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ANTONIO PRIOLO
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Date

March 11.

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1. 11 is request from the of lab.

2. Strongly recommend that you authorize me to inform Mai of lab. that his request is referred to PAOLO cannot be approved. Lt. Col. H. Coffey stated some personally in briefs that he had strong objection to Paolo's removal.

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MAR. 12 1 approve. return Paolo a written minute

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ANTONIO PRIOLO - PREFECT OF REGGIO CALABRIA

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REMARKS.

PRECIS.

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- 2 Reply dated 24 Dec. 44 authorising removal of Speciale and approving appointment of Priolo. Report on activities after one month asked.
- 3 To M.O.I. 2 Mar. 44 stating that no application from Ital Govt. can be traced in this office referring to Priolo, nor can any similar correspondence be traced in regard to Pietro MANCINI of Cosenza. Informed communicating in advance in regard to both these officials, but M.O.I. asked to repeat requests in writing.
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Copy sent to Reg. II.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CENTRAL COMMISSION FOR
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 375

AGC/16/Int

14 March 1944

SUBJECT: Prefect Antonio Priolo

TO : His Excellency, Dr. Deale, Minister of Interior, Italian Government

Your Excellency,

1. Your request in regard to the removal of Advocate ANTONIO PRIOLO, Prefect of Reggio di Calabria, has been given the fullest consideration.

2. It is my duty to inform you that your proposal to remove Advocate Antonio Priolo from his office as Prefect of Reggio cannot be approved by the Allied Central Commission.



W. S. B. SPENCE
Lt Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission //

Copy to, RS, Region II

Your letter A/35/34 of 10 March refers.

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HEADQUARTERS

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

REGION II

Ref. A /35/34

10 Mar 44

Subj. Prefects Priolo and Mancini.

To: Executive Commissioner, R.C. & M.G. Section, ACC HQ.
(Att: Director, Interior Sub-Commission)

1. In reply to your letter of March 6th (Ref. ACC/42/16/INT),
I submit the following comments.

2. First, I indorse Major Fricker's letter of March 7th,
(Ref. A/35/33, subject Prefects, Reggio, Catanzaro and Cosenza).
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change Prefects appointed by AMG freely and quickly, it will have
a strongly adverse effect upon the influence of ACC directly, and
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force and energy in dealing with the problems which have arisen
since he assumed office on January 4th. He and his associates ex-
pected that the Badoglio Government would proceed promptly to re-
move them from office. We have attempted to quiet these fears, but
it is now evident that there was real basis for them. In my opinion,
the chief criticism which can be made of Priolo is that he lacks ex-
perience as an administrator, such, for example, as might well be
expected of a professional career Prefect. We may count as offsets
to that his undoubted popularity with the population, his ~~force~~ ^{force} and
energy, and last but not least his proven Anti-Fascism and his will-
ingness to cooperate effectively with ACC. I do not consider his
frankly critical attitude toward the Badoglio Government to be of
overwhelming importance. Certainly, from my observation, the Bado-
glio Government has laid itself wide open to criticism, and with
existing information and communications what they are, all officials
in outlying districts should use wide discretion with respect to
obeying orders received from higher authority if, in their opinion,
the execution of such orders would cause disorder or confusion. In
other words, "Disobey intelligently".

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He is ardently in favor of free speech and free press, but has been a moderating influence on some of the extremists in these respects.

6. On the whole, I do not believe there are any reasonable grounds for removing Friolo, and I do believe that his removal at this time would have a harmful effect both upon ACC operations and upon the Italian people.

7. With respect to Mancini, the situation is somewhat different. His name had been under consideration by Major Watts, then P.C. of Cosenza, and Lt. Col. Rodd, then SCAC of the Compartimento of Calabria, for appointment as Prefect. On November 3rd, a Communist-inspired mob forced its way into the Prefecture, assaulted the Prefect and forced his resignation. The town was in a ferment. The Italian Army moved in and made some gestures towards taking over control without consulting AMG in advance. Major Watts felt that the situation called for immediate action. During the night he decided to appoint Mancini, a known Anti-Fascist and former Socialist member of Parliament, as Prefect. He was inducted on November 4th, and succeeded in allaying the political unrest. He has been very diligent in replacing Fascist officials. The total number of new appointments for this purpose is approximately 1300 in the province. Most of the new appointees, but by no means all, are Socialists. I do not feel that this is necessarily to be criticized since we charged him with replacing Fascists, improving the administration, and maintaining order. He had to find the instruments with which to do this considerable task. I believe there is small ground left for criticism on the score that Fascists still hold offices in Cosenza. There has been only a negligible amount of disorder in the province since he became Prefect. In fact, considering the very bad food situation during the month of December, in my opinion there has been far less than might reasonably have been expected.

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9. When instructions were issued late in October to resume payment of the Military Subsidy as of November 1st, these instructions were passed on to Mancini's predecessor. After Mancini assumed office, he paid the subsidy from September 1st. When this was discovered, his explanation was that he asked permission from Major Watts through an interpreter and that he understood that the permission had been granted. The interpreter confirmed this view, but Major Watts denies that he ever gave such permission. When the Fascist syndicates were ordered into liquidation Mancini appointed his own liquidators and was rather dilatory in bringing about the transfer of this work to the bank which was officially appointed as liquidator by AMG.

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When orders were received that refugees in considerable numbers were to be sent to Cosenza Province, Mancini claimed that the whole province could absorb only 500 unless food, blankets, cooking utensils, and so forth were supplied by AMG/ACC. His handling of the refugee situation has been poor throughout. Only today the representative of the Refugees Sub-Commission, Lt. Col. Fairman, reports as follows:- "Refugee situation Cosenza Province acute. Italian administration incapable. Respectfully suggest as solution appointment official with plenary powers for requisitioning of food, clothing, billets and aid from Carabinieri. He must have his own transportation. My transportation urgently required."

10. The Provincial Commissioner states that Mancini needs watching all the time.

11. Mancini openly stated last year that if the Badoglio Government took over Cosenza, he would resign. I understand that he was offered the post of Minister of Justice in that government, but declined. I do not think there is any doubt of his Anti-Fascism or of his popularity with the more radical elements and the opposition parties.

12. In conclusion, although I like the man personally, I would not raise any objection to his being replaced by a strong, experienced administrator.

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Copy to ac/17/INT re MANCINI

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1/ Dec 20 1944. Page 42

Report for report of Antonio Pardo as prefect of Reggio
he had been Governor of Reggio - containing information
1. A large was approved by Col. Pollock

2/ Appr. approved 24 Dec

3/ 2 March For Col. Green to RC Region II

Station for have action for the removal of AP in not being
filled for the post

Report called for

4/ 21 Jan

Report for an Italian, be 208 for Report on visit to Pardo
also advised the attraction of the Army & party leaders
not to be chosen

5/ 22 Feb

Report for Carabiniere Suggest Pardo's movement
motivated by personal ambition

6/ 4 March

For removal of Antonio Pardo to Col. Green

action for the removal of AP because of his political
leanings particularly as in view of the forthcoming hand
over of the Province to Italian forces

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HEADQUARTERS

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 2

Ref: A /35/33

SUBJECT: -:Prefects Reggio, Catanzaro, Cosenza

TO : - Director, Interior Sub-Commission A.C.C.

A.P.O. 394

With references to your ACC/42/6 INT dated 3rd March, 1944, A.C.C./42/8/Int dated 2nd March 1944, and telephone conversation Colonel Spicer - Major Fricker, I append reports and notes on the prefects concerned.

1. AVV. ERICLO ANTONIO, Prefect of Reggio.

For ready reference the following is a brief summary of his career.

Place and date of birth -

REGGIO CAL. 18 Dec 1891

Where Educated

REGGIO - Elementary School

il Ginnasio

il Liceo

(obtained "la licenza Liceale")

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31 Oct. 36

On what charges

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Two previous attempts in 1925 and 1927 to
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on a disciplinary charge, failed. They were
instigated by Fascist political enemies.
NIL - but was Editor of "LA LUCE" until it
was suppressed in 1926, and of the bulletin
of the "Federazione dei Dipendenti Comunal
municipali" di Reggio Calabria which was also
suppressed.

Publications

General

PRIOLO was elected Socialist Deputy for
REGGIO CALABRIA on 6 Apr. 1924, but the
fascist regime soon made it very difficult
if not impossible for him to carry on his
professional or political work.

He was appointed Sindaco of REGGIO Communa 8 Sep. 43 and
Prefect of REGGIO Province 4 Jan. 44.

He is married and has a wife and children in ROME.

The appointment of Avv. Antonio Priolo as Prefect was a

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popular choice from the standpoint of the citizenry.

He has been very energetic, keen to cooperate with the ACC officials, but alarmed at the prospect of the turnover to the Badoglio Government, owing to his bitter experiences under the Fascist Regime when he was a Socialist Deputy. He is greatly devoted to free speech and free press, but has cooperated in persuading editors to modify the extreme tone of some newspapers. He assisted in clearing up the aftermath of two demonstrations, and in the opinion of the Provincial Commissioner, demonstrated that as Prefect he could take a vigorous course of action against disturbers of the peace.

His personal relations with the Provincial Commissioner have been frank and easy. He is also reported to have shown firmness to those who thought the first Socialist Prefect in the province would not refuse any request from old associates and sympathizers.

2. Dott. Lucifero's successor, Prefect of Catanzaro.

No one has been appointed in place of Dott. Lucifero, and the Deputy Prefect is acting, pending another appointment.

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Dott. Mancini's particulars on the lines required for the a/ Prefect of Reggio have been wired for, and will be sent you on arrival together with other relevant information in the form of a confidential précis.

4. General.

I would point out that the Minister of the Interior proposes, immediately on assumption of control, to remove 3 out of the 5 prefects of that portion of Region II, that was formerly administered under A.M.G. conditions - Tamburro, Mancini, and Priolo - and every one an appointment made on the recommendation of A.M.G.

If these removals take place, it is considered that no reputable Italian will have any faith in the Allied Government, or the security of our appointments, and that there would be immediate repercussions in those portions of Italy still under A.M.G. control. Such immediate dismissals by the Italian Government, on assumption of authority, would be regarded locally as a deliberate flaunting of the power of the Allied Government and the position of Region 2 officers continuing to operate

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I am sure that Colonel McCaffrey would endorse this view in the strongest manner and I hope that you will have had the opportunity of discussing it with him.

For the R.C.

E.A. Pricker 5.0.4
E.S. Pricker, Major
Executive Officer
Region 2

Copy to file 42/17/INT

X Action re MANCINI on file 42/17/INT (pending)

Action re Dott. Lucifero on file 42/3/INT (pending)

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PEAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ADD/42/16/Int

6 March 1944

SUBJECT: Prefects Priolo and Mancini

TO : SC, Region II

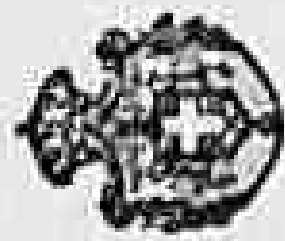
1. For full considered report, please.
2. Since I mentioned the matter to you personally at Naples, the attached papers have been submitted to this Sub-Commission.
3. Previously, verbally, signor Reale had stated to me that his objections to
Priolo were that he was a Communist
Mancini - that he was a "little man."
4. I understood your view was that you advised retention of Priolo, but had no objection to the removal of Mancini.
5. Would you please report your views, especially in regard to Priolo, fully, as this matter is now touching political issues and may go to high level.



R. C. P. SPICER
Lt Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

Incls: as in 2, above (5 incls)

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Ministero dell'Interno

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Risposta alla lettera

N. 200/42/044. del 2/3/44

OGGETTO

Prefetti di Cosenza e Reggio Cal.

Salerno, 11 4 Marzo 1944

Alia

COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

- Sottocommissione per gli interni -

Lt. Colonel R. G. D. Spicer

S A L E R N O

Gli Alleati hanno nominato Prefetto per **Cosenza** l'On. AVV. PIETRO MANOLINI, per Reggio Calabria l'On. AVV. ANTONIO FRIOLO. Tutte e due persone degnissime e la loro designazione date le particolari condizioni del momento non poteva essere migliore.

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Il Governo chiede di essere autorizzato a sostituire o trasferire i due prefetti qualora non riesca ad ottenere da parte loro una leale collaborazione.

IL MINISTRO



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Ministero dell'Interno

Salerno, 4 March 1944

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Risposta alla lettera

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del

A.C.C. SUB-COMMISSION FOR THE INTERIOR
Lt. Col. R. G. B. SPICER -

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S A L E R N O

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THE MINISTER

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Translation

Extract of the letter sent to his Excellency Reale from one of his friends in Cosenza.

. I express the most (vivid)(great) admiration for the work which has brought us side by side with the power of occupation.

It is the first bright day after the 8th September, and I hope that more of them will follow.

I hope that in the course of the week, this section of the Democratic Liberal and the Christian Democracy parties will express satisfaction for the orders of the day which I will send you.

5700

Here, the Prefecture believes the news, notwithstanding all the radio communications, but the public is almost as happy (as they were) the 25th July. . .

10. When did this come from?

I think

See if you can find out if this is the same as the one in the file.

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ESTRATTO DALLA LETTERA INVIATA A S.E. REALE DA UN SOGGERNO DI COSENZA. -

..... ti esprimo la più viva ammirazione per la magnifica opera che ci ha condotti all'affiancamento del potere di occupazione.

E' la prima giornata luminosa dopo l'8 Settembre e spero che ne seguiranno altre.

Spero che nel corso della settimana queste sezioni del Partito Liberale-Democratico e della Democrazia Cristiana esprimeranno la loro soddisfazione in ordine del giorno che ti comunicherò.

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Translation

208th Infantry Regiment

n. 01/5 and 01/6 of the Prot. Reserved Personnel

Reggio Cal., 21 Jan '44

SUBJECT: Visit to the Prefect of Reggio Calabria.

To the Commanding General of the 31st Ground Army Corps

To the Commanding General of the 211 Coastal Division

In compliance with provision n. 99 of the "Instructions for Garrison Duties", I recently paid a "visit of duty" to the new Prefect of Reggio Calabria, Avv. Antonio PRIOLO, who received me well.

He requested of me complete collaboration of the Italian Army for the good of the Fatherland, a thing of which I assured him, being in the presence of a Prefect of the Kingdom. I also said that the Army was the party of order, specifying that by the party it must be understood that where the army goes, it carries discipline and order, and that the Prefect, himself assuming all responsibilities, can request the service of the party.

The Prefect pointed out that His Majesty the King, who, according to Avv. Priolo, should not remain on the throne, nor less the Hereditary Prince, was definitely incapable. He also said that to avoid a civil war, they should avoid showing party buttons, and that sometimes it is necessary to disobey intelligently.

I replied that the Royal Army will obey superior orders and that it was bound by oath to loyalty for the inseparable good of the King and the Fatherland.

After that I took my leave.

The Commanding Colonel
(signed) Giuseppe De Santis

COMANDO TRUPPE 200 REGG/TO FAN

N. 01/0 e 01/0 di prot. N. 1.5. FERS.

Reggio Cal. 21 Gennaio 1944

Oggetto: visita al Prefetto di Reggio Calabria. -

AL SIG. GENERALE COM/TE TERR. DEL AAII C.A.A.

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AL SIG. GENERALE COM/TE LA 211 DIV. CUSTIERA

In ottemperanza al disposto del n. 99 delle "Norme per il servizio di Presidio" recentemente mi sono recato a far visita di dovere al nuovo Prefetto di Reggio Cal., avv. Antonio Priolo, che mi ha accolto bene.

Lo stesso mi ha chiesto la completa collaborazione dell'Esercito Italiano per il bene della Patria; cosa che ho assicurato, trovandomi di fronte ad un Prefetto del regno. Ho detto anche che l'Esercito fa parte del partito dell'ordine, precisando che per partito si deve intendere che dove l'Esercito si reca porta disciplina e ordine, e che il Prefetto stesso, assumendone tutte le responsabilità, potrà richiedere l'impiego dei reparti.

Il Prefetto ha accennato poi alla Maestà del re, che, secondo l'avvocato Priolo, non dovrebbe rimanere al trono e tanto meno il Principe Ereditario che ha definito inetto. Ha detto inoltre che per evitare la guerra civile non si debbono vedere scudetti e che certe volte bisogna disubbidire con intelligenza.

Io ho risposto che il R. Esercito ubbidirà agli ordini superiori e che è vincolato da un giuramento di fedeltà per il bene inseparabile del re e della Patria.

Dopo ciò ho preso congedo. -

IL COLONNELLO COMANDANTE
r/to Giuseppe De Santis

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IL COLONNELLO COMANDANTE
r/to Giuseppe De Santis

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4. March 1944

INFORMATION FROM RR. CC.

AVV. MARCINI [REDACTED] Pietro and AVV. RAIOLO Giuseppe were respectively intrusted with the charge of Prefect in Cosenza and in Reggio Calabria.

A.M.G. choice based on information derived from their investigation agents can be said, on a given point of view, a happy one as the two men chosen by A.M.G. seem ~~had~~ to have qualification required by the charge they were intrusted with. Only in choosing them was not considered their political faith, which is socialist - republican. They obviously work to the triumph of this ideal, and, above all, they are moved by a personal ambition and by the interests each of these Prefects have in his own native province.

The consequence of this is that in their acting the above Prefects are more or less moved by the desire of safeguarding their partisans' and individual situation with aim of securing to themselves a solid base for the next elections.

No doubt, as things stand, inavoidable consequences will ensue in the political, economical and social life of Cosenza and Reggio Provinces, where roots of the complained disturbances can be found in the activity not always equanimous and impartial of the above Prefects.

20. February 44

10. H. C. Spive

- Prospects of Reggio Calabria

1. It was understood that Reale's objection to the above was based on their lack of professional qualifications and status; was about to write the P.P. opposing Prolo's renewed travelling Mancini.
2. Galenga today handles in the attaches (during a 'reason visit') containing quite different grounds from 1. and some serious allegations.
3. The matter now takes on a 'high level' aspect on which a decision must be obtained. The precedent in Sambrino's Case (being based on other reasons) is not necessarily helpful - Certainly as far as this Sub-Committee is concerned.
4. The Sub-Committee's policies remain unchanged with problems arising in future cases.
5. Points for your consideration:
 (1) Are Reg II to be asked to comment on the new allegations. Doubtful if they know anything of the Prolo behavior complaints or facts yet any information without approaching P. 10 to this means involving MRG in the political differences.

3. The latter now takes on a negative which a decision must be obtained. The present in Sambo's Case (being based on other reasons) is not necessarily helpful - Certainly as far as the Sub-Committee is concerned.
4. The Sub-Committee policies issues in votes will probably arise in future Cases.
5. Points for Tom's consideration:
 - (i) Are Regs. to be asked to comment on the new allegations. Doubtful if they know anything of the Prolo behavior complaints or if they get any information without approaching p. 10 do the means involving ARQ in the political defenses.
 - (ii) If Tom decide to ask Reg. II for if they know anything, this will presumably be done by 5/3/45
 - (iii) Suggest VP. be informed.
6. R.T. Can know facts & can discuss.
7. One of the enclosures with letter is being translated by Sit Hingoung.

Wong (Kun) 5/3/45

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ACC/42/6/Int

2 March 1944

SUBJECT: Prefect Antonio Priolo

TO : PC, Region II

1. The Italian Government have applied for the removal of Avv. Antonio Priolo, Prefect of Reggio Calabria, as not being fit for the post.

2. Please report, with all possible expedition, your views on this individual, and your recommendations as to whether his appointment should continue or not.



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

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ACG/42/6/Int

2 March 1944

SUBJECT: Avv. Antonio Priolo

TO : His Excellency, The Minister of Interior

Your Excellency:

1. No application from the Royal Italian Government can be traced in this office referring to AVV. ANTONIO PRIOLO, Prefect of Reggio, whose appointment was approved by A.M.G., Headquarters on 24 December 1943.

2. Nor can any similar correspondence be traced in regard to PIETRO MARONNI, of Cosenza.

3. I am communicating in advance in regard to both these officials, but meanwhile, please repeat your requests in writing with reasons.

4. My remarks to you yesterday were incorrect, since I was referring to your application in regard to Signor Gaboni, Passucci, Azzaro, and De Rosa.



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

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

24 December 1943

SUBJECT : Prefect for Province of Reggio, Calabria.

TO : R. C. A. O. - Region II.

Your Refer. ECA/147/3 dated 16 Dec. 43
ECA/139/19 dated 16 Dec. 43.

1. Authority is hereby granted for the removal of Rosario Speciale from the position of prefect of Reggio, Calabria.
2. The appointment of Avv. Antonio Priolo as prefect of Reggio, Calabria is approved.
3. It is assumed that the necessary investigations from a security point of view have been undertaken and proved satisfactory.
4. Report on activities and competence after one month would be appreciated.

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel G. S. C.,
D. C. C. A. O.

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C O P Y

APPOINTMENT OF PREF. FOR PROVINCE OF REGGIO, CALAB. A.

TO: Chief, AMG, MILGOV
Provincia Bldg., Naples

Ref ECA/139/19
AMG HQ Region II
16 Dec 43

1. If my request for authority to remove Rosario Speciale from the position of Prefect of Reggio, Calabria is approved, I respectfully request that Avv. Antonio Priolo be appointed in his place. Major Benton-Jones, SCAG of Reggio Province for more than a month after the commencement of the invasion, recommends Signore Priolo as follows.

"Priolo is reported to have always been an Anti-Fascist and is an educated and likeable lawyer. My reasons for considering him are as follows:-

(i) I put him in as Sindaco of Reggio early in Sept., and he has made a success of a difficult post showing considerable administrative ability and (for an Italian) energy.

(ii) He is a leader of political opinion (Left but not Communist) in Reggio Province and enjoys considerable authority over all the various Left Parties. He is however a man of law and order and has always shown himself a loyal supporter of AMG. In these circumstances we can rely on his authority and influence being used to prevent disturbances of every kind.

(iii) He is extremely popular throughout the Province, in which his opinion is greatly respected. His appointment would have a reassuring influence upon the population generally, though I do not think the Italian Army would be pleased. Priolo is also popular with the landowners and other supporters of the Right Parties, who seem to recognize that he is a public-spirited man."

Lt. Col. Pollock, formerly Regional C.A.P.O., who was well acquainted with conditions in Reggio also speaks well of Sig. Priolo.

2. Because of the tense situation in Calabria, it is respectfully requested that a decision be reached upon this recommendation as soon as possible.

/s/ G. H. McCaffrey
/t/ G. H. McCaffrey
Lt. Col., Inf.
R C A O.

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