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FERRARA PROVINCE

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PREPARATION OF ELECTORAL LISTS

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REPORT NO. 145.

SUBJECT: Report of interview with Major W. J. MacCallum, PC Ferrara Province.

TO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : Captain W. I. Cunningham

1. I saw the PC both before and after speaking to the Prefect and had a long discussion with him covering the local government administration of his Province fully.

2. Prefetto Regente, Sig. Renato HIRSH. Appears to cooperate fully with AMG and is a good worker. The PC considers, however, that he has maintained underground connections with the CIN and could probably tell a lot about the recent shootings in Ferrara prison if he chose. On the other hand, he is working well with AMG and getting things done.

3. VIV. I told the PC that CECILIA should arrive at any moment.

4. VFI. The PC was quite in agreement with the Prefect's request for another VFI in place of the Rag. Cape. He would like if possible a career official called SANTAMARIA who is at present in Rome and who acted as a Commissario Prefettizio for him at Melfi.

5. Other officials. There is only one Councillor and no Secretary. I told the PC how his Prefect should proceed to get replacements.

6. Deputazione Provinciale is meeting regularly and working well. The PC has attended several meetings mostly dealing with reconstruction and rehabilitation of the Province and says that they get down to business and no time was wasted in political discussions at those meetings.

7. CGA has not met yet owing to lack of officials.

8. Giunte Comunale were functioning in all communes. The members were nominated by CIN in the first instance and considered and where approved, appointed by AMG.

9. Sindaci were appointed in all Communes. The PC had a rather poor opinion of their capabilities in general but there were a few excellent ones who were working hard. In Ferrara Province, it is hard to find good men as the population had been fundamentally Fascist.

10. Segretari Comunal. There had only been about 10 career Secretaries left and the expedient had been adopted of putting a temporary employee in each commune while each experienced Secretary directed the work in the Communes. The Prefect was trying to find more experienced Secretaries but a lot of the career men were compromised and it might not be possible to use them. The PC was in favour of holding the examinations for Secretaries and suggested that it might be a good thing if classes for intending secretaries were held first. I told him that I was sure officials could not be spared to teach such a subject and that it would have to be a matter of individual study on the part of

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11. CIN. Were a force to be reckoned with. Outwardly they were conforming to the instructions of ANG that their functions were only advisory, but no one could tell to what extent they were working underground. It was to the benefit of the Italian Government to assist in providing good career officials in order that a strong administration could be set up. The PC's main headache at present is Public Security and the CIN was probably responsible for most of the trouble.

12. Enrollment. The local Commission had been constituted and had held its first session today.

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13. Electoral lists. The PO could see no obstacle to the preparation of electoral lists. He had a courier service to all communes and could have the forms distributed to all communes within 24 hours of their being started into appropriate parcels at the Prefecture. He thought it would be good policy to commence the preparation of the lists as it would give the people something to think and talk about.

14. He discussed the question of handover of the Province to the Italian Government and the PO stated that provided he got the good career officials he required the Province of Ferrara would be completely ready for handover in two months time.

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W. I. CUNNINGHAM, Captain
Local Government Sub Coordinator

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REPORT NO. 142

SUBJECT: Report of interview with H. E. Renato HINCH - Profetto Reggente of FERRAZ.

TO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : Captain W. I. Cunningham

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1. Major MacCallum, PU Bologna, introduced me to the Prefetto Reggente and lent me his interpreter. The Prefect speaks some English with the result that the interpreter was not always necessary.

2. VFV. There is no VFV at present. H. B. was very pleased to know that COCCIA was on his way up from Rome as he said his administration was being hindered by the lack of career officials who had mostly run away. He was especially anxious that the VFV should be a good man as he had many details to discuss with him.

3. **VPI.** The Rag. Capo is acting in a dual function as VPI and the Prefect thinks that while he is a good accountant he has not the necessary qualities that are required for a VPI. He would like a career VPI with experience. The VPI and the only Consigliere are father and son and the Prefect does not consider this a good combination.

4. Consigliere and Segretario. The Prefect only has one Consigliere and no Segretario and urgently requires some. I explained to him the method of application and he said that he would go into the matter fully with the VEV when he arrived. He had been waiting for a VEV to put things in order.

5. Deputazioni Provinciali. This has been established and is meeting regularly and working well.

6. GPA. The 4 citizen members have been nominated but until some more career officials arrive it is not possible to hold meetings.

7. Giunte Cammali are functioning in all 20 Communes of the Province. The CLN had re-nominated the members who were then appointed by AMG. Now, however, the CLN were not satisfied with some of the Giunte and would like a change but AMG does not want to change these Giunte.

8. Sindaci were functioning in all Communes and were working well.

9. Many Secretari Communi were missing at first, but as a result of advertisements 19 career Secretari had been found for the 20 Communes. Many are compromised and will have to be changed round to other Communes. H. E. was pleased to hear of the proposal to hold examinations and thought they should be held as soon as possible.

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11. Preparation of Electoral Lists. H. E. thought this would be a good thing and could see no difficulties in this connection.
12. The Prefetto Reggente struck me as a very able man who says much less than he thinks. He appears to appreciate fully the necessity of having career officials to back up his administration and is only anxious that they should be good officials. At present he is very handicapped by lack of these officials. He is not anxious to appoint local men as he particularly wants experienced administrators. In the course of general conversation he said he thought the Allies should try to use more persuasion on Italians and give fewer orders. They would get better results in this manner. I told him that it was the desire

of the Allies to get democratic Local Government organized in Italy as soon as possible in order that the control of the country could be handed back to the Italians, and I thought he would appreciate that quite often a few orders get urgent things done much more quickly than a lot of persuasion. He laughed and asked me how soon the country would be handed over. I replied that it depended very largely on the Italians themselves and how well they get their administration working.

13. Attached is a pro forma completed by the Capo Gabinetto showing the administrative situation at the time of my visit.

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W. I. Cunningham taps.

W. I. CUNNINGHAM, Captain
Local Government Sub Commission

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RAPPORTO SULLA SITUAZIONE AMMINISTRATIVA

REGIONE EMILIA PROVINCIA RICCIONE 16 giugno 1945

	Data della nomina	Cognome	Nome e titolo	Qualifica o grado ricoperto attualmente	
I. PREFETTO	1.6.1945	HILTON	RENATO	INTERNO REGISTRO	
II. PREFETTURA (Funzionari di Gruppo A) 1. Vice Prefetto Vicario		COCOLA			
2. Vice Prefetto Ispettore			L'ispettore aus. vo o' il Regimento Capo		
3. Consiglieri					
4. Capo Cab.	Maggio 1945	MARCONI	Aristide dr. in economia o capo cab.		
5. Integregrari segregati Vice Segretario	1935	REINER	Enio dr. in Legge Segretario Gruppo A gr. III 1943		
			L'interconato e' stato promosso al grado II° (I° Segretario e VIII°) e assegnato al II classe coloniale nel 1944. Anche' colto in seguito a servizio militare dal Governo dell'ex Repubblica Sociale Italiana, per cui merita' e non deve essere riammesso, ed in diritto al riconoscimento del grado del Legittimo Governo Italiano.		
III. PREFETTURA (Funzionari di Gruppo B) 1 Rag. Capo reggente la Ragioneria	1907	CHENET	Mario ragioniere Ann. vo 1935 Gruppo B gr. VII	Ragioniere capo di I° classe e ispett. Ann. vo 1935 Gruppo B gr. VII	
2. Altri Rag. Capi, 1° Rag., Rag. e Vice Ragionieri	1920	BENNET	Marcello rag.	Ragioniere capo di II classe 1940 gr. B gr. VIII	
				promosso ragioniere capo di I° classe nel 1944 dal Governo della ex Rep. Soc. It. in diritto al riconoscimento del grado.	
	1926	GARLANDIA	Luca Ragioniere I° Rag. Gruppo B gr. IX		

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L'ispettore am.vo c' il Ragliandro Capo				
2. Vice Profetto Ispezione				
3. Consiglieri				
4. Capo Gab.	Maggio 1945	MADOLINI	Aristido Gr. in economia e occupato Capo Gab.	
5. 1 ^a Segretario Segreteria Vice Segretario	1935	TERESI	Esio Gr. in 2 ^a Gruppo Segretario Gruppo A Gr. III 1943	
			1. Intendente c' stato promosso al grado IX ^o (1 ^o Segretario e VIII ^o) Gruppo di III classe salente nel 1944, avendo colla in seguito e servizio militare del Governo dell'ex Repubblica Sociale Italiana, per non averne diritto a non benevolmente ricevuto, di in diritto al riconoscimento del grado del Legittimo Governo Italiano.	
III. PRATICA				
(Funzionari di Gruppo B) 1 Rag. Capo reggente la Ragioneria	1937	TERESI	Mario ragioniere am.vo 1933 Gruppo B Gr. VII	Ragioniere capo di 1 ^a classe e ispett. II classe 1940 Gr. B Gr. VIII
2. Altri Rag. Capo, 1 ^o Rag., Rag. e Vice Ragionieri	1926	BARBISI	Marcello Rag.	Ragioniere capo di II classe 1940 Gr. B Gr. VIII
			Francesco ragioniere capo di 2 ^a classe nel 1944 dal Governo della ex Rep. Soc. It. ha diritto al riconoscimento del grado.	
	1926	GARIBOLDI	Lidia Ragioniere 1 ^o Rag. Gruppo B Gr. IX	
			Francesca Ragioniere capo di 2 ^a cl. dal Gov. della ex Rep. Soc. It. ha diritto al riconoscimento del grado.	

NOTA: (1) Nei paragrafi I, II e 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 Profetto Ispezione (Grado VI). Omettere le promozioni conferite dagli Alleati o dal C.I.A.

(2) Nell'ultima colonna, si richiede il numero e il titolo del grado, per es. Consigliere di 2^a classe (VIII).

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IV. Amministrativo Provinciale

1. Presidente o Capo dell'Amministrazione Provinciale
2. Segretario Generale o Provinciale

Presidente della
Deputat. Prov.

maggio 1945 MUSSI

Ivo avvocato

Carlo Alb. Gott.
in legge Segretario Gen.

BENINI

Si o No

Data

3. E' stata costituita una Deputazione Provinciale?

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10 - NUMERO TOTALE: --

3 MEMERI + 2 SUPPLEMENTI

V. Giunta Provinciale Amministrativa

1. Sono stati nominati i 4 membri elettivi della Giunta Provinciale Amministrativa?

No

Non ancora. Ma sono già stati chiesti i nominativi.

VI. COMUNI

1. Numero totale dei Comuni	20.
2. Numero dei Comuni con una Giunta Comunale	20
3. " " " un Sindaco	20
4. " " " " Commissario Prefettizio	nessuno
5. (i) " " " " Segretario Comunale di Carriera	24 e scavalco
(ii) " " " " " non di carriera	7

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