44	Army Sub-Com	Change word subsequently to simultaneously ref A/CC 324.4 8th
21	Ltr Browning G/19	15 Aug 44	Chief Comm	Status of Patriots
22	Ltr Slaughter 324.5	17 Aug 44	Gen Browning	Capt Stone took care matter in G/19 15 Aug at AAI
23	Ltr Capt Stone A/CC 327.5	24 Aug 44	Pres Con Min	Organization of Patriots
24	Ltr Capt Stone A/CC 324.5	28 Aug 44	Brig Lush	Statement giving recognition to Italian Patriots with 6 Incls
25	Memo A/CC 324.5 Stone	28 Aug 44	Brig Lush	Ital Govt & Patriot activities ref atchd pls take action INCL: Ltr 16/1/G(Ops) AAI 25 Aug to ACC, Ital Govt trying to contr patriots north of the battle line
26	Ltr A/CC 324.5 Stone	2 Sep 44	Bonami	CinC feels statement you asked for (release to press) not advisable at this time. INCL: Press release on Ital Army
27	Ltr Bonami	4 Sep 44	Capt Stone	Setting up commission called Commission for Patriots re Organization of Patriots
28	Ltr Capt Stone A/CC 324.5	6 Sep 44	Bonami	Thanks ltr re Commission for Patriots & organization thereof

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3	Ltr Raynor PWB	19 Jul 44	BGS (Opns) Hq AAI	The patriot movement: various Italian suggestions. INCLOSURE: interview Mario Palermo.
4	Ltr Army SC G/19	23 Jul 44	Ministry of War	Italian Military personnel frc Enemy Occupied Territory, Patriots
5	Ltr Ref/30/8/PAT RC & MG Sec	24 Jul 44	Dist List	Re-employment of Patriots - gen. instruction for AMG terr'ty.
6	Cbl ACC 952 Pa Br	25 Jul 44	Regs 4 5 8 9	Say how many patriot reps.
7	Ltr Ref/30/9/PAT	26 Jul 44	Dist List	Problem of feeding patriots covered by AAI Instr 39.
8	Ltr A/CC 324.5 Stone	27 Jul 44	Raynor	Ref ltr of19; Ital govt did nt accept Palermos suggestions.
9	Memo 28 July Bergin DPRO	28 Jul 44	A/CC	Release is dated 21 July. INCLOSURE: Release on Patriots dated 21 July. APPENDIX: Memo 27 Jul Bergin to A/CC, Release on Patriots. INCL: Trend of Copy 25 July PRB/R10, Burdett's despatch, with note Stone to Fielden & queries.
10	469 Cbl ACC 1081 Patriots Br	28 Jul 44	AMG 5 & 8	Plans for returning IAF pat's now in hands of AFSC & It Air Min
11	Ltr A/CC 324.5 Stone	29 Jul 44	Brig Lush	Indications of delay receipt patriot cert's. Quantities?
12	Ltr 42/14/PAT Col McCarthy	1 Aug 44	A/CC	Attached is statement on delivery of Patriot certificates.
13	Cbl ACC 1277 CA Br	2 Aug 44	AFHQ	Sitrep. Ital officers arrived to assist in enlisting Patriots.
14	Cbl ACC 1311 Patriots Br	3 Aug 44	AMG 5 & 8 Armies	Policy on Patriots retruning south altered by AAI meeting.
15	Ltr A/CC 324.5 Stone	8 Aug 44	C in C AAI	Statement giving recognition to Italian Patriots. Pls issue announcement, draft enclosed. APPENDIX: Ltr 1/158 Bonomi to Stone propsing announcement. INCL: draft of announcment.
15a	Ltr Browning G/19	5 Aug 44	Capt Stone	Status of Patriots

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TOP SECRET 10 January 1945

FILE : G-5/100 Top Secret

SUBJECT : Financing the CLNAI

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.
Office of the Chief of Staff.

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1. Reference your letter (3201/131/COS.) dated 8 January.

There is attached hereto copy of the undertaking as requested.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5

/s/ FRANK A. SOUTHARD, JR.,
Commander, U.S.N.R.,
Financial Adviser

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RELATIONS WITH ITALIAN PARTISANS

Note by Secretary

1. It was stated by the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, at SAC (P) (44) 37th Meeting (Minute 3) that the Italian Government was about to issue a statement concerning the agreements executed between the Committee of National Liberation for NORTHERN ITALY, on the one hand, and the Allied Command and the Italian Government, respectively, on the other.

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2. Attached at ANNEX "A" is a translation by the Allied Commission of the bulletin published by the Italian Government in the Italian newspapers on 31 December 1944 after the meeting of the Council of Ministers of 30 December, of which the Supreme Allied Commander in conference is requested to take note.

(Sgd) J. H. LASCELLES
J. H. LASCELLES,
COLONEL,
SECRETARY.

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8 January 1945

SUBJECT : Financing of the CLNAI.

TO : G-5 Section,
AFHQ.

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Reference your G-5/100 dated 4 January.

I regret that in error the copy of the undertaking which you sent us was handed to the Italian Government before we took a copy of it. Can you please let us have a copy for our files, as otherwise I shall have to ask the Italian Government.

See 64a

W. I. SKIPP

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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TOP SECRET 4 January 1945

File: G-5/100

Subject: Financing of the CLNAI.

To : The Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. There is returned herewith for transmission to the Italian Government the carbon copy of the undertaking by the Italian Government to reimburse the Supreme Allied Commander for amounts of money paid on his authority to the CLNAI. The original and this copy have been signed by the Supreme Allied Commander.

T.R. Henn

T. R. HENN, Colonel,
Acting Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5.

Incl:
Document as above
dtd ROME, 28 Dec.44.

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CC 3201

3 January 1944

Subject: Newspaper Bulletin Re C.L.N.A.I.

To: Major W. A. Bannister, Secretary
Inter Service and Political Secretariat
Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512

Following your request, I attach a copy of the bulletin published in the papers on December 21st after the meeting of the Council of Ministers on December 20th.

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

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cc: G-5, AFHQ
Sir Noel Charles
Hon. Alexander Kirk

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PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI

Ufficio Stampa

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The President of the Council informs to have received the following message from the Committee of National Liberation of Northern Italy:

"The Committee of Liberation of Northern Italy, confronted with the urgent task that the anti-Nazi liberation war imposes on the new Italian democracy, conscious of the responsibilities of all people anxious for a free man's peace in this moment in which war is nearing its ultimate phase;

"Re-affirms its unity in the struggle and in the work of reconstruction which are to give once more independence, civil dignity and freedom to Italy within the frame of the permanent, just collaboration among the nations;

"Takes in consideration the statements by the representatives of the Socialist and Action Parties in the CLN for Northern Italy, with which they affirm their solidarity with the action that the Government is carrying on in view of the war of liberation;

"Expresses the certainty that the creation of a Ministry for occupied Italy will help towards increasing the aid given to the glorious soldiers of liberty and to all the fighting people of Northern Italy and pledges itself to give its active collaboration to this task;

"Addresses itself with gratitude to the fighters who on the mountains, in the valleys, in the towns of our invaded country are defending Italy, and who with their sacrifice are laying down the basis of the democratic rebirth of the Italian people, and invites them to strengthen their unswerving struggle against the Nazi Fascist enemy in the spirit of national unity."

Following information received from Allied Hqs, the President of the Council has stated, and the Council acknowledged, that the declaration dated December 21st according to which the Allied Command would have recognized the Committee of Liberation of Northern Italy as the organ representing all anti-Fascist parties in enemy occupied territory, is inaccurate. The Allied military authorities have not accorded any form of political recognition of the aforesaid Committee of Northern Italy, but they have agreed with it on military measures aiming to the prosecution of the war behind the enemy lines. On the other hand the Italian Government, having a wider sphere of action, has recognized the CLNAI as the organ of the anti-Fascist parties in the still occupied territories. As the consequence of this the Government have delegated the Committee of Liberation of Northern Italy to represent them in the struggle that the patriots are waging against the Fascists and the Germans in the not yet liberated territories.

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In an order of the day issued by the Government on the 21st December it was stated that the Allied Command recognized the Committee of National Liberation of Northern Italy as the representative organism of all anti-Fascist parties in that territory occupied by the enemy. This statement was incorrect. The Allied Military Authorities have accorded no form of political recognition to the Committee of National Liberation of Northern Italy but they have made military arrangements with them directed towards the prosecution of the war behind the enemy's lines.

(2) Patriots
21 Dec

PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI

Ufficio Stampa

Stamane, alle ore 8, si è riunito a Palazzo Viminale, sotto la presidenza dell'On. Ivanoe BONOMI, il Consiglio dei Ministri.

Segretario il Sottosegretario alla Presidenza del Consiglio S.E. Giuseppe SPATARO.

All'inizio della riunione il Presidente del Consiglio ha informato i Ministri di aver ricevuto dal Comitato Nazionale di Liberazione dell'Alta Italia il seguente messaggio:

"Il Comitato di Liberazione Alta Italia di fronte ai compiti urgenti che la guerra di liberazione antinazista impone alla risorgente democrazia italiana, consapevole della responsabilità che in questo momento in cui la guerra si avvicina alla sua fase decisiva, incombono a tutti i popoli ansiosi di una pace di uomini liberi, riafferma la propria unità nella lotta e nell'opera di ricostruzione volte a ridare indipendenza, dignità civile e libertà all'Italia nel quadro di una permanente e giusta collaborazione delle Nazioni; prende atto delle dichiarazioni dei rappresentanti del partito socialista e del partito d'azione nel C.L.N. per l'Alta Italia con le quali essi affermano la loro solidarietà all'azione che il Governo sviluppa agli effetti della guerra di liberazione; esprime la certezza che la creazione di un ministero per l'Italia Occupata servirà a potenziare l'aiuto ai gloriosi volontari della libertà ed a tutto il popolo combattente dell'Alta Italia e si impegna a dare la sua fattiva collaborazione a tale opera;

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In seguito a comunicazione del Comando Alleato il Presidente ha quindi informato, e il Consiglio ne ha preso atto, che non è stata la dichiarazione del 21 dicembre secondo la quale il Comando Alleato avrebbe riconosciuto il Comitato di Liberazione Nazionale dell'Alta Italia quale organo rappresentante di tutti i partiti antifascisti nel

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territorio occupato dal nemico.

Le Autorità militari alleate non hanno accordato alcuna forma di riconoscimento politico del predetto Comitato dell'Alta Italia, ma hanno concordato con esso misure militari dirette alla prosecuzione della guerra al di là delle linee nemiche.

Invece il Governo Italiano, che ha una maggiore sfera di azione, ha riconosciuto il C.L.N. A.I. quale organo dei partiti antifascisti nel territorio ancora occupato. In conseguenza di ciò il Governo ha delegato il Comitato di Liberazione dell'Alta Italia a rappresentarlo nella lotta che i patrioti hanno impegnato contro i fascisti e i tedeschi nell'Italia non ancora liberata.

Il Ministro SOLERI ha quindi riferito sull'alto spirito patriottico dei nostri soldati, che egli ha potuto riscontrare trascorrendo la giornata di Natale col gruppo di combattimento Legnano e coi battaglioni alpini Piemonte e Aquila e si afferma lieto dell'incarico ricevuto da quei combattenti di consegnare alcuno bandierino-ricordo al Presidente del Consiglio, ai Ministri Militari, al Ministro per l'Italia occupata, a S.E. RODINO', già Ministro della Guerra.

Il Presidente ha ringraziato esprimendo il più vivo compiacimento per la relazione del Ministro SOLERI.

Il Ministro della Guerra Sen.CASATI ha poi comunicato che il Generale Arnaldo AZZI, comandante per il Lazio, l'Umbria e gli Abruzzi, è stato esonerato dalle sue funzioni di comando in seguito ad un articolo da lui pubblicato in un giornale della Capitale il 24 dicembre.

Il Consiglio, nel prendere atto del provvedimento del Ministro del-

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Il Consiglio, nel prendere atto del provvedimento del Ministro della Guerra, ha affermato il dovere di tutti gli appartenenti alle Forze Armate di mantenere la più consapevole disciplina, elemento necessario per combattere la guerra di liberazione della Patria e di annientamento del nazi-fascismo.

Questa disciplina che non esige la rinunzia alle opinioni di ciascun appartenente alle Forze Armate - esclude ogni atto e ogni manifestazione in qualunque senso diretta, che possano turbare la compagine militare od indebolirne l'efficienza.

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3. RELATIONS WITH ITALIAN PARTISANS

(Paper No. SAC (P) (44) 161 and Annexure)

THE CONFERENCE had before them the text of an agreement signed between the Italian Government and the Committee of National Liberation for Northern Italy (CLNAI) defining their mutual relations, which had received the approval of the Supreme Allied Commander.

REAR ADMIRAL STONE stated that the Italian Government would shortly announce the fact of the agreement and at the same time issue a retraction of the statement formerly made concerning the recognition of the CLNAI by the Allied Military Command.

THE CONFERENCE:

Took note of the terms of the agreement between the Italian Government and the CLNAI, as set forth in Paper No. SAC (P) (44) 161.

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SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE (POLITICAL)

RELATIONS WITH ITALIAN PARTISANS

Note by Secretary

1. It is notified for information that the Supreme Allied Commander has already approved paragraphs (1) and (2) of the agreement set out in para 1 of paper No. SAC (P) (44) 161 (see telegram F 74148 of 25 December from FREEDOM to Allied Commission). By implication he has also approved para(3) of the agreement in question (see telegram quoted above and telegram No. S-403 of 27 December to FREEDOM from the Allied Commission).

2. Para 3 of paper No. SAC (P) (44) 161 istherefore cancelled. Instead the Conference is requested to take note of the terms of the agreement reached between the Italian Government and the CLNAI as set forth in paragraph 1 of perper Nol SAC (P)P (44) 161.

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1. The Italian Government undertakes, on demand, to make available to the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theater of Operations (hereafter referred to as SACMED) through the Allied Financial Agency, lire to the amount already paid or to be paid on the authority of SACMED to the accredited representatives of the Comitato di Liberazione Nazionale per l'Alta Italia (hereafter referred to as CLNAI).

2. The amount of Lit. 210 millions (two hundred and ten million lire) was made available by SACMED during the month of December 1944 to the accredited representatives of the CLNAI. The Italian Government undertakes to reimburse this amount to SACMED through the Allied Financial Agency on or before 30 December 1944.

3. As regards subsequent payments the Italian Government undertakes to furnish, on demand, to SACMED, through the Allied Financial Agency, such amounts as may be requested by SACMED not to exceed Lit. 160 millions (one hundred and sixty million lire) per month.

ROME, 28 December 1944.

THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT

/s/ Ivanoe Bonomi
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

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SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER, MEDITERRANEAN THEATRE OF OPERATIONS

ACCEPTED:

/s/ H. R. Alexander
Field Marshal

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SEGRETO

1. Il Governo Italiano s'impegna di mettere a disposizione del Comandante Supremo Alleato, Teatro delle Operazioni del Mediterraneo, (qui di seguito chiamato SACMED) per il tramite dell'Agenzia Finanziaria Alleata, lire per l'importo sia pagate o da pagare su ordine di SACMED ai rappresentanti accreditati del Comitato di Liberazione Nazionale per l'Alta Italia (qui di seguito chiamato C.L.N.A.I.).

2. L'ammontare di Lire 210 milioni (duecento e dieci milioni di Lire) e stato reso disponibile da SACMED durante il mese di dicembre 1944 ai rappresentanti accreditati del C.L.N.A.I. Il Governo Italiano s'impegna di rimborsare quest'importo alla SACMED per il tramite dell'Agenzia Finanziaria Alleata al 30 dicembre 1944 o prima.

3. Per quanto concerne i successivi pagamenti il Governo Italiano s'impegna di corrispondere a domanda di SACMED per il tramite dell'Agenzia Finanziaria quegli importi che possono essere richiesti da SACMED stesso che non superino i 160 milioni di Lire (centosessanta milioni di Lire) per mese.

IL GOVERNO ITALIANO

435 ROMA, 28 dicembre 1944.

PRESIDENTE DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI

ACCETTATO:

COMANDANTE SUPREMO ALLEATO TEATRO DELLE OPERAZIONI DEL MEDITERRANEO

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27th December 1944

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SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE (POLITICAL)

RELATIONS WITH ITALIAN PARTISANS

Note by Secretary

1. On the basis of an exchange of telegrams with HQ Allied Commission, this HQ has been informed that the following agreement was signed on 26th December by the Italian Government, represented by BONOMI, and the CLNAI, represented by MARE:-

"(1) The Italian Government recognises the Committee of National Liberation of Northern Italy as the organ of the Anti-Fascist parties in the territory occupied by th enemy.

(2) The Italian Government delegates the Committee of National Liberation of Nothern Italy to represent it in the struggle that the Patriots have undertaken against the Fascist and the Germans in the part of ITALY NOT yet liberated.

(3) The Committee of National Liberation of Northern Italy agrees to act towards this end as delegate of the Italian Government which is recognised by the Allied Governments as the successor of the Government which signed the Armistice Conditions and is the only legitimate authority in such part of ITALY as has already been or will later on be returned to the Italian Government by the Allied Military Government".

2. The foregoing agreement was concluded after the parties were brought together pursuant to the direction of the Supreme Allied Commander, who further directed that their agreement should be subject to his approval (SAC (P) (44) 36th Meeting, minute 4).

3. The Supreme Allied Commander is accordingly invited (to approve the agreement quoted in paragraph 1 above and) to direct the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission to notify the Italian Government and the CLNAI of such approval.

J. H. LASCELLES,
COLONEL,
SECRETARY.

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J. H. LASCELLES,
COLONEL,
SECRETARY.

Emended by Chief Commissioner (in pencil):

2. The **********,minute 4). (Rider).
3. The Supreme Allied Commander is accordingly invited (to approve the agreement quoted in paragraph 1 above and) to direct the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission to notify the Italian Government and the CLNAI of his approval of the agreement quoted in para 1 above.

Clauses (1) and (2) were approved in SACMED's message F-74148 of 25 December to the Chief Commissioner, A.C., and Clause (3) is in accordance with instructions given in the same message.

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PARA ONE FD POLITICAL AGREEMENT SIGNED YESTERDAY BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND CLNAI REPRESENTED BY BONOMI FOR GOVERNMENT AND MARE FOR CLNAI FD

PAREN TO AFHQ FOR SACMED CMA UNCLE SUGAR POLAD AND BRITISH RESMIN FROM H. ALCOM PERSONAL FROM STONE PAREN

PARA TWO FD AGREEMENT CONSISTS OF THREE PARAGRAPHS THE FIRST TWO OF WHICH YOU HAVE APPROVED FD FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF NEW THIRD PARAGRAPH CLN PARA QUOTE THE CLNAI AGREES TO ACT TOWARDS THIS END AS DELEGATE OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WHICH IS RECOGNIZED BY THE ALLIED GOVERNMENTS AS THE SUCCESSOR OF THE GOVERNMENT WHICH SIGNED THE ARMISTICE CONDITIONS AND IS THE ONLY LEGITIMATE AUTHORITY IN SUCH PART OF ITALY AS HAS ALREADY BEEN OR WILL LATER ON BE RETURNED TO THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT BY THE ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT END QUOTE

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COMMISSIONER, AC____

TRANSLATION

THE PRESIDENT
OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

27 December 1944

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Dear Admiral,

Here is the declaration signed by me and by Sig. Mare, representing the Comiteto di Liberazione Alta Italia (Committee of Liberation for North Italy).

The document, of which I have a signed copy, may remain with the Allied Command.

Cordially,

(Signed) Ivanoe Bonomi

cc: Finance Sub-Comm (25/4/45) 68

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Il Presidente
del Consiglio dei Ministri

Caro Ambasciatore,

ricevo la
dichiarazione firmata da
me e dal sig. Starr in rap-
presentanza del Comitato di

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L'liberazione della Italia.
Il documento - di cui ho
copia firmata - fu preso
presso il Comando Alleato.

Cordialmente

Samuel Sommi.

27 dicembre 1944

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TRANSLATION

PRESIDENCY
OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Rome, December 1944

The Italian Government recognizes the Committee of National Liberation for Northern Italy (C.L.N.A.I.) as the organ of the anti-Fascist parties in the territory occupied by the enemy.

The Italian Government designates the C.L.N.A.I. as its representative in the struggle that the patriots have undertaken against the Fascists and Germans in that part of Italy not yet liberated.

The C.L.N.A.I. agrees to act towards this end as the delegate of the Italian Government which is recognized by the Allied Governments as the successor of the government which signed the Armistice Terms and is the sole legitimate authority in that part of Italy which has already been or will later on be restored to the Italian Government by the Allied Military Government.

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THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT

(Signed) Ivanoe Bonomi

THE COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL LIBERATION FOR NORTH ITALY

(Signed) Mare

Trans - LWS/lws

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Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri

Roma, dicembre 1944.

Il Governo italiano riconosce il Comitato di Liberazione Nazionale Alta Italia (C. L. N. A. I.) quale organo dei partiti antifascisti nel territorio occupato dal nemico.

Il Governo italiano delega il C.L.N.A.I. a rappresentarlo nella lotta che i patrioti hanno impegnata contro i fascisti e i tedeschi nell'Italia non ancora liberata.

Il C.L.N.A.I. accetta di agire a tal fine come delegato del Governo Italiano il quale è riconosciuto dai Governi alleati come il successore del governo che firmò le condizioni di armistizio ed è la sola autorità legittima in quella parte d'Italia che è già stata o sarà in seguito restituita al Governo italiano dal Governo militare alleato.

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IL GOVERNO ITALIANO

Ivanoe Bonomi

IL COMITATO DI LIBERAZIONE NAZIONALE ALTA ITALIA

Mare

ISTITUTO NAZIONALE PER LA STORIA DEL MOVIMENTO DI LIBERAZIONE IN ITALIA

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Incoming Message (SL) /lws

TO : ACTION AC FOR STONE REUR S-401 OF 23 DECEMBER N 17/25

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED PRIORITY

REF NO. F-74148 CITE: FHGEG

DEC 25/1004A

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Clauses 1 and 2 agreed but clause 3 of proposed agreement needs strengthening. Request you require this clause be redrawn so that it shall contain the wording of the second sentence to the first paragraph of the draft tripartite agreement or wording in substantially similar terms. The sentence above referred to reads as follows:

"CLNAI for its part accepts the Italian Government recognised by the Allied governments as the successor of the Italian government which signed the Armistice Terms and as the sole legitimate authority in that part of Italy which has now been and may hereafter be handed over to the Italian Government by the Allied Military Government

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INCOMING MESSAGE

MSG Center No : N 17/C 5
Classification : TOP SECRET
Precedence : P
From : AFHQ
To : AC

PRIORITY

Date / Time Rec'd : 25 1130A
Date / Time Sent : 251004A
Reference NR : F-7478
Cite : FHGEG

CLAUSES ONE AND TWO AGREED BUT CLAUSE THREE OF PROPOSED AGREEMENT NEEDS STRENGTHENING PD PAREN FOR STONE XX TOPSEC XX FOX SEVEN FOUR ONE FOUR EIGHT SIGNED SAMCXXRPT SACMED ACTION TO ALCOM CITE FHGEG [redacted] REUR SUGAR FOUR ZERO ONE OF TWO THREE DECEMBER PAREN REQUEST YOU REQUIRE THIS [redacted] CLAUSE BE REDRAWN SO THAT IS SHALL CONTAIN THE WORDING OF THE SECOND SENTENCE TO THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF THE [redacted] DRAFT TRIPARTITE AGREEMENT OR WORDING IN SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR TERMS PD THE SENTENCE ABOVE REFERRED TO READS AS FOLLOWS CLN QUOTE [redacted]

CLNAI FOR ITS PART ACCEPTS THE ITALIAN [redacted] GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZED BY THE ALLIED GOVERNMENTS AS THE SUCCESSOR OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WHICH SIGNED THE ARMISTICE TERMS AND AS THE SOLE LEGITIMATE AUTHORITY IN THAT PART OF ITALY WHICH HAS NOW BEEN AND MAY HEREAFTER BE HANDED OVER TO THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT BY THE ALLIED MILITARY

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TRANSLATION

PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL
OF MINISTERS

Dear Admiral,

This is the formula I have prepared.

The Committee of National Liberation of Northern Italy implicitly recognizes the Italian Government inasmuch as it accepts to be its representatives and delegate. But--and this is the advantage of my formula-- the Committee remains in a subordinate position and does not have the least character of a de facto Government.

With my very best wishes,

/s/ I. Bonomi

23 December 1944

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The Italian Government has taken note of the fact that military relations between SACMED and the Committee of National Liberation of Northern Italy have been dealt with separately.

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PROMEMORIA

The Italian Government recognizes the Committee of National Liberation of Northern Italy as the organ of the anti-Fascist parties in the territory occupied by the enemy.

The Italian Government delegates the Committee of National Liberation of Northern Italy to represent it in the struggle that the patriots have undertaken against the Fascists and the Germans in the part of Italy not yet liberated.

The Committee of National Liberation of Northern Italy accepts to act to this end as delegate and representative of the Italian Government with which it will keep in liaison through its President.

The Committee of National Liberation of Northern Italy declares that it signed on the 7th of December an agreement with the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theatre on the relations between the Committee and the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theatre to carry on the struggle against the common enemy.

The Italian Government declares that it has been informed of this agreement and it approves it.

THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT

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THE COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL LIBERATION OF NORTHERN ITALY

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The Italian Government declares that ~~it has been informed of~~ has taken note of the action of CLNAI in signing the ~~agreement~~ and it approves it.

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THE COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL LIBERATION OF NORTHERN ITALY

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Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri

Caro Ammiraglio,

Ecco lo schema che ho preparato.

Il C.S.N.A.T. riunisce implicitamente il governo italiano in quanto ognuno di essi ne è rappresentato e delegato. Ma è questo il vantaggio della mia proposta? Il C.S.N.A.T. resta in posizione subordinata

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e non ha affatto il
carattere di un governo
di fatto.

Con i migliori auguri

F. Saverio

23 dicembre 1944

Il Governo Italiano riconosce il Comitato di Liberazione Nazionale dell'Alta Italia (C.L.N.A.I.) quale organo dei partiti anti-fascisti nel territorio occupato dal nemico.

Il Governo Italiano delega il C.L.N.A.I. a rappresentarlo nella lotta che i patrioti hanno impegnata contro i fascisti e i tedeschi nell'Italia non ancora liberata.

Il C.L.N.A.I. accetta di agire a tal fine come delegato e rappresentante del Governo Italiano, col quale si terrà in collegamento a mezzo del suo Presidente.

Il C.L.N.A.I. dichiara d'aver firmato il 7 del corrente mese di dicembre un accordo con il Comandante Supremo Alleato della zona di operazioni del Mediterraneo circa i rapporti fra esso e il Comando Supremo Alleato per condurre la lotta contro il comune nemico.

Il Governo Italiano dichiara di conoscere questo accordo e di approvarlo.

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legamento a mezzo del suo Presidente.

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IL COMITATO DI LIBERAZIONE NAZIONALE DELL'ALTA ITALIA

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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AGREEMENT PROPOSED TO BE EXECUTED BETWEEN ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AND CHARLIE LOVE RAN ARE. THEN PROVIDED YOU CERE WITH IT CLN

PAREN TO AFH FOR SACMED CMA UNITED STATES POLAD AND BRITISH MEMBER FROM HQ ALCOM FROM STATE PEGRAM PAREN

QUOTE

PARA ONE FD THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZES THE COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL LIBERATION OF NORTHERN ITALY AS THE HEAD OF THE ANTI FASCIST PARTIES IN THE TERRITORY OCCUPIED BY THE ENEMY FD

PARA TWO FD THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT DELEGATES THE COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL LIBERATION OF NORTHERN ITALY TO REPRESENT IT IN THE STRUGGLE THAT THE PATRIOTS HAVE UNDERTAKEN AGAINST THE FASCISTS AND THE GERMANS IN THE PART OF ITALY BUT NOT LIBERATED FD

PARA THREE FD THE COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL LIBERATION OF NORTHERN ITALY ACCEPTS A PACT

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TO TAKE ON AS DELEGATE OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT FOR WHICH IT WILL KEEP IN LIAISON THROUGH ITS PRESIDENT FD UNQUOTE

CONCERT CLN YOU MAY NEED TO CONSIDER REQUESTING A CHANGE IN THIRD PARAGRAPH TO FUTURE FOR MORE CLEARLY DEFINED DESIGNATION BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE AUTHORITY OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT THAT IS COVERED BY QUOTE KEEP IN LIAISON UNQUOTE FD

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Outgoing Message S-401, 23 Dec 44, continued:

I AM INFORMED THAT THIS ASPECT HAS BEEN STRONGLY STRESSED IN TELEGRAMS FROM THE FOREIGN OFFICE TO THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR AND TO BRITISH RESIDENT PD

PARA GRATEFUL FOR REPLY AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE ~~WHETHER~~ EITHER AS TO APPROVAL OR SUCH MODIFICATIONS AS YOU DESIRE ME TO REQUEST PD

AUTHENTICATED:

ELIOT W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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PROMEMORIA

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The Committee of National Liberation of Northern Italy declares that it signed on the 7th of December an agreement with the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theatre on the relations between the Committee and the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theatre to carry on the struggle against the common enemy.

The Italian Government declares that it has been informed of this agreement and it approves it.

THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT

THE COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL LIBERATION OF NORTHERN ITALY

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FROM: BERN

DATE: 23 DEC 44 SUBJECT: C.N.L.A.I.

No. 720: From Committee of National Liberation for Northern Italy: "The CNLAI before the urgent tasks that the war of liberation from the Nazis impose on the rising Italian Democracy conscious of the responsibilities that, in this moment in which the war is getting near its decisive stage, fall upon all the peoples that are anxious of a peace of free men:

reaffirms its unity in the struggle and in the work of reconstruction bent to give back to Italy its independence its civil dignity and freedom in the picture of a permanent and just collaboration of all nations;

takes notice of the declarations of the Socialist and Action parties in the CLNAI with which they affirm their solidarity to the action that the Government displays for the war of liberation;

feels certain that the formation of a Ministry for occupied Italy will increase the aid to the glorious volunteers of freedom and to the whole fighting people of Northern Italy and pledges to give full support to this action;

expresses its gratitude to the fighters who on the mountains, in the valleys and in the cities of our invaded territories are defending Italy and who are putting the basis of the democratic rebirth of the Italian people with their sacrifices and urges them to strengthen their struggle against the Nazifascist enemy in the spirit of National unity.

CLNAI 12 December 1944.

Lanza. Secretary of Italian Legation in Lugano".

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TO CC 26 DEC

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AFHQ

S-400 22 DEC IMMEDIATE

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FURTHER TO MY NUMBER SUGAR THREE NINE SIX DATED TWO ZERO DECEMBER ONE NINE FOUR FOUR CMA VOCE REPUBBLICANA TODAY QUOTES FOLLOWING POINTS FROM A DECLARATION MADE BY SCOCCIMARRO TO THE CORRESPONDENT OF THE CHICAGO SUN CLM

PAREN TO AFHQ FOR SACMED CMA UNITED STATES FOLAD AND BRITISH RESMIN FROM HQ ALCOM

PERSONAL FROM STONE PAREN

PARA ONE FD THE ALLIED MILITARY COMMAND HAS PLEDGED ITSELF TO RECOGNIZE THE NORTHERN CHARLIE HAN LOVE AS THE ONLY REPRESENTATIVE POLITICAL ORGAN IN THE OCCUPIED AREAS UNTIL THE LIBERATION OF THESE AREAS FD

PARA TWO FD THE LEADERS OF THE UNDERGROUND MOVEMENT IN THE NORTH HAVE AGREED TO SUBMIT COMPLETELY TO THE DIRECTIVES ISSUED BY THE BONOMI GOVERNMENT FD

PARA THREE FD THE NORTHERN CHARLIE HAN LOVE WILL INDICATE TO THE ALLIES THE CIVILIAN OFFICIALS DESTINED TO COLLABORATE WITH THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES DURING THE TRANSITION PERIOD FD

PARA FOUR FD THE BONOMI GOVERNMENT HAS PLEDGED ITSELF TO RESIGN AFTER THE LIBERATION OF NORTHERN ITALY CMA TO MAKE ROOM FOR ANOTHER GOVERNMENT IN WHICH THE CHARLIE HAN LOVE LEADERS WILL BE REPRESENTED FD

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Outgoing Message S-400, 22 Dec 44, continued:

GOVERNMENTS ORDER OF THE DAY AND SOCCUMARIOS REPORTED INTERVIEW ARE INEVITABLY GIVING RISE TO MISUNDERSTANDINGS HERE AND WILL NO DOUBT HAVE SIMILAR EFFECT IN THE NORTH

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ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
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1. "The Committee of National Liberation for Northern Italy (CLNAI) is recognised by the Italian Government as the established body representing the anti-fascist parties in enemy occupied Italian territory. The Political Head of the CLNAI shall be a person acceptable to the Italian Government."

OR

"The Italian Government recognises the Committee of Liberation of Northern Italy as coordinating authority of all resistance activities. The Political Head of the CLNAI shall be a person acceptable to the Italian Government."

2. "The CLNAI for its part accepts the Italian Government recognised by the Allied Governments as the successor of the Italian Government, which signed the armistice terms and as the sole legitimate authority in that part of Italy which has now been and may hereafter be handed over to the Italian Government by the Allied Military Government."

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SEE MY IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING TELEGRAM SUGAR THREE NINE SEVEN PD

PAREN TO AFHQ FOR SACMED CMA UNCLE SUGAR POLAD AND BRITISH RESMIN FROM HQ ALCOM PERSONAL FROM STONE PAREN

SIGNOR BONOMI TOLD ME LAST NIGHT THAT AN ORDER OF THE DAY WAS BEING ISSUED BUT THAT HE SHOULD NOT REGARD IT TOO SERIOUSLY PD YOU WILL NOTE CMA HOWEVER CMA THAT ORDER MISREPRESENTS THE POSITION BY INFERRING THAT CLMAI HAS BEEN ACCORDED POLITICAL RECOGNITION BY AFHQ PD IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES YOU MAY WISH TO ISSUE A STATEMENT CLARIFYING THE POSITION OR AT LEAST TO INSTRUCT ME TO SEND A FORMAL COMMUNICATION TO BONOMI TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT PD

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COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL LIBERATION

OF NORTHERN ITALY

Of great importance and of clear significanee is the decision expressed by the Central Committee of National Liberation which, once again, reaffirms its will to collaborate in the war effort for the liberation of the national territory and for the maintenance of strict liaison between the parties to contribute to the democratic reconstruction of the Country, with which is confirmed the desired collaboration of the Committees of Liberation with the Governmente organisms.

The Government, in taking note with extreme pleasure of this decision, agrees with what the Central Committee of Liberation has said regarding the Committee of Northern Italy. Also the Government is certain that the recent political discussions for the formation of the new Cabinet will not split the unity of forces in Northern Italy which have joined together to resist the German invader and the last traces of Fascism.

To the Committee of Liberation of Northern Italy, the Government desires to send fervent greetings and a warm appreciation for the heroic deeds which it has performed and continues to perform in the face of innumerable sacrifices.

The Government has for some time declared that the struggle of the patriots is an integral part of the nation's war effort, and that to the Committee of Liberation of Northern Italy, as the representative of the Government itself, is delegated the task of directing the action of the patriots in the fierce battle against the Fascist and Nazi oppressors. The Government is now pleased to note that also the Allied Command recognizes the Committee of National Liberation of Northern Italy as the representative organism of all anti-Fascist parties in that territory occupied by the enemy. With this recognition, which is added to that previously given by the Italian Government, and with the aid which will be granted, the Committee of Northern Italy will be able to strengthen the heroic struggle which it has sustained for many months and which will continue until that day in which Italy, entirely liberated, will be able, by agreement of all Italians, to decide freely its own destiny.

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4. RELATIONS WITH ITALIAN PARTISANS

(Paper No. PC (44) 144 and Annexure
Paper No. SAC (P) (44) 154)

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In addition to papers which had been considered at their previous meeting, the CONFERENCE had before them a paper pointing out that the delegates of the CLNAI had certain objections to the draft memorandum of Agreement between the Supreme Allied Commander, the Italien Government and the Committee of National Liberation in Northern Italy.

MR. KIRK said he was in favour of any agreement which the Italian Government were prepared, of their own volition, to enter into with the CLNAI. On the other hand, there should not be any Allied attempt to dictate to, or to exert pressure on, either party since such action, apart from being an undesirable intervention in Italian internal affairs, might result in the establishment in Northern Italy of an authority which might later oppose the ROME Government.

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THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER considered that an agreement between the Italian Government and the CLNAI would be advantageous. He would not, however, consider any modification of his existing agreement with the CLNAI; nor was he willing to enter into a tripartite agreement with that body and the Italian Government, since this would embroil him in any future differences between the CLNAI and the Rome Government. He agreed that representatives of the CLNAI and the Italian Government should be brought together and allowed to work out an agreement between themselves but as military considerations were involved such as agreement must be subject to his approval.

MAJOR GENERAL ROOKS considered that such an agreement would have

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two advantages. It would strengthen the hand of the Italian Government after the occupation of northern ITALY and meanwhile it would strengthen the partisans and enable them to carry out increased activities. He observed that payments were at present being provided from British sources to the CLNAI and reported that it had been suggested that if the Italian Government did not agree to take over responsibility for these payments they should become a joint British and US account. Whatever the financial procedure adopted, however, the commitment would eventually be shouldered by the Italian Government under the existing general financial arrangement.

MR. BROAD said that the Foreign Office regarded the conclusion of a tripartite agreement as essential, but had not given their reasons for this view. They felt it important that the Supreme Allied Commander should have the power to terminate the agreement when required.

AIR MARSHAL SLESSOR and REAR ADMIRAL STONE supported the Supreme Allied Commander's view that a bilateral agreement, subject to his approval, should be concluded between the Italian Government and the CLNAI, if this could be done without Allied pressure.

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

(a) Directed that no further action be taken towards concluding a tripartite agreement between himself, the Italian Government and the CLNAI.

(b) Directed that the Allied Commission arrange to put the remaining delegate of the CLNAI in touch with the Italian Government with a view to the conclusion between these two authorities, subject to his approval, of a voluntary bilateral agreement to govern their mutual relations.

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DRAFT STATEMENT FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

In dealing with the proposal for the recognition of the CLNAI as the agents of the Italian Government in Northern Italy it should be quite clearly realized where this step would lead us. In order to do so I would briefly recapitulate the history of the CLN movement.

2. The CLN began as the union of the main six parties engaged in underground resistance to the Germans and the Fascists in Rome. These parties have no sort of mandate from the people and are in fact self-appointed bodies. They range from the Communists and Christian-Democrats with undoubtedly a large following to the Action Party who are little more than a group of individuals.

3. By the time the Allies entered Rome, the CLN had become sufficiently powerful to reject the leadership of Marshal Badoglio and insist on the formation of a Government under Signor Bonomi consisting of their own representatives. Similar committees sprang up in other cities of Italy including Florence, Milan, Turin and Genoa. Owing to the complete elimination of the Germans from Florence, the CLN in that city found themselves to some extent in control of the town for several days, and on the establishment of Allied Military Government they expected to be allowed to retain a considerable share in the administration of the city and adjacent provinces.

4. In the cities of the North the CLN are playing an increasingly powerful role and through their access to funds and the support of Allied subversive organisations they have succeeded in acquiring control over the bands of patriots engaged in fighting the enemy. There is a considerable body of evidence to show that their ambition is to play an active role in the administration of Italian territory as and when it is freed from the Germans and Fascists. We have positive knowledge that they intended to assume legislative functions by means of issuing decrees and to exercise other attributes of Government such as the requisitioning of buildings and the arrest of Fascists.

5. In the month of August, the CLNAI put forward a request that they should be recognised as the representatives of the Italian Government in the North. The Allied Military authorities, at that time, did not consider it expedient to support this request since it was considered that such a step could not fail to increase the difficulties of establishing Allied Military Government when the time came. It was also felt that this step would give the Italian Government the right to direct policy in an area in which the orders of the Allied Command must be paramount. The CLNAI did however succeed in establishing contact with the Italian Government through the Italian Legation in Berne and a limited degree of recognition was in fact accorded to them as the co-ordinating body for Anti-Fascist activities in the North.

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6. I consider that the objections to which I have just referred apply even more strongly today. With the Allied armies headed in a North-Easterly direction it seems probable that in a large area of North-Western Italy on a German withdrawal there will for some considerable time, possibly a matter of several weeks, be no Allied troops. During that period the CLNAI must be expected to assume charge of the machinery of Government. Any formal step which may be taken to recognise the CLNAI as the representatives of the Government in the North would make it more difficult to instal Allied Military Government and to make the CLNAI carry out the undertakings given in the Bi-Lateral Agreement of the 7th December to hand over their powers. It was for this reason that when that agreement was drafted the paragraph providing for the adherence of the Italian Government to the Agreement was stated in such a way as to limit recognition of the CLNAI to that of the established body representing Anti-Fascist parties in enemy occupied Italian territory.

7. At the same time the CLNAI were asked to concur in a clause in which they fully accepted the Italian Government as the sole legitimate Government in that part of Italy not under Allied Military Government. The draft was so worded as to bind them also to the acceptance of the terms of the Armistice. The CLNAI representatives indicated that they were unwilling to accept such an undertaking and I understand that that is their position today. The British Ambassador has informed me that the British Foreign Office have stated that if the CLNAI will not agree to any such provision it will be necessary to reconsider the whole of British policy towards them.

8. With the example of Greece before our eyes it would be idle to deny that the situation in the North contains the ingredients of the gravest dangers, which may not only have decisive effects on the political future of Italy but may also lead to conditions in which large numbers of Allied troops would have to be diverted from other purposes. Although the Head of the CLNAI is a non-party man it is a fact that the parties of the extreme Left enjoy a proponderating influence in the Committee and in the armed forces under its direction. If during the vacuum period disputes were to arise with the Government in Rome it might well lead to the repudiation of all the obligations into which the CLNAI have entered and even the establishment of an independent Government in open hostility to the Government in Rome.

9. For this reason it is my belief that it is essential that, while making use of the CLN at the present time for the strengthening of resistance and after the enemy withdraws for the maintenance of order, we cannot afford to give them a formal authority which would stiffen them in their attitude towards Allied Military Government or the Italian Government. Signor Bonomi in a speech on the 17th December stated that the Government has now granted full powers to the Committee of National Liberation to give it the necessary authority to carry on the struggle until the final victory. This vague phrase I consider must be made more precise in any document to which the Italian Government are to be a party. I therefore strongly urge that the CLN be accorded no political recognition whatever by the Allies and

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that such recognition as they may be given by the Italian Government should be limited to their acceptance as the co-ordinating body of the forces opposed to Fascism in the North. At the same time they must be required to sign an undertaking to recognise the authority of the Italian Government on the lines which I have already indicated.

Prepared by Mr. H. L. d'A. Hopkinson
Political Section, Allied Commission

18 December 1944.

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17 December 1944.

MEMORANDUM ON RECOGNITION OF C.L.N.A.I.

1. Comments on General Stawell's Memorandum.

(a) Allied Commission cannot agree (i) to the word "agent"; (ii) to omission of recognition by Italian Government by C.L.N.A.I. Reasons will be given to SACMED at meeting.

(b) Original draft to remain. The trend of the new draft is the recognition of C.L.N.A.I. as an independent body.

(c) Insist on retention. Reasons as in (b).

(d) AMG assumes all powers and authority. It is much wiser (e) to be explicit now as to surrender of arms in order to avoid any misunderstanding. Establishment of AMG and surrender of arms are simultaneous.

(6) I think we had much better leave the financial details in the agreement.

(7) We are not so much concerned with the prestige of the C.L.N.A.I. as the proper distribution of funds. The amount is a very large one.

(8) As the C.L.N.A.I. are under command of SACMED I see no reason why there should not be a unilateral clause in the agreement.

2. The whole approach to this matter appears to me to be wrong. If the delegates of the C.L.N.A.I. wish to make any political proposals then the matter should be discussed between the Allied Commission, Italian Government and themselves, with Commander, SOM holding a watching brief to see that military responsibilities are safeguarded. The present approach is that Commander, SOM is carrying on political discussions with the delegates on matters in which they are only indirectly concerned. The whole trend of the delegates' views is one of completely independent action once liberation has been effected.

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3. I think it is essential that liaison officers be instructed to abide by the terms of the original directive which was sent to them and that any agreement with the C.L.N.A.I. be kept within the limits of the first draft.

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Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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NOTES ON A MEETING HELD AT HQ ALLIED COMMISSION ON 17 DECEMBER 1944 TO DISCUSS AMENDMENTS TO THE TRI-PARTITE AGREEMENT BETWEEN SACMED, ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AND THE C.L.N.A.I.

PRESENT: Chief Commissioner, Chief of Staff, Lt. Col. Pleydell-Bouverie (for General Stawell), [illegible] Jackling for G-5, Messrs. Hopkinson and Schott, Major de Haan (for No. 1 Special Force), Major Timsons for Finance Subcommission AC.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT	PARA	NATURE OF AMENDMENT	VIEWS EXPRESSED AND DECISION TAKEN
1	1	*The delegates consider it essential that C.L.N.A.I. should be recognized as the agent of the Italian Government; both by the Italian Government and the SAC[illegible].	Lt. Col. Pleydell-Bouverie stated that on milit[illegible] S.C.M. were in favor of the amendment, and that [illegible] Ops) viewed the changes as essentially political could not see why the recognition should not be [illegible] Admiral Stone pointed out that, the functions of [illegible] being limited, the opinions of the American and [illegible] Governments were being sought by their respectiv[illegible] ies, and that no further discussion on this poi[illegible] profitable till these arrived.
2	2	Re-wording of Para.	Admiral Stone suggested that since the change wa[illegible] sisted on, and the first draft had already been [illegible] to London and Washington it was undesirable to a[illegible] less for very good reason—which there was not. [illegible] agreed.
3	4	To delete the reference to a "Political Head" of the C.L.N.A.I.	Admiral Stone agreed that the words "Political H[illegible] might more properly be replaced by "Chairman or [illegible] dent". However much the delegates might deny th[illegible]

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4	5	To read: "Such authority and such powers of local government and administration as the Allied Military Government chooses to assume."	Admiral Stone pointed out the fallacy in such since there was no choice about Field Marshal der's assumption of authority. It was absolut Col. Bouverie thought that the amendment expres desire of the Committee to put on record their to co-operate in A.M.G., and that they wished to produce evidence of this on their return to Italy. Admiral Stone proposed that, to meet this, a l given them (as a separate document) under SACM ture, quoting A.M.G.'s current instructions to C the field for their guidance in the choice and of Italian officials. Col. Bouverie thought this would satisfy the C
5	5	Omission of the words "including such orders to disband and surrender their arms when required to do so."	Amendment withdrawn. No discussion.
6	6	Delegates wished to be paid by the government rather than by Allies.	Admiral Stone pointed out that in the long ru be the case whatever happened, and that in th they were herein acting against their own int the Allies could be relied upon to pay more p the Italian Government. In this matter, how

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6	6	(continued)	that he had no strong views, but that Mr. Broe rather represent the views of Mr. Macmillan in remain capacity.
7	6	Words "through them" to be substituted for "in common with them".	Admiral Stone pointed out that by signing such No. 1 Special Force would be precluded from di stores to an independent band, whom they might later date wish to support, without such suppl through the control of the U.L.N.A.I.

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SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE

RELATIONS WITH ITALIAN PARTISANS

Note by Secretary

1. A draft for a tripartite agreement, between the Supreme Allied Commander, the Italian Government and the Committee of National Liberation for Northern Italy (CNLIA), was circulated with paper No. PC(44)144. Owing to the delay in the formation of the new Italian Government, it later became necessary, as explained in paper No. PC(44)144 Annexure, to return the CNLIA delegation without this agreement having been signed. Instead, the signatures of the delegation were obtained to a bipartite agreement between the Supreme Allied Commander and the CNLIA.

2. However, in accordance with the sense of the discussions at PC(44)34th Meeting Minute 3 and PC(44)35th Meeting Minute 8, Commander SOMTO discussed the draft tripartite agreement with the CNLIA delegates before their return to Northern Italy. It appeared that the delegation had certain objections to this draft, of which the more important were:-

(a) In regard to Paragraph 1 of the draft agreement, the delegates considered it essential that the CNLIA should be recognized as the agents of the Italian Government both by the Italian Government and by the Supreme Allied Commander. They do not consider that there is any reason why they, who are seeking recognition from the Italian Government, should themselves recognize it; and they believe that by seeking recognition from it they are acknowledging its authority.

(b) The delegates objected to the inclusion of the words "including such orders to disband and surrender their arms when required to do so" at the end of Paragraph 5 of the draft agreement. They consider that such wording:-

(i) Implies distrust on the part of the other signatories.

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(a) In regard to Paragraph 1 of the draft agreement, the delegates considered it essential that the CNLLA should be recognized as the agents of the Italian Government both by the Italian Government and by the Supreme Allied Commander. They do not consider that there is any reason why they, who are seeking recognition from the Italian Government, should themselves recognize it; and they believe that by seeking recognition from it they are acknowledging its authority.

(b) The delegates objected to the inclusion of the words "including such orders to disband and surrender their arms when required to do so" at the end of Paragraph 5 of the draft agreement. They consider that such wording:-

(i) Implies distrust on the part of the other signatories.

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(iii) Is unwise in that it unnecessarily draws attention at this stage to a situation which, because it has given rise to such problems in other liberated territories, is delicate in the extreme.

3. On the other hand, the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, has expressed the view that the Italian Government should not be requested to confer on the CNLLA any more definite recognition than is contained in Paragraph 1 of the existing draft.

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4. A further meeting is therefore being held in Rome on Sunday, 17th December, between the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission and representatives of Commander SOMTO and G-5. As a result of this meeting, it is hoped to lay before the Supreme Allied Commander's Conference a revised draft memorandum of agreement, which the Supreme Allied Commander will be invited to approve for transmission to the Italian Government.

for J. H. L.SCELLES,
Colonel,
Secretary.

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AIDE-MEMOIRE FOR CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

1. Instances have occurred recently in which, at the initiation of Commander, S.O.M.T.O. and No.1 Special Force, matters connected with the C.L.N.A.I. in North Italy and affecting the Italian Government have been discussed without previous reference to the Allied Commission and in the absence of representatives of the Allied Commission. At a meeting on 23 November under the chairmanship of SACMED the recognition of the C.L.N.A.I. was brought up. This resulted in a meeting at the Allied Commission in which a draft agreement which could either be bi-lateral or tripartite, was agreed upon for submission to SACMED. SACMED in fact signed the bi-lateral agreement but since then Commander, S.O.M.T.O. has pressed for recognition of the C.L.N.A.I. by the Italian Government as their agent in the North and the signing of a tri-partite agreement.

2. It is submitted that so long as the military side of S.O.E. activities are safeguarded, the political aspect of the partisan movement and the C.L.N.A.I. as it relates to the Italian Government must be left to the Allied Commission. That is to say that matters of policy should be referred by Commander, S.O.M.T.O. to the Allied Commission either directly or through his representative in Rome. The matter of the recognition of the C.L.N.A.I. by the Italian Government is a question for serious consideration by the Allied Commission for it affects not only the Italian Government and its relations with the C.L.N.A.I. when Northern Italy is liberated but it affects also the Allied Military Government and its relations with the C.L.N.A.I. immediately on liberation. It may well be that the C.L.N.A.I. may lead into official recognition by the Italian Government a measure of authority which would militate against their full acceptance and co-operation with AMG when set up.

3. These and cognate matters which affect the Italian Government should, it is submitted, be referred to the Allied Commission for prior consideration and possible consultation with the Italian Government so that they may be in a position to give more considered views at SACMED's political meetings.

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Subject: Recognition of C.L.N.A.I.

To: I.S. & P.S.
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1. The first major alteration is in Para 1. of the original text (Draft No. 1). The delegates consider it essential that the CLNAI should be recognised as the agent of the Italian Government both by the Italian Government and by the Supreme Allied Commander. They do not consider that there is any reason why they, who are seeking recognition from the Italian Government, should themselves recognise it; and they believe that by seeking recognition from it they are acknowledging its authority.

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2. The delegates consider that Para 2. of Draft No. 2 is better worded than Para 2. of Draft No. 1, and would therefore prefer to sign that. Since the meaning is the same they do not insist on the change.

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3. It is necessary to delete the reference to a "Political Head" of the CLNAI in Para 4., as the Head of the CLNAI is not a political figure and is only acceptable to all parties because he does not represent any political party.

4. A further amendment on which the delegates insist is in Para 5. of Draft No. 1; that is the reading in the second sentence "such authority and such powers of local government and administration as the Allied Military Government chooses to assume".

It is the earnest wish of the delegates that at the time of the enemy withdrawal, the CLNAI will be allowed by the Allied Military Government to continue to perform those functions which it has shown itself capable of performing. The new phrasing permits of this possibility whilst leaving any final decision to the discretion of the Allies.

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5. The delegates suggest that the final words of Para 5. of Draft No. 1 should be omitted from the agreement, that is the words: "including such orders to disband and surrender their arms when required to do so". They state that they are prepared to sign an agreement containing such a clause, but that they object to it for the following reasons :-

(a) that it implies distrust on the part of the other signatories;

(b) that in any case it is implicit in the preceding words: "and will obey orders issued by him or by the Allied Military Government on his behalf".

(c) that it is unwise deliberately to draw attention at this stage to a situation which, because it has given rise to such problems in other liberated territories, is delicate in the extreme.

6. It is considered by the delegates that Para 6. should not contain any more than a general reference to financial arrangements, as this is essentially a political and military agreement. They would prefer all the financial details to appear in a separate tripartite agreement. They do not however insist on this point.

7. In Para 6. the words. "through them" must be substituted for "in common with them" if the prestige of the CLNAI as a recognised body is to be upheld.

8. The original Para 7. of Draft No.1 is unacceptable to the delegates as being unilateral, and in placing Allied Missions under no obligation to co-operate with and support the CLNAI. This point was, in fact, clarified in the letter addressed to CLNAI by the Supreme Allied Commander on 7 December 1944 and the proposed new Para 7. confirms it.

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COPY OF A DRAFT GIVEN TO MR. LONGHI BY MAJOR GENERAL STEWELL ON 7TH DECEMBER 1944.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER MEDITERRANEAN THEATRE OF OPERATIONS, THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT, AND THE COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL LIBERATION FOR NORTHERN ITALY.

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1. The Committee of National Liberation for Northern ITALY (CLNAI) is recognised by the Italian Government as the established body representing the anti-fascist parties in enemy occupied Italian territory. The CLNAI for its part accepts the Italian Government recognized by the Allied Government as the successor of the Italian Government which signed the armistice terms, and as the sole legitimate authority in that part of ITALY which has now been and may hereafter be handed over to the Italian Government by the Allied Military Government.

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2. The Supreme Allied Commander and the Italian Government wish the utmost military co-operation to be established and maintained among the elements which are active in the resistance movement. The CLNAI will establish and maintain such co-operation as will bring together all active elements in the resistance movement whether they belong to the CLNAI anti-fascist parties or to other anti-fascist organisations.

3. During the period of enemy occupation the GENERAL COMMAND OF THE VOLUNTEERS OF LIBERTY (being the military

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command of the CLN&I) will, on behalf of the CLN&I, carry out all instructions of the Commander-in-Chief, A&I, acting under the authority of the Supreme Allied Commander. It is in general the wish of the SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER and the Italian Government that particular care should be given to all measures which will safeguard the economic resources of the territory against scorching, demolitions and like depredations by the enemy.

4. The Military Head of the General Command of the Volunteers of Liberty (being the military command of the CLN&I) must be an officer acceptable to the Commander-in-Chief, A&I acting under the authority of the Supreme Allied Commander. The (Political) Head of the CLN&I will be a person acceptable to the Italian Government.

5. When the enemy withdraws from territory occupied by them the CLN&I will exercise its best endeavours to maintain law and order and to continue the safeguarding of the economic resources of the country until such time as Allied Military Government is established. Immediately upon the establishment of Allied Military Government CLN&I will recognise Allied Military Government and will hand

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6. During the period of enemy occupation of Northern ITALY the utmost assistance will be given to the CLN&I in common with all other anti-fascist organisations, to meet the needs of their members who are engaged in opposing the enemy in occupied territory; monthly contribution not exceeding 160 million lire will be made on the authority of the Supreme Allied Commander to meet the expenses of the CLN&I and all other anti-fascist organisations.

Subject to the general control of the Commander-in-Chief, A&I, acting under the authority of the Supreme Allied Commander, this sum will be apportioned to the following areas in the following ratio for the support of all anti-fascist organisations in these areas :-

LIGURIA	20
PIEDMONT	60
LOMBARDIA	25
EMILIA	20
VENETO	35

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Subject to the general control of the Commander-in-Chief, AAI, acting under the authority of the Supreme Allied Commander, this sum will be apportioned to the following areas in the following ratio for the support of all anti-fascist organisations in these areas :-

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413 Allied Missions attached to the CLNAI, to the General Command of the Volunteers of Liberty, or to any of their components, will be consulted by them in all matters relating to armed resistance, anti-scorch and maintenance of order. Orders issued by the Commander-in-Chief, AAI, under the authority of the Supreme Allied Commander and transmitted through the missions concerned will be carried out by CLNAI, the General Command of the Volunteers of Liberty and their components.

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2. The CLNAI has the task of co-ordinating the activities of all anti-Fascist forces, including those of the anti-Fascist forces outside the political parties actually represented in the CLNAI. The CLNAI will consider as its primary task the establishment of the maximum goodwill and co-operation between all active elements participating in the common struggle against the enemy.

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8. This Agreement annuls the Memorandum of Agreement between the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theatre of Operations, and the Committee of National Liberation for Northern ITALY signed on 7th December, 1944.

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14th December 1944.

MEMORANDUM BY THE CLNAI DELEGATION.

The CLNAI Delegation request that in the Tripartite agreement with the Allied Supreme Command and with the Italian Government, no explicit mention should be made of the "disbanding of Partisans and of the handing over of arms" - vide last sentence, Paragraph 5, of the bi-lateral Agreement - for the following reasons :-

1. The agreement may be made public, and nothing can discourage the Bands and reduce their fighting potentiality more than the prospect of being disbanded and disarmed.

2. The inclusion of that point would reduce the moral value of the document as a support for the prestige of the CLNAI, of the Corps of the Volunteers of Liberty, and especially of its General Command.

3. The problem of the future of the CVL is undoubtedly one of the most important and most delicate for the resistance movement in Northern ITALY. The CLNAI Delegation have done their best on every occasion to convince the Allied Authorities of the

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These leaders, with the formula that the "General Command of the CVL in liberated territory will come under

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the direct command of the Commander-in-Chief .... " contained in the agreement in question, already pledged themselves to execute loyally all the orders that the Supreme Allied Command may give, including that of disbanding and disarming the Partisans.

Furthermore, they request that the conception of "disbanding and disarming" should not be put at this stage in a form that would crush or weaken the hopes of the CLN&I or the CVL, that the Allied Authorities will adopt the point of view expressed above.

In any case it does not seem that the best way of obtaining the discipline and obedience requested by the Supreme Allied Command from the Partisan forces is to confront them abruptly with the bleak prospect of being disbanded and disarmed.

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Translation

The President of the Council
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Rome, 15 November 1944

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To Commodore Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission
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Dear Commodore,

The situation which has arisen, after the recent development of the operations on the Italian front, and is faithfully reproduced by the declaration of the spokesman of General Alexander, requires a strict and objective examination of the present conditions and of the future perspectives of the mass of the patriots who are fighting the enemy in North Italy, and makes it necessary to make some urgent regulations concerning them.

1) With scanty means and in difficult conditions, the Italian patriots operated during the whole summer, being always ready for a general insurrection against the Germans and the fascists. Now, because of the military development on the Italian front, they are faced with the prospect of another winter of war, for which they are not at all prepared. The scarsity of the supplies and the entire lack of stores which were exhausted during the summer, makes their situation extremely grave and precarious. Val d'Ossola, Val d'Aosta, the region of Monte Grappa and many important positions have been lost; Piedmont and Veneto are being thoroughly combed, with ferocious reprisals. The patriots communicate that, with their present means, they cannot operate in the plains any more, and their leaders let it be clearly understood that, if they are not put in a condition to live and work in the mountains, their men will have to chose between collaboration with the Germans, or being all cruelly punished and hung.

2) The rarefying of the weapons and foodstuffs supplies for the patriots, and of the parachutages began in the first days of the summer. It was due to various causes, it seems: a) the lack of adequate planes which were all taken up by the operations in the South of France; b) the diversion of a certain amount of means for the requirements of Warsaw; c) the partial demobilization of the central services for patriots, due to the belief that the war would soon end; d) the decision not to employ civilian personnel taken from the patriot milieu, for missions in occupied territories. To my mind, to save the situation, it is necessary to put to execution a large program of supplies and arms, to which the Government is ready to give all the help it can give.

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it is necessary to put to execution a large program of supplies and arms, to
which the Government is ready to give all the help it can give.

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chosen for the concentration of the Patriots (area to be chosen in agreement
with the Command of the Patriots of the North) should frequently throw during
the day time arms, ammunitions, foodstuffs, medicines, equipment and camping
outfit; b) to send a certain amount of receiving sets on batteries so that the
patriots could constantly receive instructions and get the news regularly;
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their physical and moral fitness, who would have to parachute to join the
bands of veterans before the beginning of the spring operations, thus supplying
them with fresh forces able to fight efficiciously; d) send immediately some
missions composed of civilian or military patriots, with the funds that the Italian
Government is ready to supply for the fight in North Italy; e) intensify the
underground action in the big towns, by sending the required weapons, to dimi-
nish the pression of nazi-fascist forces on the patriots who are fighting in the
open.

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of the declarations of the Allied High Command. These declarations are the
expression of the present military situation on the Italian chess-board, seen
from the point of view of General Alexander. The special orders and the very
flattering praise it contains are a useful guide and a great source of encourage-
ment for the patriots of the North. Such declarations mustnot make us lose
sight of the real situation of the patriots in North Italy at the present moment.

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B. RELATIONS WITH ITALIAN PARTISANS.

(Paper No. PC (44) 144 and Annexure) (49)

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POLITICAL COMMITTEE

RELATIONS WITH ITALIAN PARTISANS

Note by Secretary.

1. In accordance with Conclusion (b) of Paper No. PC(44)144 dated 30th November, the delegation from the Committee of National Liberation for NORTHERN ITALY (CLNAI) have been detained in ROME. It would now appear however, that there is likely to be some delay before a new Italian Government is formed, and further delay before the proposal for the recognition of the CLNAI can be submitted to the new government when formed.

2. G-2 in a recent appreciation gave the opinion that the enemy may evacuate Northwest ITALY this month. It is apparent, therefore, that no time should be lost if plans for anti-scorch and other measures of resistance in North West ITALY are to be effective.

3. The delegation feel that they should return, if not to ITALY, at any rate to SWITZERLAND. They feel that their prolonged absence at this critical juncture may be misconstrued by their adherents in Northern ITALY. Time is needed to distribute the funds authorized by the Supreme Allied Commander, and generally to make the money work. Also plans for anti-scorch are held up pending the return of Signor PARRI, the military member of the delegation.

4. The Supreme Allied Commander has accordingly directed that Commander, SOM: -

(a) Bring the delegation to AFHQ, in order to sign on 6 December 1944 the bi-lateral form of agreement attached to Paper No. PC(44)144 dated 30 November 1944.

(b) Subsequently arrange for the return of the delegation to Northern ITALY at times and by means dictated by security. (The Chairman of the Committee is likely to have to remain in SWITZERLAND

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5. The delegation are very disappointed that the primary object of their visit, namely, recognition by the Italian Government, has not so far been achieved, but they hope that this may materialise in the near future. In any case, no announcement of such recognition could be made until they are safely back in North West ITALY and under cover. All that would then be required would be a radio announcement by the Italian Government.

6. It is therefore recommended that: -

(a) Conclusion (a) of Paper No. PC(44)144 dated 30 November 1944 should stand.

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(b) Commander, SOM, should secure the signature of the delegation to a document undertaking to accept the Italian Government's participation in a tripartite agreement if this can be secured on the terms set out in the draft attached to Paper No. FC(44)144 dated 30 November 1944.

J. H. LASCELLES,
Colonel,
Secretary.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Commander-in-Chief

7th December, 1944.

To:
The Committee of National
Liberation for Northern Italy.
(C.L.N.A.I.)

Referring to the agreement which we have signed this day, I am pleased to note that the C.L.N.A.I. has appointed General Valenti aa the military head of the General Command of the Volunteers of Liberty and that Messrs Mauritzio and Gallo have been appointed as his joint deputy commanders.

I sincerely appreciate the excellent work which has been accomplished by the C.L.N.A.I. and its military command the Volunteers of Liberty. I hope that when the present crisis in the Italian Government is resolved, early consideration may be given to the recognition of the C.L.N.A.I. as the agent of the Government in enemy occupied Italy.

Appreciating as I do the fighting qualities of the Volunteers of Liberty, I am pleased to be able to inform you that steps have been taken to enlist into the Italian Armed Forces as many suitable volunteers of high medical category as the existing ceiling for the Italian Armed Forces will allow.

I hope that these Volunteers will continue to fight with the Allies until final victory is achieved.

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I have issued instructions that all Allied Missions, receiving orders from the Commander-in-Chief, A.A.I., on my behalf, will at all times act in the closest cooperation and consultation with

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those formations of the Volunteers of Liberty to whom they are accredited. Only in this way can our common aim be achieved.

I am glad to have had the opportunity to discuss with you so many problems of common interest, and hope the decisions reached will make our cooperation closer.

I wish you a safe return to your posts and every success in the tasks which lie ahead.

GENERAL
SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER.

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Agreement with the Partisans
for Mutual Aid and Cooperation
of Forces Belonging to Northern
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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER MEDITERRANEAN THEATRE OF OPERATIONS AND THE COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL LIBERATION FOR NORTHERN ITALY.

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1. The Supreme Allied Commander wishes the utmost military cooperation to be established and maintained among the elements which are active in the resistance movement. The CLNAI will establish and maintain such cooperation as will bring together all active elements in the resistance movement whether they belong to the CLNAI anti-fascist parties or to other anti-fascist organisations.

2. During the period of enemy occupation the GENERAL COMMAND OF THE VOLUNTEERS OF LIBERTY (being the military command of the CLNAI) will, on behalf of the CLNAI, carry out all instructions of the Commander-in-Chief, AAI., acting under the authority of the Supreme Allied Commander. It is in general the wish of the SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER that particular care should be

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4. When the enemy withdraws from territory occupied by them the CLNAI will exercise its best endeavours to maintain law and order and to continue the safeguarding of the economic resources of the country until such time as Allied Military Government is established. Immediately upon the establishment of Allied Military Government, CLNAI will recognise Allied Military Government and will hand over to that Government all authority and powers of local government and administration previously assumed. As the enemy withdraws all components of the GENERAL COMMAND OF THE VOLUNTEERS OF LIBERTY in liberated territory will come under direct command of the Commander-in-Chief, AAI., acting under the authority of the Supreme Allied Commander, and will obey any order issued by him or by Allied Military Government on

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a monthly contribution not exceeding 160 million lire will be made on the authority of the Supreme Allied Commander to meet the expenses of the CLNAI and all other anti-fascist organisations.

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SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER
MEDITERRANEAN THEATRE OF OPERATIONS

/s/ H. Maitland Wilson
General

FOR THE COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL
LIBERATION FOR NORTHERN ITALY

/s/ Pietro Longhi
/s/ Maurizio
/s/ Mare
/s/ E. Sogno

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POLITICAL COMMITTEE

RELATIONS WITH ITALIAN PARTISANS

RECORD OF A MEETING HELD IN THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE ROOM AT 1530 HOURS ON MONDAY 29TH NOVEMBER, 1944

PRESENT:-

Lieutenant General Sir James A.H. Gammell,
Chief of Staff to Supreme Allied Commander.

Mr. P. Broad, representing
British Resident Minister

Major General W.A.M. Stawell,
Commander, SOM TO

Brigadier General C. Spofford,
Assistant Chief of Staff,
G-5.

Colonel G.L. King,
G-3 Special Operations.

Colonel T.R. Henn,
Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff,
G-5.

Colonel F.T. Hammond,
G-5.

Colonel J.R. Riepe,
AAI

Colonel Joseph Rodrigo,
OSS

Major W.H. Suhling,
AAI

Lieutenant A.M. Bullowa,
G-5.

SECRETARY:-

Major W.E. Rose.

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SECRETARY:-

Major W.E. Rose.

THE MEETING had before them:-

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(a) A third draft memorandum of agreement between the Supreme Allied Commander, the Italian Government and the Committee of National Liberation for Northern Italy (CLNAI) - not fully concurred in by the U.S. Political Adviser, G-5 and the Allied Commission - arising out of PC (44) 33rd Meeting, conclusion 6.

(b) A note by G-5 raising certain objections to the draft memorandum of agreement at (a) above.

BRIGADIER GENERAL SPOFFORD stated that Mr. Kirk and the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, who both had strong views on the proposed agreement, had been unable to come down from Rome for the meeting owing to the Italian Cabinet crisis. They had both pointed out however that a definite agreement could not be reached until there was a new Italian Government with which to discuss it and had also reported that recognition of the Patriot movement had been one of the factors contributing to the cabinet crisis. He understood that the Allied Commission was of the opinion that the Italian Government should not be a party to this agreement but that it should be a military instrument between the SUPREME [illegible] and the CLNAI.

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LIEUTENANT GENERAL GAMMELL proposed that the meeting should agree on two alternative memoranda, covering tripartite and bilateral agreementsrespectively. He pointed out in this connection that no part of the armistice terms empowered the Allied Governments to demand either the Italian Government's adherence to such an agreement or their recognition of the Partisan movement.

MAJOR GENERAL STAWELL observed that recognition of the movement by the Italian Government was most desirable since it was in a much stronger position than the Supreme Allied Commander to order industrialists and other waverers to cooperate. He estimated that the value of the agreement would be halved if the Italian Government were not a party to it. He urged that the monthly contributions be raised to a maximum of 160 million lire instead of the 100 million lire previously suggested, pointing out that even at the higher figure the cost of resistance would be cheaper than in other countries.

Replying to a question by Lieutenant General Gammell, he stated that the funds would be supplied in Allied Military lire by the Deputy Paymaster in Chief, AFHQ to the Allied Commission who would in turn pass them over to the Italian Government for transfer in metropolitan lire to Northern Italy through banks and other agencies. Any sums which might be sent direct to the field by SOE/OSS would be part of the maximum monthly figure of 160 million lire. He agreed therefore, with Lieutenant General Gammell that it should be stated in the proposed agreement that the funds were being made available "on the authority of the SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER"

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MAJOR GENERAL STAWELL reported that the CLNAI delegates were anxious to return to occupied Italy as early as possible. If it was now proposed to await the formation of a new Italian Government it would be necessary either to hold Signor Longhi, much against his will, or to let him go , in which case his signature to the agreement, which was most desirable, would not be obtained.

THE CHIEF OF STAFF:-

(a) Instructed the Secretary:-

(i) To bring the draft memoranda of agreement as amended in discussion (attached) before the first meeting of the Political Committee following the formation of a new Italian Government.

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(ii) To send the amended draft agreements to the U.S. Political Adviser and the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission enquiring of them whether they wished to suggest any major modifications prior to their submission to the Political Committee.

(iii) To invite the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, to report to the Political Committee at its first meeting following the formation of a new Italian Government, as to the feasibility of obtaining the latter's adherence to the form of tripartite agreement proposed bearing in mind Major General Stawell's statement at "X" above.

(b) Directed that Commander, SOM ensure that Signor Longhi and other delegates of the CLNAI remain in liberated Italy until the signature of the proposed agreement and that he take all other steps to ensure that secrecy were observed regarding these negotiations.

W.E. ROSE
MAJOR

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DRAFT MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER MEDITERRANEAN THEATRE OF OPERATIONS, THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL LIBERATION FOR NORTHERN ITALY

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1. " The Committee of National Liberation for Northern Italy (CLNAI) is recognised by the Italian Government as the established body representing the anti-fascist parties in enemy occupied Italian territory." The CLNAI for its part accepts the Italian Government recognised by the Allied Governments as the successor of the Italian Government, which signed the armistice terms and as the sole legitimate authority in that part of Italy which has now been and may hereafter be handed over to the Italian Government by the Allied Military Government.

2. The Supreme Allied Commander and the Italian Government wish the utmost military cooperation to be established and maintained among the elements which are active in the resistance movement. The CLNAI will establish and maintain such cooperation as will bring together all active elements in the resistance movement whether they belong to the CLNAI anti-fascist parties or to other anti-fascist organisations.

3. During the period of enemy occupation the GENERAL COMMAND OF THE VOLUNTEERS OF LIBERTY (being the military command of the CLNAI) will, on behalf of the CLNAI, carry out all instructions of the Commander-in-Chief, AAI, acting under the authority of the Supreme Allied Commander. It is in general the wish of the SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER and the Italian Government that particular care should be given to all measures which will safeguard the economic resources of the territory against scorching, demolitions and like depredation by the enemy.

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4. The Military Head of the General Command of the Volunteers of Liberty (being the military command of the CLNAI) must be an officer acceptable to the Commander-in-Chief, AAI, acting under the authority of the Supreme Allied Commander. The Political Head of the CLNAI will be a person acceptable to the Italian Government.

5. When the enemy withdraws from territory occupied by them the CLNAI will exercise its best endeavours to maintain law and order and to continue the safeguarding of the economic resources of the country until such time as Allied Military Government is established. Immediately

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5. During the period of enemy occupation of Northern Italy the utmost assistance will be given to the CLNAI in common with all other anti-fascist organisations, to meet the needs of their members who are engaged in opposing the enemy in occupied territory; monthly contribution not exceeding 160 million lire will be made on the authority of the Supreme Allied Commander to meet the expenses of the CLNAI and all other anti-fascist organisations.

Subject to the general control of the Commander-in-Chief, AAI, acting under the authority of the Supreme Allied Commander, this sum will be apportioned to the following areas in the following ratio for the support of all anti-fascist organisations in those areas:-

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EMILIA	20
VENETO	25

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7. Allied Missions attached to the CLNAI, to the General Command of the Volunteers of Liberty, or to any of their components, will be consulted by them in all matters relating to armed resistance, anti-scorch and maintenance of order. Orders issued by the Commander-in-Chief, AAI, under the authority of the Supreme Allied Commander and transmitted through the missions concerned will be carried out by CLNAI, the General Command of the Volunteers of Liberty and their components.

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3. RELATIONS WITH ITALIAN PARTISANS

(Previous reference PC (44) 33rd Meeting - Minute 6)

LIEUTENANT GENERAL GAMMELL stated that the Allied Commission believed that the question of recognition of the Committee of National Liberation in Northern Italy had been one of the factors contributing to the Italian Cabinet crisis. Alternative tripartite and bilateral memoranda of agreement had now been drafted but no further action would be taken until the new Italian Cabinet had been formed and the Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission had reported as to the possibility of obtaining the Italian Government's adherence to the proposed agreement. The military advantages of their participation were considerable but might have to be over-ridden by political considerations, in which case the bilateral form of agreement between the Supreme Allied Commander and the Committee of National Liberation for Northern Italy would be used. He added that on the recommendation of Commander SCM it was proposed to increase the monthly contribution to the Committee from 100 million lire to 160 million lire.

THE DEPUTY SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

Took note with approval of the above.

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EWS/hjp

25 November 1944

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

I am enclosing a copy of the draft agreement on Patriots. The insertion "(by the Italian Government)" in the second line has been made in accordance with a suggestion of Mr. Kirk's for the purpose of having this point discussed at Caserta. If the insertion is approved, the parentheses would of course be removed in the final text.

I am requesting General Cannell to postpone consideration of this agreement until next week's meeting in order that both Mr. Kirk and myself may be able to take part in the discussion.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Sir Noel Charles, Bt., K.C.M.G.
The British Ambassador
British Embassy
64 Via XX Settembre
Rome

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

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1. Il Comitato di Liberazione Nazionale per l'Alta Italia (C.L.N.A.I.) è riconosciuto come l'organo rappresentante i partiti antifascisti nel territorio italiano occupato dal nemico. Il C.L.N.A.I. per parte sua accetta il Governo Italiano, riconosciuto dai Governi Alleati come successore del Governo Italiano che firmò i termini di armistizio, quale unica autorità legittima in quella parte dell'Italia che è sinora stata, e può in seguito venire, trasferita alla giurisdizione del Governo Italiano da parte del Governo Militare Alleato.

2. Il Comandante Supremo Alleato ed il Governo Italiano desiderano che la massima cooperazione venga stabilita e mantenuta fra gli elementi svolgenti opera attiva nel movimento di resistenza. Il C.M.L.A.I. stabilirà e manterrà ogni forma di cooperazione atta ad unificare tutti gli elementi attivi nel movimento di resistenza, a partenenti sia al C.N.L.A.I. sia ad altre organizzazioni antifasciste.

3. Durante il periodo dell'occupazione nemica il COMANDO GENERALE DEI VOLONTARI DELLA LIBERTA' (ossia il comando militare del C.M.L.A.I.) eseguirà, per conto del C.M.L.A.I., tutte le istruzioni del Comandante in Capo delle Armate Alleate in Italia. E' in generale desiderio del Comandante Supremo Alleato e del Governo Italiano che particolare cura sia data a tutte le misure atte a salvaguardare le risorse economiche del territorio contro le devastazioni, demolizio
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4. Quando il nemico si ritira da territori da esso occupati, il C.N.L.A.I. compirà i massimi sforzi per mantenere la legge e l'ordine e per proseguire nella salvaguardia delle risorse economiche del paese fino al momento in cui venga stabilito il Governo Militare Alleato. Immediatamente all'atto dello stabilimento del Governo Militare Alleato, il C.N.L.A.I. riconoscerà il Governo Militare Alleato e trasferirà a tale Go

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verno ogni autorità ed i poteri di governolocale e di ammi
nistrazione precedentemente assunti. Con il ritirarsi del
nemico, tutti i componenti del Comando Generale dei Volon
tari della Libertà nel territorio liberato passeranno sotto
il diretto comando del Comandante in Capo delle Armate Al-
leate in Italia (A.A.I.) ed ottempereranno ad ogni ordine
emanato da lui o dal Governo Militare Alleato in nome di
lui, compresi gli ordini di scioglimento e consegna delle
armi, se così sarà loro richiesto.

5. Durante il periodo di occupazione nemica dell'Italia Set
tentrionale, la massima assistenza verrà data al C.N.L.A.I.
ed a tutte le altre organizzazioni antifasciste, al fine di
venire incontro ai bisogni dei loro componenti, impegnati
nella lotta contro il nemico nel territorio occupato: verrà
stanziato un contributo mensile non eccedente 100 milioni
di lire per far fronte alle spese del C.N.L.A.I. e di tutte
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Subordinatamente al controllo generale del Comandante in
Capo delle A.A.I., tale somma verrà ripartite fra le regio
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accordo ed in particolare sulle questioni relative alla
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Recruiting of partisans for Italian Army. 27th November, 44.

Land Forces Sub-Com.

The Chief Commissioner would be glad to know whether you can give any indication as to the source of the report in the attached extract from the "Stars and Stripes" which appeared today, and if you would make recommendations for a dementi to be published.

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M. G. LUSH
Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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Italian Partisans Recruited For Army

ROME, Nov. 26—Partisan forces now in liberated provinces will be allowed to join the regular Italian army, Italian military authorities announced today, adding that recruiting centers have already been opened.

Partisan officers will be allowed to continue command of their own men after induction, it was said. Before being committed to action, the patriots will undergo a period of training to familiarize them with the use of modern equipment.

The decision, said military authorities, is in response to the repeated demands of the Partisans for an opportunity to continue their struggle for the liberation of Italy. As further territory is liberated, a spokesman said, Partisan forces will be urged to join up. Italian army representatives will be attached to advance Allied units so as to be able to contact Partisan bands in newly-won territory as soon as possible.

More than 600 already have been recruited, particularly in Tuscany, Umbria, Marche and Abruzzi.

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Italian Partisans Recruited For Army

ROME, Nov. 26—Partisan forces now in liberated provinces will be allowed to join the regular Italian army, Italian military authorities announced today, adding that recruiting centers have already been opened.

Partisan officers will be allowed to continue command of their own men after induction, it was said. Before being committed to action, the patriots will undergo a period of training to familiarize them with the use of modern equipment.

The decision, said military authorities, is in response to the repeated demands of the Partisans for an opportunity to continue their struggle for the liberation of Italy. As further territory is liberated, a spokesman said, Partisan forces will be urged to join up. Italian army representatives will be attached to advance Allied units so as to be able to contact Partisan bands in newly-won territory as soon as possible.

More than 600 already have been recruited, particularly in Tuscany, Umbria, Marche and Abruzzi.

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My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

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

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

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

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
The President of Council of Ministers
Italian Government
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DRAFT MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL LIBERATION FOR NORTHERN ITALY

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1. The Italian Government recognises the C.L.N.A.I. (COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL LIBERATION FOR NORTHERN ITALY) as the constituent body representing the anti-fascist parties in enemy occupied territory and designates it as representative of the Italian Government in enemy occupied territory of Northern Italy for the purposes and period specified below.

2. The SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER and the Italian Government wish the utmost co-operation to be established and maintained among the elements which are active in the resistance movement. ~~The Italian Government instructs~~ The C.L.N.A.I. will establish and maintain such co-operation as will bring together all active elements in the resistance movement whether they belong to the ~~constituent~~ C.L.N.A.I. anti-fascist parties or to other anti-fascist organisations.

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4. When the enemy withdraws from occupied territory the ~~C.L.N.A.I.~~ will all C.L.N.A.I. will exercise its best endeavours to maintain law

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and order and to continue the safeguarding of the economic resources of the country until such time as Allied military ~~authority~~ Government is established. As the enemy withdraws, all components of the General Command of the Volunteers of Liberty in the liberated territory will come under direct command of the ~~SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER~~ C in C AAI and will obey any orders issued by him or by AFHQ on his behalf. ~~Brigadier~~ ~~General~~ Archibald ~~Nye~~ ~~is appointed~~

5. The SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER is pleased to note the appointment by C.L.N.A.I. of General Raffaele CADORNA as head of the General Command of the Volunteers of Liberty and Messrs. PARRI and GALLO as General CADORNA's joint deputy commanders.

6. ~~The Italian Government will give~~ During enemy occupation the Italian Government will be given in common with all other Allied organisations its utmost assistance to the C.L.N.A.I. to meet the needs of its members who are engaged in opposing the enemy in occupied territory.

~~During the period of enemy occupation of northern Italy~~ the Italian Government is willing to make a monthly contribution ~~of~~ not to exceed 100 million lire ~~to~~ and a will be made to meet the expenses of the C.L.N.A.I. and all other anti fascist organisations. Subject to the approval of C-in-C AAI ~~in the following ratio~~ This sum will be apportioned for the support of all anti fascist organisations in those areas

LIGURIA	20
PIEDMONTE	60
LOMBARDY including Val D'OSSOLA	25

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This sum will be apportioned in the following ratio

LIGURIA	20
PIEDMONTE	60
LOMBARDY including Val D'OSSOLA	25
EMILIA	25
VENETO	30
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The above maximum sum will be reduced proportionately as and when Provinces are liberated.

8. Allied missions attached to the C.L.N.A.I., to the General Command of the Volunteers of Liberty or to any of their components, will be consulted in all matters relating to armed resistance, anti-scorch, and maintenance of order. Orders

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SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER,
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FOR THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT _____

FOR THE COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL
LIBERATION FOR NORTHERN ITALY _____

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AFHQ Political Committee

33rd Meeting

22 November 1944

EXTRACT

6. RELATIONS WITH ITALIAN PARTISANS

(Paper No. PC(44) 137)

THE COMMITTEE had before them a paper:

(a) Recommending the terms of a draft memorandum of Agreement which it was proposed to enccurage the Italian Government to enter into with the Committee of National Liberation in Northern ITALY.

(b) Suggesting a procedure for the disposal of Italian patriots liberated by the Allied Armies.

MAJOR GENERAL STAWELL, amplifying the paper, stated that representatives of the Committee of National Liberation for Northern ITALY were at present in ROME and had had preliminary discussions with the Italian Government and himself. They felt that recognition would give them a greater measure of Control over the various sub-committees in the North and would increase their influence with industrialists which they deemed to be particularly desirable in view of the anti-scorch policy now being pursued. They also believed that recognition would give them greater protection from reprisals from the Fascists, whom they feared more than the Germans.

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LIEUTENANT GENERAL GAMMELL observed that it might be more desirable to enter into a tri-partite agreement.

MR. KIRK concurred in Lieutenant General Gammell's suggestion but suggested that no compulsion be used and that the Italian Government merely be invited to be a party to the agreement.

MR. MACMILLAN thought that some limit should be set to the monetary assistance given to the Committee. He suggested that this should be framed on the

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basis of a given sum per month per head, the total sum not to exceed a fixed amount. Subject to the addition of such a clause and to rewording of paragraphs 5 and 8 designed to secure a greater measure of Allied control he thought that the agreement as submitted could serve as a basis for further discussions between representatives of AFHQ, AAI and the Allied Commission.

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

(a) Directed that the Allied Commission invite the Italian Government to furnish the AlliedMilitary authorities for payment of the Committee of National Liberation in Northern ITALY some 100 million metropolitan lire a month in exchange for the equivalent in Allied military currency and to join in a tri-partite agreement, reporting to the next meeting of the Political Committee as to the Italian Government's reactions.

(b) Directed that G-3, in conjunction with the Chief Administrative Officer, MAAF, AAI, SOM and the Allied Commission,

(i) draw up a revised draft memorandum of agreement in the light of the above discussion,

(ii) examine the proposed procedure for the disposal of liberated patriots, and recommend what action should be taken in this matter and by whom.

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IL Governo Italiano vedrebbe con piacere che al Comitato di Liberazione Nazionale dell'alta Italia siano riconosciuti poteri di amministrazione e di Governo - come rappresentanti del Governo Italiano - da oggi fino al momento in cui i poteri saranno trasferiti al Governo Italiano.

The Italian Government would appreciate it, should the Committee for National Liberation of North Italy be acknowledged to possess administrative and governmental powers - as representing the Italian Government - from today till the time when the powers will be handed over to the Italian Government.

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To Bonomi - He did not agree

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NOTES ON A MEETING WITH MAJOR GENERAL STAWELL AND COMMANDER HOLDSWORTH, COMMANDING OFFICER, NO. 1 SPECIAL FORCE, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1944.

Also present -- Colonel Grafftey-Smith.

1. Commander Holdsworth told Commodore Stone that it had been decided to continue full and in fact increased support materially ~~of~~ to the Patriot Movement in Northern Italy throughout the Winter so as to avoid a wide scale "Warsaw". This material assistance was to be effected by increased air lift.

2. No. 1 Special Force believed that the time ~~is~~ was now ripe for the Italian Government to recognize the National Committee of Liberation as their agents in Northern Italy, and also stated that the financial needs of the patriots would be one hundred million lire a month (figure based on S.O.E. and O.S.S. estimates).

3. Colonel Grafftey-Smith said that the supply of one hundred million lire a month could be arranged without undue difficulty, either through the agency of the Italian Government or, if it was considered desirable, without even their knowledge. Commander Holdsworth said that he believed the scheme was for certain business houses in the North to issue the money against a guarantee from the Italian Government in the South. Colonel Grafftey-Smith replied that this proposal might have political implications as some houses in the North were not persona grata with the Government. Commander Holdsworth said that the President of the CLNAI now in Rome would be asked exactly how he proposed the scheme should be carried out.

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4. Commodore Stone said that he was opposed to tying up the recognition of the CLNAI by the Italian Government with the problem of the supply and maintenance of the organization during the Winter. They seemed to him quite different problems to be handled separately. Why should the Italian Government not make available these funds to the CLNAI, letting it be known in the North that they were giving this support to their fellow countrymen, without taking the grave step of giving them uncontrolled agency? Commander Holdsworth said that the CLNAI was now so powerful that if the present Italian Government did not now recognize them and grant them authority to act in the North on their behalf, it would antagonize the CLNAI with disastrous results to the future unity of this country. It was the urgent wish of the CLNAI to be recognized.

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Commodore Stone said that this was a matter for the Italian Government to decide for themselves. On no account was it a decision which should be imposed upon them by the Allies, and that if he were

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the Prime Minister he would be reluctant to ~~deal~~ delegate broad, unrestricted powers to the CLNAI, in view of the experience of similar movements in other countries. Non-recognition of the CLNAI would at least give Bonomi the possibility to "trade".

5. The summing up of the Chief Commissioner amounted to:

a. He recognized the need of considerable financial support to be given by the Government to the resistance movement in the North.

b. He was advised by his financial adviser that the figure of ~~one~~ 100 million lire a month was well within the means of the Italian Government.

c. He believed this was a problem for decision by the Italian Government. He was for recognition of the CLNAI if it brought them into the Government "fold", but against it if it merely meant a general outbreak in the North of the occurrences which had taken place in Florence.

6. Commander Holdsworth said that he would take the temperature of the newly arrived delegates of the CLNAI and report.

7. Commodore Stone said that he would have a wholly informal exploratory discussion with Bonomi before the political meeting on Tuesday, 21 November.

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

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MEMORANDUM:

1. In his letter of September 11th General Alexander asked what should be his attitude and that of AMG officers to the various political parties and organisations in Western ITALY.

2. In a draft letter of September 9th, the Acting Chief Commissioner in paragraph 8 suggested that officers whom it was proposed to send into the areas where patriot forces were operating should advise the officers operating with the patriots and the National Committees of Liberation on administrative matters during any interim period.

3. The Resident Minister in a memorandum of September 10th to G-5 suggested that the Acting Chief Commissioner should amend this paragraph and a directive to SOE officers in the field to the effect that the officers should be specifically warned to enter into no commitments with any of the bands or committees, not even with the National Committee of Liberation at MILAN whose representative character is purely conjectural even though it has to some extent been encouraged by the Italian Government to regard itself as their agent.

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5. In the first place it is open to doubt whether the Committee of Liberation does really represent the bulk of the population in Northern Italy. Its representatives affirm that they do but there is little evidence except from patriot sources to confirm this. It may be an advantage from the military point of view that the activities of the patriots should be coordinated into one Committee but to commit both the Allied and the Italian Government to recognise this body as the prototype of AMG and the representative of the Italian Government would appear to be, from the political point of view, a most dangerous move. What for instance would be the position if the Italian Government were to change before Northern Italy were liberated? If the Committee

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of National Liberation were not to recognise the succeeding Italian Government we should have then set up in Northern Italy the very organisation which we must at all events try to avoid, that is, a separate independent Government.

6. Whereas, therefore, it may be necessary to constitute some unified/military authority to command the patriots in Northern Italy and coordinate their activities from the operational point of view, it would seem unwise to give this organisation the permanent political character recommended by S.O.M. We must allow both AMG and the Italian Government absolute freedom of administrative and political action on the liberation of this area.

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10th November, 1944

Supreme Allied Commander
A.F.H.Q.

In accordance with your instructions I forward herewith for consideration at the next Political Meeting

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Major General
Comd. S.C.A.C.

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SUBJECT: Recognition of the COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL LIBERATION FOR NORTHERN ITALY by the Supreme Allied Command and the Italian Government.

INTRODUCTION

In Northern ITALY a COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL LIBERATION has been in existence for some time past. It is composed of representatives of the five main anti-Fascist parties. Its main object is to co-ordinate resistance to the enemy in occupied territory. It is especially powerful in the large industrial districts.

It is considered that the time is now appropriate when this Committee should receive official recognition both by the Supreme Allied Command and the Italian Government.

It is thought that by working through the Committee and its Sub-Committees a considerable measure of success will be achieved in organising anti-scorch and in maintaining law and order until

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It is proposed therefore that the ITALIAN Government be advised to recognise the COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL LIBERATION and a draft memorandum to this effect is attached for consideration.

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DRAFT MEMORANDUM FROM ITALIAN GOVERNMENT REGARDING RECOGNITION OF AND INSTRUCTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL LIBERATION FOR NORTHERN ITALY.

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1. The Italian Government appoints the CLNAI (COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL LIBERATION FOR NORTHERN ITALY) as their agents in enemy occupied territory of Northern ITALY for the purposes and period specified below.

2. The Italian Government recognizes the CLNAI as the constituent body representing the five anti-fascist parties i.e. (in alphabetical order) Action Party, Christian-Democratic Party, Communist Party, Liberal Party and Socialist Party.

3. The Italian Government wishes the utmost cooperation to be established and maintained among the elements which are active in the resistance movement. The Italian Government instructs the CLNAI to establish and maintain such cooperation which will bring together all active elements in the resistance movement whether they belong to the five anti-fascist parties or to other anti-fascist organisations.

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4. During the period of enemy occupation the CLNAI will carry out the instructions of the SUPREME ALLIED COMMAND which will direct the Patriots in their operations against the enemy. It is the wish of the Italian Government that particular care should be given

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to all measures which will safeguard the economic resources of the territory at present occupied by the enemy.

5. When the enemy withdraws from occupied territory the CLNAI and its attendant committees will exercise their best endeavours to maintain law and order and to safeguard the economic resources of the country until such time as Allied Military Government takes charge.

6. The Italian Government notifies the CLNAI that the SUPREME ALLIED GOVERNMENT is pleased to accept General Raffaele CADORNA as head of the Military Committee of the CLNAI and Messrs. PARRI and GALLO as General CADORNA's joint deputy commanders. The Italian Government instructs the CLNAI to proceed with the appointment of General CADORNA, of Mr PARRI and Mr GALLO to their respective posts.

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7. The Italian Government will give its utmost assistance to the CLNAI to meet the needs of the patriots who are engaging the enemy in occupied territory.

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During the period of enemy occupation of Northern ITALY the Italian Government is willing to make a monthly contribution to the expenses of the CLNAI.

To meet current needs the sum of 100 million

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lire will be made available.

This sum will be apportioned as follows:

LIGURIA	(Amounts to be specified after consultation with representatives from the North)
PIEDMONTE	
LOMBARDY	
EMILIA	
VENETO	
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In deciding the magnitude and apportionment of each subsequent monthly contribution the Italian Government will be guided by the military and economic situation obtaining in each Province.

8. Allied missions, attached to the CLNAI and its sub-committees, will be consulted in all matters relating to armed resistance, anti-scorch, and maintenance of law and order. The detailed orders issued by Allied Military Authority to the missions concerned will be respected by CLNAI.

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SUBJECT: Disposal of ITALIAN Patriots liberated by the Allied Armies.

1. The present arrangements for the reception and disposal of ITALIAN Patriots liberated by the Allied Armies are inadequate.

There are indications that the resistance movement in Northern ITALY is being adversely affected by the apparent lack of consideration shown to Patriots when liberated.

It is suggested therefore in view of the very much larger numbers of Patriots who will have to be dealt with in the near future, the present machinery should be strengthened.

2. The Patriots Branch of the Allied Commission is the official body dealing with this problem.

It is understood that this Branch has not the executive authority or facilities to deal adequately with Patriots when liberated.

3. It is suggested therefore that arrangements on the following lines are required:

(a) In the zone of the Armies patriots should be received, rationed, accommodated and, when necessary, clothed until their possible future, military or civil, can be ascertained. Arms and equipment, if any, should be collected and handed over to the Air Packing Station to be established at MADDALONI in the vicinity of SIENA, from whence it will be redelivered to patriots in occupied territory. It

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(a) In the zone of the Armies patriots should be received, rationed, accommodated and, when necessary, clothed until their possible future, military or civil, can be ascertained. Arms and equipment, if any, should be collected and handed over to the Air Packing Station to be established at [redacted] in the vicinity of SIENA, from whence it will be redelivered to patriots in occupied territory. It would appear that A.M.G. is the more appropriate parent body for the Patriots Branch.

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(b) Arrangements should be made to reserve a proportion of the ceiling allotted to the [redacted] Army for those Patriots suitable and willing to enlist in the [redacted] Armed Forces. Alternatively, should the ceiling be complete, arrangements should be made to make room for those patriots of high medical category by eliminating personnel of lower medical category or of skilled personnel.

(c) Those Patriots not wishing to undertake military duty should be provided, when necessary, with suitable clothing and the means to proceed to their homes or to places where work can be found for them.

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Ref: 4809/C03

18 November 1944

Dear Marchese Visconti Venosta:

I am in receipt of your letter of 15 November 1944, and thank you for bringing to my attention the financial needs of the Patriots in the Alpine valleys, a situation which can well be appreciated.

This whole question is one which is at this moment in the course of discussion at a high level, and you will be informed as soon as a policy and decision have been reached.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Elliott B. Stone

ELLIOTT B. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Marchese Giovanni Visconti Venosta
Undersecretary of State for Foreign Affairs
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Rome

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COMMITTEE OF LIBERATION OF NORTHERN ITALY

Since last May the R. Ministry of Foreign Affairs has continuously mantained a close contact - through the Royal Legation in Berne - with the Committee of National Liberation of Northern Italy, supplying it with funds, helps and every possible support.

Abovementioned contact was started by the following telegram dated May 17th from Berne: "National Liberation Committee Northern Italy has decided to fully collaborate with Government, asks for full power and sufficient means to wage struggle for common aims".

And with its massage dated May 19th last the Committee of Liberation reaffirmed the necessity to strengthen the activity of the resistance movement and the general political situation with a military, diplomatic and consular action in Switzerland, since the possibility of a practical cooperation between the political parties in Italy and official Italian bodies in Switzerland has failed up to date. And added: "it is possible and necessary the cooperation of the Italian Official representatives with the operating forces of anti-fascism". The Royal Government is asked to grant the Delegation ,'in view of this purpose, an official recognition with the military and diplomatic Missions, so as activities and enterprises in the field and specific purpose of resistance might be carried out through their participation".

The public opinion was informed of what above through a communique issued on the "Corriere di Salerno" on May 29th last:
" The National Liberation Committee of Northern Italy has decided to give its full collaboration to the Italian Government. It requests to be recognized by the Italian Government as authorized connection and to be given sufficient means to wage the struggle for the common goal". The Italian Government have answered to the Committee stating their happiness for the reaffirmed collaboration and issuing immediate instructions to the requested effect.

It is superfluous to emphazise the importance of the abovesaid message which proves the full and utter solidarity of all Italians this and that side of the battle line in the struggle against the German aggressor".

On May 31st last the Liberation Committee urged a "solemn declaration recognizing the National Liberation Committee for Northern Italy as central authority for the whole resistance activity, both political and military. The Committee's powers should be clearly stated by the

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Government from which orders should be issued to Northern Italy populations to the effect of having the orders of the Committee complied with".

On August 12th the Government hawe sent to the Committee of Liberation, through the R. War Ministry and the R. Legation in Berne, the following solemn declaration agrred between the interested Ministers and signed by H.E. Bonomi: "The Italian Government recognizes the Committee of Liberation of Northern Italy as coordinating authority of all resistance activities".

The Committee is therefore authorized to issue all the orders and instructions that will be necessary to organize the resistence all over the occupied territory, to unify the assistance, to carry out the best distribution of supplies, to establish liaisons, to unify the criterions and the instructions aiming to strengthen the action of the patriots according to the varying local situations.

The Liberation Committee, following up the advance of the troops and availing itself of all the authorities that are cooperating in the resistance is authorized to insure public order, discipline and assistance to the population in the zones which happen to be in war areas, until the Allied Commands and the official Italian Authorities will be contacted.

The Italian Government appeals to all North Italian population to the effect that all directions which will be issued by the Liberation Committee should be complied with; and maximum cooperation should be given to the Liberation Committee with that same discipline, unselfishness and patriotic feelings which are turning the resistance movement of Italy's northerns regions into one of the most important contributions which are paid by Italy for the liberation of the Nation's territory, and for its forthcoming rebirth".

The Cobelligerent Legations in Switzerland and the Swiss Government have been informed of such a message.

354 On September 2nd the Military Command of the National Liberation Committee for Northern Italy sent a message to the Italian Government and the Ministry of War recommending the formation of an unified "Patriots HQ" and a further tightening of the bounds with the regular armed forces.

On September 4th the Government sent a replying message.

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COMITATO LIBERAZIONE ITALIA SETTENTRIONALE

Il R. Ministero degli Affari Esteri dal maggio scorso si è sempre mantenuto in stretto contatto - tramite la R. Legazione a Bernacon il Comitato di Liberazione Nazionale per l'Italia settentrionale, fornendogli fondi, aiuti e ogni possibile assistenza.

Detto contatto si è iniziato con il seguente telegramma in data 17 maggio pervenuto da Berna:

" Comitato Nazionale di Liberazione Italia settentrionale ha deciso di collaborare pienamente con Governo, chiede di avere pieni poteri e mezzi adeguati per condurre la lotta verso comuni scopi".

E con suo messaggio in data 19 maggio u.s. il C.L. riaffermava la necessità di dare un maggiore impulso all'attività del movimento di resistenza e alla situazione politica generale con una azione militare, diplomatica e consolare in Svizzera dal momento che la possibilità di una cooperazione pratica tra i partiti politici in Italia e organi ufficiali italiani in Svizzera è fino ad oggi mancata.Ed aggiungeva "è possibile e necessaria la cooperazione dei rappresentanti ufficiali italiani con le forze attive dell'antifascismo. Il R. Governo è pregato di accordare a tale scopo alla Delegazione un riconoscimento ufficiale di fronte alle missioni militari e diplomatiche in modo che con la loro partecipazione possano essere promosse attività ed iniziative nel campo e nell'intento specifico della resistenza".

Di ciò veniva data notizia al pubblico con il seguente comunicato pubblicato nel "Corriere di Salerno" il 29 maggio scorso:

" Il Comitato Liberazione Nazionale dell'Italia del Nord ha deciso di dare la sua piena collaborazione al Governo italiano. Esso chiede che sia riconosciuto come tramite autorizzato del Governo italiano e che gli venga dati mezzi adeguati per condurre la lotta per il raggiungimento del fine comune". Il Governo italiano ha risposto al Comitato vivamente compiacendosi della riaffermata collaborazione e dando immediate istruzioni nel senso richiesto. E' superfluo sottolineare l'importanza del messaggio stesso che documenta la piena e completa solidarietà di tutti gli italiani, di qua e al di là della linea di battaglia, nella lotta contro l'aggresso-

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35R In data 31 maggio scorso il Comitato di Liberazione sollecitava una
dichiarazione solenne che riconosca C.L.N.A.I. come autorità centrale per
tutta l'attività di resistenza, sia politica che militare. I poteri del
Comitato dovrebbero essere chiaramente definiti dal Governo il quale dovreb
be impartire ordini alle popolazioni del nord Italia nel senso di seguire
gli ordini del Comitato".

In data 12 agosto il R. Governo ha fatto pervenire al Comitato di Li-
berazione, per il tramite del R. Ministero della Guerra e della R. Lega-
zione di Berna, la seguente dichiarazione solenne concordata fra i Ministri
interessati e firmata da S.E. Bonomi:

" Il Governo italiano riconosce il Comitato di Liberazione dell'Italia set-
tentrionale come l'Autorità coordinatrice di tutte le attività di resisten-
za.

Il Comitato è in conseguenza autorizzato ad emanare tutti gli ordini
e le istruzioni che varranno a disciplinare la resistenza in tutto il ter-

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ritorio occupato ad accettare i soccorsi, a curarne la migliore distribuzione, a stabilire collegamenti, ad uniformare i criteri e le direttive che, tenuto conto delle diverse situazioni locali, parranno più opportune per potenziare l'azione dei patrioti.

Il Comitato di Liberazione è autorizzato, a mano a mano che le truppe liberatrici avanzano e giovandosi di tutte le autorità che collaborano alla resistenza, a provvedere all'ordine, disciplina, soccorso alle popolazioni nelle zone immediatamente impegnate nelle operazioni belliche e sino a quando il contatto sarà regolarmente stabilito coi Comandi Alleati e le legittime autorità italiane.

Il Governo italiano fa appello a tutte le popolazioni dell'Italia settentrionale perché ubbidendo alle istruzioni che saranno a mano mano emanate dal Comitato di Liberazione, diano ad esso la massima collaborazione con quella disciplina, abnegazione, patriottismo che fanno del movimento di resistenza nelle generose provincie settentrionali italiane uno dei più ammirevoli e importanti contributi che l'Italia dà alla liberazione del territorio nazionale ed una delle più certe ragioni di speranza nel suo nuovo risorgimento".

Questo megsaggio é stato portato a conoscenza delle Legazioni cobelligeranti in Svizzera e del Governo Elvetico.

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Ref: 4809/CWS

18 November 1944

Dear Marchese Visconti Venosta:

I am in receipt of your letter of 13 November 1944 and wish to assure you that the whole question of supplying patriots in Northern Italy is receiving the most earnest consideration of the Allied authorities. I have discussed the matter at length with the services concerned and I am glad to give you an assurance that it is intended to allot an increased and considerable tonnage of supplies during the present winter.

With regard to the particular situation of the Patriot formations in Piedmont and Liguria, steps are being taken with the appropriate organizations to examine the situation and to find a means to alleviate it.

Yours sincerely,

HILARY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Marchese Giovanni Visconti Venosta
Undersecretary of State for Foreign Affairs
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Rome

cc: Civil Affairs Section (for Major Tulloch - Patriots Branch)
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Ext: 388

Ref: 3202/A9/CAS

20 November 1944.

SUBJECT: Patrolus

TO : Civil Affairs Section
(Attention: Adriatic Branch)

1. Enclosed original and translation of a letter 19861-19-13 dated 15 November 1944 from Prime Minister Bonomi to the Chief Commissioner is forwarded.

2. Will you please submit a draft reply for the signature of the Chief Commissioner in much the same terms as the reply to H.E. Marchese Visconti Venosta, which was sent on the 18th November 1944, reference 4209/CAS, copy to you.

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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Though the operations practically come to a standstill in winter, it is no more possible for the Patriots to go home. Their fate is that of the 'outlaws' and they must be enabled to defend their position. The problem is to find means, for, unluckily, the pluck and goodwill of the combattents make up for these only up to a certain point. Today, the situation is unbearable. A certain equilibrium must be reestablished in defence of the Patriots. If this isn't done without delay, and begun right now, in November, the whole mass of the patriots of North Italy, instead of helping the effort of the Allies during the winter and in the spring operations, will meet the tragical fate of the forces of the resistance in Warsaw.

The situation must therefore be taken in consideration from the military and from the political point of view. From the military point of view, if nothing is done, it will completely paralyse every effort from the patriots for the present and seriously prejudice the possibility of an efficacious contribution later on. From the political point of view there is the danger that the patriots wouldsoon get the impression that they are being neither helped nor supported by the Allies and by their Government. In this case, as you can well imagine, the repercussions of a political nature would be of a gravity which it is difficult to estimate.

I remain,

Yours truly.

/s/ Ivanoe Bonomi

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R. MINISTERO

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AFFARI ESTERI

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No. 1/856

Rome, 15th November, 1944

Dear Admiral,

The Committee of National Liberation reports that it is meeting with serious financial difficulties for the maintenance of the 45,000 Patriots operating, under its orders, in the Alpine valleys. The monthly expenditure runs into about 45 million lire.

The forthcoming winter will render much more hard the task of the Italian patriots who, owing to adverse climatic conditions, will find local resources much diminished and will not be able to count on sufficient air supplies. It appears therefore absolutely necessary to assist them, in this crucial period of the resistance front, at least with all possible financial aid.

The Italian Government, whilst proposing to do all in their power and with the means at their disposal to assist financially the patriots, will be most grateful if you, dear Admiral, will kindly enlist the interest of the competent Allied Authorities in the matter towards the same aim. Particularly appreciated would be an assurance that the Allied organizations in Switzerland will continue, during the winter, to issue funds in favour of the Patriots operating in Piedmont, as they have done in the past.

Confident of your active and decisive interest in the matter, I wish to thank you in advance for your kindness and courtesy.

Believe me, dear Admiral,

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Yours very sincerely,

Signed - G. VISCONTI VENOSTA

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Admiral Ellery W. Stone, U.S.N.R.
Acting Chief Commissioner
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R. MINISTERO

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AFFARI ESTERI

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Rome, 13th November 1944

Dear Admiral,

The supplies by air to the patriots in Northern Italy have of late met with serious difficulties owing to bad atmospheric conditions, to the considerable losses of machines and to the necessity, so I am assured, of having to give priority to operations in Jugoslavia.

According to information, which I have no means of checking and I am, therefore, giving you merely as an indication, it would appear that at one moment the British authorities responsible for this service were led to consider the opportunity of giving orders to "disband" to our formations in Piedmont and in Liguria.

In consideration, however, of the grave moral and material consequences of such an act, it was instead preferred to examine the possibility of forming, near the French frontier, depots of foodstuffs and clothing, to which the patriots could accede using sledges and skiis.

The depots would be formed by the American service to which would be attached Italian officers. The British service, also on their part, would form their own depots. There appear, however, to be no small difficulties on the part of the Americans for the supply of foodstuffs and clothing, and others due to the fact that the French harass and illtreat the Italians who are thus obliged to cross the frontier. Other difficulties, furthermore, derive from the fact that the funds which have been granted by the Americans to the Committee of Liberation of Northern Italy, owing to the system followed in their distribution, only arrive in a minimum quantity to the Patriot Bands who are instead just the people to whom the major part of the funds should go.

I should be grateful, dear Admiral, if you would kindly check up the above information in order to arrive at a solution apt to improve the patriots' conditions and to increase and develop their efficiency and activity which is in our interest and in the common interest. You know how the Government and the entire Italian population have this problem at heart and I shall much appreciate if you will kindly give us all possible assurances in the matter. You may be sure of our complete and thorough co-operation.

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Believe me, dear Admiral, with dinkest regards, See (38)

Signed - G. VISCONTI VENOSTA

Admiral Ellery W. Stone, U.S.N.R.
Acting Chief Commissioner. Allied Commission

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Various responsible leaders of the Italian resistance movement in enemy occupied ITALY report exhaustion of funds with which they might subsist Partisans during the coming winter. For example the MILAN Committee of National Liberation reports that funds of the Italian 4th Army over which they assumed control at time of the Armistice are practically exhausted. Similar conditions reported from elsewhere. To keep the resistance movement in being it is obvious that funds for minimum subsistence requirements of Partisans must be forthcoming. Provision of these funds apparently must be made from one or all of three sources. (A) Subsidy by the Allied Nations, (B) Contribution by the Italian Govt, (C) Tapping of Italian funds not frozen in places outside ITALY for example SWITZERLAND. Total involved may reach as high as 100 million lire monthly but something less may do. The solution employed in other countries such as YUGOSLAVIA applicable in ITALY. May we have your views or decision.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner
APO 394

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30 October 1944

Subject: Demolition of Power Houses

To: Chief of Staff

1. AAI continues to publicize that patriots are crippling power plants, notwithstanding instructions that they are to protect them rather than to render them useless.

2. Will you please take this up again with Brigadier Mainwaring.

Clipping from Basic News

"ITALIAN RESISTANCE PLANT

ADVANCE HQ, AAI, October 28 - .....

"The power plant at Savorgnano, in Udine Province, was rendered useless."

(clipping was pasted to original memo to G of S)

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ELLERY W. STONE
Commodore
Acting Chief Commissioner

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
INFORMATION AND CENSORSHIP SECTION
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH
ITALIAN THEATRE HEADQUARTERS

DIRECTIVE ON ITALIAN PATRIOTS.

1. The campaign has reached a stage where a reaffirmation of our Directive for propaganda to the patriots in Northern Italy is necessary. The purpose of this directive is to put the patriot activities into the proper perspective vis a vis the Allied armies in Italy and the Italian Regular Army.

2. It is necessary not only because of the emergence of a new stage in the campaign but also because publicity given the patriots has imperceptibly grown to a point where it is out of proportion to the war effort in Italy not only of the Allies but also the Italian army.

3. A further reason is that there is evidence that certain elements in Italy are likely to make and indeed already to some extent have been making political capital out of the activities of the patriots, using as their basis Allied publicity.

4. The position is that the patriots have done and are doing damage behind the enemy lines. By their action they have harrassed the enemy lines of communication and so have increased the enemy's security problem and have thereby contained a proportion of troops which might otherwise have been employed in the front line. To help them in their task the patriots have been supplied with arms, ammunition and supplies by the Allies. Without this aid the patriots would not have been able to take any effective action.

5. It must not be forgotten that not all patriots risk their lives to aid the Allied armies. Many have become patriots to avoid the German conscription of labour and deportation to Germany.

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5. It must not be forgotten that not all patriots risk their lives to aid the Allied armies. Many have become patriots to avoid the German conscription of labour and deportation to Germany.

6. The strength of the patriots lies in their dispersion over the widest possible area, thus forcing the enemy to take the maximum security precautions. It is when they concentrate that their weakness is evident. They then offer a worth while target for enemy attack. In pitched battles they must suffer and are forced to disperse.

7. It is incorrect, therefore, to speak of the patriots as liberating any particular area; if they are in control of any one place it is because the Germans have withdrawn from that place and are for the moment not taking action. We should remember that it is the Allies who are liberating Italy with the help of the patriots. The patriots are unable to liberate of their own accord.

8. The patriots should not be regarded as existing as a body other than while fighting on the other side of the line. As soon as Allied armies overtake them their activities as fighting patriots cease and they become Italian citizens.

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9. The foregoing is background to the recent directive to play down very gradually the activities of patriots to liberated Italy and to the rest of the world. It is essential that the qualification "very gradually" should be observed in order that there be no appearance of a new directive to this effect. We are fully aware of the part played by the patriots, for which they should have full credit.

10. The output in Italia Combatte is not affected by this and will continue on strictly military lines as in previous directives. The purpose of Italia Combatte is to give the over-all direction to the patriot movement and to give it maximum encouragement. The caution against the use of the term "liberation" noted above will be observed.

11. Activities of the Italian Army will be played up fully both in Italia Combatte and in liberated Italy.

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Rome, 11 October 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR ADMIRAL STONE

The regulations in force for the patriots in the regions which have been liberated cause some trouble which make it advisable to revise the said regulations; this revision is very seasonly for towards North Italy, the bands get stronger and better organized, and the trouble caused by the enforcement of the present regulations becomes more serious.

As it is well known, when the Allied troops reach the villages, the bands of patriots, which had been employed for liaison and for the reorganization of civilian life, are dissolved and disarmed; this in the hope of reinstating the patriots in a legal statute, and employing those who are under draft obligation according to the Italian law.

When carried into effect, the disarmament of the patriots causes great bitterness and resentment among them; they think that their work is neither acknowledged nor appreciated. The true patriots give up their arms reluctantly, and the more restless elements hide them.

Great advantage would be derived from keeping the bands going for a certain length of time, their discontent wouldn't be roused, it would be easier to judge the activity and merits of everyone in particular, and make correct lists of all true patriots, this without mentioning the fundamental advantage of being able to make use of them as an organization for a certain length of time.

The elimination of many would take place automatically after a few days, because of the requests of those who should want to go back to civilian life.

For this to take place in a well regulated way, it would be necessary for a representative of the Department of War to arrive with the first Allied Authorities; he would be able to give the patriot immediate orientation for their future. Of course, such foodstuffs and clothes as represent the minimum of material help needed ought to arrive at the same time as the representative of the Department of War. This is in relation with the need for a territorial military organization, even small, in the liberated regions; we have several times mentioned this. The difficulty in getting a certain number of food rationsmust be overcome at all costs.

Advantages such as safety, order and tranquillity in the liberated regions seem to justify the enforcement of the suggested regulations; together with the distribution of a certain number of food rations and of a certain quantity of clothes.

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Roma 11 ottobre 1944

PROMEMORIA PER L'AMMIRAGLIO STONE

Le disposizioni in vigore per i patrioti nelle zone man mano liberate danno luogo ad alcuni inconvenienti che consigliano una revisione delle norme da applicare, revisione tanto più opportuna in quanto man mano che si procede verso l'Italia settentrionale le bande sono sempre più consistenti e più organiche, e gli inconvenienti derivanti dall'applicazione delle norme attuali assumono maggiori proporzioni.

Come è noto, appena le truppe alleate giungono nei vari villaggi, le bande dei patrioti, utilizzate in un primo tempo per collegamento e per l'avviamento ad una ripresa della vita civile, vengono sciolte e disarmate; si pensa così di far rientrare i patrioti nella legalità e di impiegare poi in servizio militare quelli che hanno obblighi di leva in base alla legge italiana.

Nella applicazione pratica il disarmo dei patrioti provoca profonde amarezze e risentimenti dei patrioti, che credono che la loro opera non sia riconosciuta e valorizzata. Ne consegue che i veri patrioti consegnano malvolentieri le armi e che gli elementi turbolenti preferiscono nasconderle.

Se invece le bande potessero essere mantenute per un certo tempo in funzione, si otterrebbero vari vantaggi, e cioè quello di evitare il loro malcontento, quello di poter meglio valutare l'attività e i meriti di ciascuno e di precisare gli elenchi dei veri patrioti, senza contare il vantaggio fondamentale di poterli utilizzare per un certo periodo in modo organico. L'eliminazione di molti di essi avverrebbe automaticamente dopo pochi giorni, in seguito a domande di coloro che hanno interesse a rientrare nella vita civile.

Perchè tutto questo possa avvenire in maniera ordinata occorrerebbe che

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in ciascuna località giungesse tempestivamente, con le prime Autorità alleate, un rappresentante del Ministero della Guerra, che potrebbe dare un immediato orientamento ai patriati circa il loro futuro. Naturalmente però insieme con il rappresentante del Ministero della Guerra dovrebbe giungere quel minimo di viveri e di vestiario che costituisce il necessario appoggio materiale. Tutto ciò rientra nella necessità già fatta presente più volte di addivenire ad una organizzazione militare territoriale, sia pure ridotta, delle zone man mano liberate; e la difficoltà, che occorre superare è essenzialmente quella di fare affluire un certo numero di razioni viveri.

I vantaggi di ordine, di sicurezza e di tranquillità dei paesi liberati appaiono tali da giustificare l'applicazione dei criteri suggeriti con la maggiore erogazione di un certo numero di razioni viveri e di una certa quantità di vestiario.

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19 SEP 1944

SUBJECT: Formation of Italian Patriot Committee

TO: Distribution below.

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

1. The Commission will be called "Commissione per i Patrioti"

2. It will be presided over by the Prime Minister and, in his absence, the Under Secretary of State to the Presidency.

3. The members will be:-

H.E.Mario PALERMO, Under Secretary of State for War.

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

Dr. BAUER or other representatives of the C.L.N.

General ODDONE (Military)

4. The directives of the Commission will be carried out by a corresponding "Ufficio Patriote". The work will be undertaken by military and civilian personnel.

5. The head of this, Lt. Col. BARBO, will also be Secretary of the "Commissione".

In their relations with the Allied Control Commission and the Regions, this Committee will deal with the Patriot Branch of the RC and MG Section. Officers of this Commission will reciprocally deal with this Italian Patriot Committee through the Patriot Branch and not direct.

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(M.S.LUSH) Brigadier, Executive Commissioner.

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My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

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

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

I am making arrangements for this to be done.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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

Hq ACC Sec'y Gen.
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c.c. Col. McCarthy - Patriot Branch.

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TRANSLATION

THE PRESIDENT
OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Rome, 4 September 1944

Subject: Organization of Patriots

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

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

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

The directives of the Commission will be carried out by a corresponding Patriots Office. The head of the Patriots Office could be, at the same time, Secretary of the Commission. I should like to consider entrusting this position to Lt. Col. Barnabò. The Patriots Office could be organized, along general lines, as follows: a personnel section, a re-employment and transportation section, a reimbursement section, an aid section, an historical section, and an administrative section. The work of the sections will be entrusted to mixed personnel, military and civilian.

As for the tasks of the Commission I am naturally in complete agreement with paragraph 4 of your letter of the 24th of August of this year. It is understood that the Commission, always in close cooperation with ACC, will have to confront and solve the numerous, delicate, and complex problems relative to Patriots both civilians and members of the various armed forces, in the areas behind the zone of operations. But the Commission will also be the organ of the Italian Government that will formulate proposals to be submitted to the Allies for all forms of aid and

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/s/ I. Bonomi

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Il Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri

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Roma, 4 settembre 1944

Oggetto: Organizzazione dei patrioti.

Captain ELLERY W. STONE
Capo della Commissione Alleata di Controllo

ROMA

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

Avrei deciso, in pieno accordo con i Suoi suggerimenti, di costituire una Commissione che dovrebbe chiamarsi "Commissione per i Patrioti", dipendente dalla Presidenza del Consiglio. La Commissione sarà presieduta da me e, in mia assenza, dal Sottosegretario di Stato alla Presidenza. Ne saranno membri : S.E. Mario Palermo Sottosegretario di Stato alla Guerra, S.E. Giuseppe Spataro, Sottosegretario di Stato per la Stampa e le Informazioni, il Dott. Carlo Bandi (falso nome del Dott. Riccardo Bauer, i cui parenti si trovano in zona occupata) quale esperto civile, il Gen. Oddone quale esperto militare.

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343 Quanto ai compiti della Commissione sono naturalmente completamente d'accordo con il par. 4 della Sua lettera del 24 agosto u.s. - E' inteso che essa dovrà affrontare e risolvere, sempre in stretta cooperazione con l'A.C.C., i numerosi, delicati e complessi problemi relativi ai patrioti sia civili sia appartenenti alle varie forze armate, nelle zone retrostanti quella di operazioni. Ma essa sarà anche l'organo del Governo italiano che formulerà proposte agli Alleati per ogni forma di aiuto e di propaganda nei riguardi dei patrioti che operano nelle zone occupate dal nemico. Penserei anzi che un comunicato in tal senso potrebbe essere concordato e portato, per il tramite della B.B.C. a conoscenza dei nostri fratelli che si battono nell'Italia del Nord, e che devono sapere che il Governo italiano non li dimentica.

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Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner

Italian Government and Patriot Activities.
Brigadier M. S. Lush

A/CC.324.5
28 Aug 4

1. Reference attached letter from Adv. Hq. AAI, file 16/1/G(Ops), 25 Aug 44, subject as above.

2. Will you see to it that this has appropriate action, please.

Stone.

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A/GC 327.3 24 August 1944

SUBJECT: Organisation of Patriots.

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

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

2. WORKING COMMISSION

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

3. CONSTITUTION OF THE WORKING COMMISSION

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

4. CONTROL OF PATRIOT ACTIVITIES

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

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HILARY W. STOKES
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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Adv Headquarters,
Allied Armies in Italy.

Subject: Italian Government and Patriot Activities. 16/1/G(Ops)

A.C.C. 25 Aug 44.

1. From unofficial reports received at this Headquarters it is apparent that the Italian Government are endeavouring to control Patriot activities in enemy occupied Italy. The Commander-in-Chief wishes to make it quite clear that under existing circumstances this cannot be tolerated.

2. The Commander-in-Chief reserves the right exclusively to direct their operations as hitherto in order to further his campaign.

3. Amongst the Partisans in Italy there is no unified command which takes its orders direct from the Commander-in-Chief. Resistence Groups have been built up either around members of the Italian Army who found themselves in Northern Italy at the time of the Armistice or around active members of various political parties.

4. All Resistance Groups have the common desire to hasten the liberation of their country, and the Allies have provided arms, ammunition and equipment that has been available to enable the groups to play an active part.

5. The organisation set up in your Headquarters to deal with the difficult stage when Patriots pass into liberated Italy is believed to be working well.

6. It must be clearly understood that the Italian Government is granted powers and authority only in those parts of Italy which are turned over from time to time to their jurisdiction.

7. If the Italian Government wish to identify and concern themselves more fully with the Italian Patriots, it is suggested that they concentrate upon the difficult task of moulding the Patriots aspiration into good citizenship so that they may play an active part in the new Italy. It is suggested that this matter falls within the Province of the Minister of the Interior and not of the Minister for War unless the Patriots are absorbed into the Armed Forces.

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Col: D.

For your information.

It was on these instructions that the British Hdt. foot called to see Capt. Stone yesterday.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REGION IV
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Rec'd 9 Aug 1000
By PRR

Public Safety Division
12 noon.
8th August, 1944.

A 2101

11 AUG 1944

Subject: Firearms held by patriots.

To : Capt.T.W.M. Greenhill, Public Safety Division.

1. A report has just reached me from Capt. Stone, Acting Chief Commissioner, A.C.C. that arms are stacked up at a place on Route 2, nine miles out of Rome, and that these firearms are unguarded. It is said that these firearms belong to patriots. It is also understood that elsewhere patriots have not handed in their arms and have stored them in other places. I will speak to the Provincial P.S.Os to-morrow as to police action elsewhere in Region 4.

2. You are deputed to handle this matter immediately, and are freed of other police duties temporarily for this purpose.

3. In the first instance, will you kindly see the personal assistant of Capt. Stone, obtain all available information and try to ascertain exactly where these arms are stored, and any other place where they are likely to be held.

4. Get the necessary CC.RR. from Maj. Battersbey to assist you, and keep me in touch with the matter at all stages.

5. Tact and discretion is very necessary in handling any patriots. If arms are found have them guarded by CC.RR. and report all facts at once to me. Do not make arrests of genuine patriots before prior consultation with me unless immediate police is warranted.

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J.A.POLLOCK
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copy to Capt. Stone, Acting Chief Commissioner, A.C.C.
Col. Ames (for Col. Poletti)

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NOT AUTHORIZED
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By PRR

Ref/57/1/PAT. 8 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Notes Written after a Visit to Florence.

9 AUG 1944

I arrived in the South of Florence at 1300 hrs on 6 August accompanied by two Patriot Representatives from Rome, one of the Bernabo Group and one of the Bauer Group. I left at 2000 hrs on the same date having seen in Florence Lt-Col. Benton-Jones (AAI 8 Army) and his staff also the British Garrison Commander, the P.S.S., the I.C.U. and Special Forces and the chiefs of the Patriot Bands.

GENERAL.

The situation briefly was that the enemy was holding the North bank of the river Arno and was sniping across the river from there and was shelling the approaches to Florence, chiefly about dawn and dusk. All bridges were down except the Ponte Vecchio. Communications between N. Florence and S. Florence existed in various peculiar ways. The Germans had removed all food and live-stock. AMG was sending in ten 3-ton vehicles every evening starting on 5 Aug (this is now to be increased to twenty) so that essential food requirements were being met. There was no light nor water in the town except drinking water. Most of the original Carabinieri had crossed the river and were reported to be on the side of the enemy, but more carabinieri had been brought up from the South. I was told by an officer who had valuable information that both Germans and civilians were sniping across the river and that the Germans had imposed a 24 hour curfew and that two Patriot Companies were in the centre of Florence: also there were he thought a few Germans left South of the river in a very small pocket.

PATRIOTS.

The situation which had been a bit tricky to handle because Patriots do not like the idea of handing in their arms had been settled very satisfactorily and seemed to be as follows. There were no Military Patriots. The C.L.N. Patriots were divided into a party of approx 600 South of the river and the Garibaldi companies whose chief said he definitely owed allegiance to CLN but he acted independently and said he had altogether 10 companies (110 each) North of the river & South and these were also two others many miles South near PUCCIARELLI.

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Lt-Col. Benton-Jones (AMG 8 Army) who had arrived in Florence on 4 August arranged after a little difficulty for all these Patriots to hand in their arms (which they guarded themselves) by noon on 6 August and the arrangement was that they should only draw these out when they went out with the British Army for guide or other duties. All this seemed to be working satisfactorily.

A certain amount of trouble had been experienced with local bandits who had to be cleared up. The genuine Patriots disliked them intensely and were willing to help to put them down.

VISIT TO A.A.I.

On my return I discussed the Florence picture with Brig. Ramsbotham at AAI, H.Q. Five points at our discussion can be recorded here.

First Brig. Ramsbotham wants it to be clearly understood that Patriots should be expected to help the Army as guides, Patrols etc in their own area, but must not be recruited for moving farther forward outside their own recognised beat.

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Second I explained it would be difficult to organise, in the 8th Army area, the returning transport and camps and reception for Patriots who wish to enlist. At present the numbers are few

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that they can enlist if they bide their time and wait for collection at the Army's convenience. This position was agreed as being satisfactory meantime Brig. Mawdairing said he would arrange with 5 Army that in due course the M.M.I.A. Screening agents should be allowed into Corps Areas.

Third. In future It will be advisable to have a plan laid on beforehand and subsequent close operational contact between Ops., Special Forces, P.W.B. and the Patriot Branch.

Fourth. At a much later date it may be necessary to have (say) a company of the Italian Army up in certain forward areas to help deal with turbulent Patriots and other Patriot problems: in general it was agreed that the Italian Army would probably have to provide the man-power for looking after Patriot problems in the Army areas and in the L of C.

Fifth. We discussed briefly if the time was ripe for a political utterance or broadcast to outline the Patriot situation generally. Brig. Mawdairing agreed with me that the time had now arrived when such a statement could be made, with advantage.

C.D. McCarthy

C.D. McCARTHY.
Colonel,
Patriots Branch,
R.C. & M.C. Section.

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AUTH: (HX FLS)

ACC HQ
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2 Aug 44.

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Civil Affairs Branch

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1st Lt AGD
ADJUTANT

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HEADQUARTERS
Allied Control Commission
R.C. & A.G. Section
Patriots Branch

1 August 1944

A 1929
HQ ACC. APO 394
361 2 Aug 1700 hrs.

Ref : AG/14/PAT

To : Chief Commissioner.
H.Q. A.C.C.

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Reference A.C.C. 324.5 of 29 July.
The attached statement showing distribution to date of Patriot Certificates for your information.
A further 50,000 Certificates are available at the printers when required.

For Brig. Gen. Mayer.
C. L. Mc CARTHY
Colonel,
Patriots Branch.
R.C. & A.G. Section.

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ISSUE OF PATRIOT CERTIFICATES
UP TO AND INCLUDING 1 AUG 44.

NUMBERS.	ISSUED TO.	DATE ISSUED.
101 to 103	Col. Mc Carthy.	31 Jul 44.
104 " 109	Capt. Salvadori.	1 Aug 44.
110 " 750	(Not issued - nt present in clerks office).	
751 " 800	No.1 Sp. Force (Maj. Tennant)	31 Jul 44.
801 " 1000	AMG 5 Army.	27 Jul 44.
1001 " 3000	AMG 5 Army.	19 Jul 44.
3001 " 5000	AMG 8 Army.	19 Jul 44.
5001 " 7000	Region 8.	19 Jul 44.
© 7001 " 17000	AMG 8 Army.	27 Jul 44.
17001 " 27000	AMG 5 Army.	1 Aug 44.

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27001 to 30000 Are at present in clerks office available for despatch.

© Certificates as above were despatched on the morning of 27 Jul 44 and received by AMG 8 Army on the evening of that day. (Please see folio 12 on file No. 42/PAT.).

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

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A/CC 324.5

29 July 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Brigadier Lush

29 JUL 1944

Dispatches and letters indicate delay in the receipt of patriot certificates by 5th and 8th Armies. In what quantities, and on what dates have certificates been received by 5th and 8th Armies?

E. W. S.

Original delivered by Alexander

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29 July

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
OUTGOING MESSAGE

56-1946
1 AUG 1944

TO: AAI 5 ARMY AMG EIGHT ARMY RC REGION FIVE RC REGION EIGHT RC REGION NINE

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER NO:

FROM: ACC MAIN

CLASSIFICATION: SECRET

REFERENCE No: 1081

PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: 28

OFFICE OF ORIGIN: PATRIOTS BRANCH

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Subject: Release on Patriots
To : Acting Chief Commissioner

1. Date of release in question is 21 July.

2. Copy of release attached, bearing date.

J.G. Bergin Maj
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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R1/62

21 July 1944.

Press release - Immediate.

Immediate steps to give the most effective and widespread recognition possible to the valiant efforts of Italian patriots who have partecipated in guerrilla fighting on the side of the Allies are announced by the Allied Control Commission.

The courage, heroism and tenacity of Italian patriots, both those who have since passed into our lines during the progress of the Allied Armies in Italy and those who are still fighting the enemy with determination and skill further north, are symbols of the love for freedom and the ideals of democracy of the United Nations deeply felt by all true Italians and recognized as such by the Allies.

Measures ordered by the Allied Control Commission to effect the change of patriots from military to civilian status with a minimum of difficulty and already put into operation include:

CREATION of a Patriots Branch of the ACC to carry the continuing responsibility of aiding in the solution of the Patriot question.

DISPATCH of special instructions to AMG officers with the 5th and 8th Armies to regard the Patriots as Civilian Priority No 1.

ASSIGNMENT of special staff officers to Army and Corps AMG teams to advise on the identification of patriots and the handling of their situations.

INCLUSION at once of a substantial number of patriots in every local governmental committee newly formed after arrival of the Allied Forces.

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ISSUANCE of Allied certificates of recognition to Patriots who have been properly identified.

MESSAGES from General Alexander, Commander-in-Chief in Italy, to all patriots through posters, leaflets, radio and press, of Allied recognition and thanks for their valour and aid to the Allied Armies.

COLLABORATION with the Italian Government to insure that patriots continue to receive under Italian officials the recognition due to them for their efforts towards the liberation of Italy.

The patriot problem is beset with three particular difficulties which AMG officers attached to the Armies immediately encounter in the course of their tasks to insure order in the areas behind the front lines and to insure safety to the military lines of communications.

(9) The first is that of proper identification of patriots. Allied authorities have evolved the following definition: Patriots (although mostly Italians, may be of any nationality) are persons in the ranks of genuine bands who have carried arms against the enemy, engaged in sabotage or secured important military information for benefit of the Allied war effort.

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A clear line must be drawn between those who truly deserve the name of patriot and those who do not. Experience has shown that many false claims are made. In some places alleged "patriot bands" have been formed five minutes before - or even after - the entry of the Allies by persons who up to that time had been Fascists. Impostors must not be given the credit and recognition due to those who have really fought and suffered in the Allied cause. But in the heat and haste of battle, it is not easy for Allied officers to judge these matters with speed and accuracy.

In the second difficulty, there is the vexed question of the right of patriots to continue the fight and to continue to carry arms. To many of them it may seem right and proper that they should be permitted to do so: but experience has shown that such permission would harm the very cause for which they have fought. Every firearm which can be spared is needed - and urgently needed - to equip the patriots further north. Patriots must recognize that the allocation of arms for the Italian theatre, including the Allied Armies and for all other purposes, is strictly limited and controlled by the Combined Chiefs of Staff in Washington for the great demands of the battlefronts now spread in every quarter of the globe.

The continued possession of arms is contrary to the legal provisions enacted by the Allied Nations to preserve good order and discipline in liberated territory and to ensure that the smooth passage of supplies for the armies is not in any way disturbed.

Thirdly, there is the problem of the subsequent treatment of patriots - their claims to take part in local government and to be given a just reward in matters of employment and rehabilitation. Some patriots wish to continue the fight: others desire to return to their homes or to their former employment: and such claims must be considered with impartiality and promptitude.

The Italian patriot representatives will be responsible for advising the officers of AMG on the identifications of patriots found, or expected to be found, in the line of advance. In this way it is hoped to obtain rapid co-operation between AMG and the recognized leaders of patriot forces.

The Allied authorities are, with the advice of the Italian patriot representatives, now giving to each patriot a certificate of merit which shall act as a recognition of the part he has

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The posters - 50,000 in number - prepared for issue in all places occupied by the Allies explain Allied policy.

Every commune will have an Italian committee to handle the problem of finding employment for patriots. Each committee will be composed of the Sindaco (or Comissario Prefettizio), four or more representatives chosen from and by the patriots, two members of the Giunta Comunale if formed, or otherwise two well-known and respected local residents will be chosen. The committee will draw up lists of bona fide patriots and classify them. Patriots who desire to join the army will be offered such opportunities of military employment as best fit the - diate needs of the war effort. Those who do not reside in the area and wish to return to their homes will be given the necessary facilities. Those who wish to continue to serve as patriots will be selected, in small numbers, by the military authorities if needed. Finally,

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every effort will be made to find ~~employment for those who wish to~~ return to civilian life.

AMG officials will also attempt to give dignity and colour to the recognition of the patriots by ceremonies in new towns at which the patriot bands will be publicly thanked. When possible there will be parades, music and guards of honour and high Allied military leaders will attend the ceremony. Offices will be provided for patriot leaders to help carry out their work of close collaboration with the AMG authorities.

These are the first steps taken by the Allied authorities to accord due recognition to the patriot forces of Italy.

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[illegible] 28 July 1920
By [illegible] DRR.

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R5 27 July 1944

Subject: Release on Patriots

To: Acting Chief Commissioner

1. Reference attached note we have dispatched a copy of the release on Patriots by our courier to Winston Burdett.

2. When we released this story 65 copies were sent to AFHQ PRO so that each correspondent could have a copy for himself.

For the Director

J.G. Bergin
T.G. BERGIN
Major
Deputy Director of Public Relations

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What was the date of release? I am trying, we think successfully, to find out if Burdett ignored it deliberately

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Major Tiedtke

Will you see
Mrs. Bundett
& Specially
give copy of
our release
on "Patriotti".
Did he have it
when he started
release d story?

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R10

25 July 1944

Trend of Correspondents' Copy.

KENNEDY (AP)
PACKARD (UP)

Attempts to enforce the 3% tax on sales of fruit venders in the Municipal market resulted in a stormy demonstration After causing some damage in the market, fruit sellers, most of whom are small traders depending for their livelihood from the sale of one basket of fruit each day, marched through Rome to the Office of the Municipal Food Bureau, shouting "Death to Giacomini". This referred to the former Director of Markets who is still on the staff of the Market Board. They entered the offices, damaged the furniture, threw files out of the windows. The former Director General of Markets, Francesco Tuccari, who had been removed by AMG as being a Fascist, was hoisted on their shoulders and marched through the streets. Colonel Poletti ordered an investigation, but at midday yesterday Rome was without vegetables. In consultation with the Mayor of Rome and the Chief of Police, Colonel Poletti decided that the tax could not be repealed. He said the Romans must realise that rioting, breaking of furniture and the disrupting of supplies were not the means to obtain reforms. Col. Poletti says that a number of Fascists were involved in throwing out the files, as the dossiers contained evidence which they are anxious to destroy. During the riot Cesare de Simoni, newly appointed Director of the Municipal Food Bureau tried to calm the demonstrators.

326 MATTHEWS (NY Times)

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WINSTON BURDETT (CBS)

Sends a five page despatch on the trial of Rosario BENTIVEGNA "which may prove useful to Shirer et al". After giving an account of the trial and the evidence for the prosecution and defence, he quotes what the Communist journal "Unita" has had to say in the matter. The correspondentcomments that the trial has brought out the whole contradictory drama of the Italian partisan movement, as the partisans are first encouraged supported and armed by the Allies, and then disarmed, disregarded and disbanded, by the same authorities as they come under our control.

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The Allied authorities seem more concerned with maintaining law & order than in carrying out a Fascist purge. "A plague on both houses" seems to be their attitude towards both non-Fascists and Fascists. While they don't want trouble our side of the line they are urging partisans behind the German lines to stir things up. The Allies have not recognised Italian partisans as regular soldiers as they have those of France and Jugoslavia. The correspondent then goes on to say "Here is what happened in Rome to some of these propaganda heroes. They arrived in Rome 2 days ago after fighting in the hills between Perugia and Urbino as members of the 5th Garibaldi Brigade. These 60 patriots and their commanding officer had been sent to Rome to be enrolled in the regular army. Arriving late at the Tiburtina railway station they asked permission to spend the night there but were refused. They went on without knowing where to, and without food or shelter, and with no prospect of obtaining any. They slept in the open and reported next morning to the barracks. But they were turned away because they belonged to none of the classes now being enrolled. They then wandered about looking for help but found none until next day they were taken in at the municipal poorhouse. They received relief there only on the intervention of the Communist party".The Allied authorities are, of course, in no way responsible for this incident. But it shows how difficult it is for these people. It is a worn and still valid Allied maxim that we do not want a Communist Italy. But this does not explain all our attitude towards the partisans. It would be simpler to say that we just don't want trouble of any sort.A typical statement of one Allied authority here was that as far as the Italian Government is concerned we are not in Italy to undertake any great democratic experiment.We just want a working machine. That seems to be our guiding principle. As things now stand it is difficult for Italian patriots to determine whether the Allies came to Italy to destroy Fascism or to impose order. Several recent events including the trial of Bentivegna have showed that the two things are not always the same.

SPRIGGE (Reuter)

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SPRIGGE (Reuter)

The first anniversary of the overthrow of the Fascist regime in Italy was not celebrated but was deliberately ignored, as the memory of July 25 evokes profoundly discordant sentiments among parties all of whom now claim to be anti-Fascist.

BERGH (Goteborgs Handelstidning)

Publication of armistice terms is delayed "calendas graecas" and it is not impossible that when published the number of paragraphs will be less numerous than they were in Sept. 1943. There is to be a new division of electricity supply in Rome. The city is to be divided into four areas each of which will receive electric current from 1400 hours to 0600 hours next morning for one day, and then remain 3 days without current at all.

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A/CC 324.5

27 July 1944

SUBJECT: The Patriot Movement

TO : Mr. John Rayner, DPWO, PWB, 62 Via Veneto, Rome

1. Reference is made to your letter of 19 July, with copy to this Headquarters.

2. The Italian Government did not adopt the recommendations of Undersecretary Palermo but instead recognised patriots as a part of the Italian war effort.

3. The Government's resolution also stated that any support given by it to the patriot movement would be by approval of the Allies. Undersecretary of War, General Oxilia, under direction of General Browning, of the Army Sub-Commission this Headquarters, is working in close touch with Colonel McCarthy, Head of the Patriot Branch of this Commission.

HENRY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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cc: B.G.S. (Ops), Hq., AAI

Hq ACC - Sec'y Gen
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

Ref/30/9/PAT.

26 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Re-employment of Patriots.

TO : Distribution Below.

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1. Further to para. 4 of this office directive under reference 30/8/PAT dated 24 July 1944.

2. The problem of feeding civilians is now detailed in HQ. AAI. Administrative Instruction No.39 dated 5 July 1944 which cancels previous instructions.

3. One copy of AAI. Instruction No.39 is attached for each of the first seven addressees on the distribution list below.

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Col C. McCarthy

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

DCM/FRS.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

Regional Control and Military Givernment Section.
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Ref/30/8/PAT. 24 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Re-employment of Patriots.

TO : Distribution Overleaf.

1. This directive is issued after agreement with H.Q., A.A.I. and is for the guidance of A.M.G. officers in connection with appendix "A" of the General Instruction for the Administration of Patriots in Military Goverrment Territory reference 30/1/PAT dated 18 July 1944. 2

2. It should be used as a basis for discussion with Area Commanders, Town Majors, Engineer or other Military units and Labour Officers who, other things being equal, should be asked to give priority for employment to genuine Patriots with certificates. C.A.O's. should be instructed to get in touch with the nearest Labour Officers (D.A.D.L. or S.L.C.O.) as soon as possible and give them the names of suitable Patriots who can be used as civilian workers.

3. Some Patriots may be taken for special operations, some will be disposed of locally, some will move to or have to be transported to a distance for re-employment and some foreigners e.g. Yugoslavs will be despatched through the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission. There will, however, remain a hard core of say 30% over whom a good deal of trouble may have to be taken and the following suggestions for their re-employment are approved in principle by A.A.I. and the other authorities concerned.

(a) Some of them may be enlisted in the Regular Italian Army by the special Italian Officers being sent up by M.M.I.A. Full details of the new scheme are given in Army Sub-Commission letter G/19 dated 23 July 1944 - copy attached.

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2. It should be used as a basis for discussion with Area Commanders, Town Majors, Engineer or other Military units and Labour Officers who, other things being equal, should be asked to give priority for employment to genuine Patriots with certificates. C.A.O's. should be instructed to get in touch with the nearest Labour Officers (D.A.D.L. or S.L.C.O.) as soon as possible and give them the names of suitable Patriots who can be used as civilian workers.

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(d) Employment by AMG/ACC for duties similar to (c) as and when required.

(e) Employment by AMG/ACC for special police and motor car drivers.

(f) Employment by Area Commanders and Town Majors as watchmen.

(g) Where it is clear to a C.A.O. that he will have an impossible task in absorbing locally his hard core of Patriots, he should be instructed to pass particulars quickly to his Provincial Commissioner who should arrange for work within the Provinces.

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(h) The problem of training and providing de-mining squads in back areas is being considered.

4. The problem of paying and feeding Patriots who are employed in some of the manners suggested above should be studied. Full instructions for feeding

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For Brigadier,
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SUBJECT:- Italian Military Personnel from Enemy Occupied ITALY.

Army Sub-Commission, A.C.C.
Main H.Q. AMMA
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Ministry of War

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A.C.C. Patriots Section.
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Air Forces Sub-Comm. ACC.

HQ ACC
Army Sub-Comm LO.
1 District.
2 District.
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5 Corps HQ.

1. Certain arrangements have been made, in agreement with the Patriots Branch at ACC, with a view to enlisting into the Italian Army at the earliest possible moment, Patriots encountered in newly-liberated areas who volunteer for such enlistment.

2. These arrangements which are in effect an extension of the provision of AAI letter, G/19 of 3 June (and are to be read as such) are as follows: -

(a) The Ministry of War will at once send a Screening Agency (not exceeding 4 officers and 6 men) to join the AMG officer dealing with the re-settlement of Patriots at HQ of each 5th Army , 8th Army and Polish Corps.

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(d) The Agencies will travel and operate as required by the AMG officer concerned inside the Army areas concerned and within the terms given them by the Ministry of War.

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(e) These Agencies will move forward in accordance with the advance of the Armies concerned.

(f) In order to deal with Patriots who are still waiting in areas behind Army rear boundaries, The Ministry of War will detail and hold in readiness at ROME three similar Agencies which will be available to visit centres and operate as required by the Patriot Branch of AOC. These Agencies will be disbanded as soon as the area has been "cleared" or the normal calling-up Agency is established by proclamation.

3. Other men of military age, including Patriots and volunteers who have <u>not</u> been accepted for immediate enlistment, will remain as civilians until called upon to register (or re-register) for service in the ordinary way.

(sgd) L. BROWNING.
Major General.
Army Sub-Comm. A.C.C.

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Report of an interview by a P.W.B. representative with Mario Palermo, Communist Undersecretary for War.

In conversation with a P.W.B. Officer, Mario Palermo, the Communist Under- ecretary of State for War, talked at length of the problem of the partisans. He said that he had been asked by his government to prepare a project for the solution of this problem. The project would be presented to the Cabinet at its first meeting in Rome on Saturday. If the Government approves the plan will be submitted to the Allies.

The project might be summarised as follows: the government would publicly recognise as soldiers of the Italian army all Italians fighting the Germans and Fascists in occupied Italy. The government would appoint a general who would direct and co-ordinate the military efforts of the partisans from this side. He would of course have to be an efficient and honest general, capable of inspiring confidence among the partisans. He would naturally be in close contact with the military leaders of the resistance movements in occupied Italy. This general would be flanked by a political leader, whose function would be to interest himself in the political aspects of the partisan movement and, in particular to maintain liaison with his opposite numbers in occupied Italy. Under these two heads there would be a branch of military intelligence which would collect all material connected with the partisan movement and a propaganda section. The latter would be responsible for collecting material useful for propaganda to the partisans. It would also collect material useful for propaganda in liberated Italy, so as to increase the interest among Italians in this part of Italy in the war, and particularly in the heroic struggle carried out by Italians in occupied Italy.

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He believed that the Italian Government should be responsible for organising and directing the partisan movement in cooperation with the Allies. He believed that when territory was liberated the partisans should be given the opportunity of volunteering to fight immediately against the Germans. He himself was ashamed of the small contribution given by Italy to the common fight against the Germans. The Allies had declared that Italy must redeem her past by her contribution to the common war effort. He agreed with this, as only in this way would the Allies be able to judge the good faith of the Italians. But the Italians needed arms in order to fight. Wherever he travelled, he was besieged by requests from Italians anxious to fight, but in view of the restrictions placed by the Allies on the number of Italians permitted to be at the front, it was impossible to satisfy these requests. It was sad to watch the enthusiasm of these ~~many~~ volunteers being dampened. It was particularly sad to see the disillusion coming over the partisans who had actually fought and whose only desire was to continue the fight. If only the Allies would agree to provide a small quantity of arms, then a brigade or a division of volunteers could be founded. Gradually more and more of the partisans could be incorporated into the army and a really popular - even if small - army created.

He felt also that the Italian government should be consulted as to how, when and where arms should be dropped in occupied Italy: otherwise there was a danger of civil war after the peace because many dangerous elements might come into possession of arms. The Italian government did not know where the arms were being dropped and it was essential to avoid the possibility of civil war later.

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He also expressed his desire to visit the
317 Italian troops fighting in Yugoslavia on the side of Tito's army. He had received encouraging reports as to the relations between the Italian soldiers and the Yugoslavs. He had received an invitation from the Yugoslav committee in Bari and he hoped it would be possible for him to go there; as he believed his visit might do something for the morale of the Italian troops there. He was not afraid of the risks involved.

Palermo said he was returning to the South but hoped to be back in Rome towards the end of the week, when he would start work at the War Ministry.

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Subject: The Patriot Movement

To: B.G.S.(Ops), H.Q., A.A.I.

1. You will have seen the report yesterday of the announcement by the Italian Government that they are recognising patriots as an integral part of the Italian Armed Forces.

2. This announcement follows upon an interview given by Mario Palermo, Communist Under Secretary of State for War, to a P.W.B. officer. A copy of this statement is attached.

3. Particular points of interest in this statement are:

(a) The suggestion that the Italian patriots should be recognised as members of the Italian Army.

(b) The suggestion that an Italian General should direct the partisans from Liberated Italy.

(c) That he would be supported by a political leader, who would watch the political aspects of the patriot movement.

(d) The suggestion that a military intelligence office should be established for the purpose of propaganda to patriots, and propaganda about patriots to Liberated Italy.

(e) The suggestion that the Italian Government should be consulted before dropping arms.

(f) The suggestion that a Brigade of volunteers should be created which will eventually form a small army of patriots.

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4. We feel that if the Italian Government were to continue on this line independently, there might arise some difficulties.

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With regard to (a) and (f) above, our understanding is that there are considerable difficulties in regard to the ceiling of the Italian Army.

The suggestion under (b) would seem to conflict with the conception at present obtaining of a patriot movement under the direct orders of your headquarters.

In regard to (c), our own feeling from the propaganda point of view, and, as I understand it, that of No.1. Special Force from the operational point of view, is that this is most undesirable.

In regard to (d), from the security point of view alone, we suggest that the present method of handling propaganda of both kinds is the right one. Apart from the possible operational value of the L'Italia Combatte programme in so far as direct appeals are concerned, there is also its value from what might be called the "A" Force point of view.

In regard to (e): this is a matter which concerns No.1. Special Force, who, we understand, do not regard it as desirable.

5. We understand that A.C.C. will be glad to have any recommendations from your headquarters and ourselves on this matter for immediate action. It is clear also that from the political point of view there are wide implications in the Under Secretary's statements.

6. We would be very glad, therefore, to have your views on our comments so that the matter may be taken up with A.C.C. as soon as possible.

John Rayner
D.P.W.O.

Copies to: Acting Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission.
Commander Holdsworth, No.1. Special Force.

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394.

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: 30/1/PAT. 16th July 1944.

SUBJECT: General Instructions on the Administration of Patriots in Military Government Territory.

TO : Distribution Below.

1. The handling of patriots is a difficult problem which will increase in complexity as the advance continues and the patriots increase in numbers and achieve more successes. Their rehabilitation in liberated territory is an added burden to CAO's in Armies and Provincial staffs, but it is a duty which must be carried out with firmness and sympathy and with the knowledge that success or failure in this matter may have wide repercussions in this and other territories.

2. Patriots, although mostly Italians, may be of any nationality, and are defined as being those in the ranks of genuine fighting bands who have carried arms, engaged in sabotage or secured important military information to the benefit of the Allied war effort.

3. The following directions contain the main principles of the agreed policy with regard to patriots and all the procedure to put that policy into effect. Instructions for dealing with all those who have helped Allied Prisoners of War are being issued seperately.

4. On liberation of territory patriots must revert from their quasi-military status and become good citizens. To this end a message in poster form signed by General Alexander has been prepared and will be widely published.

5. Patriots come under the aegis of AMG officers whose duty it is to see that the metamorphosis from military to civilian status takes place with the minimum of disillusionment. To this end representatives of patriot organisations have been sent to Army AMG's and Italian committees with strong patriot representation will be set up in the local governments of liberated territory. It is extremely important that while order is to be maintained and arms have to be surrendered, patriots should be treated with great tact and sympathy in order to avoid antagonism and discouragement which would become known and have an adverse effect upon patriots still operating against the enemy.

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6. While the patriots are not a political organisation and must be dissuaded from setting up purely patriot local governments, it must be remembered that by virtue of their military aid they have a right to strong representation in the local government. Italian local government officials must be made to realise and show appreciation of their value and their right to be represented in government.

7. Patriots will be unwilling to hand in arms but the preservation of law and order precludes the existence of irregular armed bands in liberated territory: the law demands their surrender and they must therefore be tactfully told to obey the law.

8. After months of guerilla warfare it will be hard for patriots to settle down to normal life. To encourage rapid return to their ordinary vocations will be one of the most difficult duties of the local committees who, like AMG officers

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and Italian officials, must deal with the patriots not as a nuisance but with sympathy and gratitude. It should at all times be remembered that an unemployed patriot is not only a disgrace to the community but a menace.

9. While it is desirable to leave the rehabilitation of patriots to the Italians themselves, in the form of local committees, CAO's and especially Provincial Officers in the later period of occupation, remembering that they have fought for the Allies, should ensure that they are given a square deal.

10. 20,000 posters have been sent to AMG 5 Army and 30,000 to AMG 8 Army. These should be displayed immediately after liberation of territory and the attention of all patriots drawn to them. The contents of the poster will also be broadcast locally by PWB and will be published in Italian newspapers.

11. In order to show appreciation of individual effort certificates of merit have been prepared for issue to every individual patriot vouched for by the local patriot leader. Certificates will be endorsed by the recognised patriot leader and by an Allied officer (e.g. the CAO). If for any reason the patriot leader wishes to remain anonymous his signature can be replaced by a pseudonym or signed by another patriot representative. Posthumous certificates may be awarded to next-of-kin. In special cases letters of thanks by Corps or other senior commanders may be sent to towns or villages who collectively and actively have aided the Allied cause.

12. The advice of patriot leaders should be sought before the issue of any certificate in order to avoid possession of them by bogus patriots.

13. Provincial Commissioners will issue certificates, if properly vouched for by patriot leaders, in areas where the CAOs, Army AMGs, have not been able to do so, and in areas liberated within the last few months. Provincial Commissioners should give this matter very early attention and will set up special committees in local governments to deal with outstanding cases, e.g., in the Rome Region.

14. Italian patriot representatives from the Military Control Italy Group controlled by Col. Bernabo and from the Comitato Liberazione Nazionale controlled by Mr. Bauer, have been sent to each Corps in Army AMG's. CAO's must bear in mind that these patriot representatives may be mainly concerned to obtain recognition for patriots belonging to their own organisation. If other patriots present themselves they must be carefully scrutinised and if found to be bona fide they should be given certificates and afforded equal treatment. CAO's must encourage the patriot representatives to take a broad view and not to look after the interests merely of members of their own organisations but also all genuine patriots.

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(a) to help Army CAO's in the indentification of leaders of patriot bands;

(b) to help in the selection of suitable patriots out of these bands to assist the CAO;

(c) to assist AMG generally in dealing with all patriot problems.

16. These representatives draw pay from their own organisations. They should be housed and rationed and supplied with POL by AMG (DQMG, AAI is sending instructions to Armies HQ to this effect).

17. Distribution of these representatives is as follows:-

4 to AMG 5 Army;
6 to AMG 8 Army, of whom 2 are for Pol Corps.

Cars may be requisitioned for them locally.

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18. When these patriot representatives enter new areas with CAOs it is suggested that they should set up a special patriot office and produce for the CAO a complete list of patriots in the area in order that certificates may be issued and plans made for their re-employment.

19. These representatives should also be of assistance in setting up the more permanent communal committees whose duties will be to organise the re-employment and dispersal of patriots on the lines set out in the attached Appendix.

20. Patriot leaders should be encouraged to prepare lists of their groups and reports on their operations previous to Allied occupation.

21. Patriots must hand in their arms (including hand grenades and bombs). No other reason need be invoked except that the law requires the surrender of arms. At the same time peremptory orders in the first instance should be avoided.

22. Arms should be handed over normally to CAOs and Allied officers and a receipt should be signed by these officers or patriot leaders. Carabinieri or other patriots may be used to receive and guard surrendered arms and great care should be taken with regard to storage, especially of bombs and grenades.

23. Surrendered arms will as far as possible be removed to central points whence some of them will be taken over by No.1 Special Force who need them for further operations. It is important that the Patriot Branch, ACC, should be notified of the location of arms and stores, numbers of arms, and be given a general picture of the position including estimated number of arms still unsurrendered.

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Appendix "A" to 30/1/PAT dated 18 July 1944

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FORMATION OF COMMUNAL COMMITTEES FOR RE-EMPLOYMENT AND DISPERSAL OF PATRIOTS.

1. (a) The Committee will be formed and exist at Commune level only in the first instance.

(b) Subject to local conditions a suggested form of committee is as follows:-

Sindaco (or Commissario Prefetizio) to preside;
four or more representatives chosen by and from the patriots;
two members of the Giunta Communale if formed as such or otherwise
two well known and respected local residents.

(c) Consistency of policy, co-ordination of the efforts of the Communal Committees and means of communication from AMG/ACC HQ should be effected at Provincial level by and through the Prefect acting on the advice and under the supervision of the Provincial Commissioner.

2. The function and purpose of the Committee are as follows. They will firstly determine whether persons calling themselves patriots are in fact patriots. After sifting for this purpose, the bogus patriots will be ignored. The genuine patriots will be classified and dealt with in the following manner:-

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(d) Those who wish to continue to serve as patriots. These will be selected, in small numbers, by the appropriate military agencies if needed.

(e) Yugo Slavs who have not already been sifted and dealt with under these instructions will be returned through Displaced Persons Sub-Commission for special employment in Yugo Slav fighting forces.

3. The Sindaco and/or his official will keep proper records of the Committee's proceedings including the names, certificates (if any) and classification of all persons dealt with and the method and date of their disposal.

Lists prepared by patriot leaders together with any other relevant information which may be required will be made available to the Committee.

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ADMINISTRATION OF PATRIOTS IN OCCUPIED ITALY

PRESENT :-

Brigadier M.S. Lush (Chairman)	Executive Commissioner, A.C.C.
Lt. Col. Ames	Rome Region
Mr. Bauer	Patriot (C.L.N.)
Col. Bernabo	Patriot (Military)
Group Captain Benson	AMG 8 ARMY
Maj Gen Browning	M.M.I.A.
Capt Buckley	A.C.C.
Mr. Caccia	A.C.C.
Col. Carter	O.S.S.
Brigadier Dunlop	Region IV
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Lieut Harris	No.1. Special Force
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2. It was agreed that the duties of Patriot Reps should be to identify leaders of Patriot bands and to help AMG to deal with them. For this purpose they should help to select a few suitable local patriots to serve on the staff of each C.A.C.

3. The duties of Patriot Reps are to be in no way political.

4. Permission to put Patriot Reps on the AMG ration strength and to allow them to draw petrol was later obtained from A.A.I (G).

5. It was also agreed later that the Michaelis and Bauer Reps should be called Patriot Reps (Mil) and Patriot Reps (C.I.M.) respectively.

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Preliminary action in occupation.

6. The poster prepared by PWB for Gen Alexander's signature was approved subject to an additional clause appealing for the gathering of the harvest. This poster is to be posted in forward areas, and the contents put in Italian newspapers and broadcast by PWB.

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7. The surrender of arms must be justified by law and not on grounds of military expediency i.e. the statement that arms will be returned to Northern Italy.

8. The time of handing in arms to be at the discretion of C.A.C.s who may use Patriots for temporary police work if necessary.

9. Arms must be handed in to AMG and not to carabinieri though the latter may handle the collection thereof. Receipts for arms should be given and should be signed by C.A.C.s.

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13. Regional Officers will take over from departing Army C.A.O.s the responsibility for the issue of certificates.

Subsequent employment of Patriots.

14. It was suggested that the problem of finding employment for patriots should be handled by a committee at every provincial seat of government reporting to the Prefect and the AMG representative. In rural areas the men can usefully be employed on agriculture: in towns on the clearance of debris, and the necessary reconstruction of roads and essential buildings. It is essential to find work to absorb the Patriots otherwise militant political parties would resurrect. — Draft proposals to be put up by Patriots Branch.

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15. The G.O.C. M.M.I.A. stressed that as Italian conscription law extended into AMG territory, Patriots of military age were liable for service. In practice it would take a little time to establish the machinery for registration etc. in forward areas. Pending further notifications patriots of military age should therefore be encouraged to act on a temporary basis in the same way as those of other age groups.

Persons who have assisted Allied P.O.W. to escape.

16. A scheme of aid is in operation for people who have assisted Allied P.O.W. to escape. This was discussed and it was decided that no further action could be taken meantime.

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