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OFFICIALS FOR BARI PROVINCE, BELLISARIO, LI VOTI, ET AL.
MAR. - DEC. 1944

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THIS FOLDER
CONTAINS PAPERS
MAR 1944
DEC 1944
JAN 1945

FROM

TO

CA

MINUTE SHEET No. 7.

DATE

PAGE

(35)

Oct. 3

page 43 ended and rounded

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Dec. 5.

Devised

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P. can see #46 — the only thing we can do, I think, is
to refer this to the Ministry for such action as they think
fit to take. CLP

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(37)

Dec. 5

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I agree. Action
accordingly. ✓

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MINUTE SHEET NO. 6

DATE

PAGE

33 (Continued)

No. 24 - 5 June - letter to RC & MG recording conversation with Minister, when it was agreed not to employ LI VOTI in any capacity.

26.

3. The question arose again last month and the following refer:-

No. 32A - 22 July - in which Minister proposes LI VOTI for some unspecified Government job.

32A

No. 33 - 31 July - in which the Minister states he proposes using LI VOTI as Inspector General and refers you to No. 11.

33

4. The Ministry have in my opinion misunderstood the position. No. 17 is subsequent to and supersedes No. 11; and the conversation recorded at No. 24 clinches the matter.

5. On the other hand I am not sure that 17 is an accurate translation of the Italian of 16. Aldisio may have meant to convey that he had not at that time a specific proposal in mind for utilising LI VOTI.

6. The papers referred to in para. 2 above disclose a clear policy, i.e. that LI VOTI is not acceptable in any Government office because of his pro-fascist and anti-Allied past.

19, 18

7. The facts as to his behaviour are at Nos. 1A, 1B, 1C, and 22A.

1A,

2A.

8. What are your instructions please?

(4)

Address Ministry that that h-v re-employment in any capacity would not be acceptable to the, in view of his strongly held anti-Allied attitude. The late Minister H.E. Aldisio understood the position clearly, I trust that his re-employment will not be opened.

See p. 42 42

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Ex
Aug
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Minute sheet No. 5.

Date

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~~Letter~~ Colby of 30 to Min. of Int. for
information, to which I would add
my own appreciation and gratitude.
May this please be brought to the
notice of the Prime Minister?

~~2~~ Colby to Region with thanks for
their thought in making such a
ref. which can only help to
facilitate our working with Ital. Gov.

(31)

Aug 22

Adm. Place make reference to 38A on Lucio's Card.

38A

"

Staff For attention E. Noted on card - JPN:sp.

38A

Aug. 27

Director

33.

1. In conversation with Baruti and Camera yesterday evening I was asked
the position about utilizing LI VOI in the Ministry.

2. The following refer :-

No. 4 - 25 April - requesting removal of LI VOI from BARI.

4

No. 11. - 6 May - stating objection is not contemplated to using
LI VOI in the Ministry in a post not senior to that of Prefect.

11

No. 13 - 14 May - Warning Ministry that any question of further
office would require deepest consideration. (Note: This was written in
pursuance of your draft at No.15).

13

No. 17 - 16 May - in which Minister stated he had not "ancora idee
circa la sua utilizzazione" (See the Italian text at No.16).

17

Minute Sheet No. 4.

(27)

May 5. Int.

See minute No. 26 of V.P. who agrees.

R.R. Cope

(28)

May 5. Adm. 1. Return card

2. Draft Letter to Min of Int. approving app't.
of Lucifers as Prefect of Bassi.
Chy. Region. Ac. II

Ac M.G. Section

3. Further Letter to Min of Int. regarding
it is improbable that the appointment of him
as a Prefect could be approved as a Prefect of
any other Province, but provided the appointment
to which he may be app't. within the Ministry is
not senior to that of the Prefect, ~~the~~ ^{no} objection
is not contemplated. Would, he is
contentious to inform me later of the
actual app't. contemplated.

(29)

May 6 To Dir. Draft letters herewith. L.

(30)

May 18. Adm The substance of V7 should be conveyed
to Ac M.G. further to Para 5 of V.

Interior

Refer (A-D) please see letter to minister at IE & spec. copy
is available if you would desire to send me a copy of letter (D) and see
has been sent to Boring

Admin
25 Apr

W. H. H. H. H.
W. H. H. H. H.

(2)

V.P. Letter of 24. April should go. But I would
add a further item.

- in the event of your deciding to remove
- Signor Li Voti from the office, either
- Signor Bellisario or Nicholas Brown or
- Quiretto, present Vice Prefect, should be
- nominated to fill the appointment

1 April
25

(3)

CSO.

I submit that the words "in the event of your deciding"
suggested that there is an alternative they might get away with.
I would suggest that some other opportunity should be sought of
conveying this ^{with essential} information. Then all is some discussion and they
must at least submit names

W. H. H. H. H.

Admin
25 Apr

(4)

I agree. Have signed attached letter to be forwarded
as the opening to this matter. Interior can follow up
when the nomination for the new prefect is made. R. H. H. H. H.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/4/1/26/LG

Tel: 478120

SUBJECT: PANARO, Dott. Vincenzo.

6 December 1944

TO : His Excellency the Minister of Interior.

Your Excellency:

1. The annexed petition addressed by Dott. PANARO to the Allied Commission is forwarded to you for such action as you may think fit to take, seeing that the Comune and Province of Bari are under the jurisdiction of the Italian Government.

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

SGM/pec
Encl. as in (1) above.

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4/1/26

Local Hist 46

4 DEC 1944

Subject: Mr. Vincenzo Panaro, living in Bari - Via Melo 144, claims for the intervention of the A.C.C in order to obtain the re-admission in his former job (he was employed at the Municipality of Bari), from which he was dismissed during his absence, although the said absence was due to military service.

At the date of the Armistice he was Officer of the Italian Army in Anzio. He deserted his post in order to join the Italian partisans with whom he collaborated until Florence was taken by the Allied Forces. After 12 months of a wandering life, returning to his country and wishing to put himself again at work he was unpleasantly astonished to hear that he had been dismissed since September 1944.

Can we adjust the effects of the dismissal?

5980

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4/1/26

Summary at 16 Oct 44

Letter No

Prefets

Adverse report on Li Foti Prefet Bari 27 Mar. 1 - 10

Dtt Li Foti to be removed from Bari & unemployed 3 May 10

Marchese Lucifero F. appointed as Prefet for Bari 6 May 12
assumed office 22 May 23

appointed Ministe to Royal House 21 June 26

Dtt Antonucci A. appointed 1 Aug 31
assumed office 20 Aug 41Li Foti not to be reemployed 28 Aug 42⁵⁹⁷³V.P. Dtt Scapain S. appointed as V.P. 28 Sep 43
Dtt Michy transferred as V.P. " " "

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ACO/L/1/26/Int.

3 October 1944

SUBJECT : Dr. Settimio SOLAFANI

TO : His Excellency the Minister of the Interior

Your Excellency :

I thank you for your letter of the 28 September N° 5000 the
contents of which have been noted.

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

WVML / cm.

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4/1/26

28 Settembre 1944

8 OCT 1944

Ministero dell'Interno

DIREZIONE GENERALE

DELLI AFFARI GENERALI E DEL PERSONALE

 Alla Commissione Alleata
 di Controllo - Sottocommissione
 Interni ROMA

Divisione Pers. 5000 Allegato 14

Oggetto: Sclafani dr. Settimio -

Si ha il pregio di comunicare a codesta
 On. Commissione che, in sostituzione del Vice Pre-
 fetto dr. Nicolò, è stato destinato alla Prefettu-
 ra di Bari il Viceprefetto dott. Settimio Sclafa-
 ni.

PEL MINISTRO

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TRANSLATION NO. 347

MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
FILE NO. 5000

ROME, 28 September

Subject: Dr. Settinio Sclafani
TO : ACC - Interior Sub-Commission

We wish to inform the Commission that Vice-Prefect Settimio Sclafani has been assigned to the Prefecture of Bari in the place of Vice-Prefect Dr. Nicolò.

For The Minister

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

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MOG/4/1/26/Int

28 August 1944

SUBJECT: LI VOTI - one-time Prefect of Bari

TO : His Excellency the Minister of Interior

Your Excellency:

1. I refer to your letter of the 31 July no. 2231 regarding your Ministry's intention to utilize the services of the above-named.
2. I am to inform you that the re-employment of LI VOTI in any capacity would not be acceptable to the Allied Control Commission in view of his Fascist record and his anti-Allied attitude which culminated in his removal from office.
3. I would particularly refer you to my letter of the 14th May and to my subsequent interview with the then Minister of Interior, Signor Aldisio, who understated the position clearly.
4. In all the circumstances I trust that the subject of LI VOTI's re-employment will not be re-opened.


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

WVNL/jgt

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Indicazione di oggetto	Allegato	Per numero N.	Storaggio	Data di presentazione	Stato di arrivo
Qualifica					

ASSUNENDO UFFICIO MI GRADITO RINNOVIARE
 EIO DEFERENTE SALUTO - PREFETTO ANTONUCCI

JLT

(ACC) INTERIOR LC

~~(JLT)~~

HEADQUARTERS
 21 AUG 1944
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

22 August 1944

ADD/14/1/26/Int

SUBJECT: Late Prefect of BARI

TO : His Excellency the Minister of Interior

Your Excellency:

1. I have pleasure in enclosing for your information copy letter from the Provincial Commissioner of Bari with regard to Marchese Lucifero.
2. I should like to add my own expression of appreciation and gratitude for the excellent work performed by Marchese Lucifero whilst Prefect of Bari and I shall be obliged if Your Excellency will kindly convey my best wishes to him.


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

Encl: as in 1 above

WHL/jst

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ACC/4/1/26/Int

22 August 1944

SUBJECT: Late Prefect of MARI

TO : PC, Region II

1. I have received your letter dated 16 August A/35/91 with copy letter from the PC Bari regarding the late Prefect Lanifera.
2. I am grateful to your PC for his thought in making such a report which can only help to facilitate our work with the Italian Government.
3. I enclose for your information copy letter I have written the President of the Council in his capacity of Minister of Interior.


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

Encl: as in 3 above

WMD/jgt

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 2

16 August 1944

Ref: A/ 35 / 91

SUBJECT: - Appointment of Prefect for Bari

TO : - Rear Headquarters
A.C.C. - Interior Sub-Commission
APO. 394

Reference ACC/4/1/45/Int of 23 June 1944 the attached memo No. PCB/4 of 15 Aug.44 from Provincial Commissioner Bari is forwarded for such action as may be considered necessary.

Marchese Lucifero has been the best Prefect in this Region.



F.H. McCLEARY, Lt.Col.
Regional Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 2

16 August 1944

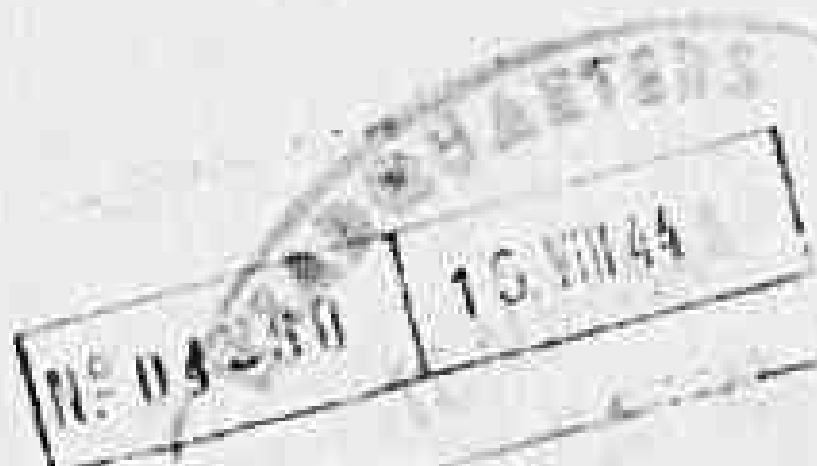
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F.H. McCLEARY, Lt.Col.
Regional Commissioner

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COPYALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONERS OFFICE
BARI15/8/44
PCB/4SUBJECT: - Prefect of Bari -
appreciation of ServicesRegional Commissioner
Region 2
ACC

On the departure of the Prefect, Marchese Lucifero, to take up the Office of Minister to the Royal Household I wish to express my great appreciation of his services during the relatively short period of his tenure of Office here.

He has proved to be a most energetic and capable Administrator with a real understanding of and sympathy for the needs of the people, with at the same time a very clear and definite realization of his duties and obligations as the Official representative of his Government.

Above all he has never failed to show the greatest measure of co-operation with me and my Staff, and has always gone out of his way to implement fully and immediately the many requests which I have had to make.

It has been a very great pleasure and of immense importance to me to work with a gentleman of such high qualities of character, ability and cooperation.

My regret at his departure is only tempered by the hope that in his new Post he may prove of even greater value to the interests of the Allies and of his own Country.

(sgd) Lt.Col. Orpwood
Provincial Commissioner
Palazzo del Governo-BARI

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394.

1 August, 1944.

AOC/4/1/72/Int.

SUBJECT: Movement of Prefects.

TO : RE. Region II

1. Allied Control Commission approval had today been given to the following appointment by the Italian Government :-

ANTONUCCI, Dott. Antonio to be Prefect of BARI

2. Short biographical notes on the above are annexed.

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

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Enc. as in 2 above.
CGRW/pdw.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
AFO 394

ACC /4/1/72

1 August, 1944

SUBJECT: Movement of Prefects.

TO : His Excellency the Minister of Interior.

Your Excellency,

1. I refer again to your letter no. 727 dated the 22nd July.
2. I am now authorized to state that the Allied Control Commission approve of the following appointments :-

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GULOTTA, Dott. Egidio	as Prefect of TRAPANI
ANTONUKKI, Dott. Antonio	as Prefect of BARI
DE SANTIS, Dott. Guido	as Prefect of SASSARI
PAJAMARA, Dott. Giovanni	as Prefect of NUORO
MIRAGLIA, Dott. Costantino	as Prefect of COSENZA
CATENACCI, Dott. Corrado	to be Secretary General to the High Commissioner of Sardinia.

CGRW/p.w.

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

Translation No. 91.

MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

Cabinet

File No. 2231

Reply to letter No. 4/1/52 of 24/7

ROME, 31st July 1944

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

SUBJECT: Movement of Prefects.

In reply to the above letter, we wish to inform you that the position of Prefect Dr. Rosario SPECIALE remains to be examined by the Council of Ministers, we shall not fail to inform the A.C.C. of the decisions which will be taken.

As regards prefect Dr. Giuseppe LIVOTI, this Ministry intends to utilize him for inspective services, considering the Commission's letter No. 4/1/26 of 16th May which stated that there were no objections "to an eventual position which could be given him within the Ministry, and not higher to that of prefect."

THE MINISTER,
(s) Bonomi

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HQ ACC INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION

HQ ACC REGION 2

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JULY 25/1130

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RESTRICTED

NONE

CITE: NONE

REFERENCE 820 of 22 RD JULY UNABLE COMMENT ON PROPOSED APPOINTMENT AS DOITORE
ANTONIO ANTONUCCI NOT KNOWN BY ANYONE OF CONSEQUENCE HERE

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UNITED STATES
ARMY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON, D.C.

100/1/1/32/1st

26 JULY 1944

SUBJECT: Movement of Prefects

TO : His Excellency the Minister of Interior

Your Excellency:

1. Thank you for your letter of the 22nd July enclosing a list of proposed appointments and transfers of Prefects which it is understood is submitted to the Allied Control Commission for their approval in accordance with the arrangements made between us for that purpose.

2. It is observed that the list accompanying your letter varies slightly from the list furnished previously to Lieutenant Lewis on the 21st July. These alterations have been noted. Kindly notify us of the Council's views regarding Specials in due course.

3. With regard to Li Vodi, it will be recalled that he was removed from office on account of his former record and active anti-ally behavior. I would particularly refer Your Excellency to the letter of the then Minister of Interior dated 16 May, a copy of which I am enclosing, from which I clearly understood that the Minister had no intention of employing Li Vodi.

4. Further, Your Excellency may wish to reconsider the matter in the light of all the circumstances of the case including the previous correspondence and I should be glad if you will state whether it is desired to proceed with the application for Li Vodi and if so the reasons for so doing.

5. Subject to 3 and 4 above, the suggestions are being considered by the Allied Control Commission and I hope to convey an early decision to you to enable these appointments to be filled as soon as possible.

R. O. B. 5964
Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

Encl: as in 3, above.

WHL/jgt

ACC REGION II (for Action)

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SECRET

ROUTINE

Interior SubCommission

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT PROPOSE TO APPOINT DOMENICO ANTONUCCI AS INSPECTOR
OF BARI PAISEN TO ACC REGION TWO BARI FOR ACTION FROM ACC FROM INTERIOR SIGNED
STONE PAISEN SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF ACC PD NOMINEE IN A CAREER OFFICIAL.

EVHL.

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(32A)

MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

ROME

Cabinet

22nd July, 1944.

No. 727

TO:- A G C

Interior Sub-Commission.

SUBJECT: Movement of Prefects.

We forward you a copy of the plan of the movement of Prefects approved by the Council of Ministers in its last meeting.

THE MINISTER

(Sgd) I. BONOMI.

EXTRACT FROM ENCLOSURES TO ABOVE :Placed at disposal but without office :

LI VOTI, Dr. Giuseppe

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

ACG/4/1/45/Int.

6 July 1944

SUBJECT: Appointment of Prefect

TO : His Excellency, Minister of Interior

Your Excellency,

1. I refer to your letter dated 22 June no. 4032 Gab, and am pleased to inform you that the Allied Control Commission approve the following appointments suggested by you:

- (i) To be Prefect of Bari - BAPPIATI Dott. Francesco
- (ii) To be Prefect of Siracusa - SACCHETTI, Dott. Sebastiano

2. I am to request particularly in the Bari case, that the new Prefect shall actually take over from the present office holder and that no lapse of time shall occur between the departure of the present Prefect and the arrival of his successor,

3. I shall be obliged to Your Excellency if your Ministry will arrange for this to be done.

4. Will your Ministry also inform me when the new Prefects can be expected to assume office in order that I may inform the Regional Commissioners concerned.

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

Copies to Region I
" " Region II

WFB/ cm

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II

1 July 1944

5 - JUL 1944

Ref. :- A/35/57

Subject:- Appointment - Prefect of Bari

To :- AGC. Rear Hq. Interior Sub Commission

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Reference your AGC/4/Y/45/Int of 23 Jun 44.

I have no comments as the proposed new Prefect is an unknown quantity.

I would, however, stress that there should be no gap between the departure of the present Prefect and the arrival of the new one.

John T. Phillips
John. T. Phillips.,
Colonel Inf.,
Regional Commissioner
Region II

General OK (P. 10)

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SECURITY BRANCH
APO 394

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30 June 1944

SUBJECT: Screening of Italian Government Officials

TO : Colonel YOUNG

Following your instructions I have investigated Dr. Francesco PATIATI and Dr. Sebastiano SACCHETTI.

Dr. PATIATI Francesco: He is 55 years old. He was employed by Bocchini as chief of the Military Police Division. His character and capacity are said to be good. He has not carried any fascist honour and from a security point of view he is acceptable.

Dr. SACCHETTI Sebastiano : He is 64 years old. He has not carried any fascist honour and he is acceptable from a security standpoint.

C.E. Fehr
Lieutenant
Security Branch

Submitted :

to Interior Sub-Commission
R.C. M.G. Section

A.E. Young
Colonel
Director of Security

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ADC/4/1/45/int

23 June 1944

SUBJECT: Appointment of Prefect for Bari

TO : HQ, Region II

1. The Minister of the Interior informs us that the present Prefect of Bari, Marchese LAURICHO has been appointed Minister of the Royal Household.

2. In his place, the Minister proposes to appoint:-

BATTIATI, Dott. Francesco

who lives in Rome and was formerly Prefect at Benevento and Director General of the "Fondo per il Culto" at the Ministry. He was retired from office by the Fascist Republican Government.

3. Security Branch have been asked to screen Dr. BATTIATI.

4. Have you any observations on the proposed appointment?

As A/Int

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

CNRG/jgt

Reminder sent 4/7.

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PRIORITY

FROM: AGC. Rear

TO : ROME AREA COMMAND
for SECURITY BRANCH ADVANCED HQ. - for action

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SECURITY BRANCH - for information

PLEASE SCREEN THE FOLLOWING NOMINEES OF MINISTER OF INTERIOR FOR PREFECTS PO
TO BE PREFECT BARI CMA BAPTIST CMA DR FRANCESCO CMA LIVING IN ROME CMA
FORMERLY PREFECT BENEVENTO AND DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE PER IL CULTO CMA
MINISTRY INTERIOR PO TO BE PREFECT SIRACUSA CMA SACCHETTI CMA DR SEBASTIANO
CMA LIVING IN ROMA CMA FORMERLY PREFECT AGRIGENTO CMA AQUILA CMA PARMA
CMA ANCONA PO IF NECESSARY YOU CAN CONTACT SUBJECTS THROUGH DR BERNUTI
CMA MINISTERS PER GLI SCAMBI E VALUTE CMA VIA SAN VITALE CMA ROME CMA WHO HAS
BEEN CHARGED BY THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR WITH DIRECTION OF ITALIAN
GOVERNMENT UNEMPLOYED PERSONNEL IN ROME PO REPORT URGENTLY REQUIRED PLEASE

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Translation No. 815

INTERIOR 22/6/44 ROMANO

Ministry of Interior
File No. 4832 Gab.

Salerno 21st June 44
To AGC
Interior Sub Commission.

Subject: Changingover of Prefects

The Prefect of Bari, Avv. Felice Lucifero, has been called to take the position of Regent of the Ministry of the Royal House. There has consequently been arranged a movements of Prefects in order to fill the seat of Bari and also that of Siracusa, which is without titular and Vice-Prefect.

The Bari seat would be filled by the Prefect Dr. Francesco Bastiani, residing in Rome, formerly Prefect of Benevento and General Director of Religious Funds in the Ministry of the Interior, his resignation provided by the fascist republican Government.

The Siracusa seat would be filled by the Prefect Dr. Sebastiano Sacchetti, residing in Rome and formerly Prefect of Agrigento, Aquila, Parma and Ancona, his resignation also provided by the Fascist Republican Government.

The changes formerly agreed on will not be effected because with the liberation of the Capital the situation of the staff available has completely changed.

THE MINISTER

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1st Ind.

Ref : SB/311.5/140 G.

Hq., ACC., Security Branch, APO 394, 13 June 1944.

To : Interior Sub-Commission, Hq., ACC.

1. Reference your ACC/42/INT. of 24 April 1944.
2. Forwarded herewith is more information which we have just received.

For the Director:

John A. McKay
JOHN A. MCKAY,
Major,
Security Branch.

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1st Ind.

Ref : SE/311.5/140 G.

Hq., ACC., Security Branch, APC 394, 13 June 1944.

To : Interior Sub-Commission, Hq., ACC. *P. 3*

1. Reference your ACC/42/INT. of 24 April 1944.
2. Forwarded herewith is more information which we have just received.

For the Director:

John A. McKay
JOHN A. MCKAY,
Major,
Security Branch.

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONERS OFFICE
BARI

Secret.

7/6/44
PCB/BK/2

Subject: Report - BELLISARIO Paolo

H.Q. Allied Control Commission

Security Branch

Reference your letter SB/311.5/140 G dated 25 May 44 herewith report as requested.

Present Post Consigliere 1st Classe (NOT Vice Prefect) Bari.

Born 27 November 1908 at VIESTE (Foggia)

Education Ginnasio ad Altamura. Liceo a Bari. Università di Giurisprudenza a Bari. Dottore in Legge.

Career Vice Segretario (grado XI) dal 16.5.31 (Prefettura di Sondrio 1931-1932. Prefettura Taranto 1933-1934) Segretario (grado X) 1935 (Prefettura Matera). 1st Segretario (grado IX) 1936 (Prefettura Bari). Trasferito Prefettura Alessandria 1936 - 1937 - a Bari dal 1938. Consigliere 2 Classe dal 15.5.1940. Consigliere 1 Classe (grado 7) dal 15.5.1942.

Military service

Soldato Fanteria dal Marzo al Settembre 1943. Nominato Tenente Commissariato R. Aeronautica nel Settembre 1943.

Awards

Cavaliere della Corona D'Italia del 1938.

Personal

Bellisario is listed as a 'Squadrista' (though there is some doubt about this) and a member of the Commission for investigating the financial position of all the persons accused of having accumulated wealth through political pressure. He was the personal, special private Secretary-confident of the late Prefect (Li Voti). There is no further definite information about him which can be regarded as reliable.

PROVINCIAL OFFICE
PALAZZO DEL GOVERNO
BARI

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JOINT HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 354

AOC/1/1/26/Int

3 June 1944

SUBJECT: Ex-Prefect of Bari, LI VOZI

TO : R. & M. Section

1. I interviewed the Minister in this matter personally. He informed me that he had definitely decided not to employ LI VOZI any more either in the capacity of Prefect or Vice-Prefect, and temporarily, at any rate, he would be retired to look after his olive trees.
2. I had informed him that LI VOZI would be (on the reports we had received of him, unacceptable in any such appointments. He accepted this without demur and in a fully co-operative spirit.
3. He did state, however, he might find it necessary in the future to approach me again and ask if LI VOZI could be re-employed in some junior administrative appointment, since they were in such short supply. I informed him that when such application was received, it would be given consideration.


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

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

Ref/352/92/CA

1 June 1944

SUBJECT: Prefect of Bari - LUCIFERO vice LI VOTI.

TO : Interior Sub-Commission.

1. Reference your ACC/4/1/26/Int of 17 May 44.

2. I am now notified by R.C. Region V that Avv. Lucifero Falcione assumed office as Prefect of Bari w.e.f. 22 May 44.

3. Has any decision been made about Li Voti's further employment please?

Norman E. Fiske
NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394 - US ARMY

H/3116

/ 30 May 1944

SUBJECT: LI VOTI - Ex-Prefect of RARI

TO : Interior Sub-Commission, Rear Headquarters
Attention: Lt. Colonel SPICERTHRU : Regional Control & Military Government Section
Headquarters, Allied Control Commission

Attached is a memorandum on LI VOTI prepared by the Regional
Security Officer.

*Charles Poletti*CHARLES POLETTI
Colonel
Regional Commissioner

INCL: 1

Memorandum on LI VOTI
25 May 1944
Capt. Heath

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 304 U. S. Army

Ref: 52/111071/545

MEMORANDUM.

25 May 1944

SUBJECT: LI VOTI - Ex-Prefect of BARI.

TO : Asst. Executive Officer,
(Attention: Capt. NEUFELD)

1. Reference is made to letter (ACC/42/32/Int) dated 2 May 1944 from the Director of the Interior Sub-Commission, Rear Headquarters, A.C.C.

2. So far, it has been impossible to contact Dr. CRAVERI, son-in-law of Benedetto CROCE. However, I am told on good authority (by someone who knows the whole family very well) that Dr. CRAVERI is somewhat loth to impart any information. I am, however, endeavoring to contact him through an intermediary and thus allay any suspicions he might have if approached directly.

3. Meanwhile, I have discussed the LI VOTI case with Major ROBERTSON of P.W.B., who was for a considerable period in Bari. He confirms his extremely anti-Allied attitude. He showed me some notes he had made on various dates (November - January, approximately), the sum total of which indicates:-

a. Interference and intervention by LI VOTI when German Consul was about to be arrested in Bari,

b. Maintenance of Fascist elements within his own office, - for example, DI SALVIA, Questore,

c. Discussion at one time with the Giunta Executive in which he inveighed against the British,

d. Non-cooperation at the time of the Bari Congress,

e. Non-cooperation at a time when pro-Fascist speeches were being made by elements in the Bari area,

f. General unpopularity with local population,

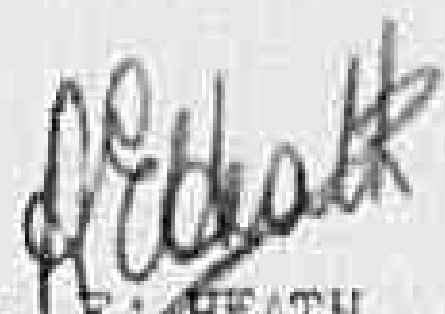
g. Discrimination against refugees.

4. Major ROBERTSON gave me to understand that a very full report would be obtainable from Captain PERKINS, Commanding Officer, 315 F.S.S.

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5. As soon as additional information is available, it will be submitted to you.

For the Regional Commissioner:


A. E. HEATH,
Capt.; I. C.,
Regional Security Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394 - US ARMY

R/3086

✓ 23 May 1944

SUBJECT: Li Voti - Prefect of Bari

TO : Director, Interior Sub-Commission
Allied Control Commission
Interior Sub-Commission

THRU : Regional Control & Military Government Section
Headquarters, Allied Control Commission

Captain Heath, Region 3 Security Officer, is at work on this case at the present time. He was unable to supply the information needed because Dr. Graveri has just returned to day from Bari.

Charles Poletti

CHARLES POLETTI
Colonel
Regional Commissioner

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

19th May, 1944.

ADD/4/1/26/INT.

SUBJECT: Prefect of Bari

TO : NO Region III.

1. Reference your route slip of 19th May, I enclose copy of my letter to you of the 2nd May which I observe has not reached you.
2. As my letter was marked Secret, I presume you will have enquiries made in the matter.

H.G.B. PIER,
Lt. Colonel,
Director,
Interior Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. ARMY

ROUTE SLIP

19 MAY 1944

No.	FROM	TO	Date	
1	Reg 3 No ACC (Adj. Sec)	INTERIOR SUBCOM No ACC	16 MAY	This headquarters do not have record of letter referred to in attached communication. — PM May we have a copy please?

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HQ. REGION 3 ACC.

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ACC/4/1/26/INT.

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394.

14th May, 1944.

SUBJECT: LI VOTI - Prefect of Bari.

TO : RC Region III.

P.7.
Referring to my letter of the 2nd May, I shall be glad to know if your
CAPO is now in a position to let me have the information requested.

Chas. Dillman
for: R.G.B. SPICER,
Lt. Colonel,
Director,
Interior Sub-Commission. *Capt.*

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ACC/1/1/26/Int

17 May 1944

SUBJECT: Prefect of Bari

TO : PC & MD Section

1. Reference previous correspondence (your /352/62/CA) the Minister of Interior agreed to take the necessary steps for the removal of Li Voti.
2. He submitted as his successor the name of Avv. LUCIFERO Falcone, one time prefect of Catanzaro, who held the position of Minister of Agriculture in the Italian Government until the recent changes.
3. Approval to the appointment of Lucifero has been conveyed to the Minister.
4. Attached copy letter from the Minister containing final arrangements.
5. The question of Li Voti's further employment is being dealt with separately and is under review.

Encl: as in 4. above.

Copy: to PC, Region II

R. G. B. SWICKER
Lt Colonel
Director 5944
Interior sub-Commission

Translation - 366

1192 With current instructions already approved by the Council of Ministers, Prefect GIUSEPPE II VOTI has been laid off and substituted by Prefect AVV. FALCONE LUCIFERO, as of the 20th this month.

For the time being, Prefect II Voti will remain at the disposition of this Ministry without specific destination, there being no idea as to his utilization.

THE MINISTER

S. Alifio

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MINISTERO DELL'INTERNO

N. 2796/Gab

Risposta alla lettera N. 4/1/26
del 14 corr.

OGGETTO

Salerno 16 Maggio 1944

ALLA COMMISSIONE
AMBATA DI CONTROLLO
Sottocommissione InterniSALERNO

Con provvedimento in corso già approvato dal Consiglio dei Ministri, il Prefetto Dr. GIUSEPPE LI VOTI è stato collocato a disposizione e costituito con il Prefetto Avv. PALCO-NE LUCIFERO, a decorrere dal 20 corrente.

Il Prefetto Li Voti resterà per ora a disposizione di questo Ministero senza specifica destinazione, non avendosi ancora idee circa la sua utilizzazione.

IL MINISTRO

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 594

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File 4/1/26/INT.

13 May 1944.

SUBJECT: LI VOTI

TO : Vice President, Administrative Section.

1. Before the Minister of Interior answers my letter of 6 May, I propose informing him now that a review of LI VOTI's fascist background and anti-ally activities has made it necessary for ACC to take even a stronger stand than that indicated in the 6 May letter - that it is regretted that ACC can not approve of LI VOTI's employment by the Italian Government in any Capacity. Do you approve?

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

✓ I would draw your ~~attention~~ attention to the substance of my letter - of - and would that that I am awaiting a reply. Since in view of the strong reports received in the regard as to the activities of LI VOTI and anti-ally, any question of further ~~affiliation~~ ^{office} in any governmental effort must and requires the deepest consideration by the ACC

✓ II Call for Spencer's report How

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 594.

ACG/A/1/26/INT.

14th May, 1944.

SUBJECT: LI VOTT - Prefect of Bari.

TO : HQ Region III.

Referring to my letter of the 2nd May, I shall be glad to know if your
CAPO is now in a position to let me have the information requested.

P. 7.
Agd Capt.

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

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 594

ACG/1/26/INT

14th May, 1944

SUBJECT: LI VOXI - late Prefect of Bari.

TO : His Excellency, The Minister of Interior.

Your Excellency,

I would draw your attention to the last paragraph of my letter of the 6th May and would state that I am awaiting your Excellency's reply, since, in view of the strong reports received as to LI VOXI being ardently Fascist and anti-Ally in his behaviour, any question of further office in any Governmental appointment will require the deepest consideration by the Allied Control Commission.

R.G.S. Spicer
Capt.
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R.G.S. SPICER,
Lt. Colonel,
Director,
Interior Sub-Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20250
APR. 30.

6th May, 1944.

MEMO/1/26/INT.

SUBJECT: Prefect of Bari.

TO : The Minister of Interior,
His Excellency, Salvatore Aldisio.

Your Excellency,

1. Reference Your Excellency's letter of 3 May, 1944, No. 2423/Gab.
2. I have to inform you that the proposal of the Ministry to substitute the Prefect of Bari (Dott. Giuseppe DI VOGLI) by Prefect Falcone LUIGI, is approved.

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

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Copy to: RE & H Section.
R.C. Region II.

HEAD HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO. 394.

ACC/14/26/INT.

5th May, 1944.

SUBJECT: Dr. Giuseppe LI VOTI.

TO : The Minister of Interior,
His Excellency, Salvatore ALIBISIO.

Your Excellency,

1. With reference to Your Excellency's letter of 3rd May, 1944
No. 2423/Cab.

2. I have to state that it is improbable that the appointment of
Dr. LI VOTI as a Prefect in any other Province could be approved, but,
provided a post to which he may be appointed within the Ministry, is
not senior to that of Prefect, objection is not contemplated.

3. The courtesy of intimation of the actual appointment to be
offered to Dr. LI VOTI would be esteemed.

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

TCS/PSN.

Reminder sent on 14/5 see P. 13

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Transl. No. 545.

Ministry of Interior

Salerno, 3 May 1944

No. 2425/545.

To: A. C. C.

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In answer to:
No. 42/52/Int. of 25/4.

Administrative Section

Salerno

Subject: Prefect of Bari

In respect of your information regarding the above subject, this Ministry intends to propose to the Council of Ministers the substitution of the Prefect of Bari Dott. Giuseppe LI VOTI by Prefect Falcone LUIGI, late Prefect of Catanzaro and once Minister of Agriculture.

This Ministry, furthermore, intends to make use of the administrative competence of Prefect LI VOTI in the Ministry or in some other Province.

An answer is gratefully expected

The Minister

Signed

Translator: Pool: L. E. C.

4/5/44.

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Salerno, li 3 Maggio 1944

Ministero dell'Interno

N. 2423/Gab.

Alla

Risposta alla lettera

COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI
CONTROLLO

N. 42/32/Int. del 25/4

- Sezione Amministrativa -

OGGETTO

SALERNO

Prefetto di Bari.

Tenuto conto di quanto segnalato da codesta Commissione, questo Ministero intende proporre al Consiglio dei Ministri la sostituzione del Prefetto di Bari Dott. Giuseppe LI VOTI con il Prefetto Falcone LUCIFERO, già Prefetto di Catanzaro ed ex Ministro dell'Agricoltura.

Questo Ministero, inoltre, avrebbe intenzione di utilizzare la competenza amministrativa del prefetto LI VOTI al Ministero o in qualche altra provincia.-

Si gradirà un cortese cenno di riscontro.-

IL MINISTRO

J. Halis

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4/1/26
SUBJECT: Notes of Interview between Aldisio, Minister of Interior and
Lt Col R. G. B. Spicer.

Interpreter - Lieut Grotanelli

1. Prefect of Bari

Minister given much thought to this.

Referred to grave shortage of qualified personnel and repeated Italian Government's desire not to appoint an official associated with any particular political party and their policy of appointing only career officials.

Minister suggested a Vice Prefect should be promoted and said he would submit his proposal. Lt Col Spicer hoped that he would not submit name of Vice Prefect of Bari, Bellisario or Micholy, neither of whom would be acceptable.

Minister said Li Voti will be removed but owing to shortage of officials, asked if Li Voti could be employed elsewhere in the Administration - not as a Prefect.

Lt Col Spicer indicated first requirement was to remove Li Voti. Whilst he sympathized with Aldisio's difficulty, he would have to submit proposed fresh employment to Chief Commissioner.

Minister then said that he had in mind to appoint Lucifero, present Prefect of Catanzaro. He would formally submit proposal.

2. Royal Decree

Lt Col Spicer asked if this was proceeding and when it would be published. 5934

Minister said he had no chance to discuss matter with Reale, but understood it had been approved. Promised to ascertain position.

23/4/44?
3/5/44?

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ACC/42/32/Int

2 May 1944

SUBJECT: Li Voti - Prefect of Bari

TO : RC. Region III

1. Action has been taken with a view to the removal from office by the Italian Government of the above-named.
2. This step is based upon his fascist background and anti-Ally behavior.
3. In addition to the evidence in my possession which justifies the above step, I desire, if possible, to obtain a report on Li Voti's earlier history.
4. Li Voti is a Sicilian and RC. Region II was unable to obtain a record of his past from his region. He informs me, however, that Doctor CRAVERI (a son-in-law of CROCE) who is in Naples is in a position to give information about Li Voti.
5. I shall be glad if you will request your CAPO to arrange for Dr. Craveri to be interviewed and forward me any information obtained.

Reminder sent 14/5 see p. 14
Reply on page 21.

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

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

file 42/32/6

ACC/42/32/Int

27 April 1944

SUBJECT: Prefect of Bari

TO : PG & MG Section (CA Branch)

1. Reference your letter /352/62/CA of 24 April to Administrative section. I attach for your information

- (a) copy letter from Region II of 27 March
- (b) copy letter from Vice President to Minister of Interior dated 25 April.

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Encls: as above

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

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
AFC 394

24 April 1944.

Ref/352/62/CA

SUBJECT: Prefect at Bari.

TO : Administrative Section

1. Reference letter A/35/63 of 19 April 44 from Region II addressed this Headquarters with copy to you.

2. No trace can be found at this Branch of Region II's letter A/35/46 of 27 March 44 and it is thought that it may have been sent to you.

3. If this is so, please advise this Branch what action you are taking with regard to LIVOTI Prefect of Bari.

J. E. Fiske
NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to : Region II (Ref your A/35/63 of 19/4)

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NEAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

ACC/42/32/INT

25 Apr 44

TO : The Minister of Interior, R.E. SALVATORE ALIBISIO.

Your Excellency,

Signor Li Voti, Prefect of Bari.

I have for some time been concerned with the attitude of Signor Li Voti the Prefect of Bari. I have caused some enquiry to be made as to his background and previous history and have come to the conclusion that he has been not only an active fascist but that he has also in the past been actively anti-ally; consequently I think that it is undesirable that he should remain Prefect of the Province of Bari which contains a port of great importance to the Allied War Effort.

I shall be greatly obliged therefore if Your Excellency would regard the investigation of this case as one of urgency and will keep me informed of the action which Your Excellency takes in this matter.

I have also to inform Your Excellency that neither of the Vice Prefects Signor Bellisario nor Comm. Dot. Giuseppe Nicholy will be acceptable as Prefect.

(Sgd) R.R.C. Lt Col.

The Rt. Hon. The Viscount Stansgate,
Vice President, Administrative Section,
Allied Control Commission.

Copy to: EC & MC Section (ref A/35/63 Region II dated 19 Apr) addressed to
Executive Commissioner.

Region II.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ACC/42/32/Int

24 April 1944

SUBJECT: LI VOTI, Prefect of Bari, and sig. BELLISARIO
TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission

1. Attached are the following letters:

- A - A/35/63, dated 19 April 1944, from Lt Col McCaffrey, RC, Region II
- B - 6BSA/201/IA dated 2 April, 1944, from Brig. G.V. Palmer, Commander 6 Base Sub-Area.
- C - A/35/44 dated 27 March 1944 from Lt Col McCaffrey, RC, Region II.
- D - Report on Prefect, PG/BA/REF. dated 26/3/44 from Lt Col L.E. Vining, RC, Bari

2. Please have an investigation made of the cases of LI VOTI and BELLISARIO in co-operation with the proper authorities in order to enable us to take requisite action.

R. G. B. Spicer

Encls: as in 1, above

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

Reminder sent 7/5 89v

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

REGION II

Ref. A/35/63

19 April 44

Subj. Prefect of Bari.

To: Executive Commissioner, E.C. and M.G. Section,
ACC Headquarters, Naples.

1. With further reference to our A/35/44 of 27 Mar 44, I am forwarding a letter signed by Brigadier Falser, Commanding Officer of the 6 Base Sub-area, within which Bari is located.

G. H. McCaffrey
G. H. McCaffrey
Lt. Col., Inf.
E.C.

GEM/rjh

Copies: Vice-President, Administrative Section
Director, Internal Sub-Commission

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Subject: Discipline - Civil Population

CONFIDENTIAL6BSA/201/IA2 Apr 44

Lt-Col. LE Vining, MBE
Allied Control Commission

Ref our conversation today concerning Li Voti,
Prefect BARI.

I would like to record that in my opinion his removal from the Prefettura of BARI would be to the benefit of the Allied cause.

As I see it, all the food rioting that has taken place in his Prefecture over the last month is due to either maladministration or definite obstruction and the Prefect, as head of the distributing service, is responsible.

While paying lip service to the Allied cause, I do not think he is a whole-hearted supporter of it, and consider that in any case a new broom in the administration would improve the working of it.

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G.V. PALMER
Brigadier,
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Subj. Information on Prefects of Bari and Brindisi

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

1. In accordance with your request 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.

/s/CH. McCaffrey
/t/O.H. McCaffrey
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PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

BARI

26/3/44
PC/BA/REF.

TO : The Regional Commissioner
Region 2

FROM : The Provincial Commissioner
Bari Province

SUBJECT: Prefect's report on

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

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In July 1943 when the Mussolini regime fell, LI VOTI was the prefect at ASTI and retained his appointment owing to his friendship with Marshal Badoglio whose birthplace is ASTI.

In July 1943 LI VOTI came to Bari as Prefect.

There is evidence to show that LI VOTI was definitely anti Allies, and he showed it in different ways, as for instance on the 8th September (Armistice Day) four Italians, risking reprisals by the Germans, approached LI VOTI. These four Italians (civilians) were Altomare Matteo, Lopriore Girolamo, Sanceschi Eusebio and Ciferelli Michele, and they requested Livoti to indicate to them in what way they could organize the army and civilians to act contrary to German interests.

Along with the Prefect Livoti, was a Colonel Giarvazzo of the Carabinieri, who was the individual responsible for the massacre of 18000 Ethiopians following an attempt on the life of Graziani at Addis Ababa.

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

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. I. D'Addario, federale, who was Mayor of Bari town until August 1943.

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

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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 a 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 Allied and is not co-operative.

He has always shown me the greatest respect and shown willingness to do all that is asked of him, and yet I have had reports from Allied Military Officials, which endorses 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 and has therefore a bad influence over other officials, and his administration is not efficient.

/s/ L. E. Vinig
/t/ L. E. VINING
Lt Col M.B.E.
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