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INTERIOR SUB-COMMISSION

15 January 1944

SUBJECT: Liaison Officer Region III

TO : Admin. Director

1. Arising out of Ex. Co. discussion yesterday I request that 15th Army Group may be asked to expedite the bringing forward of Lt. F. Harvey (USA) from MGS and HQ.

2. I propose to post this officer as liaison officer between Sub-Commission to Region III. Region III have welcomed the idea of his posting and have promised to arrange his messing and billeting with them.

3. A cable was despatched in this regard previously but has elicited no response.

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INTERIOR SUB-COMMISSION

January 4, 1944

REPORT OF CONFERENCE WITH REGION III.

1. Having met Lt. Col. The Lord Forrester (B) Chief of Staff, Region III, I met Major Knight (A) by arrangement this morning. He, Major Knight was later joined by Capt. Dollard (A).
2. In the first place I wish to place on record the courtesy and cooperative attitude afforded me at this interview.
3. I explained that I was well aware that AMG HQ had no authority in Region III but that I was interested in their activities in regard to Local Government, and that this principally was the primary object of my visit.
4. Major Knight explained to me that they had little opportunity as yet to go into the intricacies of Local Government, but that they were concentrating on the individuals concerned, and in, after screening, executing removals and appointments as the cases might on their merits demand.
5. I asked Major Knight if he would welcome the appointment of a Liaison officer from this HQ, who would be there to assist him when called upon in regard to Local Government matters. His immediate reply was "most certainly, yes, we would be delighted to have him."
6. I informed Major Knight that in the hope of receiving such a reply, I had already tentatively assigned Lieut. Harvey (USNR) as Liaison officer for Region III and was expecting him any day now from Tizi Ouzou when after giving him instructions I would allot him such assignment, and arrange for him to report to Major Knight for duty. Major Knight kindly consented to arrange within Region III for his billeting and messing.
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8. I promised Major Knight to send him a copy of our Administrative instructions being issued to Region I and II for information.

9. The following points were clarified:

A. The G.P.A. has as yet no citizen members. This is still in ~~stalled~~ ^{stalled} The position has remained in suspense, and is as it was on December 1 in that regard. It may well be that Naples is not as yet ripe for such development, but I think at this juncture the question of proceeding with the matter might receive further consideration by the R.C.A.O.

B. A Giunta created, however, is that of "Economia" which equals a Chamber of Commerce. The members are nominated by the Prefect, and after screening approved by AMG Region III.

C. The Rettorato Provinciale although in suspense has not been abolished. I think its specific abolition might receive further consideration by R.C.A.O. Region III provided there is no legal obstacle. This should be read with my paragraph E.

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D. The Consiglio di Prefettura is left to the Prefect.

E. The Deputazione Provinciale has not been given consideration as yet. That is to say in its full entity as now constituted in Region I with its 10 citizen members nominated by the Prefect and approved by AMG RAO.

I think further consideration might be given to this matter, since it does undoubtedly encourage the Italian citizens of high standing to feel that they have a real part to play in the rehabilitation of their country.

F. The Giunta Municipale is operating under the Commissario Extraordinario, the Acting Sindaco of Naples, Signor SOLIMENA who has a high reputation; this body is composed of chiefs of Sections and general advisers nominated by the Acting Sindaco and approved by AMG RAO Region III. It operates for Naples City only. I did not glean the numbers composing the Giunta.

10. I further appreciate that Local Government may be regarded as a long term set up in Region III in view of the proximity of the area to the front line, and in view of the many pressing executive problems with which Region III are faced, but I feel that the position may change to a shorter term policy at any moment, so that it is well to have the rails along which Local Government can move, set up and ready for the train to pass, when the signal is given.

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scrutinize the records and backgrounds of all public office holders who hold decorations from the German or Japanese governments as well as those who gained nomination or promotion because of assistance rendered the Fascist cause.

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30 December 1943

SUBJECT: Proposed Draft of "Administrative Instructions on
Local Government Reorganization".

TO: Lt. P. Harvey (U.S.M.R.)

1. Attached, for your advance information only, is proposed draft of "Administrative Instructions on Local Government Reorganization" and accompanying transmittal letter to Regional Civil Affairs Officer, Region II.
2. Draft has been forwarded through channels for approval, and this office has not yet been informed of final action thereon.
3. Draft is based on similar instructions already issued and put into effect in Region I.
4. You will be advised when and if instructions are to be issued in Region II.
5. You will be notified as and when any changes are made.



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Parlate Italiano?

That part of the grammar used in the week's lessons, which must be memorized is given below. Only the most essential grammar has been tabulated.

RIVISTA-REVIEW

FUTURE TENSE

ARE VERBS

vegliARE—to wake
vegliERO—I will wake
vegliERA—he will wake
vegliEREMO—we will wake
vegliERETE—you will wake
vegliERANNO—they will wake

ERE VERBS

scrivERE—to write
scrivERO—I will write
scrivERA—she will write
scrivEREMO—we will write
scrivERETE—you will write
scrivERANNO—they will write

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dormIRE—to sleep
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dormIRA—he will sleep
dormIREMO—we will sleep
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SOME IRREGULAR VERBS

do—to give

do—I give
da—he, she gives
diamo—we give
date—you give
danno—they give
dire—to say, tell
dico—I say
dice—he says
diciamo—we say
dite—you say
dicanno—they say
fare—to do, make
faccio—I do
fa—he does
facciamo—we do
fate—you do
fanno—they do

DEMONSTRATIVE PRONOUNS

questo, questa, questi, queste—this
quello, quella, quelli, quelle—that
qua, qui—here
là—there
ecco—there it is (isn't it)
e'—there it is (isn't it)

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