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REMOVAL OF GIUSEPPE NICCOLI, VICE - PREFECT, BARI
JUN. - DEC. 1944

MINUTE SHEET No. 3 4

DATE

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20 Dec.

Director

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1. Ref. # 7, I spoke to Berotti about this letter this evening.
2. I pointed out that NICOLI has been a bad element in the Bari administration + that it would be a good thing to get him away from there + have him at Rome under the eye of the Ministry.
3. Berotti entirely agreed + wrote a note for the Personnel accordingly.



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MINUTE SHEET No. 2.

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While we have a high respect for Lt. Fairbairn's views, the persistent reports on the Quisling's attitude in regard to this official attitude are so strong that our views cannot be altered.

I quote "Incapable of taking any action. I. His general attitude indicates ~~and~~ conclusively that he has no desire to co-operate either wholly or in part".
+ 2nd para of 4.

II Entirely unwilling to hold his present position ~

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In view of these reports, it will be seen, and I feel sure you will agree that it is not possible to withdraw our strong objections. In view of Lt. Fairbairn's reports - there ~~is~~ a Medical officer would it not be wiser to ~~place him~~

as they referred to with permission.

Date

Minute sheet No. 1

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July 6 S.O. I make clear to AC and AC by way of grounds of removal of a Pref. in a territory. Necessity of evidence of non-cooperation of Nicolai III also inform that Govt. of desirability of preventing gap in admin. We don't want much to even act as Prefect. RRT sec. off.

Aug 6 To Director.

1. Draft letter re with. Approved by Lt Col. Thackeray.
2. Suggest that P.P. be improved or position shown 1. before dispatch.
3. Italian L.C. improves of III in His wife ① above + matter draft with in file 4/1/45.

W. H. H. (H. H. H.)

July 6

V.P.

Please see attached letter (P. 2) which I propose sending to AC Regt. unless you disagree. R. H. Temple Capt. Sec. off. for Dir.

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Mr.

Agreed

Admin
6 Jul 1946

H. H. H. (H. H. H.)

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July 29

V.P.

Please see 4.

As you consider this is enough for me to approach The Italy Govt. from for removal? I would say the present man Signor. Carnevari is hard ask. idle. inefficient Prefect - I think I should get at my level a favourable bearing.

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Yes go ahead, but the matter is delicate.

H. H. H. (H. H. H.)

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Fit - Please arrange through Scambi show an interview here to. know Aug. 1. with Carnevari. } Done - meeting with Aug. 1.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AO/4/1/51/16

Tel. : 478190

SUBJECT : Vice Prefect NICOLI, Giuseppe.

21 December 1944.

TO : His Excellency the Minister of the Interior.

Your Excellency :

In reply to your letter No. 16172 Gabinetto dated 15 December, my view (as stated to your Chief of Cabinet by Capt. Williams on 20 December) is that Comm. NICOLI should be removed from Bari as soon as possible.

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R. G. B. SPIGHER,
Colonel,
Director,
Local Government Sub Commission.

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MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

Rome, 15 December 1944

Cabinet
-----TO: THE ALLIED COMMISSION
Local Government Sub Commission
ROMA

File No. 16172 -

SUBJECT : Vice-Prefect dott. comm. Giuseppe NICOLI -

As it is already known, the Vice Prefect comm. dott. Giuseppe Nicoli has been transferred to the Ministry with inspective functions. The Prefect of Bari, in pointing out the health conditions and the familiar necessities of the above official, has proposed that NICOLI should be kept in Bari to carry out in that area eventual inspective duties given him by the Ministry.

The same Prefect says that the Provincial Commissioner, summoned on the matter, has given his approval.

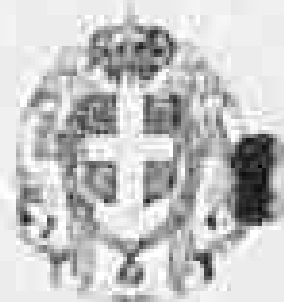
This Ministry should not have anything against this suggestion, but would have as well the agreement of this Sub-Commission.

By Order
OF THE MINISTER

(Berruti)

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Ministero dell'Interno
Gabinetto

Roma, 15 dicembre 1944

10 DEC 1944

Ala Commissione Alleata
Sottocommissione Governo
Locale R O M A

Invia
Per 10/12 *Allegati*

Risposta al f. del
Da *Per*

OGGETTO Viceprefetto dott. comm. Giuseppe NICOLI

Com'è noto, il Viceprefetto comm. dott. Giuseppe NICOLI è stato trasferito al Ministero con le funzioni ispettive.

Il prefetto di Bari, nel prospettare le condizioni di salute del funzionario e la necessità della sua famiglia, ha proposto che il predetto funzionario sia lasciato di residenza a Bari per esercitare nella zona circostante gli eventuali incarichi ispettivi che gli verranno affidati dal Ministero.

Il prefetto stesso riferisce che il Commissario di zona di codesta Commissione, interpellato in proposito, ha dato il suo nulla osta.

Questo Ministero non avrebbe nulla in contrario all'accoglimento della proposta, ma gradirebbe procedere al riguardo d'accordo con codesta Commissione.

L'ordine
PER IL MINISTRO

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

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AGC/4/1/51/Int.

4th September 1944

SUBJECT: Vice Prefect Bari Province.

TO : His Excellency the Minister of the Interior.

Your Excellency,

1. I refer to your letter No. 3893 and to the letter enclosed.
2. While we have a high respect for His Excellency Lucifero's views the persistent reports on Dott. Giuseppe Nicoli in regard to his official attitude are so strong that our own views cannot be altered.
3. I quote from reports:
 - (I) Incapable of taking any decisive action.
 - (II) His general attitude indicates most conclusively that he has no desire to cooperate either wholly or in part.
 - (III) Entirely unsuited to hold his present position.
 - (IV) It would be appreciated therefore if steps could be taken to replace him by an official who is really capable and who will co-operate with the Allied authorities.
4. In view of these reports it will be seen and I feel sure that you will agree, that it is not possible to withdraw our objections.
5. In view of the report of the medical officer included in that of His Excellency Lucifero, would it not be wiser to place Dott. Nicoli on the retired list with pension?

GRH/pgw.

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

SEP 1944

TRANSLATION No. 225

MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

Cabinet

File No. 3833 - encl.1

SUBJECT: Vice-prefect Dr. Giuseppe NICOLITO : A.C.C.
INTERIOR SUB-COMMISSION
R O M E

Following the agreement with the A.C.C., this Ministry has ordered Dr. Giuseppe Nicoli, vice-prefect vicar of Bari, to be transferred to Rome to work as general inspector.

His Ex. Lucifero Falcone, who was prefect of Bari last month, discussed the matter in his letter, a copy of which we include, desiring to know the opinion of the A.C.C.

By order of the Minister



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Roma 1 settembre 1944

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Dir. V. 1

OGGETTO Viceprefetto dott. Giuseppe Niccoli.

Questo Ministero, in seguito alle intese intercorse con coeستا Commissione, aveva disposto il trasferimento a Roma con le funzioni di ispettore generale del vice prefetto vicario di Bari dott. Giuseppe Niccoli.

Il prefetto di Bari ivi in servizio lo scorso mese, S.E. Falcone Lucifero, ha riferito in merito con la lettera di cui si acclude copia, con preghiera di far conoscere l'avviso di coeستا Commissione.

D'ORDINE DEL MINISTRO

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PREFECTURE OF BARI

BARI, 6 August 1944

Vice prefect Comm. Giuseppe NICOLI, an excellent official in every respect, has been working most satisfactorily for eight years in the Prefecture of Bari to the great advantage of the Administration and arousing wide public esteem.

As your Ministry is certainly aware, he well deserves to end his career in a manner befitting his many years of honest, appreciable work, which received no acknowledgement during the past regime owing to his open disapproval of fascist political tendencies. He is advanced in years; has seen 44 years of service, seven of which he passed in another Administration.

His health however is weak from daily work, as revealed by the enclosed doctor's certificate, and he has need of the assistance of his sisters living with him.

"He would not yet be able to undertake a voyage to Rome in the ordinary way, nor could he overcome the difficulties of such poor boarding conditions for him and his relatives, who cannot leave him unassisted. I therefore suggest, in the interest of the Administration, that he be allowed to remain a little longer at Bari, where he will be just as useful to the State."

PREFETTURA DI BARI

Bari, 6 agosto 1944 =

Il Viceprefetto Comm. Giuseppe Nicoli, funzionario ottimo sotto ogni riguardo, da circa otto anni, esplica le sue funzioni presso la Prefettura di Bari in modo ineccepibile, con molto vantaggio dell'Amministrazione e circondato dalla pubblica estimazione. E' noto a codesto Ministero, come egli sia meritevole di chiudere la sua carriera in modo degno del suo lungo, integro e apprezzato lavoro, che non trovò giusto riconoscimento nel passato regime, per il suo manifesto non conformismo all'indirizzo politico fascista. Egli è ormai innanzi negli anni, ha circa 44 anni di servizio, compresi sette anni prestati in altra Amministrazione, ed ha bisogno di curare la sua salute indebolita dal diuturno lavoro, come risulta dall'unito certificato medico, e di avere l'assistenza delle sorelle che con lui convivono.

" Non potrebbe egli subito affrontare il viaggio per via ordinaria a Roma, nè le difficoltà di una sia modesta sistemazione nella Capitale per sé e per i suoi parenti, che non possono lasciarlo solo senza assistenza. Propongo perciò, anche nell'interesse della Amministrazione, che egli sia lasciato per qualche tempo ancora a Bari, dove potrà rendere allo Stato non meno utili servizi.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 2

Ref: 4/35/78

26 July 1944

SUBJECT: - Vice Prefect Bari Province

29 JUL 1944

TO : - Adv. HQ. A.C.C.

Interior Sub-Commission APO.394

P 3
Reference ACC/4/1/51/Int of 12 July 1944 it is difficult particularly with the limited and ever decreasing staff of this Region to give particulars of specific instances of non - cooperation.

2. The Vice - Prefect is in my opinion and the opinion of the Provincial Commissioner incapable of taking any action. His general attitude indicates most conclusively that he has no desire to co-operate either wholly or in part.

It would be appreciated therefore if steps could be taken to replace him by an official who is really capable and who will co-operate with the Allied authorities.

John T. Zellars
JOHN T. ZELLARS

Col. Inf.

Regional Commissioner



ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

AGC/A/1/51/Int

12 July 1944

SUBJECT: Vice Prefect Bari Province

TO : HQ, Region II

1. I refer to your letter PS/20 dated 29 June to HQ & HQ Section which has been passed to this Sub-Commission.
2. It is not possible for steps to be taken for the Vice Prefect's removal from office on the grounds only that he is inefficient in the discharge of his duties.
3. The allegation of "non-cooperation" however, is on an entirely different footing having regard to the obligation of the Italian Government and its administration in restored areas to co-operate fully in their capacity of co-belligerents with the Allied in the war effort. These remarks particularly apply to Bari bearing in mind the vital importance of the port for operational purposes and the necessity to ensure the proper functioning of the provincial Administration.
4. To enable me to approach the Italian Government it will be necessary to produce strong grounds for the request for removal.
5. Will you please therefore let me have all information possible indicating non-cooperation in relation to 3 above, including particulars of any specific instances of such behavior, constituting a hindrance of the war effort.

Copy to: HQ & HQ Section

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

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SUBJECT: Vice Prefect Bari Province

TO: RE Region II

Copy to RE MG Sec

1. I refer to your letter PS/20 dated 29 June to RE & ME Section which has been passed to this Sub-Commission for the Executive Committee. It is strongly recommended that you should.

2. It is not possible for steps to be taken for the Vice Prefect's removal from office on the grounds only that he is inefficient in the discharge of his duties.

3. The allegation of "non-co-operation" however is on an entirely different footing having regard to the obligation of the Italian Government and its administration in restored areas to co-operate fully in their capacity of co-belligerents with the Allies in the war effort. These remarks particularly apply to Bari bearing in mind the vital importance of the port for operational purposes and the necessity to ensure the proper functioning of the provincial administration.

4. ^{strong} To enable me to approach the Italian Government it will be necessary to produce ~~new~~ grounds for the request for removal.

5. Will you please therefore let me have all information possible indicating non-co-operation in relation to 3 above including particulars of any specific instances of such behavior *constituting a hindrance of the war effort.*

E. C. B. JONES
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

Ref/352/116/CA.

4 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Vice Prefect Bari Province.

TO ✓ : Admin Section (For Interior Sub-Commission)

Copy of a letter from Col. Zellars is forwarded.
The request is strongly recommended.

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NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to: R.C. Region II.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II

(IP)

Ref. PS/20

29 June 1944

SUBJECT : Vice Prefect Bari Province.

To : Executive Commissioner, RC & MG Section;
HQ. ACC. APO 394.

It is recommended that Vice Prefect Nicoli, Bari Province, be removed from office. He fails to co-operate, appears to be incapable taking any decisive action, and is entirely unsuited to hold his present position.

In the event of a change of Prefects while the present Vice Prefect is in office, it is highly desirable that there be no interregnum during the change over, which would even temporarily leave the Vice Prefect in charge of Administration.

JOHN T. ZELLARS
Col. Inf.
Regional Comm.

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