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LOCAL GOV'T ORGANIZATION, RIETI PROVINCE
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S.O. I want this file at 9-30 am. L

Ex. Capt. Lewis - Please have my wife
meet Lt. Potlett; for his intro-personal
without comment. as arranged
my interview with him. L. day = 1/1. 3

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MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

Cabinet of H.E. the Minister

13 DEC 1944

Rome, 4 December 1944

GENERAL SITUATION OF RIETI -

Normal public Order - Some thefts and robberies, - The Questura, in the beginning handed over to the Partisans, has after a short while, begun to function again. The Carabinieri Group has been reconstituted not without difficulty.

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Relations with the Allied without incidents or misunderstandings, and based on cordial cooperation.

The damages suffered by the province are heavy. Particularly in houses and bridges. In course of execution are shelters for the refugees. Communications with all the Communes are working. Particularly difficult is the situation of the communications within the Province, which is mainly hilly.

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Bus lines, postal and telegraphic communications with Rome, are working. Electric light is working but limitedly.

The leading industries are not working owing to heavy damages. Commerce on a very small scale.

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GABINETTO DI S.E. IL MINISTRO

Roma, 4 Dicembre 1944

SITUAZIONE GENERALE DELLA PROVINCIA DI RIETI

(Riassunto del rapporto del Prefetto di Rieti del 15 Novembre 1944, n.3000 Gab.) -

Ordine pubblico normale. Verificatisi furti e rapine a mano armata. La Questura, in un primo tempo affidata ai partigiani, ha, dopo breve tempo, ripreso a funzionare. Il Gruppo CC.RR. è andato ricostituendosi non senza difficoltà.

Agenti di P.S. e Carabinieri sono numericamente insufficienti alle esigenze dei servizi.

Spirito pubblico depresso soprattutto in previsione dei disagi e delle privazioni dell'inverno.

Il partito comunista ha la prevalenza, seguito dal socialista e dal democratico-cristiano. Minore sviluppo hanno i partiti liberali, democratico del lavoro e d'azione.

La propaganda dei partiti di sinistra ha causato tentativi di invasione di terre della Fondazione Pepoli a Monteleone Sabino, contenuti dall'intervento conciliativo di funzionari. Manodopera agricola fomentata a richiedere pagamento in natura con olio.

Comitato di Liberazione Nazionale, scarsamente attivo, mantiene buoni rapporti con l'Autorità. Qualche divergenza felicemente risolta.

Amministrazioni locali in via di completa sistemazione. Loro si-



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tuazione finanziaria più che mai dissestata. Epurazione iniziata dal delegato dell'Alto Commissario.

Le scuole sono state riaperte.

Rapporti con gli Alleati improntati a cordiale collaborazione, e mai turbati da incidenti o malintesi.

Rilevanti i danni subiti dalla provincia particolarmente negli edifici e nei ponti. In corso di esecuzione i ricoveri per i senza tetto. Comunicazioni riattivate, anche di fortuna, con tutti i Comuni.

Particolarmente difficile la situazione delle comunicazioni della provincia, prevalentemente montuosa.

Autoservizi di linea, comunicazioni postali e telegrafiche con Roma riattivate. Illuminazione elettrica con limitazioni.

Le principali industrie ferme per le devastazioni subite. Il commercio ridottissimo. La disoccupazione è stata assorbita dai lavori agricoli e ridotta a modeste proporzioni.

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Raccolti agricoli soddisfacenti. Conferimento grano superiore alle previsioni. Abbondanti le castagne.

Buona prospettasi la produzione dell'olio, di cui però è prevista l'evasione dall'ammasso, soprattutto in conseguenza delle richieste della manodopera sopracitate. Adottansi le possibili misure.

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Legna e carbone inutilizzabili per mancanza di trasporti.

Situazione alimentare difficile. Distribuzioni generi razionati irrilevanti.

Urgono mezzi di trasporto per importare grano per l'alimentazione in sostituzione del grano da seme esportato, onde rifornire le zone montane prima che l'inverno le isoli.

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RIATI PROVINCE

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1. I reported to Maj Crippen (A) on 26 Sept and received every help from him.

2. With him, I interviewed the Prefect GALATA (appointed by AMG by arrangement with the Italian Government.)

3. VIV and VPI positions filled. The Prefecture was short of 2 Consiglieri. Maj Crippen invited AGO's help in providing personnel.

4. Deputazione Provinciale - has been formed and is working. The members were all residents of the Provincial capital.

5. C.P.A. - the members of the Prefettura have been appointed and the citizen members will be agreed within the next few days.

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6. Giunta Comunale - these exist throughout the 65 communes. Maj Grippen spoke very favourably of their work. He stated that it had been necessary to make many changes of members from the Giunta originally formed owing to their lack of energy. He had encouraged the appointment of young men and was satisfied that in many cases they were taking a genuine interest in their communal life.

7. Sindaci - all but 8 of the original 65 Sindaci had been changed. With regard to pay, the Prefect also repeated the illegality of salary. He admitted the necessity in certain cases. Maj Grippen was in favour of payment and referred to the heavy amount of work which has to be performed by communal mayors.

8. Owing to shortage of transport, visits of the Prefect or Vice-Prefect to the communes are difficult. Arrangements exist however whereby the Prefect accompanies Maj Grippen on his regular tours of communes a fixed number of which are dealt with weekly.

9. Referring generally to the state of the Administration, Maj Grippen stated that the Prefect was working satisfactorily and was now thoroughly acquainted with the provincial organization. If the province was to be later returned to the Government the smooth working of the Administration would be greatly assisted by the retention of the Prefect in his present office. He strongly advised that CALATA should remain there and not be considered in connection with the many transfers probably necessary for northern provinces. He considered that the organization which is now running would suffer by a change and the substitution of a new man.

W. V. M. LEWIS
Captain
Staff Officer
Interior Sub-Commission

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File Rieti *1/4/6*
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
RIETI - Rieti PROVINCES
LAZIO REGION
APO 394

5 - OCT 1944 *(5)*

TO : H.E. the Prefect
SUBJECT : Information Form

RIETI
3 October 44

1. You will recall the request of Capt. Vernon Lewis of the Interior Sub-Commission AGC that a form which he would transmit be completed by Administration officials of the Prefecture.

2. This form is inclosed herewith and it will be appreciated if you will have it completed and returned to this HQ at your earliest convenience.

For the Provincial Commissioner

HAC
Houston D. Crippen, Major AUS
GPO Rieti Province

*For your wife .
when are you coming up again ?
HAC.*

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
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ACC/1/4/6/Int

19 September 1944

SUBJECT: Local Government

TO : EC, Rieti

1. In accordance with the usual procedure of this Sub-Commission and by arrangement with EC, Region IV, I am sending an officer to survey local government conditions in RINTI Province.
2. The officer concerned is Captain Vernon Lewis, who will travel to RINTI on his way back from TERNI.
3. He expects to arrive on or about the 25th September and will report to you on arrival.
4. It is desired that he interviews the Prefect during his visit, and I shall be grateful if you will be good enough to billet Captain Lewis and driver for the night.

Copy: EC, Region IV - Reference telephone conversation with Executive Officer Provinces, 16 Sept.
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R. G. B. SPICER
Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

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INTERIOR Sub-COMMISSION
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PERSONAL

August 16, 1944

Dear,

I enclose for your information copy report made to me
by an officer of my staff following his visit to Rieti Province.

Col. Poletti

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SUBJECT: Interview with Lt Col Robinson, PC Rieti Province (Region IV)

PURPOSE: Italian Administration and Local Government arrangements.

PLACE AND DATE: PC's office, Rieti, 13 August 1944.

PRECIS

1. As instructed in your note of 26 July, and in continuation of my tour of Region IV, I went to Rieti (after Viterbo) on the 12th August and reported to Major Shepherd in the absence of the PC.
2. The PC had received your letter dated 8 August notifying him of my arrival.
3. I saw the PC on the 13th August and explained that the purpose of my visit was:
 - i. to ascertain for Interior Sub-Commission the position with regard to local government organization throughout the province.
 - ii. with the PC's permission to see the Prefect (who had been sent up by the Sub-Commission in collaboration with the Ministry of Interior) and ascertain any shortages of staff in regard to Vice Prefect Vicario and Ispettore.
 - iii. to be of any assistance I could in connection with (i) and (ii).
4. The PC intimated that all the information conveyed by 3 above was in the possession of Region IV HQ and asked if Interior Sub-Commission had requested it from that source. I stated that the Director of the Sub-Commission had discussed the matter with Brig. Dunlop (before the change) and later with HQ under Col. Polotti and that I had been sent under arrangements made with Regional HQ for the purpose.
5. The PC stated that Col. Polotti had been in Rieti on 10 August and that he had interviewed the various heads of the Italian Administration including the Prefect. The PC expressed the view that the purpose of my visit represented "duplication and triplication of work" which he considered was "unintelligent".
6. The PC also stated that Interior Sub-Commission knew of the Prefect as they had arranged for his appointment. If he had proved unsatisfactory the PC would have reported accordingly. In fact the Prefect was working well and to his satisfaction.
7. I enquired the position regarding local government reorganization and was informed that:
 - i. the matter was generally in hand.
 - ii. the Delegazione Provinciale was in process of formation.
 - iii. that Giunte Comunali had been or were being formed throughout the province.

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There were certain other separate items of information but insufficient to justify inclusion in this report, as I am unable from the limited particulars I obtained to provide anything but an incomplete "picture".

8. As the PC had another engagement, he was only able to accord me a short interview which took 10-15 minutes. I asked his permission to see the Prefect and was told that he would discuss it with me later in the day.

9. In the afternoon, the PC informed me that it was not convenient to see the Prefect on a Sunday. I offered to stay overnight, but he later stated that the Prefect was extremely busy, that he had already provided the same information which I sought and he, (the PC) did not consider it right that the Prefect's time should be taken up with unnecessary interviews. He therefore would not give me permission to see the Prefect. I pointed out that this would involve my failure to perform the job for which I had been sent and was informed that all the required information could and should be obtained from HQ, Region IV. I was told I could leave the pro-forma for completion by the Prefect and return by post, which I did.

10. In all my many previous visits to Provincial and other HQ I have found PCs interested and helpful in the subject matter of this Sub-Commission's work and have been given every facility and assistance to enable me to carry out my instructions from the Director. This was my first experience of any difficulty being raised or opposition encountered to the making of surveys on the usual lines by this Sub-Commission.

11. Having regard to the foregoing, I have no information regarding the existence or otherwise of a Vice Prefect Vicario or Ispettore or their capabilities, if they do exist. I cannot advise you on the set-up of the Giunta Comunale or the Deputazione Provinciale.

REPORT SUBMITTED BY:

W. V. M. Lewis
W. V. M. LEWIS
Lieutenant
Staff Officer
Interior Sub-Commission

READ AND NOTED BY:

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

3 August 1944

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SUBJECT: Local Government

TO : PC, Rieti

1. In order that this Sub-Commission may be informed of the position regarding local government organization, I have arranged with the Regional Commissioner for a member of my staff (Lieut. Vernon Lewis) to visit the Provinces in Region IV.
2. Lieut Lewis will arrive at Rieti on or about the 12 August and has been told to report to you.
3. I shall be glad if you will kindly arrange for him to interview the Prefect on that or the following day.
4. I shall be grateful also if you could accommodate him and the driver for the night of the 12 August.


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

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