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MEMORANDUM NO. 160

SUBJECT : Note of interview with Lt Col E. F. J. GARRISON (S) - AC Modena on 9th July 1945

TO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : W. L. Cunningham, Captain -

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3. The Prefect had not wanted to confirm the present Judicial in office but the PG had ordered the Capo Gabinetto to prepare confirmation decrees in all the outstanding cases. These were now ready and would be signed by the Prefect when he returned from Rome. He was expected back this evening (9th July).

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5. The Electoral Lists material had arrived and was now being divided up by the Prefect's staff. It would be delivered to the Comune in time. The PG was not sure of the position regarding Cassalario Giudiziale but his legal officers would report in due course.

6. Forms A and B are ready and I collected them. They are attached to the file copy of this report. Regional and Provincial HQs already have copies.

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Local Government Sub Commission

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## RAPPORTO SULLA SITUAZIONE AMMINISTRATIVA

REGIONE EMILIA PROVINCIA MODENA 4 Luglio 1945

|                                                     | Data della nomina | Cognome          | Nome e titolo   | Qualifica (grado ricoperto attualmente)              |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| I. PREFETTO                                         | 24-4-45           | TRACOLI          | AVV. ALFONSO    | Prefetto Regg. (IV) (Nominato dall'A.M.G.)           |
| II. PREFETTURA (Funzionari di Gruppo A)             | 24-4-45           | POREANA          | Genn. Giuseppe  | V. Prefetto Vicario Regg. (V) (Nominato dall'A.M.G.) |
| 1. Vice Prefetto Vicario                            | 16-8-30           | BUCCIO (1)       | Dr. Letterio    | V. Prefetto Vicario (V)                              |
| 2. Vice Prefetto Ispettore                          | 1-12-38           | PROVVISORATO (2) | " Paolo         | " " Ispett. (VI)                                     |
| 3. Consiglieri                                      | 30-6-42           | SANTORO          | " Nicola        | Consigliere II° cl. (VII)                            |
|                                                     | 30-6-42           | SOTTOCONIOLA (3) | " Arsande       | " " " "                                              |
|                                                     | 1-8-37            | DE MARZI (2)     | " Itale         | " " I° cl. (VII)                                     |
|                                                     | 1-12-38           | BALSAMO (2)      | " Andrea        | " " " "                                              |
| 4. 1° Segretari Segretari e Vice Segretari          | 1-4-39            | DE VICTORIS      | Dr. Raffaele    | I° Segretario (IX)                                   |
|                                                     | 1-11-42           | POREANA          | Dr. Luigi       | " " " "                                              |
|                                                     | 21-10-42          | MUGANI           | Dr. Vincenzo    | (internato in Germania) V. Segretario preva.         |
|                                                     | 1-5-43            | FERRARI          | Dr. Michele     | " " " "                                              |
| III. PREFETTURA (Funzionari di Gruppo B)            | 4-7-40            | CIPRI            | Rag. Nicola     | Rag. Capo I° cl. (VII)                               |
| 1 Rag. Capo reggente la Ragioneria                  | 1-5-32            | PALENDI          | Rag. Ferdinando | I° Rag. (IX)                                         |
| 2. Altri Rag. Capi, 1° Rag., Rag. e Vice Ragionieri | 1-2-43            | MARCONI          | Dr. Paolo       | Ragioniere (X)                                       |
|                                                     | 16-12-41          | PALENDI          | Rag. Michele    | V. Ragioniere (XI)                                   |



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|-----------------------------------------------------|----------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| I. Funzionari di Gruppo A)                          | 24-4-45  | FONTANA           | Genn. Giuseppe  | V. Prefetto Vicario Reg. (V)                      |
|                                                     | 16-8-30  | RUOMO (1)         | Dr. Letterio    | (Nominato dall'A.M.G.)<br>V. Prefetto Vicario (V) |
| 2. Vice Prefetto Ispettore                          | 1-12-38  | EMOVVISIONATO (2) | " Paolo         | " " Ispett. (VI)                                  |
| 3. Consiglieri                                      | 30-6-42  | SANTORO           | " Nicola        | Consigliere II' cl. (VIII)                        |
|                                                     | 30-6-42  | SOTTOCORNOLA (3)  | " Armando       | " " " "                                           |
|                                                     | 1-8-37   | DE MARZI (2)      | " Italo         | " " I' cl. (VII)                                  |
|                                                     | 1-12-38  | BALSANO (2)       | " Andrea        | " " " "                                           |
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|                                                     | 1-5-43   | FERRARI           | Dr. Michele     | " " " "                                           |
| III. PREFETTURA                                     |          |                   |                 |                                                   |
| (Funzionari di Gruppo B)                            |          |                   |                 |                                                   |
| 1. Rag. Capo reggente la Ragioneria                 | 4-7-40   | OLIFFI            | Rag. Nicola'    | Rag. Capo I' cl. (VII)                            |
| 2. Altri Rag. Capi, 1° Rag., Rag. e Vice Ragionieri | 1-5-32   | PATERNÒ           | Rag. Ferdinando | I° Rag. (IX)                                      |
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|                                                     | 16-12-41 | PALOMELLA         | Rag. Michele    | V. Ragioniere (XI)                                |
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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 è necessariamente il grado relativo all'ufficio tenuto attualmente, vale a dire un Consigliere di grado VIII potrebbe agire come Vice Prefetto Ispettore (Grado VI). Omettere le promozioni conferite dagli Alleati o dal G.L.N.

(2) Nell'ultima colonna, si richiede il numero e il titolo del grado, 2037 Consigliere di 2° classe (VIII).

(1) - In aspettativa per motivi di salute.

(2) - Ha prestato giuramento o ricevuto promozioni durante la repubblica - sospeso dall'A.M.G.

(3) - Promosso consigliere di I' cl. durante la repubblica e sospeso dall'A.M.G.



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IV. Amministrativo Provinciale

|                                                       |         |           |               |                                                         |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------|-----------|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Presidente o Capo dell'Amministrazione Provinciale | 16-5-45 | CERCHIARI | Avv. Giuseppe | Presidente Deputazione Provinciale<br>(nominato A.M.G.) |
| 2. Segretario Generale o Provinciale                  | 28-2-28 | BACCARO   | Dr. Antonio   | Segretario Generale                                     |

3. E' stata costituita una Deputazione Provinciale?

No

NUMERO TOTALE: --- MEMBRI + SUPPLEMENTI

V. Giunta Provinciale Amministrativa

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

No

VI. COMUNI

|                                                 |                                       |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Numero totale dei Comuni                     | 46                                    |
| 2. Numero dei Comuni con una Giunta Comunale    | nessuna conferma                      |
| 3. " " " un Sindaco                             | non confermati eccetto Modena-Piarano |
| 4. " " " Commissario Prefettizio                | ==                                    |
| 5. (1) " " " Segretario Comunale di Carriera    | circolare in corso                    |
| (11) " " " " non di carriera circolare in corso |                                       |

Senza inoltre in forza a questa Prefettura anche i seguenti Puntieri, dei quali eccettuati il Dr. Violi gli altri sono stati nominati dal governo repubblicano:

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|---------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Violi Dr. Carlo - Avventale di I' categoria | " 17-3-44 |
| Costanzo Dr. Filippo - " " "                | " 3-8-44  |
| D'Antona Dr. Egidio - " " "                 | " 1-10-44 |



SI O NO DATA

| 3. D' abba costituita una Deputazione Provinciale?                                    | No |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| MEMBRI + SUPPLEMENTI                                                                  |    |
| V. Giunta Provinciale<br>Amministrativa                                               |    |
| 1. Sono stati nominati 14 membri elettivi della<br>Giunta Provinciale Amministrativa? | No |

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| 3. " " " un Sindaco                          | non confermati eccetto<br>Medina-Piarano |
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| D'Antona Dr. Miliziano - " " "                                                 | = 1-10-44 |
| Turci Rag. Otello - I° Ragioniere (gruppo B)                                   | = 20-2-44 |
| Spadaro Dr. Francesco - Avventizio di I' categoria<br>(allentatosi il 14-4-45) | = 16-8-44 |



10/27/15/10.

REPORT NO. 145

SUBJECT : Report of interview with Lt Col WHITTAKER, PG Modena on 17 June 1945

NO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : Captain W.A. CROSTON

1. I talked with the PG, both before and after seeing the Prefect and passed on some of the Prefect's views to the PG.
2. Prefetto Reggente Mr. Alfonso MORI is an extremely good man. Hard-working and cooperative. He is a lawyer and has always been antifascist. He founded the Comitato Liberazione Nazionale in Modena 3 years ago. He was the obvious choice as Prefect. Even when Col. Whittaker was in Florence months before Modena was liberated he met people who had come through the lines. These were of many political creeds but they were unanimous in naming MORI as the outstanding man for Prefect. He is facing a very difficult situation as there is a lot of underground activity going on which it is impossible to pin down to any one party. There are probably several of these underground parties working separately. The Prefect has to go carefully. He feels he and his wife and children are not safe now at his house in the country and will soon move into the town where there is more protection available. The son of the President of the Appellate Court had been kidnapped recently and no one knew whether he was dead or not. There were other similar cases and political murders some of which might be attributed to fascists and others to partisan bands all of which made the Prefect's position difficult. The Prefect is a Christian Democrat.

3. V.P.V. Giuseppe FURINA. He is a political appointee nominated by CEN, and is a Socialist. He works hard and well with the Prefect but, of course, neither have any experience of Provincial Administration.

4. V.P.I. PIZZARINI who had just arrived from Rome could not be used as he was an Antifascista and held various other fascist positions. The people knew all about him and would not work with him. A slip of paper setting out his fascist record had been placed on the PG's desk even before he had seen PIZZARINI. He did not know by whom but it was obvious that the people knew all about him. Other V.P.I.s. had been dismissed from the Prefecture whose record was not as bad as PIZZARINI and he could not be employed there. The PG was sending him back in the morning and had written a letter to PG, on the subject. I pointed out that the agreed policy in Rome was to accept officials who had been exonerated and had not had any greater punishment than "censured". The Ministry of Interior had certified that PIZZARINI had been tried and had only been "censured" and we in Rome had to accept that but of course the PG was the only one who could judge the conditions in his own Province and in view of what he had said it was obvious that PIZZARINI was not suitable for Modena. I explained the great difficulty in finding officials even "censured" ones and getting them to go North. The PG said he realized the position but thought we should screen officials and before they were sent North, notify the PG of their history and character. It was just a waste of time sending PIZZARINI to Modena. It was urgent that a really good V.P.I. should be found who would be acceptable to the people in Modena. If the PG tried to keep PIZZARINI the latter's life would be in danger. I said we



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5. Other officials. - There are two career Consiglieri and three Segretari. The 1st Consigliere surprised me as one of the few good officials. Unfortunately he is compromised and may have to go. PC will try to prevent this. The 2nd Consiglieri has asked for two Consiglieri. I told the PC I would talk to the Prefect



and explain to him how to apply for these officials. I said that a P. Camigliere was on his way from Rome at present and I hoped that it would be possible to use him as I did not know his background. He had simply come to the Sub Commission for transportation with a certificate from the Ministry of Interior that he was not subject to any greater punishment than "commune".

6. *Deputazioni Provinciali*. Could not be formed yet as the business kept resigning for various causes. There is a lot of terrorism going on and it is difficult to get people to take positions. He is now giving a letter to the Prefect (see Report n. 3 para 5) which may cause the parties to reach agreement on their nominations.

7. *Giunta Provinciale Amministrativa*. There are *Giunte Comunali* in most *Comunes*. Some are not such good. The PC is short of officers but they are getting round and regularizing the position as quickly as possible. There are only 2 OAGs for 46 *Comunes* and the Police Officer, Legal Officer etc., were helping as well.

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(NOTE: Lt Col Whineray left Modena on Wednesday 29 June to return to the U.K. for his release from Army. Lt Col Henry P. Cucera (A) formerly PG of Ferrara is posted to Modena to fill the vacancy.

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*H. Cunningham left.*  
F.I. CUNNINGHAM, Captain  
Local Government Sub Commission



10/27/15/LG

REPORT H. H.

SUBJECT : Report of interview with H. H. Avv. Alfonso TROIANI - Prefetto Regione di ROMA

TO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : Captain H. I. CORNELLIS

1. I had a very long interview with this Prefect. He impressed me as a very liberal minded gentleman who is very worried about conditions in his Province and especially at the way in which the Communists are recruiting people to their party by every means possible including threats and violence. He stated that he had not fought Fascism for twenty-five years just to see it come back again under a different name and colour and in a worse form. He said there was a reign of terror going on and those who could were moving out of the Province and going to Switzerland or to Southern Italy. It was only comparatively few who could do this. It was very difficult to get good men for local Government positions as most of them were afraid to act owing to threats and oppression. It was mostly a question of Public Security and until a strong organization was built up he as Prefect couldn't do much as there was no one giving orders unless there was sufficient power to enforce them. He was also worried about the Partisans. He was a Partisan himself but the good partisans had only fought for their country and gone back to their homes without trouble when the fighting was over. The present bands were dangerous. He disapproved of the Government's recent decree which was putting the partisans practically in the same place as the Fascist Militia and was legalizing the methods of extortion now used to get funds at "voluntary" subscription. An industrialist would be killed one night and next day all other industrialists "invited to subscribe".

2. V. P. V. Avv. Giuseppe PORTINA is a Socialist political appointee. H. H. says he is a very good man and a willing and hard worker but in, of course, handicapped by lack of the necessary technical experience in administration.

3. V. P. I. had just arrived from Rome and would have to go back as it would not be safe to use him as he had been an antifascist etc. In the present situation his life would not be safe. He had a long talk on this subject and the Prefect agreed that in theory PORTINA could be used as he had been subjected to expatriation and had only been censured. He was sorry that in practice it was impossible as the people simply would not work with a man with such a record at present. He had talked with PORTINA and was impressed by him and thought he was a good man and would be a good worker but he could not be used. He had not much experience of work in a Prefettura having been at the Ministry most of his time. H. H. urged me to impress on the Ministry the necessity for sending a first class career official who could run the administration as soon as possible. I promised to do what I could, but explained the difficulties.

4. I' Consigliere RATTUO Milano. In Capo Gabinetto and is a very good official. It would be hard to get a better. He is compromised having sworn allegiance to the Fascist Republic Party as each member of the Prefettura was compelled to do, but he had not joined the Republican Party nor was he mixed up in a personal matter.



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2. V.P.V. Avv. Giuseppe PIZZANI is a socialist political appointee. H.N. says he is a very good man and a willing and hard worker but is, of course, handicapped by lack of the necessary technical experience in administration.

3. V.P.I. had just arrived from Rome and would have to go back as it would not be safe to use him as he had been an antimercia etc. In the present situation his life would not be safe. He had a long talk on this subject and the Prefect agreed that in theory PIZZANI could be used as he had been subjected to execution and had only been censured. He was sorry that in practice it was impossible as the people simply would not work with a man with such a record at present. He had talked with PIZZANI and was impressed by him and thought he was a good man and would be a good worker but he could not be used. He had not such experience of work in a Prefettura having been at the Ministry most of his time. H.N. urged me to impress on the Ministry the necessity for sending a first class career official who could run the administration as soon as possible. I promised to do what I could, but explained the difficulties.

4. I' Consigliere SERRINO Nicola. In Capo Gabinetto and is a very good official. It would be hard to get a better. He is compromised having sworn allegiance to the Fascist Republic Party as each member of the Prefettura was compelled to do, but he had not joined the republican Party nor was he mixed up in a personal manner with the many dishonesties of the late Prefect. SERRINO is a man who obeys his superior officers wherever he is, Fascist or otherwise, and the Prefect will try to keep him. The other Consigliere is IS VITTORESI 2<sup>a</sup> grado "a mediocre man without praise and without blame". There are two career Secretari. All these officials are compromised but will be kept if possible. I explained to the Prefect the manner in which to ask for reinforcements or replacements from the Ministry of Interior if and when necessary.

5. The Dep. tazione Provinciale was not yet established because they could

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not reach agreement on the President who was to be a Socialist nominee. The Socialists only good nominee was 90 years old and now refused to act and their second string was so mediocre that nominees of other parties did not wish to act with him. The Vice President was a liberal and an excellent man. He had in fact been President of the Deputations in the days before Fascism but he could not be a President now as that position was promised to the Socialists. He refused to act with the present Socialist nominee and had now resigned. He had agreed to act with the former Socialist nominee. As soon as a President was agreed on the other members would be quickly found. It was a very difficult political situation. The Prefect understood if the P.C. would strengthen his hand by giving him an order that Deputations should be in operation before a certain period elapsed otherwise the P.C. would appoint a Commissario Prefettorio for the Province. H.E. thought this would go a long way to stop the Political Parties blacking and make them come to an agreement. I said I would convey this suggestion to the P.C. (NOTE: The Prefect saw the P.C. later and they arranged between them a form of a letter to be sent by the P.C. to the Prefect which he can use as a lever to settle the problem).

6. Giunta Provinciale Amministrativa. None at present. Will be formed as soon as Deputations meet.
7. Giunta Comunale are functioning in the larger communes but have not yet been confirmed in office. They are C.A.N. nominees. In the more outlying communes where the front line men and which were cut off for long times from the Provincial H.Q. there are Giunta Comunale of sorts but they are very independent and practically form little states of their own with little obediences for the laws and orders of the Prefect. The position is being regularized as quickly as possible but it is necessary to go easily.
8. Sindaci have been selected by C.A.N. and are in all Communes but some have as yet been confirmed in office except the Sindaco of Modena. The majority of the others are not fit to be hindered as many of them can scarcely read or write and whatever a man's political party sees education as necessary before one could make a good Sindaco. Many were acting most irregularly and favoring people who joined their party both with jobs and in the distribution of food. They would have to be changed but in the present political situation only a few could be changed at a time. Many changes had been made.
9. Segretario Comunale were in most of the Communes but their efficiency depended a lot on the Sindaco. Career Secretari were being changed about as far as possible to improve matters. Examinations would be a good thing.
10. Spuntation. The Commission has been set up and was at present examining cases. No trials had been held yet however - again for political reasons. The members of the Court were afraid of trouble if they gave light sentences but they wished to follow the law and would probably not satisfy public opinion.
11. Preparation of electoral lists. H.E. was of the opinion that this is not an appropriate time for the preparation of electoral lists. He is afraid that many people "now in the grave" will appear on the lists and many living people will be in the grave so far as the list is concerned. I told him that the graveyard vote was not unknown in other countries and that the assets of the candidates should be made public.



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(NOTE: The Prefect saw the PC later and they arranged between them a form of a letter to be sent by the PC to the Prefect which he can use as a lever to settle the problem).

6. Giunta Provinciale Amministrativa. None at present. Will be formed as soon as Delegations arrive.

7. Giunta Comunale are functioning in the larger communes but have not yet been confirmed in office. They are C.N.S. members. In the more outlying communes where the front line ran and which were out of for long times from the Provincial Hq. there are Giunta Comunale of sorts but they are very independent and practically form little states of their own with little obedience for the laws and orders of the Prefect. The position is being regularized as quickly as possible but it is necessary to go easily.

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10. Situation. The Commission has been set up and was at present considering cases. No trials had been held yet however - again for political reasons. The members of the Court were afraid of trouble if they gave light sentences but they wished to follow the law and would probably not satisfy public opinion.

11. Preparation of electoral lists. H.E. was of the opinion that this is not an appropriate time for the preparation of electoral lists. He is afraid that many people "now in the grave" will appear on the lists and many living people will be in the grave so far as the list is concerned. I told him that the "graveyard votes" was not unknown in other countries and that the Agents of the candidates checked this practice at the polling booths. He replied that in preparation Italy it had been known too but not the complete graveyard coming to vote! If the preparation of the lists had to go on it could be done. I told him he could employ such extra assistance as was necessary.

12. In closing the Prefect said that he would like very much to come to Rome and talk with the Government officials there on many subjects regarding his administration. I said that it was possible that this might be arranged in the future but it would be better to wait until the new Government got settled in office.

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13. Attached is a pro-forma completed in the Prefecture showing the position at the date of my visit.

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*W. J. Cunningham*  
W.J. CUNNINGHAM, Captain  
Local Government and Overseas



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## RAPPORTO SULLA SITUAZIONE AMMINISTRATIVA

REGIONE EMILIA PROVINCIA MODENA 18 giugno 1945

|                                                     | Data della nomina | Cognome      | Nome o titolo   | Qualifica o grado ricoperto attualmente |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------|
| I. PREFETTO                                         | 24.4.45           | TACOLI       | Avv. Alfonso    | Prefetto Regg.                          |
| II. PREFETTURA<br>(Funzionari di Gruppo A)          |                   |              |                 |                                         |
| 1. Vice Prefetto Vicario                            | 24.4.45           | FONTANA      | Ing. Giuseppe   | V. Prefetto Vicario Regg.               |
| 2. Vice Prefetto Ispettore                          |                   |              |                 |                                         |
| 3. Consiglieri                                      | 30.6.44           | SARRO        | Dr. Nicola      | Cons. 1° cl. (VII)                      |
|                                                     | 1.7.44            | DE VIORENTIS | Dr. Raffaello   | " " (VIII)                              |
|                                                     |                   |              |                 |                                         |
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| 4. 1° Segretari Segretari e Vice Segretari          | 15.9.44           | MECCARI      | Dr. Vincenzo    | 1° Segretario (IX)                      |
|                                                     | 15.9.44           | FERRARI      | Dr. Michele     | " " "                                   |
|                                                     | 17.9.41           | VIGLI        | Dr. Carlo       | Avvocato 1° cat.                        |
|                                                     | 2.8.44            | COSCIANO     | Dr. Filippo     | " " "                                   |
|                                                     | 1.10.44           | D'ANAGRA     | Dr. Edmondo     | " " "                                   |
|                                                     |                   |              |                 |                                         |
| III. PREFETTURA<br>(Funzionari di Gruppo B)         |                   |              |                 |                                         |
| 1 Rag. Capo reggente la Ragioneria                  | 4.7.40            | CECHI        | Rag. Nicolo'    | Rag. Capo 1° cl. (VII)                  |
| 2. Altri Rag. Capi, 1° Rag., Rag. e Vice Ragionieri | 1.7.44            | PASQUINO'    | Rag. Ferdinando | " " 2° cl. (VIII)                       |
|                                                     | 1.2.43            | MARCONI      | Dr. Paolo       | Ragioniere (X)                          |
|                                                     | 16.12.41          | RAUONELLA    | Rag. Michele    | V. Ragioniere (XI)                      |
|                                                     | 20.2.45           | TIRI         | Rag. Otello     | 1° " (IX)                               |

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| Gruppo A)                |          |             |                |  | V. Prefetto Vice-      |
| 1. Vice Prefetto         | 20.4.45  | PURPURA     | Ing. Giuseppe  |  | rio Rag.               |
| 2. Vice Prefetto         |          |             |                |  |                        |
| 3. Consiglieri           | 30.6.44  | SARINO      | Dr. Nicola     |  | Cons. 1° cl. (VII)     |
|                          | 1.7.44   | DE VIGNONIS | Dr. Raffaele   |  | 2° " (VIII)            |
|                          |          |             |                |  |                        |
|                          |          |             |                |  |                        |
| 4. 1° Segretari          | 15.9.44  | MICCARI     | Dr. Vincenzo   |  | 1° Segretario (IX)     |
| Segretari e              |          |             |                |  |                        |
| Vice Segretari           | 15.9.44  | PERNAI      | Dr. Michele    |  | " " "                  |
|                          | 17.3.41  | VIOLA       | Dr. Carlo      |  | Assistente 1° cat.     |
|                          | 9.8.44   | COSTANZO    | Dr. Filippo    |  | " " "                  |
|                          | 1.10.44  | D'AMICHA    | Dr. Miledale   |  | " " "                  |
|                          |          |             |                |  |                        |
| III. PREFETTURA          |          |             |                |  |                        |
| (Funzionari di Gruppo B) |          |             |                |  |                        |
| 1 Rag. Capo              |          |             |                |  |                        |
| reggente la              |          |             |                |  |                        |
| Ragioneria               | 4.7.40   | OLFI        | Rag. Nicolo'   |  | Rag. Capo 1° cl. (VII) |
| 2. Altri Rag.            |          |             |                |  |                        |
| Capl, 1° Rag.,           | 1.7.44   | PASARAU'    | Rag. Ferdinan. |  | " " 2° cl. (VIII)      |
| Rag. e Vice              |          |             |                |  |                        |
| Ragionieri               | 1.2.43   | MARCONI     | Dr. Paolo      |  | Ragioniere (X)         |
|                          | 16.12.41 | PAUMANELLA  | Rag. Michele   |  | V. Ragioniere (XI)     |
|                          | 20.2.45  | TUROI       | Rag. Otello    |  | 1° " (IX)              |

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 per Consiglieri di grado VIII potrebbe agire come Vice Prefetto Ispettore (Grado VI). Ommettere le promozioni conferite dagli Allenti o dal C.L.N.

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



| IV. <u>Amministrativo Provinciale</u>                 |         |           |                                     |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Presidente o Capo dell'Amministrazione Provinciale | 16.5.45 | CERCHIARI | Avv. Giuseppe                       |
| 2. Segretario Generale o Provinciale                  | 28.2.28 | BACCARO   | Dr. Antonio                         |
|                                                       |         |           | Presidente Depu-<br>tazione Prov.le |
|                                                       |         |           | Segretario Gene-<br>rale            |

|                                                                                     | Sì o No | Data |
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| 3. E' stata costituita una Delegazione Provinciale?                                 | NO      |      |
| NUMERO TOTALE: -- MEMBRI + SUPPLEMENTI                                              |         |      |
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| V. <u>Giunte Provinciali Amministrative</u>                                         |         |      |
| 1. Sono stati nominati i 4 membri elettivi della Giunta Provinciale Amministrativa? | NO      | =    |

| VI. <u>COMUNI</u>                            |  | 46 |
|----------------------------------------------|--|----|
| 1. Numero totale dei Comuni                  |  |    |
| 2. Numero dei Comuni con una Giunta Comunale |  |    |
| 3. " " " un Sindaco                          |  |    |
| 4. " " " Commissario Prefettizio             |  |    |
| 5. (1) " " " Segretario Comunale di Carriera |  |    |
| (11) " " " non di carriera                   |  |    |

Nessuna confermata  
Non confermati  
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