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/141/163 PREFECT FOR CHIETI PROVINCE, SIGN. GAETANO PETRELLA
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CA Sec

Ref minute 38 Letter has been signed by C.C.
+ is sent to you for despatch. Copies withdrawn for CC & EC.

Office of E.C.
13 apr 45

D Thorden major PRT

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CAS

Please see folio p. 91.
Finalmente, Petrella is finito.

R.K. Temple, major
D/Dir. L&S/c

28 apr 45

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Executive Commissioner

Folios 90 and 91 will, it is suggested, be of interest to the Chief Commissioner

G.R. Bomkamp Lt-Col
CAS

28 April.

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91 is satisfactory & you should

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G.A. Bonham-Carter Lt Col
CAS

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91 is Satisfactory - Gen Stanley Shaw Cc

Lt 28/4

1/5 Noted
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CA See

Ref 43 folios noted by C.C. + file returned.

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E. Thurston Maj

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MINUTE SHEET NO. 11

34.

CA Section:

The Executive Commissioner has reviewed your aide-memoire regarding the Prefect Regent of Chieti and desires that this be rewritten in a form better suited for use by the CC in his discussions with the Prime Minister.

Relative paragraph 3 thereof, it will be observed that subjects like improper advances to ladies, preferential treatment of relatives, securing of extra bread rations for himself, etc., are hardly suited for such discussions.

Paragraph 6 requests removal of Petrella; it is understood that under the terms of the turnover of territory to the Italian Government, the Allied Commission is not legally in a position to demand such a removal.

L. W. STEARNS
Major, AGD

Office of the Executive
Commissioner

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L.G.O.C.

Please see Minute 34.

J. Keating, Lieut
C.A. Section

7 Apr.

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C.A. Section

Apr. 9. Reference Minute (34), Aide-Memoire rewritten as at fo. 88. Two loose copies are also sent.

Major
for Director, L.G. & C.

37.

To A/G + Com.

Ref. Minutes 33 & 36 herewith revised Aide Memoire.

J. Lieut and Keating, Lieut.

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L.G.D.C..

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C.A. Section

7 April.

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C. [illegible] Dillon, Major
for Director, M.G. & C.

37.

To A/G & Com.

Ref. memoirs 33 & 36 herewith revised Aide Memoire.

J. Lewis and Keating, Maj.
CA. Section.

9 Apr.

38.

SO to CC.

Ref 38, I submit draft letter ~~(on attached file 2610)~~ to the Prime Minister for CC's consideration, and suggest that this is a possible way of handling this matter.

[illegible]
G.S.O.

10 April 1945.

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11/4 Draft approved
CC

So to CC — Letter submitted herewith
S. A/G.

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MINUTE SHEET NO. 10

DATE	(31)	PAGE
3 April	CA Section 1. Reference minutes (29) + (30) + conversation (Col. Cuffe — Major Williams) this morning, the Aide Memoire directed in minute (29) is at fo. 86. Two loose copies thereof are also submitted for upward transmission.	86
	2. As the CC may wish to hand a copy of the Aide Memoire to the Prime Minister, it has been thought desirable NOT to refer in it to: —	
	(a) RC's suggestion of an Italian Govt. inquiry (see fo. 52) and our demi-official reply at fo. 54:	52 54
	(b) the confidential information given us by the Chief of Cabinet of the Ministry at the interview on 27 March — see fo. 81, para. 4.	81.
	3. Fos. 85 - 84B have been received to-day. Attention is ~~with~~ drawn to the view expressed by RC in fo. 85	85 - 84B
	for Director, I & S/C	
Tel:- 47876.		
	(32)	
4 April	CA Section 1. Following conversation between col. Cuffe and major Williams, a fresh draft of aide memoire for CC is herewith submitted at fo. 86.	

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Tel:- 478706.

for Director, L & S/C

(32)

4 April

C A Section

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2. Please refer also to minute (31)

for Director L & S/C

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4 Apl. To. H/Sec. Comm.

Re minute 30 + 29

Aide Memoire is submitted at 87 with loose copy in file for use of CC.

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Asst. Sec'y

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MAR 31 RECD

Minute No. 28

A/Sec.
To: Chief Commissioner.

1. At Folio No.62 is submitted for your information a memorandum on the subject of the Prefect of CHIETI, Avv. PETRELLA.

2. Will you also please note Minute No.27.

3. It is suggested that in view of the special circumstances of this case, which involves an AMG appointee, you may wish to discuss the matter with the Prime Minister at some early opportunity with a view to suggesting the prompt removal of Prefect PETRELLA.

R.R. CRIPPS, Col.
CSC CA SECTION.

30th March 1945.

28.

Chief Commissioner:

While this situation places the Commission in an extremely awkward position locally in Chieti, inasmuch as we have (1) appointed the Prefect and (2) tried to obtain his removal by the Italian Government after the territory was returned and (3) been blocked from obtaining that removal by what appears to be political intrigue within the Government, we are not, I feel, in a position now to make representations to the Prime Minister. In the circumstances, I suggest that the matter be dropped. Do you agree?

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31/3/45

N. E. F.

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A/Exec. Comm.
I feel I should at least mention it to the P.M. Pls prepare an Aide Memoire. What he does thereafter is their responsibility.

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3/4 CA Sec. Pls see minute 29. Draft aide memoire accordingly.

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DATE	(Minute No. 24 - continued)	PAGE
	4. We agreed that if PETRELLA's removal had not taken place by Friday or Saturday, 23 or 24 March, RHQ should phone us again, and we would then consider what further action (if any at all) we could take. NOTE - In conversation with Dr. PANIERA on 22/3/45, he happened to mention that PETRELLA's case would come before the Council of Ministers on 28/3/45 CGW C. G. R. WILLIAMS, Major Local Government S/C	
23 Mar	(25) Note I received a telephone call from G-2 Lazio Umbria Region today. The officer said that Petrella was in his office in Rome and wanted to know why he had been removed. He also said he had a letter from Col. Spicer. The officer wanted to send him here. I explained the situation and told the officer to tell Petrella to see the Min of Interior since Chief was under Allied control entirely. Capt L. (26) Follow up please, 29 Mar 45.	
26 Mar	Capt L.	
29 March	(27) CA Section: 1. Pursuant to VP's request, I have prepared a memorandum outlining the PETRELLA situation. Note of interview with PETRELLA to	

Minutes on 28/3/45 CAS

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23 Mar

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R.K. Templeton Major

Capt L.

(26)

26 Mar

~~Major~~

Follow up phone, 29 Mar 45.

RKT

(27)

29 March

CA Section:

V.P.

1. Pursuant to VP's request, I have prepared a memorandum outlining the PETRELLA situation. Note of interview with BERNINI is at folio p. 61.

2. As I pointed out to you, this is in the "face-saving" class. You will recall the great concern of Col. French that AMG officers would be pulled out, leaving PETRELLA there to the discredit and embarrassment of Allied Military Government. The unfavourable impression that would be created perhaps justifies the mentioning of AC's attitude with regard to PETRELLA. However, coming on the heels of the "New Deal" declaration, this is a delicate matter which must be discreetly handled, even though it deals with our opinion about an AMG appointee.

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R.R. Temple, Major

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

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March 15.	~~Embassy~~ Staff: Transfer page 62A on this file to 22A on file 4/24/3. LMB.	62A
	(23)	
Mar. 17	note > Reference fol 75 With the consent of the V.P. I saw Berretta, Chief of Cabinet of the Min. of Interior and told him informally, that the AC officers at Chieti were very unhappy about the presence of Petrella in Chieti, and it would be to the best interests of both AC and the Italian Govt that Petrella was removed and the newly designated prefect, Volpes, was sent to replace him as soon as possible, according to previous agreement. Berretta verified the fact that Petrella's case would be disposed of by the Council of Ministers next Wednesday 21 March. Another Prefect would be sent instead of Volpes who had to be assigned to Pescara. R R Temple Maj	
	(24)	
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3. I said the removal of PACE had been agreed by us with the Italian Government at the same time as the removal of PETRELLA (see fo. 70) and we had written AC informing him of that (see fo. 72). I reminded him we had now no power to interfere. I said that, nevertheless, we had taken his last letter (see fo. 73) to the VP, who had authorized us to speak to the Ministry informally. Major T. had done this and replied to the letter. AC said he had not yet received the reply.

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MINUTE SHEET NO. 6

DATE		PAGE
Feb 5.	S/Sgt. (17) On Investr's instructions, calendar # 61A for Feb. 12. C/S. Noted.	61A
Feb 8.	Tel - Terachiel who said that as Chiefs had passed under the administration of Italian Government and that Fenn was really unwell He H Jones left him in Benevento hospital up for Chiefs Memo —	62
		ca 58
Feb. 8.	Re above dealt with in fo. 63 + in connection with Nicali a 7/2/44 Cyp. Tof D. c (as Tab V.	63
Feb. 14.	Lt Norriano (19) Please speak to Nicali re Parenti about no. 65 — Memmo is not in office at Nocera but only living there: + now that he is to go to Chiefs, as Ital. Govt. premises, his mere is no longer the direct concern of this S/C. The Ministry should write to Memmo themselves + send the letter to us for transmission thro' to usual channels. C/S	65
Feb 14	Tel Ministry - Parenti - agreed and said	65

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Feb. 8. Tel – Personnel who said that as Chiefs had passed under the administration of Italian Government and that Ferri – 62 – on 58 was really unwell the H Comm left. Send in Benevento for follow up for Chiefs Memo –

Feb. 8. Re above dealt with in fo. 63 + in connection with Nicoli on 7/2/44 GJS. 63

Tel D. Caetani V.

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Feb 14 Tel. Ministry – Parenti – agreed and said he would follow the above instructions 65

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Tel D. Caetani

Feb 18 Maj Williams. 65

Ref above minute (19) and ff 65. MEMMO is now at Lecce! See file 4/1/66 ff 71. TC – please phone Parenti accordingly. May should communicate with Lecce. GJS. Done 20/2/44a 5662

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23 Feb Maj V Please note p 67 RT

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27 Jan	(14) Capt. C Re FERRI (p 58) - please take necessary action of informing Ministry and RC abruzzi. Has the situation changed since Oct.? RCT.	58 41 40
28 Jan	(15) Dir No change in situation has been notified to the S/C Amend letter to Ministry of Interior and RC Abr. for signature LB.	58 + 41
Feb. 5.	(16) Director 1. On 4 Dec. we had a letter from RC - see #52 - enclosing documents making a number of charges against Prefect PETRELLA of Chieti + asking the S/C to have the Italian Govt. set up an Inquiry into the charges.	52
	2. You replied by DO to RC on 28 Dec. - see #54	54.
	3. On 1 Feb., Lt-Col McFee from Reg H/Q called & saw Major Temple & me. He left with us the papers at #61A - X. These are the answer to your DO.	61A - X
	4. These papers are the results of a further inquiry by Capt. Cotton, PPSO Chieti. The papers are summarised in his report at # 61A + B.	61A + B
	5. Lt. Col McFee stated that RC had dropped the idea of an Inquiry. Instead, he requests the S/C to take steps to have PETRELLA removed - quickly + quietly.	
	6. He also drew attention to the penultimate ~~report~~ para. of Capt. Cotton's report at # 61B, + asked us to account to get these papers get into the hands of the Ministry.	
	7. The matter is very delicate, particularly in view of the support that AMG/AC has given to PETRELLA in the past. Well, I think have to be put verbally to the Minister. CGL2.	56 + 0

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MINUTE SHEET No. 4

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Dec 6 Director. 13.

1. Please see 52 and enclo Contagione
Serious allegations against PETRELLA, Prefect
of Chieti.

2. It will be recalled that he was appointed
by ANCC for the nomination of Aldisio, then
Min of Int.

3. In July last allegations of fascist
records etc were contained in a note sent by CANEVARI
which You took the matter up strongly in
strong support of Petrella. You disposed of the
latter 28.

5 Further allegations were made in Sept
Minutes 8 - 11 inc. Ref to disposal of in 50

6. The new accusations relate to
unofficial conduct in his official capacity and
alleged immoral behavior.

7 Please indicate Your views, particularly
as the Rc's suggestion that the Italian Government
should arrange an inquiry?

H Caleb.

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Dec 6. Ed/ Since Chieti Province is Ital. Govt.
I agree with Rc's suggestion that they
should be asked to hold an inquiry through
their own Inspectors. Generally, that the
Rc. consider the matter one for Ital Govt

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Oct 4. Director. (6).

Letters for signature.

K.

(7)

Adjt. Please see above letters, record and deal with transport/pass arrangements as solicited.

K. For Bellini left by Comnr 17/10/Pak. Letter to RC re PE — 42

(8)

Oct. 10. Director.

1. Please see 42.
2. Allegations are just made against Petrella in the note from Caracas on 17, Refs also to 20 and attached reports dealt with in the letter 26 and 28.

K.

(9)

Oct. 10. Ext. Anonymous statements are to be ignored by the d/g.

(10)

Oct. 11. Director.

1. Ref. 9 above draws your attention to enclosure No. 42 A which purports to be a declaration of a named individual.
2. The remaining enclosures are anonymous.

K.

(11)

Oct. 18 — Ext. Then return statement to RC. — 56

In favour of his views.

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MINUTE SHEET No. 2

DATE		PAGE
Aug. 22nd	(1). Director / Letter & recs herewith as arranged with Hqs. Can come this morning (Note of that in Hqs on file 14/1). A.	
Feb. 5	(2) Ld / I am indeed grateful for the action taken by Hqs Ld & colleagues. 2. Copy RC V. This letter speaks for itself. I should thank Hqs for the false charges made against Gaetano Petrella finally, & trust with yours approval the contents of it may be made known to him. /	
Feb. 9th	(3) Ld / Copy to R.C. for favour of retort /	
Sept. 12	(4) Director: Col Bain stepped in to see me in your absence. I showed him the letter which we were sending him and RC Reg V (P. 33 & 32). He said he was going to see RC Reg V and straighten out the situation, and possibly recommend action to the RC. He wanted us to know this. I stated that we certainly had no objection and that we would await to report from him and the RC. RR Pringle	

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April 19 (1) Note

Address letter to proper authority ask for report (A) re to Gaetano Petrella arrival. (B) Stir in Palladino re file.

(2)

26th Director Position known as on note on file and shown in accompanying letter for arranging Release Arrangements made by Capt. Talbot on phone today when he mentioned Certain new Security instructions which in effect Petrella's journey forward to Chiefs dist. Capt. T. States no objection to P going to Senerchia as requested.

3.

Aug 6th This time obtained that Pet was removed 21st Marcovaso in hand of Carcavasi — Talbot brig it to notice of A.M.

(2) Unit Commdr Regimento - most grateful if illuminating reports may that no action whatsoever will be taken to replace Gaetano Petrella.

Investigation will be undertaken here the action of the Questura in making such a report suggestion will be brought to notice of Italian Govt.

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Aug 22nd Adjt. Please put for file before Director on 25th Inst. further action by him under para (2) of letter.

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Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers
Minister of the Interior

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Rome, 21 April 1945

32 A/P

Dear Admiral,

In reference to your letter of the 19th, n. 1/1/10/US, I want to tell you that in the meeting of the 20th, the Council of Ministers approved the substitution of Prefect Gaetano Petrolla in the seat of Chieti, leaving him without a post.

Sincerely yours,

S. I. Casati

Vice-Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner of the
Allied Commission - Rome

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EC List - 30 Apr 45

ACTION: CA Sec (2)
INFO: Chief Comm
Exec Comm

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To: Local Govt S/C
WGS Dolland, Mufa
CA Sec
30 Apr 45

IL PRESIDENTE
DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI
MINISTRO DELL'INTERNO

N° 1/1395-Gab.

Roma, 21 aprile 1945

30 APR 1945

Caro Contrammiraglio,

in relazione alla Sua del 13 corrente n° 4/1/10/10, Le comunico che il Consiglio dei Ministri, nella seduta del 20 corrente, ha approvato la sostituzione del prefetto Gaetano Petrella nella sede di Chieti, collocandolo a disposizione.

Cordialmente

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Cordialmente

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Contrammiraglio
ELLERY W. STONE
Commissario Capo della Commissione Alleata

R O M A

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Translation on

Rome, 21 April 1945

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From : MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR
Cabinet of H.E. the Minister

Ref. M.11565/1473

To : Allied Commission, Local Govt. S/C

Subject : PS TRELLA Avv. Caetano

We wish to inform you that the Council of Ministers, at the meeting of th e 20th instant, approved the substitution of Prefect Caetano PETRELLA at Chieti, placing him at disposal.

THE UNDER SECRETARY
Bernardi

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Roma, 21 aprile 1945

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Ministero dell'Interno
GABINETTO DI S.E. IL MINISTRO

Alla Commissione Alleata
Sottocommissione Governo
Locale ROMA

Pref. I^ 1925/1473 Allegati

Risposta al foglio
Div. Sez. N°

OGGETTO PETRELLA AVV. Gaetano.

Si comunica che il Consiglio dei Ministri, nella seduta del 20 corrente, ha approvato la costituzione del prefetto Gaetano PETRELLA nella sede di Chieti, collocandolo a disposizione.

PER IL MINISTRO

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AC/W/1/10/15.

13 April 1945.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

I enclose copy of a report I have received from my Civil Affairs Section concerning GAETANO PETRELLA, Prefect Regent of Chieti.

Under the terms of the Aide Memoire communicated to you by Mr. MACMILLAN on 24 February 1945, it is of course no longer necessary for your Government to obtain the approval of this Commission for Italian appointments in territory under the jurisdiction of the Italian Government.

I desire, however, to bring to your attention the facts set out in the enclosed report for any action you may deem appropriate.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
The President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government
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AFO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

4 April 1945.

CAMILLO PATRELLA, PREFECT REGENT OF CHIETI

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Ref: 2810 GC

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The President of the Council of Ministers,

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Rear Admiral USNR
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi,
The President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
ROME.

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4 April, 1945

CAETANO PETRELLA, PREFECT REGENT OF CHIETI - ADMINISTRATION

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b) misappropriating goods sequestrated by the police;
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GAETANO PETRELLA, PREFECT REGENT OF CHIETI -- AIDE MEMOIRE.

1. PETRELLA became Prefect Regent of CHIETI at the end of April 1944. In response to a request from AC he was nominated by the then Minister of the Interior, BONOMI and appointed by LIEUT. He is not a career official.

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7. Since the Autumn of last year PETTELLA's administration has steadily deteriorated and latterly he has actually worked against the Allies. 56.6
Maladministration is a matter for the Italian Government; but failure to co-operate with the Allies and attempts to discredit them cannot fail to concern AC. On these grounds his prompt removal from office is considered essential. Not to remove him would be a reflection on the integrity of AC.

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FROM : HQ. AMG., Umbria-Marche Region.

SUBJECT : Prefect of Chieti. 2 APR 1945

REF : MS/711/2/3.

DATE : 31st March 1945.

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1. Reference this HQ. letter of even reference, dated 26th March 1945, I enclose Major. Donnelly's report as further evidence of PETRALIA's antagonism to the Allied effort.

2. That he should be allowed to remain in office despite all the evidence of his unsuitability, for his job, is I consider, a reflection on the integrity of our reports.

C.H.A. FRENCH,
Colonel;
REGIONAL COMMISSIONER.

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Provincial Commissioner,
Chieti Province.

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SUBJECT:- Appointment of new acting Director, UPSEA Chieti Province.

To:- H.Q. AC., Abruzzi-Marche Region (2 Copies)
(att: Agricultural Officer)
From:-C.C.C.C. Chieti Province (Northern District)

Chieti
26 Mar 45.

1.(a) Ref my letter of 21 Mar 45 relevant subject matter and in amplification of para 4, I give below the translation of a statement made to me on 24 Mar 45 by Dr Di Lauro, Inspector of Agriculture, and acting Director UPSEA. Chieti for the past five months.

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TO : Provincial Commissioner, Chieti, Pescara, Lanciano.

FROM : HQ, Allied Command-Adriatic Region

SUBJECT : Prefect of Chieti

REF : 17/ALG/G5.

DATE : 28 March 1945.

31 MAR 1945

Attached hereto as Appendix "A" is the current report of the collection of wheat and olive oil in the Province of this Region, showing the amounts collected to date in each Province and the Municipalities.

Chieti Province should show the largest amounts and percentages collected, as upon the record of that Province is the remark.

It is evident that the Prefect of Chieti is either inefficient and careless or that he is wilfully being uncooperative to both the Allied Commander and the Italian Government in the fulfillment of his responsibilities.

This Force will be presented on 31 MAR. so that it may be passed on to the Italian Government to further substantiate our request for a new Prefect for Chieti Province.

For Regional Commissioner:

D. D. Abbott
Lt. Col. A.G.D.
Lt.Colonel
Executive Officer.

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Hq. AC, Local Government Sub-Commission.

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OLIVE OIL
HARVEST COLLECTION FIGURES

PROVINCE	TOTAL TO March 17th	WEEK ENDING March 24th	TOTAL TO DATE	TARGET
ANCONA	146	62	208	1,000
AQUILA	32	4	36	250
ASCOLI-PICENO	412	12	424	900
CHIETI	1,328	249	1,587	13,800
MACERATA	252	39	291	1,000
PESARO	282	4	286	600
PESCARA	1,850	14	1,864	10,000
TERAMO	2,052	07	2,059	4,600
TOTAL QUINTALS.....	7,344	551	7,895	32,250

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March, 24th, 1945.

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OLIVE OIL
HARVEST COLLECTION FIGURES

ENDING 24th	TOTAL TO DATE	TARGET	TARGET MINUS OR PLUS	PERCENTAGE OF TARGET
62	208	1,000	Minus 792	20%
4	36	250	Minus 214	14%
12	424	900	Minus 476	47%
249	1,587	13,800	Minus 12,213	10%
59	291	1,000	Minus 709	29%
4	286	800	Minus 514	36%
14	2,964	10,000	Minus 7,036	30%
67	2,099	4,500	Minus 2,401	46%
551	7,895	32,250	Minus 24,355	24%

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HARVEST COLLECTION FIGURES

PROVINCE	TOTAL TO March 17th	WEEK ENDED March 24th	TOTAL TO DATE	TARGET	TA
ANCONA	525,985	2,089 ✓	590,074 ✓	500,000	Pl
AQUILA	42,734	- -	42,734	40,000	Pl
ASCOLI-PICENO	437,289	25,880	463,169 ✓	430,000	Pl
CHIETI	71,191	79 ✓	71,270	72,000	Pl
MACERATA	730,580	2,062	732,642	675,000	Pl
PESARO	328,271	14,032	342,303	208,000	Pl
PESCARA	94,839	67	94,906 ✓	100,000	Pl
TERAMO	282,194	98 ✓	282,292	200,000	Pl
TOTAL QUINTALE....	2,523,083	44,327	2,827,390	2,225,000	Pl

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Agriculture Division.
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HARVEST COLLECTION FIGURES

ECEIPTS 24th	TOTAL TO DATE	TARGET	TARGET MINUS OR PLUS	PERCENTAGE OF TARGET
✓	598,074 ✓	500,000	Plus 98,074	119%
	42,724	40,000	Plus 2,724	107%
	463,189 ✓	430,000	Plus 33,189	107%
✓	71,270	72,000	Minus 730	99%
	732,642	675,000	Plus 57,642	108%
	342,303	208,000	Plus 134,303	164%
	94,906 ✓	100,000	Minus 5,094	95%
	282,292	200,000	Plus 82,292	141%
	2,827,390	2,225,000	Plus 402,390	118%

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Tel: 620

29 March 1945

Memorandum for the Chief Commissioner:

Subject: Avv. PETRELLA, Prefetto Reggente of Chieti.

1. Avv. PETRELLA, a non-career official, was appointed Prefetto Reggente in May 1943 by AMG 5 Army, with the approval of this HQ. Reports of his conduct in the beginning were excellent, but in recent months became progressively less favourable. Finally, in December 1944 and January 1945, rather damaging charges as to the Prefect's conduct were sent in, involving, among other things, malfeasance in office and immoral behaviour. His removal was requested by the Regional Commissioner.

2. The matter was discussed with the Minister of the Interior who, after consideration of the charges, agreed on 22 February to remove him from Chieti and send another Prefect there. With its usual lucity and in spite of our efforts, nothing was done to carry out the decision of the Ministry. Within the last month, the Regional Commissioner of Abruzzi-Marche has been clamoring for the replacement of PETRELLA on the grounds that he has become most uncooperative and is discrediting the AMG officers in the province. The last appeal of Col. French urged the utmost importance of PETRELLA's removal immediately and substitution of his successor before AC officers are withdrawn from the province.

3. On 17 March, Major Temple of the Local Government Sub Commission was informed that PETRELLA's case would be disposed of in a week and a career Prefect sent. However, on 27 March, in a conference with the Chief of Cabinet of the Ministry of Interior, Major Temple was informed that because of the support of PETRELLA by three Ministers, representing political parties, his removal could only be effected if informal representation was made by AC to the Prime Minister. The Chief of Cabinet indicated that the "New Deal" declaration should not prevent AC from giving advice to the Italian Government regarding PETRELLA, since the latter was an AMG appointee.

4. Note of the above-mentioned interview is at folio p. 81. Other pertinent documents are at pages 61, 70, 75, 78 and 80.

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Ralph R. Temple
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for R. G. B. SPICER
Colonel
Director
Local Government Sub Commission

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SUBJECT: Prefetto Reggente of CHIETI: PETRELLA

NOTE OF INTERVIEW with H. E. BERRUTI and Dott. CAMERA.

Interviewed by: Major P.H.Temple, Chief Executive Officer
Local Government Sub-Commission and
Captain W.I.Cunningham.

DATE: 27th March, 1945.

INTERPRETER: Signora Ayrige NICS.

1. At the close of an interview on another subject, Major Temple mentioned the case of PETRELLA and asked if the question of his dismissal was coming up at the next Council of Ministers.

2. H.E.Berruti said that PETRELLA wanted to be informed of the charges against him, be tried and produce evidence in refutation. Berruti suggested that if AC wanted him removed it would be necessary to take strong action.

3. Major Temple said that off the record, the situation was very serious. The Regional Commissioner of Abruzzi Marche had visited this Sub Commission and said that PETRELLA was doing all he could to discredit AMG officers and was boasting that no one could remove him. However, AC could not bring pressure on the Italian Government as CHIETI is in Italian Government Territory and such action might be a breach of the McMillan Declaration. He inquired what the position would be if no pressure were brought to bear.

4. Berruti said that PETRELLA had the support of the Ministers of three political parties in the Government. If he is removed from CHIETI they want him to be made a permanent Prefect (Prefetto del Regno) and assigned to some other province. This was impossible as it was against all precedent and would be in the nature of a reward as PETRELLA was only a Prefetto Reggente and when he was moved would have no rank at all.

5. Major Temple said that this would have to be reported to the CP. He thought that in view of the Regional Commissioner's attitude some informal representation might have to be made to the Prime Minister.

6. Berruti said that would be what he wished. As PETRELLA was an AMG appointee he thought it would be correct that we should give the Italian Government advice on the subject.

7. Major Temple said there would have been no hesitation about the matter if the McMillan Declaration had not been made or if CHIETI had not been south of the demarkation line.

8. Berruti said he was of the opinion that there could be no objection to an informal approach and mentioned the Armistice terms.

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9. Major Temple said that AC were trying to observe the McMillan declaration scrupulously.

10. Berruti said he appreciated that. The matter of PETRELLA's dismissal would not be taken up at the next Council of Ministers for the reasons he had previously stated.

11. Major Temple thanked H.E. Berruti for the frank discussion of the subject and for his co-operation on the matter.

W.I. Cunningham Capt

W.I.CUNNINGHAM. Captain.
Local Government Sub Commission.,

28 March 1945.

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TO : HQ AC (For Local Government Sub-Commission)

FROM : HC AMGOT Abruzzi-Marche Region

SUBJECT : Prefects of CHIETI and PESCARA

27 MAR 1945

R.F. : RS/714/2/3

DATE : 26 March 1945

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Further to this office Signal 714/2/3/ dated 19 March, telephone conversations and interviews of yesterdays date, the enclosed letter from the P. C. together with attachment from the Director of UPSSA is forwarded for your information.

For Regional Commissioner:

J. D. Scholtz
Lt. Colonel
Executive Officer

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SUBJECT:- Prefects of CHIETI and PESCARA

TO:- R.C. AMG/AC ABRUZZI-MARCHE Region

FROM:- R.C. CHIETI, PESCARA & TERAMO

CPT/20/11

22 Mar 45

1. In confirmation of my telephone call to your HQ, the Prefect of PESCARA has been informed that he will cease to function as Prefect as from 30 Mar 45.

2. No grounds were given for this action, but PACE understands that the reason being "his failure to co-operate with the Allies".

3. If this is the case, I would like to point out that during my 6 months as R.C. I have found him a capable, efficient official who has at all times most willingly cooperated with Allied Commission and the Military Authorities in this area.

4. PACE was appointed by A.M.G., and as a matter of courtesy, at least, I think A.C. should have been informed of the Italian Ministry's decision to replace him.

5. The Prefect of CHIETI, PETRELLA, who is a corrupt and bad administrator, and who has never willingly co-operated with the Allies, is still in office, and VOLPES, who was mentioned in your letter G5/714/2/3 dated 1 Mar 45 as his successor has been nominated for PESCARA.

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A. Saunders Major,
Provincial Commissioner,
AC CHIETI, PESCARA & TERAMO PROVINCES.

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Subject:- Appointment of new Acting Director UPSAA, Chieti Province. CONFIDENTIAL

To:- HQ. Abruzzi Marche Region (2 copies)
(att: Agricultural officer)
From:-C.C.C.C. Chieti Province (Northern District)
21 Mar 45.

1. Written statement by Dr. Di Lauro, Inspector Agriculture and acting Director UPSAA Chieti 10 Oct 44 to 19 Mar 45.

For your information I attach a copy of a written statement, with English translation, by Dr.Di Lauro, Inspector Agriculture Chieti and acting Director UPSAA for the past five months i.e. From 10 Oct 44 to 19 Mar 45.

A new acting Director UPSAA has recently been appointed at the instigation of the Chieti Prefect.

2. Consistent Cooperation with A.C. by Dr.Di Lauro.

During the six weeks I have known him, Dr.Di Lauro has proved himself to be a most reliable man with many years of experience. He has been consistently cooperative with AC. and has been of invaluable assistance to me in Olive Oil Control matters.

3. Appointment of New Acting Director UPSAA, Chieti

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However he may in due course prove his appreciation of the responsibilities of his new appointment, and, with Dr.Di Lauro's continued cooperation, realise better the many difficulties to be overcome, before the Olive Oil can be satisfactorily ammassed.

4. Suspected victimization of Dr.Di Lauro by Prefect.

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Furthermore the Prefect entirely neglected to consult me as to the latter's ability, or even to imform me that he had arranged for him to be replaced by a new acting Director UPSEA.

(d) I feel that unless the Prefect is replaced before the departure of A.C. from Chieti, he may victimize Dr. Di Lauro still further.

5. Praise of Dr.Di Lauro by Director General UNSEA

As shown in Dr.Di Lauro's statement (attached), the Director General UNSEA expressed his opinion personally to Dr. Napoli, the new acting Director UPSEA, that the Olive Oil Collection has been well organised from the beginning by Dr.Di Lauro.

6. Undeserved stigma on the ability of Dr.Di Lauro.

I consequently consider that Dr.Di Lauro was carrying out his duties as acting Director UPSEA very satisfactorily and should never have been replaced at the instigation of the Prefect in the off hand manner described, as it has left an undeserved stigma on his ability.

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7. Suggestion for official recognition by UNRRA and Prefect of services rendered by Dr.Di Lauro as acting Director UPSSA, Chieti.

I suggest therefore that, if Dr.Di Lauro can not now be reinstated as acting Director UPSSA, a strong request should be made for services rendered by him in that capacity, to be properly acknowledged and officially recognised, both verbally and/or in writing, by the UNRRA authorities and by present Prefect himself or his Successor.

Chieti
21 Mar 45.

K.P.R.S. DUNOLLY MAJOR R.T.R.
CCCO Chieti Province (
(Northern District)

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Interdiction - an 25/5/45

I have been told that the Allies (A.C) have asked my replacement from Prefect of the Province of Chieti.

Such a request should have as a motive either my incapability or some illegal activity in the exercise of my office of Prefect.

I deny the second assumption and presume that the first one is not true.

All my past life, my twenty-two years of constant anti-fascist faith which brought to me persecutions of all kinds and the conviction to death on the part of the Germans on 3rd Oct 43, prompt me to invoke a thorough investigation with consequent examination of the charges.

Pending such investigation I take the liberty of asking that my request of a provision concerning my position by suspended.

Ortona, 23 March 1945

(av. GAETANO BUCCIA

(Prefect of Chieti)

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Mi è stato riferito che gli Alleati (A. C.) hanno chiesto la mia sostituzione da Prefetto per la Provincia di Chieti.

Tale richiesta deve indubbiamente avere come causale o inettitudine o illecito nell'esercizio della mia attività di Prefetto.

Respingo la seconda ipotesi e presumo che la prima non risponda al vero.

Tutta la mia vita passata, i miei ventidue anni di costante fede antifascista con le conseguenti persecuzioni di ogni genere e la condanna a morte nei miei confronti da parte dei tedeschi il 3 ottobre 1943, mi fanno invocare una severa inchiesta con la conseguente contestazione degli addebiti.

In pendenza di tale inchiesta mi permetto chiedere che sia sospesa ogni richiesta di provvedimento nei miei confronti.

ROMA, addì 23 marzo 1945.

Avv. GAETANO PETRELLA

(Prefetto di Chieti)

Avv. Gaetano Petrella

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QUERCEIVE MESSAGE.

To: HQ AC (Local Government Sub-Commission)

From: R.C. Abruzzi Perche Region AMG/AC.

Date: 19 March 1945. Ref. R5/714/2/3.

PETRELLA now openly stating he is not being replaced, and has every intention of remaining in office in Chieti.

Consider it utmost importance he be removed immediately and his successor established in office before AC officers withdrawn from the Province.

REGIONAL COMMISSIONER.

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MESSAGE RECEIVED OVER TELEPHONE AT 09-30 hours 19th MARCH 1945.

FROM: HC ABRUZZI MARCHE REGION NO. RS/714/2/3

TO : LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION. TERAMO

PREFETTO NOW OPERATING HAS BEEN NOT BEEN REPLACED AND ON EVERY OCCASION OF REMAINING IN OFFICE AT CHIETI HE CONSIDER IT OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE HE BE REMOVED IMMEDIATELY AND HIS SUCCESSOR ESTABLISHED IN OFFICE BEFORE AC OFFICERS WITHDRAWN FROM THIS PROVINCE.

RECEIVED BY [illegible] S/SGT.

Confirmation being sent by letter.

Ref: See Minute No 23 and letter p 76

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/4/2/10/LG. Tel : 478706

SUBJECT : Replacement for Prefect in Chieti Province. 17 March 1945

TO : RO. Abruzzi - Marche Region.

1. Reference your letter of 16 March, file R5/714/3 which I received to-day.

2. I took this matter up with the Ministry of Interior immediately and have been assured that Petrella's case will be disposed of within a few days.

3. The Ministry stated also that it was necessary to send Dott. Volpes to Pescara. However an other career Prefect will be sent to Chieti at the earliest possible moment.

for R. G. B. SPICER,
Colonel,
Director,
Local Government S/C.

RRT / cm.

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CONFIDENTIAL 45

TO : HQ. AC. (Local Government Sub-Commission)

6 MAR 1945

FROM : HQAMG/AC Abruzzi-Marche Region

SUBJECT : Replacement for Prefect in Chieti Province

REF : 45/714/3

DATE : 15 March 1945

It is urgently required that steps be take to have Dott. Corrado Volpes, newly selected Prefect for Chieti Province, report immediately.

The incumbent, Dott Petrella, is doing his utmost to discredit our officers in that Province.

May the necessary steps be taken to ensure the arrival of the new Prefect at the earliest moment.

This HQ has been endeavoring to reach your office on the phone regarding this matter for two days but has been unsuccessful.

For Regional Commissioner:

J. D. Scholtz
Lt. Colonel
Executive Officer

JDS/rh

Copy to: P. C. Chieti

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/4/1/10/LC

Tel: 478190

SUBJECT: Prefect of Chieti--Avv. PETRELLA

1 March 1945

TO : RC Abruzzi-Marche Region.

1. I have today received your R5/714/2/3 of 26 February, which has crossed with my AC/4/1/144/LC of 27 February.

2. You will see from my letter of 27 February that we have in fact agreed with the Italian Government for the removal of PETRELLA: and I understand the formal approval of the Council of Ministers is being given this week.

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

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2. You will see from my letter of 27 February that we have in fact agreed with the Italian Government for the removal of PETRELLA: and I understand the formal approval of the Council of Ministers is being given this week.

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

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CONFIDENTIAL 73

To: HQ AC (Interior Sub Commission)

From: HQ AMG/AC Abruzzi Marche Region.

Subject: Prefect of Chieti - Avv. PETRELLA.

Ref: RS/711/2/3.

Date: 26 February 1945.

28 FEB 1945

2. Now that we are withdrawing all our officers from the Province of Chieti, I think it is most advisable that the Prefect - PETRELLA - should be replaced. I know this is a difficult case, but my own view is that if he is left in Chieti without any supervision from us a good deal of trouble might easily arise.

2. As has already been reported he is becoming most unco-operative, and from every point of view I think he should be replaced immediately.

3. Further, the Vice-Prefect is a weak, doddering old bar of very little use.

C.H.A. FRENCH.
Colonel.
Regional Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AG/4/2/244/16 Tel: 478190

SUBJECT: Movement of Prefects. 27 February 1945

TO : Distribution as below.

1. The following movements of Prefects have been agreed to between this HQ and the Italian Government:

Chieti: VOLPES, Dott. Goffredo in substitution for PERELLA, Dott. Gaetano

Foggia: PALAMARA, Dott. Giovanni in substitution for GOTHMAI, Gen. Ettore. Dott. PALAMARA is at present Prefect of Nuoro in Sardinia

Nuoro: VILLASANTA, Dott. Carlo in substitution for PALAMARA, Dott. Giovanni, transferred

2. Copies of this Sub Commission's records as to the new Prefects are annexed for the information of the HQ's and FG's concerned.

3. May this HQ please be informed of the dates on which the new Prefects reach their seats.

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

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Distribution:

HQ Abruzzi-Marche (with copy for FG Chieti)
HQ Southern (with copy for HQ Foggia)
HQ Sardinia (with copy for FG)

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TELEGRAM

FROM : LECCE

TO : MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR GENERAL DIRECTION OF GENERAL AFFAIRS AND PERSON) NEL -ROME, H.Q. AIOCM LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION ROME (for information) PREFECT OF CHIETI.

N. 336 and 3751 of the 20th of this month. Consigliere dott. ADOLFO MERCO will leave the 26th of this month through Rome because of lack of direct ways of transport to reach Chieti. PREFECT ROCCA

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: TE/2
Date/Time of Origin: FEB 2516CCA

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Message Centre No: D/3347
Date Time Recd: FEB 260935A
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM LECCE

TO MINISTERO INTERNI DIREZIONE GENERALE AFFARI GENERALI ET PERSONALE ROMA, HQ ALCOM SOTTOCOMMISSIONE INTERNI ROMA ET PC PREFETTO CHIETI.

IN CLEAR.

Nr 336 at 3751 del 20 corrente. Consigliere Dott ADOLFO MEMMO partira lunedi 25 corrente per via ROMA in mancanza mezzi diretti per raggiungere sede CHIETI. PREFETTO ROCCA.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AG/4/1/144/LG

Tel: 478190

SUBJECT: Movement of Prefects.

24 February 1945

TO : His Excellency the Minister of the Interior.

Your Excellency:

1. I refer to your letter No. 6243 Gabinetto, dated 22 February 1945, and delivered to this office by Cav. CAMERA this afternoon.

2. Chieti: The Allied Commission approve of your proposal to remove the present Prefect at Chieti, Avv. PETRELLA Gaetano, and approves also the proposal to appoint Dott. VOLPES, Goffredo, to be Prefect of that province in his place.

3. Foggia: The Allied Commission also agrees to the proposal to recall Gen. CONTARINI Ettore from Foggia and to appoint to be Prefect of that province Dott. PALAMARA Giovanni, at present Prefect of Nuoro.

4. Pescara: Your proposal to recall the present Prefetto Reggente of this province, the Vice Prefect Dott. PACE Cesare, and to employ him in the Ministry with inspective functions until the judgment of the Epuration Commission upon him is known, is likewise approved. The proposal to appoint in his place as Prefect of Pescara Dott. RIZZA Giulio Cesare will require some inquiries on my part and I will write you again about this as soon as possible. In the meantime, I shall be glad to know the address of Dott. RIZZA. I understand from Cav. CAMERA that he may be living either in Rome or Rieti.

5. Nuoro: The proposal to appoint Avv. VILLAMENA Carlo to be Prefect of this province in place of Dott. PALAMARA is likewise agreed.

6. Matera: I am not yet in a position to give you an answer as to the position of the present Prefetto Reggente, Dott. TAMBURRO Guido

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

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TELEGRAM

FROM : ROME

TO : PREFECT OF LECCE (and for information) PREFECT OF CHIETI • ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION • LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION.

3751 A.G.P. We ask you to inform the Consigliere of first class dott. Adolfo MERRO/on there leave that he has been appointed with an order of the 13th of this month, to the Prefecture of Chieti, where he must take service at once. Assure with a telegram the departure of the official.

FOR THE MINISTER
(Mole')

TC/TR.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION LOCAL GOVT (CA) A

Originator's Reference: 3751
Date/Time of Origin: FEB 20/1530

Message Centre No: R/2731
Date Time Recd: FEB 21/1315
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: ROME

TO: CTA PREFETTO LECCE E P C PREFETTO CHIETI COMMISSIONE ALLEATA CONTROLLO(SOTTO COMMISSIONE INTERNI) ROMA

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3751 A G P PREGASI COMUNICARE CONSIGLIERE PRIMA CLASSE DR ADOLFO MEMMO IN LICENZA COSTA CHE CON ORDINANZA 13 CORR EST STATO ASSEGNATO PREFETTURA CHIETI OVE DOVRA ASSUMERE SERVIZIO SUBITO ALT ASSICURI TELEGRAFO PARTENZA FUNZIONARIO ALT

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FILE 6243

22 February 1945

TO ALLIED COMMISSION
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Movements of Prefects

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Following the recent conversation, we inform you, that as the charges brought against the Prefect Regent of Chiet, Avv. Caetano PETRILLI, turn out to be true, this Ministry agrees on the advisability of him being substituted.

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THE MINISTER

(Bonomi)

(Original of this letter on AC/14/1/144)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

MG/A/1/10/1C.

Tel. : 478190

SUBJECT : Cavaliere MERZ, Dr. Adolf.

21 Febr. 1945

TO : His Excellency the Minister of the Interior.

Your Excellency :

1. I refer to your letter No. 5000 (Dir. Gen. Pers.) dated 15 February and the enclosed letter for MERZ.

2. I have just heard that MERZ is now at Lecce. The letter is therefore returned and I suggest you make contact with him at Lecce direct.

for R. C. B. SPICER,
Colonel,
Director,
Local Government S/C.

Tel. : 478190

21 Febr. 1945

SUBJECT : Consigliere MESSO, Dr. Adolf

TO : His Excellency the Minister of the Interior.

Your Excellency :

1. I refer to your letter No. 5000 (Dir. Gen. Pers.) dated 15 February and the enclosed letter for MESSO.

2. I have just heard that MESSO is now at Lecce. The letter is therefore returned and I suggest you make contact with him at Lecce direct.

for R. C. B. SPICER,
Colonel,
Director,
Local Government S/C.

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Encl, as in K. (2) above.

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MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

Gen. Dir. of Gen. Affairs and Personnel

FILE : 5000 Pers.

15th of February, 1945

TO : ALLIED COMMISSION
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

SUBJECT : 1st class Consigliere Dott. Adolfo MEMMO.-

We transmit the enclosed letter regarding the Consigliere of 1st class dott. Adolfo MEMMO, asking you to kindly send it on.

We thank you

For the Minister
(Micele)

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Roma 15 febbraio 1945

17 FEB 1945

Ministero dell'Interno

DIREZIONE GENERALE
DEGLI AFFARI GENERALI E DEL PERSONALE

Div. Pers. Sez.
Prot. N° 5000 Allegati

Alla Commissione Alleata
Sottocommissione Interni

Risposta al foglio
Div. Sez. N°

OGGETTO Consigliere di 1ª classe dr. Adolfo Memmo.

Si trasmette, per il cortese inoltro alla Prefettura di Macerata, l'accluse lettera relative al Consigliere di 1ª classe dr. Adolfo Memmo.

Si ringrazia.

Pel Ministro

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Note of Interview.

SUBJECT: Prefects of Chieti, Pescara and Matera.

DATE : 12 February 1945 - 1700 hours.

PRESENT: H. E. BERRUTI, Chief of Cabinet, Ministry of the Interior
Cav. CAMERA (Consigliere di Gabinetto)
Col. R. G. B. Spicer
Major C. G. R. Williams
Lt. D. MODIANO, interpreting.

1. Prefect of Chieti--PETRELLA: Col. Spicer stated he had asked H. E. to come and see him as he had received serious reports as to the conduct of this Prefect. The reports were confidential and he was unable to forward them to the Ministry. They were such, however, that he felt it was his duty to suggest to the Ministry the propriety of removing this Prefect from office.

2. Col. Spicer indicated in general terms that the reports showed, among other things, that a relative of the Prefect was connected with improper dealing in potatoes, and that the Prefect's behaviour to ladies in his office was involved. H. E. said at once that he knew about this and that full information on the subject had already come to the Ministry, which had asked CR, CC.RR to make confidential inquiries.

3. In the circumstances, however, H. E. said he would propose to the Minister the propriety of removing PETRELLA at an early date, after which the Ministry would communicate with the S/C.

4. Prefect of Pescara--PACE: H. E. mentioned this man, who is of the rank of Vice Prefect but appointed Prefetto Reggente by AMG. He said PACE is not popular in his present province, but he is a capable official and his promotion to the rank of Prefect is under consideration. The Ministry were considering promoting him and transferring him to Avellino. The present Prefect of Avellino, SIRACUSA, would then be at disposition. To substitute PACE at Pescara, they proposed ~~VILLA SANTA~~ one RIZZA

5. Col. Spicer said he did not see any objection to the proposal at the moment: but ~~VILLA SANTA~~ RIZZA was not known to us and he would like the Ministry to put the proposal up formally in writing before he gave any definite opinion.

6. Prefect of Matera--TAMBURRO: H. E. then said he had a painful matter to bring up. He said this Prefetto Reggente had been deferred to epuration on a number of charges of holding office in the Fascist Party. The High Commissioner communicated to the Ministry asking for his suspension.

7. Col. Spicer said this was a grave matter on which he could pass no

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5. Col. Spicer said he did not see any objection to the proposal at the moment: but ~~VILLA-SANTA~~ R122A was not known to us and he would like the Ministry to put the proposal up formally in writing before he gave any definite opinion.

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7. Col. Spicer said this was a grave matter on which he could pass no opinion. He recommended the Ministry should reply to the High Commissioner drawing attention to the Armistice terms and pointing out that the consent of AC would be necessary to the suspension or dismissal of this Prefect. At the same time, he advised H. E. to make formal application to the Allied Commission for TAMBURRO's suspension and to forward copies of the High Commissioner's letter and other documents constituting the charges. The proposal would then receive immediate and careful consideration of this Hq.

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MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

Gen. Direction of Gen. Affairs and Personnel

FILE : Div. 1 Sec. 1 in answer to : p.63 18 FEB 1945
AC/4/I/10/LG of the 6th of Feb. 45

TO : ALLIED COMMISSION 11th of February, 1945
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

SUBJECT : Consigliere Dott. Adolfo MEMMO .-

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Referring to the above letter, we ask the Commission to kindly inform as soon as possible, the Consigliere dott. Memmo Adolfo, through the Provincial Commissioner of Macerata, that he has been transferred to the Prefecture of Chieti, asking him to reach his new office immediatly.

We thank you

FOR THE MINISTER
(Micale)

See minute 19

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Hf above chemin officers to be LECCE

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Ministero dell'Interno

DIREZIONE GENERALE
DEGLI AFFARI GENERALI E DEL PERSONALE

Numero 1^ Div. 1^
Fasc. N. Allegati

Roma 11 Febbraio 1945

18 FEB 1945

A LA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Sottocommissione Interni
S E D E

Risposta al foglio del 6.2.45
Div. 1^ Sez. AC/4/I/IO/
L.G.

OGGETTO: Consigliere Dr.Adolfo MEMMO

In relazione alla nota controdistinta, si prega codesta On.Commissione di voler informare, con cortese sollecitudine, il Cons.Dott.Adolfo MEMMO, tramite il Commissario Provinciale di Macerata del trasferimento alla Prefettura di Chieti, invitandolo altresì a raggiungere immediatamente la nuova destinazione.

Si ringrazia.

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Ministry Interior
Gen. Dir. Gen. Affairs Personnel 4.1.10

File: 5000 - Pers- Sez 1 in answer to:
N. AC/4/1/10/L.G. of the 30th of Jan 1945

To: Allied Commission
Local/Gov. Sub Commission

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Referring to the above letter, we inform you, that as a result of the Prefecture of Chieti passing under the jurisdiction of the Italian Government, the transfer of Dott. Ernesto FERRI to that Prefecture has been revoked; this was done in consideration of the situation which has verified itself, in the meantime at the Prefecture of Benevento, to which Ferri is attached-

P. 62.

We also point out that with a ministerial letter, same file number, of the 25th of January we have proposed, Dott. Adolfo Ferrino, formerly attached at the Prefecture of Macerata, to be appointed at Chieti-

We ask the Commission to kindly give us an answer on the subject.

For the Ministry
(Micale) 4957

Already answered at p. 63

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Ministero dell'Interno

DIREZIONE GENERALE
DEGLI AFFARI GENERALI E DEL PERSONALE

Divisione Pers. Sez. I
Prot. N° 5000 Allegati

OGGETTO

Roma 7 febbraio 1945

Alla LA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA - Sottocommisione Interni - ROMA

Riferirsi al foglio del 30.1.1945
N. AC/4/1/10/LG

In relazione alla nota controdistinta, si ha il pregio di informare codesta On.Commissione che, in seguito al passaggio della Prefettura di Chieti sotto la giurisdizione del Governo Italiano, fu revocato il trasferimento a quella sede del Consigliere dr.Ermanno Ferri, tenuto conto della situazione del personale di gruppo A) nel frattempo verificatasi presso la Prefettura di Benevento, cui il Ferri era addetto.

Si fa,peraltro,presente che con ministeriale pari numero in data 25 gennaio u.s.é stata proposta l'assegnazione a Chieti del dr.Adolfo Memmo, già in servizio alla Prefettura di Macerata.

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Si rimane in attesa del cortese nulla osta di codesta on.Commissione in ordine alla proposta.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/4/1/10/LG

Tel: 478190

SUBJECT: Consigliere [redacted], Dott. Adolfo.

6 February 1945

TO : His Excellency the Minister of the Interior.

Your Excellency:

1. I refer to the Ministry's letter No. 5000 (Dir. Gen. Personale) dated 25 January, and the Allied Commission will raise no objection to the utilization by the Italian Government of the above-mentioned Consigliere at the Prefecture of Chieti.

2. I will give you an answer as to the nomination of Dott. PIAZZA to Perugia at an early date.

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

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Calendar file for 12 Feb

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MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

General Direction of General Affairs and Personnel

FILE : 5000 Div 1 Sec.1

25th of January,1945

TO : ALLIED COMMISSION
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

SUBJECT : Prefecture of Perugia.-

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This Commission has informed us that it does not intend using the Consigliere dott. Adolfo MANNO in the territoty under their jurisdiction.

We would like to know therefore , while awaiting the decision of the Commission of Epuration of the Personnel, if the official could be used at the Prefecture of Chieti , which is, as you already know , included in the territory under the Italian jurisdiction.

The movement , if the Sub Commission has no objection, would be made as soon as the health conditions of the official will allow ~~him to return~~ him to return in service.

The Ministry intends appointing at the same time at the Prefecture of Perugia the acting Consigliere dott. Carlo Piazza , who is actually at the Prefecture of Brindisi.

We kindly ask you to let us know your opinion in regards to the above

FOR THE MINISTER:
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MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR
General Direction of General Affairs and Personnel

M E M M O dott. Adolfo.-

Born in 1908

Began his career in 1931

Inscribed to the National Fascist Party the 5th of October, 1922

He held office in the Prefectures of : Ancona - Potenza - Ascoli - Macerata -

He was constantly qualified 'excellent' with superlative analitical judgments.

While carrying out a special appointment he was once praised

Officiel with a vast culture , diligent and hard-working.

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Roma 25 Gennaio 1945

31 JAN 1945

Ministero dell'Interno
DIREZIONE GENERALE
DEGLI AFFARI GENERALI E DEL PERSONALE

Div. 1ª Sez. 1ª
Pos. N° 5000 Allegati

Alla Commissione Alleata
Sottocommissione Interni

Risposta al Foglio
Div. Sez. N°

OGGETTO: Prefettura Perugia

Codesta On.Commissione ha reso noto che non intende utilizzare il Consigliere dr.Adolfo MEMMO nel territorio sottoposto alla propria giurisdizione.

Si gradirebbe,pertanto,conoscere se,in attesa delle decisioni della Commissione per l'epurazione del personale,il funzionario possa essere utilizzato presso la Prefettura di Chieti, che,come è noto,è compresa in territorio sottoposto alla giurisdizione del Governo Italiano.

Il movimento,ove nulla osti da parte di codesta On.Commissione,verrebbe disposto non appena le condizioni di salute del funzionario renderanno possibile la sua riassunzione in servizio.

Questo Ministero intenderebbe destinare,in pari tempo alla Prefettura di Perugia il ff.Consigliere dr. Carlo Piazza,assegnato,in atto,alla Prefettura di

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Brindisi.

Si prega di far cortesemente conoscere l'av
viso di codesta On.Commissione in proposito.

Pel Ministro

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DIREZIONE GENERALEDEGLI AFFARI GENERALI E DEL PERSONALE

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MEMMO dr.Adolfo - Consigliere di 1^ cl.

Nato nel 1908
Entrato in carriera nel 1931
Iscritto al disciolto p.n.f. dal 5.10.1922
Ha prestato servizio nelle sedi di Ancona - Potenza - Ascoli - Macerata -
Ha riportato costantemente la qualifica di ottimo con giudizi analitici sempre al superlativo.
In occasione di incarichi speciali ha meritato un encomio.

Funzionario di vasta cultura, diligente, operoso.

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DIREZIONE GENERALE DEGLI AFFARI GENERALI E DEL PERSONALE

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FIAZZA dr.Carlo - Consigliere

Nato nel 1910

Entrato in carriera nel 1935

Iscritto al p.n.f. dopo la marcia su Roma

Ha prestato servizio nella sede di Brindisi

Funzionario di buon rendimento, serio, volenteroso.

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Lt. Col. McFee (A.C.) left the attached documents with me today. He said the RC does not want to pay but just wants to get rid of Potatoes as quickly as possible.

Ralph L. Temple
Major

1 Feb 1945

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
CHIETI, PESCARA AND TERAMO PROVINCES

30 JAN 1945

Subject: Prefect of CHIETI Date. 23 Jan 45

To: HQ AMG/AC ABRUZZI-MARCHE Region Ref. N. CPT/20/11

1. Reference to former correspondence ref CPT/20/3/1 dated 30 Nov 44, the following, together with signed statements, are in addition thereto.

2. At the time of submission of the former correspondence, copies were forwarded by Avv. ORLANDO to the Minister of the Interior. About seven days later PETRELLA went to ROME. On his return he summoned in turn to his office all the women named and who had made accusations of improper advances towards them while in the course of his office as Prefect.

3. From this it would appear that some official within the Ministry of the Interior had warned PETRELLA of the accusations made against him and had in fact either given him full information or exact copies of the correspondence. Avv. ORLANDO was also summoned to appear before the Prefect. In turn they were told by PETRELLA that he was in possession of all the facts. Under threat of reprisal they were called upon to make a signed statement withdrawing their former derogatory statements and declaring that he (PETRELLA) has always treated them as a gentleman should. ORLANDO states that he was also threatened that should he persevere with the accusations action would be taken by the A.C. who had promised him (PETRELLA) full support in the matter.

4. ORLANDO admits being somewhat confused by the turn of events, particularly as PETRELLA was in full possession of the informations laid against him. ORLANDO at the time gave some credence to PETRELLA's assertion of A.C. support and thought that the documents passed to A.C. were in turn passed to PETRELLA.

Statements with reference to the preceding Paras 3and 4 are attached and are self explanatory and need no further reference here.

5. With regard to abuse of office in obtaining goods and foodstuffs for personal use, a signed statement by one Agent of Pubblico Sicurezza is attached to the former correspondence. The question of an extra 60 Kilos of bread per month being allotted to the Prefect on his order is correct. This fact came to light during an investigation into abuses of the Rationing Orders. the investigation continues.

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6. PETRELLA's son-in-law, Avv. MAURIELLO, is a man who lives on the family. At the present time he is engaged in some potato business. This has caused a lot of bitter resentment among local business men in view of allegations that through the influence of his father-inlaw's office he has every privilege in connection with transport to the inconvenience of others. Here let it be explained that the Civilian truck pool is controlled through the Prefect's Office. This pool is not to be confused with the AC No. 3 Truck Pool operating in this Area. How far PETRELLA has an interest in the affairs controlled by his son-in-law is hard to say.

7. May reference be made to a statement made by Avv. ORLANDO, former correspondence para 3, lines 9 - 12 and attributed to MAURIELLO, the son-in-law. Careful enquiry shows that there is not, and never has been, any association between MAURIELLO and any Allied Officers. The belief is that it was an attempt in a subtle way to obtain money for his own pocket. AC trucks are never used for private business concerns. The following facts have come to light in connection with MAURIELLO. During the second week of Jan 45 he presented a Banker's Order at Banco D'Italia, CHIETI, for 70,000 Lire and also paid in 64,000 and drawing on a Banker's Order for 60,000 lire. It is impossible to trace the source as the former Bankers Oder was issued at a NAPLESAgency and the latter made out to MAURIELLO on the deposit in cash paid in at the time.

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8. Coming to PETRELLA and his political and his administrative abilities. To all intents and purposes he can be said to be politically sound. However since AMG was succeeded by ACC and later AC, he has concerned himself more on the political side than that of administration in the interests of the Province. This has resulted in bitter comment by the people generally, and it can be said that on the whole they have nothing but contempt for their Prefect. He has been slick in dismissing Sindaci and others who in the past had done very fine work under AMG in towns which for many months were in the battle area. Many of them were men, whose only "offence" was that of being politically opposed to the Prefect. In this he has displayed a principle contrary to that of Allied political justice.

Since CHIETI Province has come under Italian Government control, PETRELLA has dismissed 18 Sindaci. In Nov 44, the Sindaco and Secretary of ALTINO were both denounced for mis-appropriation of Communal funds. The facts were brought to the notice of PETRELLA who formally dismissed both men. Four days later, however, (16 Nov 44) he re-instated them with no further action.

9. Summarising, the opinion is that PETRELLA is doing his utmost to gather around him men who will give him support against any opposition, political or otherwise. He is generally described as a small town lawyer-politician, who is more concerned with making a political name for himself at all costs, and thus enhancing the possibility of a Ministerial post in ROME as recompense.

In short it can be said that he has not proved himself as being very acceptable in his capacity as a Prefect when left to his own judgment and devices. He acts more in the manner of a little dictator and when thwarted in any way has been known to resort to the lowest form of attack, that of attacking his opponent's morals.

If there is to be a new appointment to the office of Prefect in CHIETI, no delay should be permitted and it should take place while the present AC Provincial Personnel is in operation.

On the other hand, should it be considered that no action be taken, then it is requested that the contents of this correspondence on no account be passed to any Italian Ministry. This request is made to safeguard the interests of the signatories to attached statements and particularly in view of the fact that PETRELLA was supplied with the contents of the former informations.

10. Incidental to the foregoing, the Vice Prefect, RAMONO is a very old and decrepit individual and serves very little purpose as a Vice-Prefect. It has been ascertained that he did in fact take the Republican Oath.

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Provincial Public Safety Officer,
AC CHIETI, PESCARA & TERAMO PROVINCES

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Io sottoscritta SIMONELLI BIANCA, di Nicola, res. in Chieti, Largo S. Gaetano n. 1, espongo quanto segue/

Durante il periodo di dominazione nazi-fascista in Chieti, ed essendo mio padre, il Rag. Nicola Simonelli, funzionario della Prefettura, fui richiesta della mia opera di interprete di tedesco, presso la Prefettura stessa di Chieti. Malgrado avessi rifiutato, dopo la terza richiesta, essendo io laureanda in detta lingua presso l'Istituto Universitario Orientale di Lingue di Napoli, fui costretta ad accettare l'incarico, particolarmente per la posizione di mio padre, che, quale dipendente del locale prefetto, avrebbe potuto essere, per rappresaglia, esonerato dal suo ufficio (per i noti sistemi), e ciò con gravissime conseguenze per tutta la famiglia, dato che egli era l'unico sostegno con cinque persone a carico.

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parte degli Eserciti Alleati,della nostra città,sia
mo che mio padre fummo sospesi dagli incarichi,e lo
siamo tuttora,pur attenndendo con assoluta fiducia
le decisioni superiori.Preciso che il mio incarico
ordinario era quello di supplente di lingua tedesca
nell'Istituto Tecnico Commerciale di Chieti.

Per la preoccupante situazione,riguardante
mio padre,questi si rivolse al Ten.Pisanu Giovanni,

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allora comandante la Guardia di Finanza in Chieti, perchè si interessasse per il suo caso presso il Prefetto, di cui godeva la fiducia. Il Pisanu s'incontrò all'uopo col Prefetto Avv. Petrella, il quale, in un giorno del decorso agosto 1944, lo invitò a recarsi con me, nel suo appartamento, alle ore otto di sera, perchè desiderava chiedermi alcune informazioni.

In questa mia visita, col Ten. Pisanu, fui accolta molto gentilmente nel salotto di S.E., il quale mi disse: "...non avrei dovuto tener conto di anonimi, ma comprenderà che, essendo nuovo del luogo, ho dovuto ritenere che anche negli anonimi ci siano delle verità." E mi diede ampie assicurazioni sulla riassunzione prossima di mio padre.

Non avendo saputo più nulla, mio padre si raccomandò dinnuovo al Tenente Pisanu. Questi, a sua volta a S.E., il quale lo invitò ad accompagnarmi ancora da lui, soggiungendo "che sarebbe stato bene ci avesse lasciati soli, perché forse io mi avrei vergognato di

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Mi recai,di nuovo,col detto Tenente all'appuntamento,fissatoci ugualmente nell'appartamento di S.E.alle ore 20.Appena giungemmo S.E.mi fece entrare nella stanza adibita ad ufficio del Vice Prefetto Romani, e lasciò fuori il Ten Pisanu,chiudendosi la porta al-

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le spalle.Mi diede subito ampie assicurazioni sulla pratica di mio padre,quindi dopo aver mosso alcune lagnanze sull'ambiente di Chieti,incominciò a parlar_ mi di sè.Mi disse che "sentiva troppo solo",che"non aveva una persona con cui fumare una sigaretta tra un lavoro e l'altro",A questo obiettai che egli ave_ va una famiglia,ma egli rispose che "intendeva parla_ re dei lunghi pomeriggi di ufficio".Avendomi chiesto dei miei studi,mi disse che sarebbe venuto anche lui quando io avrei andato a discutere la mia tesi nel prossimo novembre a Napoli.Soggiunse che io rassomi_ gliava ad una sua amante,di cui mi avrebbe mostrato le fotografie;che egli aveva studio in Napoli"con molte giovani e belle dattilografe",e che a Chieti, invece,era costretto a vivere da solitario.Mi raccon_ tò di altre sue avventure,e ripetendo la mia somiglianza con la sua amante napoletana tenne a precisare che

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"esse era più sviluppata di seno".E accompagnò con
gesto le parole.

La sospensione mia e di mio padre continuava,per 5620
cui pregammo di nuovo il Ten.Pisanu di recarsi per noi
da S.E.Querti gli disse che per quanto riguardava mio
padre la di costui sospensione era stata ordinata dal
la F.S.S.(?),mentre io avrei potuto essere incaricata
quale esaminatrice alla licenza commerciale,per cui

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avrei dovuto recarmi dal T.Col.Holmes.Questi mi die_
de molte cortesi assicurazioni,e la sera stessa,come
fattomi preavvisare da S.E.,mi recai ancora col Ten.Pisa_
nu da questi,alle ore 20,nel suo appartamento.

Anche questa volta il Ten.Pisanu fu lasciato fuori,
ed io condotta da S.E.nel suo Gabinetto di lavoro.

Egli mi disse che mio padre poteva,benchè sospeso,ri_
tirare tutti gli stipendi, senza indennità. Io gli risposi
che,per il momento,ero io a sostenere la famiglia con
il mio lavoro,costituito da lezioni private,e che mio
padre mi avrebbe rimborsato quando sarebbe stato rias_
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le farò spendere un soldo,penserò tutto io...Mi fec

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Egli mi disse che mio padre poteva,benchè sospeso,ritirare tutti gli stipendi,senza indennità. .Io gli risposi che,per il momento,ero io a sostenere la famiglia con il mio lavoro,costituito da lezioni private,e che mio padre mi avrebbe rimborsato quando sarebbe stato riassunto,e avrebbe incassato tutti gli stipendi maturati nei mesi della sospensione dall'ufficio.A questo egli dichiarò:"Molto bene così lei avrà tutto in una volta una sommetta,che andremo a spendere insieme a Napoli.3Scorgendomi in viso la meraviglia prodottami dalle sue parole,soggiunse:"..Non si preoccupi,non le farò spendere un soldo,penserò tutto io...Mi faccia sapere,mi raccomando,quando lei parte."E poi mi disse che"fra pochi giorni avrebbe avuto una topolino, che avrebbe potuto laistesso guidare,e con cui fare delle gite insieme."Alle mie spontanee e immediate obbiezioni,egli rispose che"avrebbe trovato il modo per non farci vedere dalla gente e che io avrei potuto aspettarlo fuori della città,e lui,passando,mi avrebbe preso sulla macchina.Per queste gite,egli

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mi dette un pezzetto di carta in cui era segnato il
suo numero particolare di telefono, perchè quando avessi volu_
to, gli avessi telefonato. In tale stato io cercavo di
affrettare la fine del colloquio, senonchè egli voleva
che io passassi in una stanza attigua e interna, cosa
che non feci, ma, approfittando dell'entrata nel Gabinet_
to Prefettizio di un parente di S.E., mi licenziai, al_
lontanandomi col Ten. Pisanu, che mi attendeva in anti_
camera. Al Pisanu raccontai il colloquio avuto, sebbe_
ne S.E. mi avesse raccomandato di non far parola a nessu_
no dei colloqui avuti con me.

Non rividi più il Prefetto Petrella, sebbene seppi
dal Ten. Pisanu che egli gli aveva detto più d'una
volta che gli avessi telefonato.

Piero Zinnelli

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Pietro Lanzetti

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I the undersigned SIMONELLI Bianca, di Nicola living in Chieti Largo San Gaetano No 1, wish to forzard the following report.

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During the period of Nazi-Fascist domain, in Chieti, whilst my father Accountant Nicola Simonelli, was employed at the Prefettura; I was invited also in the Prefettura to act as german interpreter, I refused but after the third request, as I had taken my degree in that language at the Institute University of Oriental languages in Naples, I was obligated to accept, especially for my father's position, who depended on the local Prefect, and might have been sent away from his job, according to the old system, as a reprisal. This would have created serious consequences for the whole family, as he had 5 people to keep. When at last the so longed liberation of Chieti accured on the part of the Allied Armies, I and my father were dismissed from our jobs, and we are calmly waiting for the superior orders. I wish to state that my work was that of german teacher in the Institute Technico Commerciale of Chieti.

Owing to the preoccupying situation of my father, the latter asked Tenente Pisano Giovanni, who was then Commander of the Guardia di Finanza of Chieti, to interceed for him with the Prefect, of whom he was a friend. Pisano met Avv. Petrella, who in August 1944 invited him to accompany me to his apartment at eight o'clock of an evening as he wished to have a few words from me and get some information.

During this visit with Ten. Pisanu I was accepted very well by the Prefect in his drawing room and he said "I shouldn't take any notice of anonymous letters, but, you will understand, that as I do not belong to the place I have been obligated to believe that even anonymous letters may contain some truth in them" and he promised me that my father would be recalled to his work again.

I heard notheng else, so once more my father spoke with Ten. Pisanu. The latter spoke again to his Excellency who invited him to accompany me again to call on him, adding "that it would have bee been a good thing if he had left us alone, because perhaps I might have been shy of telling the whole story in front of him, that is of Ten. Pisanu. Once more I returned to the appointment in the apartment of the Prefect at eight o'clock directly as we arrived the Prefect made me enter in the room he used as an office and

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I heard notheng else, so once more my father spoke with Ten. Pisanu. The latter spoke again to his Excellency who invited him to accompany me again to call on him, adding "that it would have been a good thing if he had left us alone, because perhaps I might have been shy of telling the whole story in front of him, that is of Ten. Pisanu. Once more I returned to the appointment in the apartment of the Prefect at eight o'clock directly as we arrived the Prefect made me enter in the room he used as an office and which belonged to Vice Prefect Romani leaving outside Ten. Pisanu and closing the door after him. He immediately reassured me of my father's position, then after having complained on the Chieti population and his surroundings , he started speaking of himself He told me he felt very lonely and that he had not a person with whome to smoke a cigarette between one work and another. I replied that he had a family but he said that he intended speaking of the long office afternoons". He then asked me all about my studies and said he would come and hear me zhen I went to discuss my examination in Naples on the following November. He added that I resembled and looked like one of his former mistressof his who had worked in his study in Naples and whose photo he would have shown me. He also said he had had many beautiful typists there. Here, instead he was obligated to live as a solitary man. He spoke of other aventures of his, repeating to me that I looked like his Neapolitan mistress but that she had a "more developed breast and with a gesture he accompanied his words.

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In the mean time I and my father were not recalled to work and so we begged Tenente Pisanu to return to the Prefect. He replied that my father had been suspended by order of the F.S.S. while I could have had the job of examiner at the licenza commerciale, and that I could have spoken of it to Colonel Holmes The latter gave me very good hopes, and that same evening with Tenente Pisanu I returned in the Prefects working office. He told me that my father could, although suspended still obtain his allowances, without indemnity. I replied that for the moment I was keeping all my family with my private lessons, and that my father would have given me back the money when he obtained his job again and would have received all the allowances (salaries) which had matured in the months in which he had been out of office The Prefect added "Very good, so you will have a little sum; which we will spend together in Naples. Seeing how surprised I was by his words he added "do not worry, I won't make you spend a penny, I will think of everything .. mind you let me know when you leave." And then he said "In a few days I shall have a topolino small car which I myself can drive and with which we can go for picnics". When he noticed my objections to these plans of his he answered that he would have found a way not be be seen by the people. That I could have waited for him outside the town and as he passed with his car he would have picked me up. For these picnics, he gave me a piece of paper in which his particular telephone number was signed, so that when I wished to I could have rung him up. I tried to put an end to this conversation, but he wanted to take me into an inner room; and I would not follow him, but, taking advantage of the fact that in the Prefect's Office a relative of his had entered, I took leave from him and went away with Ten. Pisanu who was waiting outside. I told Pisanu all about the conversation I had had, although the Prefect had told me not to tell any one of the talks we had had together.

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TO CAPTAIN COTTON

CHIEF OF THE ~~INTER~~-ALLIED INTERPROVINCIAL POLICE

CHIETI

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MEMORANDUM

Avvocato Gaetano Petrella, is the Prefect of the Chieti Province. He is from Paolisi (Benevento) He is not a carreer Prefect, but one who has been appointed so. He was taken on on May 4th 1944, in Vasto, where a Prefetture existed, as Chieti was still under the Germans.

He belongs to the liberal Party. He declares of having been a partisan and of having fought against the Germans, who, according to what he says had condemned him to death, but he was able to save himself from being shot at the last moment, owing to the arrival of the British troops who made the Germans fly. It appears that this is untrue, as he was never bothered by the Germans nor by the Fascists, and infact he was in good reports with the Germans, who were even well accepted in his house.

An insisting rumour is running about Chieti and the Province, that by means of his son in law who lives with him, Dott. Mauriello Nicola, he take a advantage of the facilitations which he offers to the business men who speculate on the supplies of the local market.

In reference to this, we can quote the Firm of Acerra Rocco and sons to whom, in September last, he granted the importation from the Province of Aquila of an enormous quantity of potatoes which were sold again at a very high price (they were paid Lire 7 per kilo and sold again at Lire 16).

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The Prefect has, as his Chief Office, Doctor De Bellis Fernando, who also comes from his village. De Bellis is Vice Commissario of P.S. and Petrella brought him along with him from Benevento, when he was appointed Prefect. De Bellis is a capable and honest functionary, but he lacks energy. As private secretary the Prefect has a certain Catta, who is also from his village and was employer of the Questura, who was also brought along from Benevento He is a brother in law of De Bellis. He is incompetent and not worth much.

The Questore, Dott. Guglielmi, is a capable and energetic functionary, but as he also comes from the same village as the Prefect, he is in the grasps of the Prefect who does with him whatever he chooses.

Dott. Romano Oreste is the Vice Prefect. He is a soft old man of 67. His health is not good, he works little and produces less. He has been in Chieti since 1935.

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Dott. Bellini Domenico is Vice Prefect inspector.He arrived in Chieti about the middle of last October.At the present moment he is Commissario Prefettizio at the Commune of Chieti,after the Sindaco Avvocato Domenico Spezioli and the Giunta were sent away.Bellini is not much liked in the Prefettura,because, as he is a straight forward and honest functionary he doesent allow any one to overpower him but acts of his own initiative.

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4)Commissario Gusmano Calogero.He is an active and capable functionary he worked and swore in favour of the Republic,in which period he was capo gabinetto of the Questore Dott.Colbertaldo

We having nothing to say on the lower personelle(employees,under officers,and agents)They all worked under the Republic.

There is only the archivista Ciammaichella Nicola,who made himself noticeable for his attachment to the Germans.He was a fascist gererca.

There is very little familiarity amongst the personelle of the Questu ra and each one tries to denigrate the other.This state of things is not very good for the work they have to carry out.They work little and dont produce much.

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The work which is carried out by the Prefect is very little esteemed or appreciated in the Province-they consider that he only works for the principal centres Chieti;Lanciano and Vasto and none at all for the smaller villages.This goes very much against him.
In Ortona,Francavilla and Guardiagrele they cant stand him and now he is also loosing ground in Lanciano where they consider,that who works with Spataro for the institution of a tribunal in Vasto,which dammages the Lanciano one,was the Prefect himself.

He never takes the initiative,he is always afraid of the responsability and never appears on the scene. He lacks initiative as he dosent wish to compromize himself and naturally this goes against his work.
Amongst the numerous Communes of the Province which have been dammaged by war there is an ill feeling as the Prefect has handed over the work of providing for this very delicate and important problem to elements of Chieti town,not taking into account the representatives of the interested Communes which were the only ones who could look after the wellbeing of the dammaged populations.
Infact,the Prefect,with a decree of his of November 27th 1944 has created a Provincial Reconstruction Institution and at the head of it,and acting as Commissario,Avv.Dante Orlando.The latter has chosen all his collaborators in Chieti,and none from the villages near,and to think that Chieti has not suffered at all and so you can immagine how the interests of the villages which have been dammaged by the war will be looked after!
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This Consorzio has been created as antagonistic to the Institution which has been created by the Prefect,who has not received the adhesion of the Communes of the Province,exept for a few exeptions,and he cannot receive the trust of these villages as this Institution is considered as a means of speculation for the functionaries and Firms of the town of Chieti

In the Communes of Francavilla and Ortona there is a separistic movement going around,as they wish to pass under the Province of Pescara,just because those people consider that the Chieti authorities do not take to heart the interests of those villages which have suffered so much with the war.

In many Communes the Prefect has appointed as Sindaci elements which were

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not desired by the population,and without having first taken necessary informations in their regard.As an example we give the following Communes.

Chieti,Borrello,Monteferrante,Bucchianico,Altino.For this reason in Bucchianico and Altino there have been popular risings.At Altino a Sindaco has been appointed which the people did not want,but who was a friend of Dott. Belisario,local doctor,dishonest,agitator,continually drunk,and a friend of Petrella.As they had made certain that the Sindaco called Scutti Giuseppe,in agreement with the Communal Secretary Di Iorio Guglielmo,had stolen from the Commune,the Carabinieri denounced him to the judiciary authorities.After this,Scutti was sent away as Sindaco and in his place an honest and well accepted Sindaco was appointed.Of course,Dottor Belisario went like this and he rushed to the Prefect.Two days later the Prefect appointed Scutti again notwithstanding the fact that he had stolen and there was a trial against him. The people made an hostile demonstration but the Prefect stood firm there is alot of ill feeling for this reason.

In Fara Filiorum Petri a certain Pelatti Angelo is in charge of the warehouse,he is an ex gerarca fascista and is considered a dishonest man and capable of stealing.He was only a simple workman and now he owns millions.All of this has been reported to the Prefect,but Pelatti goes on being in charge of the warehouse ammasso and goes on making millions as he did during the fascist period.

The Prefect protects him because he is the administrator of the industrialist De Luca,who is the father in law of Ingegnere Agresti,who in his own turn is related to the Prefect,or at least is a friend of his.Pelatti is also protected by the manager of the Consorzio Agrario as he brings presents to everyone. That is why he is kept on.

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In reference to the irregularities verified in the food supply of the Chieti Commune the procuratore del regno has been asked to interfere But we believe that the Prefect,the same procuratore,and the members of the Committee of national liberation are trying to attenuate the responsibility of the thieves and silencing the thing.Dott;Massari, procuratore del regno,should be called and made to understand that if he dessent to his duty he will be compromized. He ought to be watched very nearly in his work by the allied officer who is at the tribunale.Dott. Silini and the Director of the alimentation section, Ernesto Vialfi should be heard,to know the whole truth and how this truth is being falsified
And I could say still more ,but for the moment it is sufficient

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TO CAPTAIN COTTON

CHIEF OF THE ANGLO-ALLIED INTERPROVINCIAL POLICE

CHIETI

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There are in the Prefettura about twentey functionaries an• employees of various categories-men an• women-an• it is not necessary to examine their single cases as they only occupy places of secon•ary importance an• with no •irect responsability.

They were all working •uring the Repubblican perio• an• swore fi•elity to the Repubblic.

In the Questura,besi•es the Questore of whom we have alrea•y spoken there are the following functionaries

I)Chief Commissiary(Commissario Capo)an• acting as vice Questore Ettore Bucciante:very ol•, •ecrepit,an• physically uncapable.He •oesent pro•uce much work.He is the uncle of the republican fe•erale of Alessan•ria (Pie•mont)Caruso Vitaliano,an• owing to him,although he ha• left his job •ue to ba• health,in 1943,•uring the Repubblic he went on receiving his pay.When the Allies returne• to Chieti,he imme•iately presente• himself to them to start work again.

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We having nothing to say on the lower personelle(employees,unser officers,an- agents)They all worke- unser the Aepubblic.

There is only the archivista Ciammaichella Nicola,who mae himself noticeable for his attachment to the Germans.He was a fascist gerarca.

There is very little familiarity amongst the personelle of the Questu ra an- each one tries to denigrate the other.This state of things is not very goo- for the work they have to carry out.They work little an- -ont pro-uce much.

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The work which is carried out by the Prefect is very little esteemed or appreciated in the Province.They consider that he only works for the principal centres Chieti;Lanciano and Vasto and none at all for the smaller villages.This goes very much against him.
In Ortona,Francavilla and Guardiagrele they cant stand him and now he is also loosing ground in Lanciano where they consider,that who works with Spataro for the institution of a tribunal in Vasto,which damages the Lanciano one,was the Prefect himself.

He never takes the initiative,he is always afraid of the responsability and never appears on the scene. He lacks initiative as he doesent wish to compromize himself and naturally this goes against his work.
Amongst the numerous Communes of the Province which have been damaged by war there is an ill feeling as the Prefect has handed over the work of providing for this very delicate and important problem to elements of Chieti town,not taking into account the representatives of the interested Communes which were the only ones who could look after the wellbeing of the damaged populations.
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This Consorzio has been created as antagonistic to the Institution which has been created by the Prefect,who has not received the adhesion of the Communes of the Province,except for a few exeptions,and he doesnt receive the trust of these villages as this Institution is considered as a means of speculation for the functionaries and Firms of the town of Chieti

In the Communes of Francavilla and Ortona there is a separistic movement going around,as they wish to pass under the Province of Pescara,just because those people consider that the Chieti authorities do not take to heart the interests of those villages which have suffered so much with the war.

In many Communes the Prefect has appointed as Sindaci elements which were

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not desired by the population,and without having first taken necessa
ry informations in their regards.As an example we give the following
Communes.

Chieti,Borrello,Monteferrante,Bucchianico,Altino.For this reason in
Bucchianico and Altino there have been popular risings.At Altino a
Sindaco has been appointed which the people did not want,but who was
a friend of Dott. Belisario,local doctor,dishonest,agitator,continually
drunk,and a friend of Petrella&s they has made certain that the Sindaco
called Scutti Giuseppe,in agreement with the Communal Secretary Di
Iorio Guglielmo,has stolen from the Commune,the Carabinieri announced
him to the judiciary authorities.After this,Scutti was sent away as Si
ndaco and in his place an honest and well accepted Sindaco was appoint
ed.Of course,Dottor Belisario didnt like this and he rushed to the
Prefect.Two days later the Prefect appointed Scutti again notwithstan
ding the fact that he has stolen and there was a trial against him.
The people made an hostile demonstration but the Prefect stood firm
There is alot of ill feeling for this reason.

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The Prefect protects him because he is the administrator of the indust
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In reference to theirregularities verified in the food supply of the Chieti Comune the procuratore del regno has been asked to interfere But we believe that the Prefect, the same procuratore, and the members of the Committee of national liberation are trying to attenuate the responsibility of the thieves and silencing the thing. Sott. Massari, procuratore del regno, should be called and made to understand that if he consent to his duty he will be compromised, a ought to be watched very nearly in his work by the allied officer who is at the tribunale. Sott. Pellini and the director of the alimentation section, Sneto Vialfi should be heard, to know the whole truth and how this truth is being falsified
And I could say still more, but for the moment it is sufficient

Maggiore Tiberi Enrico

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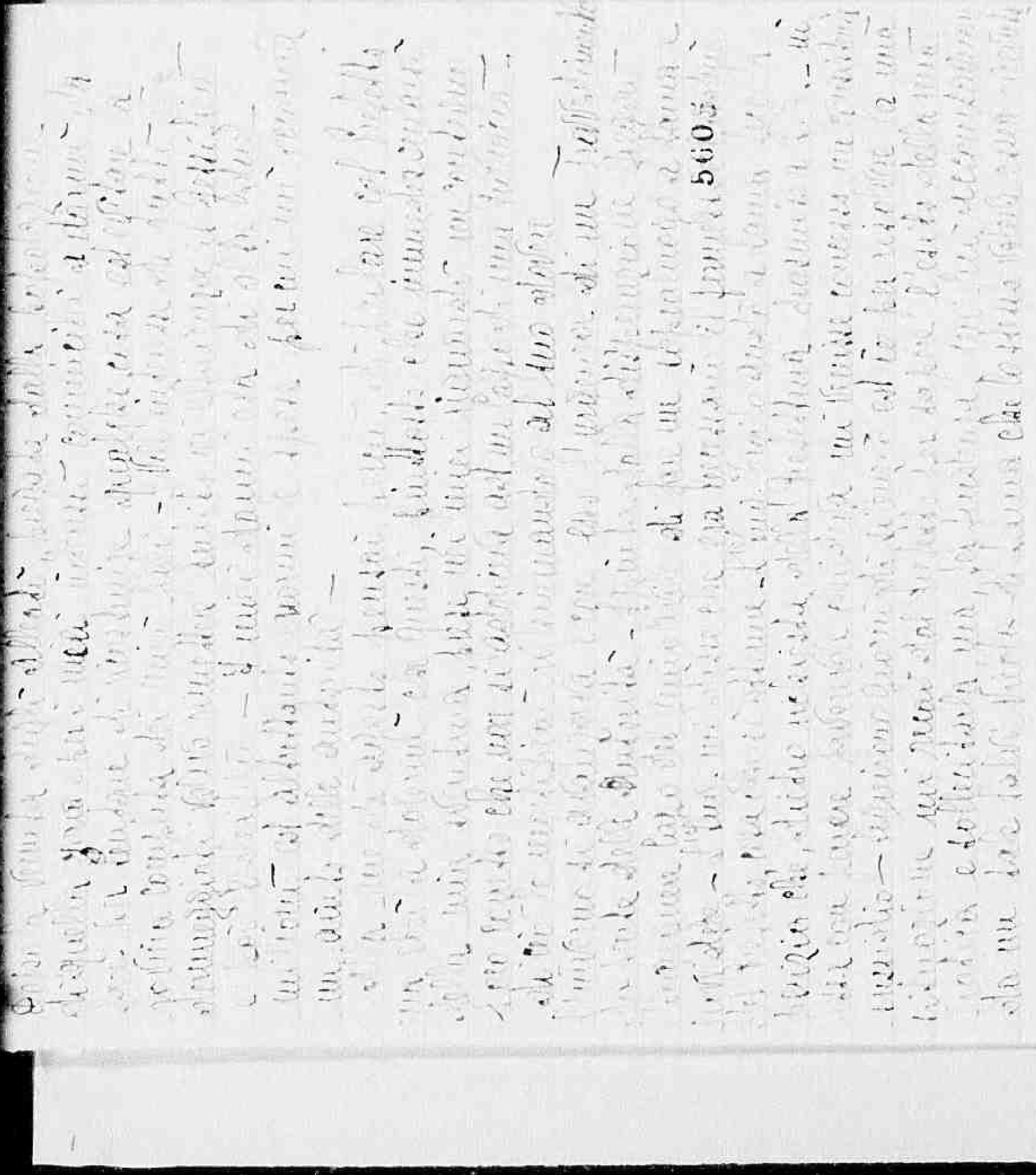
Comando Alleato 2.CE

Diario

A causa della mia salute ho chiesto e fatto mia domanda di rimpatrio per ragioni di salute al Comando Alleato 2.CE. Ho fatto visitare dal medico e mi ha dato 10 giorni di riposo. Ho fatto la domanda e mi hanno detto di aspettare la risposta. Sono a casa mia e aspetto la risposta. Ho fatto la domanda per il rimpatrio per ragioni di salute. Ho fatto la visita medica e mi ha dato 10 giorni di riposo. Ho fatto la domanda al Comando Alleato 2.CE. Ho fatto la visita medica e mi ha dato 10 giorni di riposo. Ho fatto la domanda al Comando Alleato 2.CE.

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FREE TRANSLATION OF ATTACHED.

Because of my pro-Allied activity, and because of my anti-fasist ideas, I had to flee from the German Commandante BORNEMANN, who had my house and industrial establishments at LAMA DEI PELLEGRIX, destroyed. I was thus left destitute. After the arrival of the Allies, in my own interests and in the interests of the local population, I wanted to get on with re-construction hoping to be able to make some provision for my children. Therefore in the interest: of all who have suffered, I wanted to start up at once the cement factory and then the olive oil presses. My losses had been more than two million lire, and the expenses of re-construction were so great, that I had to seek official aid.

At the beginning of August, I therefore made up my mind to speak to the Prefect, but I regret to say that he instead of recognising my misfortune, demonstrated an attitude towards me that was most improper especially on the part of a Prefect. I reproved him and requested him to keep our relations on a business level. Winter was coming on and the neccessity of official aid became more urgent. In desperation I requested the Chief Engineer of the Genio Civile to make an inspection and the neccessary provision at LAMA DEI PELLIGNI. The Engineer told me that it would be neccessary to have the permission and order of the Prefect to do so, and this was obtained. The Engineer (TROILO) went to LAMA, made his report and as requested by the Prefectura passed it on to the Prefect. In this report he recommended that I be given substantial financial aid (copy of this report is held). More time went by without result, and I therefore resolved to visit the Prefect in order to clarify the situation and to request that the provisions of the report be carried out. As a precaution however I was escorted into his presence by SALVI, Nicola, of LAMA who also ~~and~~

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of me to insist in my refusals, because he had made up his mind even to the extent of coming to my home, and made further improper suggestions. He said that if I agreed to these improper suggestions he would give a high position to my husband and my business with the Genio Civile would have an immediate result. I tried to get away, offended as I was by his attitude, but he prevented me from doing so. He made as if to kiss me at which I summoned all my strength and pushed him away from me, protesting at his impropiety. As I went out he caught me up at the second door of his room, and said, "I understand, you don't like me and there's nothing doing - don't say anything to anybody." Disgusted as well as offended I did not set foot again in the Prefecture, and I knew no more about my business except that by order of the Prefect it had been filed and forgotten - "riservatissima" = most secret.

On the 28 DEC 44, my brother Prof. Dott. CAGNAZZI, Manfredo, Director of the Civil Hospital of ATESSA, received a most urgent order from the Prefect PETRELLA to report to CHIETI. He came and first was met by Dott. FINIZIO, Filandro, of CHIETI, from whom he learnt that amongst the reports sent to the MINISTRY at ROME by Avv. ORLANDO, Luigi, there figured an account of the above incident. Dott. FINIZIO stated that he was instructed by the Prefect to tell my brother that he must get from me the following declaration:- "Contary to the report made against the Prefect PETRELLA, in the meetings which I had with him I was treated as a lady should be treated by a gentleman:" If I refused the Prefect would immediately have my brother dismissed from his post of Director, on account of holding the SCIARPA LITTORIO, replacing him by Dott. BOLOGNA. For my part there were threats of reprisals. On the other hand if I made the requested declaration I would immediately have all that my business with the Genio Civile required and my brother (who in fact was never a leading fasist, but received the Sciarpia Littorio in recognition of his professional qualities), would be left undisturbed.

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In simple dignity and honesty, I resolutely refused to submit to such blackmail on the part of the Prefect, and would not make any declaration although distressed at what might be the consequences for my brother.

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CHIETI.
13 JAN 44.

(Signed) Maria Verlengia
Maria Campana in Verlengia

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Fu un giorno che non ricordo con precisione, ma del l'agosto od al Settembre ultimi decorsi, sull'imbrunire, venne nel negozio il Brigadiere di P.S. certo Sig. Torres a fare acquisti: - Fu tale occasione e nel predetto frangente, si discorse circa le difficoltà che si incontrerebbero all'approvvigionamento delle derrate per il mercato locale, p. la mancanza di mezzi di trasporto, ed anche p. la proibizione nell'assegnazione di essi. - Ed fatto buon conto ragionevole che non si potesse rendere conto d. E. il Prefetto. - Mezzi mancano, il predetto Sig. Torres, lucera nuovamente ritorno nel negozio per dirmi che il Generale del Prefetto desiderava parlarmi e che pertanto mi fossi recato presso l'alloggiamento del Prefetto ove quest'ultimo attendeva. -

Mi andai a lui accompagnato dal predetto Signore che seppi essere l'Ajut. Effendetto - Questi mi chiese se effettivamente fosse difficoltà ad ottenere carri p. trasporto derrate destinate al mercato di Chiusi ed io, nel dare conferma, aggiunsi pure che essi mia interessò discendere presso il Prefetto. - Fui, mi disse, affermando che non valeva la pena importunare il Prefetto per così poca cosa, ma che anche protestò stesso dei prezzi [illegible]

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di faebbero fatte fare dei passi. -

Pifferi' che tanto lo, quando la mia fitta,
ej' fidacra tornare, corre sempre alla luce del
sole senza alcuna intesa di forte. -

Alcuni giorni dopo fatto abbocamento dellefi;
sul mercato, che alla fitta aveva fatto senza
Combinazione e nell'altro. —

Gianmaria Preste

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One day, I can not remember the precise date, but I think it was between the months of August and September last, towards sunset, the brigadiere of P.S. Signor Romeo, came to my shop to make some purchase. On this occassion and with the above mentioned gentleman we were discussing on the difficulty of obtaining food supply for the town market, not only for the difficulty of means of transport, but also for the preferences in which some people were favoured in comparison to others. For this reason I added, I was going to speak about it to his Excellency the Prefect.

Ten minutes after having gone out, the above mentioed Signor Romeo returned to the shop to tell me that the Prefect's son-in-law wished to speak to me, and that he was expecting me in the Prefect's apartment.

I went there and I was received by the above mentioned gentleman who was Avv. Mauriello. He asked me if it was really true that I found it difficult to obtain means of transport to carry food supply to the Chieti market. I told him it was so, and that I wished to speak about it to the Prefect. He persuaded me not to do this, adding that it was not the case of bothering the Prefect for such a trifle, but that he himself would have been able to find some means of transport, also adding and explaining, that according to the Allied mentality, business is business meaning that who makes use of means of transport; certainly makes something out of it; and t therefore who gives you the means of transport does not wish to be put apart, and on this basis steps could be taken.

I replied that I and my firm wished to work as we always had under the light of the sun, without any side advantages.

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Signed Giammarco Oreste

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APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/4/1/10/LG. Tel. : 478190

SUBJECT : Cons. Dott. FERRI Ermanno. 30 January 1945

TO : His Excellency the Minister of Interior.

Your Excellency :

1. I refer to my letter ACC/4/1/10/LG of 7th October.

2. Dott. FERRI is acceptable to the Allied Commission for the post of Consigliere at Chieti.

3. I am informed he is at present on sick leave in Benevento and has been told to report to Rome on the expiration of his leave before going forward to Chieti.

4. His leave expires on 7th February 1945. Will the Ministry please see to it that he does report in Rome immediately after that date.

for R. G. B. SPICER,
Colonel,
Director,
Local Government S/C.

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APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/L/1/10/10. Tel. : 478190

SUBJECT : Cons. Dott. FERRI Ermanno. 30 January 1945

TO : R. C. Abruzzi-Marche Region (with copy for PC. Chieti).

1. I refer to my ACC/L/1/10/Int. dated 23 September 1944 on the subject of Officials for Chieti Province.

2. I attach a copy of a letter from Public Safety Division HQ. Southern Region explaining the position regarding Dott. Ferri.

3. Scheda Personale of above named is attached.

4. I regret the delay in this matter which was due to great difficulty in tracing Dott. Ferri and having him screened.

for R. C. B. SPICER
Colonel.
Director.
Local Government S/C.

R.C.B. / cm.

Encl. as in (2) and (3) above.

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

27 JAN 1945

Ref: PS/FEDC/733 Date 25 January 1945

SUBJECT: Prefettura BENEVENTO - Dottore FERRI Ermanno.

TO : HQ. Allied Commission
(attention Local Government Sub-Commission).

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1. Reference your AC/4/1/10/LG dated 17 Jan 45.

2. Enquiry reveals no objection from a security standpoint to the transfer of a/m to Chieti.

3. Dott. Ferri has been granted 15 days Sick Leave w.e.f. 22 January 1945.

4. Instructions have been left with the Prefect of Benevento to direct the a/m to report to Rome upon the termination of his Sick Leave before going forward to Chieti.

5. Soheda Personale attached.

For the Regional Commissioner:

G. RICHARDSON
Major,
Regional Public
Safety Officer.

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Boring up 8th Army
Naples 1st

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/4/1/10/16 Tel: 478190

SUBJECT: Consigliere FAURI, Dott. Ermano. 17 January 1945

TO : RC Southern Region.

1. Reference your R/4444 of 5 January.

2. May I please hear from you on this subject as soon as possible.

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

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SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
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5 January 1945

SUBJECT: Consigliere FERRU, Dott. Romano.

TO : HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION.
(Attention: Local Government Sub Commission)

1. Reference your AG/4/1/10/LG, above subject, dated 2 January 1945.

2. All letters referred to in above mentioned letter were received and forwarded through Regional Public Safety Officer to Naples Zone.

3. An inquiry was made today through the Regional Public Safety Officer and it has been learned that a report required by Naples Zone from the Benevento Police has not as yet been received.

4. An effort is being made to complete the matter and a report will be forwarded to you immediately the information has been obtained.

For the Regional Commissioner:

JOSEPH BELLOTTI,
1st Lieut., M.I.,
Asst Adjutant.

BF (5) Jan

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

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Tel: 478190

SUBJECT: Consigliere FERRI, Dott. Ermano—now at Benevento Prefecture.

2 January 1945

TO : HQ Southern Region (with copy for Zone Commissioner)

1. On 7 October last, I wrote to you stating that the above official had been proposed by the Ministry of the Interior for transfer to Chieti, and asking if he could please be screened locally before the proposed transfer was agreed by this HQ. I can trace no reply to your letter, although reminders were sent to you on 8 and 20 November and 4 December.

2. I can only think in the circumstances that for some reason none of my letters can have reached you and I therefore enclose a copy of my original letter of 7 October.

3. I should be grateful if you could let me have a reply to it as soon as possible.

R. G. S. SPIGER
Colonel
Director
Local Government Sub Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

Ext. 620

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

28th December, 1944.

My dear Charles,

We are in rather a quandary here as to your request for an enquiry to be held by the Italian Government in regard to the allegations made against Petrella. Prefect of Chieti.

I have discussed this with Gerald personally and before any further action is taken we want your views on certain facts and possible repercussions.

As you know, Petrella is a non career prefect and was appointed in A.M.G. days with the approval of this Headquarters. He cannot therefore be removed without the Allied Commission's consent. The most important point is however, that this enquiry will give the Italian Government "carte blanche to criticise A.M.G. administration, which may or may not have been without stain and the personalities or possible actions of certain officers may be in our opinion involved.

After a fairly lengthy discussion with Gerald he said he thought that it would seem desirable to consult you by D.O. letter before we told the Italian Government to go ahead.

Many of the allegat ons as far as we can gather are with regard to actions when he was acting directly u nder the direction of the A.M.G.

I won't worry you with any more but we thought a D.O. letter such as t is was advisable befo e we took a concrete step. Would you be good enough to let me have your views by D.O before we proceed with the matter any further. It has given us a pretty good headache down here

Good luck. I hope you are fit and well.

Yours very sincerely,

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Colonel C.H.A. Fremoh, M.C.,
Regional Commissioner,
Abruzzi-Marche.

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DRAFT MINUTE

(Not in fact actually minuted : matter discussed verbally by Director with U.P. – see # 54)

C.A. Section:

1. Please see letter from RC Abruzzi-Marche, folio No. 52 and the enclosures. The enclosures contain serious allegations with respect to PETRELLA, Prefect of Chieti, in both his public and private capacity. The allegations are summarized in the English translation of Avv. ORLANDO's statement at folio 52H.

2. PETRELLA is a non-career Prefect. He was appointed to Chieti in May 1943 by AMG 8 Army, with the approval of this HQ, and on recommendation of ~~ADDISIO~~ PEALE, the then Minister of the Interior. He cannot, therefore, be removed without Allied Commission's consent.

3. In July of 1944, the then Undersecretary for the Interior, CANEVARI, made allegations of Fascism which were strongly repudiated by the RC and virtually withdrawn by the Minister, BONOMI--see No. 26.

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7. On the other hand, a satisfactory alternative to the inquiry recommended in the RC's letter is not easy to find. ~~It might be possible to intimate confidentially to the Italian Government the nature of the charges to indicate that a proposal by them for the removal of this Prefect would not now be refused.~~

8. In any event, you may consider it desirable that the RC should be advised as to the possible consequences of the inquiry proposed before any action is taken. If you ~~do consider approving~~ shared advance such a course, it would seem desirable to consult the RC verbally and not in writing.

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6. Note however that the charges relate to the period when PETRELLA & the other officials mentioned were acting under the direction of AMG. To accept the recommendation of the RC, therefore, involves giving the Italian Government carte blanche to inquire into what was an AMG administration. ~~Deputation~~ Are they to be invited to do this?

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TO : Hq Allied Commission (Local Government Sub-Com.)

FROM : HQ.AMG/AC Abruzzi-Marche Region.

SUBJECT : Prefect of Chieti.

REF : R5/714/2/3.

DATE : 3 December 44.

4 DEC 1944

1. The attached declaration from Avv.Luigi Orlando, prominent citizen of Chieti together with translation, regarding alleged activities of Avv.Gaetano Petrella, Prefect of Chieti is forwarded for your perusal. Also attached are supporting statements from other citizens together with translations.

2. The Provincial Commissioner reports that these persons are prepared to substantiate their allegations, in evidence is necessary.

3. Although the allegations are of a non-political nature it is considered that representation should be made to the Italian Government for an Inquiry to be set up immediately in this matter.

FOR REGIONAL COMMISSIONER :

J.D. Scholtz

J.D.SCHOLTZ
Lt.Colonel
Executive Officer.

TC/bm

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RELAZIONE con sei allegati

Il Prefetto di Chieti Avv.GAETANO PERELLA è incapace,disonesto,immorale.

1) Riceve in casa merci sequestrate dalla Pubblica Sicurezza,pur essendo queste ancora sotto sequestro e pertanto a disposizione dell'Autorità Giudiziaria.

2)vFa nel suo ufficio proposte e tentativi di atti osceni ad onesta signora,come,per es.,alla sig. BAROTTI ALBA,ved.Vitale,alla sig.MARIA VERLENGIA nata CANTANA,alla sig.CARMELA ZAMBRA,e persino alla moglie del suo dipendente ERMENGILDO CIERI,impiegato presso la Questura.

3) Al sig:ALES ANDRO SPATOLA,che gli offre di portare a Chieti le patate a minor prezzo di quello di vendita al consumo,non rilascia la richiesta autorizzazione,mentre l'autorizzazione stessa,per diverse migliaia di quintali di patate,è stata data esclusivamente alla ditta ACIERNO CO & Figli,di Francavilla a Mare;ditta di cui si dice socio occulto l'Avv.MAURIELLO,genero del Prefetto,il quale,in un salotto dell'appartamento prefettizio,riceve il sig.ORESTE GIAMMARCO e gli dice che per ottenere [illegible] per trasporto merci "era necessario

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2) Fa nel suo ufficio proposte e tentativi di atti osceni un onesto signore,come,per es.,alla sig. NAROTTI ALBA,ved.Vitale,alla sig.MARIA VERLENGIA nata CAMPANA,alla sig.CARMELINA ZAMBRA,e persino alla moglie del suo dipendente ERCENGILDO CIERI,impiegato presso la Questura.

3) Al sig:ALESSANDRO SPATOLA,che gli offre di portare a Chieti le patate a minor prezzo di quello di vendita al consorzio,non rilascia la richiesta autorizzazione,mentre l'autorizzazione stessa,per diverse migliaia di quintali di patate,è stata data esclusivamente alla ditta ACERBO&CO e Figli,di Francavilla a Mare;ditta di cui si dice socio occulto l'Avv.MAURIELLO,genero del Prefetto,il quale,in un salotto dell'appartamento prefettizio,riceve il sig.CRESTE GIACOMO e gli dice che per ottenere automezzi per trasporto merci "era necessario adattarsi alla mentalità degli Alleati,i quali giudicano che se l'automezzo interessa il privato per conseguire gli affari,loro (e cioè gli Alleati) non desiderano rimanere indifferenti e,conseguentemente,corrispondendo una certa percentuale,si potevano ottenere gli automezzi necessari".

4) Il Prefetto di Chieti si è fatto rilasciare buoni mensili speciali di chili 50 di pane,dal Comune di Chieti.

Chieti,19 novembre 1944.

(AVV.LUIGI ORLANDO)
Luigi Orlando

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ALLEGATO n.I

PROMEMORIA

Nell'appartamento privato del Prefetto Avv.Gaetano Petrella sono state portate le seguenti merci sequestrate dalla locale Pubblica Sicurezza:

1+ Il 14 giugno 1944 due damigiane di vino (contenenti ciascuna 50 litri) sequestrate al sig.Panara Domenico, abitante a Borgo Marfisi, Chieti, prelevate alla Questura dal Brigadiere di P.S.Romeo Carmelo;

2) il 15 giugno tre bottiglie di liquori e il 21 altre quattro bottiglie, sequestrate alle ditte Mezzanotte Luigi e Cinalli Lelio De Francesco, e prelevate rispettivamente dal Brigadiere Romeo e dal Maresciallo di P.S. Bizzarro, entrambi addetti all'appartamento del Prefetto Petrella;

3) circa 60 metri di tela di lino e biancheria da letto, da mensa e da cucina, sequestrati a Luigi Mezzanotte furono prelevati alla Questura e portati all'appartamento del Prefetto dal Rag.Pace Nicola, economo della Prefettura;

4) numero imprecisato di candele steariche, sequestrate alla ditta Di Nardo, negozio Via Materdomini;

5) due paia di scarpe di cuoio, di colore giallo, sequestrate al fotografo Cinalli Lelio De Francesco, sono stati venduti per ordine del Prefetto a lire duecento (L. 200) al paio/un paio è stato venduto al prof.Matone, un altro paio al segretario particolare del Prefetto, applicato Catta.

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Per quanto riguarda le merci sequestrate ad Angelo di Nardo (di cui al n.4), la Prefettura fascista repubblicana di Chieti, a mezzo del suo dirigente Comm. Oreste Romano (tuttora in carica, benchè abbia giurato fedeltà al goberno fascistarepubblicano), con foglio del 7 giugno 1944 - Div. Gab., Prot. 51 comm. - comunicò alla Procura di Stato di Chieti che tutti i generi alimentari sequestrate al Di Nardo erano stati assegnati alle convivenze degli sfollati di questo capoluogo, e che i generi di monopolio erano stati passati alla direzione competente per la immissione al pubblico consumo. Egli tacque della destinazione delle altre merci, alcune delle quali (candele) andarono pio a finire nelle mani del Prefetto Petrella, sebbene ancora sotto sequestro e a dispisizione dell'Autorità Giudiziaria.

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Allegato n° 1

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DICHIARAZIONE

In un giorno del mese di agosto, che non ricordo con precisione, il Brigadiere di P.S. Sig.Romeo venne nel negozio per acquistare frutta. In tale circostanza ebbi a lamentare le molteplici difficoltà che incontrava la mia ditta per ottenere dalle Autorità gli automezzi per il trasporto di derrate e prodotti ortofrutticoli destinati al rifornimento del mercato di Chieti, riprommettendomi di farne edotto il Prefetto per un suo efficace intervento.

Dopo un quarto d'ora che il suddetto agente di P.S. era uscito dal negozio, vi ritornò invitandomi a favorire nell'appartamento del Prefetto, perchè il suo futuro genero, Avv.Mauriello, desiderava parlarmi.

Fui infatti ricevuto dal predetto Avvocato, il quale mi rivolse la domanda se fosse vero che la mia ditta non riusciva ad ottenere automezzi per il rifornimento del mercato locale.

Nel darne conferma aggiunsi pure che era mio desiderio prospettare tale incresciosa situazione al Prefetto.

Il predetto Avvocato mi persuase dicendomi che non era il caso di disturbare il Prefetto, ma che era necessario invece adattarsi alla mentalità degli Alleati, i quali giudicano che se l'automezzo interessa il privato per conseguire gli affari, loro non desiderano rimanere indifferenti e conseguentemente - corrispondendo una certa percentuale, si sarebbero potuti ottenere degli automezzi necessari. In tale intesa, lui avrebbe fatti dei passi per fare assegnare automezzi alla mia ditta.

A tale proposta risposi precisando che la nostra condotta era stata sempre, e sarà in seguito, quella di procedere per la via diritta, senza sottintesi, e quindi impossibile adattarci diversamente.

L'avvocato mi rispose che avevo ragione e che, in tutti i modi avrebbe fatti dei passi in merito, ma con poca speranza di riuscita; ad ogni modo, concluse, "vi farò avere risposta".

Però nessuna risposta si ebbe e solo una quindicina di giorni dopo, seppi sul mercato, che altra ditta aveva ottenuto una certa esclusività per il trasporto di patate .

Chieti 4 novembre 1944

F.to GIAMMARCO ORESTE

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D I C H I A R A Z I O N E

Chieti 8 ottobre 1944

SPETT/le COMANDO LEGIONE CC.RR.
C H I E T I

Qualche mese fa, all'inizio dei lavori della frutta, si era stabilito un accordo fra la ditta Rocco Acerra e figli; Luigi Crastia; Fratelli Della Penna e Nicola Antonucci, di svolgere in conto sociale l'importazione di tale merce nella piazza di Chieti, e ciò allo scopo principale di avere una regolare assegnazione di camions dall'A.M.G.

Allorquando però fra i predetti si era prospettata la opportunità di aggiungere ai prodotti ortofrutticoli anche le patate, il Sig.Giovanni Acerra, rappresentante della Ditta Rocco Acerra e figli, si opponeva col far presente che per il lavoro delle patate si era già impegnato con un altro socio.

Alle osservazioni degli altri convenuti, che sarebbe stato incompatibile l'esclusione del lavoro sociale di un articolo di grande consumo, l'Acerra rispondeva che avrebbe proposto al suo socio (un'alta personalità del quale non poteva fare il nome) di farlo partecipare quale socio a tutti i lavori delle altre ditte menzionate, poichè per la società sarebbe stato di grandissimo vantaggio, in quanto il suo intervento avrebbe procurato alla società quanti camions avessero avuto bisogno.

Tale proposta naturalmente, veniva approvata all'unanimità; ma il Sig. Acerra non si faceva più vivo, mentre il giorno seguente - non si sa per quale mistero - riusciva ad avere un camion dalla sezione dell'Alimentazione, che doveva essere il primo di una serie, mentre alle altre ditte era vietata qualsiasi concessione.

Si trattava in realtà di un permesso annullato, che l'Acerra aveva abilmente estorto; il Direttore dell'Alimentazione volle indagare, accertava la scorrettezza minacciando di non concedere più camions ad Acerra, che lo avrebbe deferito a S.E.il Prefetto, ma, poi non fece più nulla. A breve distanza di tempo, l'Acerra veniva notato dal sottoscritto nell'Ufficio di detto Direttore accompagnato da un signore che gli uscieri dicevano essere il futuro genero di S.E.il Prefetto, e così ogni cosa restava non solo a tacere, ma l'Acerra ancora oggi è l'unico concessionario di migliaia di quintali di patate, che importa dalla provincia di Aquila e che vende impunemente anche a privati fino a L.20 al chilo.

Con un simile privilegio l'Acerra, che nell'autunno del 1942 sono andati in galera per contrabbando di fichi secchi in 5 persone tra padre e figli, e poi rilasciati con la solita formula per insufficienza di prove, e lo scorso anno collaborava coi tedeschi (esiste un mandato di pagamento di L. 40.000 presso l'Ufficio Imposte), guadagna oggi non meno di un milione di lire.

Non sarebbe il caso di intervenire nella losca faccenda e mettere a posto anche le alte personalità ?

Non si può credere che le altre ditte rinuncino volontariamente ad

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un sicuro guadagno, anzi bisogna interrogare loro per sentire quello che sanno e certamente ne avranno da dire.....

Senza tema di smentita, non manca di visitare giornalmente il futuro genero del Prefetto nel suo studio, e infine, per quanto riguarda il Direttore dell'Alimentazione, risponderà a chi gli rivolge domanda sel privilegio godito da Acerra o che non è colpa sua perchè gli è stato imposto; parole queste che potrà confermare il Sig.Gasperinetti, vice Direttore del Consorzio Agrario.

P.to Sebastiano Della Penna
Viale Giovanni Amendola n.2 Chieti

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Allegato n. 4 (52E)

DICHIARAZIONE

Confermo quanto dissi a voce, e cioè che in data 4 ottobre u.s; mi l'intermesse della ditta NICOLINO ANTONUCCI chiesi al Prefetto di Chieti un'assegnazione di patate con l'impegno di diminuire il prezzo di L. 16 al Kg che trovavo eccessivo; ma questi mi rispose che le patate dovevano essere importate dal Consorzio, al quale, secondo lui, non si poteva fare alcuna concorrenza commerciale.

Intanto, da oltre un mese, alla popolazione di Chieti, non viene distribuito nessun quantitativo di patate.

Chieti, 10/11/1944.

F.to ALESSANDRO SPAROLA
Via Arniense, 107

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Copia Riservata Allegato N. 5

Nel Gabinetto di S. E. il prefetto di Chieti Stella mi reco stasera alle ore proposte e tentativi di atto ozeno.

Firmato - Carmelo Zamboni

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Allegato n.6

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Sul rilascio dei buoni di chili 60 di pane, possono essere sentiti i seguenti testimoni, tutti residenti in Chieti:

1) Avv.Domenico Spezioli
2) Avv.Luigi Orlando
3) Dott.Francesco Storace
4) Ing.Giuseppe Desiderio
5) Prof.Mario Perilli
6) Sig.Ernesto Giammaria
7) sig.Vincenzo Liberatore
8) Sig.Arturo Rapinesi
9) Sig.Di Rico, Segretario Capo del Com.di Chieti
10) Sig.Aldo Turco, impiegato presso il Com.di Chieti
11) Sig.Giuseppe Lalli, Segretario presso il Com.di Chieti
12) sig.Vincenzo Ricci, impiegato presso il Com.di Chieti

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6) Sig.Ernesto Giammaria

7) sig.Vincenzo Liberatore

8) Sig.Arturo Rapinesi

9) Sig.Di Rico,Segretario Capo del Com.di Chieti

IO) Sig.Aldo Turco,impiegato presso il Com.di Chieti

II) Sig.Giuseppe Lalli,Segretario presso il Com.di Chieti

I2) sig.Vincenzo Ricci,impiegato presso il Com.di Chieti

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Translated by Cpl Hexson E. Humphreys

FOR

REPORT (with six papers attached)

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The Prefect of Chieti, AVV. GAETANO PETRELLA, is incapable, dishonest, immoral.

(1) He receives into his house goods sequestered by the police, even while these (goods) are still sequestered and therefore at the disposition of judicial authorities.

(2) He makes in his office proposals and attempts of obscene acts to honest women, such as, for example, Signora Berotti Alba, the widow Vitale; Signora Maria Verlengia nee Campana, and to Signora Carmela Lambre, and even to the wife of Ermenegildo Cieri, who is employed at the Questura.

(3) He refused to give the authorization requested by Sig. Allesandro Spatola, who offered to bring potatoes to Chieti at a price below that at which they were being offered for sale, but granted authorizations for thousands of quintals of potatoes to the firm of Acerra Rocco and Sons of Francavilla a Mare; a firm in which it is said the lawyer Muriello, a son-in-law of the prefect, is a silent partner and that he (Muriello) received Sig. Oreste Giammarco in a living room of the prefect's apartment and told him that to obtain automobiles for the transport of goods, "It was necessary to adapt oneself to the mentality of the Allies, who believe that if the automobile assists the civilian in the conduct of his business, they (that is, the Allies) do not wish to remain indifferent, and that consequently by giving to them a certain percentage one can obtain the necessary automobiles.

(4) The Prefect of Chieti has had released to him special monthly coupons for 60 kilograms of bread, from the comune of Chieti.

Chieti, 19 November 1944.

The Lawyer LUIGI ORLANDO
(signed)

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Inclosure #1

MEMORANDUM

The following goods sequestered by the local police have been taken to the private apartment of the prefect, Avv. Gaetano Petrella:

(1) On 14 June 1944 two demijohns of wine (each containing about 50 litres), sequestered from Sig. Domenico Penara, living at Borgo Marfisi, Chieti, withdrawn from the Questura by Police Brigadier Romeo Carmelo;

(2) On 15 June three bottles of liquor and on 21 (June) four more bottles, sequestered from the firm of Luigi Mezzanotte & and Lelio Cinelli De Francesco, and withdrawn from the respectively by Brigadier Romeo and by the Police Warrant Officer Bizzaro, both attached to the apartment of Prefect Petrella;

(3) About 60 meters of linen cloth and bed-linens, table-linens and kitchen-linens, sequestered from Luigi Mezzanotte were withdrawn from the Questura and taken to the apartment of the Prefect by the accountant, Nicola Pace, bookkeeper of the Prefettura.

(4) An undetermined number of stearic candles, sequestered from the Di Nardo firm in Via Matterdomini;

(5) Two pairs of leather shoes, of a yellow color, sequestered at the shop of the photographer Cinalli Lelio De Francesco, were sold by order of the prefect at 200 lire a pair; one pair was sold to Prof. Matone, another pair to the private secretary of the Prefect, the apprentice Catta.

Signed: Concezio D'Amario
Mario Pettinelli

(Warrant officers of the Police)

Note signed by the lawyer Luigi Orlando:

In regard to the goods sequestered from Angelo di Nardo (no. 4), the fascist republican prefecture of Chieti, by means of its director Comm. Romano Oreste (still in career, despite his oath of loyalty to the fascist republican government), with a letter of 7 June 1944 - Ref. 5 - Cabinet division - notified the prosecutor of state at Chieti that all the foodstuffs sequestered from Di Nardo had been assigned to the needs of the refugees of the capital city, and that the monopoly goods had passed to the competent officials for public consumption. He said nothing of the destination of the other goods, some of which (the candles) finished in the hands of the prefect Petrella, although still sequestered and at the disposition of judicial authorities.

(signed) Avv. Luigi Orlando

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Inclosure #2

STATEMENT

One day in the month of August, I don't remember exactly, the police brigadier Romeo came into the store to buy fruit. In those circumstances I was complaining of the many difficulties that my firm encountered in obtaining automobiles from the authorities for the transport of products and fruit for the market of Chieti, relying on him to let the prefect know so that he would intervene effectively.

A quarter of an hour after the police agent left the store, he came back, inviting me to the prefect's apartment, where the (prefect' future son-in-law, the lawyer Muriello, wished to speak to me.

I was, in fact, received by the above-mentioned lawyer, who asked me if it was true that my firm had not been able to obtain vehicles for the provision of the local market.

In confirming the fact, I added that it was my desire to present the unfortunate situation to the prefect.

The above-mentioned lawyer dissuaded me, saying it was not necessary to disturb the prefect, but that rather it was necessary to adapt oneself to the mentality of the Allies, who believe that if an automobile assists a civilian in the conduct of his business, they do not wish to remain indifferent and that consequently by giving to them a certain percentage one can obtain the necessary automobiles. With such an understanding, he would make efforts to obtain assignments of automobiles for my firm.

To this proposal I replied that our conduct had always been and would always be that of the straight way, without understandings, and that it was then impossible to operate differently.

The lawyer answered that I was right and that anyway he would make efforts on my behalf, but with slight hope of getting anywhere; in any case, he concluded, "I'll let you know."

However there was no reply and only two weeks later I learned on the market that another firm had obtained certain exclusive rights for the transport of potatoes.

Chieti, 4 November 1944

Signed Giammarco Oreste.

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Inclosure #5

Chieti, 8 October 1944

STATEMENT

TO LEGION COMMAND, CC.RR.
CHIETI

Some months ago, at the beginning of the fruit harvest, an agreement was made between the firm of Rocco Acerra and Sons, Luigi & Cristina, the Della Penne brothers, and Nicola Antonucci, to carry out co-operatively the importation of those goods to the piazza at Chieti; this was principally for the purpose of having a regular assignment of trucks from AMG.

At that time, it was suggested among the above-named the possibility of adding to fruit products potatoes as well, and Sig. Giovanni Acerra, representing the firm of Rocco Acerra and Sons, opposed (the proposal) by pointing out that the potato work had already been provided for with another partner.

To the assertions of the others that the exclusion from the common labor of an article of wide consumption, Acerra replied that he would suggest to his partner (an important person whose name he could not mention) to participate in all the work of the firms mentioned, which would be of greatest advantage to the group in that by his intervention the xxxi group could obtain as many trucks as necessary.

This proposal was naturally approved unanimously; but Sig. Acerra was no longer enthusiastic about it, and the following day - for what mission is not known--was able to obtain a truck from the Alimentation section, which was to be the first of a series, while the other firms were forbidden any concessions.

One is really concerned with an annulled permission, which Acerra had ably extorted; the director of the Alimentation wanted to delay, knowing the incorrectness of it and threatening to not grant any more trucks to Acerra, who would have gone to the prefect, but then he (the director of the Alimentation) did nothing more. In a short time, Acerra was seen in the office of the director accompanied by a man whom the usher said was the soniin-law-to-be of the Prefect, and thus everything remained not only quite, but Acerra even today is th only concessionaire of thousands of quintals of potatoes, which he brings into the province of Aquila and sells to civilians at prices as high as 20 lire the xxxxxxx kilogram without punishment.

Thus Acerra makes every day not less than a million 5,510, though in the fall of 1942 five (Acerras father and sons were sent to prison for contraband in dried figs and then released with the usual formula of insufficiant proof and last year collaborated with the Germans (there is a mandate of payment of L. 40,000 at the Impost Office).

Would it not be proper to intervene in the dirty affair and put even the high persons in their place?

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It is not to be supposed that the other firms have voluntarily renounced such sure profits; indeed it would be well to interrogate them and certainly thyy will have something to say.

Without fear of lying the (one word illegible) Acerra does not fail to visit the future son-in-law of the Prefect every day in his study. And finally, as much as regards the director of the Alimentazion He (the director) will answer anyone who asks him of the privilege enjoyed by Acerra which is not his fault and tell why it was imposed. These words can be confirmed by Sig. Gasparinetti, vice-director of the Consorzio Agrario.

Signed Sebastiano Della Penna

Viale Giovanni Amendola, 2 - Chieti

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Inclosure #4

STATEMENT

I confirm what I said verbally; that is, that on 4 October of this year I requested the prefect of Chieti the assignment of popatoes, with the obligation, in the name of the firm of Nicolino Antonucci, to reduce the price of 16 lire a kilogram which if I found excessive; but this one (the prefect) replied that the popatoes had to be imported by the consorzio, to which, according to him, there must be no commercial competition.

Therefore, for over a month, no amount of potatoes was distributed to the population of Chieti.

Chieti, 19 Nov 1944

Signed Allessandro Spatola
Via Arniense, 107

Inclosure #5

STATEMENT

In the office of His Excellency the prefect of Chieti, Petrella, proposals and attempts of obscene acts were made to me by him.

Signed Carmela Zambia

Inclosure #6

Regarding the release of coupons for 50 kilograms of bread the following witnesses, all resident at Chieti, may be heard:

1) Lawyer Domenico Spezioli
2) Lawyer Luigi Orlando
3) Dr. Francesco Storace
4) Engineer Giuseppe Desiderio
5) Prof. Mario Perilli
6) Sig. Ernesto Giammaria
7) Sig. Vincenzo Liberatore
8) Sig. Arturo Rapinesi
9) Sig. Di Rico, xxx chief secretary of the comune of Chieti
10) Sig. Aldo Turco, employed by the commune of Chieti
11) Sig. Giuseppe Lelli, secretary at the comune of Chieti
12) Sig. Vincenzo Ricci, employed at the comune of Chieti.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/4/1/10/LG

Tel: 478190

SUBJECT: Prefecture BENEVENTO - Dott. PERI Ermanno Consigliere.

4 December 1944

TO : MG, Southern Region

1. We would remind you again of our letter of 7 October, reference above subject, and to the reminders sent on 8 and 20 November, to which there has been no reply.

2. An early reply would be appreciated.

for R. C. B. SPICER
Colonel
Director
Local Government Sub Commission

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Further reminder 2/1/45. See - Page 55.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/4/1/10/LG

Tel: 478190

SUBJECT: Prefect Regent of Chieti.

18 November 1944

TO : His Excellency the Minister of Interior.

Your Excellency:

1. I refer to your letter No. 6700/1473 Gabinetto, dated 28 September, and to the documents enclosed with it, into which careful inquiries have been made.

2. The writer has not stated any fact unknown to the officers of the Allied Commission stationed in the Province of Chieti. Some of his allegations against the Prefect are known to be untrue: other allegations as to the acts of the Prefect are correctly stated and these acts were known to and approved by AMG at the time they were done.

3. It is observed that the writer remains anonymous. Moreover the exaggerated language and vindictive tone of the document do not inspire confidence in the allegations made.

4. It is not, therefore, proposed to take any action in the matter.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/4/1/10/16

Tel: 478190

SUBJECT: Prefect Regent of Chieti.

18 November 1944

TO : RC, Abruzzi-Marche Region.

1. Reference your letter R5/714/2/3 of 9 November, and the report of the PPRO Chieti enclosed. I am very grateful for this careful and useful analysis of the allegations made against PETRELLA. It must have taken considerable time and trouble to compile and perhaps you will be good enough to convey to Capt. Cotton my appreciation of his most helpful report.

2. I enclose in duplicate for your information and that of the PC a copy of a letter I have addressed to the Minister of Interior today also.

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

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Encls. as in (2) above.

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TO : HQ AC, Local Government Sub-Commission.

FROM : HQ ADRIAC, Abruzzi - Marche Region.

SUBJECT : Prefect of Chieti.

REF : H5/714/2/3.

DATE : 3 Nov 44.

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Ref your ACC/4/1/10/Int dated 26 Oct 44, your enclosures are returned herewith together with the Public Safety Officer's comments on the observations raised.

FOR PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER:

J.D. Arnoldz

J.D. SCHOLTZ,
Lt Colonel,
Executive Officer.

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SUBJECT:- Prefect of CHIETI- PETRILLA

TO:- Provincial Commissioner 5 Nov 44

FROM:- PPSO

Reference the attached copy of letter from the Ministry of the Interior, the following comments are submitted:-

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2. It is agreed that his tale of the firing squad and his escape takes some swallowing.	42B	(III)
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5. The additional payments to the Prefect were authorised by the then R.F.C.	42C	(2)
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Capt,
Provincial Public Safety Officer,
AC CHIETI, PESCARA & TERAMO PROVINCES.

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Capt.
Provincial Public Safety Officer.
AC CHIETI, PESCARA & TERAMO PROVINCES.

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(Translation No. 350)

Rome, 28 September 1944

MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

File No. 6700/1473

SUBJECT : Avv. Gaetano PETRELLA

TO : A.C.C.
Interior Sub Commission
Rome

The enclosed report on the Prefect regent of Chieti, avv. Gaetano PETRELLA, has been received from the Deputy High Commissariat for Epuration.

This Ministry has no way of checking the exactness of the statements contained in the report, and we therefore, forward them to your Commission for whatever action you consider necessary.

THE MINISTER

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I, undersigned, Fiatti Achille, residing in Vicolo Scandenberg, No. 78, declare as follows:

I have had information to the fact that a certain Gaetano Petrella, residing in Via della Panetteria, No. 52, interno 1, has been appointed Vice-prefect of Rieti, in which that this person has always been a fascist,; has been for a certain period Secretary of Bastianini when he was governor in Croatia.

And now this chap is making out he's a Communist.

Will you kindly make investigations on his past activities since he has been appointed.

Communist regards.

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THE POLITICAL SITUATION OF CHIETI

is the most chaotic, due to the activities of a few undesirable elements, who hold the power in their hands, together with their chief Prefect, Ex. Gaetano Petrella.

Chieti is a town which(boldly defined by Massimo Villa in his recent publication "Il Delitto Matteotti) can be treated as one likes: calm, obsequious and terrifiable at will, it submits to everything, indulging in criticism only in a subdued tone. That is why the fascists chose it as the site for the conclusion of that infamous trial, which had, among the most ardent defenders of those slaughterers, a local gang-chief, Hon. Giustino Irvilo, who dared to say in his speech:" The Hon. Matteotti was a victim of history and destiny" and the spirit of his followers has not yet entirely died out.

In such an atmosphere, then, one can do what one likes and not one single individual will dare to raise his voice openly for fear a current of air will subdue it.

Well, Prefect Petrella, whose home town is Paroliai, in the Province of Benevento, is one of those Neapolitans who boast of being great men, a "know all and do all" but in the end he does nothing but guard his own interests, completely neglecting those of the public. It is sufficient to say that although he has been in Chieti for about three months, he has not yet visited most of the communes of the Province, which, nearly destroyed, need at least some moral comfort! Palena, Lama dei Peligni, Taranta Peligna, Montenerodomo, Colledimacina, Torricella Peligna, Gesscpalena, Fara S. Martino, Quadri, Gamberale, Pizzoferrato, etc, all mountain tows, have not yet even received provisions; the populations are completely abandoned and without medicinals; who knows what will become of them in winter? Lodgings are not to be found, not even ready-made huts put up with the material available on the spot. There are communes in which the Mayor has not yet been appointed, others which lack a secretary, others a doctor, others a midwife, etc. On the other hand, he pays frequent visits to Lanciano and Vasto to see his friends, where, there having been no destruction, there is nothing to do but dine.

"Who is the Prefect? - He said it himself as soon as he reached Chieti, when he took care to repeat the same speech four times and under different circumstances. It begins like this:"I must tell you who I am. I have always been anti-fascist, and when in 1928 my friend Clino Ricci urged me to support the party, I replied:"I remain as I was" And so on. after a long apology lasting over half an hour, he gradually worked up to the story of how he escaped being shot, spicing it with all kinds of emotional accents and periphrases, the result of an extraordinary circum-

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He later felt the necessity of publishing a summary of this long story in the first edition, 13 August (see enclosure No.1) "Rinascita d'Abruzzo".

The article bears the initials of the Vice Chief-Secretary of the Commune of Chieti, Giuseppe Lalli, formerly nominal head of the Commune of Fara Filiorum Petri, called to that responsible position by the republicans in February 1944, faithful and tireless collaborator of the Secretary Chief Maurea, now in jail for his close collaboration with the Germans and for charges of false statement in public, as is also the Mayor Comm. Gasbarri, for the same reason.

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This Prefect, then , on arrival at Chieti on 14 June, that is four days after the liberation of the town, found that a Councillor of the Prefecture had taken over the direction of the office on the 10th by the will of the people and also because he was the highest in rank, and had published the notice, a copy of which is enclosed (enclosure 2).

He did not immediately like the idea, on the contrary he rejected it, not only not ordering it to be carried out, but ordering the old name of "Vittorio Emanuele" to be given, which the square had had before August 1943 when it was named "Ettore Muti". It was logical that the Prefect Regent, Dr. Di Furia, in wishing to efface the affront made to that square which had seen the butchers of Matteotti march through unpunished and haughty, desired to refer to the present name of"Ettore Muti", and in fact, could not but refer to this, by which this change on the part of the Prefect was definitely undesirable, unanimously and bitterly criticized by all. On the other hand, the liberation of the city, 10 June, coincided with the date in which fell the 20th anniversary of the barbarous killing, which was to be commemorated especially at Chieti with this idea which the people unanimously approved of, considering it a just reparation of the mournful farse which the city had had to suffer before Italy and the world!

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And to say that the Prefecture of Chieti has absolutely no need of accountants where there are already accountants in abundance; seven

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or eight who have nothing to do! Meanwhile he distributes these lavish recompenses to all his friends, while the other employees, especially those of low rank, are starving!

And more; Comm. Grimaldi almost as if his mission recompense was not sufficient, was appointed Commissioner of the "Consolidated Contributes of Agriculture", and as Deputy Director (since there is the nominal Director, Dr. Renalli, who cannot be removed because no excuse can be found) Dr. Mauriello, future son-in-law of the prefect, who had come to Chieti with his fiancee, has been pushed in, with such a strange situation which has arrisen, it now seems probable that this son-in-law will be appointed Director of the Labour Office, following the negotiations to release the position.

It has been announced from Benevento that other officials are soon to arrive.....

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The Prefect on being informed of this matter about the middle of June, immediately declared that such payment was illegal, for the further reason that such payment had been effected when the funds no longer belonged to the republican government and were to be used for very different purposes, and bitterly reproached the employees who had made the payment. But the Questore raised a cry and the Prefect had to keep quiet and for certain reasons it even became desirable to keep the whole matter quiet. The Prefect was accompanied from Vasto to Chieti by the Major of the Carabinieri, Giovagnoli Osvaldo, who - according to public rumour - appears to have been, as Captain, an aide-de-camp of the "Duce". But this would have to be investigated for there are no evident facts to prove it.

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And there is more:

The true Prefect of Chieti (for it is he who has the absolute authority) is Ing. Agresti, director of the "De Luca" Flour-mill and Pasta factory, the most important of the city. Agresti, once president of the Industrial Union, has always had a hand in the pie of the administration of Chieti, and especially in the Provincial Council of Finance as vice-president of the Industrial Section with the Director Dr. Pomilio, he has always done what he wished and what he could. He has exploited his industry, monopolizing it by prohibiting the establishment of others which might compete with his own, especially that of Fara St. Martino, well-known, even abroad, as the best.

Pomilio, squadrista, administrative federal secretary for many years, as well as Director of the Council of Finance, has obtained for himself an enviable financial position, even though he had nothing to begin with. In consequence of his unjustifiable increase of wealth, he was arrested early in July by order of the Prefect. But Pomilio immediately threatened to involve other persons and was released on the morrow through the intervention of Ing. Agresti. Due to public protest he was again arrested after about two weeks, but he was immediately released again, and is now walking about undisturbed.

It seems that Agresti is a relative of the Prefect or of the Prefect's interpreter, Leo De Negri, who came with him from elsewhere. Agresti was arrested too by the republicans toward the end of last March, when it was discovered that he had walled up about 70 quintals of white, pure wheat-flour pasta, large quantities of the finest quality flour, cured sausages, hams, cheese, soap, oil, wine and all kinds of nature's riches. Two days later, who can tell by what intrigues, he was released and today he boasts to be a town benefactor, it even being said that he had hidden all that stuff in order to deprive the Germans of it and to distribute it after to the population. Agresti is disliked by the whole population because he has absolute control over the Prefect and with such effect that it cannot be imagined whence comes such incredibly despotic power.

If all the bitter complaints of the people, were to be related, there would be enough to write a book on him! If anyone desires anything at all whether good or bad, he must go to Agresti. It is done in a flash; we have heard tell of so many acts of every kind and nature, that it would be out of the question to relate them all in detail.

To say nothing of the epuration at Chieti which is carried out by Agresti through the Prefect according to the rules set by his own ideas of protection and vengeance. For all these reasons, the people of Chieti unanimously appeal for a prefect who is independent and uninfluenced by local matters; a Prefect who can guarantee justice and above all act

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No precise particulars could be had at Chieti regarding the past life of Prefect Petrella: it is universally agreed that he has long been a great friend of Hon. De Marsico, for whom he acted as godfather, and whom he recently kept hidden in his house for a couple of months. He now seems to be supported by Hon. De Caro of Benevento, who, using the same system by which he appointed the mayors of his region, had Petrella appointed prefect.

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ENCLOSURE 1.

ABRUZZO REBORN
(La Rinascita d'Abruzzo)

OUR PREFECT

Prefect Petrella is a native of Paolisi, province of Benevento, and is a lawyer. He entered the political and administrative life of the region when very young, and in 1922 was provincial deputy for the district (mandamento) of Airola. He opposed fascism from its very birth and was never lured by the flattering invitations of those who wanted to include him in one of its organizations.

He left public life and devoted himself to severe and deprecatory criticism of fascism, something that brought him persecutions and great hardships.

He was expelled from professional life, suffered intimations, and his house was searched; he was proposed for exile and for reappearance before the Special Tribunal, was arrested several times, and his identity card indivated his being a dangerous person. After 8 September he fled and hid himself in order to organize resistance. However, called on 3 October to the bed-side of a dying brother, he returned secretely to the town. Having learned of his presence, the German Command had him arrested as an hostage with others, and as a reprisal against actions that were being executed by the Patriots, ordered that he be shot immediately. He was taken with the others in front of S.Andrea's Church in Paolisi, where the executing squad was deployed. He witnessed the loss of his first companion and his fatal moment was imminent, when the German Lieutenant who was in command of the platoon had to leave the platoon to face other Patriots who were attacking some isolated German soldiers in that vicinity. This gave him the opportunity to flee once again - and to continue the fight on the hills until 4 October when he contacted the first units of the oncoming allied armies and re-entered the city with them.

H. Ex. Petrella is a strong and noble citizen who has elevated the spirit in the fight for freedom; he will give our Province a great contribution in its return to the civilized and peaceful life of free institutions.

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ENCLOSURE 2.

R. PREFECTURE OF CHIETI

Citizens -

Interpreting the unanymous feeling of this city which had to suffer the infamy of the gravest injustice that the history of juridical proceedings has yet to record - I, taking my post in the regency of the Prefecture, order that the square in front of the palace of Justice be named "G. Matteotti", while waiting for the erection in the center of the square of a marble bust as an eternal memory of his sacrifice for freedom, sacred possession of Italy, foreseen throughout the ages by the loftiest minds and hearts.

This shall be the torch of our faith which we shall lift as a symbol of our sentiments in life and in death.

The Regent of the Prefecture

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/4/1/10/LG

31 October 1944

SUBJECT: Ing. ORLANGELO Edoardo

TO : His Excellency the Minister of Interior.

Your Excellency:

1. I refer to your letter 6449 Gabinetto, dated 3 September 1944, and I enclose herewith for your information a copy of a report furnished to me by Abruzzi-Marche Regional Headquarters.

FOR R. C. B. SPICER
Colonel
Director
Local Government Sub Commission

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Encl. as in (1) above.

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HEADQUARTERS
AMG/ACC
ABRUZZI-MARCHE REGION
C. M. F.

25 October 1944

Ref. R5/514/7.

26 OCT 1944 L.G.

SUBJECT: Engineer Edoardo Colangelo.

TO : Local Government Sub-Commission, ACC.

Herewith is submitted information requested in your letter ACC/4/1/10/Int dated 9 September 1944.

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For the Regional Commissioner:

ANGELO A. PASCARELLA,
WOJG, USA,
Adjutant.

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Subject. Colangelo Ing.Edoardo.

In reference to note CPT 20/3/1 of the 2nd inst. we are sending you information regarding Engineer Colangelo Edoardo and which we got from his personal papers which were in the Archive of the local Provincial Administration, and precisely from his record of service, which was made out by the 176th Legion, of the M.V.S.N. dated August 26th 1937.

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* he has not been a soldier.
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* was transferred to the 176th Legion on the 19.1.1931.

In reference to his military service we notice from his record of service which was issued by the Chieti district that Colangelo was reformed by the Direction of the Military hospital of Chieti after having undergone a medical examination, while preparing to become an effective officer. He was dismissed from the Army on the 20.9.1931, when he had already enlisted in the M.V.S.N.

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Colangelo Ing. Edoardo

Al Provincial Commissioner A.R.S.
delle Provincie Teramo Pescara Chieti

C H I E T I

In relazione alla nota [illegible] del c. corrente, si trascrivono le notizie riguardanti l'Ing Colangelo Edoardo e che risultano dal suo fascicolo personale esistente presso l'Archivio della locale Amministrazione Provinciale, e precisamente dal foglio matricolare e caratteristico, redatto dalla 136 Legione della M.V.S.N. . in data 26 Agosto 1927.

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Il Prefetto

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12 October 1944

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Colangelo Ing. Edoardo

Al Provincial Commissioner A.M.G.
delle Province Teramo, Pescara, Chieti.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ACC/4/1/10/Int. 26 October 1944

SUBJECT : Prefect of Chieti - PETRELLA.

TO : MC. Abruzzi - Marche Region.

1. I enclose copy of letter from the Ministry of Interior together with translated copies of the reports etc. referred to.

2. It is recalled that this Prefect was the subject of correspondence (your ref. R. 5714/2 of 17 August) culminating in my letter of the 6 September.

3. I shall however be glad to have your views upon the enclosures. It is observed that Documents 42 B and 42 F are anonymous.

4. Will you please return the enclosures with your reply.

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

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14 October 1944

Adj: 300.4

SUBJECT: Travel Orders

TO : All Concerned

1. Dr. Domenico Bellini, Italian civilian, will proceed to Chieti, Italy on or about 16 October 1944 on a permanent change of station to assume duties as Vice-Prefect Inspector thereat.

2. Travel by government motor transport is authorized.

By command of Consellore STOKES:

Nicholas Pignatino

NICHOLAS PIGNATINO
CWO, USA
Asst Adjutant

DISTRIBUTION:
2 - Dr. Bellini
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2 - Files

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ACC/4/1/10/LG 16 October 1944

SUBJECT: Officials for the Province of CHIETI

TO : PC, Abruzzi-Marche Region.

1. Reference this Sub Commission's letter of even reference dated 22 September, and your reply thereto - PC/514/17 dated 29 September.

2. This is to introduce the Bearer, Dr. Domenico BELLINI, Councillor of the 1st Class, who is to take up duty at the Prefettura CHIETI.

3. It will be appreciated if all facilities are afforded to permit of him reaching his destination.

4. Copy of biographical notes attached.

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

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PC, L'Aquila

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TRANSLATION NO. 360

MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

ROME, 28 September, 1944

File No. 6700/1473

SUBJECT: Avv. Gaetano PETRELLA.

TO : A.C.C.
INTERIOR SUB-COMMISSION
R O M E

The enclosed report on the Prefect regent of Chieti, Avv. Gaetano PETRELLA, has been received from the Deputy High Commissariat for epuration.

This Ministry has no way of checking the exactness of the statements contained in the report, and we therefore, forward them to your Commission for whatever action you consider necessary.

THE MINISTER

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Ministero dell'Interno
Gabinetto

Roma 28 settembre 1944

Alla Commissione Alleata = Sottocommissione Interni = ROMA

Div. Sez. Fasc. 1° 6700/1473 Allegati vari

OGGETTO Avv. Gaetano PETRELLA =

Sono pervenute dall'Alto Commissariato Aggiunto per l'epurazione le unite segnalazioni a carico del reggente la Prefettura di Chieti, avv. Gaetano PETRELLA.

Questo Ministero non ha modo di controllare l'esattezza delle affermazioni contenute negli esposti, e pertanto li trasmette a codesta Commissione per il seguito che riterrà di darvi.

IL MINISTRO

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Interno 112 425

Io Sottoscritto
Fiatti Delilla
M abitante in Picolo Scanderberg 98
Dichiaro quanto segue;
Da informazioni avute mi risulta che tale Petrella Gennaro abitante in via della Panetteria N 52 interno 1

3509 11.2 E stato nominato Vice Prefetto a Rieti nel quale che costui e stato sempre un fascista e stato per un periodo di tempo segretario del Bastianini quando era Governatore nella Croazia. Ora questo tizio si sparsa per un Comunista.
Prego Volere prendere informazioni sul suoi precedenti e da che stato nominato.
Saluti Comunisti. 5556

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Alla Direzione
del Partito C

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LA SITUAZIONE POLITICA DI CHIETI

è la più caotica che si possa concepire ad opera di alcuni elementi indesiderabili, che detengono il potere con a capo il Prefetto Eccellenza GAETANO PETRELLA.

Chieti è la città che (scultoriamente definita da Massimo Ville nella sua recente pubblicazione "il delitto Matteotti") può essere trattata come si vuole: tranquilla, ossequiente e terrorizzabile a volontà, subisce tutto, abbandonandosi solo alla critica in sordina. Ecco perchè il fascismo la prescelse come sede della conclusione dell'infame processo, che ebbe, tra i più accesi difensori dei carnefici, un ras locale, l'On.le Giustino Troilo, il quale osò affermare nella sua arringa: "L'On.le Matteotti fu vittima della storia e del destino" e le cui ramificazioni non sono ancora del tutto sopite !

In tale ambiente, quindi, si può fare quel che si vuole senza che un solo individuo osi alzare apertamente la voce per paura che una corrente d'aria gliela possa far ribassare.

Dunque, il Prefetto Petrella, nativo di Parolisi in Provincia di Benevento è uno di quei napoletani che si vanta di essere un grand'uomo, di "tutto fare e sapere" ma, alla conclusione, non fa altro che i propri interessi, trascurando completamente quelle del pubblico. Basta dire che, essendo a Chieti già da circa tre mesi, non ha ancora visitato la maggior parte dei comuni della Provincia, che distrutti quasi, abbisognano almeno di un conforto morale ! Palena, Lama dei Peligni, Taranta Peligna, Montenerodomo, Colledimacina, Torricella Peligna, Gessopalena, Fara S. Martino, Quadri, Gamberale, Pizzoferrato ecc. posti in montagna, fin'oggi non hanno avuto ancora viveri, e la popolazione completamente abbandonata, senza medicinali non si sa dove andrà a finire nell'inverno, priva della possibilità di alloggi, siano pure baracche rab

essere trattata come si vuole: tranquilla, ossequiente e terrorizzabile a volontà, subisce tutto, abbandonandosi solo alla critica in sordina. Ecco perchè il fascismo la prescelse come sede della conclusione dell'infame processo, che ebbe, tra i più accesi difensori dei carnefici, un ras locale, l'On. le Giustino Troilo, il quale osò affermare nella sua arringa: "L'On. le Matteotti fu vittima della storia e del destino" e le cui ramificazioni non sono ancora del tutto sppite !

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Dunque, il Prefetto Petrella, nativo di Paolisi in Provincia di Benevento è uno di quei napoletani che si vanta di essere un grand'uomo, di "tutto fare e sapere" ma, alla conclusione, non fa altro che i propri interessi, trascurando completamente quelle del pubblico. Basta dire che, essendo a Chieti già da circa tre mesi, non ha ancora visitato la maggior parte dei comuni della Provincia, che distrutti quasi, abbisognano almeno di un conforto morale ! Palena, Lama dei Peligni, Taranta Peligna, Montenerodomo, Colledimacina, Torricella Peligna, Gessopalena, Fara S. Martino, Quadri, Gamberale, Pizzoferrato ecc. posti in montagna, fin'oggi non hanno avuto ancora viveri, e la popolazione completamente abbandonata, senza medicinali non si sa dove andrà a finire nell'inverno, priva della possibilità di alloggi, siano pure baracche rabberciate con la disponibilità di materie prime che non mancano sul posto. Vi sono comuni in cui non è stato ancora nominato il Sindaco, altri in cui manca il Segretario, altri il Medico, altri la Levatrice ecc. Le visite, invece, si ripetono con frequenza a Lanciano e a Vasto per salutare gli amici e dove, non verificatesi distruzioni non v'è da fare altro che pranzi.

Chi è il Prefetto ? - Lo ha detto lui appena giunto a Chieti, quando si preoccupò di ripetere, per quattro volte e in circostanze diverse, sempre lo stesso discorso. Cominciò così : "è ne-

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cessario vi dica chi sono io. Sono stato sempre antifascista, e quando nel 1928 il mio amico personale Clino Ricci mi invitò di aderire al partito gli risposi : "resto qual fui". E, così proseguendo, dopo un'apologia lunghissima che durò più di mezz'ora, giunse via via al racconto, frammisto da accenti di emozionante perorazione, dello scampato pericolo dalla fucilazione, per una combinata coincidenza che - poco adducente nella possibile coordinazione dei fatti - venne appresa dal pubblico con una certa diffidenza e tale da essere qualificato come il racconto di mille e una notte. Infatti, sapendosi con quali sistemi i tedeschi eseguivano le fucilazioni, non è sembrato possibile che egli, già pronto per essere fucilato, abbia potuto scampare perchè il plotone di esecuzione, che aveva già ammazzato un'altro ed era sull'attimo di sparare a lui, fu chiamato da altri tedeschi accorsi a chiedere aiuto per salvare alcuni compagni che erano stati accerchiati dai patrioti!... Dice la gente: ci voleva molto a tirare due colpi di pistola e correre lo stesso immediatamente a liberare i compagni ?!

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Immediatamente non apprezzò l'idea, anzi la represse, non solo non dando esecuzione all'iniziativa, ma facendo ripristinare la vecchia denominazione a "Vittorio Emanuele", che la piazza aveva avuta prima dell'agosto 1943 quando fu intitolata ad Ettore Muti. Era logico che il reggente Dr. Di Furia, nel voler cancellare lo sfregio dato proprio a quella piazza, che aveva visto sfilare

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impuniti e baldanzosi i carnefici di Matteotti intendeva riferirsi all'attuale intitolazione di"Ettore Muti", e non poteva infatti che riferirsi a questa, per cui oltremodo inopportuna è stata la virata di bordo del Prefetto, unanimemente ed aspramente criticata nell'ambiente. D'altra parte la liberazione della città coincideva con la data del 10 giugno, in cui si compiva proprio il ventennale della barbara uccisione, che doveva essere - specialmente a Chieti - solennizzata con l'idea lanciata al popolo, il quale unanimemente l'apprezzò, considerandola come una giusta riparazione della lugubre farsa che la città aveva dovuto subire di fronte all'Italia e al Mondo !

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va meglio coi fascisti!... Lo stesso trattamento ha fatto fare al suo Capo di Gabinetto Dr. De Bellis e al Segretario Particolare, certo Gatta, entrambi portati con lui da Benevento, che percepiscono, oltre lo stipendio, un premio di rendimento mensile di Lire e.000 ciascuno e l'indennità giornaliera di missione intera corrispondente al loro grado. Ugualmente fa pagare l'indennità giornaliera di missione a un Maresciallo di P.S. che ha portato con se, e così pure a un Rag. Capo della Prefettura di Campobasso Comm. Grimaldi, suo amico venuto anche con lui, il quale per giunta, di grado 8°, percepisce la indennità giornaliera di missione maggiorata del grado 6°. Inoltre questi si è portato, a sua volta, altri due suoi amici, Segretari Comunali, che percepiscono parimenti l'indennità di missione giornaliera.

E dire che proprio di ragionieri non aveva affatto bisogno la Prefettura di Chieti dove ce ne sono ad esuberanza: 7 o 8, che non hanno da fare!. Intanto fa profondere tutta questa larghezza di corresponsioni ai suoi amici, mentre gli altri impiegati, specie quelli bassi, muoiono di fame!

C'è di più : il Comm. Grimaldi, quasi che non gli bastasse l'indennità di missione, è stato nominato Commissario dell'Ufficio Contributi Unificati dell'Agricoltura, e come Direttore aggiunto (giacchè cdè il Direttore titolare Dr. Nanalli, che non può essere rimosso, perchè non si riesce a trovare alcun pelo nell'uovo) è stato azzeccato il Dr. Mauriello, futuro genero del Prefetto, venuto a Chieti insieme alla fidanzata! Per tale posizione strana che si è venuta a creare, sembra ora che sia in vista la nomina del detto genero a Direttore dell'Ufficio del Lavoro, previa liberazione in corso del posto.

Sono annunziati da Benevento prossimi arrivi di altri funzionari...

Quale capo dell'Ufficio Provinciale dell'Alimentazione nominò, appena giunto, un tale Renato Cialfi, venuto con lui da Guglionesi semi-analfabeta, il quale ha questo passato : sergente presso il Distretto Militare di Chieti, truffò a Ucci Florino L. 6.000, farina, pasta, prosciutto ed olio, sotto il protesto di farlo esonerare dal servizio militare. In seguito a minacce e diffide, restituì solo la somma, trattenendo il resto. Analogo tentativo di truffa per L. 5.000 fece al Prof. Luigi Carinci di Lanciano. Questi fatti e cento altri, a prova di tutta una tremenda situazione politica locale, furono denunciati dall'Avv. Luigi Orlandi, il 10 giugno u.s. in

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un promemoria di 15 pagine consegnato a mano al Prefetto. Di tutto ciò che fu segnalato non è stato fatto nulla, anzi tutto il contrario, per cui con lettera pubblicata sul giornale "La Rinascita D'Abbruzzo" (allegato n. 5) il predetto Avv. Orlando ha rassegnato le dimissioni dalle cariche cui era stato chiamato.

Tutto il complesso di questi fatti, oggetto di vivaci mormorii, mette il Prefetto nella impossibilità di esercitare le sue funzioni con assoluta indipendenza. Infatti è capitato poco tempo addietro che ha dovuto consentire un'illegalità del Questore Comm. Galasso, perchè questi stava per alzare la voce. Si trattava di questo: Il Questore, per una disposizione di carattere generale, fu collocato a disposizione nel gennaio u.s. Prima di partire per Roma riscosse regolarmente tutti gli stipendi ed ebbe anche una regalia dal Prefetto Repubblichino Girgenti in L. 6.000, prelevate sul fondo assistenza agli sfollati (che, da quella gente, così venivano assistiti). Dunque egli, stando a disposizione ed avendo prescelta come sede provvisoria S. Valentino in provincia di Pescara, riscosse fino alla liberazione di Chieti gli assegni regi che gli erano dovuti. Presentatosi a Chieti la mattina del 10 giugno, pretendeva il pagamento del conguaglio degli assegni repubblicani, che gli furono negati per la considerazione che gli stipendi repubblicani, oltre ad essere stati corrisposti solo agli agenti e sottufficiali di P.S. e non ai funzionari, a lui specialmente non competevano affatto in quanto non aveva prestato effettivo servizio. Il rifiuto allora oppostogli, intanto, fu superato l'indomani dal suo amico Vice Prefetto Ispettore Comm. Romano che il giorno precedente era stato arrestato. In tal modo fu reso possibile al predetto Questore riscuotere il 12 giugno il conguaglio degli stipendi repubblicani nella complessiva somma di L. 59.910.--.

Informato della questione il Prefetto verso la metà di luglio, espresse subito l'intendimento che tale conguaglio non era dovuto, anche perchè il pagamento era stato fatto quando Chieti non apparteneva più al governo repubblichino e quindi con fondi che dovevano essere destinati a ben altro scopo, per cui richiamò apprammente il personale dipendente che aveva disposto tale pagamento. Ma il Questore alzò la voce e il Prefetto le dovette abbuggiare, tanto che ragioni di opportunità hanno consigliato di mettere il tutto a tacere... Col Prefetto venne da Vasto a Chieti anche il Maggiore dei Carabinieri Giovagnoli Osvaldo, che - a quanto si vocifera nel pubblico - sembra sia stato addetto, da Capitano, alla persona del "duce". Ma questo occorrerebbe accertarlo, non avendosi elementi concreti per stabilirlo in loco.

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V'è di più:

Il vero Prefatto di Chieti (in quanto è lui che dispone in modo assoluto) è l'Ing. Agresti, direttore del Molino e Pastificio De Luca, il più importante della città. L'Agresti, già presidente dell'Unione Industriale, ha avuto sempre mani in pasta nell'ambiente chietino, e specie al Consiglio Provinciale dell'Economia, quale Vice Presidente della Sezione Industriale col Direttore Dott. Pomilio, ha fatto tutto quello che ha voluto e che ha potuto. Ha sfruttato le sue industrie, monopolizzando il prodotto col vietare l'ingresso di altri che avrebbero potuto fargli la concorrenza e specie quelli di Fara S. Martino, notoriamente conosciuti, anche all'estero, come i migliori.

Il Pomilio, squadrista, Segretario federale amministrativo per molti anni, oltre che Direttore del Consiglio dell'Economia, si è costituito una posizione economica invidiabile, pur provenendo dal nulla: per tale ingiustificato accrescimento delle sue sostanze fu, nei primi di luglio, fatto fermare dal Prefetto. Senonchè il Pomilio minacciò subito che avrebbe coinvolto altre persone e l'indomani, per l'intercessione dell'Ing. Agresti, fu liberato. Proteste del pubblico, dopo una quindicina di giorni, fecero sì che il Pomilio fosse nuovamente raggiunto, ma subito dopo fu ancora una volta liberato e ora passeggia indisturbato.

Pare che l'Agresti sia parente del Prefetto o dell'interprete del Prefetto, Leo De Negri, venuto con lui da fuori. Fra l'altro, l'Agresti fu arrestato dai repubblichini verso la fine dello scorso mese di maggio, perchè scoperto di aver murato circa 70 ql. di pasta bianchissima pura semola, molti ql. di farina extra doppio zero, salami, prosciutti, formaggio, sapone, olio, vino ed altro ben di Dio, in enorme quantità. Dopo due giorni, non si sa per quali intrighi, fu liberato e oggi lo si fa apparire finanche come un benemerito della città, in quanto si è arrivato a dire che aveva nascosta tutta quella roba per sottrarla ai tedeschi e per distribuirla poi ai cittadini! L'Agresti è inviso a tutta la popolazione, perchè è quello che dispone in modo assoluto del Prefetto, sul quale ha poteri illimitati e tanto che non si sa donde discende, in fondo, tanta forza incredibile di assoluto dominio!...

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Sul conto di costui, a voler raccontare le acrimoniose lamentele dei cittadini, ci sarebbe da scrivere un volume! Qualunque cosa di bene o di male si vuol ottenere, nell'interesse pubblico o privato, bisogna rivolgersi all'Agresti. In pochi secondi è tutto fatto; ne vengono raccontate di ogni genere e dalla più varia natura, che non è qui il caso di riportare nei singoli particolari.

Senza dire poi che l'epurazione va fatta a Chieti dall'Agresti attraverso il Prefetto secondo i criteri cui si informano i suoi principi personalistici di protezione o di vendetta. Da quanto precede, si reclama unanimamente nell'ambiente di Chieti un Prefetto indipendente ed estraneo alle influenze locali; un Prefetto che garantisca la giustizia e che si informi sopratutto ai principi sani vigenti.

Sul passato del Prefetto Petrella non si sono potuti avere a Chieti elementi precisi e concreti: si dice concordemente che egli sia, da vecchia data, amico personale dell'On.le De Marsico, col quale si fece pure compare, e che recentemente l'abbia finanche tenuto nascosto in casa sua per un paio di mesi. Ora sembra messo su e sostenuto dall'On. De Caro di Benavento, che con lo stesso sistema usato per far nominare i sindaci della sua zona, ha fatto nominare prefetto il Petrella.

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LA RINASCITA D'ABRUZZO

IL NOSTRO PROFETA

Il Prefetto Petrella è nativo di Paolisi, in provincia di Benevento, ed è un avvocato. Entrato giovanissimo nella vita politica ed amministrativa della regione, nel 1922 era deputato provinciale per il mandamento di Airola. Avversò il fascismo fin dal suo nascere e non cedè ai lusinghieri inviti di quelli che volevano attrarlo nell'orbita delle sue organizzazioni.

Si appartò perciò dalla vita pubblica e condusse contro il fascismo la lotta della critica sprezzante e severa, il che gli procurò gravi persecuzioni e le maggiori difficoltà per l'esistenza. Fu avulso dalla vita professionale, ebbe diffide, perquisizioni domiciliari, proposte per il confino, e per il rinvio al Tribunale Speciale, arresti, indicazione di pericolosità sulla carta di identità. Dopo l'otto settembre, si dette alla macchia per organizzare la resistenza, ma il tre ottobre, chiamato al capezzale di un fratello morente, rientrò occultamente in paese. Appresa la sua presenza, il Comando tedesco lo faceva arrestare insieme con altri quale ostaggio, e per rappresaglie di azioni in corso da parte dei Patrioti, ne ordinava la immediata fucilazione. Condotto con gli altri avanti la Chiesa di S. Andrea in Paolisi, ove era già disposto il plotone di esecuzione, assistè al sacrificio del primo compagno e già era imminente il suo istante fatale, quando il tenente tedesco che comandava il plotone dovè precipitosamente allontanarsi per fronteggiare altri Patrioti che in quei pressi attaccavano soldati germanici isolati. Questo incidente gli offrì la possibilità di fuggire nuovamente e proseguire sui monti la lotta fino al quattro ottobre, in cui prese contatto con i primi nuclei degli Eserciti Alleati che sopraggiungevano e, con essi rientrò in città.

S.E. Petrella, forte e nobile figura di cittadino che ha affinato lo spirito nella lotta per la libertà, saprà dare alla nostra Provincia un alto contributo per il ritorno alla vita civile e serena delle libere istituzioni.

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Cittadini,

Interpretando il sentimento unanime di questa città che dovette subire l'infamia della più grave ingiustizia che le storie dei processi giudiziari ricordi, I [illegible] - all'atto di assumere la reggenza della Prefettura - che la piazza antistante al palazzo di giustizia assume-ormai stesso la denominazione di "G. MATTEOTTI" in attesa che, nel centro della stesse piazza, sia successivamente elevato un busto marmoreo a perenne ricordo del suo sacrificio per la libertà, sacro patrimonio dell'Italia, vaticinato in tutti i tempi dalle menti e dai cuori più eccelsi.

Sarà questa la fiaccola della nostra fede che agiteremo come insegna dei nostri sentimenti per la vita e per la morte.

Il REGGENTE LA PREFETTURA

Dott. DI FURIA

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7 October 1944

SUBJECT : Officials for CHIETI

TO : H.E., the Minister of the Interior

Your Excellency,

1. Referring to the conversation Dott.CAMERA had at my office yesterday confirm that the appointment of Dott. BELLINI Domenico as Vice Prefect Inspector of Chieti as proposed by your Letter of the 18 September (1422-1475) is a proved.

2. Will you please ask Dott. BELLINI to call at this office to make arrangements for transport etc.

3. I will write you regarding Dott. PENNI as soon as possible.

H. G. D. STOCK
Colonel
Director
Local Government Sub Commission

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SUBJECT : Prefettura BENEVENTO - Dott. FERRI Ermanno
Consigliere -

TO : RC. Southern Region

1. The Ministry of the Interior propose to send the above official to the Prefettura of Chieti where they are short staffed.

2. This Sub Commission agrees the proposal subject to FERRI being satisfactory from a security standpoint.

3. Will you kindly have him screened and if satisfactory inform him that he is to report to the Ministry here with a view to going forward to Chieti.

4. I enclose a copy of personnel particulars supplied by the Ministry and shall be glad if you will send me completed Scheda Personale.

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

Encl : as in 4 above

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SUBJECT : Officials for Chieti
Dr. Bellini Domenico

TO : Interior Sub-Commission

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According to your request Dr. Domenico Bellini has been screened and found acceptable from a security standpoint.

FOR THE DIRECTOR :

Carl E. Fehr Lt.

CARL E.FEHR
Lieutenant
Security Division

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TO : ACC. Interior Sub-Comm.
FROM : ACC. Adv. Sub-Comm. North-Marche Region
SUBJECT : Civilians for Chieti Province.
REF : AG/814/IV
DATE : 22 September 1944.

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2 - OCT 1944

Ref your ACC/4/1/10/Int. 22 September 44.

No objection to the appointment of two Consiliare in Chieti Province.

FOR THE REGIONAL COMMISSION:

1 - OCT 1944

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TO : Provincial Commissioner CHIETI
FROM : HQ. Region 5 A.M.G.
SUBJECT : COLANGELO Eng. EDUARDO
REF : R5/5I4/7
DATE : 27 September 1944.

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Further to ACC/4/I/IO Int (2 September 44) and 1st Ind dated 14 September 44.

May your reply now be forwarded please.

FOR THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER:

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A.A. PASCARELLA
WO (jg) USA
Adjutant.

Copy to HQ.ACC. (Ref ACC/4/1/IO/Int dated 23 Sep.44)

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
AFO 394.

ACC/4/1/10/Int. 23rd September, 1944.

SUBJECT: Officials for CHIETI Province.

TO : HQ Region V.

1. Herewith copy (in English and Italian) of letter No.7422/1/75 Gabinetto dated 18 September, Minister of the Interior to this Sub-Commission; copies of the biographical notes referred to therein are also enclosed.

2. From the survey recently made by Captain Williams, it is apparent that the province does ~~not~~ have two Consiglieri and I propose to have them screened and, if satisfactory, sent down to you as soon as possible, unless you have any objection.

R.G.B.BRICKER,
Colonel,
Director,
Interior Sub-Commission.

ACC/pcw.

Encs.

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INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

AGC/A/1/10/Int. 23rd September, 1944.

SUBJECT: Officials for CHIETI.

TO : Security Branch.

The undermentioned is destined for this province; may he please be screened and this Sub-Commission informed of the result :-

RELLINI, Dott. Domenico, Consigliere di 1ª Classe.

Biographical notes are attached.

R.C.B. SPICER,
Colonel,
Director,
Interior Sub-Commission.

GCSW/pcw.

Encs.

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TRANSLATION No. 494 — 23 SEP 1944

MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR — ROME, 19 September 1944

File No. 7422/1475

Ass.to letter No. Ass/4/1/10 - Int. — P24

SUBJECT: officials for the province of Chieti.

TO : A.C.C.
ITALIAN SUB-COMMISSION
R O M E

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In reference to the above letter, we wish to inform you that with a provision underway, functions of vice-prefect vicario are being entrusted to Dr. Oreste ROMANO, Vice-prefect Inspector in Chieti.

The following officials are also assigned to said prefecture:

1) Dr. Domenico BELLINI - Councillor 1st class, available, with the functions of Vice-prefect Inspector.

2) Dr. Erasmo FERRI - Councillor, at present in Benevento.

We include a biographical note of the afore-mentioned officials.

BY ORDER OF THE MINISTER

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Dr. Domenico BELLINI - Counsellor 1st class

Born in 1905

Enrolled in the fascist party on the 21st October 1931 (Anno Marcia)
Began his career in 1930
He has given service in the offices of Rome and Littoria
Classified always as "excellent"
He has held some special offices with good results.

Serious, clever and competent official
In December 1939 for political reasons he was admitted to a disciplinary measure by the fascist "federazione" of Littoria.
Since he was not acceptable to the Federation, he was later, on request of the segretario federale of Littoria, ~~was~~ transferred to Arezzo.
In February 1944, while in service at the Prefecture of Arezzo, he was suspended from the grade and ~~the~~ salary, for political reasons, by the fascist republican government, and arrested.

After some time he was released
He reached Rome before the arrival of the Allied troops.

Dr. Ermanno GENNI - Counsellor 1st class

Born in 1907
Began his career in 1930
Enrolled in the fascist party on the 10th of December 1932
He has given service in the following offices: Como - Avellino - Catanzaro - Massa - Salerno - Nuoro (on mission) Benevento
Classified always as 'excellent' - He held various offices

He is a ~~xxxx~~ cultured, willing and very efficient official.

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Ministero dell'Interno
Gabinetto

Roma 18 settembre 1944

20 SEP 1944

Alla Commissione Alleata
di Controllo
Sottocommissione Interni
ROMA

Direzione Div.
Prot. N. 7422/1475 Allegati 2

Registrato al f. del 23/8
Div. Sez. ACC/4/1/10
Int.

OGGETTO Funzionari per la provincia di Chieti.

In relazione al suindicato foglio, si comunica che, con provvedimento in corso vengono conferite le funzioni di viceprefetto vicario al dott. Oreste Romano, viceprefetto ispettore a Chieti.

Si segnalano, inoltre per la destinazione alla prefettura predetta i seguenti funzionari:

1°) BELLINI Dr. Domenico - Consigliere di I^ cl., disponibile, con funzioni di viceprefetto ispettore;

2°) FERRI Dr. Ermanno, consigliere, attualmente a Benevento.

Si unisce un cenno biografico relativo ai funzionari di cui sopra.

D'ORDINE DEL MINISTRO

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F E R R I Dott. Ermanno -Consigliere di 1^ classe-

Nato nel 1907
Entrato in carriera nel 1930
Iscritto al P.N.F. dal 15 Dicembre 1922
Ha prestato servizio nelle sedi di Como- Avellino -
Catanzaro - Massa - Salerno -Nuoro (in missione)
Benevento.
Classificato sempre ottimo - Ha avuto diversi incarichi -

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Funzionario colto, di buona volontà, di grande rendimento.

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BELLINI dr Domenico - Consigliere di 1ª classe

Nato il 1905
Inscritto al P.N.F. dal 21.10.1921 (Ante marcia)
Entrato in carriera nel 1930
Ha prestato servizio nelle sedi di Roma e Littoria
Classificato sempre "Ottimo"
Ha assolto bene qualche incarico speciale

Funzionario serio, disciplinato, competente.
Nel dicembre 1939 fu sottoposto, per ragioni politiche, a procedimento disciplinare pfesso la federazione fascista di Littoria.
Successivamente venne trasferito da Littoria ad Arezzo su richiesta del segretario federale di Littoria, che lo riteneva elemento non gradito alla federazione.
Nel febbraio 1944, in servizio alla Prefettura di Arezzo, fu sospeso dal grado e dallo stipendio, per ragioni politiche, dal governo fascista repubblicano, e arrestato.
Dopo qualche tempo venne rilasciato.
Ha raggiunto Roma prima dell'ingresso delle truppe Alleate.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

12 September 1944

ACC/4/1/10/Int

SUBJECT: Gaetano PETRILLA, Prefect of CHIETI

TO : Director, Labour Sub-Commission

1. I refer to Colonel Smith's note to me asking for my comments and/or proposed action on the special report on CHIETI Province submitted by Major Fisher, Regional Labour Officer, Region V (file reference:R/5/519/2 dated 27 August).

2. I think this is primarily a matter for the Regional Commissioner: and I observed the report has been sent to him. I enclose copy of letter sent to him.

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for R. G. B. SPILLER
Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 534

ADO/4/1/10/Int 12 September 1944

SUBJECT: Gaetano PERRELLA, Prefect of CHIETI

TO : RC, Region V

1. I refer to the special report on CHIETI Province submitted to you by your Regional Labour Officer (ref: R/5/519/2 dated 27 August) with copy to Labour Sub-Commission. Labour Sub-Commission have, in turn, sent a copy to me for my comments and/or proposed action.

2. This Sub-Commission appears to be concerned only with the recommendation in para 10 of the report as to the removal of the Prefect. I have informed Labour Sub-Commission that the matter is primarily one for you.

3. If you should reach any decision on the matter which affects the Prefect, I should be grateful if you will let me know.

for R. C. B. SPIER
Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

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Lt. Peter

TO : Regional Commissioner, AMG Region V.
(Copy to Labor Sub-Commission, ACC- for information)
FROM : Region V Labor Officer.

SUBJECT : Special Report on Chieti province.

REFERENCE : RE/519/2

DATE : 27 August 1944

1. On the 26th of June, 1944, the Regional Labor Officer, together with Capt. Bailey, proceeded to Chieti to organize the Provincial Labor Office. Lt. Col. Holmes, the Provincial Commissioner, was consulted immediately upon arrival. The PC had no one to recommend for Director of Labor and knew nothing about "a bloody labor office being created by the Region."

2. The PC called his Prefect and told him of the proposed labor office. The Prefect's reply was, "I have just the man; his home is in Naples. I shall have him right here." I informed him that we much preferred a local man who knew the local problems and told him not to send for the man from Naples. In spite of my instructions, three days later this man came to interview Captain Bailey for the job as Director of the labor office. This man proved to be the Naples law partner of the Prefect, and also to be engaged to the Prefect's daughter. He lived with the Prefect, as does Colonel Holmes. How this man came into what was then the Military Safety Zone I do not know. After he had been informed that he could not be made director, the Prefect sent him over for the job as vice-director.

3. Your Labor Office had been advised that the Archbishop of Chieti had long been interested in labor and has worked on many labor documents for the Pope. I therefore consulted the Archbishop as to a director of labor. The Archbishop made no nomination, but did suggest two names. These two names, along with two others, were presented to Captain Bailey, and he, on qualifications alone, selected Avv. Enrico Cocco, who is the Archbishop's lawyer and who did not ask for the job.

4. Avv. Cocco's name was presented to the PSS for vetting. The PSS gave him a "Nigt rate," and Avv. Cocco was employed as Provincial Labor Officer. The Prefect wished to make the appointment temporary, and Lt. Col. Holmes agreed with him. My argument was that the Labor Office should become permanent as soon as possible and that a temporary appointment would play into the hands of the closed Fascist unions, whose former leaders are already saying, "These labor offices will not be here long. Pay no attention to them." It was only after I had made three visits to Lt. Col Holmes and some five days' time had elapsed that the appointment was made.

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5. Your Regional Labor Officer then returned to his Headquarters. In ten d ys' time the Prefect, with the assistance of Lt. Col Holmes, had Avv. Cocco re-vetted. The report was then made that he had been found in "low respect of the clergy." I then returned to the Archbishop, who informed me that he would write a letter for Cocco (copy of letter attached) and that he believes every priest in the diocese would sign it. I then talked to the FSS and was told, "Col Holmes has all the information." They said they had talked to one priest, whose name they did not know. Col. Holmes once told me that the " vetting boys are mine and they will vet an Italian in or out as I wish." In my opinion, they vetted Cocco out, at Col Holmes' suggestion.

6. I then went to Col Holmes, who agreed with me that since Cocco had been employed and had passed vetting that we should abide by the first vetting and keep him in office.

7. The budget then came up for approval, after Captain Bailey had worked two weeks on it. The Prefect would not sign it, although his bookkeeper and the Provincial Finance Officer had approved it. And Lt. Col Holmes would not sign it either, stating that " the Prefect thought it was too high." Actually the wages are well within the 50 to 70 per cent increase. Lt Col Holmes was advised that the wages might be pushed up or back after a cost of living survey had been made. When Major D. McC. Nelston (B), the Provincial Finance Officer, approved the official budget, Lt Col Holmes came into the Major's office, tore the approval note to pieces and threw it in the waste basket, saying, "So you are on the bloody Americans' side also:" The labor office was made the subject of a lecture by the PC on two occasions at the general mess, as has been the case many times with Regional affairs.

8. Lt. Col Holmes, at the Regional conference, wanted Cocco vetted again, and I acceded. We agreed that Lt Col Pickering, Regional Public Safety Officer, should do the vetting. Nevertheless, in less than a week after Lt. Col Holmes' return to Chieti, Avv. Cocco was arrested by FSS and put in prison. This has completely broken up the labor office at Chieti. Avv.Cocco had done a good job in the labor office, and had selected an efficient staff.

9. The Prefect of Chieti is very politically minded. He has done everyting within his power to destroy the labor office. He has sent 29 different people over to get jobs on the labor office staff, even though he has been told that the staff has been completed. He told the Communist leader in town that the director of labor should be a Communist. He also called on the Archbishop after the labor office had been functioning for one month and advised the Archbishop that since there were so many political factions in Chieti and the strongest one was the Communist, the director of labor should be a Communist.

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10. This is not a report against Lt Col Holmes, but many officers, both British and American, believe he is dominated by the Prefect. As long as the Prefect is there, I am convinced the labor office cannot function. My recommendation is that the Prefect be removed immediately. His name is Oseteno PETRELLA.

11. This week a signal came from Teramo, stating that the Prefect of that province (which is also under Lt Col Holmes) had published a decree raising all wages beyond the legal limit.

12. For additional or confirming information, I suggest the following officers: Lt Col N. T. Beard (B), Major Ralston (B), Maj G. W. Cumming (B), Capt B. C. Walsh (B), Major John S. Bennett (A), Major William L. Henderson (A), Capt Walter Johnson, (A), Capt Borego (A) and Capt Harold C. McDaniel.

13. Since this report was written director Cocco has been released from prison- "insufficient evidence" .

I am sorry both for the failure at Chieti and for this lengthy report. I have worked hard and tried patience, but neither has paid off.

THOMAS R. FISHER,
Major, Spec. Res.,
Regional Labor Officer.

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The Arch-Bishop of Chieti
N. 782/44

Chieti, 24 August 194-

Illustrious Major

In confirmation of what I have repeatedly told you, I wish to affirm that Lawyer Enrico COCCO, as far as I know, has never been an active Fascist, has never assumed an official post, and has never benefitted from Fascism.

I have known him for quite some time, having been taken on by my administrator to difend some cases which turned out very satisfactorily. The few times that I met him I always been confirmedb by others also. Though I do not know him intimately; because he had practised in Milan for some years. However, I know that he is an honest worker, and that his life is based on principles of honesty and religion.

I can affirm all this on the above-mentioned lawyer without fear of having erred.

Signed

Giuseppe Venturi
Arch-Bishop

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ACC/4/1/10/Int

9 September 1944

SUBJECT: COLANGELO, Eng. Eduardo

TO : MC, Region V

Herewith copy letter no. 6449 Gabinetto of 3 September from the Ministry of Interior to this Sub-Commission and copy of English translation. Will you kindly let me have the information requested by the Ministry for transmission to them.

R. C. B. SPICER
Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

Encls: as above

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Reminder sent 23/9 RW

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TRANSLATION NO. 237

MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

File No. 6449

SUBJECT: Eng. Eduardo COLANGELO

TO : A.C.C.
INTERIOR SUB-COMMISSION
R O M E

ROME, 6 SEP 1944 September 1944

This Ministry wishes to know whether Eng. Eduardo Colangelo, formerly Section Engineer with the Provincial Administration of Chieti was enrolled in the Voluntary Militia for National Security. If he was, will you kindly indicate on what date and with what grade he was registered.

Will you therefore kindly request the above-mentioned Provincial Administration to forward us, through this Commission, the information we request.

THE MINISTER
/s/ Donomi

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Roma 3 settembre 1944

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Ministero dell'Interno
GABINETTO

Numero 6449 Fas.
Sez. A° Allegati

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
DI CONTROLLO= Sottocommis_
sione per gl'Interni
ROMA

Risposta al foglio del
Num. Fas. A°

OGGETTO

Interesserebbe a questo Ministero conoscere se l'Ing.Eduardo Colangelo già ingegnere di Sezione presso l'Amministrazione Provinciale di Chieti risulti sia stato iscritto alla Milizia Volontaria Sicurezza Nazionale e,in caso affermativo, da quale data e con quale grado.

Prego,pertanto, di volere interessare la predetta Amministrazione Provinciale perchè fornisca per il cortese tramite di codesta Commissione le notizie di cui sopra.

IL M I N I S T R O

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INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
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AC334/1/10/Int

6 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Prefect of CHIESI

TO : SG, Region V

1. With further reference to my letter of the 21 August I subsequently saw His Excellency Bonomi in his capacity of Minister of Interior when I intimated that I took a serious view of the allegations, having regard to the reports I had received from AMG and bearing in mind that PETRILLA was actually nominated for appointment by the Italian Government.

2. The Minister undertook to investigate the matter and I enclose for your information copy letter I wrote him together with a copy of the reply I have now received. The latter is over the Minister's signature and should dispose of the false charges made against PETRILLA.

3. I trust that you will consider it appropriate for PETRILLA to be notified of the contents of the Minister's reply.

R. G. B. SPICER
Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

Encl: as in 2
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AOO/4/1/10/Int

6 September 1944

SUBJECT: Prefect of CHIETI

TO : His Excellency the Minister of the Interior

Your Excellency:

1. I have your letter of the 31 August no. 6325 and am grateful for the action taken by you in this matter.

2. I acknowledge receipt of the original document accompanying your letter.

R. G. B. SPICER
Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

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TRANSLATION No. 229....INTERIOR

MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

File No. 6325

Rome, 31 August 1944

TO THE ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Interior Sub-Commission

R O M E

SUBJECT : Prefect of Chieti

Reply to letter 4/1110 of 23 August. P 24

Having examined the reports you kindly forwarded with the above letter regarding the governing prefect of Chieti, Avv. Gaetano PETRILLA, I wish to say that I am perfectly aware of his excellent activites in the administration of that province, as the officers who mentioned him testified.

In regard to the letter from this Ministry to your Commission, I wish to point out:

1) - that it concerned coresponding of an offial nature:

2) - that the reports regarding the provinces of Pescara and Chieti forwarded with letter No. 121/116 of 31st July, were from confidential information which the Italian government has no way of checking:

3) - it is our opinion that the reports were sent to the Commission for the purpose of checking their accuracy:

4) - we consider that the reports were sent in an improper manner:

5) - I have therefore ordered that all information regarding prefects or other officials be forwarded to your Commission through official channels.

I am returning your letter of 31st July No. 121/116.

THE MINISTER
/s/ Bonomi

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Telegrammi 229

Roma, 31 agosto 1944

Ministero dell'Interno

Gabinetto

Divisione *Sez.*
Prot. N. 6325 *Allegati* 1

Risposta alla lettera
N. 4/1/10 del 23 agosto

OGGETTO
Prefetto di Chieti

1 SEP 1944

Alla Commissione Alleata di Controllo = Sottocommissione Interni
R O M A

Esaminati gli atti gentilmente trasmessi con la nota sopradistinta e relativi al prefetto reggente di Chieti avv. Gaetano Petrella, mi è gradito comunicare che sono perfettamente persuaso della bontà dell'azione da lui svolta nell'amministrazione di quella provincia, secondo quanto viene attestato dagli ufficiali che hanno riferito sul suo conto.

In merito alla lettera inviata a codesta Commissione dagli uffici di questo Ministero, devo far presente:

1) che si trattava di corrispondenza avente carattere ufficioso;
2) che le segnalazioni riguardanti la provincia di Pescara e quella di Chieti trasmesse con la lettera n° 121/116 del 31 luglio, provenivano da informazioni fiduciarie, che il Governo italiano non aveva la possibilità di controllare;
3) è da ritenere che le segnalazioni siano state inviate a codesta Commissione anche allo scopo di controllarne l'esattezza;
4) però non è da ritenere regolare la forma usata nell'invio dei

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Prefetto [illegible]

Esaminati gli atti gentilmente trasmessi con la nota sopra-
distinta e relativi al prefetto reggente di Chieti avv. Gaetano
Petrella, mi è gradito comunicare che sono perfettamente persua-
so della bontà dell'azione da lui svolta nell'amministrazione
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Commissione anche allo scopo di controllarne l'esattezza;
4) però non è da ritenere regolare la forma usata nell'invio dei
detti promemoria;
5) ho, perciò, disposto che ogni comunicazione riguardante profet-
ti o altri funzionari, sia fatta a codesta Commissione sempre
nella prescritta forma ufficiale.

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Restituisco in allegato la lettera del 31 luglio n°121/116.

IL MINISTRO

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MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

File No. 121/116

ROME, 31 July 1944

TO : LT. COL. SPICER
INTERIOR SUB-COMMISSION
A.C.C.
R O M E

We are forwarding you on behalf of His Excellency Canevari two aide-memoires concerning the province of Pescara and one the province of Chieti.

My best regards.

/s/ Illegible

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Ministero dell'Interno

IL SEGRETARIO PARTICOLARE
DEL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

Roma, li 31 Luglio 1944

Prot.N° 121/116

AL TEN.COLONNELLO SPICER
SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER l'INTERNO A.C.C.
R O M A

Le rimetto da parte di S.E. Canevari due promemoria riguardanti la provincia di Pescara ed uno quella di Chieti.

La ossequio distintamente.

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2. REPORT ON PREFECT OF CHIETI

Col Spicer referred to a serious report he had received from the Under Secretary of State Canevari against PETRELLA and read a copy to the Prime Minister. Col Spicer also read the RC's report and extracts from Senior AMG Officers' reports each of whom strongly repudiated the allegation of Fascism and spoke in the highest terms of PETRELLA and his work.

Col Spicer drew attention to the fact that PETRELLA had actually been nominated for appointment by the Italian Government and referred to the original letter of proposal.

Col Spicer intimated that he took a serious view of such allegations made by the Ministry against a Prefect who they themselves had nominated and who was reported upon so favourably by AMG officers with whom he had worked.

The Prime Minister stated that he was responsible for Prefects and any reports emanating from any other source about a Prefect was "unimportant".

It was arranged that Col Spicer should send all relevant documents (including the original of the letter of complaint as the signature was indecipherable) to the Prime Minister for investigation by him.

(Extract from Interview between Col Spicer and HE Bonomi on 23rd Aug 44.

W. V. H. LEWIS
Lieut
Staff Officer
Interior Sub-Commission

READ AND NOTED BY:

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ACC/4/1/10/Int

23 August 1944

SUBJECT: Official, Chieti Province

TO : His Excellency the Minister of Interior

Your Excellency:

1. I have today interviewed His Excellency Prefect Gaetano PETRELLA, who informs me that he is finding a shortage of Prefectural officials difficult.

2. He has a Vice Prefetto Ispettore, grade VI, by the name of ROMANO, Giuseppe. He is not a young man and would, in the Prefect's opinion (with which I concur) do better as a Vice Prefetto Vicario since he is not possibly energetic enough to travel round the communes as His Excellency would wish.

3. He has also a shortage of a Consigliere.

4. I would therefore ask your Ministry to consider posting to Chieti Province a young and energetic Vice Prefetto Ispettore and also a Consigliere who will thus be able to assist this hard-working and energetic Prefect in the excellent work he is doing in true co-operation with the Allies.

5. It is for Your Excellency, of course, to decide as to whether the present Vice Prefetto Ispettore could be promoted to grade of Vice Prefetto Vicario, but that would seem to me to be an eminently satisfactory solution but I would conclude this letter by asking that an additional Vice Prefetto Ispettore and also a Consigliere be nominated to Chieti Province.

R. C. B. SPENCER
Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

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Dear Roy

Ltr. Chuck, 2nd Lieut. AC

Ltr. 2

First of all, congratulations on your promotion! You have deserved it and it was duly deserved.

28 AUG 1944

This is my prefect of third province Sig. Petrilli Gaetano. I have asked him to call and see you and I should be grateful if you would have a word with him and re-assure him as to his position.

It ought to be said in fairness that there was absolutely no Italian consideration. He has done a really good job of work. My Senior Officers are all in agreement with me that he is one of the best men we have met and I consider it is a matter of justice that anyone should try to relieve him. He is entirely free from bias, except that he is extremely anti fascist. He is untiring in his efforts and he has afforded us the maximum of cooperation.

Of course he has made enemies. Anyone who tries to do his duty will do that in this country but I should not give him this personal letter to you if I had not faith in him and did not consider him a man who has the welfare of his country at heart.

And now how are you? I hope you are well and flourishing. Look to seeing you when you come over this side.

Just every good wish.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ACC/I/1/10/Int 23 August 1944

SUBJECT: Prefect of Chieti

TO : His Excellency the Minister of the Interior

Your Excellency:

1. Referring to my letter of the 3rd August and to our conversation this morning, I send you the following documents:

(i) Original letter from your Ministry dated 31 July, Prot. No. 121/115 with copy Pro-Memoria regarding the Province of Chieti.

(ii) Extract from the Regional Commissioner's letter of 17th August together with copies of letters referred to therein from Senior AMG Officers.

(iii) Copy letter from the then Minister of Interior dated 3 March nominating PETRILLA as Prefect of Chieti.

2. In view of all the circumstances I entirely agree with the last paragraph of the Regional Commissioner's letter ((ii) above) and shall be obliged if Your Excellency will arrange for the investigation of the matter and let me know the position in due course.

3. Kindly return original letter in 1(i) with your reply.

R. C. B. SPICER
Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

Encls: as in 1 above

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MINISTERO DELL' INTERNO

PRO - MEMORIA

PROVINCIA DI CHIETI

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Roma, li' 30 Luglio 1944.

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To: HQ ACC (Interior Sub Commission)
Copy to: PG., Chieti - Pescara - Teramo

From: HQ Region 5 AMG.

Subject: Italian Officials - Pescara and Chieti Province.

Ref: R5771A/2

Date: 17 August 1944.

Reference is made to your letter ACC/4/1/10Int dated 3 August 1944.

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4. There are attached copies of letters from three senior AMG Officers who worked in close liaison with the Prefect and, as will be seen they deprecate any suggestions that he is other than wholly/sympathy with the new order of things in Italy. This case seems to call for thorough investigation on account of the discrepancy evident between the Ministry's report and the actual findings at Provincial level.

For the Regional Commissioner:

C.H.A. FRENCH.
Lieut.Colonel
Executive Officer.

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TO: PG. CHIETI .

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I do not believe he himself is or was a FASCIST, if anything he has spent rather too much of his energies in ousting Fascists from positions in State of Provincial employment, even in cases of minor officials. The Italian Gove-rnment who appointed him, not at your request, should know his past history.

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Sgd. G.M. Welsford.

Major Provincial Legal Officer
Chieti.

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Confidential

Subject: Prefect of Chieti

HQ AMG

Chieti Province

Provincial Commissioners
Chieti Pescara and Teramo Provinces.

11 August 1944

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In regard to the allegations that Fascists are still holding office at the instigation of the Prefect:-

(1) All former fascists holding office during the occupation of the German, either fled, were arrested and interned or dismissed from office. Only two secondary officials are retained in office pending replacements from Rome.

(2) This province is still governed by AMG and prior to an appointment of a person in any capacity the antecedents of the person is thoroughly investigated by Public Safety and FSS. To suggest that the Prefect influences or overrules AMG is utterly ridiculous. On the contrary. His eagerness to dispose of the Fascist element has on occasion put brake on investigations in so far that the suspect was put on his guard.

It seems strange that such a statement should be accepted in more or less anonymous form without the embodiment of some names, alleged facts, signature, etc., in support of the allegations. In fact the more one studies the document, the more amazing it appears, particularly as AMG already in the province since November 1943 have to accept advice from some anonymous person or supposed Italian organization.

Public Safety Division of this Province is prepared to produce witnesses, independent of the province, to allay any suspicion of doubt as to the integrity of the present Prefect and his staff. One witness is a man formerly of the Italian Foreign Office, and for many months past engaged with AMG in a specialist capacity.

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To me it clear that the allegations are the outcome of some form of vendetta, one of a very low and dirty type.

If there be any truth in what is stated, why not have the purporters of the statement come forward and placed facts before AMG of FSS at Chieti, where both bodies are fully in operation and readily available at all times.

As regard the arrest of patriots, so called, again we can find no evidence in support of such claims. No person known to be a patriot at the time of the occupation of Chieti by the Allied forces on June 1944, has been arrested.

In measure of support to the above may some reference be made to Captain R, Gold GSO. III FSS 427 Rome. This officer was the CO,FSS in Chieti until 3-4 weeks ago.

Sgd, T. Cotton. Captain. PPSO.

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Dear Colonel:

Reference your personal enquiry I am of the opinion that Signor Petralia is a capable, energetic and zealous administrator of the highest degree.

The delicate situationswhich are peculiar to AMG and which in themselves are somewhat unique in the history of the Public Administration have afforded him every opportunity to display his complete freedom from bias, his unfailing tact, his untiring zeal and his constant readiness to give you, your officers, and your staff the maximum of cooperation with the minimum of friction.

At Vasto, where we were compelled to improvise, he gave every indication of ability to cope with an emergency situation. At Chieti, with all departments at his command, he quickly assumed office and inculcated a new sense of disciplined faith.

In my social contacts I have found him to be the fortunate possessor of a most charming gentlemanly manner.

(Signed) D. Mc Ralston.
Major.

Chieti.
August 13 1944.

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MINISTERO DELL'INTERNO

Prot. No. 995-6 ab

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
Sotto-Commissione Interno

OGGETTO - Designazione di Prefetti per le provincie di Campobasso e di Chieti.

In relazione alla vostra richiesta di sottopervi i nominativi di due Prefetti per le Provincie di Campobasso e di Chieti, non siamo in grado di segnalarvi due funzionari di carriera, data la loro assoluta mancanza, ma possiamo invece raccomadarvi le due seguenti persone:

1°. per Campobasso : Avv. Domenico Leone, residente a Campobasso, Via Ferrari 13. Personalita' del posto che puo' dare il massimo affidamento.

2°. per Chieti : avv. Gaetano Petrella, residente a Benevento, dove e' stato Consigliere Provinciale dal 1920 al 1923. Mai iscritto al partito fascista. Esercita l'avvocatura a Benevento ed a Napoli. Attualmente sfollato a Paolisi (Benevento .

Data di nascita 2.12.1890.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ACC/A/1/10/Int 21 August 1944

SUBJECT: Italian officials - PESCARA and RIETI

TO : RI, Region V

1. I thank you for your letter of 20 August and for the full and most illuminating accompanying reports upon the Prefect of CHIETI.

2. I confirm that PETRELLA was proposed for appointment to his position by the Italian Government with ACC's approval.

3. No action whatsoever will be taken by ACC to replace PETRELLA.

4. In view of all the circumstances and particularly the facts contained in your reports, I am making a full investigation and it is my intention to arrange for the action of the Under-Secretary of State in making this report to be brought to the notice of the Italian Government.

R. C. B. SPICER
Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

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Interior

To: HQ ACC (Interior Sub Commission) 20 AUG 1944 (20)

Copy to: PC., Chieti - Pescara - Teramo.

From: HQ Region 5 AMG.

Subject: Italian Officials - Pescara and Chieti Provinces.

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Ref: R5/714/2.

Date: 17 August 1944.

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Reference is made to your letter ACC/4/1/10/Int dated 3 August 1944.

1. CESARE PACE, acting Prefect of PESCARA.

All action re Prefect of PESCARA on file 4/1/78

The allegations concerning this official are substantially true and it had been the intention, before receipt of your letter, to apply for his replacement. It is stated that PACE collaborated with the enemy, a statement which he vigorously denies, but the Committee of Liberation are quite definite in their indictment of him, and there is no reason to doubt the Committee's contention. A copy of PACE's Scheda is attached for your information, as is also a report of the Liberation Committee upon him. In any event he has no particular ability, nor drive, and is of no worth to the administration.

2. It is requested that a suitable person be supplied from the "Pool" to replace him without delay.

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For the Regional Commissioner:

C.H.A. FRENCH.
Lieut. Colonel.
Executive Officer.

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HQ AMG
Chieti Province.

11 August 1944

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Subject: Prefect of Chieti.

Provincial Commissioner,
Chieti Pescara ed Teramo Provinces.

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Sgd. T.Cotton. Captain. PPSO.

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Major Provincial Legal Officer.
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HEADQUARTERS
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INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

3 August 1944

ACC/4/1/10/Int

SUBJECT: Italian officials of PESCARA and CHIETI Provinces

TO : His Excellency the Minister of the Interior

Your Excellency:

1. I have received your letter no. 121/116 dated 31 July enclosing, on behalf of His Excellency the Undersecretary of State, certain notes as to officials in the above-mentioned provinces.

2. I am having enquiries made into what is said about these officials.

for Chas S. Cahill

R. C. H. SPICER
Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ACC/A/1/10/Int 3 August 1944

SUBJECT: Italian officials in PESCARA and CHIETI Provinces

TO : PG, Region V

1. I annex hereto copies of certain notes forwarded to me by the Ministry of the Interior on behalf of His Excellency Canevari, the Under-Secretary of State, together with the English translation.

2. I make no comment as present upon what is stated in the notes and I should appreciate from you a full report upon the officials mentioned therein together with your comments upon what is said about them.

R. C. B. SPICER
Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

Encls: as in 1 above

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PROVINCIA DI PESCARA

QUESTURA

In assenza di un questore titolare, la questura di Pescara e' attualmente affidata al Vice Questore. Ma poiche' questo e' gravamente ammalato di cancro, lo sostituisce effettivamente nelle sue funzioni il Commissario Maccluscc, il quale e' notoriamente asservito alla consorteria di Acerbo.

Il locale Comitato di Liberazione Nazionale ha designato come Questore l'Avv. Gaetano Camilli di Aquila, che si trova attualmente a Cepagatti come sfollato.

Le Autorita' Alleate non farebbero alcuna difficolta' alla nomina del Camilli.

Roma, li' 30 Luglio 1944

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MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

PRO - MEMORIA

PROVINCIA DI PESCARA

PREFETTURA

Il Vice Prefetto di Pescara, Dr. Cesare Pace, attualmente reggente quella Prefettura, e' notoriamente di sentimenti fascisti.

Le Autorita' Alleate hanno nominato a suo lato, come Vice Prefetto, l'avv. Pasquale Magno, su designazione del locale Comitato di Liberazione Nazionale.

Sarebbe urgente ed opportuno che fosse allontanato il Vice Prefetto Pace e che fosse affidata la reggenza della Prefettura all' avv. Magno.

Come Vice Prefetto si potrebe mandare il Barone Celli, attualmente residente a Chieti in attesa di raggiungere la sede di Pescara, alla quale era gia' stato designato.

Roma, li' 30 Luglio 1944.

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MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

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Roma, li' 30 Luglio 1944

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Translation No. 81 - Interior - 2-8-1944

Ministry of the Interior

Rome, 31st. July 1944

File No. 121/116

3 AUG 1944

TO: LT. COL. SPICER
Interior Sub-Commission
A.C.C.

I am sending you on behalf of His Excellency Carnevari two notes regarding the provinces of Pescara and of Chieti.

My humble respects

MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR
Province of Pescara
Prefecture

Action taken on file 411/78

The Vice-Prefect of Pescara, Dr. Cesare Pace, at present directing that Prefecture, is notoriously of fascist sentiments.

The Allied Authorities have appointed as Vice-Prefect, at his flank, Pasquale Magno (lawyer), upon the designation of the local Committee of National Liberation.

It is advisable and urgent that Vice-Prefect Pace be removed and the direction of the Prefecture entrusted to avv. Magno.

Barone Celli, who is at this moment at Chieti and is waiting to go to Pescara where he had already been designed to hold office, could be sent as Vice Prefect.

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ROME, 30th. July, 1944

Province of Pescara
Questura

In the absence of a titularQuestore, the Head Police station "Questura" of Pescara is at present directed by the Vice Questore.

But since the latter is seriously ill with cancer, his work is, in effect carried out by Commissioner Macciucco, who is notoriously a member of the clique of Acerbo.

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The local Committee of National Liberation has designed as Questore, Avv. Gaetano Camilli of Aquila, who is living at the moment at Cepagatti as an evacuee.

The Allied Authorities would not be making a false step if they were to appoint Camilli.

ROME, 30th July, 1944

Province of Chieti

The situation at Chieti is very serious. Both the Prefect and the officials of his Cabinet are openly fascists.

The old fascists in all the provinces are being protected and there have even been cases of patriots arrested.

We deem it most advisable and urgent therefore, to appoint a new Prefect, seeing to it that in all the communes of the provinces, Mayors and Communal Boards "Giunte Communali" are appointed according to the designation of the local Committees of National Liberation.

ROME. 30th. July, 1944

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/357/63/CA

27 April 1944

SUBJECT: Prefect of Chieti

TO : R.C., Region III
(for P.C., Benevento)

1. Reference ACC/42/14/Int of 25 April 1944.

2. AMG 8th Army have asked this Headquarters to request you to instruct Sig. Petrella to report as soon as possible to Vasto to take up his duties as Prefect.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commissioner

Copy to AMG 8 Army
Adm Sect (for Interior Sub)

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

25 April 1944

The bearer is Sig. PETRELLA. an official in the Italian Administration.

He is travelling to Benevento on the 26th April, where he will contact the AMG authorities of that town. Any transport assistance which will enable him to reach Benevento will be appreciated.

R. B. SPICER
Lt Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ACC/42/14/Int 25 April 1944

SUBJECT: Prefect of Chieti

TO : PC & MG Section

1. Reference telephone conversation with Capt Talbot, Sig. Gaetano PETRELLA reported here this morning fit for duty and asked for instructions.

2. Attached copy letter which he will hand to the P.C., Benevento, which contains the arrangements made with you today.

3. It is understood that you will request AMG 8th Army to get in touch direct with P.C., Benevento.

R. G. B. SPICER
Lt Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

Encl, as in 2, above

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ACC/L2/11/Int 25 April 1944

SUBJECT: Prefect of Chieti

TO : RC. Benevento

1. The bearer, Sig. Gaetano PETRELLA has been appointed Prefect of Chieti and was about to proceed to that province some days ago under transport arrangements made by RC & MG Section, when he was taken ill and unable to go.

2. He reported at Salerno today, but the necessary arrangements for his journey forward have not yet been settled.

3. In the meantime, and pending receipt of instructions, it has been agreed that he may return to his home in the Benevento district, and he has been requested to report to you and give you his address.

4. AMG 5th Army are being informed of this arrangement, and they will communicate with you direct.

5. On hearing from them, it is requested that you will convey their instructions to Sig. Petrella.

R. G. B. SPICER
Lt Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

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Copies to: RC & MG Section
Italian Liaison Section

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16 April 42/14/12

1. Telephone from Capt Talbot, Naples. -
Petrella to come to Naples on 17
inst and to stay night under own
arrangements. He is to report to
Dispatch Room, Provincia Building
at 8.30 am Tuesday, 18 April.
~~relayed thus to~~

2. Later 'phone message fm Capt Talbot.
Asks P. to report to Room 49, not
Dispatch Room: + Capt. Talbot will
introduce him to Lt. Col. Selby who
will accompany him to Vasto.

3. The above relayed to Ministry of
Interior thro' Lt. Grottanelli.

C.C.S.

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4. Telephone message from Capt. Talbot, Naples :—
The new Prefect of CHIETI Province, Gaetano PETRELLA is not required to start at the Provincial Building until Wednesday 19 April – 9.30 am., Room 49 2nd floor

5. Passed this by 'phone to Lt. GROTANELLI

6. Lt. G. stated that PETRELLA was in bed with influenza & would not be fit to travel for several days. Asked G. to let me know when PETRELLA is fit.

7. Telephoned this to Capt Talbot & asked that arrangements for P. to accompany Lt Col. Selby to VASTO must be cancelled.

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Note — I suggest fetching this up again say 20 or 21 April

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Ministry of Interior.
Cabinet.

No.1601.

Reply to the letter No.42.I4 dated April 4th. 1944.

Subject:
Prefect of Chieti.

Salerno, April 5th. 1944.

To the Allied Control Commission,
Interior Sub Commission,

Salerno.

Mr.Gaetano PETRELLA has been informed that the Allied Control Commission has approved the proposal of his appointment to the Office of Prefect of Chieti.

As soon as I know the date of his arrival at Vasto I shall inform the Allied Control Commission in this matter.

IL MINISTRO
Signed: R e a l e .

Lt. APOSTOLO telephoned Dr. GALLENGO this afternoon in my presence + asked for the further date of PETRELLA'S departure for VASTO. Dr. G. understands he must leave this + will write with the new date as soon as he can find it out.

17.30 hours
8/4/44

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1. Telephone message from Lt.-Col. Sheen, from Naples — 14 April 11.05 hours. PETRELLA to move to Naples by motor courier on 17th April. Transportation onwards from Naples to Vasto will be arranged. He must travel light.
2. Ministry of Interior informed of above by Lt. Protanelli by Telephone in my presence. Ministry undertook to comply. — 16.30 hours
3. Transport officer informed. — 16.30 hours

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NOTE — I suggest fetching this at 9am on 20 or 21 April EGS

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Ministry of Interior.
Cabinet.

No.1601.

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8/4/44

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2. Ministry of Interior informed of above by Lt. Grotanelli by Telephone in my presence. Ministry undertook to comply. — 15.30 hours.
3. Transport officer informed. — 15.30 hours.

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Ministero dell'Interno

Gabinetto
N. 1601

Risposta alla lettera
N. 12.14 del 4 corr.

OGGETTO

Prefetto di Chieti

Salerno, 5=4=1944

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
Sottocommissione Interni

S A L E R N O

E' stata data comunicazione al sig. Gaetano Petrella che codesta Commissione ha approvato la proposta per la sua nomina a prefetto di Chieti.

Appena si conoscerà la data del suo arrivo a Vasto, se ne informerà codesta Commissione.

IL MINISTRO
[illegible]

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NEAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ACC/42/14/Int 4 April 1944

SUBJECT: Prefect of Chieti

TO : His Excellency, Dr. Scalo, Minister of Interior

Your Excellency:

1. I refer to the message delivered to Dr. Gallengo 2nd April, as to the appointment of a Prefect for Chieti Province.

2. I confirm that the appointment of PETRELLA, Gaetano is approved.

3. It is desired that the new Prefect proceed to VASTO as soon as possible to make preliminary arrangements for his accommodation, before taking up his official duties. He should report at VASTO to SCAO, 5th Army.

4. Please let me know the date when Signor PETRELLA will depart for VASTO, and the probable date of his arrival. I should be glad to have this information as quickly as possible.

R. C. S. SPICER
Lt Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

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ACC/42/14/INT

SUBJECT :- Prefect of CHIETI

TO :- HQ Fifteenth Gott. V. Beale, Rumbling to Return

Your Excellency:

1. I refer to the message delivered to Dr Gallarpo yesterday ~~with~~ as to the appointment of a Prefect for CHIETI Province.

2. I confirm that the appointment of PETRELLA, GAETANO is approved.

3. It is desired that the new Prefect proceed to VASTO as soon as possible to make preliminary arrangements for his accommodation, before taking up his official duties. He should report at VASTO to SCAD 8 Army.

4. Please let me know the date when Sgr. PETRELLA will depart for VASTO & the probable date of his arrival. I should be glad to have this information as quickly as possible.

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R.C./B.C.
Lt.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. &. M.G. Section
APO 394

Ref/357/46/CA. 2 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Prefect of CHIETI.

TO : Admin Section - For Interior Sub-Commission.

P. 3.

1. In reply to your ACC/42/14/Int of the 7th March 44, a reply has been received from AMG Eighth Army signifying their agreement to the appointment of GAETANO PETRELLA as Prefect of CHIETI.

2. SCAO Eight Army asks that the new Prefect should go to VASTO as soon as possible to make preliminary arrangements regarding his accommodation etc before finally taking up his official duties. It will be appreciated if instructions could be issued to this effect and the date of his departure to VASTO notified direct by you to Eighth Army with a copy to this H.Q.

Capt. Williams

Returning in all detail Ltd.

Hqrs 11/3.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to: SCAO Eight Army.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

2 April 1944

ACC/42/14/Int

SUBJECT: Appointment of Prefect for Chieti Province

TO : Lt Grotanelli, Liaison Officer, Italian Government

1. Please inform the Minister of the Interior that the appointment of Petrella Gaetano is approved, that he should report to Vasto, and that a letter confirming this follows.

2. Please ascertain from the Ministry the probable dates of Petrella's depature and arrival at Vasto, and let me know the answer.

Cdf.

R. G. B. SPICER
Lt Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

Telephone message from Italian Liaison Officer
Rec'd 08.30 hrs 4/4/44
Message given to Lt Col
Spicer on 3/4/44

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

2 APRIL 44.

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TO: Interior Sub Commission.

FROM: Admin Section.

SUBJECT: Prefect of CHIETI.

1 The following telephone message received from RC & MG Section at 12.15 hours this day is forwarded for your action.

(a) Approval has been given for the appointment of GAETANO PETRELLA as Prefect of CHIETI PROVINCE.

(b) He will be instructed to report as soon as possible to S.C.A.O. at VASTO for instructions as to accommodation etc., before taking up his appointment.

(c) Interior Sub Commission will advise S.C.A.O. 8 Army of date of departure and E.T.A. with copy to RC & MG Section.

R.R. Cripps

R.R. CRIPPS,
CSO, ADMIN SECT.

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TELEPHONE MESSAGE FROM COLONEL CRIPPS. 30 hrs. 2 APR 1944.

(1) He has received a telephone call from Naples concerning the appointment of Prefect for Chieti. Concerns a man called GAETANO PETRELLA.

(2) Requested that Interior take action and have GAETANO report in the first instance to a place called VASTO for instructions as to accommodation before taking up the appointment.

NOTE:- Col. Cripps was asked to whom at Vasto should Gaetano report. He stated he was taking up this point but he thought Gaetano should report to the SCAO, whom failing to the Senior Italian Officer.

(3) SCAO 8th Army to be advised of the probably date of departure and if possible, arrival.

(4) Copy of letters to RC & MG.

(5) Letter confirming to follow.

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Ministero dell'Interno

3 Marzo 42/14/4

Alla Commissione
Alleata di Controllo
Sotto-commissione Interno

Direzione Div. Sez.
Pos. N 995-Gab. Allegati

Risposta al f. del
Div. Sez. N

OGGETTO Designazione di Prefetti per le Provincie di Campobasso e di Chieti.

In relazione alla vostra richiesta di sotto= porvi i nominativi di due Prefetti per le Provincie di Campobasso e di Chieti, non siamo in grado di segnalarvi due funzionari di carriera, data la loro assoluta mancanza, ma possiamo invece racco= mandarvi le due seguenti persone:

1°. per Campobasso: avv. Domenico Leone, residente a Campobasso, via Ferrari 13. Personalità del posto che può dare il massimo affidamento.

2°. per Chieti: avv. Gaetano Petrella, residente a Benevento, dove è stato Consigliere Provin= ciale dal 1920 al 1923. Mai iscritto al par= tito fascista. Esercita l'Avvocatura a Bene= vento ed a Napoli. Attualmente sfollato a

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Paolisi (Benevento).
Data di nascita 2.12.1890 =

IL MINISTRO

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

AGC/A2/14/Int 7 March 1944

SUBJECT: Prefect of Chieti

TO : Deputy Executive Commissioner, RC & AG Section

1. Reference your communication 357/18/CA dated 4 March 1944, the Minister of Interior was requested to nominate a Prefect accordingly, but was not at that time in a position to do so.

2. He now forwards the name of Avv. GARIANO PERPELLA, and I attach a copy of the particulars he has given me in regard to this individual.

R. G. B. SPICER
Lt Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

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Incl: as in 2. above.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.O. & M.G. Section
APO 394.

4 March 1944.

Ref/357/16/CA.

SUBJECT: Prefect of Chieti

TO : Vice President, Administrative Section
(For Interior Sub-Commission)

Reference ACC/42/14/INT of 28 February, this Headquarters will be obliged if you will request the Italian Government to nominate a Prefect for Chieti Province.

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WORTH H. FISK,
Colonel, Cavalry,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ACC/42/14/Int 28 February 1944
SUBJECT: AMG 8th Army Monthly Report No. 1

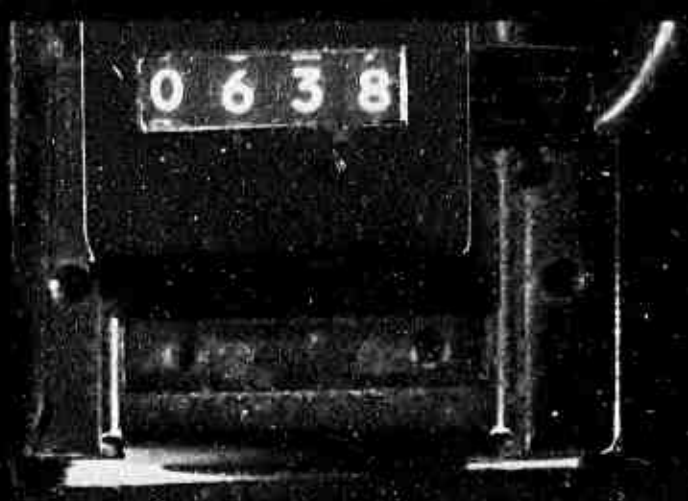
TO : RC & MG Section

1. No notification to the effect that a Prefect is to be nominated for Chieti Province has come to the notice of this Sub-Commission, and I should be glad to be informed if the Minister of Interior of the Royal Italian Government is to be consulted in this respect or not, and whether action is to be taken accordingly.

R. G. D. SPICER
Lt Colonel
Acting Director
Interior Sub-Commission

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