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MAY 1945

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

PISTOIA PROVINCE

AND

PREPARATION OF ELECTORAL LISTS

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SUBJECT: Note of interview - Local Government S/C offices.

DATE : 28 May 1945

PRESENT: H. E. ALES, Prefect of Pistoia
Co. R. R. Cripps, Director }
Major Ralph R. Temple } Local Government S/C
Capt. W. V. M. Lewis }
Lt. D. MODIANO, interpreting

1. The Prefect called to pay his respects to Col. Cripps and inquired if there was any possibility of him being appointed to the position of Prefect of Venice. The reason for his application was that he knew those parts, and desired also to live in that area to obtain certain treatment for his physical condition.
2. Col. Cripps stated that he was not in a position to make any intimation to H. E. as he knew of no vacancy and further that the question of such an appointment involved AMG for that area, together with the CLN and the Italian Government.
3. H. E. stated that he had not yet approached the Ministry of the Interior as Pistoia was still under AMG administration, and was advised by Col. Cripps to mention the matter to the Ministry.
4. In answer to Col. Cripps' question, H. E. expressed the view that the provincial administration of Pistoia was in a fit condition for restoration to the jurisdiction of the Italian Government. He agreed that large numbers of Allied troops (he estimated 20,000) were expected in Montecatini, but he did not feel that this would present any substantial difficulties to his administration. He agreed that the presence of AMG in an area where troops were quartered was often a help in dealing with the matters and difficulties which such circumstances caused, e.g. requisitioning of property, etc., but was not at all worried as to the ability of the Italian administration in the province to deal with such affairs satisfactorily.
5. Only one commune in the northern area of the province had been fought in prior to the eventual German retreat.
6. Mine clearance was being satisfactorily dealt with.
7. Patriots presented no difficulty.

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RAPPORTO SULLA SITUAZIONE AMMINISTRATIVA

PER IL MESE DI Aprile 1945

REGIONE Toscana (VIII)

19 MAY 1945

PROVINCIA di PISTOIA

PROVINCIA

1. E' stato nominato un Presidente della Provincia?	Si (decr. prefettizio 9-10-44-nr. 49)			
2. E' stata costituita una Deputazione Provinciale?	Si (decr. pref. 13-12-'-'- nr. 428)			
3. Sono stati nominati i 4 membri elettivi (cittadini) della Giunta Provinciale Amministrativa?	SI (decr. pref. 13-2-1945 nr. 137)			
4.	Data della nomina	Cognome	Nome e titolo	Qualifica e grado ricoperto attualmente
(i) Prefetto	5-10-44	ALES	Dott. Comm. Silvestro	PREFETTO (IV)
(ii) Vice Prefetto Vicario	15-4-43	LIMONE	Dott. Comm. Orlando	Viceprefetto Titola- -re. (VI)
(iii) Vice Prefetto Ispettore	1-1-43	LIBERTI	Dott. Comm. Roberto	Vice-prefetto Ispet- tore (V)

COMUNI

1. Numero totale dei Comuni	21
2. Numero dei Comuni con una Giunta Comunale	17
3. " " " " un Sindaco	19
4. " " " " Commissario Prefettizio	2
5. (i) " " " " Segretario Comunale di Carriera	13
(ii) " " " " " non di carriera	8

Nota.

Nei paragrafi 4 (i), (ii), (iii) si richiedono i particolari del grado tenuto all'epoca dell'ultima nomina da parte del Governo italiano. Questo non e' necessariamente il grado relativo all'ufficio tenuto attualmente, vale a dire un Consigliere di grado VIII potrebbe agire come Vice Prefetto Ispettore (Grado VI).

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORT

FOR THE MONTH OF 1945

REGION

PROVINCE

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

1. Has a President of the Province been appointed?
2. Has a Deputazione Provinciale been established?
3. Have the 4 elective (citizen) members of the Giunta Provinciale Amministrativa been appointed?

4.	Date of Ap- pointment	Surname	First Name & Title	Description & Number of Substantive Grades
(i) Prefect				
(ii) Vice Prefect Vicario				
(iii) Vice Prefect Inspector				

COMMUNAL GOVERNMENT

1.	Total Number of Communes	
2.	Number of Communes with a Giunta Comunale	
3.	" " " " Sindaco	
4.	" " " " Commissario Prefettizio	
5. (i)	" " " " Career Segretario Comunale	
(ii)	" " " " Non-Career " "	

* NOTE: In para 4(i), (ii), (iii) particulars of the grade held on last appointment by the Italian Government are required. This is not necessarily the grade of the office now held, eg. a Consigliere of Grade VIII may be acting as Vice Prefect Inspector (Grade VI).

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SHORT APPRAISAL BY PC OF UNDEMENTIONED OFFICIALS. IF THE PC'S VIEWS HAVE NOT
ALTERED SINCE LAST REPORT, WRITE "NO CHANGE".

1. PREFECT

Satisfactory but not strong

2. VICE PREFECT VICARIO

Satisfactory

3. VICE PREFECT INSPECTOR

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Satisfactory

SHORT STATEMENT BY THE PC AS TO THE GENERAL STATE AND CONDITION OF THE LOCAL
GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS MENTIONED ON P. 1 AND ANY VIEWS HE MAY WISH TO
EXPRESS THEREON

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PISTOIA PROVINCE

1. I interviewed the IC, Major McBratney (A) on 23 Sept.
2. The city of Pistoia is in part badly damaged and until recently, was under enemy shell fire. This had decreased daily and is now light and intermittent.
3. Having regard to 2, it had not yet been possible for the provincial team to move in and they are therefore temporarily centered at Montecatini. They will probably go in within the next 2-3 days.
4. He informed me that no provincial administration as such had existed in Pistoia since June. Large numbers of the inhabitants had left the town, including the bulk of the officials.
5. The Prefect had fled north and the vacancy had to be filled.
6. It was at first thought that the task of restarting the administration would be extremely difficult, owing apparently to a complete lack of officials. During recent visits to Pistoia, however, a few had appeared and the position regarding these officials on 22nd September was as follows:

Prefect	vacant
VIV	has appeared. Is an old man, politically compromised and cannot be used.
VPI	position unknown, but thought vacant.
Consiglieri	Some. Number uncertain.
Segretari	unknown.
Questore	present.
Regioniere capo	name known. At an address outside the city.

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Intendente di Finanza . . . unknown.
Medico Provinciale . . . present.
Veterinario Provinciale . . . unknown.
Primo archivista unknown.
Ispettore Provinciale
dell'Agricoltura . . . present.

7. Certain of the administrative buildings and offices were in ruins. From recent experience, it was thought that further officials would come in from the different parts of the country in which they were thought to be living. I discussed the position fully with the PC, explaining the positions which should be considered vital and methods by which they should be recalled to their posts in Pistoia. It is essential that the new Prefect be sent up with the least possible delay, as the administration must be set up by and around him. His task will not be an easy one and from what I learned and saw, I do not consider that the Prefect designate NOTI, whom I interviewed with you before leaving is the man for this difficult job.

8. With regard to the VIV (and also, subject to what is found, the VPI), the PC hopes to use a local man in an acting capacity, as he wants a man with a knowledge of the local administration. I arranged however to have a VP agreed with the Italian Government who could be sent up if and when the PC signals for him.

9. The PC is to be notified when the new Prefect leaves in order that he may put in hand the agreed arrangement for calling available officials together.

V. I returned to AM 5 Army on 24 Sept and reported to Col Mayne. Arranged as follows:

1. Lucca

- (a) Prefect - 5 Army have no objection to the appointment of GARRIGANI as Reggente, but would like the proposal cleared with the Italian Government in the usual way.
- (b) VIV(
(arrangements as in para II, 10.
VPI)

2. Pistoia

- (a) Prefect - new man essential without delay to be sent to 5 Army for delivery. 5 Army to be notified EIA and inform PC who will put out the call for the return of all officials.
- (b) VIV - as agreed with PC, para IV, 8.
- (c) VPI - according to position discovered by PC.

3. Pisa - no action necessary.

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