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GR. UFF. DR. PONTIGLIONE, G.B., PREFECT OF CATANZARO
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| 1. | To RC Region II 16 Mar. 44 asking for comments on Dr. PONTIGLIONE -Vacancy in Prefect of Catanzaro caused by promotion of Dr. LUCIFERO and M.O.I. propose to appoint Dr. P. Grateful for comments. | |
| 2 | From PC. to RC Region II dated 23 Mar. 44 giving a biographical sketch of Dr. Pontiglione. | |
| 3 | Copy letter from RC. Region II 27 Mar. sending No 2 | |

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II

Ref. A/35/44

42/17

27 March 44

Subj. Information on Prefects of Bari and Brindisi

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

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.

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.

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

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Subject :- Prefect Pontiglione.

B/A.C.C.P.C./15.

To :- H.Q. Region Two. A.C.C.

Ref. your A/35/35 dated 15th March 1944.

1) The Provincial Prefect - Pontiglione - is being transferred to Catanzaro, and leaves here today for his new station via Salerno.

His successor will be Generale Francesco Gussco, at present in the Prisoner of War Dept. at the Ministero de Guerra at Salerno.

2) Biographical Sketch of Dott: Giovanni Battista Pontiglione :-

Born 1st January 1891.

Married - no children.

Entered Ministry of the Interior 16th June 1914. He is a career man and rose by degrees in the ministry to the grade of Vice prefect, in which rank he served there from 1931 to June 1941.

In that month he was promoted to the rank of Prefect and assigned to the province of Brindisi where he has served since.

He is not permitted under the new regulations to belong to any Political Party, but if he has any leanings it is said to be towards the Liberal Democratic view.

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He was not a Squadrista.

3) I should say that he was a good but easy-going administrator being rather too inclined to " wait and see " and " hope for the best " then ensure that " everything possible " was being done.

He is adept at decentralization.

He genuinely tried to co-operate with the A.C.C. but owing to his natural characteristics results were difficult to obtain without frequent reminders.

He was looked upon by the local populace as not taking sufficient interest in the needs of the less fortunate members of the community.

Major,
Provincial Commissioner, A.C.C.

23rd March 1944.

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16 March 1944

SUBJECT: Prefect of Catanzaro

TO : HQ, Region II

1. With reference to the vacancy caused by promotion of Dr. LUCIFERO from Catanzaro, the Minister of Interior proposes to appoint the present Prefect of Brindisi to that office, whose name is Gr. Uff. Dott. Giovanni Battista PONTIOLICIS.

2. I should be grateful for your comments.

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

Reminder sent 26/3-44.

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