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PREFECT FOR FOGGIA PROVINCE, GENERAL CONTRONE I
OCT. 1944 - JULY 1945

DATE

MINUTE SHEET No. 2

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6 Nov.

Note - ^③ Brig. Uggohu called me in to discuss this matter. He agreed with my minute no. 2 and since Brig. Dunlop had already left he asked that I write him at end of week suggesting he review situation in a few weeks and pointing out difficulties in getting efficient prefects. RRT

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Staff let me have this 11 Nov. ✓

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RRT.

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7 Dec.

Note. ^⑤ Brig. Uggohu Dunlop called and requested 150 of SC's record cards of all prefects in S. Region. Which I undertook to find. Regarding Pref. of Foggia he will course a position however his name on letter (2) in due course.

9 Dec.

- Copies despatched to Southern region. See file 1/2 page 1.

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7 July 45

Brig up page 10 and 14 days.

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13 July

Capt. C - Please note of "11A" nothing further to "11A" be done. Noted P.E.C. RRT. W/H.

DATE

MINUTE SHEET No. 1

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Oct. 31

Director.

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See 1 and encl.

I suggest you see Derenti and convey contents to him with a view to the appointment of this Prefect to an AMG Province where, on his record, he could be employed more usefully both to the Allies and the Italian Govt.

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1. Please see p. 1, 1^a and biographical card of COTRONEI.

2. I am quite prepared to ask the Ital. govt. that COTRONEI be replaced in view of Col. Temperley's letter.

3. However inasmuch as Brig Dunlop is taking over Southern Region and further that this is the first time he has asked that one of its appointees be removed, I believe I should discuss the matter with Brig Dunlop. I understand he will be back in Rome, Sunday or Monday.

4. One of the practical aspects that worries me is the fact that we can't offer Col. Temperley an alternative Prefect who may be any better - we're trying to dig up energetic officials for the north.

5. If you agree with my plan
3. can you inform Brig. Dunlop or let me know where we can reach him to ask that he drop in to discuss this matter.

RR Temple, Capt.
a/Director
military/c

SWM/lc

4/1/120
ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON OFFICE
BARI

Tel. 14152 11

Ref : LB/11.32

9th July, 1945

SUBJECT : FOGGIA Prefecture.

TO : H.Q., ALLIED COMMISSION, C.M.F.
for Local Government Sub-Commission.

12 JUL 1945

1. The attached reply from O.C. Troops FOGGIA is forwarded in continuation of this office letter LB/11.28 dated 4th July, 1945 which should now please be cancelled.

2. Your AC/4/1/120/LG of 28th June, 1945 — p 9 refers.

3. You will see that it is at present impossible to de-requisition the FOGGIA Prefecture.

S. W. Miller 4594

S. W. MILLER, Colonel,
Liaison Officer, A.C.,
BARI.

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SUBJECT:- Derequisitioning of Prefecture
FOGGIA

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Tel : Foggia 101

Ref : 401 Q

5 July 45

Allied Commission
Liaison Office BARI

Reference your letter LB/11/29 dated 4 July 45.

1. The Prefecture of Foggia is an American requisition and contains HQs and offices of the following, also 150 enlisted personnel, US Army.

O.C. Troops (Br) Foggia, and Services (Welfare, Padre,
Education, Provost and Hygiene)
HQ US Adriatic Base Command (Intermediate)
American Officers' Club (A.B.C.)

45 Town Major (Br)

32 Town Major (Br)

American Town Major, A.B.C.

U.S.A.F. Town Major

American Jewish Chaplain

UNRRA

American "Unicorn" Telephone Exchange

Field Cashier (Br)

U.S. Paymaster

Area Sanitation Officer (61 U.S. Station Hospital)

City Utilities (Foggia) (American)

HQ Adriatic (Int) Depot (American)

Shower Units (American)

2. The possibility of derequisitioning the building is dependent on the duration of the British and American occupation and commitments in Foggia, and whilst I cannot say with authority what date we shall be sufficiently reduced to enable us to remove to smaller premises - I anticipate the earliest would be September.

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3. The Prefect of Foggia has already approached me on the subject of accommodation - and the U.S. authorities - whose sphere of influence it is, and he would be content with any large building, and it has been promised that the first to fall vacant shall be placed at his disposal. It is anticipated that the ex-Fascist HQ, now the American Red Cross will be vacated before this building and the Prefect has informed me that it would be suitable. However, you can be assured that his need is appreciated and every assistance and consideration will be given.

(sgd) I.M.A. Stem Capt. for Lt.col,
CC Troops FOGGIA

CMF
AJG/RO

Copy to: - HQ 54 Area - A.C. Liaison Office letter LB/11/29
of 4 July 45, not to you refers.

HQ A.B.C. (Intermediate)

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ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON OFFICE
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LOCAL GOVT S/C

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July 4, 1945

JUL 1945

SUBJECT: Foggia Prefecture.

REF : LB/11/25.

TO : HQ., A.C.
For Local Government Sub-Commission.

1. Ref. your letter AC/4/1/14/LG dated 28.6.45.

2. Answer to your Para (2). Prefecture occupied
by O.C. Troops (acting Town Major 21)

Town Major 46

Town Major 32

and a number of Italian Troops.

H.E. the Prefect housed in alternate premises
is working under great difficulties.3. Application for release of Prefecture may be
successful. We shall make the application for its release
immediately and will advise you on any action O.C. Troops
Foggia takes.

[Signature]
W. JONES, Capt.,
Liaison Office,
AC., Bari.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AO/4/1/129/LG

Tel : 478190

SUBJECT : FOGGIA Prefecture

28 June 1945

TO : Liaison Officer AG. Bari

1. The following paragraph appears in your Report for May: "The Prefecture at Foggia is occupied by Allied Troops. The Prefect has been working from Lamezia but has now moved into makeshift quarters in the town."
2. Will you please give further information as to who is occupying the Prefecture and for what purpose and whether the Prefecture is satisfactorily housed in the present quarters?
3. In view of the present situation do you consider that an application to have the Prefecture derequisitioned would be likely to meet with success?

for R. E. CRIPPS
Colonel
Director
Local Government Sub Commission

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AC/4/1/120/16

SUBJECT: Note of interview - Dott. Giovanni PALAMARA, Prefect of Foggia.

DATE : 27 March 1945.

PRESENT: Dott. PALAMARA
 Major Ralph R. Temple
 Sig. Arrigo FIORE, interpreting.

1. The new Prefect, Dott. Giovanni PALAMARA, visited the office today. He is to replace Gen. COIRONI. He asked whether we had any instructions for him, and I explained that under the new arrangement, the Allied Commission will not take an active affirmative interest in the province, but will be available for any advice that he may seek.
2. He asked whether we had any objection to his changing the location of the seat of the capital of the province, which he understood is now Lucera, back to Foggia. He said the Italian Ministry had no objection. I said we had none, but suggested that he stop in to see Brig. Dunlop at Naples, before he formally reported to his station at Foggia. I said I was sure that the Brigadier, in his capacity of Regional Commissioner, would have some interesting observations to pass on to him. He said he would do so, and I gave him a card of introduction to Brig. Dunlop.
3. Dott. PALAMARA impressed me as being an energetic, wide-awake official, quite interested in his job.



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RALPH R. TEMPLE
 Major
 Chief Executive Officer
 Local Government Sub Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AG/W/L/LW/LG

Tel: 478190

SUBJECT: Movement of Prefects.

27 February 1945

TO : Distribution as below.

1. The following movements of Prefects have been agreed to between this HQ and the Italian Government:

Chieti: VOLPES, Dott. Goffredo in substitution for PETRELLA,
Dott. Gastano

Poggia: PALAMARA, Dott. Giovanni in substitution for COTRONARI,
Gen. Rittore. Dott. PALAMARA is at present Prefect of
Nuoro in Sardinia

Nuoro: VILLASANNA, Dott. Carlo in substitution for PALAMARA,
Dott. Giovanni, transferred

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2. Copies of this Sub Commission's records as to the new Prefects are annexed for the information of the RC's and PC's concerned.

3. May this HQ please be informed of the dates on which the new Prefects reach their seats.

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

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Distribution:

RC Abruzzi-Marche	{ with copy for PC Chieti)
RC Southern	{ with copy for PC Poggia)
RC Sardinia	{ with copy for PC)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

NO/W/1/144/16

Tel: 478190

SUBJECT: Movement of Prefects.

24 February 1945

TO : His Excellency the Minister of the Interior.

Your Excellency:

1. I refer to your letter No. 6243 Gabinetto, dated 22 February 1945, and delivered to this office by Cav. CAMERA this afternoon.
2. Chieti: The Allied Commission approve of your proposal to remove the present Prefect at Chieti, Avv. PIRELLA Gaetano, and approves also the proposal to appoint Dott. VOLPE, Goffredo, to be Prefect of that province in his place.
3. Foggia: The Allied Commission also agrees to the proposal to recall Gen. GOTTORCHI Ettore from Foggia and to appoint to be Prefect of that province Dott. PALAMARA Giovanni, at present Prefect of Nuoro.
4. Pescara: Your proposal to recall the present Prefetto Reggente of this province, the Vice Prefect Dott. PACE Cesare, and to employ him in the Ministry with inspective functions until the judgment of the Spuration Commission upon him is known, is likewise approved. The proposal to appoint in his place as Prefect of Pescara Dott. RIZZA Giulio Cesare will require some inquiries on my part and I will write you again about this as soon as possible. In the meantime, I shall be glad to know the address of Dott. RIZZA. I understand from Cav. CAMERA that he may be living either in Rome or Rieti.
5. Nuoro: The proposal to appoint Avv. VILLASANTA Carlo to be Prefect of this province in place of Dott. PALAMARA is likewise agreed.
6. Matera: I am not yet in a position to give you an answer as to the position of the present Prefetto Reggente, Dott. ZAMBURIO Guido.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/4/1/120/1G.

Tel: 478190.

NOTE OF INTERVIEW.SUBJECT:

Prefect of FOGGIA.

DATE:

12th February, 1945. - 1700 hours.

PRESENT:

H.E. Adalberto BERRUTI, Chief of Cabinet, Ministry of Interior.
 Cav. Andrea CAMPA, Consigliere of Cabinet " " "
 Col. R.G.R. Spicer, Director, L.G. S.C.
 Major. C.G.R. Williams, Asst. Ex. Officer.
 Lt. Dario Modiano, Interpreter.

1. Berruti said the Ministry would propose to remove General Ettore COINCONE, the present Prefect Regent of Foggia. He had been retired from the Army on grounds of incompetency, and while a bad General might still be a good Prefect, yet this retirement was bound to affect General COINCONE's prestige and authority in Foggia.

2. To substitute him, Berruti proposed BALAMARA the present Prefect of Nuoro in Sardinia. Colonel Spicer said he formed a high opinion of this Prefect which was shared by the Regional Commissioner and he wanted to use him in the North. It would however be a useful move to bring him back to the mainland and therefore he could agree to the proposal.

3. Berruti said they would now submit it formally in writing.



C.G.R. WILLIAMS,
 Major,
 Asst. Executive Officer.
 Local Government Sub-Commission.

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For transfer of Dott Giuseppe LABISI to
Foggia, please see file 4/1/17
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

C.A. Sec (3)

Originator's Reference: SR/649
Date/Time of Origin: NOV 30/1648A

Message Centre No: *C/2398*
Date/Time Recd: NOV 30/2400
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: HQ SOUTHERN REGION ALCOM
TO: HEADQUARTERS ALCOM

ACTION

1 DEC. 1944

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The mother of HE the Prefect FOGGIA died evening 28 November.
Could this information please be conveyed to his wife Signora
COTRONEI, Via PESESTINA 82, ROMA immediately.

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1 DEC 1944
A.C.C.

Acton: C.A. Sec 4385
Mr. Chief Commissioner
File @
Flora

B.

*Info shared to both Comms
also said he would
pass the above information*

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Adm - Top Carter

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/4/1/120/10

Tel: 489081 Ext. 620

SUBJECT: Prefect for Foggia Province

11 November 1944

TO : RG, Southern Region.

1. Reference letter sent by Col. Temperley to this Sub Commission dated 26 October, File R/1164, I have discussed this matter with the Deputy Chief of Staff, Brigadier Upjohn, who agrees with me that you be given an opportunity to review the situation regarding the retention of General COTRONEI as Prefect of Foggia Province after a few weeks.

2. I should like to point out a fact that you are very likely aware of; namely, the difficulty in getting efficient Prefects with sufficient energy and drive which COTRONEI is alleged by the Zone Commissioner to be lacking now. As a consequence, there is no guarantee that a replacement of the Prefect would be any more efficient than the present one. In any event, will you please advise as to the position in a few weeks.

RRT
RALPH R. TEMPLE
Captain
Acting Director
Local Government Sub Commission

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SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER
APO 394

R/1164

26 October 1944

SUBJECT: Prefect of Foggia Province.

2 OCT 1944

TO: Headquarters, Allied Control Commission,
(Local Government Sub-Commission).

1. Attached hereto is copy of Foggia Zone letter FP/1130 of 23 October. In the opinion of the Regional Commissioner this excellent letter paints a very fair picture of General COTRONEI. In AMG days the General proved a useful vehicle for the transmission of AMG orders. Provided AMG clearly took the responsibility, he was always prepared to do what he was told. On his own under the Italian Government, he has obviously proved a failure. In the interest of everyone he should be changed.

2. It is possible that General COTRONEI could still be of service to his country and to the Allies in a position where less initiative and drive is required, but where his past association with the Allies, his clean record and his loyalty to Italy would be of value. Because of the long and pleasant association with him, the Regional Commissioner would be happy if some such post could be found.

3. In short, General COTRONEI does not deserve to be sacked with ignominy, but whether or not another post can be found an early change is desirable.

Ch. Lemp
C. E. TEMPERLEY,
Colonel,
Regional Commissioner.

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Copy to: Commissioner, Foggia Zone.



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P.P. - P/1130.

SUBJECT:- Report on Prefect of
FOGHA PROVINCE.

25 Oct 44.

TO:- Hq AND SOUTHERN REGION.

FROM:- ADM, FOGHA ZONE.

1. In accordance with the request of the Regional Commissioner on Monday, 15 Oct 44, I am forwarding a more comprehensive report on the Prefect of FOGHA :-

ATTORNEY GENERAL.

2. General GOTTRELL was appointed Prefect of FOGHA under A.M.G. in January, 1944.
3. Until July, 1944, when the Province was handed back to the King of ITALY, he was, I understand, most co-operative in carrying out all orders and instructions issued by the Provincial Commissioner.
4. The responsibility for Government under A.M.G. and the initiative and drive required for its application rested solely with the Provincial Commissioner.
5. Now, however, the Prefect must assume these responsibilities and provide the initiative, energy, and supervision which, with our co-operation, are essential for the Government of the Province.
6. It is the lack of these qualities which in my opinion, renders him unsuitable for his present appointment.
7. He is generally weak and vacillating when called upon to give decisions.
8. He is, in most respects, a figure-head rather than a leader, and invariably takes the line of least assistance when called on to decide an issue.
9. He appears to know what is going on throughout the Province in a general way, but when his counsel might be of most value it is lacking, and his attitude is discontent paper-work; flailing rights against

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7. He is generally weak and vacillating when called upon to give decisions.
8. He is, in most respects, a flounderer rather than a leader, and invariably takes the line of least resistance when called on to decide an issue.
9. He appears to know what is going on throughout the Province in a general way, but when his counsel might be of most value it is lacking.
10. His speeches are long and wearisome to listen to and never vary.
11. He repeats himself continually, both in public speeches and conversation, and on several occasions I have seen a genuine look of boredom on the faces of his audience.
12. His speech to the Communist Meeting on the occasion of the Soviet Delegation visit, was much too long for the occasion and was punctuated by shouts of "be practical".
13. General COTRONI is a distinguished soldier and has a great charm of manner. He is, however, over 60 years of age, and in my opinion, has not the vitality, vision or adaptability of mind to grapple with the many social and economic problems facing Italy to-day.
14. I believe these opinions to be shared by the Military Commissioners in PUGLIA and by most responsible people in the Province.

14. B. S. L.
 Lt. Colonel,
 Zone Commissioner,
 A.C.C. PUGLIA ZONE.

HUB/ACPM.

Landed - 13/11/44 JC

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