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PIETRO MANCINI
FEB. - DEC. 1944

MINUTE SHEET NO 11

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DATE

14 Oct. Legal S/C (19)
 1. P. Clear see nos 23 & 23A.
 2. In view of the reference to you in the 3rd para. of the Minister's letter, we would like you to see the draft reply at no. 24 before it is sent.
 3. We should appreciate your immediate advice.
 R.R. Temple, Capt.
 per Director, L.G.S.C.
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 23A
 24.

Tel.
 478190

16 Oct. Local Government S.C.
 (20)
 No 24 correctly states the position
 Richard H. W. Limer
 Col. CAC
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16 Oct

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Minute sheet, 11.3.3

April 19
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Lieut. Groticelli stated in answer to Mr. Spicer's question that it was not within the power of Doll Regis to remove a prefect. The decision for this step could only be taken by the Council of Ministers which, in view of pending political changes is not in existence at this date. ✓

Mr. D. P. P. Please see above. 1
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Mr. R. P. P. Has any follow-up enquiries been made in regard to the report made by the Council of Ministers? Should they be removed from office as suggested and as approved in the address? If not already done will you please have further enquiries made including from Dr. Groticelli?

25 Apr. 16
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Action regarding Mr. Vota and DeLlamas taken. See file 4-132
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April 29
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V.P. Since this concerns Pietro Mancini now a member of the Govt. I think you should see Mr. P. P. P. 6-7 are of interest particularly in view of the late AC II; attitude towards him, against Real's anxiety to get rid of him as

from office as finished and no approval
discovery given and spleen have further
evidence from Dr. Cravens

W. H. L.

2b. *Chama*

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action regarding the vote and Bellman was taken. See file #4-132.
R. H. Temple, exo.

23 Feb

April 29
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a member of the Govt. I think you should
... see 24 Paras 6-7 are of interest particularly
in view of the late AC II: attitude towards him,
Vignor Reale's anxiety to get rid of him as
a defect! ✓

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Sub
Then and after by V.P.
Apl 30.
Re: 21.

John T. King 1862

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MINUTES SHEET NO. 20

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Date

③

Mar 18. V.P. Reale proposes appoint vice Pietro Mancini
if removed - NICHOLY Comm. Dr. Guineke

who is at present Vice. Prefect of Bari - L.

I propose to inform Ac. II at our next session

it be approved.

I shall also inform Ac. II of Diss. Reale's
intention of appointing the present Prefect
of Avindini to Cantuzaro - name

Go. Vff. Ac. Giromani Babilio Pontigiani!
Vice Mar. 8. of 9.

9.

Mar. 16. Int. V.P. has seen and approved your action as at

think of them.

③ Glenn says he advised of developments.

J.R. Coughlin

CSO. Allen Co.

16. MAR 16.

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Conferred with Maj. White, Admin. Sect. who
agreed on following position to be taken by us. Perhaps
We should not be stampeded into removing

Apr. 14

of manning
(2) That a response to our letter of 3 April to
should be obtained before

of Assistant to Ambassador - Name

Gr. Off. As Giovanni Babilio Poubert
Vice Pres. of G.

9.

Apr. 16 Int. V.P. has seen and approved your action as at

Mark 9 above.

(2) Please keep him advised of developments.

R.R. Temple

Esq. Adm. Sec.

16. MAR 61

(10) Confirmed with Maj. White, Admin. Sect. when agreed on following position to be taken by the Dept. We should not be stampeded into removing

of man in

(2) That a response to our letter of 3 April to RC, Reg. II (42/17/14) should be obtained before dealing further with Reale.

(3) That we should call or cable RC II indicating the foregoing.

R.R. Temple, Capt.
Exec. Off. Int. Sec.

(11) Telephoned RC Reg. II and set forth position stated in note (2). Referred to Col. Young, Chief of Staff. Also informed him of proper channels to use. He said will call back. R.R. Temple, Capt.

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(12) Cable (No. 18) despatched 16.3.61 Temple Capt.

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DATE

11. March

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I should see 4. This indication.
I am awaiting detailed report from R. B. before
I make any recommendation.

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Interest

Re: 42/17/INT

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March 11, 42

Mr. L. L. Cohen -
Finger. I am certain V.A. would
be interested in it.

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I agree and will show it to him in your
other file 42/16/INT, as it has to go to him
for review.

R. B. Cripps

⑤

Most interesting
Shall be like a

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Cover of No 4

Stansgate

42/17/INT

be interested in it.

11. I agree and will show it to him in your
 old file 442/16/207, as it has to go to him
 for review.
 R.R. Cooper

12. Most interesting
 Copy of No 4

Stansgate

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14. V.P. 1. I have no doubt that this is a case in which we
 should agree to sign. Acc. is signed, and allow
 them to remove HANCINI. Para 10 & 12 of letter
 I seem to me to run up the position.

2. This recommended that I inform the Acc. of
 sub. & inform Acc. II accordingly that Acc.
 have no objection to Hancini's removal

✓ Hancini/14

⑦

15. V.P. with 8 Rems. She is 58 in plain
 HANCINI. Don't confirm to Acc. II's signature
 at para. 12.
 R.R. Cooper

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

10/14/13/16

SUBJECT: H. E. Pietro MANCINI.

TO : His Excellency the Minister of Interior.

Tel: 478190

22 December 1944

Your Excellency:

1. I refer to your letter 8505 Gabinetto dated 8 October, and to my reply of 17 October.
2. On the 30th of November, avv. MANCINI wrote direct to me confirming his request for a copy of the order appointing him to the Prefecture of Cosenza: I enclose a copy of this letter for your information.
3. Would you be so good as to cause the enclosed reply to H. E. MANCINI to be sent to him, as he is no longer in office as a Minister and I am unable to discover his private address.

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

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/4/1/13/LG

Tel, 478190

SUBJECT : Appointment of Prefect of Cosenza
TO ; His Excellency MANGINI,

20 December 1944

Your Excellency :

1, Referring to your letter of the 30 November (839/2/2)
I have pleasure in enclosing a copy of the document to which
you refer .


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

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. Army

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12 December 1944

20 DEC 1944

SUBJECT: Appointment of Prefect of Cosenza.

TO: Headquarters, Allied Commission.
Local Government Sub-Commission.

1. Reference your AC/4/1/13/LG, above subject, dated 2 December 1944 and your tracer dated 15 December 1944.

2. In compliance attached herewith copy of formal document of appointment of His Excellency Pietro Mancini as Prefect of Cosenza.

For the Regional Commissioner:

1 Incl.
Document of Appointment
of H.E. Pietro Mancini.

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



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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/4/1/13/16

Tel: 476190

SUBJECT: Appointment of Prefect of Cosenza.

2 December 1944

TO : His Excellency the Minister of Public Works

Your Excellency:

1. I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 30 November (839/2/2) and to inform you that it is receiving my attention.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AD/12/13/16

Tel: 478190

SUBJECT: Appointment of Prefect of Cosenza.

2 December 1944

TO : RC, Southern Region.

1. In November, 1943 His Excellency Pietro MANCINI, (the Minister of Public Works until the resignation of the BONOMI Government), was appointed Prefect of Cosenza by the then Region 2.
2. Apparently he has lost his formal document of appointment to the position and has asked to be supplied with a copy.
3. There is no objection to this and I shall be glad if you will send me a copy from your records.

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

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Reminder sent 15/12/44

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MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS

SPECIAL SECRETARIAT OF H.E.
THE MINISTER

FILE 1839/2/2

30th November, 1944

TO : ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

1 DEC 1944

In the month of November of 1943 I was appointed by this Allied Military Government, Prefect of the town of Cosenza and I was given a certificate testifying this appointment; as I have lost it, I ask you kindly to give me another.

This request of mine is caused by the fact that I would very much like to have a certificate demonstrating the work I have done, and not to acquire the right to remain permanently in the list of Prefects.

Waiting for your reply I thank you cordially.

THE MINISTER
(Pietro Mancini)

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Roma 30/11

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 ALLEATO - Sottocommis-
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Proposta al f.
 del

Ministero dei Lavori Pubblici

SEGRETERIA PARTICOLARE DI

S.E. IL MINISTRO

Tel. V. 839/2/2 Allegato

OGGETTO

Poichè nel mese di novembre dell'anno
 1943 sono stato nominato da codesto Governo Militare
 Alleato Prefetto della città di Cosenza e mi è sta-
 ta rilasciata una dichiarazione attestante tale
 qualifica, prego, avendola smarrita, di volermene
 rilasciare un'altra.

Tale mia richiesta è dovuta al fatto che
 è mio vivo desiderio essere in possesso di un cer-
 tificato dimostrante la mia opera prestata, benin-
 teso che non intendo acquistare diritti per rima-
 nere permanentemente nel ruolo dei prefetti.

In attesa di riscontro, ringrazio e sa-
 luto cordialmente.

I L MINISTRO
 (Pietro Mancini)

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY COMMISSION
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
LGC 394

ACG/4/1/13/10

17 October 1944

SUBJECT: H. E. Pietro MANCINI

TO : His Excellency, the Minister of Interior

Your Excellency,

1. I have received your letter No. 8505 dated 8 October 1944.
2. It is agreed that no appointment made by the Allied Military authorities to the office of Prefect confers upon the person so appointed any right to the permanent rank of Prefect (Grade III or Grade IV) in the hierarchy of Italian Civil functionaries. This is the position even if the document conferring such an appointment purports to confer the title of "Prefect" without the use of the word "Regent".
3. At the moment of writing, I have not before me copies of the document or documents appointing H. E. Mancini to rule the province of Cosenza. In whatever form these documents are drawn however, it is agreed that they do not have the effect of creating H. E. Mancini a "Funzionario di ruolo" with the rank of Prefect of either Grade III or Grade IV.
4. Should H. E. Mancini nevertheless still desire to have copies of the documents in question, I will endeavour to obtain them for him, if you see no objection to their being supplied to him. Kindly let me hear from you on this point.

R. G. B. Spicker
for
R. G. B. SPICKER,
Colonel,
Director,
Local Government Sub-Commission

GCRW / cm.

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ACC/4/13/16

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

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MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

CABINET

NUM: 8505

Roma, 8, October, 1944

TO : ALLIED MILITARY COMMISSION
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: S.E. Pietro MARINI, request for reenlistment as a regular official

The Minister of Public Works, H.E. Pietro Marini, in informing that he has lost the declaration of the Allied Command of the II Region, proving his nomination as Prefect Regg. of Cosenza in November 1943 and as Prefect of the same Province in February of 1944, has asked that a new certification of the aforementioned nominations should be given to him.

He asserts, besides, to have the right to be included in the records for Prefects as a result of his nomination as a regular Prefect.

The Legal Subcommittee of this Commission has expressed the opinion that nominations and promotions of the Allied Military Government have only a provisional character and do not create any new juridical terms regard to the Administration.

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Therefore this Minister deems that the request of the Italian Minister cannot be granted, but notwithstanding would like to know the opinion of this Sub Commission regards the subject.

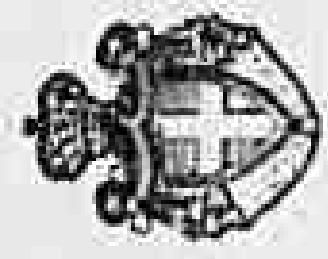
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Ministero dell'Interno

Gabinetto

N. 6505

Risposta alla lettera

N. del

OGGETTO

S.E. Pietro MANCINI -
Richiesta di iscrizione nel ruolo.

Roma, 8 ottobre 1944

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

= Sottocommissione Interni =

R O M A

Il Ministro dei Lavori Pubblici, S.E. Pietro MANCINI, nel far presente che egli ha smarrito la dichiarazione del Comando Alleato della Seconda Regione comprovante la sua nomina a Prefetto reggente di Cosenza nel novembre del 1943 e a Prefetto effettivo della stessa provincia nel febbraio 1944, ha chiesto che gli venga rilasciata una nuova attestazione circa tali nomine.

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La Sottocommissione legale di codesta Commissione ha espresso l'avviso che le nomine o promozioni effettuate dal Governo Militare Alleato hanno carattere provvisorio e non creano alcun nuovo rapporto giuridico nei confronti dell'Amministrazione.

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Dal suo canto, codesta Sottocommissione ha più volte confermato lo stesso punto di vista per quanto riguarda i prefetti nominati dall'A.M.G. tra persone non aventi già il grado e il titolo di prefetto.

Pertanto sembra a questo Ministero che la richiesta del Ministro Mancini non possa essere accolta, comunque si

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gradirebbe conoscere al riguardo anche il parere di codesta
Sottocommissione.

IL MINISTRO



SUBJECT: Notes as to PIETRO MANCINI

✓ Tour in Calabria from 18 to 27 April 1944, by Capt C. G. R. Williams.

1. I visited Cosenza on the 18th and 19th April and again on 25th April. On the first occasion, Mancini was in office as Prefect. I interviewed him and his V.P.V. Everyone I spoke to expected him to take office in the new Government then in process of formation; his officials were convinced that he had already been appointed to the Interior. On my second visit his appointment as Minister without Portfolio had been announced and he had left the province.

2. Lt Col Nicols (B) PC Cosenza - considers Mancini to be a "twister". He is unpopular in Cosenza where he is considered to have been at the bottom of the disturbance which led to his appointment as Prefect by AM on 3/11/43 and to have engineered it to get himself into office and beat his political rival, Fausto Gullo the local Communist leader, now Minister. PC thinks this is true, and says people in Cosenza wish the former Prefect, Ehrlich, to come back.

PC says M. uses his position to get jobs and advantages for his personal and political friends. He has no backbone and would never leave his office to go out into his province if the PC didn't make him. He is always trying to get the PC rather than himself to issue orders and instructions which he thinks will be unpopular.

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5. Miss Gilmore, American Red Cross - in managing the distribution of relief clothing in Cosenza. She has had much help from Mancini and he had tried to be quite fair to all parties and sections.

6. On 19 April I attended a meeting of Sindaci at Paola at which Mancini presided. The refugees problem was discussed; about 40 Sindaci were present. Mancini handled the meeting superbly; I could not but admire the way he crushed a would-be trouble maker by raising the cry of "fascist". Mancini made a speech to the Sindaci and two more to the populace in Paola and the adjoining village of San Ippolito.

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7. I had a long interview with Mancini. He treated me with considerable reserve, telling me, I feel, only what he wanted me to know.

8. My impressions, based on the interview described above, is as follows:

- (a) He has ~~practical~~ ability and is capable of being a good administrator.
- (b) He is superlatively intelligent and astute, even for a Southern Italian.
- (c) He is committed to the left in politics and is a genuine anti-fascist.
- (d) He is very popular with his own party and therefore equally unpopular with the others; but even so they all respect him.
- (e) But he is above all things, a politician and judges everything by the political yardstick. If a thing does not suit his political aims, he can be as tricky, procrastinating and inert as any Italian; but if the

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thing can be of political advantage, then he is capable of action.

9. I give these opinions of mine with reserve, as I feel that the diversity of view expressed by the officers named above is in itself a tribute to Mancini's cleverness and I may well have been deceived.

C. G. R. Williams
Capt.

C. G. R. WILLIAMS
Captain

Asst. ~~Deputy~~ Executive Officer
Interior Sub-Commission

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB-COMMISSION
APO. 394.

ACC/42/17/INT.

29th April, 1944.

SUBJECT: Price of sheep, Cosenza Province. - Pietro MANCINI.

TO : Director, Interior Sub Commission.

FROM : Captain. C.G.R. Williams.

(I)

1. No. 15 refers.

2. On 18 April, 1944 - at the beginning of my recent tour in Calabria - I interviewed the P.C. Cosenza Province, Lt.Col.E.H.J.Nicolls.

3. The P.C. stated that a S and T officer had called to see him and left a copy of the following letter :-

Econ.Section.A.C.C. - to - AAF Admin.Echelon, dated 28/3/44.

This letter said that L.17 per kilo was too low a price and suggested L.30. It stated that sheep were available in Calabria but pointed out the need for co-ordinating the activities of the various military buying agencies that were visiting the Region for supplies.

4. The P.C. forwarded this to Region II with a covering letter asking for instructions and emphasising the need for co-ordinating military buying agencies.

5. In reply he received a cable from Region II stating that the Prefect must enforce the price of L.17.

6. The P.C. considered that the difficulties over the price of sheep were not attributable to the Prefect Mancini or in any way his fault. This is the more remarkable as Lt.Col.Nicolls' opinion generally of Mancini was decidedly unfavourable.

7. The various officers in Cosenza Province - and in the other two Calabrian provinces, with whom I discussed Mancini, expressed very diverse opinions.

C.G.R. Williams
C.G.R. WILLIAMS,
Captain.

CGRW/pgw.

(II)

1. While visiting Reg. H/Q, Region II, Matera on 7 May 1944, I interviewed Lt.-Col. J.A.W. ROCK, Reg. Supply Officer as to above.
2. Lt. Col. Rock disagrees with the opinion expressed at para. 6 above.
3. He stated that a price of L.17 per kilo was fixed by RC in agreement with representatives of consumers + producers + with Prefects.

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4. In Cosenza Province however, producers held out for L. 30. Against Lt. Col. Ruck's advice, Econ Section agreed this figure.
5. Cosenza producers then raised their price to L. 50. On that Lt. Col. Ruck wired PC to tell Prefect he must requisition.
6. I do not know if the PC did so tell Mancini. Lt. Col. Ruck assumes he did & that Mancini refused.
7. He says Mancini is primarily a politician & would not requisition because it would be unpopular.

15 May 1944.

Clifford D. Williams Capt.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION INCOMING MESSAGE /msr

SVC/RELAY NO.

I/C NO :

CLASS: ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REF NO : 2631

PREC : PRIORITY

FILED : APR 241113B

FROM : A.C.C. REGION 2

REC'D : APR 241645B
Teletype

TO : FATIMA FOR ACC HQ FOR LUSH



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Reference your 2631. Having difficulty in getting desired information on promising leads through civilian source. Can only report progress now.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO. 374.

ACC/42/17/INT.

15th April, 1944.

SUBJECT: Cable.

TO : Adjutant.

Please despatch the following cable. "priority" and Confidential.

R. G. B. Spider
R. G. B. SPIDER,
Lt. Colonel,
Director,
Interior Sub-Commission.

TO: RC Region II.

MARKING REFERENCE YOUR CABLE N 24 DATED 13 APRIL AND CONTAINING TELEPHONE
CALL TO YOUR CHIEF OF STAFF 14 APRIL PLEASE REPLY OUR LETTER OF 3 APRIL
FILE ACC/42/17/INT TO EXPEDITE ACTION

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Ministry of Interior.
Cabinet.

Salerno, April 13th. 1944.

42/17/17

No. 409 Ris.

To the Allied Control Commission,
Interior Sub-Commission,

815 Subject:

Prefects of Cosenza and
Reggio Calabria.

Salerno.

42/16/11

With the letter dated March 4th. 1944 No. 123 gab. ris.
I have reported to you upon the particular position of the Prefects
of Cosenza and Reggio Calabria.

With the letter of March 14th. 1944 No. 16 the Allied
Control Commission has informed me of their opinion concerning the
Prefect of Reggio.

I am expecting your notice concerning the Prefect of
Cosenza, the Advocate Pietro (Peter) MANCINI.

THE MINISTER

Signed: R e a l e .

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Ministero dell'Interno

Salerno, 13-4-1944

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Cabinetto

N. 409 ris.

Risposta alla lettera

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OGGETTO

Prefetti di Cosenza e
Reggio Calabria -ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
DI CONTROLLO

Sottocommissione Interni

S A L E R N O

Con nota 4 marzo n. 123 gab. ris. è stata segnalata la particolare posizione dei prefetti di Cosenza e Reggio Calabria.

Con nota 14 marzo, n. 16 codesta Commissione ha fatto conoscere il suo parere nei confronti del Prefetto di Reggio.

Si resta in attesa di un riscontro per quanto riguarda il Prefetto di Cosenza avv. Pietro Mancini.

IL MINISTRO

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 REF No 227/357

LOS CUBER NO: B 24/13

FORM: ACC ACTION TWO

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 WAITING FOR AGREEMENT ON CUBITING

SECRET NO 498 1605 B

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FROM: AGC REGION TWO

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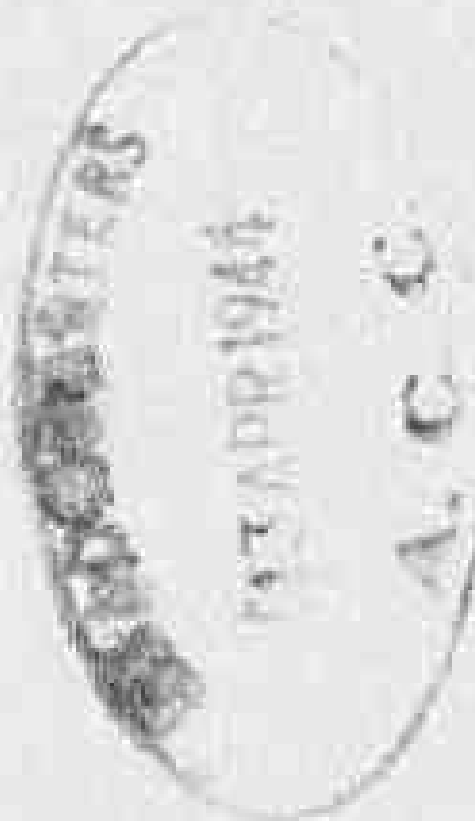
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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

HCC/42/17/Int

3 April 1944

SUBJECT: Prefect of Cosenza, possible successor

TO : PC, Region II

1. Reference your A/35/44 of 27 March 1944, there has been a misunderstanding here is wholly the fault of this office.

2. The individual nominated by the Royal Italian Government to succeed PIETRO MANCINI as Prefect of Cosenza was NICOLY, Comm. Dr. Giuseppe, who was reported to be Vice-Prefect (Vicario) of Bari.

3. Lt. Col. Vining's report of 26/3/44 states that Sig. BELLISARIO is Vice-prefect.

4. Can you inform me if NICOLY, Comm. Dr. Giuseppe is or is not a Vice-Prefect (Vicario) of Bari, and if so, whether you are prepared to accept him as Prefect of Cosenza.

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

Reminder sent 15/4. See - P. 19.

Reply on P. 20.

Further Reminder sent 20/5.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II

Int. Sub Comm
(Rear HQ)
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Ref. A /35 / 44

27 Mar 44

Subj. Information on Prefects of Bari and Brindisi. — 42/25/1

To: Director, Interior Sub-Commission,
ACC Rear Headquarters.

See 42/25/1

1. In accordance with your requests of 16 Mar (Refs: ACC/42/17/Int and ACC/42/3/Int), I am sending to you attached the information obtained regarding the Prefects of Brindisi and Bari. I understand that the Prefect of Brindisi has been transferred to Catanzaro, and from the report of Major Somerville, it would appear that he is about as good as we could expect. — 42/25/1

2. The report on the Prefect of Bari, however, is such that I would like to record my objection to his continuing as Prefect anywhere, let alone being transferred to another post in this Region, or left in such an important place as Bari.

3. I regret the time which has passed, but I think that you will see from the nature of the information collected by Col. Vining that it required some careful digging to gather the facts.

G. H. McCaffrey
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Lt. Col., Inf.
R.C. 5726

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

UFFICIO DEL COMMISSARIO PROVINCIALE

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26/3/'44

PC/BA/REV.

TO : The Regional Commissioner
Region 2

FROM: The Provincial Commissioner
Bari Province

SUBJECT: Prefect's report on

Your Ref. A/35/42, dated 24 March & A/35/40 of 19 March '44.

As far as it is possible to obtain the biographical Sketch of the Prefect, Bari, it is as follows:-

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Along with the Prefect LI VOTI, was a Colonel Giacrovazzo of the Carabinieri, who was the individual responsible for the massacre of 18000 Ethiopians following an attempt on the life of Graciani at Addis Ababa.

The Prefect LI VOTI & Colonel Giacrovazzo (so the report states) which is from a reliable source, laughed at the request made by the four Italians, and remarked that they were fools if they thought it was of any use resisting the Germans who were the only people capable of winning the war, and the four Italians were sent out of the room.

LI VOTI is a Sicilian & therefore a record of his past is not easily obtainable here, but there is a Doctor Grever, who is at present in Naples, he is in a position to give information about this Prefect.

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Dr. Craveri is the son-in-law of Benedetto Croce, who is a well known leader in Naples.

The Vice Prefect, Bari, is a Sig. Bellisario who is a very ardent Fascist & Squadrist and acts as an advisor to Livoti.

Sig. Bellisario is also reported to be acting as liaison between Livoti and a Sig. L. D'Addario, federale, who was Mayor of Bari town till August 1943.

In the Gazzetta del Messogiorno of July 1943, Sig. D'Addario published an article advocating strong resistance to the Allied Forces, he was subsequently arrested at Trent, but after a few days was released.

It is reported that he is in hiding in Bari and through Sig. Bellisario, gives directives to Livoti.

The Questore DiSalvia is involved with these people and I am sending in separate report about him as I am satisfied he is by no means pro the Allied interests.

Now as regards my own experience of the Prefect Livoti, I am convinced that he is not working in the interests of the Allies and is not co-operative.

He has always shown me the greatest respect & shown willingness to do all that is asked of him and yet I have had reports from Allied Military Officials, which endorse the opinion I have formed of him, that Livoti is not in sympathy with Allied interests and I strongly urge that he be removed from his office here as Prefect of Bari. I am quite satisfied in my own mind that he is working contra to our own interests & has therefore a bad influence over other officials, and his administration is not efficient.

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L. R. Vining

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Lt. Col. M. T. 7th
Battalion, Infantry
Bari, Italy

42/17/10

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ACC/42/17/Int

16 March 1944 ✓

SUBJECT: Prefect of Cosenza

TO : Region II, R.C.

1. With reference to para 4. of your letter N/35/34 of 10 March, provided that it is eventually agreed to permit the removal of the present Prefect, e.g. PIETRO MANGINI, the Minister of Interior proposes to appoint in his place NEROLI, Comm. Giuseppe, who is at present Prefect of Bari.

2. Would you please let me know as soon as possible whether this proposal is suitable to you?

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Reminder sent 26/3
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R. G. B. SPICER
Lt Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

REGION II

10 Mar 44

Ref. A /35/34

Subj. Prefects Priolo and Mancini.

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

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1. In reply to your letter of March 5th (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 Casenza). I am convinced that if the Badoglio Government is permitted to change Prefects appointed by AMG freely and quickly, it will have a strongly adverse effect upon the influence of ACC directly, and indirectly upon AMG.

3. It is apparent that the Badoglio Government desires to replace all of the Prefects appointed by AMG in Region II. You have properly blocked the attempt to remove Dr. Tamburro. Avv. Lucifero has, of course, been promoted to Minister of Agriculture, and now it is proposed to get rid of Priolo and Mancini.

4. The promotion of Lucifero has left a vacancy at Catanzaro. The Vice-Prefect there is a weakling. In my opinion, therefore, the Badoglio Government might better be concerned about filling that vacancy with a strong Prefect than in removing others.

5. I will not repeat the biographical data on Priolo contained in Major Fricker's letter of March 7th, but will simply point out that he has been an avowed Socialist for more than twenty years and held to his opinions throughout the Fascist regime. It would therefore seem that Signore Pele was incorrect when he stated that Priolo was a Communist. His relations with AMG/ACC have been quite commendable.

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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 Priolo, 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 Letts, then P.C. of Cosenza, and Lt. Col. Rodd, then SOAO 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 ACC in advance. Major Letts 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 Bettis through an interpreter and that he understood that the permission had been granted. The interpreter confirmed this view, but Major Bettis 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 Refugee 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."

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 2

Ref: A 135/32

7 March 1944

SUBJECT: -:Prefects Reggio, Catanzaro, Cosenza

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

A.P.O. 394

HEADQUARTERS
10 MAR 1944
A.C.C.

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

1. Avv. PRIOLO 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")

Degrees held "Laurea in Giurisprudenza" - Rome 1914
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Highest rank held in army

Captain of Grenadiers
REGGIO Penal Branch
Calabria Provincial Tribunale
Messina Provincial Tribunals

Where law practiced and
for how long

When imprisoned 23 years
For how long 31 Oct. 36
On what charges 3 days

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instigated by Fascist political enemies.

Publications

NIL - But was Editor of "LA LUCE" until it
was suppressed in 1926, and of the bulletin
of the "Federazione dei Dipendenti Comunali"
di Reggio Calabria which was also
suppressed.

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 Comune 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.

3. Dott. MANCINI PIETRO Prefect of Cosenza.

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 precis.

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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 formally 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

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*Answer to
March 11/11*

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be regarded locally as a deliberate flaunting of the power of the Allied
Government, and the position of Region 2 officers continuing to operate
in the same region, who were responsible for the installation of these
Prefects would become intolerable.

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.G. Fricker

E.G. Fricker, Major
Executive Officer
Region 2

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Translation by jgt

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42/14/12

Further to my letter of 9 March, n. 123, RIS. Gab, in connection with the difficulty of holding in office the actual (present) Prefects of Reggio Calabria and of Cosenza, I copy (subjoin) the following information received today:

"Political conference held by the Prefect of Cosenza. At 13 hours, on 26 February (u.s. = last month) Avv. Pietro Mancini, chief socialist, Prefect of Cosenza, held a political conference in the seat of the section of Cosenza of said party, and extolled (eulogized) the Russian Army and portended the arrival of the Soviet fleet in the Adriatic which would impose their will upon the Sabaudo Monarchy (Savoy Monarchy) which it accused, in violent terms, of major responsibilities in the misfortune of Italy."

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With best regards,

THE MINISTER

42/17/13

Salerno, li 10 Marzo 1944



Ministero dell'Interno

N. 161 del 13.3.

Risposta alla lettera

N. del
OGGETTO
ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
- sotto commissione per gli interni -
Lt. Colonel A.G.N. Spicer

S A L E R N O

42/16/12

A seguito della mia lettera del 4 marzo n. 123 Als. Gab. sulla difficoltà di mantenere in servizio gli attuali Prefetti di Reggio C. e di Cosenza, Le trascrivo le seguenti informazioni oggi ricevute:

"Conferenza politica tenuta dal Prefetto di Cosenza:

Alle ore 10 del 20 febbraio n.s. l'Avv. Pietro MANOLINI, socialista massimalista, Prefetto di Cosenza, ha tenuto una conferenza politica nella sede della sezione di Cosenza di detto partito inneggiando all'esercito russo ed auspicando l'arrivo nell'Adriatico della flotta sovietica per imporre la propria volontà alla Monarchia Sabauda che ha accusato in termini violenti della maggiore responsabilità nelle sventure d'Italia."

Con migliori saluti. -

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Coi migliori saluti.

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IL MINISTRO



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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ACG/42/16/Int

6 March 1944

SUBJECT: Prefects Priolo and Mancini

TO : PC. 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.

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

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB-COMMISSION
APO. 394.

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2nd March, 1944.

ADD/42/5/INT.

SUBJECT: MANGINI, Pietro.

TO : RC. Region II.

1. Referring to my letter of 2nd March and to my telephonic conversation with Colonel Friker, I confirm that the Italian Government are intending to apply also for the removal of Pietro MANGINI, Prefect of Cosenza.
2. Will you please also report upon him on the lines requested in the case of PRIOLO.

STH/ps

Wm. L. Lunt
S.C.D. SPICER,
Lt. Colonel,
Director,
Interior Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INFORMATION DIVISION

21 Feb. 1944

From : Confidential Sources

Subject: Prefects: Avv. PIETRO MANDINI

Prefect of COSENZA (Calabria)

Origin: Calabria

Elected member of Parliament in 1919 and 1921 on the Unitarian Socialist ticket (moderate).

Twice sentenced to political confinement, he sued both times for Mussolini's grace which was granted.

Was appointed Prefect following a popular movement in his favour and in protest against the Fascist prefect Endrich.

Very popular in Cosenza

Is still today a socialist.

His activities as a prefect have roused the anger of certain circles because of their party colour.

Honest and most capable administrator.

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