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LOCAL GOV'T REORGANIZATION, REGION II
DEC. 1943 - OCT. 1944

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No

Precis

REMARKS

77

To RC Region II 23 June, 44 sending Pro. Formae relating to Prefects, Vice Prefect s (V) and (I) and asking that they be returned brought up to date and with appraisals by the P.C. and R.C.

REPLY

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ACG/I/2/INT

LOCAL GOVERNMENT RE-ORGANISATION - REGION II

No .	PRECIS .	REMARKS .
66.	NOTE:* Vide Precis of situation under this Number. up to 7th February, 1944. -----	
21.	From RC Region II 10 Feb. 44 stating will endeavour to keep Interior No 17 regarding reorganisation of Italian Local Government.	
22 A.	From RC. Region II 18 Feb. 44 regretting that Regional Order No 17 regarding reorganisation of Italian Local Government will not, except in Matera Province, have been posted in Region II in time to be valid in view of the transfer of territory to the Italian Govt.	
59.	From RC Region II 1 Mar. stating that it is regretted that no Depart. at that H.Q. can find trace of this Sub-Com's letter of 7 Febr. 44, nor did their C.R. find any reference to its receipt.	
62.	Precis by Capt. Temple on the situation re. non Delivery of letter sent on 25 Jan. 44.	
63.	To RC. Region II 15 Mar. 44 showing how delivery of letter dated 7 Febr. 44 was effected.	
64.	From Lt. Col. Vinning, PC Bari 20 Mar. 44 conveying information as to the political situation.	
65.	Reply to 64 - 22 Mar. 44 acknowledging information. Copy of Interior's Admn. Instructions sent.	
66.	SEE NOTE ABOVE	
67/67 A.	Report by Capt. Williams upon tour in Provinces of Matera and Potenza - 16 May 44.	
69	To Vice President 5 June 44 sending précis of "High Spots" of the tour of Bari, and Brindisi Province by Captain Temple.	
70	To RC Region II, 4 June 44 (SURVEY OF BARI AND BRINDISI PROVINCES) drawing attention to certain matters dealing with organisation and Administration of local Government. PREFECTS must take action by 21 June forming local Bodies. Appointments should be scrutinized and glaring cases of former fascists represented to Prefect.	
69	To RC Region 3 June 44 enclosing copies of Captain Williams' Tour, and copies of reports 63 to 69 inclusive of his individual interviews. Also sent Prov. Reports for Matera and Potenza, and Record Cards of Principal Italian Officials in these two Provinces	
71	To Vice President 5 June 44 "High Spots" Bari and Brindisi Provinces.	
72	Reg. 2 9 June 44. Appointment VIOGLIANO COMPARTIMENTI, Inspector Agriculture, Lucania (info)	
73	From Reg. II dated 6 June 44 (Thro' RC & ME) enclosing Reports on Local Government.	
76	Memo by Captain Temple to Director dated 15 June, 44 commenting upon Reports in No 73.	

MINUTE SHEET NO. 2.

Page

DATE

July 21

Director:

⑧ letters for your signature, please. ✓
 have instructed adj. to have called my new
 information. ⑧ RRT Temple Capt.

Aug 14.

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 L-1. Hk Regim II (cable note), if he can
 give me any concrete examples of where
 this has not been the case, in order that
 we may approach HkI. & not with correctness
 name in my hands.

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Date

Minute sheet No.

Page

June 10.

L. P. Officer

I Reply to Re HQ ref 73 that our
 refs were despatched 5 June, but the
 great detail involved entailed much time taken!

II. Please ~~recheck~~ please. L.

Director:

I Done; please see p 74

II Done - please see p 76. RRT.

③

June 13

Adj.:

Please file cards - p. 77 attach. filed. 15/6/44

RRT

July 13

I Adj. Fw carding. Done. Adv. 13/7/44.

II Capt. Temple please check. L

July 14

Director:

Letter for your signature, please. V.

⑥

RRT.

July 21

Adj. Please eye on reply to 81. noted 21 July 44 '81

July 21

L. P. Capt. Temple Check all through

⑤ please necessary, draft letter to 463

R. P. Capt. Temple calling attention to

11. Please return receipt please. L

June 13

Director:

I Done; please see p 74

II Done - please see p 76

RR.T.

June 13

Adj.:

Please file cards - p. 77 attach

RR.T.

Lead. L 15/6/44

July 13

I Adit. For carding.

Done. H.W. 13/7/44

II Capt. Temple please check.

L

July 14

Director:

Letter for your signature, please.

RR.T.

July 21

Adit. Check eye on copy to 81. noted L 21 July 44 '81

July 21

City Clubbing

Check all through

① When necessary, double check to 463

② Make sure Sp. calling attention to lack of action.

③ Carding by Sp. is action when it necessary.

④ Copy of ③ to Review II with appreciation of their efforts

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ACC/1/2/1E

15th October, 1944

SUBJECT: Harvest Control;

TO : HQ SOUTHERN REGION.

Reference your letter R/3143 dated 15th October, attached is
a copy of the letter in question.

for
R.G.B. SPICER,
Colonel,
Director,
Local Government Sub-Commission.

pgw.

Enc. 1.

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Local Post
S.C. 33

HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. Army

14 OCT 1944

R/3143

13 October 1944

SUBJECT: Harvest Control.

TO : Headquarters Allied Control Commission
(Attn: Interior Sub-Commission).

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1. Reference your ACC/1/2/Int of 23 September 44 and letter from Zone Commissioner, Bari, BZ/CA/1/43 of 8 October 44, no trace can be found of the communication referred to in your letter.

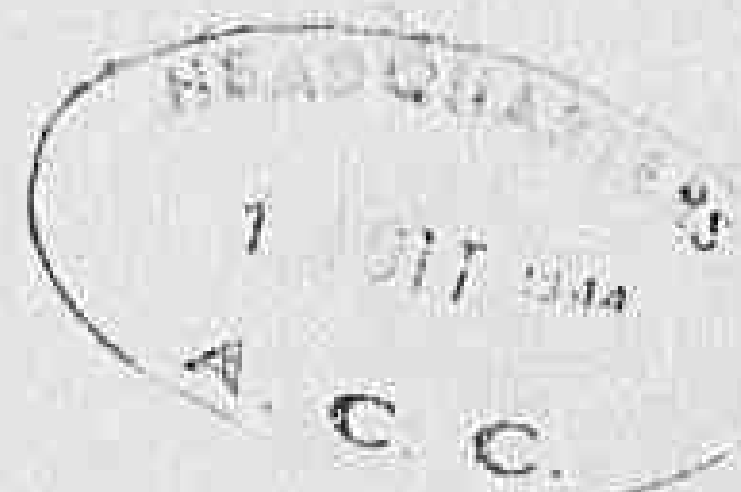
2. May a copy be forwarded, please.

For the Regional Commissioner:

Paul Revere

PAUL REVERE,
Major, A.G.D.,
Adjutant.

GR/bb



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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

Bari zone

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(93A)

File ACC/1/2/INT

23 SEP 1944

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SUBJECT Harvest Control

TO: RC. Region II (SOUTHERN REGION)

Reference the communication from this Sub-Commission dated
file number as above :-

- 1) There is no trace that a reply has been received.
- 2) If reply not yet despatched, please expedite.

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RECEIVED AT A.C.C.
BARI ZONE
28 Sept 44

R. G. H. SPICER
Lt. Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

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11 OCT 1944

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SOUTHERN REGION
BARI ZONE

935

BZ/CA/1/43

8 October 1944

SUBJECT: Inter-Office Correspondence.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Hq Southern Region, Allied Control
Commission, APO 394.

1. Reference is made to attached letter from Hqs Interior
Sub-Commission.

2. This headquarters has made a complete investigation of
all files relative to above mentioned letter. No records or letter
was found. It is believed that the correspondence may be at Hqs.
Southern Region, A.C.C.

E.S. Orpwood 459
E.S. ORPWOOD, Lt.Col.,
Zone Commissioner.

HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. Army

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13 October 1944

SUBJECT: Harvest Control.

TO : Headquarters Allied Control Commission
(Attn: Interior Sub-Commission).

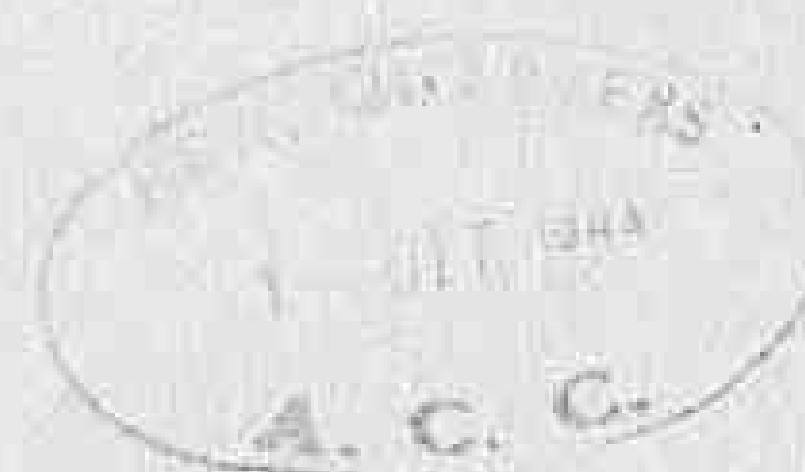
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2. May a copy be forwarded, please.

For the Regional Commissioner:

PR
PAUL REVERE,
Major, A.G.D.,
Adjutant.

GR/bb



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SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. Army

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R/3143

13 October 1944

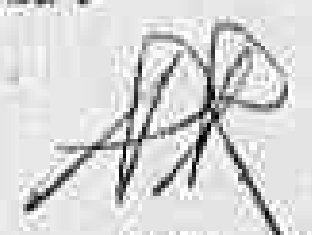
SUBJECT: Harvest Control.

TO : Headquarters Allied Control Commission
(Attn: Interior Sub-Commission).

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2. May a copy be forwarded, please.

For the Regional Commissioner:


PAUL REVERE,
Major, A.C.D.,
Adjutant.

GR/bb

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Subject :- Harvest Control.

(93E)

To:- Headquarters Allied Control Commission,
(att. Interior Sub-Comm.)

1. Reference your Acc/1/2/147 of 23 Sep 44
and letter from Zone Commission, Bari, BZ/CA/1/43
of 8 Oct 44, no trace can be found of the
communications referred to in your letter.

2. May a copy be forwarded, please.
In the R. C.

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P.R.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

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ACG/1/2/Int

22 August 1944

SUBJECT: Harvest Control

TO : HQ, Region II

1. Reference your cable R2/74 of 3 August 1944 as follows:
REF YOUR HR 1150 REPORT THAT NO REPEAT NO ADDITIONAL OFFICERS REQUIRED FOR HARVEST CONTROL. RAILROAD CARS, PATROL, TYRES, MOTOR VEHICLES, CARABINIERI AND FIRM SEALS TO PREFECTS FROM ITALIAN GOVERNMENT IS ALL THAT IS REQUIRED AS STATED IN PREVIOUS COMMUNICATIONS.
2. In order to enable me to approach the Italian Government with something definite in my hand, I should appreciate receiving from you any concrete examples of inaction on the part of Prefects.


R. C. B. SPICER
Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

RCT/jet

Reminder sent. 23/9.

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HEADQUARTERS
LIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 2

N. J3880 - 7.VIII 44

Ref: AS/ 11/ 76

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3 August 1944

SUBJECT: - Local Government

TO : - Executive Commissioner
R.C. & M.G. Section
(C.A. Branch)

ADMIN

INT 10 AUG 1944

Placed on relevant file

1. Reports from Provinces on local Government,
are forwarded as directed by R.C. & M.G. Section letter
94/5/C.A. dated 1 May 1944

John T. Zellers
JOHN T. ZELLERS
Col. Inf.
Regional Commissioners

Copy to: Vice President, Admin. Section
for information Int. S.C.

HEADQUARTERS
9 AUG 1944
A. C. C.

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RESTRICTED
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

A/CC
20858
Interior
Please take up with IG
-4 AUG 1944

TO: HL AGC MAIN
FROM: HL AGC REGION 2
REFERENCE No: R2/74
DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: AUG 1/0900
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 33/01
CLASSIFICATION: RESTRICTED
PRECEDENCE: NONE
OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE: NONE

REF YOUR NR 1150 REPORT THAT NO REPEAT NO ADDITIONAL OFFICERS REQUIRED FOR HARVEST CONTROL. RAILROAD CARS, PETROL, TYRES, MOTOR VEHICLES, CARABINIERI AND FIRM STAND TO PREFECTS FROM ITALIAN GOVERNMENT IS ALL THAT IS REQUIRED AS STATED IN PREVIOUS COMMUNICATIONS.

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ACC 3/0900

CITE: NONE

REF YOUR NR 1150 REPORT THAT NO REPEAT NO ADDITIONAL OFFICERS REQUIRED FOR
HARVEST CONTROL, RAILROAD CARS, PETROL, TIRES, MOTOR VEHICLES, CARABINIERI AND
FINCA STAND TO PROTECTS FROM ITALIAN GOVERNMENT IS ALL THAT IS REQUIRED AS STATED
IN PREVIOUS COMMUNICATIONS?

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ACTION AGRIC 30

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

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AGC/A/2/Int

29 July 1944

SUBJECT: Italian local government

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region II

1. I acknowledge with thanks your letters of 22 July, 1944 (file AS/II/68) and 23 July 1944 (file AS/II/69) with enclosed local government reports.
2. The opinion of the Prefect quoted by the Provincial Commissioner of Potenza concerning the size of the *Repubbliche Provinciali* is correct. Royal Decree no. 111 is being amended to permit that local body to vary in size according to the population of a province. For Potenza, the *Repubblica Provinciale* could consist of a President, 5 regular and 2 substitute members.
3. Vacancies in the offices of Vice-Prefects in Bari, Potenza and Taranto have already been brought to the attention of the Minister of Interior with a request that they be filled as quickly as possible.
4. The reports indicate a steady improvement in the local government situation and reveal a commendable attitude on the part of your Provincial Commissioners to make the Italian officials get on with this job of reorganization and democratization. Since the basic responsibility to see that the local bodies are established is that of the Prefects, the latter must be pressed to carry out the provisions of Royal Decree No. 111 without any delay. Any backlog on the part of the Prefects should be reported to us in order that proper representations be made to the Minister of Interior. This last statement applies particularly to Bari Province.

[Handwritten signature]

R. C. B. SPIDER
Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

RRG/jgt

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785021

Pages 85 86 + 87 transferred
to file 4/3/6 pages 9, 10 + 11

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 2

Admin Sec 3132

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Ref: AS / II / 68

18 July 1944

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SUBJECT: - Local Government

21 JUL 1944

TO : - Executive Commissioner
R.C. & M.G. Section
(C.A. Branch)

✓ 22 JUL 1944

I. Reports from Provinces on local Government,
are forwarded as directed by R.C. & M.G. Section letter
94/5/C.A. dated 1 May 44.

JSC 27A. page 27.

for *Brickwell Capt*
JOHN T. ZELLARS
Col. Inf.
Regional Commissioner

Copy to: Vice President, Admin. Section
for information Int. S.C. *✓*



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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 2

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U-5727 (82)
13 July 1944

1767
Ref: A/35/69

SUBJECT: -Information re Prefects

TO : - Interior Sub-Commission
Rear HQ. A.C.C.

1. Reference your ACC/1/2 int. dated 23rd June 43.
2. Information regarding prefecture officials in
Lecce and Potenza are attached. Further reports will be
forwarded upon receipt from Provinces.

Placed in Province files.

for *Michael Capt*
JOHN T. ZELLARS
Col. Inf.
Regional Commissioner



Pages 83, ABAC transferred
to file 4/3/1. p. 21.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

AAC/1/2/Int

23 June 1944

SUBJECT: Information as to Prefects and Vice-Prefects

TO : RC, Region II

1. I am anxious to bring up to date the information in this office as to the Prefect, Vice-Prefects Vicario and Vice-Prefects Ispettore in your Region.
2. I enclose pro-forma relating to the officials in question which have been filled in so far as the information available here allows. I shall be very grateful if you would please arrange for your Provincial Commissioners to have these completed by the Italian officials concerned and returned to me through you.
3. Changes may have taken place of which I am not aware so that the names given at the head of each pro-forma may not now be correct.
4. What is of the greatest value to this Sub-Commission is to have, on the back of each pro-forma, personal appraisals of the officials concerned by the Provincial Commissioners and (if possible) by yourself.

for *R. G. B. SPICER*
Colonel
Director
Interior-Sub Commission

Encs: as in 2, above.
GGRW/jgt

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" 80 " " " p. 5

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15 June 44

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SUBJECT: Local Government reports from Region II

TO : Colonel R. G. B. Spicer, Director

FROM : Captain R. R. Temple.

1. I have read the reports from Region II, and generally speaking, there is little information contained in them which we have not obtained heretofore through surveys tours or correspondence.
2. The situation in each province visited is the same as that indicated in the reports prepared for you by myself and Captain Williams.
3. With regard to the two provinces not visited, namely Taranto and Lecce, the local government situation there appears to be as poor as in the other provinces.
4. One sentence in the Taranto report was slightly bewildering, but apparently seems worthy of preserving for posterity. The statement is as follows: "There is no difficulty in getting Mayors, but there is difficulty in finding qualified and suitable persons to act as Sindaci".
5. The PC of Potenza makes this statement with regard to defascistization: "Prefect Committees formed and has met once, but owing to the absence of one member was unable to make any decisions". I suggest that in the light of the Catanzaro incident, in which you may recall the committee was suspended by the Prefect and did not meet, the attention of the Minister of Interior should be drawn to this situation with the view of his taking similar action to stir up the meetings.
6. The PC of Lecce's summarization of the local government situation coincides with the impression I gained in talking to G-2, namely that the Italian officials are almost apathetic in their attitude towards defascistization, and that local government reorganization is only just starting.
7. It is interesting to note that most of the reports follow the Aide Memoire which we prepared for local government reports - apparently some use is being found for it.
8. I have instructed the Adjutant to card any information from the reports which he haven't heretofore carded.

R. R. Temple

R. R. TEMPLE
Captain
Executive Officer
Interior Sub-Commission

RRT/jgt

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 2

24 JUN 1944

19 June 1944

Ref: A/35/41

SUBJECT: - Prof. Viggiani - Inspector Agriculture
Potenza Compartimenti.

TO : - R.C. & M.G. Section
HQ. A.C.C. APO. 394

1. Reference A/35/40 of 10 June 1944 it now appears that after an interview with the Minister of Agriculture, Prof. Viggiani felt compelled to resign his appointment.

2. It appears that the Minister, although unwilling or unable to dismiss him, refused to confirm his appointment.

3. Attention is again drawn to the serious effect this is likely to have on the grain drive in Lucania and it is requested that every effort be made to procure his reinstatement and confirmation in the appointment.

JOHN T. ZELLARS
Col. Inf.
Regional Commissioner

Copies to:- Legal Sub-Commission
Interior Sub-Commission
Agricultural Sub-Commission
Provincial Commissioner - POTENZA
Provincial Commissioner - MATERA

This is being dealt with by LEGAL.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/94/41/CA

14 June 1944

SUBJECT: Local Government Report.

TO : Admin. Section (for Interior Sub-Com.)

P. 75.
The cards forwarded to this Hq. with Region II letter AS/11/23 of 10 June 44 addressed to this Hq. copy to you are sent to you herewith in terms of para 4 of the above mentioned letter.

Stewart Leakey May
NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

Copy to:
R.C. Region II

JSR/JR

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14 JUN 1944

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 2

Ref :- AS/11/23 10 June 1944
Subject :- Local Government Report.
To :- R.C. & M.G. Section A.C.C. H.Q.

1. Reference our AS/11/22 dated 6 June 44 forwarding reports on local Government. *P. 73.*
2. The attached cards were sent to Int. Sub-Commission and later returned to Prov. Comm. Lecco for amendment and insertion of comments.
3. Cards are returned herewith, with comments on four of the cards. It is regretted that no further information can at present be given on the other officials.
4. May the cards please be returned to Interior Sub-Commission.

Thickwell Capt
for JOHN T. ZELLARS
Col. Inf.

Copy to: Interior
Sub-Commission. ✓

Regional Commissioner.

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13 JUN 1944
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

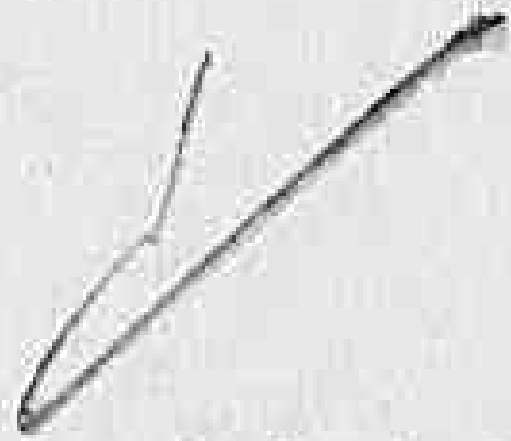
ACC/1/2/Int

12 June 1944

SUBJECT: Local Government Reports

TO : RC, Region II

1. Reference your letter of 6 June (file: AS/11/22) addressed to Administrative Section and to RC & MI Section.
2. Copies of survey reports and suggested recommendations for Matera and Potenza Provinces were dispatched to you on 3 June, and similar ones for Bari and Brindisi Provinces were sent out 4 June.
3. Lecce and Taranto Provinces were not visited. However, data concerning Lecce officials was sent to you on 4 June.
4. The great detail involved in the surveys entailed much time and labor in the preparation of the reports.


R. C. B. SPIDER
Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

Copy to:
RC & MI Section 1291
(Civil Affairs Branch)

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II

Adm Sec 60-9856

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6 June 1944

Ref AS(11)22

SUBJECT: Local Government - Italian

*Interior
10 JUN 1944*

TO : Executive Commissioner, R.C. & M.G. Section
(Civil Affairs Branch)
Vice-President, Administrative Section. ✓

1. Attached reports from Provincial Commissioners on the subject of Local Government are forwarded as directed by your 94/5/CA dated 1 May 44.

*Already sent
See p. 70*
2. Capt. Williams and Capt. Temple, both of Interior Sub-Commission, have spent some time in the Region during the past month, and it is known that they collated much of the information available. It is asked that a copy of their reports be sent to this HQ for our information. This is particularly important in the case of Matera Province, where a highly concentrated grain drive is in progress. The reactions of the Italian Officials will be carefully watched, and reported upon in the June report.

HEADQUARTERS
6 JUN 1944
A. C. C.

[Signature]
JOHN T. ZELLARS
Colonel, Infantry
Regional Commissioner

*P. 73 B to file 4/31 p. 10
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to file 4/3/6 pages 4.
P. 73 A to file 4/3/3 p. 3.
P. 73 C + D to file 4/3/4 p. 15
73 O + P to file 4/3/2 p. 3.*

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Interior S.C. 5-4814
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HQ ACC MAIN FOR RC AND MG SEC
INFO AGRICULTURE SUB COME AND INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION

HQ ACC REGION 2
NONE

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NONE
PRIORITY
CITE...NONE

IMMEDIATE CONFIRMATION APPOINTMENT VIGGIANI COMPARTIMENTI INSPECTOR
AGRICULTURE LUCANIA RECOMMENDED AND URGENT. UNCERTAINTY AND DISLOCATION
OF PRESENT ORGANISATION MOST UNDESIRABLE IN MIDDLE OF GRANAIC DEL POPOLO
DRIVE.

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nothing to do with us.
②
we are not authorized to deal
with the defunct organization
operation

✓ June
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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394.

ACC/1/2/INT.

5 June 1944

SUBJECT: Precis of Local Government Survey on Bari and Brindisi Provinces.

TO : Vice President, Administrative Section

1. In order to keep you informed about local government conditions, I have had prepared the following precis of high spots of the tour of Bari and Brindisi Provinces by Captain R. R. Temple.

2. Although Captain Temple did not visit Lecce, he obtained information about local officials in that province also. Copies of all conferences held and a list of recommendations have already been sent to R3, Region II.

3. Local Government Bodies

- (a) Giunta Provinciale Amministrativa - This body is functioning, but under Royal Decree, new appointments of four citizen members have to be made.
- (b) Deputazione Provinciale - This body is not in existence - its 10 citizen members have yet to be appointed.
- (c) Giunta Municipale - There are no communal bodies in existence anywhere in the two provinces.

4. Captain Corhead, the Regional Police Officer has stated that provincial committees on Defascistization were just going through the motions and were not sincere in their attempts to remove Fascists. The unimportant, lazy officials, clerks, were being removed, but the important officials were being white-washed.

5. Major G. Niddell, Agriculture Sub-Commission representative for Puglia stationed at Bari, stated that the Consiglio Provinciale dell'Economia is an obstructing body, fascistic in its set-up. He advised that it be abolished.

6. Major Matti, G-2 for District 2, stated that many young people are banded together to form Fascist clubs under different names, sabotage being one of their aims. It is his opinion that the Italian Government in District 2 is corrupt and that the latter tends consistently to bring A.C.C. into disrepute.

7. In an interview with Mr. Gmudi and Mr. Micocci, P/B representatives ~~40~~ ⁴⁴⁰ ~~ri~~, the opinion was that Defascistization trials are a farce; they are a white-wash procedure. People's reaction is that the "old crowd" is still in office.

8. The position of A.C.C. in Brindisi is very bad. The Provincial Commissioner is ignored, by both the Prefect and the Allied Military Command. The Prefect, being a former General, is inclined to deal with the Military Command, and inversely, the latter has been dealing directly with the Prefect on civil as well as military matters.

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- (b) Deputazioni Provinciali - This body is not in existence - its 10 citizen members have yet to be appointed.
- (c) Giunta Municipale - There are no communal bodies in existence anywhere in the two provinces.

4. Captain Corhead, the Regional Police Officer has stated that provincial committees on Defascistization were just going through the motions and were not sincere in their attempts to remove Fascists. The unimportant, lowly officials, clerks, were being removed, but the important officials were being white-washed.

5. Major C. Riddell, Agriculture Sub-Commission representative for Puglia stationed at Bari, stated that the Consiglio Provinciale dell'Economia is an obstructing body, Fascistic in its set-up. He advised that it be abolished.

6. Major Matti, C-2 for District 2, stated that many young people are banded together to form Fascist clubs under different names, sabotage being one of their aims. It is his opinion that the Italian Government in District 2 is corrupt and that the latter tends consistently to bring A.C.C. into disrepute.

7. In an interview with Mr. Grudi and Mr. Miccoli, PWB representatives ⁴⁴⁰ at Bari, the opinion was that Defascistization trials are a farce; they are a white-wash procedure. People's reaction is that the "old crowd" is still in office.

8. The position of A.C.C. in Brindisi is very bad. The Provincial Commissioner is ignored, by both the Prefect and the Allied Military Command. The Prefect, being a former General, is inclined to deal with the Military Command and inversely, the latter has been dealing directly with the Prefect on civil as well as military matters.

9. In a conference with C-2 at Brindisi, information was secured on local government officials in Brindisi and Lecce Provinces which reveals the presence in office of many Fascistic and other undesirable persons. Detailed data concerning these can be supplied if desired.

10. In summary, the survey of Captain Temple's shows that Italian local government organization as well as administration is in a very bad state.

R. E. Temple
Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 594

4 June 1944

ACC/1/2/Int

SUBJECT: Local Government Survey of Bari and Brindisi Provinces.

TO : AC, Region II

1. As a result of the recent tour of the Provinces of Bari and Brindisi by Captain R. R. Temple, I desire to refer to certain matters dealing with the organization and administration of local government which you may think worthy of attention.

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3. According to the Prefects, this body is in operation and meets regularly. This is admirable. However, under the new Decree, it may be necessary that the appointment of the four citizen members be made anew by the Deputazione Provinciale and approved by the Prefect.

Deputazione Provinciale.

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Giunta Municipale/Comune.

To our knowledge there is no communal body of this type in existence anywhere in the two provinces. Its size varies from 3 to 10 citizen members, according to the population of the commune. The following schedule is provided in the Unified Text of 1915:-

Members

Population of Comune

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6. Meetings of Local Government Bodies

May I suggest that copies of the agenda of the aforementioned bodies (G.P.A., Deputazione Provinciale, and Giunta Comunale in principal towns) be secured by the Provincial Commissioner, and perhaps occasional meetings be attended by officers or their staff in order that they get some idea of the work and procedures of these bodies. I am sure that the Prefect, President of the Deputazione Provinciale, and Sindaco would be glad to extend invitations to attend a session just as those in other provinces have done.

7. Selection of Officials and Members of Bodies

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See file "A" back.

W. C. B. SPICER
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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
ASO 394

5 June 1944

SUBJECT: Reports on Provinces

TO : Vice President, Administrative Section

1. If and when you have time, I want you to glance through these reports of

(1) Best Province

(2) Worst Province

4 Region II. VII

2. I have lined the relevant paragraphs.

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Encls: as in 1, above.
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R. C. B. SPIER
Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

HEAD HEADQUARTERS
 MILITARY CONTROL COMMISSION
 INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
 APC 394

ADG/1/2/Int

3 June 1944

SUBJECT: Survey of Local Government in MATERA and POTENZA Provinces

TO : SO, Region II

1. I refer to the tour of the above-mentioned provinces made 5-11 May, 1944, by Captain G. R. Williams of this Sub-Commission.

2. I enclose for your information copies of:-

- (a) the above mentioned officer's General Report on the tour;
- (b) copies of Reports Numbers 63 to 65 inclusive of his individual interviews.

I also send you (in duplicate, in case you may wish to pass one copy to the PC concerned) copies of:-

- (c) Province reports for Matera and Potenza
- (d) record cards for the principal Italian officials in these two provinces.

3. This officer's visit has brought out some points as to local government in these two provinces which I would bring to your notice.

4. In the first place, I refer to the Administrative Instructions and Form of Regional Order issued to Regions in January last; these are now to be found appended to Executive Memorandum No. 39. In pursuance of these, your predecessor made Regional Order No. 17 on the 10th February. As however, authority passed to the Italian Government the next day, the Order was not implemented in most provinces. Matera is an exception.

5. The Administrative Instructions and Regional Order are now superseded by the Italian Government's Royal Decree Law No. 144 dated 4 April 1944, which came into force throughout "King's Italy" on the 23rd April. The Administrative Instructions, however, remain of importance - particularly paragraph 9 - as indicating the policy which Italian governmental agencies should be advised to follow. Copies of the new Decree and of the Minister of Interior's circular thereon to Prefects have been sent to your office through the IG Section.

6. Appointments to the pre-Fascist local government bodies which are revived by the Decree are to be made by the Prefect within 60 days. I suggest that you and your Provincial Commissioners should have the Prefects keep you informed of progress in implementing the Decree and that Provincial Commissioners should be consulted before any appointments are made with a view to (a) some measure of "screening" the Prefect's nominations by means of a spot check or otherwise and (b) ensuring that the proper political and economic interests are represented.

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ed, as required by the Minister's circular and by para 3 of the Administrative Instructions.

7. Natura Province - In that little remains to be done in this province under the new Decree, the Deputazione Provinciale and also Giunta Comunale in all communes were established by the end of last March and I am told, continue to function. It remains for the Deputazione to elect the "citizen members" of the Giunta Provinciale Amministrativa. The Prefect told Captain Williams on the 6th May that he thought this could be done within a week.

8. Lotana Province - No action has taken in this province upon Regional Order No. 17. It remains therefore for the Prefect to appoint Giunta Comunale in all his 91 communes and a Deputazione Provinciale for the province and for the latter body to elect the "citizen members" of the Giunta Provinciale Amministrativa. The Prefect appears to be highly impressed by the difficulty of making these appointments and the necessity for prompt action should, I suggest, be kept before him.

9. I suggest that in both provinces copies of the agenda for meetings of the Giunta Provinciale Amministrativa and the Deputazione Provinciale and also the Giunta Comunale of the principal towns be obtained by the Provincial Commissioner and that an officer on his staff should attend occasional meetings so as to become familiar with the work of these bodies and their methods of doing business. I have no doubt that the Prefects, Presidenti, and Sindaci would readily extend an invitation to attend sessions, as they have done elsewhere.

10. The two Provincial Inspectors seem to be neglecting their primary functions of getting into the communes and inquiring into their administration. Transport difficulties are of course very great, but nevertheless, if the Prefects can be persuaded to give a higher priority to the claims of the Inspectorate for transport, I have no doubt that good results will ensue. An Inspectorate who really inspects can be a most useful link between AGI and the Italian Administration as a channel for both information and advice.

11. Although de-fascistization is not within the strict function of the Interior Sub-Commission, the following points may assist you. The law as to the elimination of Fascists from the administration in the provinces is contained in the Italian Government's Decree of 28 December 1943. The time for completing proceedings under this Decree has recently been extended to 11 August 1944. The Prefect is required to appoint a "Commissione d'inchiesta" which is to inquire into the political past of officials and office-holders and reject those who have been active Fascists. Proceedings under this Decree are at a standstill in both provinces.


E. G. B. SELZER
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Interior Sub-Commission

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

SUBJECT: Report upon tour in provinces of MATERA and POTENZA, Region II

TO : Lt Col R. G. B. Spicer, Director, Interior Sub-Commission

FROM : Captain C. G. R. Williams, Assistant Executive Officer, Interior

1. In accordance with your orders I visited the provinces of Matera and Potenza, Region II, from 5-11 May, 1944.
2. The following is a summary of my movements:
 - May 5 - Travelled to Matera and reported to the Regional Commissioner; interviewed the Regional Intelligence Officer and others at R.HQ.
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3. I reported to the Regional Commissioner, Col. John T. Zellars, immediately on my arrival and presented the compliments of the Director and explained the purpose of my visit, and asked permission to interview the Provincial Commissioners and Prefects.

4. Col Zellars could only give me a short interview. He only took over the Region II on 23 April and was preoccupied with the preparation of a full report. In his own words, he must "put first things first". He does not at present count the reorganization of local government as one of the first things. His immediate problem is getting in the grain harvest and the importation of labour for that purpose. I feel, however, that Col Zellars could be counted upon to take a live interest in local government as soon as he can find time to give to it.

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9. For some three centuries, the two provinces have constituted the regional division of southern Italy known as Basilicata. The name of Basilicata was changed to the ancient Roman one of Lucania by Mussolini in 1932. Rivalry between the two provinces has been continuous. Politically Matera displayed loyalty to the Bourbons; Potenza was the liberal centre. Geographically, Matera has affinities with the Apulian plain; Potenza is more an extension of the mountain chain of the Apennines on its west and northern borders. Economically, Matera is largely dependent for its prosperity upon the grain harvest; in Potenza, agricultural production is more diversified and it possesses a rather higher proportion of light industry. The difference in history and character of the two provinces is seen and felt as one travels

through them more easily than can be described in a brief report. Potenza tends to overshadow Matera in that it is over half as big again in area than the smaller province and has more than twice the population and nearly three times the number of communes.

10. In Matera Province, I found that the Administrative Instructions issued last January and Regional Order No. 17 for the reform of local government made by the Regional Commissioner on 10 February were fully understood and valued. The reforms had been put into effect by the joint action of the Provincial Commissioner and the Prefect in February and March 1943, i.e., even after the "handover" to the Italian Government. In Potenza the reverse was the case and the Regional Order was a dead letter. In both provinces, however, the Prefect had received and studied the new Royal Decree and the Minister's circular on it. On the other hand, the Provincial Commissioner knew nothing at all about it.

11. Consequently, in Matera Province, Giunte Comunali have been set up in all communes and are functioning well and the Delegazioni Provinciali also is at work. In Potenza there is no such bodies anywhere. In neither province are there any citizen members of the C.P.A., although in Matera they should have been appointed 2 months ago if the Prefect had followed out the Provincial Commissioner's advice.

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17. The brief visit I paid to Melfi, the second city in Potenza province, was well worth while, as affording an illustration of the good results that are obtainable when there is really full confidence and cooperation between the responsible Italian officials and the ACC officer on the spot.

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13. The attention and courtesy with which I was received, both by the Regional Commissioner and his staff, and the two Provincial Commissioners and their officers was very encouraging, and I am most grateful to them for the kindness and hospitality they showed me.

C. G. R. WILLIAMS
Captain
Assistant Executive Officer
Interior Sub-Commission

16 May 1944

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DRAFT

SUBJECT: Adoption of Administrative Instructions and Order on Local Government Reorganization *in Region II*

TO: Vice President, Administrative Section

1. The attached Administrative Instructions and Order were designed for the purpose of securing uniformity of local government organization in Region II in line with similar actions already taken in Region I.

2. The following is a chronological presentation of the situation in Region II dealing with the efforts of the Interior Sub-Commission to secure the adoption of these Administrative Instructions and Order in Region II.

(a) 7 Dec 43 - A proposed draft of the Administrative Instructions, ~~and~~ *and* for the reorganization of local government was sent to the Administrative Director by me.

(b) 2 Jan 44 - A letter was sent by me to the Administrative Director making inquiry as to the status of the above-mentioned Administrative Instructions, and pointing out that Matera Province (in Region II) had not as yet its citizen members of the Giunta Provinciale Amministrativa, nor did it have a Deputazione Provinciale. I urged the early approval and issue of the directive in order that Matera and other provinces in Region II be brought into conformity with Region I.

(c) 5 Jan 44 - A letter was sent by Col Charles M Spofford to RCOA Region II, attaching Administrative Instructions and General Order on Local Government Reorganization, Region II, and requesting that these be put into effect forthwith. The RCOA was also directed to issue extra copies of the General Order (Appendix A) in both English and Italian text, to all Prefects in his region.

(d) 11 Jan 44 - A letter was sent with attached draft to the Chief Legal Officer from Legal Sub Commission, AMG, Naples, by Lt Col D.E.S.Cousins, RCIO, Region II, asking for a revision of the Order "since it is felt it could not be issued in its present form".

(e) 13 Jan 44 - Col R R Cripps, on behalf of the Administrative Director, handed to the Interior Sub-Commission, for comment, the letter and proposed draft of Lt Col Cousins which the Legal Sub-Commission had passed to his office.

(f) 19 Jan 44 - On my visit to Matera, I conferred with Lt Col D.E.S.Cousins, Legal Officer, Region II, and the latter's assistant, Major Backhouse, both of whom made suggestions which they stated would clarify the Order. They handed me two suggested revisions the next day.

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(g) 19 Jan 44 - My interview with the Prefect of Matera Province revealed:

1. The 4 citizen members of the Giunta Provinciale Amministrativa had not yet been chosen.
2. The Giunta Comunale was not functioning.
3. The Prefect was awaiting receipt of a regional order to get the Deputazione Provinciale functioning.

(h) 20 Jan 44 - A letter with attached Order and Administrative Instructions was sent, on my behalf, to the Vice President, Economic and Administrative Section in which I ~~had~~ indicated that the RAO, Region II, had issued the Administrative Instructions, but the RCLO in that region had requested the Legal Sub-Commission for a clarification of the Order. I pointed out that the Order had been issued in Region I as Official Order #25, 11/11/43, and on the basis of this Order, local government reorganization in Sicily had been carried through to completion in all the 9 provinces. However, a proposed restatement to meet the objection raised by RCLO, Region II, was appended, with the recommendation that if approved, it be sent to RAO, Region II, in substitution of the original text.

(i) 24 Jan 44 - I returned to my office in Naples, where I learned that a revised draft of the Order, which incidentally was almost identical with one of the suggested drafts of RCLO, Region II, had been approved by the Chief Legal Officer of A.C.C.

(j) 25 Jan 44 - I sent a letter by order of Col Charles M Spofford, to ~~RCLO~~ RAO, Region II, informing the latter that ~~the~~ revised English translation of the General Order had been approved by the Chief Legal Officer of A.C.C. and was being returned herewith. I was requested that arrangements be made for the Order to be put into effect throughout Region II, as soon as possible.

(k) 4 Feb 44 - My Executive Officer, Capt R R Temple, reported to me that Lt Col Robertson, SCAO, Salerno Province, had told him that he was awaiting receipt of the General Order from his RAO.

(l) 5 Feb 44 - My Executive Officer, Capt R R Temple interviewed Dr. Antonio Mancini, Vice-Prefect, Vicar Dr. Carlo De Nardo, Head of the Cabinet, and Dr. Vacca de Dominicis, Prefect of Salerno Province, and that the situation in this province was as follows:

1. The 4 citizen members of the Giunta Provinciale Amministrativa had not been selected, and that body is not yet functioning. (Para 7b of the Administrative Instructions directed the appointment of 4 citizen members and the revival of the G.P.A.)
2. The Rettoreto has not been formally abolished, although there was none in operation now (Para 7c abolished that fascist body).
3. There is no Deputazione Provinciale in existence yet (Para 7c of the Administrative Instructions and Paras 3,6, of the Order directed its revival).

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4. No Preside (President) of the Deputazione Provinciale and Capo dell'Amministrazione Provinciale (Head of the Provincial Administration) has been appointed (Para 7c of the Administrative Instructions and Paras 3,4,5,6, and 7 of the Order directed these appointments).
5. A Commissario Prefetizio (Prefectural Commissioner) is performing the functions of the Deputazione Provinciale, the Preside and the Capo dell'Amministrazione Provinciale (see preceding citation).
6. The fascist title Podesta has not been replaced by the democratic one of Sindaco for Mayor. (Para 3a of Administrative Instructions directed the adoption of the title Sindaco; see also Para 1 of the Order).
7. No Giunta Comunale (Municipal Council) had been established in any of the 45 communes (Para 8c of Administrative Instructions and Paras 2 and 7 of the Order directed its revival).

(m) 5 Feb 44 - My Executive Officer, Capt R R Temple, reported that Col Robertson had shown him his file dealing with this matter and had pointed out 2 letters, the last of which was dated 5 Feb 44, wherein the SCAO, Salerno Province had requested the RCAO, Region II, to forward Appendix A (the formal order). Col. Robertson stated that the Administrative Instructions had been received, but the Order was needed in order to put them into effect.

(n) 7 Feb 44 - I sent a letter to RCAO, Region II, indicating that no action had been taken in Salerno Province and requesting information as to the position both in Salerno and other provinces under his command.

3. In view of the concerted effort on our part to recreate at least a semblance of democratic local government in Italy, and in view of our efforts to bring about uniformity towards the fulfillment of this goal, I respectfully urge that the failure of RCAO, Region II to carry out the directives be given your deepest consideration.

R. G. B. SPICER
Lt Colonel
Acting Director
Interior Sub-Commission

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DEAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
AOO 394

AOO/23/Int

22 March 1944

TO : Lt Colonel G. Vining
AOO, Provincial Commissioner's Office, Bari

My dear Vining:

Thank you so much for your letter of 20th March, which I found most interesting, and puts me in the picture.

I am perfectly fit and never felt better for years. Thank you very much for asking.

I send you a copy of my Administrative Instructions which are shortly to be followed by a Royal Decree in regard to restored Italy. It is in this direction that I am really most interested in, and for the word "Interior" really read "local government".

Anything you or your officers can send me as to the developments of local government will be of great interest to me, viz, for instance, the composition, agenda, and working of your Giunta Provinciale Amministrativa, and of the work and/or matters handled by the Giunta Comunale in the communes of your province under the sindaci.

Best on.

Yours.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
LIAISON OFFICE

COMMISSIONE AL EATA DI CONTROLLO
UFFICIO DI COLLEGAMENTO

PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

UFFICIO DEL COMMISSARIO PROVINCIALE

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20 March 1944

My dear Spicer,

When Brig. Iush was here some time ago he asked me to drop you a line to let you know how internal matters were progressing.

So far as the Bari Province is concerned Political Party meetings are permitted under the following conditions:-

- A- Only one Party "meeting" at a time under the same roof.
- B- All meetings must be held in a hall or similar building. Meetings are not permitted in the open - as it would be difficult to control them and traffic congestion would occur.
- C- My office must be informed at least five days in advance of any proposed meeting date, time and place of meeting to be given.
- D- Should there be any disturbances and demonstrations, the party leaders will be held responsible.

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I sent for the leader and secretary of the Communist Party and told them that there was no objection to their holding a meeting but if there was any trouble I would hold them responsible. They said that the "other side" might start a row, I gave them to understand distinctly that I would hold them responsible for any disturbance. The meeting passed off peacefully.

The Communist Party are very active in this province and are being closely watched. The attitude of the general public is one of indifference and apathy and the only thing that appears to interest them is food supplies.

With regard to food - the Italians in this part of the country are, as you know, different to the northerner and the people here must have pasta, and it is of utmost importance that they get pasta - which they prefer to bread, as pasta is 428 into their soups etc and it is as essential for them to get pasta as it is for Indian, Arabs, and such like to get rice.

I regard this matter as almost vital to the peace of

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I regard this matter as almost vital to the peace of the population.

If you will let me have a directive from you on the lines you would like information I should appreciate it.

I hope to meet you again soon and trust you have quite recovered from your spell of ill health.

Sr. Cr: R.C.B. SPICER,
Interior Sub Com:
H.C.C. H.Q.
Salerno / Naples.

Yours,

D.G. Vining

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PEAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ACC/23/Int
SUBJECT: Local Government Reorganization

15 March 1944

TO : HQ, Region II

1. Reference your letter of 1 March, 2201/53/1, at our request an investigation has been made by the postal authorities. The following situation regarding our letter of 7 February 1944 was uncovered;

- a. ACC/23/Int dated 7 February 1944 was registered as number 409 and placed in envelope No. 90 by Message Centre here (Salerno).
- b. Signed for by PBS (Naples) on 7 February and receipt held here.
- c. Signed for by A.D.L.C. at airport and receipt held by PBS (Naples).
- d. Signed for by AMB dispatch rider at Bari under name of G. Bowers or G. Boses, and delivered to Region II on 10 February 1944.

R. H. Temple Capt.
for

P. G. B. SPICER
Lt Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-commission

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9 March 1944

See
note in
box 7/10

To: Col. Spicer:

Subject: Receipt of our letter of 7 Feb. 1944 by Reg. II.
dealing with local govt. reorganization.

1. The files and records here have been checked by me and 5/Sgt. Wright and indicate the following situation:

a. On Jan. 25, 1944 we sent a letter to RC, Reg. II, with enclosure of revised text of the administrative order (Appendix A). It was this letter which was acknowledged by him in his letter of 18 Feb. ~~may~~, and not our letter of 7 Feb.

b. We have no acknowledgment by RC, Reg. II of his receipt of our letter of 7 Feb. which, incidentally, contained copies of our letter of 25 Jan. and Appendix A. His letter of 10 Feb. was in answer to another letter of ours.

c. The attached letter of ~~Reg. II~~ Reg. II dated 1 March was sent in reply to a pro forma reminder

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from our office that an answer to our letter of 7 Feb. had not been received.

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2. Since Col. McCaffrey's letter of 1 Mar. (above para.) stated that no trace of our letter of 7 Feb. could be found, I had an investigation ^{made} by the postal authorities. The following situation regarding our letter of 7 Feb. ⁴⁴ was uncovered. —

above request

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d. Signed for by AM 4²⁵ dispatch rider at Bari under name of G. Bowers or L. Bowers

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and delivered to Region II on 10/2/44.

Please
do so
recheck
according to
1 March
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3. I suggest that we merely inform RC, Reg. II, ~~about~~ of our findings regarding the letter of 7 Feb. as set forth in para. 2, a, b, c, d. above. The circumstances indicate poor handling of this entire matter from an earlier date than 7 Feb., namely from the date of their receipt of our letter of Jan. 25. However, it's a dead issue now, and we'd only be wasting time in trying to resurrect the dead.

Ralph R. Temple
Captain, Exec. Off.
INT. Sub-Com.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II

Interior SC 23/59
U-915
1 March 44

Ref: 2201/58/1

SUBJECT:- Local Government Reorganization

TO :- Interior Subcommittee - NAPLES -

P. 18
Ref ACC/23/INT of 24.2.44, it is regretted that no Department at this H.Q. can find trace of your prior letter of even number of 7.2.42, nor does the Central Registry have any reference to its receipt.

G.H. McCaffrey for
G.H. McCaffrey Lt. Col.
Regional Commissioner
Region 2



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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II

Int. Sub. 623/22A
13 Feb 44
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Ref: 2201/59/7

Subject: Local Government Reorganization

To : Interior Sub-Commission, Naples

1. It is regretted that Regional Order 17, regarding reorganization of the Italian Local Government will not, except in the province of Matera, have been posted in Region 2, in time to be valid, in view of the transfer of territory to the Italian Government.

P. 11 and 18.

2. The revised text of the order, sent under cover of HQ letter numbered of 25-1-44, was received at his HQ late on 31-1-44, and was not seen by any officer until 1-2-44.

It is regretted that no translation of the proposed order into Italian accompanied the English text.

The only interpreter at this HQ capable of translating a draft Regional Order into Italian was absent, so that translated and printed in bulk, Regional Order 17 was not received for circulation for several days.

3. In the same way as it took six days for the draft order to reach this HQ from Naples, printed copies of P. O. 17 reached the provinces several days after they had become void by virtue of the transfer of territory.

4. Although received too late in the province of Potenza, for the Order to be valid, the Prefect, on advice of the Provincial Commissioner will give effect to its provisions. Other PCs are being instructed similarly to advise their Prefect.

J. L. McCaffrey

G. R. McCaffrey
Lt. Col., Infantry
Regional Commissioner
Region II

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II

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10 Feb 44

Subj. Local Government, Development and Activities, Region II.

To: Lt. Col. R.G.B. Spicer, Acting Director
Interior Sub-Commission, ACC HQ.

1. Lt. Ziegler was ordered to temporary duty in Apulia by a cable from ACC HQ, reference Fargo 495, dated 25 Jan. He departed at once and I have heard nothing directly from him since.

2. I shall endeavor to keep you informed as to the developments in Local Government so far as they come to my knowledge. Because of the extreme difficulty of communications and the pressure upon my Provincial Commissioners, I have not attempted to obtain weekly reports from them, except a very condensed situation report. They of course send me "ad hoc" reports on anything which they consider of sufficient importance.

3. I have in mind to stir them up soon as to the progress made in executing the administrative instruction on Local Government. If in any week you do not hear from me, it will be reasonable to assume that there are no noteworthy developments.

G.H. McCaffrey
G.H. McCaffrey
Lt. Col., Inf.
R.C.

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Signed for by A.M.G
despatch rider at Bari
under name of G. BOWERS
or G. BOWES and delivered
to Region II.

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File 23/18

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION

File: ACC/23/Int

7 February 1944

SUBJECT: Administrative Instructions on local government reorganization
TO : ROAC, Region II

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1. I would draw your attention to this Sub-Commission's letter of 25 January, 1944, subject heading: local Government Reorganization.
 2. Appendix 'A' was sent you simultaneously.
 3. I attach copies for your immediate reference of both the letter and Appendix 'A'.
 4. This Sub-Commission's executive officer, Capt R. B. Temple (A), reports that no action has been taken in Salerno Province.
 5. I shall be glad to be informed of the position both in Salerno and in other provinces under your command in this matter.

R. B. Temple
R. B. TEMPLE
Lt Colonel
Acting Director
Interior Sub-Commission

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REMINDER 24 Feb. 44

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION

25 January 1944

SUBJECT: Local Government Reorganization

TO : Regional Civil Affairs Officer, Region II

1. Reference previous correspondence and to your RCLO's letter of the 11th January (Ref. 2201/18/122).

2. The English translation of the General Order has been considered and revised. The order in its revised (English) form has been approved by the Chief Legal Officer and is returned herewith.

3. It will be observed that the names of official bodies appear in Italian. It is felt that the regular use of the proper name will contribute to the desired uniformity and prevent any possibility of the confusion which experience suggests can arise when endeavours are made to give an English equivalent when this may or may not connote some slight difference of meaning.

4. It will be seen also that the text of the order proper reads in the future tense. As we are aware, the present tense is customarily used in Italian statutes and appears in the Italian version of the order. The change has been made in our translation to effect the known equivalent in English form.

5. In a recent interview with SCAC, Foggia Province, he asked for some definition of "office in the Fascist Party" appearing in the last line of para 7 of the order. This subject is dealt with exhaustively in the Directive issued by Operations and Security Intelligence of the 4th December, Ref: "Screening of Italian Officials."

6. It is requested that arrangements shall now be made for the order to be put into effect throughout the Region as soon as possible.

By order of Col. CHARLES M. SPONFORD, MGC, DCCAO:

R. G. B. SPICER
Lt Col
Acting Director
Interior Sub-Commission

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(APPENDIX A - REVISED)

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

REGION II HEADQUARTERS

CALABRIA, LUCANIA, and PROVINCE OF SALERNO

REGIONAL ORDER

No. _____

(Date) _____

WHEREAS the Unified Text of Communal and Provincial Laws approved by Royal Decree of 3 March, 1924, n. 385, does not conform to the altered political situation; and

WHEREAS the Unified Text of Communal and Provincial Laws approved by Royal Decree of 3 February, 1915, n. 148, is considered to conform more nearly to liberal and democratic principles and to the free political conscience of the people; and

WHEREAS it is not possible at present to conduct public administrative elections, as would be necessary if full effect were given to said Unified Text of 3 February, 1915, no. 148, and

WHEREAS, therefore, it is considered advisable to issue temporary regulations for the functioning of municipal and provincial administration, insofar as the aforesaid Unified Text cannot be applied in full; and

WHEREAS said Unified Text of 1915 contains provisions that permit in exceptional circumstances, the substitution of the Giunta Municipale for the Consiglio Comunale, and of the Deputazioni Provinciali for the Consiglio Provinciale, which provisions may at present be given effect in general terms; and

WHEREAS, therefore, in view of the present exceptional circumstances, and as a temporary measure, it is necessary to issue regulations only for the appointment of Mayors, members of the Giunta Municipale, President of Provincial Administration, and members of the Deputazioni Provinciali;

BY VIRTUE OF the powers conferred on me, I, _____

_____, Region Civil Affairs Officer, do hereby

O R D E R

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5. The President shall be appointed by the Prefect, subject to approval by the Allied Military Government.

6. The members of the Deputazione Provinciale shall be appointed by the Prefect, subject to approval of the Allied Military Government.

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7. Until such time as the Consiglio Comunale and the Consiglio Provinciale shall have been constituted, the Giunta Municipale shall be substituted for the Consiglio Comunale, and the Deputazione Provinciale for the Consiglio Provinciale; in addition to which the Giunta Municipale and the Deputazione Provinciale shall retain all other powers normally vested in them by the aforesaid Unified Text of Communal and Provincial Laws of 1915.

8. To the grounds for ineligibility established by the Unified Text of 1915 is hereby added the following: No one is eligible to the office of Mayor, Assessor (member of the Giunta Municipale), President of provincial administration and of the Deputazione Provinciale, or Delegate (member of the Deputazione Provinciale), if he has held an office in the Fascist Party.

9. All other provisions of the Unified Text of Communal and Provincial Laws approved by Royal Decree of 3 February, 1915, n. 148, shall be and remain in full force and effect, to the extent that they are not in conflict with the present order or with special regulations issued or to be issued by the Allied Military Government.

10. In the application of the provisions of the foregoing articles, and for the solution of general problems of interpretation arising thereunder, rulings may be issued by the Allied Military Government, which will have the same effect as this order.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
INTERIOR SUB-COMMISSION

25 January 1944

SUBJECT: Local Government Reorganization

TO : Regional Civil Affairs Officer, Region II

1. Reference previous correspondence and to your RCLO's letter of the 11th January (Ref. 2201/18/132).

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R. G. B. SPICER
Lt Col
Acting Director
Interior Sub-Commission
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(APPENDIX A - REVISED)

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BY VIRTUE OF the powers conferred on me, I,

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R. PREFETTURA OF MATERA

MATERA 13 January 1944.

File N. 302. GAB.

SUBJECT: Local Administration.

TO : All Communes of the province.

Allied Military Government, in order to put into practice the principles of Liberty, as soon as possible, has decided that an administrative system is to be re-established on a liberal basis without waiting for elections.

It has been decided, therefore, that all communes are to be administered by a Sindaco and Assessori. (Member of the Ente Comunale). These will be two in number in communes up to 3,000 inhabitants and four in those of 3,000 to 30,000 inhabitants. Also, the nomenclature of Podesta must be abolished immediately.

It is necessary that the present heads of communal administration undertake the immediate nomination of the assessori in the numbers specified above and send immediately all their decisions respecting this matter to the prefettura for approval.

The Assessori must be chosen among persons who are truly representative of the people, and all classes. They must not be considered as deputies of the head of the Commune. Moreover, the Assessori must represent various political opinions. For example, if the Sindaco is an agriculturist one the Assessori must be chosen from among agricultural workers and the small farmers.

In the case of absence or inability to fulfil his office, the senior Assessore will act in his place.

One or more branches of municipal administration, finance, buildings, education, etc., will be delegated to each assessore in a supervisory capacity.

On the basis of this new system functions will be allocated in accordance with laws which will regulate local administration.

The Sindaco, as Governmental Official will be responsible for all functions specified by existing laws as follows: maintain civic records, registration of births, deaths and marriages according to regulations, public safety and public health, supervise all matters relating to public order, maintain population figures regularly, and in general, carry on all duties assigned to him under the law.

As administrative chief he will be responsible for the following: convening of the assessori for transaction of business, and presiding over such meetings, proposes the agenda (for these meetings), follows the decisions recorded in meetings of the assessori, stipulates all contracts under discussion, provide for the observation of regulations, take care of the issue of notarial certificates, family certificates, certificate of poverty, and similar items which are functions of communal administration; represents the commune and supervises all communal offices and institutions. He may suspend communal employees and salaried ~~various~~ (salaried - paid on a daily basis) in such cases as provided by the law, taking up the matter at the next meeting of the assessori. He takes part in communal functions, and supervises all matters on which must be approved by the

It has been decided, therefore, that all communes are to be administered by a Sindaco and Assessori. (Member of the Ente Comunale). These will be two in number in communes up to 3,000 inhabitants and four in those of 3,000 to 30,000 inhabitants. Also, the nomenclature of Podesta must be abolished immediately.

It is necessary that the present heads of communal administration undertake the immediate nomination of the assessori in the numbers specified above and send immediately all their decisions respecting this matter to the prefettura for approval.

The Assessori must be chosen among persons who are truly representative of the people, and all classes. They must not be considered as deputies of the head of the Comune. Moreover, the Assessori must represent various political opinions. For example, if the Sindaco is an agriculturist one the Assessori must be chosen from among agricultural workers and the small farmers.

In the case of absence or inability to fulfil his office, the senior Assessore will act in his place.

One or more branches of municipal administration, finance, buildings, education, etc., will be delegated to each assessore in a supervisory capacity.

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It is the duty of the assessori to pass upon the following matters, in a session presided by the sindaco:

1. Officers, stipendi, salaries and indemnities.
2. The nomination, suspension or dismissal of employees and "salaristi".
3. Purchases and sales, lease contracts, contractions, transacting
---- (illegible). preparation of census.
4. Modification and approval of regulations.
5. Approval of balances (accounts) projects, and expenditures.

They will moreover deliberate on all matters which concern communal administration which, under present laws are the function of the Podesta and Consulta Comunale.

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I urge the exact and immediate compliance with the above, and await a report of such a compliance.

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P. Proclamation of Melara.

No. 1302 GAE

Melara, 3 January 1944

Subject: Local Administration.

To: All Communes of the province.

Alfred Military Government, in order to put into practice as soon as possible the principle of liberty, as soon as possible, has decided that an administrative system in the re-established on a local basis without waiting for elections.

It has been decided, ^{whereas} ~~whereas~~ that all Communes are to be administered by a Sindaco and ~~two~~ ^{three} Assessori. (Number of the said Communes) There will be two in number in Communes up to 3000 inhabitants, and four in those of 3000-30,000 inhabitants. Also, the nomenclature of Podetta must be abolished immediately.

It is necessary that the present heads of Communal Administration undertake the immediate nomination of the Assessori in the number specified ^{above} ~~above~~ and send immediately to the immediately all their decision reports. This matter is to be presented for approval.

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The Assessor must be chosen among persons who are truly representative of the people, and all classes. They must not be considered as deputies of the head of the Commune. Moreover, the Assessor must represent the various ~~public~~ political opinions. For example, if the Pundaco is an agricultural one the Assessor must be chosen from among agricultural workers and the small farmers.

In the case of the absence or inability to fulfill the office, the ~~senior~~ senior commune will act in his place.

One or more branches of municipal administration will be delegated to each assessor (finance, buildings, education, etc.) who will ~~supervise~~ in a supervisory capacity.

Based on the basis of the new system functions will be ~~for~~ allotted in accordance with laws which will regulate local administration.

The Pundaco, as ^{Governmental} ~~the~~ official will be responsible for all functions specified by ^{existing} laws, as follows; ⁴⁰⁷ maintain records and ^{civil records} ~~archives~~, regulation of births, deaths, marriages, according to regulations, public safety ~~matter~~ and public health, supervise all matters relating to public order.

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Maintain population figures regularly, and in
 present, carry on all duties assigned to him
 under the law.

As administrative chief he will be responsible
 for the following: concerning the attention for transactions
 of business, and presiding over such meetings, ^{proposals} ~~proposals~~
 the agenda (for these meetings), follow the decisions
 reached in meetings of the assembly, stipulate all
 contracts to be made under discussion, provide for
 the observation of regulations, take care of ~~notarial affairs~~
~~matters~~, issue notarial certificates, family certificates,
 certificates of poverty, and similar items which are
 functions of the communal administration, represent
 the commune and supervise all communal offices
 and institutions. He may suspend ^{communal} employees and
 salaried workers (salaries paid on a daily basis) as
 well as provided by the law, taking up the
 matter at its next meeting of the assembly. He
 takes part in communal activities and supervises all
 matters ^{and all other} ~~that~~ ^{must} be approved by the
 Junta Municipal.

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2. If nomination, suspension or dismissal of
 employees and "salaristi".
3. purchase, sale, ~~and~~ lease contracts, ~~with~~
 construction, training — (eligible), preparation
 of course.
4. Modification and approval of regulations.
5. Approval of balance (account 3), projects, ~~and~~
~~and~~ expenditures.

They will, however, discuss and deliberate on
 all matters which concern central administration
 which, under present laws, are the functions of the
 Podesta and Consulate Commune.

I urge the exact and immediate compliance
 with the above, and await a report of such compliance.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
INTERIOR SUB-COMMISSION

13 January 1944

SUBJECT: Correspondence in regard to Local Government
Organization

TO : Admin. Director

1. Please see attached letter from Region II
liaison officer. It refers to correspondence and orders
emanating therefore between Col. Spofford(SIC) and RGAO
Region II;-

2. This is the first this sub-commission has heard
of the matter.

3. Would it not be possible and advisable for all
such matters to be referred to this Sub-Commission?

R.G.B.
R.G.B. SPICER
Lt. Col.
Acting Director
Interior Sub-Commission

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RAILWAY CIVILIAN PASSENGER FARE RATES BEING INCREASED 100% IN AOC PUGLIA AREA EFFECTIVE 1ST JANUARY. ITALIAN RAILWAY ADMINISTRATION HAS REQUESTED AUTHORITY TO APPLY SAME INCREASE ON ALL RAILWAYS OF OCCUPIED ITALIAN MAINLAND. AM ASKED TO STATE QUICKLY WHAT RATE CHANGE IS DESIRABLE. PROPOSE REPLYING SAME INCREASE AS AOC PUGLIA AREA SHOULD BE AUTHORIZED EFFECTIVE 1ST JANUARY FOR REMAINDER OCCUPIED MAINLAND. PLEASE SAY WHETHER YOU APPROVE.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

- December 1943

SUBJECT : Administrative Instructions on local
Government Reorganization.

TO : Regional Civil Affairs Officer, Region II.

1. Attached Administrative Instructions are for the purpose of securing uniformity of local Government organization in Region II, in line with similar action already taken in Region I.
2. They will be issued by you immediately upon receipt to all Senior Civil Affairs Officers in your Region, and shall be put into effect forthwith.
3. Extra copies of the General Order (Appendix A), properly executed by you, in both English and Italian text, will be issued by you to all Prefects in your Region.
4. Regular meetings of Senior Civil Affairs Officers and of Prefects, as per paragraph 10 of the Instructions, will be arranged for by you, to begin at an early date after issuance of the Administrative Instruction and General Order.

By command of

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