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LOCAL GOV'T, AREZZO  
JAN. - MAY 1945

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION

AREZZO  
AND

PREPARATION OF ELECTORAL LISTS

| To.            | DATE       |
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| Civil Affairs. | 15/11      |
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| Local Govt.    | 21/12      |
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PREPARATION OF ELECTORAL LISTS

| To.           | Date       |
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| Civil Affairs | 15/11      |
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JANUARY 1945  
MAY 1945  
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MINUTE SHEET NO. 3.

| DATE           | PAGE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| Feb. 4<br>R.P. | (6)<br>Refers to Ryan Richards etc. There<br>within a further to report from my<br>Folio 3. shows.<br>Apparently this is a copy of the letter<br>which Mr. Davis tried to put into<br>my hands, which I stated, in my<br>judgements, I could not accept.<br>Nobody, however, can prevent a letter<br>being sent through the post.<br>Adm/Sec<br>7<br>Ltd, no action.<br>Spec<br>5 Feb. 45<br>8<br>Comments on folio 11. Original on file 27/4<br>minute 18. |

Letter 9 pages in response

Folio 3. shown.

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*De A/S/...*

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With no action

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8 Feb 45

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Comments on folio 11. Original on file 27/A  
minute 18. 1976

3. AREZZO

(A) The absence of a Deputazione Provinciale and Presidento are surprising. When the province was surveyed early in January by officers of this S/C, they were told that names had been submitted and were being considered--see fo. 1, para 6, on Arezzo file.

(B) PC's long comment on the general state of affairs deals with many matters besides those pertaining to this S/C. In any case, the province has in fact been transferred back.

25 May V P

Nothing can be done but (A) data not  
sum to reflect earlier in PC

*total specimen*

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| DATE | PAGE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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|      | <p>4. Lt. Col. Quinn-Smith's action seems to be perfectly justified.</p> <p>5. Unless the Ital Govt. brings this matter up directly with us (which I doubt since Arrezzo is in AMG territory and the responsibility of good administration is <u>ours</u>), I recommend we let the matter lie after bringing it to the attention of the V.P. and any one else you desire.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Ralph H. Temple, Major<br/>for Director L.G. SC</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(4)</p> <p>To: DCS</p> <p>I agree with point 3. The matter does raise the point that C.C.A.W. are behaving as though they can raise matters indirectly with this Commission by the method of sending copies of their correspondence with Italian Gov. Office, addressed to the CC 1975</p> <p>Do you wish to take this up with COS and/or</p> |

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for Director L.G. S/C

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CC.

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2 Feb 45.

R.R. Temple  
cc

To: D.G.

I agree - no action. The local C.N.D. is not an official body & can use the post for sending letters to the Govt. How can we prevent them sending copies of their correspondence; indeed their doing so is useful in that it enables us to be forewarned, but to take any action on the letter would be wholly wrong.

W.P.H.

2 Feb.

| DATE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | PAGE        |
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| <p>Paul B</p> <p>V.P.</p> <p>I'm like to read these sometimes, I think they keep you in the h.s. picture.</p> <p>Page 3, it is of interest.</p> <p>All other requests are in hand</p> <p>One h.s. point of view is that the P.C.</p> <p>Ch. 61 Quinn - Smith has done a story job</p> <p>has talked what might have been a rock.</p> <p><u>W.A. Sherry</u><br/>col.</p> <p>(1)</p> | <p>1</p>    |
| <p>14 Jan</p> <p>W.A. Sherry</p> <p>An interesting report.</p> <p>(2)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <p>10</p>   |
| <p>31 Jan</p> <p>CA Section -</p> <p>1. Reference your minute to us on page 10.</p> <p>2. The activities of the C.A.N. in Arago were brought to the V.P.'s attention on Jan 13. (Please see</p>                                                                                                                                                                                    | <p>1974</p> |

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As A Sherry  
et.

14 Jan

L.H.L.

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John

31 Jan

CA Section -

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2. The activities of the C.L.N. in Arezzo were brought to the U.P.'s attention on Jan 13. (Please see minutes (1) and (2) and para. 3 of p. 1).
3. Also refer to note of interest of a member of the C.L.N. of Arezzo and the director of I.C.H.S.C. - p. 3. Apparently, in spite of our advice the C.L.N. is trying in a slick (?) way to get A.C.'s official ear indirectly by sending us a copy of its letter to the Ministry.

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RAPPORTO SULLA SITUAZIONE AMMINISTRATIVA

PER IL MESE DI APRILE 1945

REGIONE TOSCANA

PROVINCIA AREZZO

PROVINCIA

|                                                                                                 |                                                              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. E' stato nominato un Presidente della Provincia?                                             | No                                                           |
| 2. E' stata costituita una Deputazione provinciale?                                             | No                                                           |
| 3. Sono stati nominati i 4 membri elettivi (cittadini) della Giunta Provinciale Amministrativa? | Si                                                           |
| 4.                                                                                              |                                                              |
| (i) Prefetto                                                                                    | 14-12-1944 BRACALI Dr. Elmo Prefetto-Grado III               |
| (ii) Vice Prefetto Vicario                                                                      | 3-2-1945 PERONGINI Dr. Leopoldo-V. Prefetto Vicario grado V  |
| (iii) Vice Prefetto Ispettore                                                                   | 21-4-1945 ANTONUCCI Dr. Italo V. Prefetto Ispettore grado VI |

COMUNI

|                                                  |    |
|--------------------------------------------------|----|
| 1. Numero totale dei Comuni                      | 39 |
| 2. Numero dei Comuni con una Giunta Comunale     | 38 |
| 3. " " " " un Sindaco                            | 38 |
| 4. " " " " " Commissario Prefettizio             | 1  |
| 5. (i) " " " " " Segretario Comunale di Carriera | 22 |
| (ii) " " " " " " non di carriera                 | 15 |

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 REPORTFOR 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 Appointment | 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 Secretaries 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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THIS THE FIRST REPORT ON THIS FORM.

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

1. PREFECT = Is getting along well. He lacks personality, but is a pleasant man and works very hard. Should think he can be classed as a typical Italian civil servant. His personality is by no means strong, but I have confidence in his knowledge and ability. If left to his own devices, I think he will soon fall under the influence of the C.L.M. - With A.M.G. he has worked loyally and we get on well. I'm convinced he hates the thought of a possible removal of A.M.G. in view of the large number of the "military" questions.

## 2. VICE PREFECT VICARIO

Prefect reports that Dr. Perongini is intelligent, cultured and efficient, and makes an excellent Chief of the Prefettura. Nothing I have seen makes me doubt this.

## 3. VICE PREFECT INSPECTOR

Dr. Antonucci has only been at work a week or so. It is too early to judge his efficiency.

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

The general state of the local govt. administration is in my opinion NOT yet strong enough to stand on its own feet. 1972

The reasons are:

1. The extraordinary lack of efficient personnel available locally to fill the chiefs posts of government must be well known to AC M2, who have been in almost continuous correspondence with the Region anent the supply of suitable men from sources outside the Province. The list is not yet complete. The Prefect p.t.o.

though well in the saddle only came into office at the beginning of this year.

2. The ruination of the railway to Florence and also of the branch lines running up the three main valleys which compose the Province has thrown heavy demands on transport. The present Ufficio Autotrasporti is just getting into its stride, but its lack of reliable heads of depts has caused the Prefect last week to request urgently the retention of the A.M.G. officer who has organised this office.
3. The official list of units, when SS Area handed over last week to 71 Sub Area, was 301; fresh units for rest and passage are now coming in. The requisition of quarters and business premises, vis-a-vis the growing need for liaison which A.M.G. has hitherto supplied in the rehabilitation of normal life and industry, places an extra heavy burden on the administration of a province which is so badly damaged compared with Siena and Grosseto.
4. The movement of civilians is controlled by A.M.G. and the latter, apart from the necessary investigation consequent on the issue of passes, are at this moment busy assisting the provincial administration to set up an organisation for the flood of refugees and ex-soldiers which is coming down from the north. It is of course known that AC have withdrawn at short notice all their comps and local organisation.
5. The knotty question of the Val d'Arno industries has formed a major part of the industry activities of A.M.G., who are still involved in its rehabilitation with particular regard to AC control of industry. The Provincial Administration has not even got its communal set-up in this district satisfactory. Until this is done, the industrial reorganisation cannot be properly tackled. At present, A.M.G. are doing the latter while the Prefect tries to solve the former.
6. Some thousands of unemployed from the mines and other destroyed industries are now being kept busy by a considerable scheme of public works. This is controlled and financed by AMG. In several cases where Communes have been given a free hand, their incompetence and favouritism has caused a crisis. The movement of the South African Group from the Val d'Arno will not only remove a potent force for law and order, but will throw out of work all civil employees.
7. A.M.G. are at present in charge of all AC clearances from railhead. This can hardly be undertaken by either the Sub-area or the Italians.
8. The road to the 2 communes returned last week to the provincial administration from the Province of Pesaro will require a comprehensive scheme of repair under the present set-up of public

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works. Even A.M.G. have only been able to get in twice over the mountains: food for the communes has been dumped at Sansepolcro. The provincial administration has no detached office in the Tiber valley to parallel the function of A.M.G. in this area.

9. Political agitation is serious. It is abetted both by communists and the CLN. Both have been kept in abeyance by strict AMG control, including the prohibition of all forms of public activity. Subversive elements are now drifting in from the north. Recent examples in Val d'Arno this week are: CLN summarily dismissed a communal secretary they did not like. Next day there was a riot between unemployed and new arrivals, in which South African police had to be brought in from across Arno.

10. There is a complete lack of speedy communication between the Prefect and the valley districts of the Province. In the appointment of communal administration, A.M.G. has had constantly to intervene to prevent men wholly unacceptable or incompetent being appointed to posts. The Prefect has almost invariably agreed as he realises that he cannot have his hand on the pulse of the people like AMG, who not only have the use of military signals, but are able to contact units in areas and get touch in other ways with the real situation.

In many cases, the Prefect has had to rely on CC.RR. reports - his Vice Prefect Ispettore has only just arrived: we have however just sent north more than 60 % of CC.RR., leaving only 150 available for police duties over the whole Province.

*G.W. Quin Smith*  
G.W. QUIN SMITH  
Lt. Colonel  
Provincial Commissioner

CS/ld

1971

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TO : CSO for VP.

1. Obviously it will be necessary to pass this letter to Local Government S/C for whatever information they can give us.
2. If Local Government cannot give us the necessary background, they should prepare a letter for the VP's signature to the P.C. Arezzo.
3. It is interesting to note that the Central Committee of the CLN are receiving complaints from the local Committee.
4. The proper channel, it would seem, would be for such complaints to come to us through the Italian Government.
5. My guess is that the local <sup>Committee</sup> refused to obey the order, <sup>of the P.C.</sup> temporized, and have short circuited their own authorities to get to the Commission.

W. G. S. Dollard  
 WILLIAM A. S. DOLLARD  
 Major

31 Jan 45

TO : Local Govt

- 1) Please put these papers in your file, and
- 2) Let C.A. Sec. have what information you have on the subject, soon!

W. G. S. Dollard, Major  
 C. A. Sec

31 Jan. '45

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Translation

C.L.L.N.  
Central Committee for National Liberation  
n. 1006/18

To H. Ex. Adv. Enrico Mole  
Undersecretary of State to the Department of the Interior  
To be seen by Admiral Stone  
Allied Commission

27/1/1945

The C.C.L.N. communicates the following facts to your Excellency about the political situation in the Arezzo province:

Immediately after the liberation, the Provincial C.L.N. informed Col. Turner who was then Governor that it wasn't opportune to entrust the Prefecture to Col. Guidotti-Mori. In spite of the Committee pointing out to the Governor that such an appointment would have made a bad impression on the population, (Col. Guidotti-Mori was Director of S.P.A.I. during the republican period) the appointment was approved by ARLOT.

The Committee then entertained good relations with the Prefect and his Governor, actively collaborating to the rehabilitation of provincial life, which was rendered rather difficult because of the lack of means of transport, the destruction of the bridges, and the large number of men and things that had been taken away by the Nazi-fascists.

The Provincial Commissioner, Col. Turner was then replaced by Col. Quinn Smith, who adopted very different methods, didn't listen to the will of the people, of which the Committee for liberation is the interpreter, ordered a severe limitation of the circulation and travelling passes, and even ordered that the requesters presented to the Mayors should be transmitted to Arezzo, instead of being decided by the local Commissioners. The contacts between the Sindaco and Municipal Secretaries and the provincial organs were limited. For some reason, he ordered the Committee for liberation to be dissolved, without justifying the motive and immediately established a chemical laboratory in the requisitioned premises of the Committee.

We want to stress the fact that while the Committee went to welcome Col. Quinn Smith on his installation as Provincial Commissioner, in the presence of Col. Guidotti Mori, it informed him about the most urgent questions, such as those concerning food and transport; the Committee received neither verbal nor written communication from the said Commissioner till November 30th, when it received the order that we transcribe:

HEAD-QUARTERS ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT - PROVINCE OF AREZZO  
File FISO/22  
To: Comitato Liberazione Nazionale - Arezzo  
Date 30 Nov. 1944.

Will you kindly send in writing, without delay, to this office, the reasons for which the Comitato di Liberazione Nazionale of Arezzo hasn't been dissolved; this was ordered some time ago by the Provincial Commissioner A.L.G. of Arezzo.

For Lt. Col. Quinn Smith  
Provincial Commissioner  
Otis H. Lathis, Captain C.M.P.

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1969  
To: Lt. Col. Quinn Smith  
Provincial Commissioner  
Otis H. Keith, Captain C.M.P.  
Provincial Officer of Public Safety  
Arezzo  
S. Otis H. Keith

The Tuscan Committee for National Liberation asked for explanations, but Col. Smith didn't supply any, thus creating an abnormal situation, especially when we consider that in all liberated provinces the Allied Command always had excellent relations with the local Committees for liberation, acknowledging their importance and giving great value to their efficacious collaboration.

The Political Office of A.C. was informed of this situation in the person of Capt. Lewis, who, in the name of the Colonel, his senior officer, pointed out that:

1) The Allied Control Commission doesn't acknowledge the Central Committee

for National Liberation in what concerns the relations with the Provincial Governors, having frequent contacts only with the Ministry of the Interior for every question concerning Provincial Governments.

2) In any case, the colonel who is Provincial Commissioner in Arezzo hasn't got to give any explanations about the regulations he makes in the interest of the Allied Military Government;

3) As for the requisition of the premises, it certainly was motivated by military requirements.

He added that he thought the communication of this C.I.N. had better be forwarded to A.C. by the Ministry of the Interior.

Therefore, considering the regulation adopted by A.C. in this case, we beg your Excellency to take a kind interest in this question and to transmit the answer to the C.I.N.

Central Committee for  
National Liberation  
The Secretary  
S. A. Repetto

e.c.

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Col. Inter - 30 Jan 45

C. A. Repetto

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Central Committee for  
National Liberation  
The Secretary  
S. A. Repetto

e.e.

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Col. Thier - 30 Jan 68

Action: C A Sec  
INFO: C A Sec  
Col  
Pol Sec

JAN 30 1945

C. C. L. N.

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## COMITATO CENTRALE DI LIBERAZIONE NAZIONALE

Prot. n. 1008 /ls

ROMA 27/I/1945  
PIAZZA SS. APOSTOLI N. 73  
TEL. 06053 - 06054

a S.E.

L'Avv. ENRICO MOLE  
Sottosegretario di Stato  
al Ministero degli InterniR O M A

e p.c.:

al Contrammiraglio

ELLERY STONE  
Allied CommissionR O M A

Questo C.C.L.N. fa presente a V.E. quanto segue circa la situazione politica nella provincia di Arezzo:

- immediatamente dopo la liberazione, il Comitato Provinciale di Liberazione Nazionale fece presente all'allora Governatore Col. Thurner l'inopportunità di affidare la reggenza della Prefettura al Col. Guidotti-Mori. Nonostante che il Comitato avesse fatto presente al Governatore la pessima impressione che tale nomina avrebbe suscitato nella popolazione (per essere stato il Col. Guidotti-Mori direttore della Se.Pr.Al. anche durante il periodo repubblicano) la nomina venne ratificata dall'Angot.

Il Comitato mantenne allora buoni rapporti con il Prefetto e con il Governatore, collaborando attivamente alla ripresa della vita provinciale, resa assai difficile dalla mancanza di mezzi di trasporto, dalla distruzione dei ponti e dalle razzie di uomini e di cose effettuate su larga scala dai nazifascisti.

Successivamente, il Commissario provinciale Col. Thurner venne sostituito con il Col. Quinn Smith, che adottò metodi diversi dal predecessore, non ascoltò le espressioni della volontà popolare di cui si è fatto interprete il Comitato di Liberazione, ordinò rigidamente una limitazione dei permessi di circolazione e di viaggio, prescrivendo persino che le domande presentate ai Sindaci venissero poi trasmesse per istruttoria ad Arezzo anziché decise dai singoli Commissari locali. Anche ai Sindaci ed ai Segretari Comunali venne limitato il contatto con gli organi provinciali. Giunse poi, non si

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sa per quale ragione, ad ordinare lo scioglimento del Comitato di Liberazione senza nemmeno darne giustificata motivazione ed a far immettere nei locali, requisiti, del Comitato, un laboratorio chimico.

Giova rilevare che mentre il Comitato si recò a dare il benvenuto al Col. Quinn Smith all'atto del suo insediamento quale Commissario Provinciale, presente il Prefetto Guidotti-Mori, prospettandogli le questioni più urgenti quali quelle attinenti all'alimentazione ed ai trasporti, il Comitato non ebbe più dal detto Commissario alcuna comunicazione verbale o scritta, sino al 30 novembre in cui venne recapitato l'ordine che qui si trascrive:

" " " HEADQUARTERS - ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT PROVINCE OF AREZZO

" File: PPSO/52

Date 30 nov. 1944

" Subject:

" To: Comitato Liberazione Nazionale - Arezzo

" " " Siete invitati a presentare senza ritardo a questo Ufficio  
" per iscritto le ragioni per i quali il Comitato di Liberazione Nazionale di Arezzo non fu disciolto; cosa che a suo tempo venne ordinata dal Commissario Provinciale A.M.G. ad Arezzo.

" Per ordine del Ten.Col. Quinn Smith

" Commissario Provinciale

" Otis H. Mathis, Capitano C.M.P.

" Ufficiale Provinciale di Pubblica

" Sicurezza - Arezzo

" F.to Otis H. Mathis " " "

Anche alla richiesta di spiegazioni, formulata pure dal Comitato Toscano di Liberazione Nazionale, il Col. Smith non dette seguito, dando così origine ad una situazione anormale, tanto più se si considera che in tutte le provincie liberate il Comando Alleato ha sempre mantenuto e fatto mantenere ottimi rapporti con i Comitati locali di liberazione, riconoscendone la importanza ed attribuendo peculiare rilevanza alla loro efficace collaborazione.

Tale situazione è stata resa nota all'Ufficio Politico della A.C. nella persona del Cap. Lewis, il quale, a nome del Colonnello suo diretto superiore, ha fatto presente che:

1°) - la Commissione Alleata di Controllo non riconosce il Comitato Centrale di Liberazione Nazionale per quanto riguarda i rapporti con i Governatori Provinciali, avendo solo rapporti frequenti per ogni controversia riguardante i Governi Provinciali con il Ministero dell'Interno;

2°) - in ogni modo il colonnello commissario provinciale in Arezzo non è tenuto a fornire a chicchessia chiarimenti o spiegazioni circa i provvedimenti che egli prende nell'interesse del Governo Militare Alleato;

3°) - per quanto riguarda la requisizione dei locali, essa è stata certo determinata da necessità militari.

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C. C. L. N.

COMITATO CENTRALE DI LIBERAZIONE NAZIONALE

27/I/1945

ROMA  
PIAZZA SS. APOSTOLI N. 78  
TEL. 06053 - 06054

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Ha soggiunto di ritenere opportuno che i rilievi di questo C.C.L.N. vengano inoltrati all'A.C. per iscritto attraverso il Ministero dell'Interno.

Pertanto, in considerazione della disposizione procedurale adottata dall'A.C. in questa contingenza, si prega V.E. di voler cortesemente interessarsi della questione, e di voler comunicare a questo C.C.L.N. le eventuali risultanze.

COMITATO CENTRALE  
DI  
LIBERAZIONE NAZIONALE  
Il Segretario  
(Dott. Ing. Aldo Epifanio)

*Epifanio*

1966

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/1/8/11/16

Tel: 478190

SUBJECT: Survey of Arezzo Province.

15 January 1945

TO : Director, Agriculture Sub Commission.

1. The following point was raised by the Provincial Commissioner of Arezzo Province in the course of a recent local government survey, and is passed to you for information:

Capo della Millia Forestale: This official is in prison. He should be replaced as soon as possible as the Province of Arezzo is largely wooded and the position is important.

R. G. B. SPICER  
Colonel  
Director  
Local Government Sub Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/1/8/11/16

Tel: 478190

SUBJECT: Survey of Arezzo Province.

15 January 1945

TO : Director, Public Works and Utilities  
Sub Commission.

1. The following point was raised by the Provincial Commissioner of Arezzo Province in the course of a recent local government survey, and is passed to you for information:

Genio Civile - should be replaced. He is not suitable for a Province in such a damaged state as Arezzo. He would be quite good in a more peaceful province. He is not a live wire. Is old and not able to get around.

R. G. B. SPICER  
Colonel  
Director  
Local Government Sub Commission

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APO 394  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/1/8/11/LC

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Tel: 478190

SUBJECT: Survey of Arezzo Province.

15 January 1945

TO : Director, Displaced Persons and Repatriation  
Sub Commission.

1. The following point was raised by the Provincial Commissioner of Arezzo Province in the course of a recent local government survey, and is passed to you for information:

Special rations for Allied Nationals - In Florence Allied civilian Nationals get a supplemental ration through Displaced Persons or some other source. There is no such provision in Arezzo. There appears to be a population qualification and the population of Arezzo is not large enough to qualify.

R. G. B. SPICER  
Colonel  
Director  
Local Government Sub Commission

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APO 394  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/1/8/11/IG

Tel: 478190

SUBJECT: Survey of Aresso Province.

15 January 1945

TO : Director, Public Safety Sub Commission.

1. The following point was raised by the Provincial Commissioner of Aresso Province in the course of a recent local government survey, and is passed to you for information:

Carabinieri - No clothing or boots. Police administration is bad. Police do nothing to enforce the law. They just ignore everything. They should be shifted round between Communes if it is not possible to replace them completely. They have been too long in the one Commune and would work better in a locality where they would be strangers.

R. G. B. SPICER  
Colonel  
Director  
Local Government Sub Commission

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/1/3/11/16

Tel: 478190

SUBJECT: Survey of Arezzo Province.

15 January 1945

TO : Director, Transportation Sub Commission.

1. The following point was raised by the Provincial Commissioner of Arezzo Province in the course of a recent local government survey, and is passed to you for information:

Transport - Only two lorries able to run. About 25 others which could run if any tires could be supplied. Germans removed most of the transport.

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R. G. B. SPICER  
Colonel  
Director  
Local Government Sub Commission

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SUBJECT: Note of Interview - Avv. LEVI (Comitato Centrale di Liberazione)

DATE : 11 January 1945.

1. Avv. LEVI called at this office to which he had been sent by Political Section. He stated that he represented the Comitato Centrale di Liberazione di Roma and desired to draw attention and discuss the position of the CLN of the province of Arezzo.

2. He interviewed Col. Spicer in the presence of Capt. Lewis and produced a letter prepared by the Comitato Centrale, the contents of which related to Arezzo, and which he desired to discuss with Col. Spicer.

3. Col. Spicer intimated that he, as an officer of the Allied Commission, had only one authority with which it was his duty to deal; namely, the Italian Government by its Ministry of Interior. He inquired if Avv. LEVI had approached the Ministry. The latter stated he had not as Arezzo was still under AMG.

4. The contents of the letter were translated and were to the following effect:

That on the liberation of Arezzo, the CLN collaborated with AMG and advised against the appointment of GUIDOTTI-MORI as Prefetto Reggente, as he had previously held office in Sesto under the Republican Fascists. On the arrival of the new Provincial Commissioner, Col. Quin-Smith (replacing Col. Turner) the CLN continued to collaborate (and still wish to do so). With the change of PC's, various changes were introduced in the province including a prohibition against persons dealing direct with the Provincial administration on communal affairs, and the rule that only Sindaci and Segretari Communi should do so. Various other points were mentioned. The CLN later received a letter dated 30 November 1944 from the PC asking why they had not dissolved themselves as previously ordered. LEVI stated that this was the first intimation they had received regarding dissolution and the Central Committee desired to know the reasons for AMG's decision. He also mentioned that their premises had since been requisitioned as a chemical laboratory.

5. Col. Spicer repeated his previous intimation and made it clear that AC could only deal with Italian Government and that if AC received an inquiry on the subject from the Ministry of Interior under and in accordance with established channels then the matter would be dealt with in the normal way. He therefore recommended LEVI to approach the Ministry of Interior.

6. LEVI asked if he could leave with Col. Spicer the letter above referred to and stated in conversation that the Central Committee was in

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active existence and had received official recognition by the Italian Government. Col. Spicer advised that the letter and its contents, if LEVI so desired, should be conveyed to the Ministry in the approach which he recommended in para 5 ~~above stated~~.

*W. V. M. Lewis*  
*Captain*

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Captain  
Local Government Sub Commission

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REPORT No. 130

SUBJECT : AREZZO

TO : Col. R.G.B. SPICER

FROM : Capt. W.V.M. LEWIS and Capt. W. I. CUMMINGHAM

The following points were raised by Lt. Col. G. W. Quinn Smith at our interview on 5th January 1945. They do not come within the functions of the Local Government Sub-Commission.

1. Capo della Milizia Forestale - This official is in prison. He should be replaced as soon as possible as the Province of Arezzo is largely wooded and the position is important.
2. Genio Civile - Should be replaced. He is not suitable for a Province in such a damaged state as Arezzo. He would be quite good in a more peaceful province. He is not a live wire. Is old and not able to get around.
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READ AND NOLED BY:

R. G. B. SPICER  
Colonel  
Director  
Local Government Sub Commission

W. I. CUMMINGHAM  
Captain  
Local Government Sub Commission  
13 January 1945

Date:

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W.I. CUNNINGHAM  
Captain  
Local Government Sub Commission  
13 January 1945

READ AND NOTED BY:

R. G. B. SPICER  
Colonel  
Director  
Local Government Sub Commission

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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REPORT NO.

SUBJECT: Survey of Arezzo Province

TO : Col. R. G. B. Spicer

FROM : Capt. W. V. M. Lewis and Capt. H. I. Cunningham

1. We visited Arezzo on Thursday and Friday the 4th and 5th January 1945 and interviewed:

|                            |   |                         |
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| Lt. Col. G. W. Quinn-Smith | - | Provincial Commissioner |
| Capt. R. J. Connelly       | - | Administrative Officer  |
| Dott. Elmo BRACALI         | - | Prefect of Arezzo       |

2. Arezzo is the poorest and most damaged province of the region. It was fought over heavily. Communications are very bad and all the bridges are gone. They are being repaired. One Comune has had to be handed over to Pesaro because it could not be reached from Arezzo. Arezzo is now an Area HQ and Railhead and very overworked. Administration is very difficult owing to lack of transport and communications.

3. The CLN were very active and very Communist. The PC did not think that they represented a majority of the people as most of the population is agricultural. He had to suppress the local CLN for interfering in the administration. They had issued orders to Sindaco that decisions of Giunta Comunale should be submitted to them before becoming effective. They had also given orders to certain communes to send foodstuffs direct to Florence, and had threatened various Sindaci who did not carry out their orders. The PC had warned the CLN that they would be allowed to exist so long as they did not interfere with the administration but that any further interference would have serious repercussions. The CLN were not helpful to the administration and were only seeking power.

4. The Prefect Dr. Elmo BRACALI has impressed the PC very favourably. He knows the administration thoroughly but is very handicapped by lack of the necessary officials in the Prefettura. He is working very hard but is having to spend far too much time on minor details. He requires a VIV, a VPI, 2 Consiglieri and a 1<sup>o</sup> Segretario urgently to enable him to set up his administration properly. The position regarding PERANCINI, VIV, and PES, VPI, was explained and we promised to hasten the supply of the officials he required.

5. A CPA of sorts is functioning but lacks civilian members. There is no Deputazione Provinciale yet but names have been submitted and are being considered.

6. A.D.L. 111 is being enforced. Many Sindaci were wrongly appointed by CLN and AIG spearhead officers (e.g. Priests). The Prefect is checking the position in all communes and having the appointments made properly according to law.

7. There are Giunte Comunali in all Communes and they are functioning well. In many Communes it was found that CLN had appointed a Giunta composed entirely of CLN personnel. This position has not been notified and is being considered.

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- Administrative Officer  
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7. There are Giunte Comunali in all Communes and they are functioning well. In many Communes it was found that CLN had appointed a Giunta composed entirely of CLN personnel. This position has now been rectified and representation given to all classes. In many cases it was necessary to increase the permitted number of members in order to give proper representation. About 50% of the Giunte were over strength.

8. Appointments of Sindaci by CLN and ANC spearhead officers were being revised. Several Sindaci had been dismissed as they were rabid politicians and were interested in their party than working for the good of the Comune. They had been replaced by business men who were good workers. It required a lot of persuasion to make a good man accept the position of Sindaco as it is a full

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time job under present conditions, and in addition he is subject to attacks by CLN. However, the PC considers that Sindaci should not be paid. His chief value is prestige and if he is paid the prestige has gone.

9. There is a shortage of Secretari Communi as most of these had fled. New men are being appointed where possible and in the meantime existing Secretari are "doubling up" and functioning for two or more Communes.

10. The PC has six CAO's distributed through the Province administering small groups of Communes and the administration of the province is very good considering the lack of transport and communications.

11. Requirements are:

(a) VEV Dott. PERCANGINI has been ordered to report to this HQ without further delay.

(b) VPI Dott. PES was nominated by Ministry but was not approved by Security.  
Dott. ANTONUCCI has now been nominated and screening requested of Security.

(c) 2 Consiglieri } These are new demands and they are being passed  
(a) 1 Segretario } on to the Ministry.

READ AND NOTED BY:

R. G. B. SPICER  
Colonel  
Director  
Local Government Sub Commission

W. I. CUNNINGHAM  
Captain  
Local Government Sub Commission

Date

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