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LOCAL GOV'T ORGANIZATION, TARANTO PROVINCE
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6.19.

Adit. (1) Award accordingly

(2) 100,000 to R. L. Latham.

(3) The "Regina" firm wants charging up

It has a man on it - labelled ~~interference~~!

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19. Dir. ① 112) complied with Letter at — 10

③ "Transfer" rectified. B.

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MINUTE SHEET No. 2

DATE	(4)	PAGE
Sep. 3	E+ Ask Ital. Govt. for name particular of Vice. Prefect for Taranto so to be sent. ✓ Dine 10/1/55 (5)	8
Sep. 18	E+ What is exact location of prefecture make our cards should correct? ✓ (6)	
Sept. 18.	<u>Directed</u> 1. Ref. your minute (5) - ROTIGLIANO holds the rank of VPI, & formerly held the appointment of VPI at Ragusa in Sicily. He was agreed for VPI Taranto some two months ago. 2. He managed to evade leaving Sicily however. I took this up with Camera on 7 Sept. & he told me that at last they had made R. leave. The letter at #9 is to confirm that he is now actually in Taranto. 3. There is however, no VPV in Taranto. R. will therefore be "VPI con funzioni di VPV" & act as the Vicario. 4. The second para. of #9 means that the Ministry will send another VPI to Taranto when they can. If this official is junior to R., then Camera says R. will continue to act as Vicario. If he is senior to R., then the second official will become the "VPI con funzioni di VPV" and R. will revert to his inspectorial duties CPS ✓	9

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Ed Being back to U.S.; to Italian Govt's
 advice. Also ask that the exceptional back of
 interest drive in connection with local Govt.
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E + = see my minute (1). Nothing done
by 1942. This is inefficient. The organization
"for example" - must not be allowed.
of this branch one office must give
my minutes this attention. (3) L

Dir: She will 2 letters ask for your minute! Rgr V

Aug 19

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PROVINCE OF TARANTO

REPORT OF INSPECTION

TO H.E. THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR

With reference to the task given me by letter No 2953 of 30 January 1945, I am honored to report as follows:

I went to Taranto where I contacted Colonel Turner Colles, head of the Allied Commission for that region.

Colonel Colles expressed to me his satisfaction for the collaboration of the Prefect and other local authorities adding that he is perfectly aware of the difficulties (often insurmountable) which prevent an immediate formation of the municipal boards, especially in the small communes.

I visited the Town Mayor who assured me that his relations with all the Italian authorities are of cordial collaboration. He then mentioned the serious lodging crisis due to the fact that in Taranto there were stationed approximately 35,000 Italian sailors, many officers' families, about 30,000 workmen and not a few Allied troops.

The Prefect spoke to me about the various services and problems concerning the Province.

PREFECTURE

Besides the Prefect, Avv. Giuseppe Testa, there is a Vice Prefect Inspector with vicarious functions (there is no V. Prefect Inspector), 2 Councillors, 4 Vice Secretaries and an auxiliary employee of group A, 3 Chief Accountants, one first accountant and an auxiliary employee of group B; 8 employees of group C.

His personnel appears sufficient to meet the requirements of the service.

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The provincial Administrative Board was formed by Prefect's decree of 2nd February 1945. It has held no meeting yet.

PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATION

The Provincial Administration of Taranto is presided by Avv. Alfredo Nighera (liberal) appointed by decree No. 2196 Gab. of 4 May 1944. The Provincial Deputation appointed in accord with the Provincial Committee of Liberation on 28 July 1944 is composed as follows:

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Permanent Deputies :

Avv. Giuseppe Mario Spataro - liberal

Avv. Giovanni Serio - socialist

Avv. Giuseppe Acquaviva - democristian

Dr. Giovanni Serio - Demo-Christian

Avv. Gaetano Lamanna - labour & democratic

Mr. Edoardo Voccoli - communist

Dr. Gaormina Francescon - Action Party

Ing. Blando Giovanni - Action Party

Substitute Deputies

Avv. Emanuele Scarano - Independent

Mr. Genserva Francesco - Action Party

The Deputation was established on 12 September 1944. It has held 12 meetings up to date.

PROVINCE

The Province has an area of 2436 square kilometers and a legal population of 321,888 resulting from the census of 21 April 1936. At present the population is calculated to be half a million.

The principal agricultural harvests are grapes and olives, which cover requirements. There is also a considerable area allocated to wheat. Other minor cereals however are cultivated to a remarkably small extent. Tobacco growing is noteworthy and green vegetables have a fair production. The absence of fertilizers and anti-criptogamic substances is much felt.

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Small industries and craftsmen, however, are continually in a difficult situation owing to the acute shortage of materials.

Commerce, as regards exchange of goods, is particularly difficult owing to the lack of transport, which causes the cost of goods to rise high.

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Owing to the necessity of well equipped flour-mills and pasta factories in the Province, and also, the transport crisis, the supply of flour and pasta is carried out under extreme difficulties.

FINANCIAL SITUATION OF THE PROVINCE

REVENUES -

The provincial budget, drawn up at a meeting held on 13 January 1945. Despite the increase on the super-tax, up to the 3rd limit, with an increase revenue of L. 769.397.90, will be balanced only by a State subsidy of L. 13.947.145.24, which compares with the subsidy granted for the budget of 1944 in L. 8.650.000, of which amount 5.750.000 was given ^{as} a straight capital subsidy by the State and Lire 2.900.000 as a mortgage with the Credit Consortium for Public Works.

All other revenues, estimated at their maximum, cannot be expected to increase.

EXPENDITURES

As regards expenditures, with exception to the cancelling of sinking fund instalments for mortgages with the "Cassa Depositi e Prestiti" in conformity with recent legal rules and regulations, all other expenditures are undergoing remarkable increases on account of the high cost of commodities which is reflected in cost of public services.

a) improvement in the economic treatment of personnel, up-keep of roads etc.

COUNCIL OF TARANTO

Head of the Communal Administration of Taranto is the Mayor. Dr. Ciro Drago, Socialist, appointed by decree No. 2157 Gab. 6 May 1944.

The Municipal Board, appointed in accord with the Provincial Committee of Liberation, by decree No. 3102 Gab. of 23 June 1944, is composed as follows:

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Mr. Galasso Pietro	Action Party
Mr. Villari Tommaso	Communist
Mr. Teggieri Francesco	Communist
Rag. Paccuni Francesco	Liberal
Rag. Cavasola Nicola	Liberal

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SUBSTITUTE ADDRESS

Prof. D'Amicis Francesco - labour democracy

Mr. Izzo Guglielmo - Socialist

Mr. Ferrandi Carlo - Action Party

Rag. Locascio Giovambattista - labour democratic

The Municipal Board has held 25 meetings since its institution.

The Communal Administration of Taranto is excessively burdened with serious financial difficulties. In fact the 1944 budget registered a deficit of L. 15,300,000 recognized by the Ministry and covered by a state contribution of L. 10,300,000 in capital and by L. 5,000,000 as a loan to be contracted.

The budget for the year 1945 being drawn up now, will present a far greater deficit which, added to that of 1944 (L. 15,300,000) totals L. 40,300,000.

LODGING CRISIS

The lodging crisis in the Province of Taranto, and especially in the capital is ever extending its proportions, due to a gradual return of refugees and personnel obliged to reside in that Commune.

To overcome the difficulties resulting from the above mentioned crisis, the R. Prefecture had instituted a Provincial Commissariat of Lodgings even before the publication of R.D.L. No. 445 of 28/12/44. As relations between the Prefecture and the Allied Authorities are based on the greatest cordiality, the Town Mayor promised H.M. the Prefect that before long many school buildings will be derequisitioned, thus making way for the schools which are at present occupying private dwellings.

By this measure and further provisions it is hoped that the above mentioned lodging crisis will, at least partly, be solved.

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The budget for the year 1915 being drawn up now, will present a far greater deficit which, added to that of 1914 (L.15,300,000) totals L.40,300,000.

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CITY CHAMBERLAIN'S SERVICE

This service has not been working satisfactorily lately, for the Commune owing to the financial difficulties in which it finds itself, is not in a position to meet the excessive expenses of carrying off the refuse and is often not even in a position to pay the street cleaners who have several times started partial or general strikes.

