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MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR
Cabinet

File No. 6143

Reply to letter AUC/1/7/3 Int.

ROME, 30 August 1944
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SUBJECT; Cosenza - Government action.

TO : A.C.C.
INTERIOR SUB-COMMISSION
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With reference to the above-indicated letter, we inform
you that we have called the attention of the prefect of Cosenza
to the matter indicated by the A.C.C.

BY ORDER OF THE MINISTER

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Divisione 1/7/3
Rel. N° 0143 Allegati

Proposta n° 25/8

Int. AKCC/1/7/3

Oggetto Cosenza - Azione di Governo.

Con riferimento alla nota soprade-
scritta, si comunica che è stata richia-
mata l'attenzione del prefetto di Cosenza
per quanto segnalato da codesta Commissio-
ne.

D'ORDINE DEL MINISTRO

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HEADQUARTERS REGION VII
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

File Ref. RVII/R/71/51

Date: 9 Aug. 44.

SUBJECT: Monthly Report, Region VII, July 44.

Headquarters,
Allied Control Commission
R.C. & M.G. Section (Civil Affairs Branch).

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B. Local Government - Provincial.

4. Reggio is still the only province which has a Deputazione Provinciale. In Catanzaro it is in process of formation and members are expected to be nominated shortly. Nothing has been done in this direction at Cosenza.

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5. Reggio now joins with Catanzaro in boasting a Giunta Provinciale, the members of this body being elected at a meeting of the Deputazione Provinciale on 10 July. Giunta Municipales have been formed so far only for the municipalities of Reggio and Catanzaro. The work of forming the Giunta in the communes is however proceeding apace.

There is nothing to report from Cosenza where progress in local government is held up pending the appointment of a new Prefect.

6. The Prefect of Catanzaro continues to be dilatory in enforcing defascistization, raising first one pretext and then another.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ACC/1/7/3/Int

25 August 1944

SUBJECT: Local Government in Cosenza

TO : His Excellency the Minister of Interior

Your Excellency:

1. I wish to bring to your attention that in the report by the Regional Commissioner, Region VII, for the month of July 1944 he states that very little progress in local government has taken place in Cosenza.

2. It is hoped that with the assumption of the office of Prefect by the new appointee that impetus in the reorganization of local government will be had.

R. R. Temple
Capt

for R. C. B. SPEDER
Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

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INTERVIEWS (1) Director - Prefect COSENZA - 14 Aug.

- 1 Prefect warned that Comitato di Liberazione has no official standing. The Committee's advice may be sought by the Prefect if he so desires.
- 2 The Prefect replied that he had received similar instructions from the Ministry of Interior.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

28 April 1944.

Subject: Report on a Survey of the Province of Cosenza -
Region VII (Calabria).

To: : Lt.Col.R.G.B. Spicer, ~~Acting~~ Director, Interior Sub
Commission.

From : Capt.C.G.R. Williams, Assistant Executive Officer,
Interior Sub-Commission.

I. GENERAL BACKGROUND

(1) The Province of Cosenza is the most northerly of the three
provinces comprised in Region VII which is identical with
the former Italian Compartimento of Calabria.

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(2) Area - 6,666 kmq = 2573 square miles.

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(6) Most of the province is wild mountain land, densely wooded, but the coastal strips and especially the valley of the R. Crati around Cosenza are fertile and closely cultivated.

In order of importance, the principal crops are olives, cereals, potatoes, pulses and the vine. There is grazing for sheep and goats in the lower slopes of the mountains. It is difficult to assess the extent of industry in the province at the present time. Of the three Calabrian provinces, Cosenza appears to be the most rural.

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(7) The province seemed, comparatively speaking, to have been directly affected by the operations of war to a slight extent only. There is some bomb or shell damage in the capital city and around some of the bridges and railway stations. Surprisingly few of the bridges have been blown and the main roads (insofar as I used them) are in good condition - rather better than those further south and distinctly better than those in Campania and Lucania.

(8) The population appeared to be poorer and more ragged than in the case further to the north. On the other hand, their appearance suggested a comparatively sound and vigorous state of health.

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(a) The amassing of crops. The present "ammassi" system seems to be considered almost unworkable: the farmers distrust the Italians in charge of the Provincial Consorzio Agrario and the accounts and production estimates taken over from the Fascist regime are considered to be fictitious and quite unreliable. An attempt is being made at present to get in more olive oil.

(b) Refugees. The principal factor in this problem was stated to be the high cost of transporting the refugees' rations

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to the various communes which made it very difficult for the Sindaci to distribute, e.g., bread at the price fixed. The billeting of the refugees in private houses was proceeding without special difficulty.

III. STATE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

(14) The P.C. did not know of the Administrative Instructions or of any Regional Order as to the temporary reform of the Italian Local Government. The Prefect Mancini, however, displayed considerable knowledge of the terms of the forthcoming Royal Decree-Law.

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