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32b	Capt Stone	23 Feb 44	Gen MacFarlane	Matter Ital Govt right apprehend deserters ACMF need for labor CINC policy concur Flambo meeting
33a	Brig Duchesne G/6/1/25	24 Feb 44	Gen MacFarlane	Ital Army generally - conference Messe re ACMF program - suppl; organisation - Naval Manpower - Airforce - Corsica & Sardinia
25(3)	Capt Slaughter	25 Feb 44	CG AFHQ	1st Ind re Garibaldi Div forwarded for necessary action
14c	Gen MacFarlane CC/F/98	25 Feb 44	Gen Gammell	Regarding transferring Ital troops to Italy from Sardinia to produce formations units
6g	Comando Supremo 15798/CP	26 Feb 44	ACC	Gen Soldarelli ready to go to Palestine Cuneo Div employed as labor instead of fighting unit
6g(1)	Gen MacFarlane	29 Feb 44	AFHQ C of S	Matter of Cuneo Division felt strongly by Ital Govt & Messe if inclined make gesture connection add ped to Ital Army collaboration
6174	153(1) 051 15118 Q-644	25 Feb 44	ACMF, typed Fatima	Ref AFHQ ltr HSD/424 of 15 Feb: Comments set forth in my Q-445 of 26 Jan still apply excerptas in new draft directive. Long list of recommendations & amendments to text of proposed directive.

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8d	Capt Stone QS4	16 Feb 44	Marshal Messe	Ref lttr 10793/OP 30 Jan - 1st Motorised Group Italian maintained intact matter referred to 5th Army
25b	Gen MacFarlane CC/P/60	16 Feb 44	Gen Gammol	Badoglio's request for long-range fighters for Garibaldi Div - behaviour partisans to Ital troops
25(2)	Col Quin-Smith	17 Feb 44	DCC ACC	1st request for Allied Ammunition by Italian Army does policy permit
18a	Cbl MMIA SD 246	18 Feb 44	ACMF Flambo Fatima	Procedure for obtaining Ital army units ACMF & MMIA on to Ital Gen Staff
29	Gen MacFarlane	19 Feb 44	Lord Stansgate	Ref memo from Col Kirk on Ital Govt decree of 6 Dec enrolling road militia & port militia into Carabinieri request Badoglio repeal the decree
30	Cbl MMIA GO 249	20 Feb 44	Fargo Fatima	Ref policy letter to Messe 18 Feb Ital reaction slight - Messe moves Salerno 24 Feb - Conference in Apulia 24th or Salerno after - Col Pidsley available set up supply organisation - Col Noakes contact
31	Cbl Fatima 2355	21 Feb 44	Fargo MMIA	Ref 319.1 19 Jan Sitrep period 14 - 20 Revised AFHQ policy disposal Ital Army to Messe Question rations Carabinieri discussion with Commando Supremo Question manpower port labor under negotiation Fotali
32	Cbl CINC MED	22 Feb 44	Fotali Flambo Fatima	Ital Mil combing workmen deserters from Army - Inform Min Mar interference labor force (Navy) in-acceptable
32a	Cbl Flambo G4/18139	21 Feb 44	MMIA & ACC	Ital Army calling up additional drafts including deserters
33	Brig Duchesne G/6/24	22 Feb 44	Marshal Messe	Ref lttr G/6/19 17 Feb policy for Ital Army - Combat Div - Piaceno & Mantova Div - Move of Office
34	Cbl MMIA 0257	23 Feb 44	FARGO FATIMA	Conference situation discussion Italians analysis Mainland resources meet program
41	Cbl Flambo A 18098	21 Feb 44	Fatima	Please give a reply to our 3110/10/A1 of 29 Jan to DP ref replacement of an Ital. Officer.
41a	Fatima 2371 Capt. Slaughter	23 Feb 44	Flambo	Ref yr A 18098, no record of your letter, pls fwd copy soon.

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6c(2)	Cbl Wilson 3218	14 Feb 44	Mideast Fargo Flambo	Ref 50285 11 Feb & A5/68759 & 100900B subjects pol repercussions in Italy decisions stand
25(1)	Maj Kirk SD/1/2/15 for Brig Duchesne	13 Feb 44	ACC cc: AFHQ	Arms and Ammunition for Galibadi Div urgent issue of automatic pistols
6f	Gen Gammell COS/2/PERS	13 Feb 44	Gen Soldarelli	Request encourage Div to perform tasks faithfully now laid down
6f(1)	Gen Gammell COS/3/PERS	13 Feb 44	Gen MacFarlane	Incl above lttr forward to Soldarelli persuade him accept situation good grace
19b	Gen MacFarlane CC/8/52	13 Feb 44	Marshal Messe	Ref 10912/OP 3 Feb agree importance good Ital Liaison Off accept Col Ruggeri Laderchi replace Col Rossi taking up repatriation with AFHQ
19c	Gen MacFarlane CC/8/53	13 Feb 44	AFHQ att: MGS	Messe recommends Col Ruggeri Laderchi as replacement for Bol Rossi as Liaison Off believed in camp No. 4 POW England arrange repatriation if desirable
2j	M. G. L.	14 Feb 44	Sec Gen	Supply Organisation Ital Mil agree produce personnel required
2k	Cbl MMIA Q 571	15 Feb 44	Flambo DISTWO Fotali Fatima	Ration strength Ital Armed force exce combat zone & PBS shipping SIDS20 Feb
617 26a	Db1 Fatima 2320	15 Feb 44	Freedom	Ref 48530 7 Feb Release Col Divigliano & Pvt Anrelo aide & orderly Gen Brunetti app Ital Govt
25a	Gen MacFarlane CC/P/58	16 Feb 44	Marshal Badoglio	Receipt 427 6 Feb re Garibaldi Div & relations between partisan commands & Ital forces requests forwarded to CINC
6f(2)	Gen MacFarlane CC/P/56	16 Feb 44	Gen Gammell	Ref COS/3/PERS 13 Feb think better for Duchesne to express your sentiments to Messe ^{Soldarelli} than send your letter to Soldarelli
18c(1)	Ltr HSD/424 AFHQ G-3 Section 25 Feb 44		Info to ACC HQ ACME	Further to our HSD/424 of 19 Jan Atchd is a copy of a directive drawn up at last mtg: please fwd comments & amendments to this.

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14a	Cbl Fatima 2265	5 Feb 44	Fargo MacFarlane	Understand discussing with Gen Alexander transfer 1 Ital Coastal Div from Sardinia to Sicily
14b	Cbl Fargo 762	5 Feb 44	Fatima Duchesne	Ref 2265 Alexander agreed move 1 Coastal Division from Sardinia to Sicily
23	Cbl Fargo 765 PBS 7426	5 Feb 44	Fatima Stone	Gen Geanantoni escaped enemy territory undergone IA questions to interview King reorganize Ital Armed Forces to resist Germans
8c	Cbl MMIA SD 995	5 Feb 44	DISTONE Filpot Flambo Fatima	Formation Ital units entails several thousand M.T. drivers request investigate
22a	Brig Duchesne AQ17	5 Feb 44	C of S ACC	Demobilisation Ital Army, Air Force, & Navy
24	Capt Stone 250.3	5 Feb 44	Col Sisley 2 Dist	Arrest of Col Acampora on grounds distributing Fascist lit - Aide Memoire with 2 Incl
25	Marshal Badoglio 427	6 Feb 44	Gen MacFarlane	Info sad material & moral conditions of Garibaldi Div soldiers
24a	Capt Stone 250.3	7 Feb 44	Col Sisley 2 Dist	Ref 5 Feb 1ltr Arrest of Col Acampora attached Badoglio's purpose preventing other such incident
26	Cbl Natoussa 48530	7 Feb 44	Fatima	Gen Brunetti to this theater request his aide & orderly concurrence
27	Col Zellars	9 Feb 44	CC ACC	Weekly Report Activities Wer
68(1)	Brig Duchesne G/6/18	10 Feb 44	Marshal Messe cc; Gen Barardi	Materials Sub-Comm 29 Jan 4 Feb
15c(1)	Gen Gemmell	11 Feb 44	Gen MacFarlane	Request call up classes necessary maintain strength Ital Army 190,000
6e(1)	Cbl AFHQ 3114	11 Feb 44	Fargo Mideast Flambo	Reff 1ltr 31 Jan & Badoglio 1ltr 303 28 Jan re treatment Ital troops in Corsica by French
28	Brig Duchesne	13 Feb 44	Gen MacFarlane	Ref 6662 29 Jan Agreed Gen Sol-darelli visit Cuneo Div in Palestine & return but not Div
				Ital Army generally - Dapino Brigade Group with 5th Army in trouble - Demobilisation of - Navy main power - Airforce port labor - supply organisation Sicily Sardin

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15c	Gen. MacFarlane	31 Jan 44	Gen James Gammel	Incl lttr 28 Jan from Badoglio re treatment Ital troops Corsica by French request your action situation
18c	Capt Stone 370	31 Jan 44	AFHQ	Ref lttr HSD/424 19 Jan employment Ital units & personnel with Allied Forces 2 major changes are recommended and details amplified
17	HQ ACMF-ACMF/1455/1/G/(Ib)	1 Feb 44	ACC	Investigation Gen Bisconti removal of Authority Naples Harbour thru Ital Army Hq appointment to an office unwise PSB report
17a	Cbl Fargo 678	2 Feb 44	Freedom	Grateful Col Rossi's assistance but services no longer needed ACC
19	Capt Stone 201 Rossi	2 Feb 44	Marshal Messe	Ref 201 Rossi 2 Feb recommend Col Ruggeri Laderchi replace Col Rossi now POW in England request repatriation earliest
19a	Marshal Messe 10912/OP	3 Feb 44	DP ACC	Reff lttr 2 Feb thanks advise retirement of Gen Pentimalli
19b	Army Sub-Com G/6/23 Amendments N 1 to App A ltr G/6/19	2 Feb 44	See Dist	Reply lttr N. 30336/F 26 Jan re agreed by Allied Hq Capt Ruggero Trobitz remain duty Comando Supremo
20	Capt Stone 201 Pentimalli Gen	3 Feb 44	Marshal Messe	Inform Messe no demobilisation Ital Army personnel permitted except excess ceiling for Ital Army
21	Capt Stone	3 Feb 44	Comando Supremo Ufficio I	Ref 46580 2 Feb No further Ital troops available until policy set up - need for troops great - urgent dispatch revised edition AG Italy
22	Gen MacFarlane CC/G/36	3 Feb 44	Brig Duchesne	GCT-AGM 2 Jan inform when despatched
8b 617	Cbl ACMF SD/1360	3 Feb 44	AFHQ MEMIA ACC	Complaints against from Int Ser Ital Army Admiral Barone consider removal officer suggestion report attached 1 Feb
17a	Capt Stone 201 Gen Bisconti	4 Feb 44	Potali Taranto	Reply lttr to Messe grateful Col Rossi's services but no longer needed instruct reply to attached lttr from Marshall to 10912/OP
19a(1)	Capt Stone	4 Feb 44	Gen MacFarlane	List of Ital officers employed as liaison by 8th Army for yr info
42	Ltr AGMT/1470/G1b	1 Feb 44	ACC	Ref curs of 1 Feb: no Ital o's employed by Fifth Army.
42a	Ltr ACMF 1470/G1b	7 Feb 44	ACC	

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6b	Capt Stone 091.711	28 Jan 44	Memorandum	Meeting Messe Jan 27 subject Cuneo Division re trip Gen Soldarelli to Palestine & return
14	Gen MacFarlane DP/G/18	28 Jan 44	Hq ACMF	Messe anxious transfer 1 coastal div from Sardinia to Sicily please confirm
15	Marshal Badoglio No. 303 di prot.	28 Jan 44	Gen MacFarlane	Treatment of Italian troops in Corsica by French unpleasant
6b(1)	Capt Stone	28 Jan 44	Gen MacFarlane	Forwarding memo meeting Messe & lttr for signature trip Gen Soldarelli to Palestine & return salutary effect if expedited
21	Cbl Freedom 44650	29 Jan 44	Fatima & Flambo	Due shortage onions US to be procured by Ital Mil
6c 6171	Cbl Fargo 580	29 Jan 44	Fairfield Flambo Mideast Freedom	Ref 406 FEGCT Messe informed & Gen Soldarelli informing Cuneo Div disillusionment expected
16	Gen MacFarlane DP/P/20	29 Jan 44	Brig Duchesne	Incl lttr received Gen Rooks & reply request comments urgently
6d	Gen MacFarlane DP/G/27	30 Jan 44	AFHQ cc: HQ ACMF	Messe dissatisfied hopes rebuilding active Ital Army request early reply Gen Soldarelli to inform Cuneo Div re disposal
7a	Gen MacFarlane DP/P/25	30 Jan 44	Gen Cecil Heydeman	Ref orders 22 Jan AMG & ACC under central control - Sicily included admin Ital territory - Sabaude Div troubles - Yugoslav activities with Ital troops - considering all
13a	Capt Stone 091.711	30 Jan 44	Mr. Caccia	Lttr from Under Secretary Reale mil but pol significance review & pass on to Col Dunlop Sardinia
13b	Capt Stone 091.711	30 Jan 44	Vito Reale Under-Sec State Min Int	Receipt lttr 26 Jan employment Ital Mil forces under consideration
15a	Capt Stone 383.6	30 Jan 44	Gen MacFarlane	Incl draft lttr to CINC subject treatment Ital troops Corsica by French with file on subject
15b	Gen MacFarlane	30 Jan 44	Marshal Badoglio	Action taken on matter treatment Ital troops in Corsica by French
16 (1)	Ltr 091.711 Captain Stone	29 Jan 44	Gen MacFarlane	Post war plans for Ital military & civil aviation. ENCLOSURE: Ltr Air Forces Sub-C, A 6/16/AIR, 27 Jan 44

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6a(1)	Cbl Freedom thru 15 Army Group	22 Jan 44	Fatima, Mideast	Instruct Messe retain Gen Solderelli Italy inform Cueon Div not be reformed retain in Palestine
8	Gen Harding ACMF	22 Jan 44	MMIA	Disposal of Italian Army 1605/50/3/G(SDI)
8a	Cbl MMIA D/207	23 Jan 44	ACMF	Ref above Gen Rooks issue policy letter from Caserta Anxious fix dates receipt Italians
9	Brig Duchesne	24 Jan 44	All Concerned	Minutes meeting 24 Jan between MacFarlane, Messe, Orlando, Berardi: 1 Yugoslavs encouraging Ital desert 2 Transfer Ital Sardinia to Mainland 3 Ital & Mil ref from North 4 Clothing equipment from Sicily 5 POW from North Africa 6 Cuneo Div remain Palestine 7 Garibaldi Div require Allied Airp 8 French Concentration Camps 9 Comando Supremo move to Salerno 10 Note on sea transport
10	Gen MacFarlane	24 Jan 44	Marshal Messe	Confirmation conversation meeting above 24 Jan
11	Brig Duchesne G/6/17	26 Jan 44	Gen MacFarlane	Policy reorganization Ital Army Shipping Ital to mainland Truck drivers wanted Conference issue of AFHQ policy Status Simmons Sardinia Staff collected mainland Italy
12	Gen MacFarlane DP/G/13	26 Jan 44	Brig Duchesne	Ref G/6/17 confirmation of ---
13	Reale Under-Sec State Min of Int	26 Jan 44	ACC Brindisi	Heroism Sardinians legendary - combatants worthy of Allies
18b	Cbl MMIA Q 445	26 Jan 44	ACMF, FLAMBO, FATIMA	Ref Freedom Ltr MSD/424 19 Jan MMIA reply on administrative instructions for Ital Army

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3a	Cbl Fatima 1835	5 Jan 44	Freedom	Ref 15914 re Fiamme Badoglio considers resistance group be coordinated with 6 other Regional Commands in Northern Italy
5	Gen Taylor 251.2	6 Jan 44	Col Upjohn Legal Sub-Comm ACC	Ref Lttr re Italian Deserters Notify CLO Reg I,II Lttr withdrawn final decision AFHQ
5a				
6	Cbl Freedom 25152	7 Jan 44	Fatima, 15 AG Flambo	Gen Soldarelli Comm Cuneo Div to see Badoglio intention reform Cuneo Division Arrange retention in Italy
2d	AFHQ Adv Adm Ech CMF 25/q1	8 Jan 44	HQ, ACC	Ref 4302 4 Jan combat scale of rations slight amendments Italian troops Scale "B" cancelled
6a	Cbl Fatima 2002	16 Jan 44	Freedom	25152 Ref 7 Jan Badoglio request Gen Soldarelli return Palestine & Cuneo Div be employed fighting unit
2e	Cbl Flambo Q9831	16 Jan 44	Fatima, Freedom, MMIA, Fotali	Rations Italian armed forces increase Ital Navy and Air Force but no higher than policy laid down Request inform Ital authorities
18	AFHQ G-3 Section HSD/424	19 Jan 44	HSD/424 All Con	Employment of Ital Army Units & personnel with British Forces
18a	Capt Slaughter	19 Jan 44	Col Quinn Smith	Ref Lttr HSD/424 Capt Stone requests opinion general lines of MMIA reply
2f	Cbl Flambo DCAO 10590	20 Jan 44	Freedom, 15 AG Fatima, MMIA, Fotali	Essential fix ceiling Ital Force supply rations from Allied Mil to sub-divide between Army, Navy, Air
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2g	Cbl Fatima 2078	22 Jan 44	Flambo, Freedom, 15 AG, MMIA, Fotali	Ref DCAO/10590 20 Jan Ital High Command informed upper limits ration strength Allied Govt's assume responsibility Q9831 16 Jan
2h	Cbl Fatima 2079	22 Jan 44	Freedom, FLAMBO	Ref 30221 17 Jan & 2031 19 Jan Conclusion presentation Ital High Command ACC ration strength reduced scale period 10 days
5e	Cbl Fatima 1856 Gen Taylor	6 Jan 44	Freedom	Re Ital deserters. ACC sends this to you with rec. that trials of It. deserters be held up till it is determined whether Allied propaganda had any effect on them. May have deserted to help us.

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1a	A/Q Liaison, Hq 15 Army Group, GAF	30 Nov 43	Col W.G. Roe, MBE AFHQ Adv Adm Ech	Draft instruction policy issue rations Italian Armed Forces
2	Gen Davis, AFHQ	15 Dec 43	Act Dep Pres, ACC	Availability of Supplies for Italian Army
1b	Ministry of War Cabinet	15 Dec 43	Act Dep Pres, ACC	Rations established by AFHQ for Italian troops
1c	Cbl MMIA Q 1186	15 Dec 43	ACC, Flambo, Fotali Taranto Comm Palmer	R.N. responsible supply Italian Navy but no rations available before 16 Jan request investigat
1b(1)	Gen Taylor 430.2	18 Dec 43	Brig Duchesne MMIA	Receipt comments on Italians rations from Ministry of War sugges
1b(2)	Cbl MMIA Q 208 18	18 Dec 43	ACC	Ref 430.2 18 Dec submitted to MMIA & passed to Flambo MMIA AQ/2 4 Dec
3	Cbl Freedom 15914	18 Dec 43	Fatima, 15 AG	Fiamme request off mil recog-
4	Gen Mariotti	24 Dec 43	MMIA, Ministry War	nition by Badoglio & Ital Army Reforming of Military Base for-
1d	Murphey	26 Dec 43	Gen Taylor	mation in Sicily 15 AG providing mil rat 20,000 Brit. "S & T" basic scale rat 230, 000 troops accordance previous decisions AFHQ directives
2a	Gen Taylor 091.711	31 Dec 43	Com Gen AFHQ	Ref 13 Dec AG 400-1(Ital)GDS*AGM Availability of Supplies for the Italian Army
4a 6163	Gen Taylor 091.711	31 Dec 43	Col Spofford HQ, AMG Naples	Italian Ministry of War recom-
2b	Cbl Flambo DCAO 7170	4 Jan 44	Fatima	mends changes in Italian Army ad- ministrative organization in Sicily Ref Freedom Ltr 15 Dec & draft reply 28 Dec re supplies Ital Army common ration scale applied all Italian Troops
2c	Gen Taylor 430.2	4 Jan 44	HQ AFHQ Adv Adm Ech Naples	Italian Army Rations hoped ma- terial increase

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13 December 1945

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 ITALIAN PAYMENT THIS MORNING CARRY UNDER PETER STEPHAN FROM PARIS DATED TWELVE
 DECEMBER WHICH IS NOTED IN CASES IN MY NEXT SUGGESTING THEREFORE PD
 PAGE TWO PD IN VIEW PAGE TWO CHARLES OF REFERENCE LETTER MAY I HAVE INSTRUCTIONS
 AS TO WHAT POSITION I AM TO TAKE ON THIS SUBJECT IF APPROACHED BY CORRESPONDENTS
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ELBERT W. STONE
 Rear Admiral, USNR
 Chief Commissioner

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AFHQ for Chief of Staff

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13 December 1945

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FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATION OF ARTICLE APPEARING IN ITALIAN PRESS THIS MORNING PD
 PAREN TO AFHQ FOR CHIEF OF STAFF FROM HQ ALCOM FROM ADMIRAL STONE CITE AGSCC PAREN
 QUOTE ALLIED TROOPS WITHDRAW FROM THE ITALO FRENCH FRONTIER PD PARIS CMA
 TWELFTH PAREN UNCLE PETER PAREN PD IT HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THAT AT
 THE REQUEST OF THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT THE ALLIED TROOPS STARTED WITHDRAWING FROM
 THE ZONE THEY HAD UNTIL NOW BEEN OCCUPYING ON THE ITALO FRENCH BORDER SEMICOLON
 THEY WITHDREW TO A DEPTH OF FIFTEEN MILES IN ITALIAN TERRITORY PD
 THE ZONE IS NOT TO BE OCCUPIED BY ITALIAN TROOPS CMA BUT WILL REMAIN AS
 SUBQUOTE NO MANS LAND END SUBQUOTE UNTIL THE PEACE TREATY WITH ITALY IS SIGNED PD
 616 IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE FRENCH REQUEST WAS MADE BECAUSE OF THE ADVISABILITY
 OF NOT PREJUDICATING THE FINAL DELIMITATION OF THE FRONTIER WITH ITALY CMA IN
 VIEW OF THE MODIFICATIONS TO SUCH FRONTIER THAT FRANCE IS CLAIMING FOR STRATEGICAL
 REASONS PD END QUOTE

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ELBERT W. STONE
 Rear Admiral, USNR
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29th. February, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Allied Force Headquarters.
(For Chief of Staff).

1. I enclose translation of a memorandum just received from Marshal Messe.
2. As you know, the Italian Comando Supremo have already brought up the question of the status of the Cuneo Division on more than one occasion.
3. I would like to make it very clear that the Italian Government feel very strongly indeed over this question. Messe attacks me on the subject every time I see him. Their point of view seems to them the only logical and fair one.
4. I have no idea whether there is any chance of reconsidering your policy as regards the Cuneo Division but you ought to know the strength of feeling which it has aroused in the Italian Command. If you felt inclined to make a gesture in this connection it could not fail to have good results over here and might add some pep to Italian army collaboration. The latter is reasonably correct but sadly lacks enthusiasm or inspiration.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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29 Feb

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FM 151/A. 26 February 1944

From Comando Supremo

To ACC

File N. 11395/OP

Subject : "Cuneo" Division

1. - General Soldarelli is now ready to leave for Palestine, according to what had been written on this subject by Army Sub-Commission, note G/6/20 dated 16 February.

2. - As to the employment of "Cuneo" Division, agreements between Gen. Wilson and Gen. Soldarelli had encouraged our hope that this division would have been employed in war operations as a fighting unit.

In process of time, however, Allied Authorities have decided to employ these troops as labour units.

Leaving aside the reasons for this change of policy, I must point out that the troops of "Cuneo" Division are not to be considered POW; indeed, they have already fought at Samos side by side with Allied troops.

If however AFHQ should confirm their decision to use them as labourers, in any case they should be accorded the same treatment as the labour units of the Italian Army collaborating at present in Italy in the rear of the Allied Armies.

Nevertheless, in view of the fact that employment of such a kind could only be detrimental to the morale of the division, and possibly impair the efficiency and discipline of its men, I consider that the best solution would be a gradual repatriation.

I fully appreciate the difficulties especially in view of lack of transport, but in consideration of the above I would still be grateful if the latter solution were submitted to AFHQ for consideration.

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WAR Head

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25th. February, 1944.

As you doubtless know, the ability of the Italian army to produce the formations and units we have required of them and to get anywhere near the priority and timetable we have given them depends largely on the volume and regularity with which we can bring Italian troops over to Italy from Sardinia. This traffic is not running at all smoothly and I rather wonder whether the Naval and M.W.T. authorities concerned realise how important it is to ensure as large a flow of troops from Sardinia as possible if the Italian army is to be able to render us maximum assistance. Very few of these troops, of course, are required as combatant troops but they are of immense value on the administrative side and as labour.

2. I would be most grateful if you could put in a word with C-in-C, Mediterranean, and with your principal M.W.T. representative asking them to do everything possible to accelerate ferrying troops from Sardinia.

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NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

Lt. Gen. James A.H. Gammell, CB, DSO, MC,
Chief of Staff,
Allied Force Headquarters.

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TO : ACMF, RPTD FLAMBO, FATIMA

Reference FREEDOM letter HSD/424 of 15 February. 1. Comments set forth in my Q445 of 26 Jan still apply except where they have been incorporated in paras 4, 11, and 13 of new draft directive. 2. Strongly recommend that whole instruction be framed to cover employment of Italian troops by all Allied nations and that existing Italian army documentation, organization and chain of responsibility be maintained to fullest extent. 3. Therefore consider that following amendments should still be made. Substitute Allied for British throughout. Para 5c. Inclusion of universal section in Italian Military law to avoid submission of cobelligerents to penal codes foreign to them. Para 10a. Delete last sentence and substitute "an order of battle showing strengths of Italian units and formations serving under Allied command will be furnished monthly to this HQ by Army Sub-Commission ACC". Para 10cl. Reinforcement depots to have Italian commander and staff and be positioned by arrangements made through Army Sub-Commission ACC. Italian documentation and channels of demanding reinforcements to continue. Para 17. Delete last sentence and substitute "mail for Italian personnel of diluted units will be despatched through nearest Allied Army Post Office and censored by nearest Allied Censorship Control prior to disposal through normal Italian military postal channels".

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Garibaldi Div.

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Rear Hq, AGO, APO 394, 25 Feb 1944.

To: CG, AFHQ, APO 512.

Forwarded for the necessary action.

For the Deputy Chief Commissioner:

FRANK J. SLAUGHTER
Captain, AGO
Deputy Secretary General

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25 Feb

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SUBJECT: Italian Army Generally

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.

Main H.Q. (MMIA)

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G/6/1/25

24 Feb 44

Lt Gen Sir NOEL MASON MACFARLANE

H.Q. A.C.C. NAPLES

For your information my current news is as follows:

1. CONFERENCE with Marshal MESSE. I sent you a copy of my G/6/24 of 22 Feb to him. The questions therein are designed to lead up to the main point of a definite statement of what they will provide for the ACMF programme from the Mainland by the end of March. This means combining their Army tps and depots which SMRE are really only now beginning to tackle in earnest under KERR's probing technique. I feel that we must get this as straight and definite as possible, or the conference will not get us anywhere on its main subject. I will signal you in due course.
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Adm officer there to straighten out quietly direct with French General
MARTIN.

7. SARDINIA. We have just had a signal from FLAMBO to say that the three
Italian cruisers employed on bringing ten thousand troops monthly to ITALY
have been diverted temporarily to other work. This is not so good for the
ACMF programme and makes the obtaining of men from the Mainland all the more
important.

/s/ C.G. DUCHESNE
Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm, ACC.

ABC

No action - all done verbally 25/2 NMM

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FOR APPENDIX "A" SEE 091.711 Ital Army 22 Feb

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23 February 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR: General MacFarlane

Re the attached signal from C-in-C Med and Flambo's signal calling a meeting for Wednesday the 23rd on this subject, my opinion is that C-in-C Med is not on sound ground in insisting that Italian Government must acquiesce in desertions when deserters engage in civilian employment in dockyards. Moreover, C-in-C Med's policy seems to conflict with AGSF which needs military labor and does not want to see military strength reduced. On legal grounds, Upjohn concurs that the Italian Government clearly has the right to apprehend deserters.

If you concur, I think it would be helpful to have this view submitted to C-in-C Med at the Flambo meeting.

HENRY H. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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Incl 2 - Message fr C-in-C Med
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FRANK J. SLAUGHTER
Captain, AGD
Deputy Secretary General

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REF NO: A 18098

PREC : ROUTINE

FILED : FEB 211045A

FROM : FLAMBO

REC'D : FEB 220857A
By DRL

TO : FATIMA

May a reply now be given to this Hq 3110/10/A1 dated 29 Jan addressed to the Deputy President respecting replacement of an Italian Officer.

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23 FEBRUARY 1944

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TO (ACTION) : CG PBS FOR FARGO (PERSONAL FOR MACFARLANE FROM DUCHESNE)
 (INFORMATION) : FATIMA FOR QUINSMITH
 : NONE

FROM : MMIA

DATE TIME SIGNED : 230945A

DATE TIME REC'D : 2311/11A

REFERENCE NUMBER : 0257

CITE : NONE

1st. Visiting Naples by air tomorrow 24th for evening conference with Flambo accompanied by Quinsmith. Open minded about staying but propose otherwise spend night either Naples or with Quinsmith and return Lecce by plane from Salerno afternoon 25th.

2nd. Situation here is discussion with Italians. For analysis there ~~mainland~~ resources to meet programme. Recommend delay conference until results of this toothpulling competition are apparent as it is really the main item for discussion.

(Pencilled note by Gen. MacFarlane:

No action. Duchesne
 is taking care of all this.

25 Feb 44)

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Subject: -POLICY for ITALIAN ARMY

Army Sub Commission ACC
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILLE (LECCE)
G/6/24
22 Feb 44

His Excellency Marshal MESSE
Chief of Supreme General Staff

Your Excellency,

1. Further to my letter G/6/19 of 17 Feb, and to your proposed agenda (see Appendix 'A') handed to me this evening by General INFANTE; certain further details of your proposals are desirable in order that Lt General Sir NOEL MASON MACFARLANE may have an opportunity of studying them prior to the conference. These refer mainly to items A, B and C and are as follows:-

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/s/ C. C. DUCHESNE

Brig
Army Sub Comm ACC

CSH

Copy to - Lt Gen Sir NOEL MASON MACFARLANE, HQ ACC NAPLES
General BERARDI, Chief of Staff S.M.R.E.

No action - All dealt with verbally, 25/2, NMDA

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No action - All dealt with verbally. 25/2. NMM

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Appendix 'A'

AGENDA OF MAIN SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING WITH
GEN Sir NOEL MASGN MACFARLANE.

- A) Italian Combat Division;-(designation, composition, gradual emp in relation to arrival of NEMBO Div, allotment of Alpini Bn, Arditi and pack tpt units to 1 Mot Bde in relation to area of ops).
- B) Situation of Picano and Mantova Divs and their composition for internal security duties(deficiencies in the conditions and numbers of animals). Deficiencies in the event of their emp as combatant fms(Mortar, arty, amn, WT, MT)
- C) Programme for the emp of available Italian personnel;-acceptance of the requests up to the end of March(about 40,000) - difficulty as regards personnel required after March (64,000) especially the specialists.
- D) The situation in SICILY;-composition of Sabauda Div, recalling to the colours and reorg of 'sbandati' with mil liabilities, the question of Pws.
- E) Clothing eqpt and rations for Italian tps.
- F) Navy:- total strength and emp.
- G) Air Force:- total strength and emp
- H) Propaganda against Italian armed forces.

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Reported that Italian Army calling up additional drafts including (sectors?). In view fact probable many specialists now employed as civilians by Allied forces may be affected, a meeting will be held at Flambo at 1445 hours Wednesday 23 February. Request attendance Brigadier Duchesne with full information in order methods to retain essential technicians as civilians with Allies may be adopted.

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TO: FOTALI (R) NOIC NAPLES, NOIC BARI,
NOIC BRINDISI, C IN C MED.,
FLAMEO, ACC. NAVAL SUB COMMISSION.

FROM: C IN C MED.

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It is understood that Italian Military Authorities are commencing to comb out workmen who are deserters from the Army or have avoided conscription with view to calling them to the colors for service in technical units.

(2) Request you will inform Minister of Marine that any interference with the labour force now engaged on (naval?) work is quite unacceptable and desire him to inform Italian Military Authorities accordingly.

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INFO FROM FATIMA FROM QUINSMITH SIGNED MACFARLANE PD SITREP PERIOD
ONE FOUR TO TWO ZERO PD REVISED AFHQ POLICY FOR DISPOSAL OF ITALIAN
ARMY FORWARDED TO MARSHAL MESSE PD CHIEF BUSINESS ON HAND

ONE PD QUESTION OF RATIONS FOR CARABINIERI UNDER DISCUSSION WITH
COMANDO SUPREMO OWING TO DIVERGENCE OF AFHQ POLICY OF RATIONING BY
ARMY AND FACT THAT VARIOUS SMALL UNITS ARE DETACHED AND DRAW RATION
ALLOWANCE PD

TWO PD QUESTION OF MANPOWER FOR PORT LABOUR STILL UNDER NEGOTIATION
WITH FOTALI PD DESIGNATION OF HEADQUARTERS NOW ARMY SUB DASH COMMISSION
FAREN ADVANCE HEADQUARTERS FAREN AT SALERMO AND ARMY SUB DASH COMMISSION
AT LEQUILE PD SHORT TITLES FOR ABOVE FATIMA FOR QUINSMITH AND WMIA

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FROM: MMIA FROM DUCHESNE

TO: FARGO RPTD FATIMA FOR QUIN SMITH

M/C NO: 17/20

REF NO: GO 249

FILED: 201310A FEB

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BY DRL

Personal for MacFarlane. First. So far Italian reaction is slight to policy letter delivered to Messe on 18th February. Messe moves Salerno 24th February. At your convenience proposed conference could best take place either in Apulia before 24th or in Salerno after. Second. You stated possibility Col. Pidsley being made available temporarily from AFHQ to help set up supply organisation. My Lt. Col. Noakes flew yesterday to Algiers in this connection and it would be desirable for Pidsley to contact him if he is coming to me.

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19th. February, 1944.

MEMORANDUM.

TO: Lord Stansgate,
Vice-President,
Administrative Section.

Reference the memorandum from Colonel Kirk on the subject of the Italian Government decree of 6th. Dec., 1943 relative to enrolling road militia and port militia into the Carabinieri. I asked Badoglio this morning to repeal the decree in question.

2. He quite realised the force of my arguments and promised to look into the question at once and to let me know as soon as possible what he proposed to do.

3. I think that with any luck we ought to secure our object without much difficulty but I don't think Badoglio was prepared for my request and wanted a little time to digest it.

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NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION INCOMING MESSAGE /sk

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FROM: MMIA

TO: ACMF RPTD FLAMBO, FATIMA

M/C NO: 8/19

REF NO: SD 246

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Following procedure for obtaining Italian army units takes immediate effect.
For all troops wherever situated ACMF demands on MMIA who pass orders to
Italian General Staff. For troops required from abroad ACMF arranges
shipping and allots priority.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

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17 February 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Deputy Chief Commissioner.

As far as I know, this is one of the first requests for Allied Ammunition. At the same time, as the Italian Army gradually gets into action, they will eventually exhaust ammunition in their stocks and will then be asking for our ammunition and arms to fire it through!

Does policy forbid our trying to get these Tommy guns? If not, can you initiate?

/s/ G. W. Quin-Smith, Lt Col.
G. W. QUIN-SMITH
Army Sub-Commission

Captain Stone

*I talked to Lt Col
G. Smith*

*He said if you agree
that request be granted
AFHQ should be asked
to authorize -*

*If you agree suggest
that Lt Col. Smith
Prepare proper request on
AFHQ -*

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16th. February. 1944.

1. I enclose herewith a copy of a letter from Badoglio.
2. As regards his request that we should let him have some long-range fighters to help to supply the Garibaldi Division, I imagine that the answer will be in the negative. I have told Badoglio that I don't hold out much hope of his request being met.
3. As regards the alleged behaviour of the partisans towards Italian troops, I doubt if it will be possible to achieve anything but conceivably Maclean might be able to produce some slight reduction in the alleged offensive behaviour of the partisans.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE.
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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Lt. Gen. James Gammel, C.B., D.S.O., M.C.,
Chief of Staff,
Allied Force Headquarters.

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16 February 1944

In reply refer to: Q84

SUBJECT: 1st Italian Motorised Group.

TO : His Excellency Marshal of Italy Messe,
Chief of the Supreme General Staff.

Your Excellency,

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With reference to your letter No. 10793/OP dated 30 January 1944. This matter has been referred to Fifth Army Headquarters, who state that the detachments concerned are to be regarded as temporary and are dictated solely by the necessities of present operations. It is understood that the 87th Infantry Regiment, when relieved, is likely to be retained for employment outside the 1st Italian Motorised Group. It is desired to stress the fact that Fifth Army fully appreciate that, as far as possible, 1st Italian Motorised Group should be maintained intact.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

Copy to: NMIA

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16th. February. 1944.

Your No. COS/3/PERS of 13th. February.

I think that on the whole it would be better not to send the letter you enclosed with the above to General Soldarelli. I have told Duchesne to get in touch with him and to convey to him the sentiments you expressed.

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NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

Lt. Gen. James Gemmel, C.B., D.S.O., M.C.,
Chief of Staff,
Allied Force Headquarters.

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16th. February, 1944.

I have received your letter No. 427 of 6th. February regarding the Garibaldi Division and the relations between the partisan commands and the Italian forces.

2. I have forwarded your requests to my Commander-in-Chief and have asked him to do all that may be possible to meet them.

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NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

S.E. Marshal Pietro Badoglio,
Capo del Governo.

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By Authority of
C-in-C AFHQ
Initials: /s/ /acn

15 February 1944

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FILE NO : HSD/424

SUBJECT : Employment of ITALIAN Army Units
and Personnel with BRITISH Forces.

MEMO TO : HQ ACMF

Further to our HSD/424 of 19 Jan 44.

1. A meeting was held at AFHQ on Monday 14 Feb to discuss the final form which a directive on this subject should take.

2. Attached at Appendix 'A' is a copy of this directive which it was agreed should be published, subject to your approval.

3. You are requested to forward your comments on this directive together with any proposed additions and deletions to this HQ as soon as possible.

/s/ Daniel Noce

DANIEL NOCE

Brigadier General, GSC,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3.

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PRISON FOR OG MATURA CITY NAMED FROM FATIMA ~~REDACTED~~ SIGNED MACTARIANE PAREN
LT COL AVCADEO DIVICLIARO AND PVT MICHELE D'ARRELO AIDE AND GRADUATE TO
GENERAL THUMSTH APPROVED BY ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AND CONCURRED IN BY THIS
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Captain, A. G. D.
Deputy Secretary General

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RATION STRENGTH OF ITALIAN ARMED FORCES EACH COMBAT ZONE AND PBS
FOR SHIPPING BIDS20 FEB AS FOLLOWS. ARMY 119103 NAVY SCALE
A 25754 SCALE D 35246 AIR FORCE SCALE A 6274 SCALE B14726.
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ESTIMATE IN NAPLES AREA OF 2500 EX SARDINIA NOT INCLUDED IN
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14th February 1944.

Subject: Supply Organisation - Italian Military.

To : Secretary General.

I discussed the attached letter from Army Sub-Commission with Colonel Noems and have agreed to produce such personnel as they require and cannot produce from Army sources.

/s/ M. G. L.

MSL/JG.

091.111 - Lt. Gen. - Sent
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SUBJECT: Supply Organisation Italian Military.

Army Sub Comm. ACC
Rome HQ (MILIA)
LEGNILE (LECCE)
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11 Feb 44.

HQ ACC MATLES - For Brig Guterbock.
ATTN: Adv Adm Ekelon - For Brig. Gen. HAMMILL.

- Copies to:- Vice President, Economic Section, ACC.
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Finance Sub-Commission ACC.
Transportation Sub-Commission ACC.
War Material Disposal Sub-Commission ACC.
Navy Sub-Commission ACC, SALERNO
Air Force Sub-Commission ACC, SALERNO
Main HQ, Army Sub-Commission ACC, SALERNO.
No. 1 DISTRICT.
Allied Garrison Commander, SARDINIA.

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- (c) A Port Inspectorate to ensure correct receipt and handing over of supplies and stores to the Italian Government representatives at the various Ports.

6. A further essential is efficient telephone conversation from my Rear HQ at LEROUX (which must remain near the Italian Ministry of War at LEUCE) to NAPLES and SALERNO with authority to place "clear the line" calls in case of shipping emergency.

7. In order to implement the set-up outlined in para 5 above I require at once certain additional staff.

Details are attached at Appendix "A" and I would emphasise that this is the minimum requirement and further that I am unable to accept the responsibility of assuming competent control of Allied Supplies until both this staff arrives and efficient communications exist.

/s/ T.J. MOATS, Lt. Col.
for Brig. Army Sub Comm. A.C.C.

Drafted by Brig Duchesne now absent on duty

11th

EXISTING STAFF		ADDITIONAL OFFICERS					P. A. S.	
R.A.S.C.	R.A.O.C.	R.A.S.C.		R.A.O.C.			W.O.	Tun
		Major	Capt or Sub	Major	Capt or Sub		or Senior NCOs	NC
For (a)	1 Lt Col ADST							
	1 Major DADST	1 Major DADOS	2					
	1 S/Capt ST							
and (b)	1 Chief Clerk		2		2			
	1 NCO Clerk							
	1 Clerk							
For (c)	NOTE. Each Port Inspectorate for NAPLES, BARI, BRINDISI, TARANTO, will be composed as follows:-							
	1 Capt or Lt RASC							
	1 W.O. or Senior N.C.O., RASC.		4				4	
	1 W.O. or RASC							
	1 Clerk, RASC or RACC							
EXTRA.	It will be necessary to augment the "Q" Staff by one S/Capt Mov one Clerk Mov to deal entirely with movements.							
			1(not RASC)					
TOTAL		2	7(1 not RASC)	2			4	
NOTE. PALERMO and CAGLIARI are not included in above.								

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APPENDIX "A"

NG STAFF		ADDITIONAL OFFICERS				ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL					
R.A.O.C.		R.A.S.C.		R.A.O.C.		R. A. S. C.			R.A.O.C.		
		Major	Capt or Sub	Major	Capt or Sub	W.O. or Senior NCOs	Junior Clerks NCOs		W.O. or Senior NCOs	Junior Clerks NCOs	
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Ref. CC/G/53.

Salerno

FMW/rj

13th. February, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Allied Force Headquarters.
(ATTENTION M.G.S.)

1. At my request Marshal Messe has removed from his position as Liaison Officer with Headquarters, A.C.C. Colonel Rossi whose background I recently discovered to be undesirable.
2. Marshal Messe is most anxious to replace Colonel Rossi as one of my Liaison Officers by Colonel Ruggeri Laderchi who is at present prisoner of war in England, believed to be in Camp No.4..
3. I understand Laderchi was at one time Military Attaché in London and speaks good English.
4. If there is no objection to this appointment I would be glad if arrangements might be made for Colonel Laderchi's repatriation.

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NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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13 Feb

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13th. February, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Marshal of Italy, Giovanni Messe,
Chief of the Supreme General Staff.

SUBJECT: Italian Liaison Officer to the A.C.C.

1. Thank you for your No. 10912/OP of 3rd. February.
2. I naturally agree regarding the importance of having a good Italian Liaison Officer and am grateful for your proposal that Staff-Colonel Ruggeri Laderchi should take the place of Colonel Rossi.
3. I am taking up with Allied Force Headquarters the question of his early repatriation.

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NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Chief of StaffCOS/3/PERS.CONFIDENTIAL15 Feb 44

TO: Lieut-General Sir F.N. Mason-MacFarlane,
K.C.B., D.S.O., M.C.,
Deputy President,
Allied Control Commission,
A.P.O. 394

FROM: Lieut-General J.A.H. Connell, C.B., D.S.O., M.C.,
Chief of Staff,
A.F.H.Q.,
E.M.A.F.

My dear Noel

I enclose a letter which, if you think suitable, I would be grateful if you would send to Soldarelli.

Middle East are pressing that he should not return, but in view of your letter of 30th January, a decision was made to allow Soldarelli to go back and I do not propose to alter it.

I hope my letter may help to persuade him to accept the situation with a good grace. If however you think that it would not fill the bill, do not send it to him.

Yours ever,

/s/ James Connell

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Note by Gen. MacFarlane:
Answered

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
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13 Feb 44

TO:

Generale Mario Soldarelli,
C/o., Comando Supremo,
Allied Control Commission,
A.P.O. 394.

FROM:

Lieut-General J.A.H. Gammell, C.B., D.S.O., M.C.,
Chief of Staff,
A.F.H.Q.,
E.M.A.F.

Dear General Soldarelli

I understand that you are about to return to the Middle East to settle up your affairs and say goodbye to the Cuneo Division which you have recently commanded.

I am writing to say that it is realised that it will be a great blow to you not to be able to once more lead your Division in action against the enemy, but military necessities have made it essential that the Division should serve in the manner which is now laid down for it. I hope therefore that when you visit your Division to say farewell, you will do your best to encourage all ranks faithfully to perform the tasks which now lie before them.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ J.A.H. Gammell

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13 Feb

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SUBJECT: Arms and Amn for "Galibaldi" Div

HQ Allied Control Commission

Copy to: AFHQ Adv Adm Ech

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.

Rear H.Q (HMIA)

LEQUILE (LECCE)

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13 Feb 44

1. Following received from Stato Maggiore Regio Esercito.

"The HQ of the "GALIBALDI" Div operating in MONTENEGRO, in order to make the armament of the Div equal to those used by the German and Chetnik-Moslem tps, requested an urgent issue of automatic pistols. Enemy tps have one pistol for every five men.

Having no such type of arms, could you please obtain from the Allied Authority an issue of at least 200 pistols (automatic) with 4 to 5,000 rds for each."

2. Request your instructions.

/s/ R. C. Ben Kirk, Major
for Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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14 Feb 44

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 CITE : FHGCT

OWING TO LIKELIHOOD POLITICAL REPERCUSSIONS IN ITALY DECISIONS
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(note in pencil) What is this about?

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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24 FEB 1944

13 February 44

note by Gen. MacFarlane:-
"Spoke Duchesne".
"no action".

SUBJECT : Italian Army Generally
TO : Lt. Gen. Mason MacFarlane
Hq ACC Naples

I should like to discuss the following points with you at convenient opportunity:

1. DAPINO BRIGADE GROUP (now commanded by Gen. UTILE) with Fifth Army is in trouble. They have been put under French Command and used with Moroccan Coloured troops both of which they dislike intensely. Their SAN MARIA pack transport Company with the Moroccans is said to have had an Italian officer kicked by a French officer. Their 67 Inf. Regt. is being used as stretcher bearers in front of the front line to bring in wounded (and for this purpose has been "disarmed" as it seems to them) and while engaged on this work was mistaken for enemy by an American armoured car which shot at and killed 4 or 5 Italians. Both MESSE and BERARDI have appealed with genuine feeling for these Italian combat troops to be separated from French Command: and further, if possible, not to be used with coloured troops. As you know, both these points loom large in Italian eyes. Would you intercede on their behalf?

2. DEMOBILISATION. I have had several talks with MESSE and BERARDI and they are stopping the wastage at about 164,000 total strength on the mainland, which is 6,000 less than when I saw you last. They say quite reasonably "But you never gave us a policy" to tell us you wanted all these men, and we have our own problems." I have ordered MESSE to call up classes to bring the strength up to 190,000 on mainland. He will call up all those of the inclusive 1920 to 1924 classes who are illegally away: owing to the number probably working as civil labour for the Allies away from their home towns, I doubt whether he will achieve more than 180,000 but this should do until we can think again.

3. NAVAL MAIN POWER. MESSE tells me in a letter dated 3 February that the Italian Navy have 36,687 men ashore on the mainland of Italy. I am anxious to make use of their surplus manpower and propose they provide:

(a) 2,000 port operating personnel for Director of Transportation: these were asked for over a month ago but it is going slowly.

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(b) All port labour for TARANTO (2,500) and BRINDISI (6,000).

(c) All possible truck drivers: both Admiral MacGregor and Messe say this is not hopeful.

4. AIRFORCE. Marshal Messe is anxious to have working on port labour the same percentage of the three services Army, Navy, Airforce. Present situation is that Army provide about 21,000, Navy 1,000, Air Force 3,000 for port labour. For his own programme, Air Commodore Foster wishes to remove his three thousand and results of conversation with him are at Appendix A. I am hopeful of results on these lines.

5. COMMANDO SUPREMO will move to Salerno on 19 February and I shall then move over myself. Appendix A shows that is has at present no great control over Air Force and Navy. I should like to discuss with you how far you think it desirable to make it a Supreme Command of all three services. It obviously wants more senior Air Force and Naval officers in its staff if it is to live up to its name. Appendix B gives strengths on 1 January.

6. SICILY. If MESSE could call up all illegally dishanded soldiers in Sicily (i.e. who are still legally liable for service), he might not need to transfer a Coastal Division from SARDINIA. What is political situation and can he call them up?

7. SUPPLY ORGANISATION. I am sorry that Col. Zellars was not found available. I am carrying on sufficiently well but it will take some time to acquire the Staff required for necessary control on the mainland. For the moment, SICILY and SARDINIA will have to carry on with their existing organisations which I hear are quite efficient.

8. I am staying tonight, Sunday, at CASERTA with Brig. Foster (tel-FILPOT 23); Monday night either CASERTA or SALERNO; Tuesday night wherever is best for my journey back to LERUILE, probably in NAPLES.

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s/s/ CC Duchesne

Brig.

(C. C. DUCHESNE)

Army Sub-Commission, ACC

2 Incl: Appendix A
Appendix B

Note in pencil: Brig Duchesne will remain at Iccia

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APPENDIX 24 FEB 1944

Note on interview Lt. Col. Moriarty (Army Sub-Com) with A/Cdre FOSTER,
8 February 1944.

1. AIR DIVISION POLICY.

- (a) Does not reckon to owe any allegiance to Comando Supremo, on which I.A.F. have no equality of resident membership.
- (b) Takes orders for use of I.A.F. from Tedder (M.A.A.F.).
- (c) Impliments these orders by direct contact with Italian Air Ministry.
- (d) Has always enjoyed independence of Cdo. Sup. in the past and intends to continue on these lines which work well.
- (e) Must draw on all I.A.F. available strength to meet development programme set out in attached appreciation.

2. Suggestions to help.

- (a) Airmen of 1918 class are due for transfer to Army this year for labour. Proposes to let them be transferred now.
- (b) Proposes to transfer similarly 1919 class a year early.
- (c) This should yield between 2 and 3,000.
- (d) To compensate, will recall all airmen of 1923 and 1924 classes still at home.
- (e) Will release 1918 and 1919 classes as and when 1923 and 1924 substitutes arrive.

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Ufficio Operazioni

APPENDIX B

24 FEB 1944

ALLEGATO I al foglio n. 10497
del 20 gennaio 1944

FF. AA. ITALIANE

ALLA DATA DEL 1 GENNAIO 1944 (1)

(forza presenta)

ZONA	R.ESERCITO	R.MARINA	R.AERONAUTICA	TOTALI
<u>PENISOLA</u>				
Calabria	36,000	500	---	36,500
Puglia e Lucania	117,000	31,000	23,500	171,500
Campania	30,000	8,000	---	38,000
Totale Penisola	183,000	39,500	23,500	246,000
<u>ISOLE</u>				
Sardegna	215,000	10,000	9,500	234,500
Sicilia	21,000	-----	-----	21,000
Corsica	6,000	-----	-----	6,000
Totale Isole	242,000	10,000	9,500	261,500
<u>EQUIPAGGI NAVI DA GUERRA</u>				
	-----	32,500	-----	32,500
Totale Generale	425,000	82,00	33,000	540,000

612(1) - Compresi CC. RR. e R.G.F. in servizio territoriale:

	CC. RR.	R.G.F.
Penisola	14,000	5,800
Sicilia	10,000	-----
Sardegna	7,000	1,200
Totale	31,000	7,000

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TO: ACTION FARGO INFO MIDEAST FLAMBO

FROM: AFHQ SGD CINC CITE FHGOT 50285

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MOST SECRET. DATED 29 JAN YOUR 6662. AS ALREADY DECIDED, CUNEO DIV WILL BE
RETAINED IN PALESTINE AND PERSONNEL, EXCEPT SURPLUS OFFICERS, WILL BE EMPLOYED
AS TRADESMEN WHERE PRACTICABLE AND BALANCE ORGANIZED AS PIONEER COYS IN MIDEAST.
AGREED GENERAL SOLDARELLI BE ALLOWED TO PAY VISIT OF 7 DAYS DURATION ONLY TO
DIVISION IN PALESTINE TO COMMUNICATE TO THE DIV THE INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING
ITS DISPOSAL. ARRANGE ASSAGE SOLDARELLI DIRECT ITALY TO PALESTINE AND IMMEDIATE
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Office of the Chief of Staff

11 February 1944

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22 FEB 1944

My dear MacFarlane:

Reference your letter of 31 January 1944 and the letter which you enclosed from Marshal Badoglio (No. 303 di prot dated 28 Jan 44)

The matter of the command of the Italian forces in Corsica has given us considerable concern. General MARTIN's directive states; "Italian forces retained temporarily under authority of the Allied Commander-in-Chief will be under the command of the French Commander CORSICA." A change in the present status of command would necessitate a change in this directive, which in turn would necessitate conferences with the French High Command in ALGIERS. As you know, the French are most jealous of their prestige in Corsica, the first French soil to be regained from the Germans. Of the 3000 Italians, originally placed under French Command in Corsica, only about 1600 are now under the French.

This whole matter has been discussed with Colonel RATAY who has agreed that it is preferable to continue with the command in its present status. Colonel RATAY and General MARTIN are on the best of terms and Colonel RATAY felt certain that any difficulties could be worked out locally between them.

In regard to French Commanders mixing politics with their military orders, I consider this also can best be handled locally and informally between Colonel RATAY and General MARTIN. I am forwarding to Colonel RATAY a copy of Marshal BADOGLIO's letter and I am instructing him to enquire into the conditions in which the Italians under French command are living and working. He is to tactfully take up with General MARTIN the correction of such injustices as have been discovered. I believe that more concrete results will be obtained by this method than by a "note" which would have to go through channels and might produce a feeling of French resentment and consequently a still more arrogant French attitude towards the Italians. Of course, if these measures are not effective, Colonel RATAY will so report to this Headquarters and other steps can be taken. You will be furnished a copy of the instructions being sent to Colonel RATAY

Yours ever

/s/ James Gannell

Lt Gen Sir Frank N Mason MacFarlane
Deputy President A C C

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Subject:- MOBILISATION

Army Sub Commission ACC
Rear HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
C/6/18
10 Feb 1944

His Excellency Marshal of Italy MESSIE

Copy to General BARAIDI
HQ A.C.C. personal for Lt Gen MASON-MAGPARIANE
Army Sub Commission, A.C.C., Salerno

With reference to my conversation with you and General MARIOTTI to-day. I am to request that you will call up such classes as may be necessary to maintain the strength of the Italian Army in Italy at about 190,000

For the Deputy President Allied Control Commission.

CSH

/s/ C.C. DUCHESNE
Brig
Army Sub Comm ACC

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10 Feb

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WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL SUB-COMMISSION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
AEO 394

9 February 1944.

SUBJECT: Weekly Report of Activities this Sub-Commission for the week of
29 Jan - 4 Feb, inc.

TO : The Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission.

22 FEB 1944

1. OPERATIONS.

a. The Acting Chief of this Sub-Commission in company with Col. Decarli, of the Italian General Staff, visited Sicily with three main missions:

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b. Routine operations consisted chiefly in completing records and reports on Italian Material in Campania.

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The problem of the ultimate disposition of Captured Italian Army motor vehicles is most vital. It is also intimately related to several ACC Sub-Commissions. Recommend that a board of at least three ACC officers make a study and report on this matter to the Chief Commissioner.

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JOHN T. ZELLARS,
Colonel, Infantry
Actg Chief War Materials
Disposal Sub-Commission.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION * INCOMING MESSAGE /arr

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TO : FATIMA FOR ACTION

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General Brunetti is being dispatched to this theater as soon as air transportation can be arranged. General Brunetti requests return of his aide Lt Col Avogadro Divigliano and orderly Pvt Micheli D Anrelo. It is proposed to return aide and orderly by water. Request your concurrence on the release of Lt Col Divigliano and Pvt Anrelo.

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In reply refer to:
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7 February 1944

SUBJECT: Arrest of Colonel Acampora

To : Colonel Sisley, Two District, Bari

Supplementing my letter of 5 February, there is forwarded herewith a translation of instructions issued by Marshal Badoglio for the purpose of preventing a repetition of future incidents similar to the case of the subject officer.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USMC
Acting Chief of Staff

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1 Incl:
Instructions, Marshal Badoglio
N. 801 Pres. Cons., 4 Feb 44

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Note with this letter

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7 Feb

P.M. 151, 4 February 1944

TRANSLATION

THE CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT

File No. 801/Pres. Cons.

To: Their Excellencies the Ministers

To: Their Excellencies the Under-Secretaries of State

SUBJECT: Elimination of fascist and philofascist publications.

I have been informed that, in spite of the instructions issued by me on the matter, there are still in circulation publications, pamphlets, prints, etc. of fascist terror and, at any rate, contents of a propaganda character in favor of the terminated regime. Recently, furthermore, a high officer was arrested, on the charge of philofascist propaganda, for having allowed, even if not intentionally, the inclusion of a pamphlet which contained some fascist anthems and free military post-cards recently printed under the signature of "Mussolini", inside gift packages distributed among the soldiers.

I once again call the special attention of Your Excellencies to the urgent necessity of conducting an active examination of all printed matter which is in the store-rooms of the various Ministries, departments and sub-divisions, including that which is currently used, proceeding to a complete elimination (by destroying or deleting) of all that matter containing any references whatsoever which can be considered as fascist-sympathizing propaganda.

Please favor me with detailed replies of having complied with these instructions.

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THE CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT

/s/ Badoglio

P.C.C.
The Cabinet Chief of the
Presidency of the Council of Ministers

/s/ Innocenti

Sgt Sorisi - Transl.
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P.M. 151, 11 4 febbraio 1944

IL CAPO DEL GOVERNO

N. 801/Pres. Cons.

ALTE LL. RR. I MINISTRI

ALTE LL. RR. I SOTTOSGEGGERATI DI STATO

OGGETTO:

Eliminazione delle pubblicazioni fasciste e filofasciste.

S. E. D. E.

Mi viene riferito che nonostante le disposizioni da me già impartite al riguardo sono tuttora in circolazione pubblicazioni, opuscoli, stampati etc. di intenzione fascista o comunque aventi contenuto di carattere propagandistico a favore del cessato regime. Recentemente, anzi, è stato proceduto all'arresto di un alto ufficiale, sotto l'imputazione di propaganda filofascista per aver lasciato includere, sia pure non intenzionalmente, nei pacchi dove distribuiti a militari, un opuscolo contenente fra l'altro inni fascisti, nonché cartoline in franchigia militare recanti scritte a firma di "Mussolini".

Richiamo pertanto la particolare attenzione delle LL. RR. sulla urgente necessità di procedere ad una accurata ricognizione di tutto il materiale stampato esistente nei depositi dei rispettivi Ministeri e degli enti ed organi dipendenti, nonché di quello di uso corrente, procedendo quindi ad una completa eliminazione (per distruzione o cancellazione) di tutto quello che contenga qualunque riferimenti che possano considerarsi di propaganda filofascista.

Pregho favorirmi cortese esplicita assicurazione di adempimento.

P. C. C.
Il Capo Gabinetto della Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri

IL CAPO DEL GOVERNO
F/to: Badoglio



File No. 427

6 February 1944

Office of the Chief of Government

To GENERAL MASON MAC FARLANE
Chief of A.C.C.
Headquarters

Dear General Mac Farlane:-

I receive direct information from which the sad material and moral conditions of the "soldiers of the "Garibaldi" Division and the men working in Montenegro become apparent in all their gravity.

I am aware that the question of supplies has been for months the subject of continuous negotiations between the Italian Supreme Command and General Forster. But, also in view of the fact that the Partisans occupy a more favourable starting position, as they find already in their own land aid and resources which our men lack, I think that this knotty situation might find its natural solution, if your Government, urged by you to help me, would consider my suggestion to urgently transfer to us 15-20 long range pursuit planes, of the Lightning class, which we would use, with our own pilots, for supply purposes.

In this way we could avoid nocturnal capapaulting of planes, with uncertain results; we could increase the advantages of day mission and landings at Herane; return trips could be employed for evacuating Italian and Partisan wounded.

As to the moral side - the treatment of our soldiers by the Partisan Commands - I would be grateful to you, my dear General, if you would exert on them the proper pressure to have them included in their ranks.

It is not human for these Commands to continue to take away weapons from the Italian soldiers, leaving them exposed, as disarmed workers, to all the reaction and plots of inimical elements.

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It is unjust that they continue to be diffident, in spite of proven good will which officers and men who have remained there are giving continuously, and it would be advisable that, for the dignity and prestige of our officers, the placing of partisans, and even of boys, to keep a watch on them, be avoided.

Very cordially Yours

/s/ BADOGLIO

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6 Feb

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In reply refer to:
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5 February 1944

SUBJECT: Arrest of Colonel Acampora

TO : Colonel Sisley, Two District, Bari

1. The subject Italian officer who commands the Guardia di Finanza at Bari was arrested recently on the grounds, I am informed, of distributing Fascist literature. A protest was received from Col. Guido Jung, Under-Secretary for Finance, stating that if this officer were guilty of treasonable acts, the Italian Government would have either brought about his removal or caused his arrest.

2. In this connection, this Commission has just received an aide memoire, which is enclosed herewith, Because of the possibility that distribution of such material might unwittingly occur, as in this case, because all stocks have not been destroyed, new instructions are to be issued in this regard as set forth in the last paragraph on page two of the attached.

3. If no other charges have been brought against this officer, it would appear that the arrest was unnecessary and that he should be released. The Italian Government is prepared to reprimand him for failing to supervise the material included in the Christmas packages in question.

4. I should be grateful if you would advise me what action is taken.

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For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief of Staff

1 Incl:
Aide Memoire with 2 Incls.

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ACAMPORA

5 Feb

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On or about December 20th, Col. Acampora gave instructions for the preparation of 320 Christmas packages, to be distributed as a gift amongst the components of the newly formed unit of the "Guardie di Finanza" in Rutigliano.

Also in view of the difficulty of finding on the market, a sufficient number of small gifts to make up the necessary packages, it was decided to make use of the available small stock of stationery existing at the canteen: namely writing paper, Regimental P.C.s., and postage-free military P.C.s. For the same reason it was decided to throw in a small pamphlet of patriotic hymns which had been printed last May for distribution on the occasion of the Anniversary of the Foundation of the Corps, falling July 5th.

The packages were brought to Rutigliano for distribution, on the morning of December 25th.

On the same day, Colonel Acampora who happened to be at Rutigliano, having asked one of the soldiers to show him the contents of the package distributed to him, immediately noticed that the pamphlet, which he had not examined previously, contained also a number of fascist hymns. He accordingly gave immediately instructions to the Commander of the Unit, Lt. Col. Murgia, that the pamphlet be withdrawn and the incriminated hymns cancelled.

This is confirmed in the enclosed statement by Coll Murgia, himself who has also pointed out, however, that in carrying out these orders, a number of packages may have been overlooked. (Enclosure No. 1)

It is beyond all doubt that there was no intention on the part of Col. Acampora or his officers of distributing fascist propaganda. The inclusion of the pamphlet was purely due to an oversight, or rather to the fact of not having taken the precautionary measures of causing its previous careful examination.

The same applies to the free-postage P.C., bearing an inscription signed "Mussolini". The fact also being that such inscriptions had become so common, that they were more often than not passed unnoticed.

611 It is believed that denunciation against Col. Acampora may have been made by revenue officer Michele Lattanzio. The latter is at present under arrest on the charge of continued theft. (Enclosure N. 2)

Instructions are under way in order to call the attention of all Italian authorities on the immediate necessity of a thorough examination of all printed matter still existing in depots or in circulation, in order to eliminate all that contains reference which might have a propaganda value in favour of the fascist regime.

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TRANSLATION

Enclosure No. 1

AFFLUENCE (?) CENTER ROYAL REVENUE GUARDS
OF RUTIGLIANO

DECLARATION

By request, I declare as follows:

Last Christmas there were distributed by order of HQ of the 11th Legion of the Royal Revenue Guards "SALENTINA" (Bari) a certain number of gift packages, to the Royal Revenue Guards Battalion of Rutigliano, under my command; these packages were delivered in a small Legion truck and given to the adjutant major, in the presence of Battalion officers and Col. Acampora, who had come to greet the battalion, composed mostly of men from other units and from units still in enemy territory.

These gift packages, as well as I can remember, contained: stationery, patriotic post cards of the Corps, dried figs, marmalade and a small pamphlet, a collection of patriotic and military songs (I do not know whether all packages had this last item).

I was able to find this out by examining some packages of the men who had already received them; Col. Acampora was present, and gave orders that, in regards to the songs, all fascist hymns should be deleted. This was done on the following days, even for those in the hands of the men who were in the hospital, or absent for other reasons.

Regarding this matter, although all the men had been prohibited from singing any fascist song, I repeatedly requested my battalion officers to personally oversee the deletions, even of the word "duce", included in the "Prayer of the Revenue Guard". I was informed of the deletions, I well remember, (while I was in bed, under doctor's orders, because of a leg lesion caused by a fall) in the first days of January, and this because I was anxious that no pamphlet should escape the order of deletions.

So much for the truth.

The Lt. Col. ex-Commander
of the Battalion

/s/ Borgia

Sgt. Sorisi - Transl.
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TRANSLATION

Enclosure No. 2

HQ. AFFLUENCE (?) CENTER, ROYAL REVENUE GUARDS OF RUTIGLIANO

Resume of charges against Revenue Officer LATTANZIO Michele, in regards to stolen military clothing and equipment:

This revenue Officer was caught stealing a coat, shirts, under-clothing, and personal articles of other officers and men, of leaving the post while restricted to quarters, on two different occasions, and stolen articles were found in houses of civilians, who were also put under charges, as receivers of stolen goods.

Two separate charges were made against the defendant, for thefts occurring within a few days of each other.

THE LT. COL. COMMANDING.

/s/ Francesco Murgia

Rutigliano, 31 January 1944

Sgt Scrisi - Transl.
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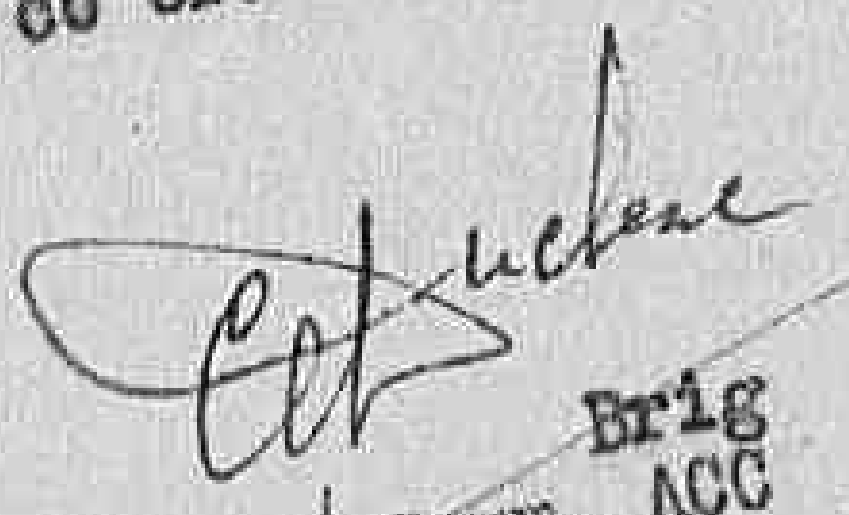
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Subject:- Demobilisation

Army Sub Commission, ACC
Rear HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILM (LROCE)
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9 Feb 44

Chief of Staff, ACC
BRINDISI

1. The Italian Army have demobilised up to incl 1906 Class and sent on indefinite leave up to incl 1912 Class.
2. I am now informed unofficially that Italian Air Force are demobilising up to incl 1918 Class.
3. It would appear advisable to check up Italian Navy policy for demobilisation and raise the question of co ordination at Government level. Will you consider?


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Army Sub Comm, ACC

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Formation of Italian units on FILPOT programme entails finding several thousand M.T. drivers. Request you investigate all possible sources and inform us estimated numbers available. Letter follows.

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FATIMA REAR FOR CAPTAIN STONE

The ensuing is a paraphrase of message received this Headquarters today through Squadron Leader Johnson from Main 8th Army to GSI (B) HQ ACOM cite I 1713 (264) for Higson from Defreitas.

Lt Gen Gianantoni MVSN landed at San Vito 29 January having escaped by water from enemy territory together with Lt Augusto Riccardi and Sgt Majors Michele Cruspino and Incenzo Paolin. The General was subjected to special IA questions at this Headquarters but the results were meagre. As a result of a misunderstanding the General and his companions by passed RIP and west to Brindisi by way of Bari. ETA Brindisi on the evening 2 February. The General gave out that he intended to interview the King and to reorganize Italian Armed Forces so as to be in a position to resist the Germans. He maintains that his sentiments are anglophile. The good faith of Gianantoni is strongly suspected. It is possible that he was sent by PRF to learn the extent of Italian cooperation. It is suggested that his movements be checked. The 2 NFOs are being trailed by SIM NCO with the object of investigating certain suspect activities. Letter follows.

It is believed Gianantoni is now in Brindisi and is suggested De Francesco SIM also believed to be in Brindisi will be of assistance to you in your search.

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5th. February, 1944.

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FATIMA REAR FOR EUGENIE FROM MACFARLANE PERSONAL

With reference your 2265. I have spoken Alexander. He has agreed proposed move One Coastal Division up to strength of 9,000 from Sardinia to Sicily so long as this does not interfere with build-up in any way. You can carry on

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TO (ACTION) : CG PES FOR PARCO PERSONAL FOR MACFARLANE
 (INFORMATION) : NONE
 FROM : PATIMA PEAR FROM DUCHESNE SIGNED MACFARLANE
 DATE TIME SIGNED: 041610A
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 REFERENCE NR. : 2265
 CITE : NONE

On the understanding that you are discussing with General Alexander
 proposed transfer 1 Italian Coastal Division from Sardinia to Sicily.
 I am taking no action pending instructions from you.

Note by Gen. MacFarlane:
 Answered MACEF

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Crypto /s/ D.J.R. Albano

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5 Feb

SUBJECT: Employment of Italian Officers
with Allied Forces

Headquarters
Allied Central Mediterranean Force

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TO: A.C.C.

ACMF/1470/G(Ib)

- 7 FEB 1944

Further to this HQ letter of even reference dated
1 Feb 44.

Fifth Army report that no Italian Officers are at
present employed as Interpreters or Liaison Officers with units
and formations under command Fifth Army.

Shuman Capt
for Brigadier,
B.G.S.(I),
A.C.M.F.

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SUBJECT: Employment of Italian Officers
 with Allied Forces

Headquarters
 Allied Central Mediterranean Force

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ACMF/1470/G(Ib)

1 February 1944

TO: A.C.C.

1. For your information the following is a list of Italian Officers employed as Interpreters or Liaison Officers with units and formations under command of Eighth Army. All are officers of the Italian Army.

(a) 13 Corps

Cap. BARBIERI
 Ten. IUDOVIC A.
 Ten. DI DOMENICO
 Ten. AMISANI
 Sot. GAROFANO
 Ten. FABERICI
 Ten. FEROZZI

Ten. GATTI A.
 Ten. RAIMONI
 Ten. DISSIO
 Ten. FACE A.
 Sot. CARROCCI
 Cap. PARABORELLI G.

(b) 5 Corps

Cap. WAR E.
 Cap. MAZUCATO M.
 Ten. BELLONIE D.
 Ten. REGAZZINI G.
 Ten. LABERTI G.
 Ten. ROCCA M.

Cap. CANELLA S.
 Ten. NUVOLARI
 Maj. RICCI T.
 Sot. BLANCHI M.
 Ten. PESCADOR

(c) S.A.E.C. Railway Construction Group

Cap. JAMMARINO V.

(d) 1210 C.R.E.

Ten. GALLINA P.

(e) 86 Area

Sot. BECK M.

2. A similar list has been requested from Fifth Army.

Johnson Capt

Brigadier

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FILE 162

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Ten. DI DOMENICO
Ten. ANISANI
Sot. GAROFANO
Ten. FABBRICI
Ten. PEROZZI

Ten. GATTI A.
Ten. RAINONI
Ten. DUSIO
Ten. PACE A.
Sot. CARROCCHI
Cap. TARABORELLI G.

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Cap. MAZZUCATO M.
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

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4 February 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR: General MacFarlane

In reply to our letter to Marshal Messe notifying him that, while grateful for his past work, we nevertheless would not need the services of Col. Rossi in the future, we received the attached letter from the Marshallto which no reply has been sent.

Will you please let me have your instructions.

ELERY W. STONE
Captain, USMC
Acting Chief of Staff

1 Incl:
Ltr, Supr Comd Operations Office
No. 10912/CP, 3 February 1944

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In reply refer to:
201 - Bisconti, General Antonio

4 February 1944

SUBJECT: BISCONTI, General Antonio
TO : FOTALI, Taranto

1. The attached reports on the subject officer are forwarded.
2. It would appear from the record inclosed that representations should be made to Admiral Barone through the Minister of Marine to consider the removal of this officer.
3. It will be noted that the complaints against this officer emanate from the Intelligence Service of the Italian Army.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission

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MELERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief of Staff

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ACTION AFHQ INFO NMIA AGO

Ref your 46580 of 2 Feb. Italians are making no further troops available to us until they have policy. Our need for troops is great. Must stress urgency of despatching to me revised edition of AG Italy OCT-ACM of 2nd Jan. Request you signal ACMF NMIA AGO when document despatched.

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3rd. February, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Brigadier Duchesne,
Headquarters,
Allied Control Commission,
BRINDISI.

1. Please inform Marshal Messe that no demobilisation of Italian Army personnel can be permitted except in excess of the ceiling laid down for the Italian Army.
 2. The only exceptions to this ruling are as follows:-
 - (a) Personnel may be demobilised up to the numbers who may be taken into the Italian Army from the normal annual intake from annual classes.
 - (b) Although demobilisation in accordance with the above ruling will not be permitted, leave may be granted at his discretion provided that the total ration strength does not fall at any time below a figure to be agreed between him and the Land Forces Sub-Commission. In this connection it is recognised that seasonal leave to assist in agriculture (i.e. during the sowing season or during the harvest) may be given as generously as the situation at the time permits.
- 618 In cases where individual personnel are urgently required for pivotal positions in industry for the direct prosecution of the war effort, these again may be demobilised with the concurrence of the Land Forces Sub-Commission.

NOEL MASON MACVANE,
Lieutenant-General
Chief Commissioner.

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3 February 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR: Comando Supremo, Ufficio I.

In reply to your letter M. 30336/F dated 26 January 1944, I am pleased to inform you that Allied Headquarters has agreed to Capt. Ruggero Trobitz remaining on duty with the Comando Supremo. A final statement of balance of his account is being forwarded and will be delivered for him as soon as it has been received.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief of Staff

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3 Feb

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In reply refer to:
201 - Pentimalli, General

3 February 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR: His Excellency Marshal Messe
Chief of the Supreme General Staff

Thank you for your letter of 2 February advising of the retirement
of General Pentimalli.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

ELERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief of Staff

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Herewith list of amendments No 1 to Annex 'A' to Army Sub
Commission letter G/6/19 of 17 Feb. fwd under G/8/22 of 18 Feb 44.

1. Insert new serials:

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1063	One Guard Bn	P.B.S.	800

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2. Amend total sheet 3 to read 37,575

Amount Total secret 4 60 read 45,716

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Total for Feb and March sheet 5 to reach 100

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1st Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.O.

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TO THE HONORABLE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

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SUPREME COMMAND  
Operations Office

P.M., 151, 3 February 1944

File No. 10912/OP

To The Deputy President  
Allied Control Commission

SUBJECT: Italian Liaison Office to the ACC

Refer to: File No. 201 - Col. Rossi - 2 February 1944

In regards to the memorandum on Col. Rossi, contents have been duly noted and action taken.

Because of the importance of a good liaison officer in connection with contacts between Italian commands and the Commission, I am of the opinion that it is advisable to substitute for Col. Rossi some other officer who can be fully entrusted with the performance of this delicate task.

We would like to recommend Staff Col. RUGGERI LADENCHI, late Italian military attache at London, well versed in the English language, at present a prisoner of war in England - Camp No. 4.

I would be grateful if you could hasten his repatriation, already requested several times before.

THE MARSHAL OF ITALY  
CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF

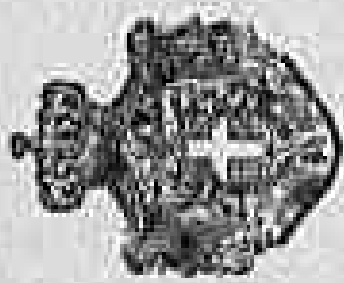
/s/ Giovanni Messe

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COMANDO SUPREMO

UFFICIO OPERAZIONI

N.° 10912 / Op. di prot.

O G G E T T O : Ufficio italiano di collegamento presso A.C.C.

Riferimento foglio 201 - Colonnello Rossi del 2 febbraio.

Ho preso atto della comunicazione relativa al Colonnello Rossi e disposto in conseguenza.

Dato l'interesse che presenta il buon funzionamento dell'ufficio italiano di collegamento per lo svolgersi dei rapporti fra i comandi italiani e codesta Commissione, sono del parere che convenga sostituire il Colonnello Rossi con altro ufficiale che dia pieno affidamento di assolvere bene questo delicato incarico.

Sarebbe molto indicato il Colonnello di S.M. Ruggeri Laderachi, già addetto militare italiano a Londra, ottimo conoscitore della lingua inglese, attualmente prigioniero di guerra in Inghilterra - campo n° 4.

Sarei perciò grato a V.S. se volesse sollecitare il rimpatrio, già più volte richiesto, del suddetto ufficiale.

IL MARESCIALLO D'ITALIA  
CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE  
(Giovanni Messe)





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IL MARESCIALLO D'ITALIA  
CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE  
(Giovanni Messe)



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In reply refer to:  
201 - Rossi, Colonel

2 February 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR: His Excellency Marshal Messe  
Chief of the Supreme General Staff

Confirming information given orally to General Rossi yesterday, I am directed to inform you that while the Deputy President of the Allied Control Commission is very grateful to the Italian military authorities for having placed Colonel Rossi at his disposal as liaison officer, and equally grateful to Colonel Rossi for the excellent assistance which he has always given to the Commission, he no longer has need of Colonel Rossi's services and accordingly Colonel Rossi is at your disposal for posting elsewhere.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

ELLERY W. STONE  
Captain, USNR  
Acting Chief of Staff

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WITH REFERENCE YOUR MEMORANDUM OF JAN ONE NINE CMA  
YUGOSLAV MILITARY MISSION PD PERBASE PAREN FARGO FROM REBER SIGNED MACFARLANE PAREN  
TO AFHQ UND (?) FOR CIVIL AFFAIRS PD CITE FARGO SIX SEVEN EIGHT PD MEMORANDUM  
DELAYED IN TRANSIT AND REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED AS SOON AS NECESSARY INFORMATION  
OBTAINED FROM PARI PD MEANTHILE DEPARTMENT MAY BE INFORMED THAT THE YUGOSLAV  
MISSION ATTACHED TO THE DISPLACED PERSONS SUBCOMMISSION IS NOW FUNCTIONING IN  
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Lt. Col. AGO  
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Subject:- BISCONTI  
General Antonio

Headquarters,  
Allied Central Mediterranean Force  
C.M.F.

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1 Feb 44.

1. Attached is a translation of a report on Subject received from the Italian Counter Intelligence Officer of General BASSO's Headquarters and passed to this Headquarters by Peninsular Base Section.

2. P.B.S. point out that as a result of an investigation of General BISCONTI's background and activities, his removal as President of the Independent Authority of NAPLES Harbour was secured through Italian Army Headquarters. Subject's record of close cooperation and personal association with the Germans, his record as an active Fascist, his professional incapacity, and the suspicion and distrust felt by both Allied and Italian personnel because of his reputed dishonest dealings made it seem impossible that he or his associate, Col. TOMASELLI, have any connection with the Port of NAPLES.

It is believed by P.B.S. that his appointment to any office, actual or honorary, would be unwise.

3. The above is passed to you for your information and such action as you deem necessary.

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Brigadier,  
B.G.S.(I).

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G.H.Q.  
Military Intelligence Service  
Naples

Naples, 21 January 1944

To: Hqs., Armed Forces  
of Campania.

SUBJECT: General (Royal Navy) Antonio Bisconti di Marrone.

General Antonio Bisconti di Marrone of the Royal Navy, former president of the Ente Autonomo del Porto di Napoli (Separate Port Organization of Naples) was a member of the disbanded Fascist Party since its very beginning. The fact that he took part on the march on Rome, that he was a legionary of Fiume, and had received the Sciarpa Littorio (Littorio Scarf) were made use of by him in order to gain political concessions and to achieve other ends.

Formerly in command of the port of Palermo, he managed, through the intervention of Host-Venturi with whom he was very friendly, to obtain a transfer to Naples.

In this city he was about to be promoted to the rank of General, but since this would have resulted in his being transferred, he again used the influence of the Minister Host-Venturi and other noted politicians in order to delay the promotion so that it would coincide with the formation of the Ente Autonomo del Porto di Napoli of which he managed to become president, obviously gaining a great deal.

Soon after he became president, Lt. Col. Tomaselli, who was also connected with the command of the Port of Naples, asked and was made by him director-general of the Ente Autonomo, drawing the salary of one hundred thousand liras a year.

Lt. Col. Tomaselli was considered General Bisconti's right hand man and it is said that they took part in certain dishonest dealings in which the ex-minister Host-Venturi was also connected.

General Bisconti, for example, was accused of negotiating shady deals with certain port enterprises concerning building concessions and he is also known to have handed over to Fiat a large warehouse at a price which was below the real value.

It is also said that in the modification of the building where the Ente had its headquarters, which entailed the expenditure of 4 million liras, he realized a profit. Also known is the fact that the Ente Autonomo at the time when its constitution was formed had a capital of 9 million liras which for the most part had disappeared at the time of its liquidation.

He is also known to have maintained the most friendly relations with officers of the German Navy during this war.



Generally speaking he is known as an unscrupulous speculator, and he does not enjoy a good reputation although it is admitted that he is efficient as far as handling his affairs are concerned.

Despite the fact that recently he has been away from Naples, he has succeeded in being appointed commanding general of the Port Command personnel (Naples) in the service of the Merchant Marine.

Major of the CC.M. Capo Centro  
Camillo Pecorella



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31 JAN 1944

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In reply refer to:  
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31 January 1944

SUBJECT : Employment of Italian units and personnel with Allied Forces  
TO : Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512  
REFERENCE: Letter MED/424 of 19 January

The Allied Control Commission has considered the suggested provisions and forward the following comments:

1. Two major changes are recommended.

a. That the directive be made to cover the employment of Italian troops not only with the British, but with all Allied Forces.

b. That procedure be kept as simple and flexible as possible. This will ensure the observation of principle and yet allow latitude where necessary: further it will tend to lessen amendments to the policy once it has been enunciated. It is emphasized that in view of the obvious difficulties in the present Command and Administration by the Italians, any new procedure should vary as little as possible from their normal methods. This will not seriously vitiate Allied Control.

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2. It is thus recommended that one Disciplinary Code, one type of Establishment and one set of Regulations be made to cover the whole activities of Italian soldiers employed by any of the Allied Forces. The advantage of this, when units are transferred from one Army area to another are obvious. At the same time, allowance can be made for special cases by recognizing the need for "ad hoc" regulations such as may be necessary in the employment of E.P.W. units in Italy.

3. There are certain details which amplify the above:

a. For speed and convenience, it is considered that where no Italian M.E. exists for a new unit, that MMIA be authorized to compile one.

b. Co-belligerency will be fostered by leaving the Disciplinary Code of the Italian Army unchanged except to cover any obvious discrepancies between it and those of the Allies. This might be covered by a regu-

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lation on the lines of Section 40 of the British Army Act, e.g. "Conduct to the prejudice of good order and Allied military discipline." A provision giving the Allied Command veto or confirmatory power would be necessary.

c. Reinforcements to be on normal Italian Army lines for all personnel required. This simplifies the procedure of demand and supply. On the other hand, it is suggested AMIA check all locations of reinforcement depots.

d. It is considered most practicable for pay of all Italian soldiers to be through normal Italian pay channels.

e. Sufficient Italian camp hospitals exist to cover the present program but transport of casualties will definitely require the use of Allied ambulances. Medical supply could operate through present Italian depots.

f. It is recommended that Italian units draw rations from Allied sources in Army areas and that in rear of this, Italian supply organization operates for all Italian personnel in any unit.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

ELERY W. STONE  
Captain, USNR  
Acting Chief of Staff

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31st. January 1944.

I send you herewith a copy of the letter dated <sup>OK</sup> 28th. January from Marshal Badoglio on the treatment of Italian troops in Corsica by the French.

I should be grateful if you would do what you can to ease the situation for the Italians. I have recently sent over by air Colonel Fiske, who attended a conference in Ajaccio on the 24th. of January at which there was agreed generally that the Italian troops in Corsica should gradually be brought into the Allied Command. I should like this encouraged from your end and a word from you would help to prevent the French Commanders mixing politics with their military orders.

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Lieutenant-General James Gammel,  
C.B., D.S.O., M.C.,  
Chief of Staff,  
Allied Force Headquarters.

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29 January 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR: General MacFarlane

There is forwarded herewith a letter from Air Commodore Dacre dated 27 January requesting guidance from the Air Ministry Whitehall on post war plans for the Italian military and civil aviation.

Unless there is some understanding, of which I am unaware, that this subject is exclusively the concern of H.M. Government, it would appear that the question raised in Air Commodore Dacre's letter should be referred separately to the U.S. and H.M. Governments or to the Combined Chiefs of Staff, if it is to be dealt with outside of this Commission, *a theatre.*

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MILBY W. STONE  
Captain, USNR  
Acting Chief of Staff

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Ltr, Air Forces Subcom.  
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From: Allied Forces Subcommittee, Allied Control Commission  
 To : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission  
 Ref.: ASC/16/AIR.  
 DATE: 27th Jan. 1944

The Future Plan for the  
 Italian Air Force.

1. Some guidance from the Air Ministry Whitehall on the post hostilities plan for the Italian Military and Civil Aviation would be appreciated by this Sub Commission.
2. From the scrutiny of Italian programmes on the rehabilitation of the Italian Air Force and Air Industry, it is clear that they are expecting to be permitted to rebuild their Military and Civil Aviation and the Air Industry which feeds it. Furthermore it is expected that Allied help will be given to carry out the proposed programmes.
3. Under the present directive the Italian Air Force that remains is to operate with the Allies on its own resources, with supplies given by the Allies, but are not to be re-equipped from Allied sources. The existing I.A.F. can continue to operate until August 1944, as will be seen from the estimate in the attached memorandum. The needs of the M.A.A.F. in airfield establishments and facilities must have priority over the I.A.F. needs.
4. It is possible that the present policy and directive may be altered by new considerations which have been put up for decision on a higher level. These consideration are:-

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Plan "B" Proposal. If the I.A.F. is to waste to extinction by August 1944 is it worth the Allied cause to keep it going until then, or would it be better to ground it now? If it is to be grounded now, the material can be reduced to scrap, and the personnel directed to other Allied employment.

Plan "C" Proposal. The existing I.A.F. has a strength of approximately 25,000 trained personnel, and more will be added as added Italian territory is occupied.

Would it be in the best interest of the Allied war effort to re-equip the I.A.F. with Allied equipment?

5. The decision on proposals of Plans "B" and "C" are largely dependent on the post hostilities policy towards the future of Italian Military and Civil Aviation. If this is decided and known, a programme on which to proceed can be easily put into shape.

/s/ Dacre  
 Air Commodore,  
Head of Air Subcommittee

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Factors affecting the keeping of the  
Italian Air Force in the Air.

1. On 25th. Jan. 1944 there were 423 aircraft on charge, but only 140 operational aircraft servicable and available for operations. The ratio of unservicability is steadily increasing.
2. Spare engines are in very short supply and facilities for overhaul, and production of spare parts are at present insufficient to make good normal unservicability. Many aircraft are grounded for lack of small replacements, e.g. rubber hose connections for hydraulic systems, radio valves. The U/S. decline can be arrested by:-
  - (a). Picking up more aircraft intact, in newly occupied territory, and spares which are intact.
  - (b). Finding aircraft industry in newly occupied territory which is not destroyed.Judging by the thoroughness of destruction by bombing and German demolition in the Naples area, these hopes are slender.
  - (c). Reconstructing factories and setting up M.O's, with plant. The former will take time and will require shipping space for materials and is unlikely to become effective in value during 1944. The latter is practical and is being adopted with salvaged machinery and plant, but it is limited in capacity and will only prolong the life of the I.A.F. for a few months.It is estimated that with these short term measures the I.A.F. could continue to operate until August 1944.

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30 January 1944

To His Excellency Marshal Badoglio -

Dear Marshal Badoglio:

I write to let you know that I have already taken action on the matter of Italian troops in Corsica. I sent over by air a senior member of my Staff who attended a conference at Ajaccio on the 24th of January; as result of this meeting certain recommendations were forwarded to Allied Force Headquarters which will, I trust, have the results that you ask for in your letter.

Yours Sincerely,

Initials RWS Capt USNR

for /t/ F. N. MASON MACFARLANE  
Lieutenant General  
Deputy President

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30 January 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR: General MacFarlane

There is attached a draft letter from you to C-in-C on the subject of treatment of Italian troops in Corsica by the French, together with the file on this subject.

ELLERY W. STONE  
Captain, USMC  
Acting Chief of Staff

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30 January 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR: His Excellency Vito Reale, Under-Secretary of State  
Ministry of the Interior

I have received your letter of 26 January forwarding the order of  
the day of Sardinia.

The question of employment of Italian Military Forces is now under  
active consideration by the Allied Military Authorities, to whom will  
be referred the order of the day in question.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

ELDERY W. STONE  
Captain, USNR  
Acting Chief of Staff

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30 January 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Caccia

There is forwarded herewith a letter from Under-Secretary Reale which has been acknowledged. While the subject matter is essentially military, I think you will agree that it is also of political significance.

After reviewing it, you may wish to pass it on to Colonel Dunlop in Sardinia.

ELLERY W. STONE  
Captain, USNR  
Acting Chief of Staff

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Ltr, Ministry of the Interior,  
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ENCLOSURE  
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30th. January, 1944.

1. Many thanks for yours of the 22nd. I was sorry not to have time to look you up on my way through.

2. I have done a lot of reorganisation here. I won't bother you with details. They will find their way to you in due course. Briefly I have now amalgamated A.M.G. and A.C.C. under my central control.

3. Sicily will be included in the territory to be transferred to Italian administration on probably 10th. February. In Sicily a considerable proportion of existing A.M.C. personnel will remain as A.C.C. personnel with the job of carrying on the work they have been doing but in an advisory capacity as opposed to an executive one. Poletti should keep you wise as to details.

4. I note your troubles with the Sabauda Division. I am gald you are getting a better Divisional Commander.

I am doing my best to curb the activities of Yugo-Slavs who entice Italian soldiers to desert.

If you want help regarding better scales of food and clothing please let me know.

I think there is a strong probability that a coastal division made up to about 9,000 strong will be transferred to Sicily from Sardinia in the fairly near future.

5. I will do what I can about getting your 2nd. Lieutenant Lupo promoted.

6. I think I can arrange for Kenyon Goode to be sent home with the A.M.G. Officers I am having to provide for the other theatre.

7. I will be delighted to come and spend a night with you when next I come to Sicily and hope very much that you will find your way to Naples one day and stay with me. I have no idea whether we are allowed to do official business with each other but I expect we will be able to sort out our various common problems unofficially quite happily.

Major-General Cecil Heydeman,  
Headquarters, No. 1. District,  
C. M. F.

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30th. January, 1944.

TO: Allied Force Headquarters.  
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1. As previously reported, I communicated your decisions regarding the Cuneo Division in Palestine to Marshal Messe at Leghiera the other day.
2. Marshal Messe accepted the instructions with a good grace but was clearly dissatisfied. I am inclined to think that Messe returned to Italy with considerable hopes of rebuilding an active Italian army and that he is naturally becoming very disillusioned.
3. I hope you will be able to let me have an early reply to Messe's request that General Solderelli should be allowed to make a quick trip to Palestine to inform his division of your instructions regarding its disposal.
4. The following is an extract from a letter I have just received from Vice-President Ellery Stone on the subject of a meeting between him and Marshal Messe on 27th. January. -  
 "Messe then stated that the Chief of Staff of the Cuneo Division had just arrived in Italy, that he had been asked to proceed to Headquarters Cairo for a conference but on his arrival at Cairo was placed on a ship for removal to Italy, so that he was compelled to return virtually without luggage. He said that the Chief of Staff had reported that the treatment, including pay, of the members of the Cuneo Division was virtually that of prisoners of war. This he deplored because they were, of course, not prisoners of war but had fought with the British against the Germans after the armistice. He stated that he intended to write General MacFarlane in regard to the unhappy plight of the Division, after he had received General MacFarlane's letter which he expected, among other things, to set forth the disposition to be made of the Division."
5. I am not for a moment questioning your decision regarding the disposal of the Cuneo Division but I think I ought to point out that the degree of genuine and keen cooperation which we may hope for from the Italian High Command must be adversely affected whenever our decisions fail to correspond with their hopes. In short, we cannot have it both ways. It is a problem of policy which merits considerable examination.

Lieutenant-General,  
Deputy President.Copy to: Headquarters,  
A.C.M.F..

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29th. January, 1941.

I enclose herewith a letter received from General Hooke together with a copy of my reply.

I should be grateful for any comments you may have to make as urgently as possible.

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Brigadier Duchesne,  
Headquarters,  
Allied Control Commission,  
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(HAND-WRITTEN NOTE) Have asked for memorandum to be returned to us with his reply. R.(?)

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WITH REFERENCE YOUR FOUR ZERO SEVEN FOX  
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 MARSHAL MESSER PD HE NATURALLY ACCEPTED THEM BUT WAS MUCH  
 DISAPPOINTED AND STATED THAT HE WAS AFRAID THAT THE DECISION WOULD  
 CAUSE GREAT DISMORCHMENT IN THE CUBEO DIVISION PD PERHAPS PAREN  
 FARGO PAREN TO FAIRFIELD FOR ACTION WPTD FLAMBO FOR INFO MIDEAST FOR  
 INFO AFHQ FOR INFO PD GIVE FARGO FIVE EIGHT ZERO PD HE WISHED THAT  
 GENERAL SOLDANELLI SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO GO TO PALESTINE TO  
 COMMUNICATE THE INSTRUCTIONS TO HIS DIVISION RETURNING IMMEDIATELY  
 TO ITALY AFTER DOING SO PD MESSER MAINTAINED THAT SOLDANELLI WOULD BE  
 ABLE TO PUT ACROSS THESE RATHER DISTASTEFUL INSTRUCTIONS TO HIS  
 DIVISION BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE PD PLEASE SAY IF YOU AGREE IN WHICH  
 CASE I WOULD SEND SOLDANELLI TO AFHQ CHWARD PASSAGE TO PALESTINE

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
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28 January 1944

MEMORANDUM For: General MacFarlane

I am forwarding a memorandum of a meeting yesterday with Marshal Messe which is self explanatory. The letter for your signature was taken to Naples yesterday by Major Wilson on the Commission plane.

Harold Gaccia is familiar with the POWB charges circulated against Marshal Messe. He does not strike me as antagonistic or disgruntled --so much as hurt and disillusioned. I gather that he returned from England in high hopes of reorganizing the Italian Army for military service; expectations which he has gradually been compelled to revise. I believe if the trip of General Soldarelli to Palestine and return could be expedited, it would have a salutary effect.

/s/ & /t/ ELLERY W. STONE  
Captain, USNR  
Acting Chief of Staff

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TRANSLATION

Chief of Government

No. 303 di prot.

January 28, 1944

Dear General MacFarlane,

The arrogant attitude of French officers and soldiers towards Italian troops has produced unpleasant incidents in Corsica.

General Lazzarini, commander of the Italian troops, has protested to the Allied commander of the Island, General Stronge. Evidently the latter suggested to General Martin, French commander, that orders be given to avoid such incidents.

The French General did so however in such a way as to aggravate the situation. He has sent a note to his subordinate commanders, a copy of which was also sent to General Stronge, in which while advising French commanders to see that their men behave with military correctness towards Italian "laborers and specialists" (thus he defines our troops) he attributes the maintenance of Italian soldiers in Corsica to two motives 1) to repair the damage caused by the unjustified Fascist aggression of November 1942 and by the German invasion brought about by this aggression, 2) to compensate for the harm which cannot be undone by cooperating with the efforts of the Allies and the French to defeat the Germans.

This is not in keeping with the truth.

The ACC (in note of 27 October 1943) asked that about 3000 Italian soldiers (the number was later raised to 6000) should be left in Corsica for the repair and defense of airports, stating that such troops would be considered as Allied troops operating under the orders of the commander of the Allied air forces. This Government consented.

The arbitrary interpretation of General Martin, who considers these Italian troops solely laborers and specialists and attributes their remaining to a fanciful reason, (the first) and prefixing the second with the phrase "compensate for the harm which cannot be undone", cannot be accepted.

I ask you, therefore, dear General

1) To ask General Martin to rectify in another "note" his inaccurate statements.

2) In order to avoid further incidents, to put the Italian units directly under General Stronge or to repatriate them so that they may be employed in the Italian theatre in direct cooperation with Anglo-American units.

Very cordially  
/s/ Badoglio

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282 letter from Gen. Badoglio  
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28th. January, 1944.

To: Headquarters, A.C.M.F.

Marshal Messe is anxious to transfer one coastal division (probably 205 Division) with a strength of about 9,000 men from Sardinia to Sicily.

Please say if you agree in principle in which case I will see that the necessary preliminary arrangements are taken in hand.

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Lieutenant-General,  
Deputy President.

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MEMORANDUM:

At request of Marshal Messe I met with him at 4 PM January 27. The subject was the Cuneo Division.

He stated that General MacFarlane had promised to send him a letter following the meeting at Lecce to confirm the understandings reached. I said that the letter had been prepared for the General's signature but had been held for him in expectation of his immediate return. Since Marshal Badoglio had preferred to meet him in Naples, however, I had sent the letter to him by courier for signature.

607 He asked about the trip of General Goldarelli to Palestine and return and I replied that I had written a memorandum to General MacFarlane on that subject.

Messe then stated that the Chief of Staff of the Cuneo Division had just arrived in Italy, that he had been asked to proceed to Headquarters Cairo for a conference but on his arrival at Cairo was placed on a ship for removal to Italy, so that he was compelled to return virtually without luggage. He said that the Chief of Staff had reported that the treatment, including pay, of the members of the Cuneo Division was virtually that of prisoners of war. This he deplored because they were, of course, not prisoners of war, but had fought with the British against the Germans after the armistice. He stated that he intended to write General MacFarlane in regard to the unhappy plight of the Division, after he had received General MacFarlane's letter which he expected, among other things, to set forth the disposition to be made of the Division.

The interview was short. His attitude was not unfriendly but he seemed distressed at the news he had just received regarding the Cuneo Division. His manner was dignified and calm.

Initialed EWS  
/t/ ELLERY W. STONE  
Captain, USNR  
Acting Chief of Staff

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TO : ACMF RPTD FLAMBO FATIMA

REF FREEDOM LETTER MSD/424 OF 19 JAN.

607 FIRST. PARA 2A NOT UNDERSTOOD. ACMF PLEASE ANSWER. PARA 4 "IF NO SUCH EST IS IN EXISTENCE" THEN AN AGREED EST COMMON TO BRITISH AND UK REQUIREMENTS TO BE FORMULATED BY MMIA. WEC WILL BE THE AUTH ONLY IN THE CASE OF UNITS DILUTED WITH ITALIAN PERSONNEL. PARA 5. ALL PERSONNEL OF ITALIAN ARMY EMPLOYED UNDER ALLIED COMMAND WILL REMAIN SUBJECT TO ITALIAN MILITARY LAW ADMINISTERED BY THEIR OWN OFFERS. AWARDS WILL BE SUBJECT TO OVERRIDING POWER OF ALLIED FORM OR UNIT COMD WHOSE ACTION WILL NORMALLY TAKE THE FORM OF REMOVAL OF ITALIAN COS WHOSE ADM IS UNSATISFACTORY. SUPPLEMENTARY SECTION TO ITALIAN MILITARY LAW WILL BE ISSUED TO COVER ESSENTIAL OMISSIONS BETWEEN IT AND ALLIED MILITARY LAW AND TO BE ADMINISTERED BY ITALIAN COMDS AS ABOVE. SUGGESTED THIS MIGHT BE COVERED BY CONVOISE PARA ENTITLED "CONDUCT TO THE PREJUDICE OF GOOD ORDER AND ALLIED MILITARY DISCIPLINE". PARAS 6,7,8,9 DELETE BRITISH SUBSTITUTE ALLIED OTHERWISE NO COMMENTS. PARA 10A. AMEND HEADING TO "COMPLETE ITALIAN UNITS AND DILUTED UNITS". FOR BRITISH COMD READ ALLIED COMD. 10B. DELETE. 10C. DELETE AND SUBSTITUTE "RFTS ORG". ITALIAN ARMY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR KEEPING UP TO STRENGTH ALL ITALIAN ARMY UNITS SERVING WITH ALLIED FORCES. FOR THIS PURPOSE IT WILL MAINTAIN SUITABLY PLACED RFTS DEPOTS POSITIONED BY ARRANGEMENTS MADE THROUGH MMIA. THESE DEPOTS TO BE COMMANDED BY ITALIAN OFFERS. DEMANDS FOR RFTS WILL BE THROUGH ITALIAN CHANNELS. DOCUMENTATION UNDER NORMAL ITALIAN ARMY PROCEDURE. PARA 11. DELETE AND SUBSTITUTE "ITALIAN ARMY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING ITS OWN TPS WHEREVER SERVING". PARA 12. NO COMMENTS. PARA 13A. PROVISION OF AMB CARS FROM ALLIED SOURCES REQUIRED. 13B. SUFFICIENT CAMP HOSPITALS AVAILABLE FOR PRESENT PROGRAMME. 13C. CONTINUE SUPPLY THROUGH EXISTING MED DEPOTS. 14. DELETE BRITISH INSERT ALLIED OTHERWISE NO COMMENTS. PARA 15. DELETE AND SUBSTITUTE "ITALIAN UNITS SERVING IN ALLIED ARMY AREAS TO DRAW SUPS FROM ALLIED SOURCES. IN REAR OF ARMY. BOYS ITALIAN ARMY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR RATIONING ALL ITALIAN PERSONNEL IN BOTH COMPLETE ITALIAN AND DILUTED ALLIED INITS. PARA 16. POST ALREADY FUNCTIONING EXCEPT TO ITALIAN ARMY UNITS IN COMBAT ZONE FROM CIVILIANS. PARA 17. FLAMBO TO ANSWER IN ACCORDANCE WITH

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ADM INSTR NOW UNDER PREPARATION BY THEM.

SECOND. GENERALLY SPEAKING IT IS CONSIDERED THAT ONE MILITARY LAW, ONE SET OF REGULATIONS AND ONE SET OF WRS SHOULD APPLY TO ALL ITALIAN TPS UNDER ALLIED COMD WHETHER BRITISH, AMERICAN, FRENCH, POLISH, INDIAN OR ANY OTHER NATIONALITY. IT IS CONSIDERED A PRINCIPLE OF CO-BELLIGERENCY THAT ITALIAN SHOULD OPERATION UNDER THEIR OWN MILITARY LAW AND REGULATIONS SUBJECT TO SUITABLE OVER-RIDING POWERS BY ALLIED COMDS TO BE APPLIED ONLY IN CASES OF MILITARY NECESSITY. IT IS EMPHASISED THAT ITALIAN UNITS WILL PASS FROM BRITISH TO AMERICAN ETC. COMD FREQUENTLY ESPECIALLY IN CASE OF 5TH ARMY WHICH INCORPORATES AT PRESENT BRITISH AND FRENCH FMNS. MOREOVER REGS SHOULD BE APPLICABLE TO MAINLAND OF ITALY, SICILY, SARDINIA AND CORSICA AND SHOULD BE AS SIMPLE AS FLEXIBLE AND AS EASILY UNDERSTANDABLE TO THE ITALIAN AS POSSIBLE. SPECIAL REGS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR EPW UNITS TRANSFERRED TO ITALIAN TERRITORIES BUT IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THESE UNITS BE FREED ON ENTERING ITALIAN TERRITORY AND BE GOVERNED BY CONDITIONS OUTLINED ABOVE. FROM THIS POINT OF VIEW THEY SHOULD CONTAIN NO PERSONNEL LIABLE TO IMMEDIATE DEMOBILISATION.

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TRANSLATION

MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

P.M. 151 - 26 January 1944

The Under-Secretary of State

To Allied Control Commission

Brindisi

I am sending on to you the order of the day of Sardinia.

Our soldiers in Sardinia shot not one bullet against Allied troops, have helped in chasing the Germans out of Italy, are now proud to fight at the side of the Allies.

The heroism of the Sardinians is legendary, the Allied Forces will have at their side combatants who will be worthy of them.

The Government is delighted to accept the resolution of the population of the Island, trusts that it will be accepted by you, and that the Vote of Sardinia will constitute a reality that will soon come to pass.

THE UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE

/s/ V. Reale

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SARDINIAN PARTY OF ACTION  
Office of the Regional Trustees

Sassari, 2 January 1944

To His Excellency General Pietro Badoglio  
Chief of the Italian Government

Bari

As per orders of the assembly of the Sardinian Party of Action, at which the Sassari population took part and the delegates of all political parties were present, I send Your Excellency the order of the day which was unanimously approved.

607. If the proposal of the formation of an armed Sardinian division, equipped by Sardinia, should find a favorable acceptance on the part of Your Excellency's Government, we mean to initiate immediately the work of propaganda for recruiting and financing the same; in the meantime, we await your authority and indispensable decision.

It is also necessary that the establishment of a unified regional department be instituted, which would have the authority to accept contributions so as to guarantee reimbursement in the future of those sums expended for the formation of the SARDINIA Division.

With deep respects,

THE REGIONAL TRUSTEE

/s/ Attorney Luigi Battista Fuggioni

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THE SARDINIAN PARTY OF ACTION

in popular assembly convened in the free city of Sassari,

considers

that it is necessary to liberate the country from Fascism, its members and institutions, and to proceed without delay to the country's moral, political, administrative and economic reconstruction, while it adheres to resolutions formulated in the order of the day adopted in MACOMER by the provincial committees of the anti-fascist united front,

asks

the Government, Political, Administrative and Military authorities, that said order of the day be put into activation so that all fascist elements who are held to be politically and socially dangerous may be eschewed immediately from public life;  
that there be an abrogation of all fascist laws which are incompatible with the present conditions of liberty, and first among them the fascist codes, police regulations and scholastic legislation;  
that all fascist organs, now useless or obnoxious to the normal functioning of the life of the country, be suppressed;

invokes

600 the formation of a central regional civic administration, with a council of technical experts, to provide for re-organization of the administrative and economic life of the region, reducing the present prefectures to offices of simple execution, hoping that other Sardinian political parties will collaborate in this reform;

proposes

the formation of a Sardinian division, organized and commanded by Sardinian officers, armed and equipped by Sardinia, to aid in the national and world war of liberation; and to that end

invites

the Italian Government to negotiate immediately with the American Government to obtain arms and equipment through lend-lease, and to establish with the administrative authorities of the island the methods of reimbursement to Sardinia for financing obtained;

sends out a strong plea

to the Allied Commission to interest the American Government to extend lend-lease to Sardinia to serve in arming and equipping the Sardinian Division;



deliberates

to invite all other Sardinian political parties to collaborate actively for a quick formation of the Sardinian Division, within which voluntary units should also be incorporated;

expresses

its own deep sympathy and admiration for the Allied peoples and armed forces who, with unexhausted spirit of sacrifice and with unsubdued bravery on the battlefields all over the world, defend the supreme values of human spirit, of liberty and justice, against the re-born barbarity, the racial insanity and the demonic thirst for domination and oppression of Nazism and of the German people;

voices the hope

that the victory of arms of free peoples, by this time certain and near, may signal the triumph of the soul over brute force, and that it may realize, with the peace they desire, justice and brotherhood among the nations which are worthy of it;

gives mandate

606 to the Regional Trustees so that the present order of the day may assume the character of regional importance.

THE REGIONAL TRUSTEES

/s/ Attorney Luigi Battista Puggioni



C.O.N.F.I.D.E.N.T.I.A.L.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF DEPUTY PRESIDENT  
APO 394

WBC/oa

26 January 1944.

Subject: Your number G/6/17.

To : Brigadier Duchesne, Hq. Allied Control Commission, Brindisi.

1. Policy. The only thing to do, and I think we are already agreed upon this, is to write our own directive embodying all points which appear still to hold good from the various directives and instructions already received. When you have produced this policy directive I will try to get General Alexander to issue it.

You will also include a list of priorities giving the best possible compromise between the differing lists now possessed.

2. Shipping. If we find difficult to procure the necessary shipping we can count on A.C.M.F. and A.F.H.Q. support.

3. Truck Drivers. I am speaking to General Robertson regarding the Italian ration in Italy, and regarding the pay question. Last night General Alexander and General Robertson agreed that from their point of view it would help greatly the more I became independent of Army road transportation. There is every chance that they will allot me a fair proportion of truck drivers on a fairly high priority for manning the thousand lorries which Robertson is going to produce.

4. Conference. I quite agree. The main thing is to let me have your concrete program and priority list for approval and issue by General Alexander. Then, as you see, we will let the Italians digest it for a couple of days and I will arrange with Robertson for a conference.

Wherever I decide to hold the conference I will guarantee to provide air transport for the people attending it from the other side.

5. I have not yet had the official okay as regards taking over Sardinia. But General Alexander has told A.F.H.Q. he wishes me to do so at once. I understand that Col. Simmons belongs to A.F.H.Q. and I am now setting about securing him as your Deputy as I shall probably want Col. Fiske for a job here in the very near future. Keep this to yourself for the moment until I have got the necessary okays.

6. Staff. I agree generally with your proposals. Your layout must naturally remain flexible and it may obviously have to be altered from time to time as the situation develops. I hope you will definitely keep in mind the necessity of increasing American representation in your mission.



7. I have given up any idea of getting to Algiers for another few days. I had intended to fly to Brindisi yesterday but was stopped by weather, and would have gone today but Badoglio is coming over here and so I can do my business with him on this spot. I will let you know at once if I am coming to Brindisi or if I leave here for any length of time. Otherwise, you can always get me here and the telephone from Brindisi to my office here is not too bad.

Lieutenant-General  
Deputy President

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SUBJECT: - M.M.I.A.

Military Mission  
to ITALIAN ARMY  
G/6/17  
26 Jan 44

Lt Gen MASON MACFARLANE

The following points are for your consideration:--

1. POLICY As you know we cannot get on with reorganising 100,000 men of Italian Army for Allied purposes until AFHQ policy letter is issued. Appendix "A" shows latest action by HQ ACMF but I do not know whether

- (a) Gen ROCKS in CASERTA or
- (b) AFHQ in N. AFRICA

will issue the policy letter. I suggest GUERRECK rings Gen ROCKS, and if the answer is (b) perhaps you could hasten in ALGIERS.

2. SHIPPING The ACMF programme calls for the import to mainland of Italy of 80,000 men. Shipping so far has been tight, but in current circumstances may well be easier. Subject to Gen ROBERTSON's ration ceiling the quicker we get them over from SARDINIA the better.

3. TRUCK DRIVERS 10,000 wanted for which we must draw on N. AFRICA to maximum extent as all Italian mechanised forces were taken prisoner there. I heard yesterday that an unexpected administrative complication had arisen, in that Italian POW in N. AFRICA are both BETTER FED and BETTER PAID than Italian Army in ITALY. The answer seems to be to hasten Gen ROBERTSON's current proposals to AFHQ for a better Italian ration in ITALY; and to get Italian Gov't to make applicable to whole Italian Army an increase of pay comparable to what they have already given to port workers.

4. CONFERENCE (a) On issue of AFHQ policy it is proposed to give Italians two days to think and then call a conference to hear their views: original idea was for Gen ROBERTSON to preside. Will you now do so and, if so, let Gen ROBERTSON know?

(b) For consideration whether to confer in NAPLES or BRINDISI. If former can your plane fly over Marshal MESSE, Gen BERARDI and myself?

5. SARDINIA What is status, political or military, of Col SIMMONS in SARDINIA? If military, should he not now become part of IMA? At 20th Dec conference on Italian Army, it was decided to give me an American second in Command and I immediately asked for SIMMONS: both because I had met him and for his knowledge of SARDINIA. But Gen JOYCE wanted him as ACC representative there.

6. STAFF At Appendix "B", for your general concurrence is copy of staff as at present being collected for mainland of Italy. If SIMMONS is added from SARDINIA that would give an increased American percentage which is desirable.

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7. When do you intend to return from ALGIERS? And if you fly via BRINDISI may I get in your plane and accompany you to NAPLES?

/s/ C. C. Duchesne

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24 January 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR: His Excellency Marshal Mesno  
Chief of the Supreme General Staff

For confirmation of our conversation on 24 January:

1. I have taken up the question of Yugoslav propaganda and encouragement to desert. If you have any more trouble, let me know.
2. I will let you know the transportation possibilities of transferring a Coastal Division of nine thousand men from Sardinia to Sicily. In the meantime, will you prepare detailed proposals and let Brigadier Duchesne know.
3. Labour requirements for Corsica are being looked into.
4. For planning purposes, I admit your estimate of what number of Italian troops may be expected from Rome and the North in the near future.
5. Brigadier Duchesne is checking the position of clothing and equipment from Sicily.
6. All lists of names of prisoners of war required have already been forwarded to Allied Force Headquarters and I hope that their action will be as prompt as possible.
7. I agree that General Soldarelli should go back to Palestine to transmit the necessary orders to the Cuneo Division. These orders will be transmitted to you at an early date.
8. Action is being taken to bring out the 170 wounded of the Garibaldi Division and to take in supplies to them.
9. I will take up the question of French concentration camps when I visit Algiers.

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F. W. MASON MACFARLANE  
Lieutenant General  
Deputy President

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24 Jan



Between General Mason Macfarlane, Marshal Mosse, General Orlando, and General Baradi. Points discussed were as follows:—

1. YUGOSLAV agents in uniform are encouraging Italian soldiers mostly of Yugoslav origin to desert. Italians convinced that considerable resources including special trains and trucks being used for this purpose but numbers of deserters from this cause were not stated. Marshal Badoglio would give details later.

2. FROM SANDHIA (a) To the Mainland of Italy, Italians ask for transfer all possible troops (including Carabinieri for Rome) within approved ration ceiling.

- (b) To Sicily Marshal Messer proposed transfer one Coastal Division (probably 205 Div) numbering nine to ten thousand men.

- (c) To Corvica ARB. Have ordered two battalions Alpini plus 2,000 troops for labor. Colonel Fiske has gone to Sardinia to arrange.

3. Italian troops and military refugees from the North. When these fall, Italian antibodies considerable number. Marshal Mance will prepare an estimate for planning purposes.

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NOTE: If totals of purely Italian troops required ~~to be~~ the ration ceiling on mainland, it is for consideration whether Italians should not encourage their Yugoslavs to transfer, rather than prevent them.

4. Clothing and equipment from Sicily was requested. AUSA policy is only to release stocks surplus to Balkan requirements.

5. Discontinue war North Africa. Need lists in three priority positions were submitted by Marshall (see) about a month ago. Check action taken.

6. Class C may be used for specialists and labor work. Surplus officers to return to Italy. Italians request that General Soderelli be allowed to return to transmit these orders and then to come to Italy.

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- 6 a. French concentration camps. Our treatment of Italian prisoners of war by French in North Africa be improved. Also any Italians under French command in Germany.

5. Command suggested to move to Salerno. Marshal Badoglio will notify accommodation available.



Mess 370 (b) To Chief Marshal Mess proposed transfer one Coastal Division (probably 209 Div) numbering nine to ten thousand men.

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6. GUSCO DIV to remain in Palestine and be used for specialists and labor work. Surplus officers to return to Italy. Italians request that General Goldsmid be allowed to return to transmit these orders and then to come to Italy.

7. CARBON DIV in Montenegro requires Allied airplane help to bring out 170 wounded and to take in supplies. General Oxilia required back in Italy leaving General Nivalde in command.

8. French Concentration Camps. Can treatment of Italian prisoners of war by French in North Africa be improved. Also any Italians under French command in Corsica.

9. Comando Supremo to move to Salerno. Marshal Badoglio will notify accommodation available.

Note: Wireless communication requires consideration. Link required Sardinia - Salerno - Lecce in order that AGC and Comando Supremo have quick control. Plenty of Italian sets and operators are available, but Allied cipher personnel are bottlenecked. Minimum required 2 in each place, total 6.

10. Note on sea transport. Understood that S.S. Campidoglio now in Brindisi harbor under Italian control is available for transfer of troops from Sardinia. Investigate details.

(A) Jordan Ave Commander Foster who has the matter in hand.

Enc. on C. S. S. S. S.

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MESSAGE FORM

T O O 231015A

From: NMIA

To : ACMP

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FROM DUCHESNE (o) Ref your <sup>OK</sup> 1605/50/3/G(SDL) of 22 Jan (o)  
May I hope that General ROCKS will issue this policy letter from  
CASERTA or must we await postal reply from NORTH AFRICA query (o)  
If latter suggest signal AFHQ to hasten action on letter now in post  
(o) Am anxious to fix dates of receipt by Italians and hence con-  
ference under General ROBERTSON

If liable to interception  
to be sent in Cipher ( By Hand )

signed . . . . C.C. DUCHESNE

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## APPENDIX 'A'

SUBJECT: Disposal of Italian Army

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HQ ACMF

1605/50/3/G(SD1)  
22 Jan 44Military Mission to Italian Army

The attached letter has been sent to General ROCKS. It is understood that AFHQ will approve these proposals.

signed for  
Lt Col  
Lt Gen  
CGS

SUBJECT:- Disposal of Italian Army

MCST SECRET

HQ ACMF

1905/50/3/G(SD)  
22 Jan 44General ROCKS  
AFHQ Adv C.P.

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  - (c) The DAPINO Brigade and NEMEO Division will be included <sup>in one</sup> ~~in two~~ or other of the divisions referred to in (e) or (b) above.
  - (d) A total ration strength of 32,000 for these three divisions has already been agreed between ACMF and Marshall MESSE.
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4. If you agree it would be appreciated if you could issue these amendments direct to the ACC as early as possible since until the position is clarified little progress can be made with the formation of the Italian Service units which we so urgently require.

signed G. HAIDING  
Lt Gen  
C.G.S.

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Instruct Marshal Messe to retain General Solderelli from Italy, at the same time inform his CUSMO Division will NOT be reformed but personnel, except surplus officers, will be retained in Palestine anyone (?) tradesmen as such and remainder as Pioneer companies. Surplus officers will be returned to Italy by MIDEAST. For your information C-in-C(?) gave NO commitments to Solderelli as stated by him in your 2002 of 16 January not to MIDEAST.

o/s

606- NOTE: Awaiting check on queried words.

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

To:- Lt-Gen Sir F. H. MASON MACFARLANE,  
KCB, DSO, MC,  
Acting Deputy President,  
A.C.C.,  
C.M.P.

HQ No. 1 District, C. M. P.

CC 1.

22 Jan 44.

My dear MacFarlane,

1. I was very sorry to miss you when you went through PALESTINE last week. I would very much like to have a talk with you on a good many matters concerning us both.
2. I get very little news from AFHQ in ALGERIA as to when and how the Italian Government and the ACC are going to take over in SICILY and I should welcome any information on these points from you.
3. I have had a good deal of trouble with the Sabauda Division who are under me for guard duties. Their present commander General ZEUATI (who in my opinion is absolutely useless), is being replaced by another, General RONCO, who I hear is a more active man altogether. The Sabauda Division is in very poor shape, but they are not altogether to blame as I can not get permission to provide them with anything, except food and clothing, on a not altogether satisfactory scale. In addition, the men are nearly all lousy and very dis-spirited and they have many causes for complaint which I am attempting to remedy. The men of Yugoslav origin in the Division are giving trouble; over one hundred deserted in one batch. I think they are incited to desert by a Yugoslav officer living in PALESTINE. All these matters could probably be remedied if we could have a talk together.
4. I am addressing this letter to you D/O, as I don't even know if I am allowed to address you officially.
5. I should be very grateful if you would help me over the two following matters.

I have an excellent interpreter, one 2/Lt MUPO, Italian Artillery, who in private life is a banker in London. He has 24 years service in the Italian Army and is still a 2/Lt. I find it most difficult to use a 2/Lt as an interpreter to deal with Italian Generals and Colonels. I have applied to the Italian Government to have him promoted to captain, even if it was without the pay of that rank, to give him a better standing, but I cannot get any satisfaction whatsoever. I would be grateful if you could get the Italian Government to promote him at once.

A very old friend of mine, Captain KENYON GOODE, Grenadier Guards, is one of your AMG officers at PALESTINE. He is very worried as he has recently been involved in diverse proceedings and has no one to look after his son and is very anxious to get back home. He speaks French well and has had business connections in Paris over blood stock, etc: he very much wishes to be sent

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home with the party of AMG officers whom I understand are being prepared for service in France. If you could arrange to send him home with this party I would be more than grateful and you would be doing a good service to a really gallant man, who, in my opinion, has had poor and unsympathetic treatment at the hands of the Army authorities in the past.

6. If you can come here I should be delighted to put you up, but if you cannot and I am allowed to deal with you in an official basis, I could arrange to fly over to see you. I won't be able to do anything between the 1st and 4th of February as I hope Lord GORT is coming over to stay with me about that time.

all luck

Yours sincerely

Cecil Heydeman

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THE UNDERSECRETARY FOR WAR REPORTS THAT AMG OFFICIALS IN CALABRIA HAVE DIRECTED THAT ITALIAN SOLDIERS WHO DESERTED IN THE PERIOD JULY TENTH DASH SEPTEMBER EIGHTH BE NOT REPEAT NOT TRIED FOR DESERTION BY ITALIAN ARMY COURTS MARTIAL PD PAREN TO FREEDOM RPT FILPOT FOR AMG RPT FARGO FOR SPOFFED FROM PATMA SIGNED JUDGE PAREN THE ATTITUDE TAKEN BY AMG IS THAT THESE MEN MAY HAVE DESERTED AS A CONSEQUENCE OF ENCOURAGEMENT GIVEN THEM BY ALLIED RADIO AND LEAFLETS PD AMG FIFTEENTH ARMY GROUP CONCURS IN THIS VIEW POINT PD GOC FIFTEEN ARMY GROUP CONSIDERS THAT IT IS A QUESTION FOR DECISION BY THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF PD THE ITALIAN ATTITUDE IS THAT FEW IF ANY DESERTED IN THE PERIOD IN QUESTION FOR REASONS OTHER THAN COWARDICE FOR WHICH THEY SHOULD BE AMENABLE TO MILITARY JUSTICE PD THE WAR MINISTRY CONSIDERS THAT ~~TO PUNISH~~ <sup>FAILURE</sup> TO PUNISH THESE MEN WILL DESTROY MILITARY PRESTIGE AND DISCIPLINE PD THE WAR MINISTRY SUGGESTS THAT TRIAL BE PERMITTED AND THAT SUBSEQUENTLY AN ACT OF CLEMENCY BE CONSIDERED AND BE PROMULGATED IN FAVOR OF THE CULPRITS PD THE ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION FORWARDS THIS MATTER FOR YOUR DECISION WITH THE RECOMMENDATION THAT THE TRIALS FOR DESERTION BE AUTHORIZED PERMITTING THE DEFENDANTS TO ADDUCE THE EFFECT OF ALLIED PROPAGANDA IN EVIDENCE AS A MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCE PD WE CAN WATCH THE SENTENCES CLOSELY AND ENCOURAGE A LIBERAL POLICY OF CLEMENCY

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ONE OF ONE NINE JAN PD ITALIAN HIGH COMMAND HAS REQUESTED THE ALLIED CONTROL  
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FROM FIEKE, SIGNED MACHARLANE PD COMMISSION FROM WHICH IS ONE ITALIAN LOOKS  
ARE SUFFICIENT ONLY FOR NATIONAL EXISTING ALLIED FORCES ON MUCH REDUCED SCALE  
FOR PERIOD NOT EXCEEDING ONE ZERO DAYS PD INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIONS CONTINUED

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RATION STRATEGY FOR WHICH ALLIED GOVERNMENTS ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR 4 NINE EIGHT THREE ONE OF ONE SIX JANUARY

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Formation of administrative units from Italian Army still held up pending your reply to 15 Army Group 3653/1/PO3 of 6th Jan. and Flambo letter 25/31 of 6th Jan. It is essential to fix ceiling of Italian forces who will be supplied with rations from Allied Military sources and to sub-divide total between Army, Navy and Air Force. No reply has been received from Fatima to our 99831 of 16 Jan. copy to you. No reply has been received from Fatima to your 30221 of 17 Jan. copy to us. Urge you take action by laying ceiling as follows:-

|                                               |         |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------|
| Italian Army on Mainland including Corhinmeri | 225,000 |
| Italian Navy drawing Military rations         | 61,000  |
| Italian Air Force                             | 21,000  |

Measures for Navy and Air Force to include any administrative units required by these services. If considerable numbers are transferred to Italian Mainland from Sardinia or elsewhere, ceiling for Italy to be adjusted accordingly provided your overall commitments is not increased. Present tendency is for Army to dwindle whilst Navy and Air Force increase. This will lead to great confusion unless firm decision on dwindling (?) number of these three forces is given

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1. CC. Quinn Smith

1. Here is Letter HSD 424  
(which Sam was looking for)  
which came in

2. You had HSD 424 reply in  
your hand 2 days ago.  
Probably gave to Sam

3. Capt. Smith wants to see  
to send an opinion on  
the general lines of backing  
up HSD 424 reply, I have  
said what I think there

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so 6055 like you to  
draft it independently  
take in for Capt. Smith

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19 January 1944

FILE NO : HSD/424

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SUBJECT : Employment of ITALIAN Army Units and personnel with British Forces.

G-3 SECTION

MEMO TO : All concerned

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WILLIAM W. ROOKS,  
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Receipt is hereby acknowledged of document HSD/424 dated 19 January 44.

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For all S.D. matters, Italian Army Units (except for those in Italian formations), and units diluted with Italian personnel, serving with British Forces, will be treated in a similar manner to units of the British Army.

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4. Where whole units of the Italian Army are employed, the Italian War Establishment or its equivalent will be used for those units, as far as is possible. 6. If no such establishment is in existence then the equivalent British W.E. will be used. 7. In the case of a unit diluted with Italian personnel, the British W.E. will invariably be used.

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(i) All British formation commanders are given power of command over Italian formations or units which may be put under their command, including power to remove and appoint officers.

(ii) All British Commanders of units diluted with Italian troops are given power of command over all such personnel, and all British Officers, WO's and NCO's in such units are given power of command over Italian personnel of equal or lower rank.

(iii) Italian personnel in diluted units are subject to British Military Law, and may be punished by British Officers as if they were British soldiers.

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SECRET6. Arrest.

British Service authorities are given power to arrest and hold in custody Italians alleged to be guilty of any offence punishable by Italian Law, and any offence against British Military Law, although such offence may not be an offence against Italian Law.

Italian personnel will not be arrested by other than C.M.P. except in the event of the alleged commission of a serious crime or in the event of grave disorder. C.M.P. to include Military, R.A.F., and Naval Police.

7. Imprisonment.

The British C-in-C is given power to order that any sentences of incarceration passed on Italians by British officers or courts can be served in British penal establishments or guard rooms under the same conditions as British soldiers sentenced to the most nearly equivalent punishment, if he considers it necessary.

8. Leave.

As far as is operationally possible, Italian personnel, whose families are located in the occupied territory, will be permitted leave of furlough to their homes, provided that they receive not more than 7 days in every 6 months, and that only 5 per cent of the Italian personnel of a unit are absent at any one time.

9. M.S. Matters.

Power to remove an officer is dealt with in para 7(a)(i) above, and all remaining M.S. matters will continue under Italian Army organization.

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(b) Diluted Units.

G.H.Q., 2nd Echelon are responsible for maintaining at W.E., those units of the British Army which are diluted with personnel of the Italian Army holding a status other than that of E.P.M.

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(ii) Method of Demanding Reinforcements. Units will render weekly A.F's W3008 and W3009 as at present, but will show W.E. and strength of British and Italian personnel separately. Returns will be rendered as laid down in the 'Unit Guide to Documentation', and demands for reinforcements made by the Advance Rfts Sec concerned on the Base Depot.

##### (d) Documentation.

All formations and units with Italian Army personnel (other than E.P.W.), either filling vacancies within the W.E., or attached in excess will render nominal rolls to G.H.Q., 2nd Echelon showing:

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- (1) Number, Rank and Name.
- (2) Arm of the Service.
- (3) Civil Trade and Army Trade.
- (4) Whether within W.E. or att in excess.

All casualties affecting such Italian Army personnel will be reported to GHQ, 2nd Echelon in exactly the same manner as for British personnel. The same Army forms will be used with the exception that the A.F.'s 13012 A, B and C series will be used for both officers and O.R.'s instead of the A.F.'s 13010 and 13011 series.

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- (a) Whenever possible, the Italian Government will pay its own troops wherever serving.
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## 12. Prisoners of War.

Prisoners of War, of whatever nationality, who fall into the hands of Italian Armed Forces, shall be handed over as soon as possible after capture to the nearest British or American Unit, and shall be deemed to be prisoners taken by that unit.

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- (c) To handle medical supplies, Italian Medical Supply Depots will be formed as follows: *Combined British & Italian Medical Depots.*

(i) One Advance Depot Medical Stores for every 3 Divisions.

(ii) A Base Depot Organization.

- (d) An organization will be established to receive discharged Italian patients to convalescence and those who are of no further use to the Army.

14. Welfare.

- (a) In complete Italian units, welfare will be entirely the responsibility of the Italian Government. *(Allied)*
- (b) In diluted British units, welfare amenities on a limited scale will be provided from British sources. If conditions allow, canteen facilities, separate to those for British troops, will be provided; and a *U.S. of SEPARATE CANTINE EQUIPMENT will be made available; and Italian soldiers will be allowed to attend to their own needs.*
- Italian soldiers will be allowed to attend to their own needs if no British troops are excluded thereby.

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15. Rations.

(a) In Army Areas.

Supplies will be forwarded to Forward Maintenance Centres or Detail Issue Depots and drawn by Italian Units, from them through RASC channels if necessary, e.g. 3rd and 2nd Line of Corps and Divisions.

(b) In Areas in Rear of Army boundaries.

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(ii) Complete Italian Units will draw from Italian issuing points. If however an Italian unit is isolated in a purely British area then arrangements will be made locally whereby the local D.I.D. holds suitable items of the Italian ration scale to meet this contingency.

16. Postal.

Postal arrangements will be made by the Italian Army authorities for all units whether complete or diluted. Suitably located postal units will be established from which units can collect or receive mail in the normal manner.

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latest ration demands Italian armed forces show increase Italian navy from 61000  
(R) 61000 to 77000 (R) 77000 and increase Italian air force from 21000 (R)  
21000 to 29000 (R) 29000 policy laid down in this letter 25/41 dated 6 January  
limits total combined strength Italian forces on mainland to 300000 (R) 300000  
limit for Italian army on mainland has been fixed at 225000 (R) 225000 with area  
letter 18,00-1 (Italy GUT - ROM of 2 January. Therefore unable comply with any  
demands from Italian navy or air force which exceed original figures of 61000  
(R) 61000 and 21000 (R) respectively. Request you inform the Italian authorities  
concerned. Please pass to Air Commodore Foster.

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I FIND THAT CONTENTS OF YOUR TWO FIVE ONE FIVE TWO DATED JANUARY SEVENTH WERE ONLY BROADLY REPRESENTED BY MARSHAL MESSE IN THE MEANTIME HAS REQUESTED RETURN OF GENERAL SOLDARELLI TO COMMO DIVISION IN PALESTINE IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNDERSTANDING STATED TO HAVE BEEN AGREED UPON WITH BRIGADIER MACGARDLISH OF MIDEAST HEADQUARTERS ON TWENTY DECEMBER PD PAPER TO FREEDOM FROM FATIAN SIGNED MacFarlane HE HAS ALSO SUBMITTED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT OF COMMO DIVISION AS A FIGHTING UNIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGREEMENT STATED TO HAVE BEEN ARRIVED AT IN CAIRO ON TEN DECEMBER IN CONFERENCE BETWEEN GENERAL SOLDARELLI AND GENERAL WILSON PD SINCE REPORTS OF BOTH AGREEMENTS ARE AT VARIANCE WITH YOUR TWO FIVE ONE FIVE TWO DATED JANUARY SEVENTH REQUEST CONFIRMATION BEFORE ADVISING MARSHAL MESSE THE FULL CONTENTS OF YOUR TWO FIVE ONE FIVE TWO

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AUTHENTICATED:

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Captain, USMC  
Acting Chief of Staff

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SUBJECT: - Rations for Italian personnel

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Ref your 4302 of 4 Jan 44.

1. An application has been submitted to AMHQ that the combat scale of rations, with slight amendments, be authorised for all Italian troops, and that Scale "B" be cancelled.

2. Please see my letter 25/01 of 6 Jan, copy of which was sent to AGO.

*John H. ...*  
Brigadier.  
D.M.G.

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1. Hideast information that General Seldarelli, Commanding Cuneo Div., which was in Sene, arriving Italy middle January in convey LEP 7. Request you give him instructions on arrival as to destination etc. in Italy. After visiting Badoglio he wishes return hideast but this considered undesirable, as there is no intention reform Cuneo Division. Arrange his retention in Italy.

2. Present intention for employment of approximately 7500 survivors of Division is to keep them in Palestine, employ all tradesman as such and balance as Pioneer boys of which Hideast still has considerable need. This proposal leaves a large number surplus Italian officers including staff officers and unit commanders. Unless there are strong reasons to the contrary, propose repatriating these after screening undesirable. Confirm High Command concurs.

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In reply refer to:  
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6 January 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel Upjohn, Legal Subcommittee, A.C.C.

With reference to the attached letter on the subject of Italian Deserters, please notify the Chief Legal Officers, Regions I and II, that your letter is withdrawn as the matter is being submitted to AFHQ for final decision.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR  
Brigadier General, USA

1 Incl:  
Ltr, Legal Subcomm.  
No. AEC/1/101, 30 Dec 43

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 PD THE GRANTING OF ANY MILITARY RANK OR COMMISSION WILL HAVE TO BE SUBJECT TO  
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In reply refer to:  
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4 January 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR: Headquarters, AFHQ, Adv Ada Ech, Naples  
SUBJECT : Italian Army Rations

The attached comments on the rations for the Italian Forces originated by the Commanding Officer, 71st Sub Area, are entirely concurred in by the Allied Control Commission. It is hoped that the ration situation in Italy will soon permit a material increase to the food allocated to the Italian Army.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR  
Brigadier General, USA

1 Incl:  
Ltr, Hq 71st Sub Area,  
No. 430.2, 2 Jan 44

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TO : FATIMA

M/C NO : 11/5

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For Gen Taylor from Gen Robertson.

Reference FREEDOM letter of 15 December re supplies for Italian Army and draft reply dated 28 Dec forwarded by you. I discussed this reply at AFHQ and expressed view that common ration scale must be applied to all Italian tps. I suggest you forward your reply now with following modifications.

1st. Your para 2. It is essential for provisioning purposes to fix some ceiling. My opinion is that ceiling should be 250,000 for Mainland Italy including all elements receiving Army rations.

2nd. Ref para 1(b) of AFHQ letter. There will be negligible surplus of Army personnel. I cannot speak of surplus naval and air force personnel.

3rd. Unless personnel employed by Allies are adequately clothed and fed they will not give good service.

4th. I am writing FREEDOM ref third above.

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In reply refer to:  
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31 December 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel Spofford, Headquarters, AMG, Naples.

The attached document from the Italian Ministry of War recommends certain changes in the Italian Army administrative organization in Sicily. The Allied Control Commission feels that it is to the Allied interest to allow the Italians to make as much preparation for the turn over of territory as possible without conflicting with AMG interests. The Commission is unable to pass on the merits of these proposals but would like to have your views.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR  
Brigadier General, USA

1 Incl:  
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cc: NMIA

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31 December 1943

In reply refer to:  
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SUBJECT: Availability of Supplies for the Italian Army

TO : Commanding General, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512

1. The following is a reply to your letter of similar title dated 13 December 43, AG 400-1(ital)GDS-AGE. The comments apply only to the Italian Army in Italy as the Allied Control Commission has made no direct observations on the Italian supply organization in Sardinia. AFHQ Adv Adm Ech has been consulted and is in concurrence.

2. Plans for the Use of the Italian Army

The policy for the use of the Italian Army was reviewed by the Commander-in-Chief at a conference at Headquarters 15th Army Group on 20 December. The agreement was reached that AFHQ would furnish a new directive and that the 15th Army Group would provide a list of Italian units in order of desired priority of preparation. Pending the receipt of these two basic documents, the Italian High Command is unable to formulate plans and policies of the sort referred to in paragraphs 1a and b of the cited AFHQ letter.

3. Food Stocks Under Italian Control

No effective stocks are held. The Italian Army is being rationed at present in accordance with the policy directive of AFHQ Adv Adm Ech attached as Inclosure No. 1 hereto.

4. Storage and Distribution of Supplies

In general there are sufficient warehouses to store the rations and clothing. The Italian supply organization is capable of receiving and distributing subject to the limitation imposed by a critical shortage of motor transport. Movement by rail will depend on the availability of rolling stock after Allied needs have been met.

5. Recommendations

It is recommended that the supply to the Italian Army be regulated in accordance with the following principles:

- a. AFHQ Adv Adm Ech to be responsible in Italy for the execution of the approved supply plan utilizing both Allied and Italian supply agencies.

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b. The Italian supply agencies to be used to a maximum in accordance with directives issued to the Italian High Command by AFHQ Adv Adm Ech thru the Allied Control Commission.

c. AFHQ Adv Adm Ech to be prepared to assist the Italian Authorities by providing supplementary transport needed to carry out the approved supply plan.

d. The Commanding General, District No. 1, and the Garrison Commander Sardinia to have analogous responsibilities to AFHQ Adv Adm Ech for Italian supply on Sicily or Sardinia.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR  
Brigadier General, USA

1 Incl:  
Policy Directive of  
AFHQ Adv Adm Ech

cc: HMLA  
AFHQ Adv Adm Ech

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26 Dec 43

Memo for Gen Taylor:

1. Major Cann, who is with Brig. Duschen (Brit. Mil. Com. with Italian Army) is sending in a written reply to your memo. He is giving considerable data on the attached letter (food for Ital. Army). I have also talked with Secy. Corbino on this subject. Without waiting for the reply from Brig. Duschen, I am certain the following answers cover the questions in Par. 1c.-- listed in same chronological order:

- c. (1) No stocks on hand, except small amount of sugar, enough for 230,000 men for two (maybe three) months.
- (2) Complete maintenance expected from Allied sources.
- (3) No sources of local stocks that will provide even a limited ration.

2. At present 15 Army Group is providing a military ration for 20,000 men who are operational (combat) troops. Brit. "S & T" (Com. Zone) are supplying a "BASIC SCALE" ration for 230,000 LGC troops. This, all in accordance with previous decisions and directives from AFHQ. Brig. Duschen's reply will give details.

/s/ Murphey.

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From: S M H E ORD & MOB No. 1123/MOB/V 24 Dec 43

TO : MMIA

For info to: Supreme Command  
Ministry of War

SUBJECT: REFORMING OF MILITARY BASE FORMATION IN SICILY

1. HQ "SABAUDA" Div -- SICILY, is at the moment being importuned by soldiers and by relatives of dead, missing or PW troops, for a clarification of their family affairs. These family affairs are often in a very pitiful state owing to the fact that an exact definition of the individual's position is lacking. Nor is a clarification of the position possible without the aid of all relevant documents. These in turn would have to be looked for at the base formations which were once functioning in the Island. (i.e. ZONES, DISTRICTS, DEPOTS).

2. Therefore it would be necessary to start gradually reforming those same functions. This would also enable us to take steps to form local elements into labour units, to be employed on the work of reconstruction on the island started by the Allies.

3. Instead of the two ZONE HQs; nine DISTRICT HQs; seven Regimental DEPOTS; three Arty DEPOTS and one Engineer DEPOT which existed before, we could for the time being set up the following:

Military zone PALERMO

DISTRICTS of PALERMO -- MESSINA -- CATANIA.

Three Inf Regt Depots (selected from those units which have been least damaged).

One Arty Depot (selected from those units which have been least damaged).

One Engineer Regt Depot (selected from those units which have been least damaged).

60 These bodies would have to find, collect and catalogue the documents of those which have not been reconstituted, in relation to which they will set as a kind of skeleton office.

4. We ask you to bring this to the notice of the Chief of Allied Forces so that we may have, if possible, authorisation to put this plan into effect.

signed

Gen MARIOTTI  
(Deputy Chief of General Staff)

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TO : FATIMA REFD 15 ARMY GROUP

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Programme of cooperation with FIAMME VERDI, military resistance group in Northern Italy, is being considered by this Headquarters, but expressions from Badoglio's Government are requested. Understand that through SOE channels to you FIAMME have requested official military recognition of this group including Badoglio's assurance that awards and promotions within the FIAMME will be recognized by the Italian Army. Request reply earliest.

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TO : ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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In reply to 430.2, dated 18 December. Case presented by Italian Ministry of War with suggested alternatives, was submitted to MMIA and passed to FLAMBO under MMIA letter AQ/2, dated 4 December.

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In reply refer to:  
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18 December 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR: Brigadier Duchesne, Military Mission to the Italian Army

I have just received these comments on the Italian rations from the Ministry of War. Would you be good enough to suggest the type of reply which should be made?

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

*MDT*  
MAXWELL D. TAYLOR  
Brigadier General, USA

1 Incl:  
Ltr, Ministry of War,  
P.M. 107, 15 Dec 43

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FOR COMMODORE PALMER, R.N.

Am instructed by FLAMBO that no repeat no rations for Italian Navy will be issued from British or U.S. Army depots and that R.N. are responsible supply. Italian G.M.C. reports that R.N. state no repeat no rations available before 16th January. Request you to investigate for provision by R.N. is now only possible source of supply.

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Capt Zivoli cannot  
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must call to look at this.

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P. M. 107 15 December 1943

## Rations of Italian troops

The rations established by AFHQ for Italian troops are as follows:

|                 | <u>Ounces</u> | <u>Grams</u> |                                           |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 1. Grain or     | 16            | 454.0        |                                           |
| Flour           | 12            | 340.0        |                                           |
| 2. Meat, Canned | 2             | 56.7         |                                           |
| 3. Beans, dried | 2             | 56.7         |                                           |
| 4. Sugar        | 1/2           | 15.0         |                                           |
| 5. Pepper       | 1/200         | 0.15         |                                           |
| 6. Coffee       | 1/2           | 15.0         | To be furnished in<br>kind by the Allies. |
| 7. Fresh fruit  | 8             | 227.0        |                                           |
| 8. Greens       | 8             | 227.0        |                                           |
| 9. Olive oil    | 1/2           | 15.0         |                                           |
| 10. Wine        | 1/2 Litre     | 500.0        |                                           |
| 11. Nuts        | 1             | 28.0         | To be obtained<br>locally.                |

This ration differs greatly both in quality and in energy value from that normally distributed and which consists of:

|                 |           |
|-----------------|-----------|
| Bread           | 700 grams |
| Spaghetti or    |           |
| Macaroni        | 220 "     |
| Meat            | 200 "     |
| Vegetables      | 30 "      |
| Sugar           | 15 "      |
| Coffee          | 10 "      |
| Wine            | 250 "     |
| Oil             | 15 "      |
| Tomato preserve | 15 "      |
| Cheese          | 10 "      |

While this latter rations contains approximately 4200 calories, the one established by AFHQ contains only 2070 calories.

It must further be kept in mind that of the items to be obtained locally, fresh fruit and vegetables which constitute a notable portion of the ration, are very difficult to provide both because of their scarcity in many parts of Southern Italy and because of transportation difficulties.

Finally, because the Italian diet consists for the most part of bread and spaghetti, the soldier will undoubtedly suffer from the limitations which will of necessity be placed on the consumption of these two foods; especially since with the quantities of grain and flour allowed under the new ration it is impossible to distribute more than 300 grams of bread and 100 grams of spaghetti or macaroni.

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It would therefore be extremely desirable to modify the proposed ration with a view to increasing the allowance of flour, which should be raised to 550 grams, and substituting the fresh fruit with other foods, for example cheese, of which there are large supplies in Sardinia that can be imported in auxiliary sailing vessels.

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AG 400-1(Italian)GDS-ACM

15 December 1943

SUBJECT: Availability of Supplies for Italian Army

TO : Acting Deputy President, Allied Control Commission.

1. The Combined Chiefs of Staff have recently authorized as an interim policy the shipment of food stocks from the United States for maintenance of the Italian Army. An announced policy and procedure for implementing such a policy is still a matter of discussion in Washington according to the latest information received from that source. Previous communications with the Combined Chiefs of Staff have indicated on their part a desire for pertinent information in connection with the strength and availability of supplies within the Italian Army to assist them in arriving at a decision on which to announce a policy. In order that we may be in a position to furnish such information, it is requested that steps be taken by your headquarters to furnish the following information with the least practicable delay:

a. The plans or policies being considered by the Italian High Command as to:

- (1) A fixed maximum strength for the Italian Army
- (2) The rate of demobilization if the present strength exceeds the planned fixed strength.

b. The considered use by the Italian High Command of the Italian Army in excess of that strength earmarked for operational service, I of C duties, static guard, and internal security purposes under command of Allied Forces.

c. What food stocks are available under Italian control for use in maintaining the Italian Army?

- (1) Determine the amount on hand - in warehouses, depots or dumps.
- (2) What are their plans for subsisting their Army: Do they expect complete maintenance of foodstocks from Allied sources or do their plans provide for obtaining part of their maintenance from local sources or stocks on hand?
- (3) If the latter, what are the sources or stocks and how long or in what part will they maintain their Army?

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AG 400-1(Italian)CDS-AGM, dtd 15 December 1943 (cont'd)

d. We have requisitioned for immediate delivery an initial thirty days of food supplies for 500,000 men. Requisition is based on an operational ration scale for 100,000 men, who will be supplied through Allied Force supply agencies (that is, base sections, Fifth and Eighth Armies) and a non-operational ration scale for 400,000 men. When these supplies arrive for the 400,000 estimated to be non-operational, what are your recommendations as to:

- (1) Manner of distribution to the 400,000 Italian troops under Italian command.
- (2) Should we issue, say, ten, twenty, or thirty days of this supply to designated Italian military agencies for further distribution by them throughout their Armies?
- (3) Is their organization sufficiently well in hand to undertake such a distribution?
- (4) Would their control of foodstuffs be of such positive nature as to preclude quantities reaching the black market or being dissipated to other sources?
- (5) Can we depend on their organization to safeguard and distribute properly stocks placed under their control?

e. What facilities are under their control - such as warehouses, transportation, etc. for maintaining their own supply system?

f. Arrangements have been made to stockpile in ITALY certain clothing and shoes for emergency use should conditions require. This amounts, at present to the following:

- (1) Approximately 250,000 suits of reconditioned British battle-dress, dyed green. Arrangements have been made for shipment of this clothing to "HEEL" ports, NAPLES and BARI.
- (2) In addition, approximately 100,000 pair of reconditioned British boots are being shipped from Mideast.
- (3) Request has been submitted to the Combined Chiefs of Staff for shipment from the United States of overcoats, blankets, underwear, and headgear of a non-standard type - outer garments to be dyed green - to supplement the stockpile referred to above.

g. Your recommendations as to storage and distribution of these supplies are likewise desired. (As in the case of rations, Italian forces under command of Allied Forces will receive clothing through Allied military channels, while the balance for Italian forces would be through Italian supply agencies.

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AG 400-1(Italian)GDS-AGM, dtd 15 December 1943 (cont'd)

2. It is considered that the above information, when received in this headquarters, will serve as a basis upon which to make further recommendations to the Combined Chiefs of Staff as to the current problem before they make decisions and announce policies which, through lack of this information, may not be to our advantage.

3. A copy of this letter is being furnished AFHQ Advanced Administrative Echelon, and discussion with that headquarters is suggested.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

*T. J. Davis*  
T. J. DAVIS,  
Brigadier General, USA,  
Adjutant General.

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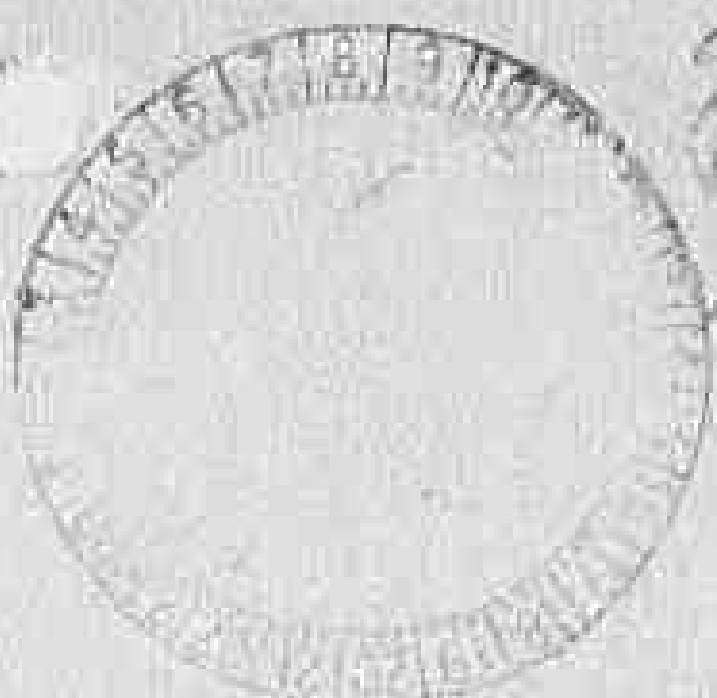
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*for Taylor*  
*mm*  
 Liaison,  
 Headquarters,  
 15 Army Group,  
 GMP.

30 November, 1949.

Dear

Herewith draft instruction on Policy etc., for issues of Rations to Italian Armed Forces. I had a meeting yesterday with reps of M.M.I.A. Naval and Air Force Secs of A.C.C. and General Aliberti who all agreed to it.

The M.M. expect to do all their own victuelling and should not be a liability on us, except possibly their boys in Category C.

General Aliberti raised some detailed objections to the AFHQ ration scale. I told him to put them up to FISA-BO through M.M.I.A. and to agree it with Italian Naval and Air Forces before doing so.

I am not quite certain about 6(b) i.e., whether 12 A.F.S.C. should come in or not.

Para 7 might possibly be left out. M.M.I.A. are controlling issues from Italian Depots at the moment and to my mind should continue to do so.

I hope this Instruction can now go out, if there are any further queries please let me know.

Yours

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Col M.C. Roe, M.B.E.,  
 Q(Maint)  
 AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon.  
 (FLABO).

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 30 Nov

Three copies to Allied Control Commission  
 includes one for R.N. one for R.A.F. Reg

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1. This instruction is issued in continuation of this HQ letter No. ....

It deals with provision of rations (food) and lays down:-

- (a) Policy for issue of rations to the Italian Armed Forces.
- (b) The procedure for provisioning of Italian Armed Forces from Allied sources.
- (c) The procedure for holding and issuing supplies received for the Italian Armed Forces from Allied sources.

2. From the point of view of treatment the Italian Armed Forces are

divided into three categories:-

- (A) Italian Armed Forces participating in operations with Fifth and Eighth Armies in the Combat Zone, Naval and Air Forces operationally employed.
- (B) Italian Forces in the L of C (U.S.) belonging to properly organised Italian units, including Air Forces other than those under A and including Naval personnel employed by R.N. and U.S.N. ashore as labour etc.
- (C) Italian Forces not belonging to any formed unit, e.g. military refugees not organised into units. Naval and Air Force personnel not operationally employed and not working for US/British.

3. Italian Forces in Category A will be issued with full ration scale

as approved by AFHQ, if so authorized by the Army Commanders concerned.

- (a) Italian Forces in Category B and C will be issued with rations on the approved AFHQ scale from Italian sources. Those items of the ration which cannot be met from Italian sources will be provided from British or US sources.
- (b) Italian Forces in Category C will be maintained by the Italian Military authorities (from Italian sources and on such scale of ration as may be decided by Italian authorities). If Italian supplies are so short that their inability to issue certain items will cause actual want among troops affected, necessary comments may be issued on authority of this HQ on recommendation of M.M.I.S.

4. Procedure for ensuring provision of supplies from Allied Sources will be as follows:-





divided into three categories:-

- (A) Italian Armed Forces participating in operations with Fifth and Eighth Armies in the Combat Zone, Naval and Air Forces operationally employed.
  - (B) Italian Forces in the I of C (C.O.) belonging to properly organized Italian units, including Air Forces other than those under A and including Naval personnel employed by R.N. and U.S.N. ashore as labour etc.
  - (C) Italian Forces not belonging to any formed unit, e.g. military refugees not organized into units. Naval and Air Force personnel not operationally employed and not working for US/British.
3. (a) Italian Forces in Category A will be issued with full ration scale as approved by AFHQ, if so authorized by the Army Commanders concerned.
  - (b) Italian Forces in Category B and C will be issued with rations on the approved AFHQ scale from Italian sources. Those items of the ration which cannot be met from Italian sources will be provided from British or US sources.
  - (c) Italian Forces in Category C will be maintained by the Italian Military Authorities (from Italian sources and on such scale of ration as may be decided by Italian authorities). If Italian supplies are so short that their inability to issue certain items will cause actual want among troops affected, necessary components may be issued on authority of this HQ on recommendation of M.A.I.A.

4. Procedure for ensuring provision of supplies from Allied Sources will be as follows:-

#### CATEGORY "A"

Fifth and Eighth Armies will demand on VLMBO for the rations employed.

VLMBO will demand the necessary commodities based on the Ration Scale from AFHQ for ten day period thirty days ahead

#### CATEGORY "B"

M.A.I.A. will send to AFHQ a statement of the rations located in No.2 District and P.S.S. Area. At the same time M.A.I.A. will inform VLMBO of the items which can be met from Italian sources. VLMBO will take provision action for remaining items.

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M.I.I. will submit demands for such items as are required by the Italian Army if M.I.I. is satisfied that non-provision of these items will cause actual want among the troops.

5. Supplies imported by British or US for the Italian Forces will:-

- (a) If they are already wanted for the Italian Forces, be handed over to the Italian Army for storage and issue, and receipts obtained.
- (b) If not already wanted, be taken into British or US Depots for issue to the Italian Army Authorities in bulk. Receipts for such supplies will be obtained and a careful record kept of all transactions. Should supplies be landed at a port where no conveniently situated Italian depots exist to receive them, they will if common to both British/US and Italian rationing scales be taken into British/US depots and a corresponding issue made from British/US depots more conveniently situated to the Italian Depot. If no Italian Depot exists within reasonable distance of the Italian troops to be supplied, supplies will be taken into British/US depots and Italian Military Authorities will provide necessary personnel to identify, handle and issue.

6. The Allied Naval and Air Force Authorities are adopting a similar policy of issue of rations to that outlined in part 2 above. If Italian Naval or Air Force units are rationed from Allied Army sources, they will place their demands:-

- (a) In the case of the Navy, by Naval Section of A.C.C. direct on R.A.N. as also listed in para 4 above.
- (b) In the case of the Air Forces, by Air Force Section of A.C.C. through 42 AFSC who will pass them to R.A.N.

7. A further instruction on the issue of clothing will be issued. Meanwhile, all demands for clothing of Italian Forces under command of, or employed by Allied Forces, will if recommended by British/US commander concerned, be passed to M.I.I. for submission to Italian Authorities to issue.



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- (c) that the special temporary ration attached as Appdx A be adopted forthwith.

(d) that Italian Army Units actually participating with FIFTH and EIGHTH Armies will be rationed from Allied sources under arrangements made by the Army Commanders concerned.

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(b) A monthly estimate of items available from local resources, to be paid for by the Italian Army.

(c) An Order of Battle of the Italian Armed Forces showing formations, strengths and employment on behalf of the Allies. With regards to Italian Forces in CAMPANIA, General BASSO was requested to furnish you with relevant information during a visit paid to him on 11 Nov by Brigadier LUCHESINI.



5. For the interim period, present time to 15 Dec incl Peninsular Base Section and No 2 District are to make suitable provision for the Italian Formations in their areas. Italian Distributing Authorities will keep an accurate record of issues made.
6. To enable suitable shipping bids to be made in the future at the conferences held every ten days at NAPLES, the Order of Battle in duplicate is first required to reach B M M not later than 17 Nov and thereafter every ten days for onward transmission.
7. Civil stocks controlled by Allied Military Government will at no time be released for Italian Military needs without the authority of Allied Force HQ.

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## APPENDIX 'A'

| COMMODITY            | a   | b     | c         | REMARKS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|----------------------|-----|-------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Whole Wheat or Flour | 16  | 12    | 2         | examination to be made to procuring locally. If stocks permit will not permit full issue alternative share preserved fish                                                                                                                                   |
| Pulses               | 12  | 2     | 2         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Canned Meat          | 16  | 12    | 2         | I oz, Cheese I oz, and su 5/8 oz or sausages tinned 2 & 2/5 oz and sugar 1/4                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Sugar                | 1/2 | 1/200 | 2 boxes   | Following additional items will be furnished by Italian Army. Purchase from local resources will be coordinated with AMG to insure equitable distribution between Military and Civil requirements. All such purchases will be paid for by the Italian Army. |
| Pepper               | 1/2 | 1/2   | weekly    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Matches              | 1/2 | 1/2   | weekly    | as an alternative for fresh fruit and vegetables.                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Coffee               | 1/2 | 1/2   | weekly    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Fruit                | 8   | 8     | 1/2 litre |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Fresh Vegetables     | 8   | 8     | 1/2 litre |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Olive Oil            | 1/2 | 1/2   | 1         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Wine                 | 1/2 | 1/2   | 1         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Nuts (unshelled)     | 1/2 | 1/2   | 1         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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| a<br>COMMODITY                       | b<br>OUNCES PER RATION                                 | c<br>REMARKS                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| Whole Wheat<br>or Flour<br>Pulses    | 16<br>12<br>2                                          | examination to be made for<br>procuring locally.<br>If stocks permit will not<br>permit full issue alternate<br>five share preserved fish<br>1 oz. Cheese 1 oz. and su<br>5/8 oz or sausages tinned<br>2 & 2/5 oz and sugar 1/4 |
| Canned Meat                          | 2                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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