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LOCAL GOV'T, VENEZIE REGION
SEPT. 1944; MAY-DEC. 1945

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

VENEZIE REGION #2

AND

PREPARATION OF ELECTORAL LISTS

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CAS.	28-7-45
CAS	5-8-45
Local	8-8-45
CAS.	31-8-45
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PREPARATION OF ELECTORAL LISTS

To	Date
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CONTAINS PAPERS

FROM SEPT 1944

TO DEC 1944

CATALOGUE-

MINUTE SHEET NO. 1

DATE	PAGE
27 July.	6.
27 July 45.	① <u>Division</u> — p. 6. is of interest, tho' sent to us for our info. only. If this is the problem, what about "free" elections!! Applicable. 6 called, men & men point to an army of occupation for the purpose of elections. L. G. S. C. R. R. Clapp
28 July 1945	② to: C. A. Section. 1. Reference Folio 6. 2. The condition of terrorism which is causing such apprehension on the part of the Prefects of VENEZIA REGION is, in my opinion, basically one of Public Safety. There is no doubt that it exists to a greater or lesser degree all over Northern Italy. There is enclosed loose in this file a recent report of the LPR of FORLI which indicates a rather similar state of affairs. 3. Its repercussions, as far as this Sub-Commission is concerned, are likely to raise the following questions: a) the desirability of handing back further Italian Territory until such time as measures can have been taken to cure the disease; b) the desirability of holding elections in such an atmosphere. 4. I can only recommend the vigorous steps be taken to use all the forces of law and order, including the AR, to detect or seize brigandage and, if necessary of force, to capture and disperse these bands. 5. If such steps were taken, and they would make a period of time it may be necessary to reconsider whether elections (POLITICAL or administrative) should not be postponed until the Allied Command is satisfied that the atmosphere is such that a free and democratic can be assured. R. R. Clapp, Colonel, Director Local Govt. Sub-Commission elections ④

28 July 1945
~~27 July 45~~

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for the purpose of elections.
L.G.S.C.
R.R. Lippitt

To: C.A.A. Section.

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R.R. Lippitt
R.R. CIPRI, Colonel,
Director
Local Govt. Sub-Commission

Elections

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I think this situation is fully appreciated

A/F on VP's return

G. Buchanan
CAS L'61

29 July

5 Aug 45

To CAS

File re election in accordance with your minute
4 abno.

L.G.S.C.

R.R. Lippitt

John G. 8/1/45

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MINUTE SHEET NO.

PAGE

No. 10

31 Oct-45 TO: Major Williams.

1. On 24 Oct. 45 we received from RC Venezia a reply (Folio 22) to ~~our~~ request for information regarding L.G. organization (Folio 15). A further letter was received from RC Venezia on 26 Oct 45. Folio 23.

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2. According to these two letters (together with information which we already have) the Deputazioni Provinciale and Giunti Provinciale Administrative have been appointed in all Provinces.

3. However, ^{it} seems that a total of 232 Sindaci in the Venezia Region have not yet been confirmed in office. Details are as follows:

Province	No. of Communes	No. of Sindaci Confirmed	No. of Sindaci NOT Confirmed
Vicenza	119	All	-
Treviso	90	All	-
Belluno	69	All	-
Rovigo	49	All	-
Bolzano	91	90	1
Trento	127	122	5
Verona	93	81	12
Venezia	43	9	34
Padova	105	51	54
Udine	171	45	126
			<u>232</u>

Reason seen.

DATE		PAGE
30 August,	Capt. C. - Folios p.17, 17A for your attention please. - It sounds ridiculous to call the northern prefects, all chosen by the CLN, fascists and then ask that the Prov. Agric. Comm. be responsible to the Econ. Comm. of the CLN. P.P.T. (6)	17 17A
30 August,	D/Director. (7) 1. The statement made in para. 5 of folio 17, looks to me like one of the attempts of CIN's to usurp the authority of AMG. 2. The present Prefects are <u>not</u> old Fascist officers. Actually they were all nominated by CLN. Nor is the office of Prefect an "old Fascist office" as it existed long before Fascism. (See p 18). 3. The existing governmental set-up (the functional units well all over Italy and is a bit late to change it now. 4. These gentlemen should be told that in refusing to recognise the authority of the Prefect they are refusing to recognise AMG and that AMG does not recognise any executive functions of CLN such as the economic committee to which they say they are responsible. 5. In other Provinces the CLN has been suspended for actions similar to this and they might well be warned that any further interference with the legally appointed agencies of Local Government will have a similar result here. 6. This matter appears to be one which should be handled by the Regional Commissioner, but it is noted that Agriculture S/C only ask for our comments. W.B. I.I.C. (8) Agric. S/C (Ghm Civ. Aff. Sec.) 1. Reference of folios 17 and 17 A, please note minutes above and folio 18. 2. Prof. Arighino's statement concerning the authority of the prefects	18.

31 Aug.

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W.I.C.

Agrie. S/C (Thru Civ. aff. Sec.)

31 Aug.

1. Reference folios 17 and 17 A, please note minutes ① above and folio 18.
2. Prof. Ariglidino's statement concerning the authority of the Prefects is wrong. A Prefect is the highest authority in the province. The Unified Text of 1915 which is in force in Army territory as well as Ital. Govt. territory states that he represents the executive power of State and Province throughout the area over which he presides. He is the source of all provincial activity which he initiates and coordinates in accordance with existing law and any

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	Government or AMG orders and directives. 3. Prof. Avighiano undoubtedly knows all the foregoing because he seems to base his objections to the prefects on <u>political</u> grounds. Even this basis is utterly false. (see minutes 6 & 7, folio 18). 4. I suggest you inform your Reg. Agric. Officer in Venetia Region of foregoing the thru the Reg. Cammino - ion whose observations also should be obtained.	
4 Sept.	Ralph L. Sample, Major D/Director for Govt. Sec ① To: for Govt S/C (Thru C A Sect.) Re: Agric S/C replied this date Re: R C Venetia AMG quoting note 8 and enclosing list of prefects. Herald P. Keller, Capt. Adm. Officer, Agr S/C PDT	

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: RXII/025.111Message Centre No: G/6423Date/Time of Origin: DEC 281645Date Time Rec'd: DEC 291515FROM: HQ AMG VENEZIE REGIONPrecedence: ROUTINETO : ALCOM HQ AMG UDINE PROVINCE31 DEC 1945

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Ref your AC/1/12/LG of 4 December 45. All SINDACI of all provinces this region except UDINE confirmed. UDINE will notify alcom direct of numbers confirmed and unconfirmed as soon as possible.

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EXTRACT FROM :

MEMORANDUMPOSITION IN RESPECT OF AMG UDINE, AND LIAISON GROUP
TREVISO AFTER 31 DEC 1945

PART. I is on UDINE Province - File No. 1/12/4

PART II

PROVINCES OF BELLUNO, TREVISO, VENICE

Also: PADOVA, ROVIGO, VICENZA, TREVISO, TRENTO

8. A small Liaison Group (under command Lt.Col. F.O. Mavis (A) will be established at Treviso, with general Liaison Mission over the eight provinces above named.

A similar group will be established at Bolzano.

9. Instructions defining the functions of these Liaison Groups will shortly be issued by HQ Allied Commission. In general, however, that these groups exist to advise HQ Rome and thereby the Embassies, of the conditions in the Provinces also to assist in every way possible relations between the Allied Military Authorities and the Italian civil administration.

10. The groups will, however, have no executive status and the Italian Government will have full sovereign rights in the above named provinces (except in respect of a few specially reserved matters affecting Allied troops.).

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AG/1/12/12

Ref: 478706

SUBJECT: Appointment of Sindaco.

4 December 1945

TO : SCAG Venetian Region

1. Reference this office letter of 1 November to which no reply can be traced, may this Sub Commission now be assured that Sindaco throughout the Region have now been confirmed in office by AMG.

2. I am particularly concerned as to the Provinces of Padova and Udine, in which your letter RKII/025.111 of 22 October showed the position to be as follows:

<u>Province</u>	<u>No. of Sindacos</u>	<u>Sindaco NOT confirmed</u>
PADOVA	105	54
UDINE	171	126

3. I do trust that the PCs of these and of all other provinces have by now issued a "block confirmation" of all outstanding appointments leaving detailed investigations to be made afterwards.



RALPH R. TAMM
Major
Director
Local Government Sub Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB-COMMISSION

AC/1/12/LG

1st November 45

SUBJECT : Local Government Surveys

TO : RC, WITBZIE Region

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1. Reference your letters RXII/025.111 dated 22 Oct and 23 Oct 45 respectively.

2. Thank you for the information contained in the letters a/m. However, since there has been a two months delay in replying to our letter of 21 Aug 45 (AC/1/12/LG) the question of the appointment and confirmation in office of all Sindaci is now of the utmost urgency and we should be glad to hear without further delay that all Sindaci are now formally appointed in office.

3. For your information, Executive Memorandum No 5 of 1 July 45, at para 6 (d), states the following:

SINDACI:- In those cases where confirmation of any CIN appointed has been withheld in order to see if the appointee is really suitable, the formal appointment must no longer be delayed.



RALPH R. TEMPLE,
Major,
Director
Local Government S/C.

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HEADQUARTERS
VENEZIE REGION
Allied Military Government
APO 394

26 OCT 1945

23 October, 1945

TO : Headquarters, .A.C.
Local Government S/C

SUBJECT : Local Government Surveys

FILE NO : RXII/025.111

Further to our letter of 22nd October,
subject as above, Provincial Commissioners have
confirmed Sindaci in office as follows:-

Trento	all but 5 confirmed
Treviso	all confirmed.

Elizabeth Lawrence
Regional Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS
VENEZIE REGION
Allied Military Government
APO 394

24 OCT 1945

22 October, 1945

TO : Headquarters, A.C.

SUBJECT : Local Government Surveys

FILE NO : RXII/O25.111

Reference your AC/1/12/LG dated 21st
August.

Attached herewith all answers with
the exception of those from Treviso and Trento
Provinces which will be forwarded shortly.

Delay in rendering this return is
regretted.


Regional Commissioner

Encl. (2)

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT SURVEYS

A. Has the Deputazione Provinciale been appointed yet? If so on what date?

Bolzano Yes on 10th August ✓
 Vicenza Yes on 11th July ✓
 Rovigo Yes on 18th July ✓

B. Have the 4 Elective Members of the Giunta Provinciale Administrative been elected by the Deputazione yet? If so on what date?

Bolzano Yes on 14 August ✓
 Vicenza Yes on 18 August ✓
 Udine Yes on 5 July ✓
 Belluno Yes elected on 30th June, re-constructed and approved by A.M.C. on 14th July.
 Verona Yes on 26th July ✓

C. Have all Sindaci been confirmed in office by the Provincial Commissioner?

✓ Bolzano All confirmed except one.
 ✓ Belluno All confirmed.
 ✓ Vicenza All confirmed.
 Udine 45 confirmed but investigations continuing on remainder.
 ✓ Verona 81 confirmed 11 outstanding.
 Treviso -----
 ✓ Padova 51 confirmed 54 outstanding 2497
 ✓ Rovigo All confirmed
 ✓ Venezia 9 confirmed, remainder confirmed on 15th October.
 Trento -----

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1 OCT 1945

28 Sept. 1945

FILE No.: EX111/850.99

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1. Ref your AC/1/12/14 dated 16 Aug.
2. Herewith:
 1. Biographical reports in respect of Prefect & Vice Prefect of Padova. (see file 4/1/158 p. 13).
 2. Biographical reports for Vice Prefects of Venezia. (see file 4/1/11)
 3. Biographical reports in respect of the Prefect & Vice Prefect of Vicenza. (see file 4/1/181 p. 7).
3. Reports for Treviso Province will be forwarded as soon as possible.

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Eliza's eta Lawrence
Regional Commissioner

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RAPPORTO SULLA SITUAZIONE AMMINISTRATIVA

Veneta

REGIONE

PADOVA

PROVINCIA

9 luglio

1945

Data della nomina	Cognome	Nome e titolo	Qualifica e grado ricoperto attualmente
16/5/45	SABADIN	dr. avv. Gavino	Prefetto (IV°)
16/6/41	ATTARDI	dott. Luigi	V. Prefetto Vicario (V°)
28/6/45 1/7/40	GALLO MAROLLA	avv. Attilio avv. Atto	V. Prefetto Ispett. V. Prefetto (V°) (V°)
22/12/23	DE GIORGIO	dott. Nunzio	-Cons. I° cl. (VII°)
1/8/37	VASSALLO	dott. Giuseppe	id.
1/12/38	VALENTI	dott. Rodolfo	id.
4/7/40	MARUSSI	dott. Vincenzo	id.
4/7/40	MOLINARI	dott. Vincenzo	I° Segretario (IX°)
4/7/40	BOCCHINI	dott. Gastone	id.
2/9/42	ROTUNDO	dott. Giuseppe	V. Segretario (XI°)
10/6/43	LONGO	dott. Piero	id.
4/7/40	GURIAN	Modesto	Ragioniere Capo 2° cl. (VIII°)
1/8/42	SCALZO	rag. Michele	I° Ragioniere (IX°)
1/10/39	GADOLA	rag. Gaetano	V. Ragioniere (XI°)
16/2/40	NAPOLITANO	rag. Anita	id.

Funzionari di Gruppo A) 1. Vice Prefetto Vicario	16/6/41	ATTARDI	dott. Luigi	V. Prefetto Vicario (V°)
2. Vice Prefetto Ispettore	28/6/45 1/7/40	GALLO MAROLLA	avv. Attilio avv. Atto	V. Prefetto Ispett. V. Prefetto (V°) (V°)
3. Consiglieri	22/12/23	DE GIORGIO	dott. Nunzio	-Cons. I° cl. (VII°)
	1/8/37	VASSALLO	dott. Giuseppe	id.
	1/12/38	VALENTI	dott. Rodolfo	id.
	4/7/40	MARUSSI	dott. Vincenzo	id.
4. 1° Segretari Segretari e Vice Segretari	4/7/40	MOLINARI	dott. Vincenzo	I° Segretario (IX°)
	4/7/40	BOCCHINI	dott. Gastone	id.
	2/9/42	ROTUNDO	dott. Giuseppe	V. Segretario (XI°)
	10/6/43	LONGO	dott. Piero	id.
III. PROMOTURA (Funzionari di Gruppo B) 1 Rag. Capo reggente la Ragioneria	4/7/40	GURIAN	Modesto	Ragioniere Capo 2° cl. (VIII°)
2. Altri Rag. Capi, 1° Rag., Rag. e Vice Ragionieri	1/8/42 1/10/39 16/2/40	SCALZO GADOLA NAPOLITANO	rag. Michele rag. Gaetano rag. Anita	I° Ragioniere (IX°) V. Ragioniere (XI°) id.

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 C.L.N.

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

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IV. Amministrative Provinciale

1. Presidente e
Capo dell'Ammin-
istration
Provinciale

2. Segretario
Generale o
Provinciale

29/5/45	PEGGION	dott. Angelo
15/1/31	SANTANDREA	dott. Pietro

	Si o No	Data
3. E' stata costituita una Deputazione Provinciale?	si	29/5/45
NUMERO TOTALE:-- 10 MEMBRI +4 SUPPLEMENTI		
V. <u>Giunte Provinciali Amministrative</u>		
1. Sono stati nominati i 4 membri elettivi della Giunta Provinciale Amministrativa?	si	2/6/45

VI. COMUNI

1. Numero totale dei Comuni	105
2. Numero dei Comuni con una Giunta Comunale	105
3. " " " un Sindaco	105
4. " " " Commissario Prefettizio	==
5. (1) " " " Segretario Comunale di Carriera	71
(11) " " " " non di carriera	23

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AQ/1/12/1G.

Tel: 286

SUBJECT: Officials at BELLUNO and UDINE.

3 September 1945

TO : The Minister of Interior.

Herewith for your information are copies of reports received from the Prefects of Belluno and Udine.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

RRY

RALPH R. TEMPLE,
Major,
Deputy Director,
Local Government Sub Commission.

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Encl: 2.

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PREFECTS IN VENEZIE REGION.

PROVINCE	NAME	BACKGROUND.	POLITICS.
BOLZANO	De Angelis	President of C.L.N.	Socialist.
BELLUNO	Dazzi	C.L.N. nominee	Christian Democrat.
ROVIGO	Puxedde	C.L.N. nominee	Liberal.
TRENTO	Ottolini	Put in Office by C.L.N. before Allied arrived Confirmed by A.M.G.	Communist.
TREVISO	Ranazini	C.L.N. nominee	Action Party.
UDINE	Candolini	C.L.N. nominee	Christian Democrat.
VERONA	Uberti	C.L.N. nominee (jailed by Fascists)	C.D.
VICENZA	Jurolo	C.L.N. nominee	Action Party.
VENEZIA	Matter	C.L.N. nominee	ACTION PARTY.
PADOVA	Sabadini SABADIN	C.L.N. nominee	C.D.

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31/AUG. 1945

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
AGRICULTURE SUB-COMMISSION

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28 August 1945
28 AGO. 1945

SUBJECT: Regional Meeting of Agricultural Inspectors
and other officials at Venice

TO : Civil Affairs Section

1. We would appreciate your comments on the contents of the attached letter of the Regional Agricultural Officer, Venezia Region, especially in regard to the statement of Prof. Avigliano concerning the authority of the Prefects.

Harold H. Bengtson Capt
JAMES M. HERRITT
Director

Incl. (1)

Letter as above

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HEADQUARTERS
VENEZIA REGION
Allied Military Government
APO 394

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TO : Agriculture Sub-Commission, HQ., A.C., 22/8/45

SUBJECT : Compartmental Meeting of Agricultural Inspectors
and UPSEA Directors

FILE No. : RXII/AGR/365.1

1. There was held in Venice on last Saturday, 18th August 1945, a meeting of the Provincial Inspectors of Agriculture, UPSEA Directors and other principal Regional Agricultural Officials. At the afternoon session, the President of the Regional Economic Committee of the CLN, Prof. Avigliano, the Vice Commissario of Agriculture for the Regional Economic Committee, Dr. Rocchi, and the Agricultural Advisor of the Committee, Dr. Lombroso attended, at their request.

2. They made proposals which indicated that they took responsibility for the co-ordination, through their Provincial Committees, of all activities in amassing and for the dissemination of propaganda supporting the amassing.

3. The President of the Committee, Prof. Avigliano, indicated that they did not recognize the authority of the Prefect. He said that the Prefects were old Fascist officers and that the Provincial Agricultural Committee should not be dependent on or responsible to the Prefect but to the Economic Committee of the CLN.

4. We are endeavouring to make the Agricultural Committees effective in the performance of their duties and we would appreciate the cooperation of your office and the Ministry of Agriculture in Rome in taking the required administrative actions dealing with Italian Agricultural personnel and in re-organization that would not leave us vulnerable to the charges by Economic Committees that it is necessary for them to assume authority and to make effective the now weak administration by the Central Government.

(sd.) GLENN E. RIDDELL
Regional Agricultural Officer
Lt. Col. A.U.S.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 304
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND CONSTITUTION

AC/A/12/10

Tel: 478190

SUBJECT: Survey of Bolzano, Trento and Verona
Provinces.

22 August 1945

TO : HQ Venetia Region.

1. Herewith copies in duplicate of Major Willson's reports of his recent visit to these provinces; the additional copy is for forwarding to the HQ if you think fit.
2. REMARKS. The major point in this province seems to be the organization of the Prefecture. The provincial report form which has now been received indicates the Prefecture is adequately staffed. I have written you separately about the Dipartimento Provinciale.
3. Paras 15 to 21 of this report are Major Willson's personal observations as to the reaction of the minority problem on the preparation of the electoral lists which I think you should see, although discussions on the point are still going on between this HQ and the Italian Government, and the ultimate decision may differ from the views indicated in these paragraphs. They are not, therefore, to be taken as an indication of HQ policy.
4. REMARKS. The province appears to be in good shape.
5. REMARKS. No particular point arises in this province either to which attention should be called. The line taken by the HQ with respect to his 2 political Vice Prefects has been noted with interest. The treatment of this old device is one on which no general rule is laid down, as local circumstances must govern the decision whether it is best to retain it or not.

R.R.C.

R. H. CHIDEN
Colonel
Director
Local Government and Constitution

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Encls. as in (1) above.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB-COMMISSION

AG/1/12/18

21 August 1945

SUBJECT: Local Government Surveys

Tel: 478190

TO: RO VERONIA

The following information is urgently required by this Sub-Commission. May answers please be given in respect of the provinces mentioned.

A. HAS THE DEPUTAZIONE PROVINCIALE BEEN APPOINTED YET?
IF SO, ON WHAT DATE?

BOLZANO
VICENZA
ROVIGO

B. HAVE THE 4 ELECTIVE MEMBERS OF THE GIUNTA PROVINCIALE AMMINISTRATIVA BEEN ELECTED BY THE DEPUTAZIONE YET?
IF SO, ON WHAT DATE?

BOLZANO
VICENZA
ROVIGO
UDINE
BELLUNO
VERONA

C. HAVE ALL SINDACI BEEN CONFIRMED IN OFFICE BY THE FC?

All provinces

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

L. C. W. Ray
RALPH R. TRIPLE, Major
Deputy Director
Local Government Sub-Commission

Copies to: FC Bolzano
Vicenza
Rovigo
Udine
Belluno
Verona

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AO/4/12/16

Tel: 478190

SUBJECT: Local Government Surveys.

18 August 1945

TO : The Minister of the Interior.

1. Copies of reports on the administrative situation of the provinces of Bolzano and Rovigo are enclosed herewith for the Ministry's information.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

RRT
RALPH R. TITTLE
Major
Deputy Director
Local Government Sub Commission

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Encls. as in (1) above.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 39.
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AG/1/12/LG.

Tel : 478190

SUBJECT : Provincial report forms -

16 August 1945

TO : NO. VENEZIA Region

1. Thank you for your letter ref. LG/1 dated 6 August 1945 and the enclosures.

2. No forms have yet been received in respect of :

MILANO - TREVISO - UDINE

Further copies of the pro-formas are enclosed in case they might be required for these provinces.

3. A few points arise on the forms for 4 of the remaining 7 provinces, as follows :

4. BOLZANO. A separate letter is being sent to you as to the constitution of the Deputazione Provinciale in this province and upon its receipt, it is hoped that this body will be established with all possible speed. It should then proceed to a new appointment of the 4 elective members of the Giunta Provinciale Amministrativa by either confirming the present members or appointing others.

5. PADOVA. No biographical reports have been received for the Prefect Regent SABADIN or the Vice Prefect MAROLLA : may these be supplied please.

6. VENEZIA. In this case the forms are returned herewith. It is observed that biographical reports have been sent for 2 Vice Prefects - BASTIA-NELO and OLIVERO : but these names do not appear on the provincial report. On the other hand, 3 Vice Prefects are named in the provincial report - DAVID - PAULOVITCH and SALAZAR - for whom no biographical reports have been sent.

May the provincial report please be corrected and biographical reports sent for all Vice Prefects distinguishing career from non-career officials.

7. VICENZA. No biographical reports have been received in respect of the Prefect Regent or the Vice Prefects : may these be forwarded please.

FOR THE DIRECTOR :

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Encls. as in No.2 and 6 above

RAIPH. R. TEMPLE,
Major,
Deputy Director,
Local Government Sub Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AG/1/12/IG.

Tel: 286

SUBJECT: Local Government surveys

14 August 1945

TO : The Ministry of Interior

Herewith for your information are copy reports received from the
Prefects of PADOVA, VENEZIA, and VICENZA.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

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f RALPH R. TEMPLE
Major
Deputy Director
Local Government Sub Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS
 VENEZIE REGION
 Allied Military Government
 APO 394

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6 August, 1945

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
 Local Government Sub-Commission
 SUBJECT : Reports on local government ad-
 ministration.
 FILE NO : LG/1
 Reference AC/27/A/LG dated 30th
 June.

Attached herewith proforma in
 respect of certain provinces of the Region.

May we be informed please if
 Major Williams now has a complete set in
 his possession?

Elizabeth Lawrence
Jc ATS
 Regional Commissioner

Encl. (5)

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* We have received all except:

BELLUNO (4/1/68)
 TREVISO (4/1/76)
 UDINE (4/1/67)

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HADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

Tel : 286

8 August 1945

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SUBJ OT : Local Government Survey

TO : Minister of Interior

1. Herewith for your information is copy report received from the
Prefect of TIENTSI and YENMU.

FOR THE DIRECTOR :

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RALPH. R. TEMPLER,
Director,
Deputy Director,
Local Government Sub Commission

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Vol : 286

8 August 1945

SUBJECT : Local Government Survey

TO : Minister of Interior

1. Herewith for your information is copy report received from the
Prefect of TRENTO and VERONA.

FOR THE DIRECTOR :

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RALPH. R. TEMPLER,
Director,
Deputy Director,
Local Government Sub Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref 9/6B/CA

7 August 45

SUBJECT : Restoration of Territory to Italian Government

TO : Executive Commissioner

- 1 As a result of my recent tour there was one matter on which I found complete unanimity from everyone I interviewed; ECs, ECs, Legal Officers, ES Officers, and so on. It will NOT surprise you to hear that it concerned the prospect of the maintenance of law and order as the Allies withdraw.
- 2 In every case the view was expressed that the present state of comparative law and order would give way to (at minimum) a series of serious disorders and riots with much bloodshed and (at maximum) to a complete communist armed revolution.
- 3 In some cases the view was expressed that such disorders would start soon after the termination of AMT, in others that they would not start until the number of Allied troops was substantially diminished. Many cited the recent diminution of crime to a deliberate plan to lull the Allies into a belief that the standard of law and order was increasing. Instances (which could not be proved) of suspected large scale communist plots for uprising, of secret collecting of big dumps of arms (some of them already raided) and so on were all cited to me.
- 4 This universal feeling is familiar to you and must be faced. It gives rise to the problem: Ought AMT to be retained? I received the answer in nearly every case Yes but only if
 - a) it is going to be retained for a long and advertised period, e.g. 6 months;
 - b) Allied troops are retained in sufficient quantities to maintain AMT.
- 5 I assume that neither of these requirements are capable of fulfillment; the first on political grounds, the second for military reasons. Nevertheless I feel the matter should be ventilated for it is a matter for decision at the highest level. Either the Governments are prepared to maintain troops in the country and AMT to ensure at least free, secret and orderly elections or they are not and if not they should be warned of the possibility amounting almost to a probability that the present Government will not be able to maintain law and order and that there is an expectation of much disorder probably before such elections take place.
- 6 Nevertheless it should be made clear that the maintenance of AMT without supporting troops is useless and is not the answer; troops must be retained if AMT is to function and if they are to withdraw, AMT must cease and the sooner the better.
- 7 This brings me to the point that, so far as I know, we have at this time no order of battle and do not know how many and where Allied troops will be disposed on, say 1 Oct, 1 Nov, 1 Dec. Surely it is vital that AG should know this before it can advise SAC as to the proper date of termination of AMT in Italy? It

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- a) that it is no longer justified in a country about to become a member of the United Nations where hostilities are no longer being carried on and

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b) it is not considered practical to carry it on in the absence of substantial numbers of Allied troops and we should be very careful to make it clear we are not expressing an opinion that law and order will be maintained in the country by the Italian Government, or that the state of the country will be such that free, secret and orderly elections can be guaranteed.

8 It will be recalled that the date for termination of AMI - 1 Sep - was announced without reference to this Commission and, although in view of all the circumstances, I am not advocating any other date, I believe the whole matter should be reviewed by the CC, his PCs and Polads and a full memorandum setting out exactly our reasons for recommending the closure of AMI and the possible or probable consequences so far as law and order is concerned put plainly before SAC. We could never forgive ourselves if there were to be a repetition of events in Greece (though I trust this is improbable) and SAC had not been fully warned.

G.R. Upjohn

G.R. UPJOHN B445,
VP CA Section

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(you see 1/12/NT him's report)

HEADQUARTERS REGION IX
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

Let for INCR. of FORLI

Translation.

Ref :

Date 23 July 1945

Subject : Sitrep FORLI Province

To : Regional Patriots Officer.

1. The political tension, which had reached a soothing calm towards the end of May, is growing acute again.
2. The communist party is the strongest of all anti-fascist political parties. Of the 50 communes in the province, 38 are governed by the Communists who don't forget their party's orders even when carrying out the duties of public office.
3. In every important public office, in the epuration and the chamber of labor, communists are predominant.
4. And just as the mayor favors communists, the chamber of labor gives work only to communists and socialists and in other public offices those are members of a leftist party are the favored ones - be it for fear or for preference --.
5. Whereas during April and May, in the early stages after liberation, the terror actions of the communists in the province were directed against fascists, with the result apprx. 50 persons were killed or robbed, today they are directed against peaceful citizens - even a priest - and individuals, banded together, almost without exception in possession of motorcars, hold up people by force of arms, with machine guns and bombs. Among the most turbulent zones are those around Cesena and Rimini.
6. Ultimatums are put forward to members of the well-to-do classes (if one can call them so today) which are nothing else but scientifically organised robberies. Only a short while ago the C.N.L. and the mayor organised a forced taxation directed against land - and property-owners, involving a tremendous amount of money. Millions were collected this way in Forlimpopoli, Riccione, S. Sofia, Cesena, Rimini etc.

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At Savignano, some of the taxed were threatened to be put to death in case the payment of the tax was not forthcoming. And now the chamber of labor (under communist and socialist leadership) orders the landowners to agree to a new partition of the harvest, 62 % to the farmer and 38 % to the proprietor. (In order to appreciate more amply the honesty of the intentions of the chamber of labor, see appendices 1 and 2.)

7. The sound part of the population (and that means the majority) is tired to live under these ~~condemns~~ but, although it condemns these gangster-actions, it has not the courage to react, fearing retaliatory acts. The parties of the right are in an uncomfortable position due to the brutal force employed by the communists.

8. In the course of my investigations I have found that that in most instances communists are involved in illegal acts, but always second-rate ones. The bosses are always among the first to declare, when the law is being applied to punish those who violate it, that they are protectors of law and order and indignant about what has happened. But the actions bear the stamp of unified leadership, even if committed in different localities, and therefore the thought cannot be excluded that the actions are organized by the directing heads according to a well-laid plan and no doubt directed to undermine order and to starve the people.

9. There are not more than 1600 patriots in the province, but the members of ANPI are totalling more than 3000, nearly all Communists.

10. In the provincial ANPI the secretary has been changed a short while ago and I cannot say yet if his actions will be as dangerous as those of his predecessor. For the time being one navigates through illegal actions.

11. ANPI believes to possess governing authority and issues orders of requisition, arrest and searching of houses. Its latest action has been to invite verbally the managers of the local movie

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HEADQUARTERS REGION IX
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To :

houses to hand over the intake of 2 days per month for an undetermined period of time, using threats, and then wrote a letter to the managers thanking them for their generous and patriotic offer. The managers, with whom I have talked, dare not give a written declaration for fear of reprisals.

12. From the still incomplete information, which I have been able to gather so far, I can conclude that ANPI has enough arms to equip at least half of the total number of members. Dumps are known to exist everywhere, specially in Cesena, S. Sofia; S. Piero in Bagno, Mercato Saraceno, M. Gradiolo etc. In some localities, for example in Sarsina, it seems that dumps have been moved from one place to another. The carabinieri are also interested in the investigation.

13. I have persuaded the new secretary of ANPI to start with a thorough epuration of the ^{organization} members, by letting him know that I would not take into consideration any of the lists furnished by ANPI for the payment of grants. At the close of the epuration (if he will do it) I shall see if he has worked without political prejudice, as he has promised to do.

14. It is of utmost importance to ^{issue a move to} better ^{arms} the Carabinieri who by now are tired of submitting to the situation without being able to react and to reestablish the prestige of the bodies entrusted with upholding the law, thus giving the people new faith that it is defended against disorder. Only the following means will be helpful:

a) Those who have suffered injustice must denounce it and claim that justice be done;

b) Gangsters must return from illegality to legality, i.e. prison;

c) The soon-to-be-held elections (administrative) must have the result desired by the people and not the ^{27/3} result brought about by some political forces which have created a sort of armed party-guard, hidden under the name of ANPI.

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HEADQUARTERS REGION IX
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To :

Date Appendix 1 and 2

Appdx. 1

From: Chamber of labor
To : Sig. Giannelli Lodovico.

The laborer Cambi Marchi is being sent to you for a period of 15 days, starting monday, 4 June 45;

He is at your disposal for whatever work you have, and even if you have no work you will have to pay him just the same.

Stamp: C;diL.
Predappio. signed/ Enio Magi.

Appdx. 2

FEDERAZIONE PROVINCIALE LAVORATORI DELLA TERRA, Forli, 6 June 45

Subject : Invitation.

Sig. ; ; ; ;

Notwithstanding our repeated invitations you have not seen fit to reply. We invite you once more to present at our office today, 6 June 45, at 1500 hrs.

If you should not appear, we let you know that this Federation will be forced to detail two partisans who will bring you here so that you may answer in the dispute which you have with your farmer.

for the federation:

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Vittorio Ligratesi

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Enclosure N° 3 (Declaration compiled by Mrs. Macrelli, widow Anselmi).

TO : Provincial Commissioner, A.M.G. - Forlì.

Enclosure N° 3 (statement of a land-owner).

The undersigned Dorina Macrelli, widow Anselmi, mother of two children states the following:

On July 14th I, undersigned, sent a representative of mine to the Farm Navicella, to supervise the threshing, this man was received with considerable hostility. At 11 o'clock, when the threshing ended, I went there myself to gether with my younger daughter, we were received coldly. I immediately tried to pay the workers and make the division of the crop: the three men in charge (one of the payment of the machine, one of the of the workers, and one partisan, representing the "federterra" in charge of the division) ordered me to accept the agreement made between the representatives of the Associazione degli Agricoltori and the Camera Confederale del Lavoro of Forlì, which took place on June 28th 1945, in Forlì, and divided the crop on a basis of the 38 % for the owner and the 62 % for the farmers of all agricultural products except live stock.

During the division of the payment I had to listen to unpolite words addressed to owners, such as: "this year be satisfied with 38 % - next year it will be the farmer's" all this because the authority and prestige of owners was being diminished by an agreement which not everybody accepted.

As I do not recognize the agreement drawn up without my being asked, I request the competent authorities to have the 12 % of the crop, which is now in possession of the farmer, given back to me. On July 16th, the farmer Guardilli threshed, my representative was being sent there in order to avoid further offenses - I have to admit that he was received with same hostility and the division was made in the same way.

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/s/ Dorina Macrelli widow Anselmi
Via Paolo Bonoli 14 - Forlì.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AG/1/12/IG.

Tel: 478190.

SUBJECT: Preparation of electoral lists.

29th July, 1945.

TO : ED Venesic Region.

1. A copy of Major Williams' report on his visit to your HQ and to the provinces of Belluno, Padova, Rovigo, Treviso, Udine, Venezia and Vicenza between 5th and 12th July is sent herewith.
2. For onward transmission to each EC (should you think fit) there is also sent a copy of the particular Appendix relating to his province with a copy of the general report on the tour.
3. Reference CA Section circular AG/27/A/IG of 30 June, 1945, none of the forms "A" have yet been received for the seven provinces above-mentioned, except Rovigo; and that form Major Williams brought back with him. Could the return of these forms please be hastened. If they had been available in time, they would have been of material assistance in compiling the reports sent herewith.

R. R. Cripps

R. R. CRIPPS,
Colonel,
Director,
Local Government Sub-Commission.

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10/27/15/16.

REPORT NUMBER 191.

SUBJECT: Report on tour of VENETIAN REGION by Major C.G.R. Williams on 5/12/July 1945.

TO : Director, Local Government Sub-Commission.

FROM : Major C.G.R. Williams.

1. The following is my report on visits paid to the Provinces of Belluno, Padova, Rovigo, Treviso, Udine, Venezia and Vicenza between 5 and 12 July, 1945. Appendices I to VII give short and mainly factual statements of the situation in each province: the covering report deals with comment of a more general nature.

2. Local Government Reorganization. The general picture is one of acceptance of the structure put together by the CLPs in the clandestine and interim periods. Many Sindaci were found to be unconfirmed and Giunta Comunale are of irregular size. There is surprisingly little difficulty however as to Segretari Comunali. The Deputazioni Provinciali has not been appreciated at its proper importance; and this is perhaps the most relevant feature on the strictly local government side. In two provinces it has not been appointed: in another, it had not been confirmed. In five of the seven provinces no elective members of the Giunta Provinciale Amministrativa had been chosen.

3. The constitution of the Deputazioni is at least as important (if not more so) than the constitution of communal local government, not only because of the province-wide administration which it controls but because of its indirect function of electing (a) the four elective members of the GAI and (b) three of the four members of the Electoral Commissions and Sub-Commissions. From a rapid series of visits such as these, I am unable to gauge how far the absence of the elective members of the GAI is interfering with communal administration; but since a Commune can do nothing of any importance without the approval of the GAI and since the GAI cannot act without its four elective members, the effect must be to slow down the whole machine.

4. The Prefectures are in reasonably good shape. The only Prefect I was unable to meet was Avv. Mattioli of Venice. The six I saw all give an impression of competence; and, being laymen, they have for the most part wisely refrained from getting into the detail of the preparation of the electoral lists. On this subject I received the fullest information in those provinces - Belluno, Rovigo and Vicenza - where the Prefect has an able career Vice-Prefect at his side.

5. There is little demand for officials from Rome to fill gaps in the Prefectures. The two cases that arose, - at Belluno and Rovigo - I have mentioned to the Ministry of the Interior; but the Prefects must (as I advised them) communicate formally with the Ministry (through channels) and give a complete statement of the administrative officials - career and non-career - now serving. This latter point is important.

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6. A feature of prefectural organization which was observed at Belluno, Treviso, Venice and Udine is the interposition of two political deputies of the Prefect between him and the career Vice-Prefects and with titles which, such as Vice-Prefect Commissario, Commissario Politico, Vice-Prefect Politico and so on. This is a relic of the structure set up by the GIs who introduced the feature to "preserve the equilibrium of the parties" and as a means of securing control over the actions of the Prefecture. I suspect it is more widespread in the North than we realize.
7. This idea seems to have little to recommend it as a device for producing good administration. However, I do not think any general rule can be laid down; the device may work well in some cases and not in others and there may be reasons of policy for maintaining it. In Udine for instance, it works badly, obstructing progress, diminishing the authority of the Prefect and producing indiscipline in the Prefecture. In Belluno, the political Vice-Prefect Vicario is a mere passenger. In Treviso on the other hand, the Vice-Prefect Commissario Avv.

AVV. SARTOR seems to be doing an excellent job. I was not able to assess the position in Venice.

8. Electoral Lists. The difficulties encountered in this field and the remedies advised, were those that were anticipated: the position appears sufficiently from the Apennines. The most difficult provinces seem to be Veneto and Udine. Venice because of its topography and Udine because of its size. I found a general spirit of optimism among the Italian Officials as to the progress they will be able to make which, without entirely sharing in it, I did my best to encourage.

9. General. Very IC referred to the then recent announcement that the North would be handed back to Italian control on 1 September which has encouraged dissident elements to ignore or even defy the wishes of AMG. Only in Vicenza did it seem to be felt that the province would be ready for the hand-over by that date. Some ICs and Prefects mentioned their fears on the matter of public order.

10. I believe that both Regional and Provincial Hqs found my visit helpful. The kindness and hospitality exhibited to me personally by everyone was, as always, such as to call for my most grateful thanks.

Robert Dill *May*

O.G.R. WILLIAMS, Major,
Executive Officer,
Local Government Sub-Commission.

CGM/pgr.

27th July, 1945.

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HEADQUARTERS
VENETIAN REGION
Allied Military Government 26 JUL 1945
APO 384

TO : HQ A.C.,
Asian Executive Conference.
17 July 1945

SUBJECT: Meeting with Prefects.
127 JUL 1945

FILE NO: HULL/004.15

Yesterday afternoon, Monday, 16 July, I received a visit from the seven Prefects of Udine, Treviso, Belluno, Gorizia, Pordenone, Udine, and Trieste. The Prefect of Udine who was unable to be present desired to associate himself completely with the discussion. Perhaps the most important feature to note is that all the Prefects present were members of the C.L.M. (Italian, the Prefect of Udine, was nominated by the C.L.M. and all of them had taken a prominent part in the resistance movement. I have been very impressed with them and particularly with Ave. Podesta of Padua and Maffei of Trieste.

Of the seven present four were Christian Democrats, three Partito d'Azione and the missing Prefect from Udine is a Liberal.

The conference started off on a number of economic matters which were comparatively easy to deal with on the basis of last weeks conference in Rome.

Later in the meeting, however, and in an atmosphere of considerable seriousness, they wished to have a private talk with me on the subject of public security. They completely confirmed to me what, in effect, I had already reported to you on Saturday morning, that there is a serious risk of terror in the countryside; that people are very frightened of real danger of the worst sort and that it is exceedingly difficult to find individuals courageous enough to stand up against the threats and in some cases actual physical violence.

I do not wish to be thought that ^{that} is at this present moment a great deal of actual physical violence although political matters do continue. I have already expressed to you my own opinion that the effort at this end and the publicity involved has come as a severe shock even to the more lawless elements. I believe that we may quite well have a considerable period of reasonable tranquility but there can be no doubt as to the genuine apprehension regarding the situation entertained by all these Prefects. It is quite true that they represent the right center and center and it may be argued that they are unnecessarily frightened of the left. On the other hand they do represent, in my opinion, the very best collections that the various C.L.M. could put forward and I think it would be most wrong to ignore their representation.

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I explained to them that the decision to bring Allied Military Government to an end on the 1st of September had been taken at the highest level and that I could not in any way reopen the discussion. I said that in the meantime we were doing all in our power to further the efficiency and morale of the Carabinieri and that we could support every action taken by the Prefects or Questore to improve the morale and efficiency of the police agents.

I further said that I would represent their views in connection with the possible distribution of Italian regular armed troops. I also said that, if such opinions were strongly held by them, it seemed to me to be their duty to report them to the Italian authorities themselves and particularly to the President of the Council of Ministers. I knew in this connection that

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Matter is a personal friend of Francesco Barri and I believe that if he will in fact write to the Prime Minister. I finally said that if they wished to put their views in writing I would communicate them directly to you as rapidly as possible. I think it very likely that I shall receive a letter from them, or at least from Sabatin and Matter representing the others, within the course of the next few days.

(Sgd) John K. Dunlop,
Brigadier,
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My dear

I want to thank you very much indeed for all your help and assistance while I stayed at your Headquarters. I learned a great deal of what is going on in the field and enjoyed being privileged to listen in at your Provincial Commissioners' meeting.

I have mentioned the matter of Saunders to Civil Affairs and Public Safety, both to Col. Chapman and Col. Dougherty. They are going to endeavor to find a substitute for you and I think that Col. Chapman will visit you in the near future. I have made notes of the various matters that arose at the meeting with Provincial Commissioners, but there is one point in particular which I would like to mention, and that is the question of having additional members of the Giunta Comunale over those laid down in Decree No. 111.

On further consideration, and having discussed this matter with the Local Government officers here, I consider it would be most unwise to have the Giunta larger than those laid down (a) for the very good reason that you have given yourself that large committees are very often ineffective, and (b) that when we turn over to the Italian Government, this may lead to considerable complications. We have in fact had experience in this situation, previously and reducing the Giunta later on leads to considerable hard feelings. I therefore suggest respectfully that your suggestion that they could be larger if Regional Commissioners wish might be withdrawn.

Again my thanks indeed for all your kindness while I was in Padua.

Yours sincerely,

JMC

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Dear Colonel,

In the absence of Brigadier Dunlop, who is over on the Adriatic side of the peninsula and will not return, I am answering your letter to him.

Many thanks for your offer to send Capt. Lewis to Chienciano to deliver a lecture of series of lectures on Local Government Organizations. We are sorry that later developments made it impossible for him to come.

Developments also within the last 24 hours indicate a move of this Headquarters within the next few days to points further east and north. As you probably know, there has been ordered to us for duty in caring for our Interior Duty problems Capt. B.H. Jarvis (B). We are glad to have an officer on the Headquarters staff to handle any questions of this nature that may arise. You will probably have considerable correspondence and contact with him. Kindest personal regards.

Cordially yours,

Col. M. Lewis
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for Regional Commissioner

Col. R.G.B. Spicer,
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