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APPOINTMENT & TITLE OF PREFECTS, MILITARY GOV'T TERRITORY
MAY-SEPT. 1944

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MINUTE SHEET No. 1.

~~Letter~~

~~May 18. + Copy of 276 to Italic. Sub. Commission technically subordinated to US in regard to Italic Policy Response II~~ [The above form. copied + transferred to file ACC/4/1/58/INT]

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Capt. W.

May 18 2. Draft Reply to Min of Int. Points. With H.K. supplying us with a list of functionaries to consider, with Italy, we shall certainly give H.K.'s views the highest consideration

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Mr J.O. Torbe.

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May 20 Director

1. Letter herewith to Minister for signature please, as suggested in Minute 1 above.
2. Signed by me in your absence this afternoon

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May 24 Legal

1. Please see # 1 + 2, especially the unofficial passages in the "Reggente di Prefettura".
2. I have discussed this today with the Minister & am submitting a strong recommendation to V.P. per Sub. Commission that Ministers instructions be adopted.
3. This will necessitate amendments to the Form of Order annexed to Sub. Memo. No. 12.
4. Please see # 4 with revised draft of such Order at # 4.
5. In the cases visualised by the Minister the existing Fascist Prefects will either have fled or be forcibly removed by AMG. In either case, is it not desirable that they be removed by a formal written Order?
6. I cannot trace a form for such an Order of Removal among the records of this Sub-Commission.
7. If you agree with para. 5 of this minute, please draft a form of Order of Removal accordingly.
8. I will then [illegible] draft forms to my recommendation to V.P.

Capt.
for Director, Interior S/C

To Interior Sub. Comm.
John
Same + Approved
A.R. Thackeray
Brig. Comm.
24.5.44

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May 27 Capt. W. 285 requires attention. /

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May 27 V. P.

1. Please see the Minister's letter at # ~~291~~ 10.

2. It is my considered opinion that we should agree to his proposals & recommend them very strongly to the Executive Commission.

3. Letter to Executive Commission herewith for your signature please, together with draft Executive Memorandum to go with it.

4. The question of new forms for the dismissal & appointment of Prefects & Reggenti is under discussion with Legal Sub-Commission.

A. N. Mills
26.6.61

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June 2 ~~Addit~~ ~~letter to this file with my comments. 293.~~

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[Minutes (8) + (9) copied & transferred to ACC/A/A/INT] 294

" ~~Div. Done~~

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June 9. Legal

1. # 1, 2 + 3 + Minutes (4) + (5) refer. 6312

2. As to paras. 5-7 of Minute (4), I understand that you do NOT consider it advisable to have a form of order for removing a Prefect or to lay down any positive method for so doing.

4. The question of [illegible] of Prefects & Reggenti is under discussion with Legal Sub-Commission.

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June 2 ~~Audit letter to this debate with my letter to 293.~~

(9) [Minutes (5) & (7) copied & forwarded to ACC/S/A/INT] 294

~~4 Leg. Done~~

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June 9. Legal

1. #1, 2 & 3 & Minutes (4) & (5) refer. 6338

2. As to paras. 5-7 of Minute (5), I understand that you do NOT consider it advisable to have a form of order for removing a Prefect or to lay down any positive method for so doing.

3. In that case the draft at #4 will require amendment, as it was prepared on the contrary assumption. The draft has been amended in sense accordingly.

4. As to the use of the terms "Prefect Regent" & "Prefetto Reggente", the Minister has applied the latter term in a communication relating to the new Prefectural appointment for Lettonia, PISCOPO, who was formerly President of the Tribunal at Trieste & therefore not qualified to be substantive Prefect. The expression "Prefect Regent" is suggested so that the English & Italian may correspond as closely as possible.

5. Will you be good enough to settle the draft at #4, as amended?

6. May this be treated as a matter of urgency, please.

TR 37

[illegible] Williams
Capt
for Director, Internal S/C

June 9 (9)

Para 2 of above minute confirmed.

Draft as at (4) approved as amended. [illegible] Shackleton Lt Col
Legal Adviser

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Minute sheet No. 3.

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Date

June 10

Urgent. (10)

V.P.

1. Reference minute 7, above - the draft Exec. Memo. has been revised and a new Form of Order for appointing a "Prefetto Reggente" has been appended to it.
2. The Form has been settled by Legal Sub-Commission - see minutes 8 & 9.
3. Herewith are:-
   (a) letter to Ex. Commissioner for your signature
   (b) Draft Ex. Memo.
   (c) Draft Form of Order, for appointing a "Prefetto Reggente".
   (d) Copy of the Minister's letter, as at No. 1, of the English translation as at No. 2.
4. In view of rapid developments in forward areas the new instructions ought, I think, to be in the hands of SCAOs and RCs as quickly as possible.

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Inf. Ex + Off.

Early action is required re b. a of 12.

Urgent Action Ital. Govt. re Ex 123

To come in to Salerno ready to move at any time soon the better.

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Director:

Spoke to Dr. Camera re. urgency in getting Prefects in order indicated. He said he'd get on with it immediately. RCT

Dr. Camera called me and explained the great difficulty he was having in getting one hit because of the great upset in Italian cabinet. He was unable to see the Sec. of the Council of Ministers - but would do so tomorrow. I told him we would be able to handle the transportation more easily now. He was anxious that I impress on you the difficulty they were having also in digging up prefects. He was sure many prospects would turn up in Rome. RCT

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June 12 Director (14)

Dr Camera gave me a list of proposed nominees for Prefects all of whom, with one exception are in Rome, presumably he wanted to go up there and dig them and others up. I informed him, after my conversation with you in the morning, that no permission could be granted yet. Camera said the uncertain position of the structure of his govt. made it difficult also to get up a list. He was sure that tomorrow things would be more stable. In the meantime he is going ahead to supply names.

RRT.

June 15 Director (15)

Conference with Dr. Aldrico. See p. 22 here RRT.
new letter, p. 23.

June 20 Director (16)

a proposed list of Prefects was submitted to me by Dr. Camera and Dr Sorrentino on their return from Rome (P. 30). I called RCAMG and asked whether they wanted the list before we obtained security reports on the persons. They said no, hence letter (P. 31) to Security Branch, please, for your signature

RRT.

June 21 Ex. Officer (17)

When screened send in complete list of all prefects in autobiographical form for the AMG, CA as nominated by Hd. Govt

Done 23/6/44 — see #32 [illegible]

July Director (18)

under separate cover

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June 15 Director Conference with Dr. Aldisio. See p. 22 Rec'd RRT
Rec letter, p. 23.

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Re AMG, as nominated by Ital. Govt.
Done 23/6/44 – with 32 Cys.

July 1 Director (18)
please see # 36 Cys (19)

July 4 Capt. W. I think you are overstating the difficulties of
AMG. We can inform them it is our duty to do so.
In fact the Regente Prefetto should be the non-career man & the non
The career man – is of the grade. Il Prefetto. Para 2 applies

under equivalent grade

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Please address him so accordingly to day to that effect.

Every nominee for "Perfect" rent up should carry with him authority as to text & title

We may have to alter our previous memorandum to this effect, make it quite clear our line a new, amplifying one through R.C.M.P.

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Action please.

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MINUTE SHEET No. 6

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July 13 — **Director** (21)

1. Reference minute (19) — please see # 37 + 38.
2. I think # 38 is as much as we can expect.
3. Draft amending Ex. Memo, as ordered in minute (9), is at # 39 for your consideration.
4. For the future, I suggest that in the case of every appointment — Prefect or lower — concerted with the Italian Govt., we obtain their advice as to the title in each case. I did this with the Grosseto team + told AMG by letter what titles to use.

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July 14 — Exhr. W. Heath please A. V.

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July 15 — **Acting V.-P.**

1. Please see nos 9 + 21 — + now nos. 37, 38A + 38.
2. I consider the Italian Govt. are right — however belated — + that an amendment to Ex. Memo. 12 is required.
3. Draft letter to Ex. Commissioner herewith for your signature, please. if approved.

— letter sgd by Acting Head Admin Section 15/7/44.

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Aug 3. — **Director**

Please see 43A — this is the written confirmation you asked for when you had Cameron up as to the V-Prefect of SIENA, BASSI. Cameron wanted to take the line that when a VP is actually acting as substitute for a Prefect, he cannot be made Responsible. 43A

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DATE

Aug. 18

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V.P.

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With reference to your conversations with me yesterday afternoon & this morning, the draft new directive as passed by you, is at # 44a & 44. Top copy herewith loose, for your use.

Col.

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Thank you

for VP.

Admin

19 AUG. 1944

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RCMG.

Copy 44a is issued as one Secretariat paper

for VP.

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44 A has been issued as Exec Memo No 71

12 Sept. 44.

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for VP.

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RCMP.

for VP.

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12 Sept. 44.

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W G S Dollard
Major
I.C. S.M.

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APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

APPOINTMENT OF PREFECTS IN SCAO'S AND RC'S

1. The position with regard to the above subject is contained in the following documents:

(i) EXECUTIVE MEMORANDUM 30 dated 1 March 1944, headed "RELATION BETWEEN ACC HQ AND REGIONS".

Para (d) provides that "Appointments or removals of Prefects and other administrative officials of like rank will be subject to prior approval by ACC HQ ..... Appointments and removals of all officials will be reported to ACC HQ". (This latter provision relates to officials junior to a Prefect and thus no AC approval is needed for their appointment or removal).

(ii) EXECUTIVE MEMORANDUM 12 of 12 June 1944, (as amended by EXECUTIVE MEMORANDUM 70 dated 16 July 1944) headed, "APPOINTMENTS TO THE OFFICE OF PREFECT IN MILITARY GOVERNMENT TERRITORY".

This contains the procedure for supplying a Prefect from the pool if a local man is not available. If a local man is available, "the appointment is to be initiated in accordance with established procedure". (i.e. prior approval is necessary under (i) above). The memorandum makes it clear that "when it is proposed to appoint a local man, the RC or SCAO will first inform the Sub Commission by telegram if necessary and give all requisite particulars so that the Sub Commission can advise in such cases ....." (i.e. upon the proper title, e.g. Prefect or Reggente). In this memorandum, the provision also appears, "The procedure here laid down in no way impairs the right of AMG to appoint and remove such officials as they consider necessary", but as stated in (i) above, however, this right never extended to the appointment of Prefects where prior approval from AC HQ was always necessary.

(iii) EXECUTIVE MEMORANDUM 79 dated 12 September 1944, headed "APPOINTMENTS TO THE OFFICE OF PREFECT IN MILITARY GOVERNMENT TERRITORY". This refers to the procedure by telegram mentioned in (ii) above and provides that with a view to preventing delay, a SCAO may for urgent administrative reasons dispense with such notification before appointing a local man and notify the Sub Commission after the appointment has been made.

It should be borne in mind that this latter provision applies only in Army areas. The memorandum specifically provides that the Regional Commissioner in provinces under regional control will continue to follow the

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2. The present position, therefore, is as follows: 6306

(a) SCAO's already have authority to appoint Prefects without prior approval of AC:

(b) RC's can only appoint after prior approval of AC.

3. In view of the anticipated difficulties of communication in the event of an advance to the north, it is reasonable to assume that RC's may find themselves in the same position as SCAO's in regard to the necessity for making appointments without prior approval from AC HQ (which may be a great distance in rear).

For these reasons, it is considered and recommended that the relaxation of the previous rule in favour of SCAO's should also be extended to RC's under and subject to the provisions of Memorandum 79 referred to in 1(iii) above. ~~This already have full~~ plw

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4. RC's already have full powers under EXECUTIVE MEMORANDUM 39 to proceed with the establishment of local government bodies and organization under RDL 111, and no further delegation of authority in this regard is necessary.

[Note Contents of this memo dealt with by Col. C. at PPC meeting 8 Jan. Recommendations carried by Col. who updates accordingly. H.]

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Ref/350/53/CA.

12 Sept. 1944.

EXECUTIVE MEMORANDUM)
NUMBER 79)

TO: SCAO AMG Fifth Army.
" " Eighth Army.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

I. - Appointments to the Office of Prefect in Military Government Territory.

1. When the Senior Civil Affairs Officer proposes to appoint a local man to be a Prefect, Executive Memorandum No.70 states that he will first inform Interior Sub-Commission at this HQ, by telegram if necessary, so that the Sub-Commission can advise as to the proper title to be used.

2. It has been represented that this requirement may cause an undesirable delay in making the appointment.

3. Where for urgent administrative reasons it is desired to make an immediate appointment, Senior Civil Affairs Officers need no longer inform the Interior Sub-Commission before appointing a local man to be Prefect.

4. In such cases they will however:

(a) invariably give their nominee the title of "Prefetto Reggente":

(b) notify Interior Sub-Commission of the appointment as soon as possible after it has been made.

5. The above only applies in Army areas. In Provinces under Regional control the Regional Commissioner will continue to follow the procedure laid down in Executive Memorandum No.70.

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6. A Comune in liberated Italy today is governed by a Sindaco (or Mayor) and a Giunta Comunale (or Municipal Executive Committee). There cannot be a Sindaco

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7. Wherever possible, it is hoped that both the Sindaco and the Giunta Comunale will be appointed at an early stage. In such case the proper title for the head of the Comune is "Sindaco".

8. Where circumstances do not permit the immediate appointment of a Giunta Comunale it may nevertheless be necessary to appoint at once a new head of the Comune. In such case the head of the Comune may exercise all the municipal powers without the help of a Giunta. The proper title in such case is "Commissario Prefettizio".

9. When at a later stage a Giunta is formed, the title of "Commissario Prefettizio" should be changed to "Sindaco".

10. The title "Commissario Straordinario" will not be used.

11. There is/.....

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11. There is no need to use any such title as Acting Sindaco. Even when the newly appointed head of the Commune is intended to hold office only for the shortest temporary period he should be called either "Commissario Prefettizio" (if there is no Giunta) or "Sindaco" (if a Giunta is appointed).

12. Once appointed or confirmed in his Office, should the Sindaco be absent or become ill, the Vice-Sindaco acts in his place. This is automatic and requires no appointment or other authorization. If there is no Vice-Sindaco, one should be appointed.

W. A. S. Dollard
Maj

for M. S. LUSH,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Regions VIII, IX, Liguria, Piemonte, XI, XII.
Admin. Section.
Economic Section
HQ AAI.
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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REGIONAL CONTROL & MILITARY GOVERNMENT SECTION

Ref : DIRECTIVE: LOCAL GVT. August 1944

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M. S. LUSH
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Ministero dell'Interno
Gabinetto

Alla Commissione Alleata di Controllo
Sottocommissione per l'Interno ROMA

Prot. n° 2125 Allegati

Risposta al f. del

Div. Sez. 1ª

OGGETTO Titolo di Prefetto reggente.
SUB: Title of Regent Prefect

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A. C. C.

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Si conferma in ogni sua parte la ministeriale del 5 corrente n° 4505, relativa al titolo di prefetto reggente.

IL MINISTRO

Bonomi

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TRANSLATION NO. 74

MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR
Cabinet

Rome, 26 July 1944

File No. 2125

Subject: Title of Regent Prefect.

TO: Allied Control Commission

Interior Sub-Commission

Rome

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The ministerial note no. 4505 of the 5th of this month is hereby confirmed in its entirety.

The Minister
/s/ Bonomi

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Regional Control and Military Governmen Section.

18th July 1944.

Ref: 350/47/CA.

EXCUTIVE MEMORANDUM)
)
NUMBER 70)

APPOINTMENTS TO THE OFFICE OF PREFECT
IN MILITARY GOVERNMENT TERRITORY

1. This Memorandum is supplementary to Executive Memorandum No.12 dated 12 12th June 1944.

2. Since that date and consequent upon the fall of Rome, a number of fully qualified Prefects have become available for forward provinces. The Italian Government now represents that these officials should retain the title of their rank and not be appointed as Reggenti.

3. Paragraph 3 of Excutive Memorandum No.12 is cancelled and the following substituted:-

"3. In future Allied Military Government appointments the title "Prefetto" "will only be used if the appointee is already of the rank of Prefect. If "the candidate selected is of junior rank or is not a career official, the "title "Prefetto Reggente" will be used. The Italian Government lay great "stress on the use of the word "Reggente" in such cases.

"3A. When a candidate is sent forward from the rear, Interior Sub-Commission "will, when moving up the candidate, advise the Regional Commissioner or Senior Civil Affairs Officer as to the proper title. When it is proposed to appoint a local man, "the Regional Commissioner or Senior Civil Affaires Officer will first inform the Sub-Commission, by telegram if necessary, and give all requisite particulars, so that "the Sub-Commission can advise in such cases also. Care will be taken "not to give "a candidate who may only be qualified to be appointed "Reggente" the impression "that he is going to receive the substantive rank of "Prefetto".

"3B. When the appointment is that "Prefetto Reggente" that title will inva-"riably be used in formal document and officion communications, both by the "Reggente and by officers of Allied Military Government; but there is no ob-"jection to the Reggente being addressed or referred to in ordinary conversation "as the Prefect."

4. When the appointment is that of "Prefetto", the words "Regent" and "Reggente" in the form shown at Appendix "A" to Executive Memorandum No.12 be deleted.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION
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AC/A/1/37/Ict 15 July 1944

SUBJECT: Appointment and title of Prefects in Military Government Territory

TO : Executive Commissioner, R & P Section

FROM : Acting Vice-President, Administrative Section

1. Reference is made to:-
(a) my letter to you of 10th June under the above-mentioned reference:
(b) Executive Memorandum No. 12, revised issue of 12th June.

2. Herewith are sent
(a) copy letter dated 3 July, Interior Sub-Commission to the Minister of the Interior:
(b) copy of the Minister's reply no. 4305 of 5 July:
(c) copy English translation of (b).

3. It is unfortunate that the Italian Government did not take the point now raised at the time when, at the end of May, Mr. ALDISIO moved the Commission to adopt the title 'Prefetto Reggente'. It may however, be remembered in their favour that: -
(a) at that time they had no ranking Prefects available at all and the nominations the Minister was making were all non-career men:
(b) it was not till 15 June that permission was given for representatives of the Ministry to go to Rome to search for officials:
(c) then a number of substantive Prefects were found and made available.

4. The Government press as strongly for the title 'Prefetto' to be accorded to those of the rank of Prefect as they did for the title 'Prefetto Reggente' to be used for those not of that rank. In my judgment, the representations now made in this sense are sound and should be accepted.

5. A further Executive Memorandum superseding No. 12 will accordingly be necessary: a draft of it is submitted herewith for your approval and for issue to: -

RCs, Regions IV, V, VIII and IX, and Rome
SCAOs 5th and 8th Armies

(Sgd) Gerald R. Upjohn

GERALD R. UPJOHN
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EXECUTIVE MEMORANDUM)
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APPOINTMENTS TO THE OFFICE OF PREFECT IN MILITARY GOVERNMENT TERRITORY

1. This Memorandum is supplementary to Executive Memorandum No. 12 dated the 12th June 1944.

2. Since that date and consequent upon the fall of Rome, a number of fully qualified Prefects have become available for forward provinces. The Italian Government now represents that these officials should retain the title of their rank and not be appointed as Reggenti.

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4. When the appointment is that of "Prefetto", the words "Reggente" in the form shown at Appendix "A" to Executive Memorandum No. 12 will be deleted.

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MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR
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TO: ACC

Interior Sub-Commission

SUBJECT: Title of Regent-Prefect.

Reply tp letter 4/1/33 P 37

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On the other hand, the persons who do not have such rank ~~and are to receive the title of Department of the Interior or another department~~ are to receive the title of "reggente", whether they come from the Department of the Interior or another department, or whether they are private citizens.

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The Minister

/s/ Bonomi

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Ministero dell'Interno

N. 4505

Risposta alla lettera

N. 4/1/33 del 3 luglio

OGGETTO

Titolo di Prefetto reggente

Salerno, 5 luglio 1944=

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO= Sottocommissione per l'Interni

S A L E R N O

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ACC/A/1/37/Int 3 July 1944

SUBJECT: Title of "Prefetto Reggente".

TO : His Excellency Dr I. Bonomi, Minister of the Interior

Your Excellency:

1. Capt. Williams has submitted a report to me on the conversation he had with Dr. Cassera on this subject on 1 July.

2. I understand Dr. Cassera to have stated, when a person selected to be the Prefect of a newly liberated province is already of the rank and grade of Prefect, he should be appointed by the title of "Il Prefetto" and that the expression "Reggente" should not be used. Thus, the agreement as to the use by AMG of the title "Prefetto Reggente" should not apply to the 8 officials nominated in your letter no. 3988/Gab. of 20 June.

3. This point was strongly pressed by Dr. Cassera who added that it would be illegal and anomalous, according to Italian administrative law, to call a man "Prefetto Reggente" when he was already a Prefect in grade.

4. I have considered Dr. Cassera's proposal and I am quite prepared to agree to it.

5. I draw your attention, however, to the terms of your Ministry's letter no. 2778 of 14 May from which it appeared to be the wish of the Italian Government that the word "Reggente" should be used in <u>all</u> cases. In fact, definite orders have been issued by the Commission on that basis; as stated in my reply of 15 June.

6. I am anxious to have the clearest possible understanding of the Italian Government's views on all aspects of this question. Would you please let me have a statement of the Government's wishes accordingly.

for R. L. Temple Capt.
H. G. B. SPICER
Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

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SUBJECT: Title of "Prefetto Reggente"

TO : Colonel R. G. B. Spicer, Director

FROM : Captain O. G. R. Williams, Ass't Executive Officer.

1 July 1944

1. When I saw Dr. Camera, Vice Capo Gabinet of Minister of Interior, this morning, he raised a serious question as to the use of this title.

2. He said it was "not to be used invariably in all cases of AMG appointments". If the man appointed was already of the rank and grade (i.e. III or IV) of Prefect then he should be appointed "Il Prefetto". Only when the appointee was not of this rank and grade or was a non-career man should the title "Prefetto Reggente" be used.

3. He said it is illegal and impossible to appoint a ranking Prefect to be Reggente. It was, he said, like posting a substantive Colonel to an appointment and at the same time making him acting Colonel for the purpose of that appointment.

4. I accept Dr. Camera's law and agree with it. I consider, however, there are grave administrative objections to this proposal.

5. Firstly: RCs and PCs will never grasp the distinction, they cannot be relied on to apply it. They cannot be expected to know when a man should be Prefetto or when he should be Reggente. This is an extremely technical point involving a considerable knowledge of Continental administrative law. In my judgment no amount of Executive Memorandums or Administrative Instructions or advisory circulars will ensure that the point is observed in the field.

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8. I did not mention the objection at para 7 to Dr. Camera; but I did press strongly the point of objection as in paras 5 and 6.

9. Dr. Camera then suggested that the distinction should be as follows:- When a person is appointed and is a nominee of the Italian Government, he should be called "Il Prefetto". When he is the local discovery of AMG, he should be "Prefetto Reggente". He made this suggestion on the grounds that this distinction is a simple one which officers in the field could be expected to understand themselves.

10. I did not agree and told him so. I consider the objections described above are equally applicable to this suggestion and, indeed, that the detrimental effect upon the prestige and authority of AMG would be even greater.

11. I closed the discussion in this way:- I had grasped Dr. Camera's point. As a lawyer, I accepted his statement of the law. As an officer of the Commission, I had no authority to agree to the proposal, and moreover, I could not advise my

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Director to agree. I would, of course, report the matter fully to you. Dr. Camera said he also, of course, would report the matter to his Minister.

12. I think Dr. Camera grasped the points I made, though he is naturally hardly capable of understanding their weight and importance.

Capt.

C. G. R. WILLIAMS
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29 June 1944

SUBJECT: Title of "Prefetto Reggente"

TO : His Excellency Dr. I Bonomi, Minister of Interior

Your Excellency:

1. From the conversation which took place yesterday between Dr. Barrentino and myself, it appears that some doubt is felt in your Ministry as to the exact effect of the use by ACC of the above-mentioned title.

2. This title has been adopted at the request of the Italian Government.

3. It has been necessary in many cases for the Allied Military Government to dismiss certain Prefects and appoint other persons in place of them. Some of the persons so appointed were not state employees but ordinary citizens of good standing. Others were career officials but they had not attained the grade which, according to Italian administrative rules, would qualify them to be appointed Prefect.

4. The appointment of such men under the title of "Il Prefetto" raised questions as to their legal status. Doubts have been expressed as to whether such appointments entitle the men in question to be considered as State employees and as having privileges that such grade and status imply.

5. Representations have been made on several occasions by the Ministers Reale and Aldisio of the inconvenience and embarrassment that would result if such were the case. For that reason it was agreed with Dr. Aldisio to use the title "Prefetto Reggente" in future: and instructions to that effect have been issued to all Regional Commissioners and Senior Affairs Officers.

6. I refer you to the correspondence which begins with your Ministry's letter no. 2778 of the 14th May.

7. The effect of appointing a person to be Prefetto Reggente is understood to be as follows:-

(a) If the person in question is a career official, his grade and status are not affected and remain what they were immediately before his appointment.

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8. On the other hand the Prefetto Reggente:-

(a) Will have all the powers and authority inherent in the office of Prefect of a province.

(b) Will be entitled to receive the salary and any other emoluments payable to the Prefect of the province in question.

(c) Willbe removable by the Italian Government only with the consent of the Allied Control Commission, in accordance with the terms agreed for the transfer of territory to Italian jurisdiction.

9. Should the Italian Government desire to remove such a Prefetto Reggente, after his province has been returned to their control and should the Commission give their consent, then paragraph 7 above would apply; and the Prefetto Reggente would return to whatever was his status before his appointment.

10. I shall be glad to have Your Excellency's assurance that the position as set forth in this letter is fully understood.

R. G. B. SPIVEY
Colonel
Director
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
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ACC/4/1/37/lrt 15 June 44

SUBJECT: Appointment of Prefects in Liberated Provinces

TO : His Excellency Dr. G. Ambrosio, Minister of Interior

Your Excellency:

1. I refer to your letter No. 2778 of 14 May, and to our subsequent correspondence relating thereto.

2. I am happy to inform you that the proposals contained in your letter above-mentioned, have been approved by the Allied Control Commission.

3. Accordingly, in the future a person appointed by the Allied Military Government to discharge the functions of Prefect will be appointed under the title of "Prefetto Reggente".

4. Furthermore, a list of suitable candidates is to be prepared by this Sub-Commission in consultation with the Italian Government, to be circulated to Regional Commissioners, and Senior Civil Affairs Officers concerned. This list will constitute a pool from which candidates may be selected.

5. The Executive Commissioner has issued instructions accordingly to all Regional Commissioners and Senior Civil Affairs Officers concerned.

6. The approval of the Allied Control Commission has been given subject to the conditions set forth in my letter of 27 May to the effect that the procedure agreed upon in no way impairs the right of the Allied Military Government to appoint and remove such officials as they consider necessary.

7. In accordance with the agreement between you and Captain Temple, my Executive Officer, permission is being granted to Dr. Andrea Guerra and to Dr. Pasquale Saturno to enter Rome where they will join Dr. Sorrentino, who is to be Chief of Cabinet under Dr. Bonomi, in order to facilitate the compilation of the list of proposed nominees for the office of Prefect in the Reward areas.

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for R. G. B. WILCOX
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NOTE ON INTERVIEW

PLACE: Ministry of Interior, Municipio, Salerno

DATE & TIME: 15 June, 1944, 1000 hours

PRESENT: H.E., Dr. Aldisio, Minister of Interior
Dr. A. Camera, Chief of Cabinet

Capt R. R. Temple (
Capt C.G.R. Williams (Interior Sub-Commission

Sgt. Pennone, Italian Liaison Section, Interpreter.

1. Captain Temple referred to the message sent to him over the telephone yesterday from the Ministry, through the Italian Liaison Section, from which he understood that the Ministry did not think they could complete the preparation of the list of Prefects.

He said that he was rather concerned and hoped that this did not mean that the Minister had abandoned his original suggestion that such a list should be prepared.

2. The Minister said that he was in a particular difficulty at the moment because he was about to go out of office and another Minister to come in.

3. He had consulted with Bonomi, who entirely agreed with the idea of having such a list. The understanding with Colonel Spicer that the Ministry would prepare the list, therefore, still holds.

4. The Minister said, however, that he now found it impossible to go on completing the list from government resources in south Italy. There were not enough Prefects or Vice-Prefects available for the purpose.

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7. Captain Temple said the Sub-Commission is now empowered to authorize the entry of Italian government officials from Salerno to Rome and he would set the machinery in motion immediately. The Minister said he was very grateful indeed to hear this. He himself could probably not go to Rome at this time. He promised to telephone the names of those who would constitute the advance party, as soon as possible.

8. The Minister said he would certainly consult the new government about the names to go on the list. In fact, he would propose to include in it some persons nominated by Bonomi.

9. Captain Temple told the Minister that the formal approval of ACC to his proposal that future AMG appointments should be called "Prefetti Reggenti" had just been received and instructions had been sent out accordingly to all regions.

10. H.E. said he was very glad to hear this and greatly appreciated the help Colonel Spicer had given. He promised to inform Bonomi of this.

11. The Minister asked to be informed when Col. Spicer comes back, as he would like an opportunity to take leave of him.

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NOTE: Both Captain Temple and myself feel that what finally cleared the air was the ACC approval to the use of the title "Reggente" It was evident to us that Aldisio, not knowing whether or not ACC had formally agreed to this, was intending to construct his list out of career people only - that he had practically exhausted the career officials he has in the south of Italy, and as to non-career people, his difficulty is that he must chose some one whom the new Italian government would accept.

C. G. R. Williams
Capt.

C. G. R. WILLIAMS
Captain
Ass't Executive Officer
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12 June 1944.

EXECUTIVE MEMORANDUM)
: Replacing Executive Memorandum No.12
NUMBER 12) of 15 Feb. 1944.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE OFFICE OF PREFECT
IN MILITARY GOVERNMENT TERRITORY.

1. Where the office of Prefect is vacant, the Senior Civil Affairs Officer or Regional Commissioner will endeavour to find a suitable candidate locally. If such a candidate is available, the appointment will be initiated in accordance with established procedure.

2. When a suitable candidate is not available locally, resort will be had to a list of suitable candidates which is being prepared in consultation with the Italian Government and will be circulated to Senior Civil Affairs Officers and to the Regional Commissioners concerned. This list will constitute a pool from which candidates may be selected. In the meantime a telegram should be sent to Admin. Section stating requirements.

3. When an appointment to fill the office of Prefect is to be made by Allied Military Government, such appointment will in future be made under the title of "Prefetto Reggente" and not under the title of "Prefetto". Provided, however, that the title of "Prefetto Reggente" is invariably used in formal documents and official communications, by both the Reggente and officers of Allied Military Government, there is no objection to the Reggente being addressed or referred to in conversation as the Prefect. The Italian Government lay great stress on the title "Reggente".

4. When necessary to draw on the pool the Senior Civil Affairs Officer or Regional Commissioner will communicate with Interior Sub-Commission, Rear Headquarters, Allied Control Commission. If he has a preference for a particular name on the list, he should state whom he prefers and his reasons. The Sub-Commission will arrange for the person selected to be directed forward. On arrival of the candidate the Senior Civil Affairs Officer or Regional Commissioner will formally appoint him to his office.

5. The Prefect will be sent to the AMG. Headquarters of the Army concerned,

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5. The Prefect will be sent to the AMG. Headquarters of the Army concerned, or to the Regional Headquarters. It will be the SCAO's or R.C's responsibility to send him to his post.

6. The procedure here laid down in no way impairs the right of the Allied Military Government to appoint and remove such officials as they consider necessary.

7. Appointments to the office of "Prefetto Reggente" will be made in the form shown at Appendix "A".

8. In exceptional circumstances in forward areas, an oral appointment may be made, but if so made, a written order drawn so as to operate from the date of the oral appointment will be executed as soon thereafter as is reasonably possible.

9. S.C.A.O's and R.C's should do their utmost in the interests of continuity to abide strictly by this procedure.

M. S. LUSH,
Brigadier,
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APPENDIX "A"

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
_____ ~~REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS~~
Allied Commission

OFFICIAL ORDER }
NUMBER ___ }

(Date) _____

WHEREAS the office of Prefect of the Province of _____ has become vacant; and

WHEREAS it has in consequence become necessary to make provision for the exercise of the functions of Prefect in the said Province;

BY VIRTUE of the powers conferred upon me, I, _____, Regional Commissioner for _____

ORDER

That Sgr _____ be appointed, as from to-day's date Prefect Regent of the Province of _____ with the powers inherent in the office of Prefect.

_____
Regional Commissioner.

(Italian Translation)

GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO
QUARTIERE REGIONALE GENERALE
DELLA _____

ORDINE UFFICIALE }
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(Data) _____

VISTO che il posto di Prefetto della Provincia di _____ e'

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ORDER

That Sgr _____ be appointed, as from to-day's date Prefect Regent of the Province of _____ with the powers inherent in the office of Prefect.

_____

Regional Commissioner.

(Italian Translation)

GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO
QUARTIERE REGIONALE CENTRALE
DELLA _____

ORDINE UFFICIALE
NUMERO

(Data) _____

VISTO che il posto di Prefetto della Provincia di _____ e' divenuto vacante;

RITENUTO, pertanto, che si rende necessario provvedere all'esercizio delle funzioni di Prefetto nella suddetta Provincia;

IN VIRTU' dei poteri conferitini, Io, _____, Ufficiale Regionale degli Affari Civili della _____.

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O R D I N O

Il Signor _____ e' nominato, a decorrere da oggi, Prefetto Reggente della Provincia di _____, con i poteri inerenti alla carica di prefetto.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

AGC/14/1/37/Int

10 June 1944

SUBJECT: Prefects in newly liberated provinces

TO : His Excellency, Dr. S. Aldisio, Minister of the Interior

Your Excellency:

1. I refer to your letter no. 2778 Gabinetto, dated 14 May 1944 and to my replies of the 20 and 27 May.

2. I hope to have approval to your proposals in a very short time. In the meantime, I ask you to have the list of Prefects for newly liberated provinces to be prepared and sent to me with the least possible delay. I have already been requested that new Prefects be got ready for further provinces.

3. You have already been of the greatest help in nominating
(a) a Prefect for Littoria - PICCOPO
(b) a Prefect for Frosinone - MANFREDONDO
(c) three alternates for the Prefect of Rome Province - SOLIMENA, TUPINI, and CICCOLANI

These should, of course, be included in the list of Prefects above-mentioned.

4. The list should please state full names, present addresses and occupations and identity card numbers.

5. As I have said in the letter I have written to you today as to Prefectural Councillors or Secretaries and Prefectural Accountants, I do appreciate the strain these demands place on the Italian administration, but the needs of the newly-liberated provinces must be met abovemall things.

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

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
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APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

ACC/4/1/37/Int.

10 June 44.

SUBJECT : Appointment and title of Prefects in newly liberated Provinces.

TO : Executive Commissioner, RC & MG Section.

FROM : Vice President, Administrative Section.

1 Herewith copy letter from the Minister of the Interior to the Interior Sub-Commission, No.2776 dated 14 May 44, and copy English translation.

2 The Director, Interior Sub-Commission has discussed the matter fully with the Minister.

3 As you know, certain appointments made by AMG to Prefectures in what is now Italian Government Territory have caused bad feeling in and difficulty to the Italian Government and have adversely affected the relations between the Government and the Allied Control Commission. For instance, some appointees have not had the qualifications required by Italian law. As appears from the Minister's letter, such difficulties may become more frequent and more acute as the Allied Armies advance. It is desirable therefore to find a means of avoiding, as far as possible, repetitions of these circumstances.

4 It is not, of course, implied that great efforts have not been made by AMG to find the most suitable man to be Prefect. On the contrary, it is well known that many such appointments have been successful. I am certain, however, that if use is made of the advice and information which the Italian Government can supply, future appointments can be made so as to be satisfactory to AMG and also acceptable to the Italian Government as and when they take over stretches of Military Government Territory.

5 Further, any co-ordination on this subject with the Italian Government must, of course, leave intact the right of AMG to remove, in Military Government Territory such officials as they consider necessary and to replace them by such persons as they consider suitable for their purposes. This principle would apply even to an official nominated by the Italian Government (in accordance with the Minister's proposals) should he afterwards prove unsatisfactory to AMG. Interior Sub-Commission have made this point clear to the Minister.

6 It is accordingly recommended that the following procedure be adopted: [illegible] of the Italian Government nominees for Prefectures in the newly

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3 As you know, certain appointments made by AMG to Prefectures in what is now Italian Government Territory have caused bad feeling in and difficulty to the Italian Government and have adversely affected the relations between the Government and the Allied Control Commission. For instance, some appointees have not had the qualifications required by Italian law. As appears from the Minister's letter, such difficulties may become more frequent and more acute as the Allied Armies advance. It is desirable therefore to find a means of avoiding, as far as possible, repetitions of these circumstances.

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6 It is accordingly recommended that the following procedure be adopted:

a a list of the Italian Government nominees for Prefectures in the newly liberated provinces will be supplied by the Minister of Interior to Interior Sub-Commission.

b Interior Sub-Commission will arrange for these nominees to be screened from the security point of view.

c Interior Sub-Commission will also communicate the names to RCs of Regions III, IV, V, VIII and IX, and to SCAOs 5th and 8th Armies for their information and observations.

d Subject to any adverse report on screening or from RCs and SCAOs, the list will be regarded as constituting a pool from which AMG nominations to Prefectures may be made.

e When the SCAO or RC has occasion to appoint a new Prefect, he will inform Interior Sub-Commission through you. If the SCAO or RC has reasons for desiring a particular individual from among those on the list, he will state that fact and his reasons.

f If the SCAO or RC has indicated a particular preference, Interior Sub-Commission will arrange with him and with the Minister for the official in question to be directed to the province, where he will be appointed to his new office by AMG.

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8 If no particular preference has been suggested the Interior Sub-Commission will agree with the Minister on a selection from the list of nominees and the official so selected will be directed forward and appointed as in (f) above.

7 The procedure recommended in paragraph 6 is for adoption only if the SCAO or RC is unable to find a suitable candidate in the locality. The Italian Government are very hard put to it to find competent trained officials in their territory; and it is urged that every effort should be made to find a candidate in the neighborhood before calling on the Italian Government's exiguous resources.

8 Attention is also drawn to the penultimate paragraph in the Minister's letter in which he asks that future appointees by AMG to Prefectures shall be entitled "Reggenti".

9 The use of the title "Prefect" by such appointees has been one of the sources of the difficulty referred to in paragraph 3 above. Owing to the action of the Fascist Republican Government in removing all career officials in German Occupied Territory, the Italian Government are particularly desirous that the AMG appointments which will have to replace the Fascist Republican Party's shall be of a temporary character, so as not to prejudice the ultimate re-organisation of the Prefectures which the Italian Government will have to undertake at a later stage.

10 Moreover, the use of the new title will avoid any difficulty which may arise if the SCAO's or RC's appointee does not have the qualifications prescribed by Italian administrative law.

11 Interior Sub-Commission had drafted an instruction in accordance with the above and it is forwarded herewith for issue to:

Regions III, IV, V, VIII and IX.
SCAO's, 5th and 6th Armies.

STANDGATE,
VP Admin Section.

Encls: as in 1 and 11 above.

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Regions III, IV, V, VIII and IX.
SCAO's, 5th and 8th Armies.

STANDGATE,
VP Admin Section.

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HEADQUARTERS
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RC & MG SECTION

EXECUTIVE MEMORANDUM)

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APPOINTMENTS TO THE OFFICE OF PREFECT IN MILITARY GOVERNMENT TERRITORY.

1 Where the office of Prefect is vacant, the Senior Civil Affairs Officer or Regional Commissioner will endeavour to find a suitable candidate locally. If such a candidate is available, the appointment will be initiated in accordance with established procedure.

2 When a suitable candidate is not available locally, resort will be had to a list of suitable candidates which is being prepared in consultation with the Italian Government and will be circulated to Senior Civil Affairs Officers and to the Regional Commissioners concerned. This list will constitute a pool from which candidates may be selected.

3 When an appointment to fill the office of Prefect is to be made by Allied Military Government, such appointment will in future be made under the title of "Prefetto Reggente" and not under the title of "Prefetto". Provided, however, that ~~if~~ the title of "Prefetto Reggente" is invariably used in formal documents and official communications, by both the Reggente and officers of Allied Military Government, there is no objection to the Reggente being addressed or referred to in conversation as the Prefect.

4 ~~For that purpose~~ When necessary to draw on the pool, the Senior Civil Affairs Officer or Regional Commissioner will communicate with Interior Sub-Commission, Rear Headquarters, Allied Control Commission. If he has a preference for a particular name on the list, he should state whom he prefers and his reasons. The Sub-Commission will arrange for the person selected to be directed forward. On arrival of the candidate the Senior Civil Affairs Officer or Regional Commissioner will formally appoint him to his office.

5 In communicating with Interior Sub-Commission in manner directed in para 4 above, Senior Civil Affairs Officers and Regional Commissioners will indicate the place to which they require the candidate to report and give all such other information as is necessary to enable him to be sent forward with the minimum of delay.

6 The procedure laid down ~~in paras 4 and 5 above~~ in no way impairs the right

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5 In communicating with Interior Sub-Commission in manner directed in para 4 above, Senior Civil Affairs Officers and Regional Commissioners will indicate the place to which they require the candidate to report and give all such other information as is necessary to enable him to be sent forward with the minimum of delay.

6 The procedure here laid down ~~in paras 4 and 5 above~~ in no way impairs the right of the Allied Military Government to appoint and remove such officials as they consider necessary.

7 Appointments to the office of "Prefetto Reggente" will be made in the form shown at Appendix A.

8 In exceptional circumstances in forward areas, an oral appointment may be made, but if so made, a written order drawn so as to operate from the oral appointment will be executed as soon thereafter as is reasonably possible.

M. D. LUSH,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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APPENDIX "A"

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
_____ REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS

OFFICIAL ORDER)
)
NUMBER ____)

(Date) _____

WHEREAS the office of Prefect of the province of _____ has become vacant; and

WHEREAS it has in consequence become necessary to make provision for the exercise of the functions of Prefect in the said Province;

BY VIRTUE of the powers conferred upon me, I, _____ _____, Regional Commissioner for _____

O R D E R

That Sgr _____ be appointed, as from to-day's date Prefect Regent of the Province of _____ with the powers inherent in the office of Prefect.

_____
Regional Commissioner

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(Italian Translation)

GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO
QUARTIERE REGIONALE GENERALE
DELLA _____

ORDINE UFFICIALE)
)
NUMERO _____)

(Data)_____

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VISTO che il posto di Prefetto della Provincia di _____ e' divenuto vacante;

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ORDER

That Sgr _____ be appointed, as from to-day's date Prefect Regent of the Province of _____ with the powers inherent in the office of Prefect.

_____
Regional Commissioner

(Italian Translation)

GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO
QUARTIERE REGIONALE GENERALE
DELLA _____

ORDINE UFFICIALE)
)
NUMERO _____) (Data)_____

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VISTO che il posto di Prefetto della Provincia di _____ e' divenuto vacante;

RITENUTO, pertanto, che si rende necessario provvedere all'esercizio delle funzioni di Prefetto nella suddetta Provincia;

IN VIRTU' dei poteri conferitimi, Io, _____. Ufficiale Regionale degli Affari Civili della _____

O R D I N O

Il Signor _____ e' nominato, a decorrere da oggi, Prefetto Reggente della Provincia di _____ con i poteri inerenti alla carica di prefetto.

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Ufficiale Regionale degli
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Alla COMMISSIONE
ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
Sottocommissione Interni
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OGGETTO Nomine dei Prefetti nelle Provincie liberate.

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Segno ricevuta della lettera sopraindicata e resto in attesa di ulteriori comunicazioni.

IL MINISTRO

J. Alderisio

I received the above mentioned letter and I am wating further informations.

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The Minister

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION
APO. 394.

ACC/AA/INT. 27th May, 1944.

SUBJECT: Appointment and title of Prefects in newly liberated Provinces.

TO : Executive Commissioner RU & RE Section.

FROM : Vice-President, Administrative Section.

1. Herewith copy letter from the Minister of the Interior to Interior Sub-Commission No.2778 dated 14 May 1944.

2. The Director, Interior Sub-Commission has discussed the matter fully with the Minister.

3. As you know, certain appointments made by AMG to Prefectures in what is now Italian Government Territory have caused bad feeling in and difficulty to the Italian Government and have adversely affected the relations between the Government and the Allied Control Commission. For instance, some appointees have not had the qualification required by Italian law. As appears from the Minister's letter, such difficulties may become more frequent and more acute as the Allied Armies advance. It is desirable therefore to find a means of avoiding, as far as possible, repetitions of these circumstances.

4. To that end, the Minister's proposals are strongly recommended.

5. It is not, of course, implied that great efforts have not been made by AMG to find the most suitable man to be Prefect. On the contrary, it is well known that many such appointments have been successful. I am certain, however, that if use is made of the advice and information which the Italian Government can supply, future appointments can be made so as to be satisfactory to AMG and also acceptable to the Italian Government as and when they take over stretches of Military Government Territory.

6. Further, any co-ordination on this subject with the Italian Government must, of course, leave intact the right of AMG to remove, in Military Government Territory, such officials as they consider necessary and to replace them by such persons as they consider suitable for their purposes. This principle would apply even to an official nominated by the Italian Government (in accordance with the Minister's proposals) should he afterwards prove unsatisfactory to AMG. Interior Sub-Commission have

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7. It is accordingly recommended that the following procedure be adopted:

(a) a list of the Italian Government nominees for Prefectures in the Newly liberated provinces will be supplied by the Minister to Interior Sub-Commission.

(b) Interior Sub-Commission will arrange for these nominees to be screened from the security point of view.

(c) Interior Sub-Commission will ~~also communicate the names to MGs~~ of Regions III, IV, V, VIII and IX, and to SAOs 5th and 8th Armies for their information and observations.

(d) Subject to any adverse report on screening or from MGs and SAOs, the list will be regarded as constituting a pool from which AMG nominations to Prefectures may be made.

(e) When the SAO or MG has occasion to appoint a new Prefect, he will inform Interior Sub-Commission through you. If the SAO or MG has reason for desiring a particular individual from among those on the list, he will state that fact and his reasons.

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(f) If the SCAO or AC has indicated a particular preference, Interior Sub-Commission will arrange with him and with the Minister for the official in question to be directed to the province, where he will be appointed to his new office by AMG:

(g) If no particular preference has been suggested the Interior Sub-Commission will agree with the Minister on a selection from the list of nominees and the official so selected will be directed forward and appointed as in (f) above.

8. Attention is also drawn to the penultimate paragraph in the Minister's letter in which he asks that future appointees by AMG to Prefectures shall be entitled "Reggenti di Prefettura".

9. The use of the title "Prefect" by such appointees has been one of the sources of the difficulty referred to in paragraph 3, above. Owing to the action of the Fascist Republican Government in removing all career officials in German Occupied Territory, the Italian Government are particularly desirous that the AMG appointments which will have to replace the Fascist Republican Party's shall be of a temporary character, so as not to prejudice the ultimate reorganisation of the Prefectures which the Italian Government will have to undertake at a later stage.

10. The Minister's proposal as to the title "Reggente di Prefettura" is accordingly likewise strongly recommended.

11. Interior Sub-Commission had drafted an instruction in accordance with the foregoing recommendation and it is forwarded herewith for your approval and for issue to :-

Regions III, IV, V, VIII, and IX
SCAOs, 5th and 8th Armies.

STANLEY TOMKINS
Vice President,
Administrative Section.

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9. The use of the title "Prefect" by such appointees has been one of the sources of the difficulty referred to in paragraph 3, above. Owing to the action of the Fascist Republican Government in removing all career officials in German Occupied Territory, the Italian Government are particularly desirous that the AMG appointments which will have to replace the Fascist Republican Party's shall be of a temporary character, so as not to prejudice the ultimate reorganization of the Prefectures which the Italian Government will have to undertake at a later stage.

10. The Minister's proposal as to the title "Reggente di Prefettura" is accordingly likewise strongly recommended.

11. Interior Sub-Commission had drafted an instruction in accordance with the foregoing recommendation and it is forwarded herewith for your approval and for issue to :-

Regions III, IV, V, VIII, and IX
SCAOs, 5th and 8th Armies.

STRUSGATE
Vice President,
Administrative Section.

RGRS/pgm.

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MAIN HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
MG & PG SECTION

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EXECUTIVE MEMORANDUM)
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REMOVAL AND APPOINTMENT OF PREFECTS

1. The rapid development of military operations makes it necessary to redefine the action to be taken by Allied Military Government with respect to the Prefects of provinces newly liberated from the enemy.

2. Provinces coming under the jurisdiction of Allied Military Government will in due course be handed over the control of the Italian Government. It is of the first importance that the official acts of Allied Military Government in such provinces are done in a form which can be accepted by the Italian Government (when they assume jurisdiction) without doing violence to Italian legal and administrative principles.

3. In particular it is important that due regard be had to this consideration in the removal and appointment of Prefects, in view of the fact that officials appointed by Allied Military Government may not be dismissed by the Italian Government without the consent of the Allied Control Commission. Insofar as the paramount requirements of Military Government allow, the removal and appointment of Prefects must be done in such a way that the Italian Government have no occasion to apply later on for the removal of a Prefect so appointed merely on the ground, for example, that he is not qualified in accordance with their administrative prerequisites.

4. A list of suitable candidates for the office of Prefect is being prepared in consultation with the Italian Government and will be circulated for the information and observations of Senior Civil Affairs Officers and of the Regional Commissioners concerned. This list will bemitute a pool from which new Prefects maybbe drawn.

5. When the Senior Civil Affairs Officer or Regional Commissioner requires a new Prefect, he will first, of course, consider his local resources; and if a suitable candidate can be found in the neighbourhood, the appointment will be initiated in accordance with established procedure. In considering an appointment from the locality, however, full weight should be given to Italian legal and administrative requirements; and if there is available an Italian Official having

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of the first [illegible] such provinces are done in a form which can be accepted by the [illegible] (when they assume jurisdiction) without doing violence to Italian legal and administrative principles.

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4. A list of suitable candidates for the office of Prefect is being prepared in consultation with the Italian Government and will be circulated for the information and observations of Senior Civil Affairs Officers and of the Regional Commissioners concerned. This list will constitute a pool from which new Prefects maybbe drawn.

5. When the Senior Civil Affairs Officer or Regional Commissioner requires a new Prefect, he will first, of course, consider his local resources: and if a suitable candidate can be found in the neighbourhood, the appointment will be initiated in accordance with established procedure. In considering an appointment from the locality, however, full weight should be given to Italian legal and administrative requirements: and if there is available an Italian Official having the requisite seniority and qualifications according to the Italian system and who is otherwise satisfactory, he should be preferred.

6. When a suitable candidate is not available locally, resort will be had to the list mentioned in para. 4. For that purpose, the Senior Civil Affairs Officer or Regional Commissioner will communicate with Interior Sub-Commission, Rear Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, through PC & MG Section. If he has a preference for a particular name on the list, he should state whom he prefers and his reasons, and the Sub-Commission will arrange for the person so indicated to be directed forward, if still available, otherwise a selection will be made from the list by agreement between the Sub-Commission and the Italian Government and the person so selected will be directed forward. On arrival of the candidate, the Senior Civil Affairs Officer or Regional Commissioner will formally appoint him to his office.

7. In communicating with Interior Sub-Commission in manner directed in para. 6 above, Senior Civil Affairs Officers and Regional Commissioners will indicate the place to which they require the new official to report and give all such other information as is necessary to enable him to be sent forward with the minimum of delay.

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8. The procedure laid down in paras. 6 and 7 above in no way impairs the right of Allied Military Government to appoint and remove such officials as they consider necessary. Thus: -

(a) If a candidate so selected and appointed should afterwards prove unsatisfactory, he may be removed as in any other case; and in that event, the Senior Civil Affairs Officer or Regional Commissioner will request a fresh nomination in the manner prescribed in this Memorandum.

(b) the decision to remove a Prefect will continue to rest with the Senior Civil Affairs Officer,

(c) the prior approval of ~~this Section~~ to a removal or appointment will continue to be necessary in those cases where it has hitherto been required.

9. In all future cases where a person is appointed by Allied Military Government to fill the office of Prefect, the title "Prefetto" will not be used in the formal appointment. Such appointments will be made under the title of "Reggente di Prefectura". Provided, however, that this title is invariably used in formal documents and official communications by both the Reggente and officers of Allied Military Government, there is no objection to the Reggente being addressed or referred to in conversation as the Prefect.

10. The Form of appointment appended to Executive Memorandum No.12 is being revised accordingly and will circulate shortly.

M.S.LUSH
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner.

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10. The Form of appointment appended to Executive Memorandum No.12 is being revised accordingly and will circulate shortly.

M.S.LUSH
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394.

AGO/A/H/Int 27 May 1944

SUBJECT: Appointment of Prefects in Liberated Provinces.

TO : His Excellency, Dr. S. Aquisio, Minister of the Interior

Your Excellency:

1. I refer to our conversation on 22nd May as to your letter No.2770 dated 12 May 1944.

2. As soon as I am so instructed, I will inform you whether or not your proposals are approved by the Allied Control Commission.

3. In the meantime I think it is desirable to observe that, should your proposals be accepted, they would be agreed on the following understanding:-

(a) The appointment by AMG to the office of Reggente di Prefettura of a person selected from a list prepared in advance, such as you have proposed, would be an AMG appointment to which the terms for the transfer of territory to the Italian Government would apply. The Reggente di Prefettura so appointed could, therefore, not be removable save with the consent of the Allied Control Commission.

(b) The acceptance of such a list would not affect the right of AMG to remove or appoint such officials as it thinks necessary. If a person selected from such list and appointed Reggente di Prefettura should afterwards prove unsatisfactory to AMG, he would be liable to be removed by AMG like any other official in Military Government Territory.

4. I place these observations on record in order to guard against any possibility of misunderstanding by us, as I am certain that they are fully understood by you without the need of special mention.

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H. G. G. SETON
Lt Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

..... REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS.

Official Order
Number

Date: .....

By virtue of the powers conferred upon me, I .....

.....,Regional Commissioner for .....

ORDER

that Prefect of the .....class .....,

now Prefect of the Province of ..... is, as from

to-days' date, placed in retirement and relieved of the post of

Prefect of the said Province ~~of~~ .....

.....
Regional Commissioner.

(Italian Translation).

GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO

QUARTIERE GENERALE REGIONALE DELLA .....

Ordine Ufficiale
Numero

Data .....

In virtù dei poteri conferitimi, Io .....

Ufficiale Regionale degli Affari Civili della .....

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Regional Commissioner.

(Italian Translation).

GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO

QUARTIERE GENERALE REGIONALE DELLA .....

Ordine Ufficiale
Numero

Data .....

In virtù dei poteri conferitimi, Io .....
Ufficiale Regionale degli Affari Civili della .....

ORDINO

Il Prefetto di ..... classe .....,
attuale Prefetto della Provincia di .....è, a decorrere
da oggi, collocato a riposo e messo in congedo dalla carica di
Prefetto della suddetta Provincia ~~a~~ .....

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Ministry of the Interior
Cabinet

Sulmona 26 May 44

Memorandum

And the provisions regarding prefects (appointments, transfers, placements at disposal, retirements) are authorized with Royal Decree, following the approval of the Council of Ministers, on the proposal of the Minister of the Interior.

The procedure in the following of the Ministry of the Interior fixes sets out the formulation of ordinances, then presents them to the Council of Ministers and, having obtained approval, proceeds the same ordinance to formally authorized to the King for his signature.

The Ministry is responsible for notifying by telegram the persons concerned of the provisions adopted.

Unless the Cabinet of Ministers in ordering the proceeding must be requested by the Cabinet the order to execute or complete their legality

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Allegato

Salerno, 26 maggio 1944

Ministero dell'Interno
Gabinetto

Divisione ____ Sez. ____
Prot. N. ____ Allegati ____

A: ____

Riferito al f. del ____
Div. ____ Sez. ____ N. ____

OGGETTO ____

PROMEMORIA

Tutti i provvedimenti riguardanti i prefetti (nomine, trasferimenti, collocamenti a disposizione, collocamenti a riposo) vengono adottati con Decreto Reale, previa approvazione del Consiglio dei Ministri, su proposta del Ministro dell'Interno.

La procedura è la seguente: Il Ministero dell'Interno predispone il provvedimento, lo presenta al Consiglio dei Ministri e, ottenuta l'approvazione, prepara il decreto che sottopone alla Firma Reale.

Intanto, dà notizia telegrafica all'interessato del provvedimento adottato. 6269

Quando funziona la Corte dei Conti, il provvedimento deve essere registrato dalla Cor-

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te medesima, previo accertamento della sua legalità.

RD appointing a Prefect

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VITTORIO EMANUELE III
per grazia di Dio e per volontà della Nazione
RE D'ITALIA

Visto il decreto I4 Novembre I90I, N.466;
Visto il R.D.L. 30 Dicembre I923, N.2960;
Visto il R.D.L. 30 Ottobre I943, N.2/B;
Sulla proposta del Nostro Ministro Segretario di Stato per l'Interno;
Sentito il Consiglio dei Ministri;

ABBIAMO DECRETATO E DECRETIAMO
Articolo unico

Il _____ è nominato Prefetto di 2^ classe a decorrere dal giorno _____ e dalla stessa data è destinato ad esercitare le sue funzioni in provincia di _____

Il Ministro Segretario per l'Interno, proponente, è incaricato della esecuzione del presente decreto.

Dato a _____ il

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Visto il decreto 14 Novembre 1901, N.466;

Visto il R.D.L. 30 Dicembre 1923, N.2960;

Visto il R.D.L. 30 Ottobre 1943, N.2/B;

Sulla proposta del Nostro Ministro Segretario di Stato per l'Interno;

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Dato a _____ il

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REVISED FORM OF REGIONAL ORDER
FOR AMG Appointments to the Office of Prefect

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
_____REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS

OFFICIAL ORDER)
)
NUMBER ___) (Date) _____

WHEREAS, ~~by an order made this day,~~ the office of Prefect of the Province of _____ has become vacant; and

WHEREAS it has in consequence become necessary to make provision for the exercise of the functions of Prefect in the said Province;

BY VIRTUE of the powers conferred upon me, I, _____ _____, Regional Commissioner for _____

O R D E R

That Sgr _____ be appointed, as from to-day's date Regent 1/ ~~to carry out the functions of~~ Prefect 1/ of the Province of _____ with the powers inherent in ~~that~~ 2/ the office 3/

2/ the
3/ of Prefect

_____
Regional Commissioner

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(Italian Translation)

GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO
QUARTIERE REGIONALE GENERALE
DELLA _____

ORDINE UFFICIALE)
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BY VIRTUE of the powers conferred upon me, I, ______________ ________, Regional Commissioner for ______________

ORDER

That Sgr ______________ be appointed, as from to-day's date ~~to carry out the functions of~~ Prefect[1] of the Province of ______________ with the powers inherent in ~~that~~[2] office[3]

[1] Regent
[2] the
[3] of Prefect

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Regional Commissioner

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(Italian Translation)

GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO
QUARTIERE REGIONALE GENERALE
DELLA ______________

ORDINE UFFICIALE)
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NUMERO ____)

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VISTO che il posto di Prefetto della Provincia di ______________ e' ~~con provvedimento odierno~~ divenuto vacante;

RITENUTO, pertanto, che si rende necessario provvedere all'esercizio delle funzioni di Prefetto nella suddetta Provincia;

IN VIRTU' dei poteri conferitimi, Io, ______________, Ufficiale Regionale degli Affari Civili della ______________

ORDINO

Il Signor ______________ e' nominato, a decorrere da oggi, Prefetto Reggente della ~~Prefettura~~[1] di ______________ con i~~l~~ poteri inerenti alla carica di Prefetto.

[1] Provincia

[for ink amendments, see Minute ⑩]

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Ufficiale Regionale degli
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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

/CC/A/A/Int

20 May 1944

SUBJECT: Appointment of Prefects in Liberated Provinces.

TO : His Excellency, Dr. S. Aldisio, Minister of the Interior

Your Excellency,

1. I refer to your letter no. 2778 dated 14 May 1944.

2. I suggest that you cause to be prepared and sent to me a list of those from whom you would propose to select, from time to time, persons to administer the prefectures of provinces as they become liberated.

3. The Allied Control Commission will certainly give to your nominations the highest consideration.

4. It would greatly assist the consideration of such nominations if you would include in the list information (so far as it is available) as to the places of residence and the occupations of the persons in question during the last few years.

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

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This is a re-translation of #1 by me [illegible]

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MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR
Cabinet
File n. 2778

Salerno, 14 May 1944

To :

The ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Interior - Sub-Commission

SUBJECT : Prefects of liberated provinces

With reference to our verbal understanding, this ministry is putting in hand with all possible speed inquires necessary to arrive at a selection of personnell capable of being placed at the head of the provinces that will be liberated.

On this subject we must call the attention of the Commission to a question of principle of particular importance.

In the territory still occupied by the Germans according to radio news, the so-called Fascist Republican Government, has from the start, replaced all career prefects with politicians of its own following.

Many of the career prefects have been dismissed as well, because they were not willing to obey the directions of that Government.

Therefore, as provinces are liberated, the replacement of the prefects now in office will have to be complete.

This will require the appointment of numbers of non-career prefects, which is contrary to the law which provides that the number of prefects who do not come from the administrative staff of the ministry of the Interior must not be greater than two - fifths of the total number of prefects.

But this is not the most important point in the problem. In the present situation, the decisive consideration could not be that, under a fice democratic regime which envisages the co-existence of diverse parties, it is in the interest of the peo-

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But this is not the most important point in the problem. In the present situation, the decisive consideration could not be that, under a fice democratic regime which envisages the co-existence of diverse parties, it is in the interest of the people to put at the head of provinces officials rather than party men.

Instead, what induces the Ministry to approach this question is the consideration that sound and just principles, career prefects dismissed by the Fascist Republican Government should be suitable employed - after examination of their political past - in recompense for the attitude adopted a maintained by them, in spite oh the many difficulties they must have undergone. This will not be possible if new prefects are appointed as soon as provinces are freed.

To obviate this difficulty at the same time to meet the immediate needs arising from the liberation of provinces, the Ministry proposes that the prefectures be entrusted to men chosen in advance, but appointed as regents as in an acting capacity rather than as prefects so that we can be free to regularise the various appointments at later dates.

We shall be glad to know the view of the Commission.

The Minister
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To A.C.C.
Interior Subcommission
SALERNO

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Subject: Pagetti of Feast Promises

With reference to our verbal understanding this Ministry is trying to deal with all possible speed, if necessary to arrange at a cabinet meeting to approve the ~~[illegible]~~ requirements ~~[illegible]~~ which ~~[illegible]~~ as far as possible ~~[illegible]~~ the heartbeat of provinces, be fixed.

On this subject we must rate the Commission's attention ~~as~~ to a very important subject.

In the Italian still occupied by the Germans according to some news, the so-called fascist Republican government ~~[illegible]~~ as soon as it was set up ~~[illegible]~~ replaced ~~[illegible]~~ all ~~[illegible]~~ career ~~[illegible]~~ independent civil servants ~~[illegible]~~ only ~~[illegible]~~ the experts of ~~[illegible]~~ have never discussed ~~[illegible]~~ that government ~~[illegible]~~ were not willing to obey the directives of the Italian government ~~[illegible]~~ collaborate with the government. ~~[illegible]~~ throughout the ~~[illegible]~~ of cases ~~[illegible]~~ where the terms are not to be complete ~~[illegible]~~ 6264 liberated, ~~[illegible]~~ experts will have to be ~~[illegible]~~

This will deal the appointment of many ~~[illegible]~~ these ~~[illegible]~~ people who ~~[illegible]~~ were people ~~[illegible]~~ have not followed the administrative career of ~~[illegible]~~ or have not active with

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On this subject we must call the Government's attention to a very important subject.

In the territory still occupied by the Germans, according to [illegible] the so-called fascist republican government as soon as it was set up replaced all career prefects [illegible] the career prefects have been dismissed [illegible] were not willing to obey the directions of that government [illegible] with the government.

[illegible] when the provinces are liberated, [illegible] replacement of prefects [illegible] will have to be [illegible] 6:64

This will cause the appointment of many new prefects chosen among people who have not followed the administrative career of the Ministry of the Interior. This will not agree with the law [illegible] which [illegible] the number of such appointed prefects must not be more than [illegible] of the total number of prefects.

But this is not the most important part of the problem. According to the present situation it would be much more important to [illegible] that in the [illegible] free [illegible] administrative situation [illegible] [illegible] it is in the interest of the people that provinces would be governed by officials and not

belonging to = ies

~~What interests this Ministry~~ to a ~~the~~ greater ~~extent is~~ that, according to a just principle, Prefects who have followed a regular career and have been dismissed by the Republican Fascist Government, should be employed - after examination of their political past - in order that they should be repaid for ~~their~~ the attitude to Keep ~~[illegible]~~ notwithstanding the many difficulties they ~~must~~ have passed through - This will not be possible if ~~the~~ new prefects ~~will be~~ are appointed as soon as ~~the other~~ provinces ~~will be~~ are freed -

~~In order to obviate this difficulty and to meet at the same time the wishes to solve this~~ ~~[illegible]~~ and ~~the~~ all ~~other~~ ~~to connected with the~~ liberation of ~~new~~ the provinces, this Ministry suggests that ~~they should~~ be administrated by men previously chosen, but appointed as Regents ~~not~~ as Prefects, ~~[illegible]~~ ~~regulate all positions~~.

We shall be glad to know the Commissioner's opinion -

The Minister

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Salerno, 14 Maggio 1944

Ministero dell'Interno

Gabinetto

Divisione ..... Sez. .....

Prot. N. 2778 Allegati .....

Al la COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

Sottocommissione Interni

SALERNO

Risposta al f.° del .....

Div. ..... Sez. ..... N. .....

OGGETTO Prefetti Province liberate.

In relazione alle intese verbali questo Ministero sta conducendo nel modo più sollecito possibile le indagini necessarie per addivenire alla scelta del personale da porre a capo delle province che saranno liberate.

Al riguardo deve sottoporre, intanto, all'attenzione di codesta Commissione una questione di principio di particolare importanza.

Nei territori ancora occupati dai tedeschi, secondo quanto risulta dalle comunicazioni radio, il pseudo governo republicano fascista, ha, sin dai primi giorni del suo avvento, sostituito con uomini politici di sua fiducia tutti i prefetti di carriera molti dei quali poi sono stati anche destituiti per non aver voluto aderire alle direttive del governo medesimo.

Pertanto, all'atto della liberazione delle province la sostituzione dei prefetti in carica dovrà essere integrale.

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Ciò determinerà la nomina di numerosi nuovi prefetti non di carriera in contrasto con una disposizione di legge che stabilisce che il numero dei prefetti non provenienti dalla carriera amministrativa del Ministero dell'Interno non deve superare i due quinti del numero complessivo dei prefetti.

Ma non è questo il punto più delicato della questione, come, date le particolari circostanze che attraversiamo, potrebbe non essere decisiva la considerazione che, in regime di libertà de-

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mocratica che prevede la coesistenza di diversi partiti, è nello interesse delle popolazioni mettere a capo delle province dei funzionario anzichè degli uomini di partito.

Quello che, invece, induce questo Ministero ad affrontare la questione è la considerazione che, per un principio di sana giustizia, i prefetti di carriere destituiti dal governo repubblicano fascista, previo un accertamento dei loro precedenti politici, dovranno essere convenientemente utilizzati in omaggio all'atteggiamento da essi assunto e mantenuto pur nelle numerose difficoltà di vita che avranno certamente dovuto affrontare. Ciò che non sarà possibile se man mano che verranno liberate le province saranno nominati nuovi prefetti.

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Per ovviare a tale inconveniente e fronteggiare nello stesso tempo le immediate esigenze della liberazione delle province questo Ministero proporrebbe di affidare le prefetture agli uomini scelti in precedenza, nominandoli però reggenti o incaricati, anzichè prefetti, in modo da avere successivamente la libertà di normalizzare le varie posizioni.

Si gradirà conoscere al riguardo il pensiero di codesta Commissione.

IL MINISTRO

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