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MINUTE SHEET NO. 1

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| Sept 28 | (12) Secret. 1. Report of my recent tour herewith. 2. All arrangements & appointment of Mo Prefects duly completed. 3. Minor matters concerning which no action will be taken up with Mission as routine. 4. Above arranged with 5 Army for 2 Copies of the report (including Terms Ref.) to be sent to them one of which duly will in due course pass on to Reg III 5. Do for wish copy of parts dealing with Reg Terms Ref. to be sent to Reg II Jervois Clerk Capt. | 122A ~~120~~ Please for. |
| Feb. 28 | (13) Admirable work on which I wish to congratulate you. Et Capt. L. | Maj Gen Commd. |
| | V A (r) Lucas etc. Action please. | |
| Oct 1st | (14) Secret. All action completed (Correspondence on separate files) | |

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| 9 July | Director. (11) Reports Nos 150-158 sent for your information. action already taken where necessary. R R Temple, Maj D/Dir | |
| 9. JUL. 45. | S.O.V.P. COS (12) Reports numbered 150 to 158 are forwarded for information. Up till this July 15 a copy to find still one of the Chiefs Commands unappointed. R R Temple Maj. | |
| L G. | (13) Ref your 12. I agree. Shortage of personnel properly trained seems to be very widespread. I assume you are doing all you can with G.H.Q. 11/7/45. | |
| 17 July 45. | Director. (14) Reports nos 150 to 158 | |

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17 July 45. Director

Reports nos. 159 to 171 inclusive covering recent tour for your information. Action is being taken on the relevant Provincial files where necessary.

W. Cunningham Capt.

159 to 171

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26 July 45. To: Director.

1) Reports nos. 172 - 178, covering Major Temple's recent tour of Lombardia Region, for your information.
2) Necessary action is being taken on the relevant Provincial files.

P. Rasmussen 26/7

(16)

27 JUL 45 P. Rasmussen

Encl copies of 178 + 175 & Offrs for info.
Does attach to para 7 of 175.

R. R. Langford Capt.

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| 11 May | Directive<br>Report of my recent tour of Forli + Ravenna provinces etc. is at no. 137 - folios 1 - 16. Action has been taken where necessary on appropriate files - C[illegible]<br>seen in May RFCT. | Report 137 |
| 14 MAY. | (7)<br>Major Williams.<br>A very good report. Follow up the various main points. —<br>With regard to the disposal of C.N.S by S.C.A.O. 8 Army take no action at present in view of CCs already in this matter. If + when we get evidence that the practice continues we must take action.<br>L.G.S.C. | |
| 22nd June | (8)<br>Director<br>The reports of my tour in Emilia Region:- Bologna Ferrara, Modena, and Reggio Provincia are at folios 138 to 149 for your information. Copies of the relevant reports have been placed on the respective Provincial files and action will be taken where necessary. | 138<br>1<br>149. |

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R. R. Chipps Lt Col.

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W.S.C.

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25. JUN. | L/Cdr WHITE.

To see reports 138-149 with special reference to Operation Commission & Assize Courts.

May I hear your views on para 10 of report No. 141

R. R. Chipps

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DLG

All the reports tend to distinguish between Operation - the clearing of the province by examination of schedule personnel by Commissioners appointed by AMG under G.O. 35 and the trial of Criminals by the Special Courts of Assize — one month seems very good time to organise and set up both courts and a prosecutors office and for the latter to investigate cases, give notice to accused and allow him time to prepare his defence. The remark about ice on the Po Bridges seems a case of misunderstanding [illegible]

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| 7 Feb | Capt W. 1 Please refer items concerning patriots to Patriot Branch. 2 The other sectional items in your reports, if I recollect correctly, have been taken up with the Ministry. Correct? 3 For signing up a retraction you can ask a F.W. E K Temple Capt (2) | |
| 10 Nov. | Letter to Patriots Branch see file 40 page 41 [illegible] | |
| [illegible] | [illegible] Charles Tuthey should you can [illegible] (3) | |
| 14 Feb. | Director Please refer to No 133 and 134. [illegible] E K Templeton Capt RAO | |

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10 Nov Letter to Patriots Branch see file 40 page 41. JAN

Feb 13 (1)

Director

14 Feb Please refer to No 133 and 134.

Feb 14 V.A Tom may come to see 134 -132

Colonel. 1416

Feb 15 L. G. 5.

Report 134. If tunnelling works not as anticipated per L.G. consultant to the Ctte DCCAO 2 DOT can probably go on to Burj Dumlupa Region afterwards.

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Oct.9 F.A. As these survey charts by the can't this S/C. are frequently referred to, I should like you to see our vehicle I consider a model. R.A.Fletcher Col

(16) 122A

Oct 10 I agree, especially in your comments at foot of report. Gpsly

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Oct.10. F.A. Lt.-Col. Lewis, D/ Sec.

(18) Am 20 Despatch to Secretary of State, Rome, dtd Nov. 17-100 Confd 98-100

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| 20 Jun. 45. | To Capt. CUNNINGHAM.<br>Reports 179-190 noted and approved. I wish to discuss the working of the Car pool at MILAN at next V.P's meeting.<br>Will you take action with regard to any other matters arising from your tour.<br>L.G.S.C. | R. R. Cripps Lt Col |
| | (18) | |
| 3 Aug. 45. | Dep. Dir.<br>I have seen and noted your report No. 192<br>Please speak to me about this on file No. 1/2/2/44<br>L.G.S.C. | R. R. Cripps Lt Col. |
| | (19) | |
| 14 August | Director.<br>Please see reports dtd 194 to 197 covering my recent tour. Action is being taken where necessary on the respective Provincial files. | 194 to 197<br>H. J. Cunningham Maj |



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A. R. Phillipps Lt Col

L.G.S.C.

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A. R. Phillipps Lt Col

L.G.S.C.

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14 August Director.

Please see reports etc. 194 to 197 covering my recent tour. Action is being taken where necessary on the respective Provincial files. 194 to 197

W. J. Cunningham Maj

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16 August G.III

Reports Nos. 194 - 197 noted.

I assume that all action required is followed up.

With regard to para 4 of 194. Let shipping dogs lie

G. G. Phillipps Lt Col

L.G.S.C.

Seen 16 Aug

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Director

20 Aug. To see reports at nos 198 – 201. Bolzano report (already seen by you) at no. 193. Ministry have been seen on all necessary points. Copies of reports going to RCs tomorrow. 198 - 201

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21 AUG. 45. To. C.A.S. NSTed, Kathryn NLC 2218 PWE.

V.P. may wish to peruse some of the reports in this file as examples of those made by L.O. Officers on their tours.

193 gives background to the situation in BOLZANO 198-201 are the most recent. Action required is then in hand. Report for CREMONA has already been dispatched, Lt is a casual man furnished by AFHQ at TERNI.

L.G.S.C.

R. R. Crisp Capt.

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PE-141.8 (JF) Reports of Survey and Working file 7 (A)

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L.G.S.C.

R. R. Chipps Capt.

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14 March 1946

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SUBJECT : Local Election at MARCELLINARA (Catanzaro Province)

TO : Director, Local Government A/C

1. On the 10th of March I went to Marcellinara, a comune of over 4,000 people in the province of Catanzaro to get some information about the elections which were to take place the same day. I was accompanied by Mr. Gilio, Inspector-General of the Ministry of Interior.

2. We arrived at Marcelli ara at 09.30 and we met the Maresciallo of the Carabinieri. Mr. Gilio asked his what were his forecasts about the elections and whether the voters for the left parties were more numerous than those for the right ones. He said that the Christian-Democrats would have been getting more votes if some cunning propaganda on the part of the communist socialist and Republican parties had not been used on the eve of the elections.

3. The Maresciallo said that the three left parties have chosen as their sign a "star" with five points. On the eve of elections and on the day of elections he met several women whom he knew and asked them for whom they were going to vote. Their reply was that they were going to vote for the "stars", because they were given to understand that the "star" was the name of which you could see on the American cars and by voting for the Americans they would be getting packages and parcels from the United States. According to the statement made by those women when questioned by the Maresciallo, the left parties pointed out to the population that by voting for the "star" they were also expressing their gratitude to the Americans.

4. He left Marcellinara and went back to Catanzaro. In a conversation with the Prefect of Catanzaro, Dr. Polimeno, I told him the story. He said that he was not surprised because the left parties in other communes had chosen the same "star", most probably with the purpose of playing the same game.

5. The result of the elections at Marcellinara is that the Communist-Socialist-Republican block using the "star" as their sign got 12 seats against 12 seats of the Christian-Democrat-Action-Independent block.

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Capt
Local Government A/C

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REPORT No 201

APPENDIX I

CREMONA Province

1. Persons interviewed : Major John LUND (A) - PC.
Avv. CREMONESI, Giacinto - V.P.V. (non career)
Dott. MATTEI, Gino - V.P.I. (career)
Dott. ROSSI Luigi - Consigliere

2. Date : 6 August 1945

3. All Sindaci have been confirmed in office - those outstanding by a Decree en bloc. The 1 Commissario Prefettizio (at Vologno) was appointed in order to have someone at the head of the communal administration while time is taken over the selection of a new Sindaco. Giunte Comunali however have only been confirmed in 74 out of the 110 Communes.

4. The position as to Segretari Communali is causing anxiety to the Italian officials who keep returning to this point in conversation. The 15 non-career Segretari have only the elementary school-teacher's certificate and are employed in the smaller communes. The remaining 95 Communes are covered by 70 career Segretari so that there is a certain amount of doubling. The Italian officials said they received many complaints from Segretari that they could not carry the burden any longer.

5. Cremona is not quite so well situated for Segretari Communali as the other provinces of the North that I have visited. I do not think however that the figures justify the alarm displayed by the Italian officials of the Prefecture. Provinces in Italian Government Territory are generally worse off than Cremona and no assistance can, I think reasonably be expected from the Ministry of Interior : they are in no position to supply Segretari by drawing them form the Centre and South where they are harder to find than in the North. The only answer is that the Segretari Communali must continue to work hard - as this class of public official always has had to do and always will.

6. Cremona city (1936 population about 65.000) is a special case. Its Segretario Comunale was dismissed just before liberation and its administration is still without a qualified official ahead. The Prefect has applied to the Ministry of Interior for the supply of a "Segretario Capo di 2' classe" - which is one grade below that fixed by law for a city of the population of Cremona. But that is a detail of purely Italian concern. I promised to mention the case of Cremona to the Ministry.

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7. The Deputazione Provinciale was appointed on 12 July and the 4 elective members of the C.P.A. on 16 July.

8. The PC. handed me forms "A" and "B" : from the former, the Prefecture seems to be adequately staffed. The Italian officials raised two points : -

(a) - Consigliere ROSSI was promoted to the rank of Vice Prefect Inspector by the Fascist Republican Government : he has of course reverted to his former rank. The suggestion is that he be promoted to Vice Prefect Inspector again by decree of the Ministry of Interior, as he is Head of the Electoral Office and it would be of assistance in carrying out inspections of as to the compilation of the electoral lists if he had inspectorial rank. My advice was that this should be left until the arrival of the new Prefect. In any case, promotions in rank are exclusively for the Italian Government and will be dealt with by them after they have taken over the province.- see Executive Memo 62 and C.A. Section circular AC/4/21/LC of 28 January 1945. During AMG. control, the PC could give ROSSI the temporary appointment of Vice Prefect Inspector, if he thought it necessary. It is not necessary to do this merely because he is Head of the Electoral Office because the practice is for this appointment to be held by a Consigliere.

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(b) - The Italian officials are very anxious to have as an additional Consigliere one PROSPERO, at present at Rome Prefecture. He has previously served in Cremona and is, I was told, anxious to return there. In view of the fact that Cremona already has 3 Consiglieri (2 substantive and 1 Primo Segretario acting as Consigliere) when the agreed standard at the present time is 2 I doubt if this request can be justified. The Vice Prefect has already written to the Ministry of Interior about it.

9. The material for the preparation of the electoral lists was received and distributed in good time. Transport is difficult in this province both for the forms and for inspecting Italian officials. Cars are available but they lack tires and spare parts. No allocation has been yet made of the tires now being manufactured by Pirelli in Milano. The PC. stated that an allocation of tires was at the basis of all problems in the province.

10. I advised as to the nature of the further batch of electoral material about to be delivered - which incidentally. I saw being delivered to Lombardia Region HQ. at 0930 hours on Monday 6 August.

11. The anagrafe are all in order and the Casellario of the Cremona Tribunale is intact. Pretori are functioning in all 5 Mandamenti.

12. No requestes for extension of time have been made and none is expected. I brought back with me the Prefect's first fortnightly report. From this it appears that the first stage - the preparation of the "elenco" will be done within t the time fixed.

13. The great difficulty here is the administrative incompetence of the Prefect and the PC. is most anxious to have his successor quickly. The Vice Prefect Vicario is also of not much use : the impression I received accords entirely with what the PC. says about him on his Form B.

C.G.R. WILLIAMS,
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REPORT Nº 200

APPENDIX II - MANTOVA PROVINCE

1. Persons interviewed: Lt. F.H. Balboni (A) - PLO
Avv. Dr. SOLCI, Tommaso- Prefect Regent

2. Date: 4 August 1945.

3. The Sindaci of all 70 Communes were confirmed in office by a special form of Provincial Commissioner's Order in May, quite soon after the establishment of AMG. The usual procedure of course, is for the Sindaco to be appointed or confirmed by decree of the Prefect (according to the letter of RDL 4 April 1944 No. 111) which is "vistoed" by the PC. The procedure adopted in this province is fully as valid: and it has the great advantage that the position of the Sindaci has been regularized from the beginning so that there can be no doubt of the validity of their subsequent acts. Consequently I had no occasion to recommend any "block" confirmation of Sindaci, as I have had to do in every other province I have visited.
The same procedure was adopted for the Giunte Communali.

4. The position as to Segretari Communali presents the usual features. 45 career Segretari are in office: another 10 have been suspended pending epuration. There are 2 Vice-Segretari (career) acting in place of their former chiefs: and there remain 14 non-career Segretari. This gives a total 61 as against 70 Communes. The difference of 9 is accounted for by the 9 Communes where the Segretario of a neighbouring commune is acting. The position is therefore reasonable at the moment; but as the Prefect expects some 20 more career Segretari to be suspended, it is likely to become serious.

5. The Deputazione Provinciale was appointed in June and the 4 elected members of the CPA a few days later.

6. The PLO gave me forms "A" and "B". From these the Prefecture seems in good shape. There is the uncommon feature of 2 political Vice-Prefects - a Liberal (VPV Campagnani) and a Communist (VPI Padulano) the Prefect being a Socialist. There are also 2 career VPs; of these, VPI Pussini is under investigation by the Epuration Commission while VPV Leo has just been cleared. This is good as Dr. Leo is Head of the Electoral Office and does the inspections for this purpose. The PLO promised to send me two Forms "B" for the political Vice-Prefects, unless they should be suspended as a result of epuration.

7. The Prefect, Avv. SOLCI is a heavily built man with a somewhat crude exterior: but he has brains, shrewdness and force. My talk with him was short and necessarily superficial; but I feel we perhaps have as good a specimen here as any of the Northern Prefects Regent I have met. He does not find his 2 political Vice-Prefects of much use and seems to regard their presence merely as a sop to the exigencies of party politics. He also spoke with sardonic tolerance of the CLN whose principal function, he said, is to multiply Commissions and Committees.

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8. The PLO tells me the provincial CLN gives little or no trouble now. As an instance of the vagaries to be met with out of the provincial capital, the President of the local CLN of BOZZOLO is in gaol and will be tried next week by the special Court of Assize - for collaboration with the Germans and turning over 14 partisans to them!

9. The first batch of electoral forms arrived about 7 July and were distributed within a few days, without the Prefecture having to turn to AMG for any transport. The VPV Leo held a meeting of Segretari Communali just before 15 July which was addressed by the PLO.

10. The Prefect has divided the province into 4 zones, each with one of the largest towns of the province at its centre and has charged the Segretario Comunale of this central town with the duty of inspecting and reporting on the preparation of the lists in the rest of the zone. Major Temple met this useful device in the province also.

11. The Prefect reports weekly to the PC on the preparation of the lists and these are being sent to LG S/C. I saw the report for 3 August which seemed quite satisfactory. The Prefect is satisfied as to progress made everywhere, except in Ostiglia Commune. There the Segretario slacked and had to be suspended after a

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visit by the VPI; but the Prefect believes they will catch up.

12. There have been no applications for extensions of time and none are expected.

13. No "anagrafe" have been damaged. The Tribunale at Mantova is intact and the records of its Casellario in order. There has had to be some "juggling" to provide a Pretore for each of the 7 Mandamenti. For instance, a Pretore from Verona and another from Cremona are doing double duty by each serving one of the Mantova mandamenti. The PLO says all his judges are very hard working and thinks he will be able to manage for Presidents of the Electoral Commissions and Sub-Commissions.

14. The PLO has a good grasp of the electoral list business and has seen to it that this province got "off the mark" at once. Incidentally he spoke well of the value of Ex-Memo No. 5. He gave me almost the whole of the factual information I needed, leaving me little to ask the Prefect.

15. I regret I did not see the PC. My intended arrival on 4 August had been notified to Provincial H/Q: but the PC had to go to, I understand, Lake Garda that day and would not be back until late on Sunday 5 August, I was told, by which time I had to be in Cremona. My report must therefore be incomplete in that it lacks the PCs personal appreciation of the situation which is always of so much value to this S/C.

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REPORT Nº 199

APPENDIX II - TRENTO PROVINCE

1. Persons interviewed: Major C. O. Mavis (A) - PC
Major [illegible] (B) - PLO
I was unable to see the Prefect because he was in Rome.

2. Date: 3 August 1945.

3. There are about 50 Sindaci remaining to be confirmed. The PC took a note of my advice to confirm these at once by a block decree of the Prefect, "vistoed" by him. This decree will date back in each case to the establishment of AMG: and when there have been changes, the decree will cover the original Sindaco down to the date of dismissal and the new one from that date. Giunte Comunali are in even better shape: they have been confirmed in 100 out of the 127 Communes: the Prefect is pressing on with enquiries as to the suitability of the remainder. Similarly, there are only 8 non-career Segretari Comunali.

4. The Deputazione Provinciale was constituted in the middle of July: the 4 elective members of the GPA have just been appointed.

5. There is not the racial problem here that exists in Bolzano: 30 Communes at the inter-provincial border--around Ora and Egna and up the valley traversed by Route 48--are almost entirely Austrian in blood and speech. These were transferred to Bolzano by the Germans. All their interests lie towards Bolzano town: but the only means of communication from South to Route 48 and beyond is through these communes. AMG transferred them back to Trento.

6. The rest of the province has a good deal of Austrian blood; but the PC says the people feel themselves part of Italy and only quite a small minority evince a wish for some measure of autonomy. While confessing their Italianty, however, the population shows energy and independence of spirit as if they felt themselves superior to other Italians.

7. The German security control was very strict: and the province being in the main supply route, they kept the population pretty well fed and treated. "Liberation" has therefore meant little: and the partisan movement was slight and there was little clandestine political activity. The CLN therefore count for less than in most provinces in the North. The PC told me he has been patient with them, meeting them once a week and trying to keep them informed which seems to satisfy them and keep them out of mischief. There has been no demand for any wholesale purge of the public offices of the province.

8. The PC handed me forms "A" and "B". The Prefecture is amply staffed, with a full complement of key officials, including no less than 7 Consiglieri! The desirability of transferring some of these to one or two of the many provinces that are in great need of this grade of official arises naturally, seeing that the standard adopted for all but the largest provinces at the present time is 2 Consiglieri: but I did not raise it with the PC. [illegible]

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9. The material for the preparation of the electoral lists was distributed to all communes in good time: the second batch arrived on 1 August. There appear to be no special transport difficulties in this connection.

10. "Anagrafe" are all in order: the Municipio of Roncegno was burnt out at the beginning of May, but the population registers have been re-constructed. The Casellari of the 2 Tribunali at Trento and Rovereto are likewise in order: the building at Rovereto was bombed but the records had previously been removed to safety. Pretori are available for all the 13 Mandamenti. Some of these are small and the desirability of combining them under one Electoral Commission should be examined by the Prefect.

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11. The work seems to be going on with all reasonable speed: the Prefect does not think there will be any demand for extensions of time.

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APPENDIX III - VERONA PROVINCE

1. Persons interviewed: Major James M. Blackwell (A) - PC
Dr. UBERTI, Giovanni - Prefetto Reggente
Dr. MATTUCCI, Guido - Capo Gabinetto
Dr. CAPPELLANI, Santi - Capo Ufficio Elettorale

2. Date: 31 July 1945.

3. The City of Verona has for centuries been a fortress and a garrison town by reason of its geographical position and natural advantages. This fact tends to obscure the considerable industrial importance of this town of 175,000 people. As the PC emphasised to me, it has continued to be an important military HQ to the present day. German GHQ was there; so was their main supply HQ and the main Republican-Fascist ministries. Since the surrender Verona has harboured GHQ 15 Army Group; and GHQ 5 Army is only some four miles away, at Salo on Lake Garda.

4. This situation has had two results to which the PC drew attention -

(a) multiplicity of command: apart from Regional HQ, AMG 5 Army and G-5 15 Army Group have to be consulted on certain points.
(b) weakness in the CLN. Not that the CLN are not as willing to interfere with the processes of government as much as anywhere else in N.Italy, but during the clandestine period they had to work more quietly and slowly than elsewhere. The result is that they were not able to set up so complete a local government structure as in other provinces. For instance, the Prefect was only nominated by the CLN the day before AMG entered the city.

5. The original CLN consisted of young and inexperienced people: its President was a lad of 21. The present President is a most able man, General CANEALOPI. It consists of representatives of the usual five parties (i.e. the 6, less Labour Democrats) and a representative of the CVL and the Gioventu della Liberta.

6. The PC had forms "A" and "B" ready for me.

7. Local Government. Sindaci are in office in 91 out of 93 Communes. The other two - Cerrea and Rondo all'Adige - have Commissari Prefettizi. The former Sindaci were dismissed for defiance, in Cerrea of the CAO and in Ronco of the Prefect. Some 20 odd Sindaci remain to be confirmed. Though the PC and the Prefect are not satisfied of the suitability of these for office, I advised any immediate block confirmation of the lot, so that their acts in connection with the preparation of the electoral lists should not be questioned in that ground.

8. There is a Segretario Comunale in every commune. The 29 shown in form "A" as not being career officials are so in the sense that they have not been formally admitted to the official register or "roll" of Segretari Comunali "by means of a 'con-

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9. Giunte Comunali are in course of approval, like the Sindaci, and the Prefect is reducing the excessive number of members appointed by the CLN to the members fixed by law.

10. The Deputazione Provinciale was confirmed by the PC about 10 days before my visit. It has elected the four elective members of the CPA: Form "A" is out of date in this respect.

11. The Prefecture has a full staff of competent career officials mainly (as the PC thinks and so do I) because the CLN was not in a strong enough position to interfere with them before the arrival of AMG. It has been necessary to suspend only one pending epuration - Cons. SURIANO.

12. In addition to the two career Vice-Prefects, the CLN put in two political Vice-Prefects. With these the PC has taken the line that there cannot be more than two Vice-Prefects and that the career men must be allowed to do their job and have direct access to the Prefect. He has refused to confirm them in office or to allow

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them to call themselves Vice-Prefect: instead he has entitled them Commissari Prefittizi.

13. Although to us the term usually signifies the Commissario Prefitizio of a commune, there is no magic in the phrase and it is appropriate for anyone commissioned by the Prefect to discharge particular functions of any kind.

14. One of the political WPS made himself a nuisance at one time by (a) requesting the PC to discharge a partisan arrested and gaoled for hair-clipping, merely because the offender belonged to his own party the Communists: (b) getting an issue of 1,000 litres of petrol on the Prefect's recommendation and then turning 700 litres of it over to the CLN; and (c) trying to turn a woman out of her apartment in order to seize it for his own mother and sister. He has now quietened down and though he and the others remain at the Prefecture, they do not seem to do much harm.

15. The Communal "anagrafe" are all in order, except in the City of Verona where there was considerable damage to the records from bombing on 4 January last. There is one Tribunale with seat at Verona and the Casellario is in order.

16. There are five Mandamenti with Pretori available. The Prefect has requested the Deputazione Provinciale to nominate their appointees on the Electoral Commission and Sub-Commission.

17. The first batch of electoral material was distributed to all communes in good time. The second batch - that for the determination of polling districts arrived the day before my visit. There is some difficulty about transport. The PC can only lend one truck as he is very short of vehicles himself. I suggested the hiring of Italian civilian vehicles which the Italian officials did not seem to have thought of before. It is their practice for the Head of the Electoral office (Cons.CAPPELLANI) to go around with the forms and give personal instructions to the Sindaci etc. and they did not seem to think it proper for a Prefectural official to ride in an open lorry! I impressed on them the urgency of immediate distribution.

18. The PC gave me a copy of the Prefect's report of 28 July (filed with English translation at AC/1/12/14/46) from which it appears that 37 communes had been inspected by that date. About 45 had practically completed their "elenchi" or would do so without difficulty by 4 August. Some of the others had not enough staff and had been told to engage additional clerks at once.

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SUBJECT: Interview with Major A. E. HOWELL, PC of Aosta
Avv. Luigi GARDINI, Prefect
Avv. Pasquale CONSOLE, VPI — 11 August 1945

TO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : Capt. W. I. Cunningham

1. The task of re-organizing local government is made even more difficult than usual by the unique political situation in Aosta Province. Not only are there the usual political parties but there are also several other factions:--those who favour annexation to France, those who want autonomy, those who want to remain Italians, and a large portion of the south of the province who say they should be in Torino Province and who won't have anything to do with Val d'Aosta at all! When I arrived, things were further complicated by a strike of all State Employees because their increases of pay became effective on 1st August and not 1st May last. The Prefect and the Capo Gabinetto--both career officials--had not gone on strike. It is not certain whether the VPI was on strike or not. He had to be sent for in the morning to talk to me but I gathered from the PC that this is not unusual.

2. Prefect. The first Prefect was a political appointment and was useless. When he went, Avv. Luigi GARDINI was brought from Asti where he had been living in retirement because he refused to co-operate with the Republican Fascist Government. He is a career Prefect, Grade III. PC is very pleased with him. He is an excellent official and is doing a splendid job under great difficulties. The Prefect looks a distinguished gentleman and is my conception of what a Prefect should be. I was very favourably impressed with him in the hour we were together. The Prefect is worried about his own position when the Province is handed over. I told him there was no need to worry as the Ministry were only too pleased to have career Prefects in office and were most unlikely to make any changes. He is also worried about what will happen to him if Aosta gets autonomy. On that subject, I could, of course, express no definite opinion.

3. VPV. One is needed urgently. There is a non-career VP, Geom PAREYSON, who has remained over from the days of the former Prefect. He is performing much the same functions as the "Vice Prefetto Politico" already mentioned in other reports. The Prefect would like to have a VPV called Dott. Francesco QUAINI, who is at Sondrio, sent to him. He has worked with him before. He was anxious, however, that QUAINI should only be sent "in missione" so that his career would not be prejudiced if Aosta gets autonomy. I promised to inform the Ministry of Interior to this effect and if this is not possible to tell them that any VPV is urgently required.

4. VPI. Dott. Pasquale CONSOLE, a career Consigliere "con funzioni Ispettore". He is a mediocre type of official who knows his work but will never be much good in any grade higher than Consigliere.

5. Other officials. There are no Consiglieri or Segretari. At least two

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5. Other officials. There are no Consiglieri or Segretari. At least two are urgently required if things are to move at all. The Prefect says quite frankly that things are not going properly. He has written to the Ministry for officials without success. I promised to see what we could do to speed things up. There is a sufficiency of Ragioneri. In fact one is acting as Capo Gabinetto. The Prefect knows a Primo Segretario called VEGLIA at Turin and would like to have him. I said that this was a matter to be arranged on a Regional basis. In any event, two Consiglieri will be necessary.

6. Deputazione Provinciale has not been formed yet. The nominations are all in, however, and the PC has told the Prefect to hold a meeting next week. The 4 citizen members of the GPA will be nominated then. I stressed the importance of this from the point of view of the Electoral Commissions as well as from the purely administrative side.

7. There are 109 Communes in the Province and all have a Giunta Comunale and a Sindaco. They had been nominated by the CLN and approved or not as appropriate.

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8. Segretari Comunali. With 103 career Segretari, no problem exists here. The Prefect has been worrying about getting Segretari of the proper grade to match the grade of the Commune and has shifted a lot about to achieve this end.

9. CLN. There is nothing of interest to report except that they have a woman President! They have behaved like the average Northern CLN. There are no serious difficulties.

10. Electoral Lists. It is gratifying to be able to report that in spite of the shortage of officials and administrative difficulties the preparation of the lists has gone on extremely well. The forms were received and distributed in time. They had to be carried by mule over the mountains to outlying Communes. AMG assisted with transport. The new forms had not arrived yet but would be dealt with in the same manner when received. The work had commenced on 15th July and was going well, especially in the smaller Communes. The larger Communes had been a bit slower but except in a few cases the extracts from the "Elenco" had now been sent to the Casellari Giudiziali.

11. In spite of the destruction of records in 5 Communes and the partial destruction in another, only one Commune had asked for an extension and this had not been granted.

12. There are two Casellari Giudiziali at Aosta and Ivrea. Both are complete. The Prefect anticipates some delay in getting replies from other Casellari. He asked if he should hold up the lists if replies did not come in or go on with the lists and take the names off later. I said I would prefer to go on with the lists. (Note: The names could be taken off later by the Electoral Commission on an "objection". It would be absurd to hold up production of the lists because one Casellario failed to function or because a letter got lost in the post.)

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REPORT NO. 196

SUBJECT: Interview with Major George R. Koopman, PC of Asti
Major R. Derham, Provincial Legal Officer
Avv. Luigi CORTONA, Italian assistant to Legal Officer
Dott. Saverio DE LUCA, VPI and in charge of electoral lists
and an official from the Electoral Office

TO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : Captain W. I. Cunningham

on 10 August 1945

1. I was not able to see the Prefect who had gone to a Regional Conference but I had a long and interesting discussion with the various officers and officials set out above. Avv. CORTONA has been assisting Major Derham and keeping a special eye on election lists. Major Derham is Legal Officer for Alessandria also and CORTONA takes care of the Asti office in his absence. The PC has a high opinion of CORTONA who has been a good legal adviser and recommends him highly as assistant and interpreter to any officer who may be left in the North to supervise the preparation of the lists. (See recommendation by PC on Asti file, page 8E). CORTONA speaks English well and acted as interpreter during my interview. He also appears to have the details of the electoral procedure at his finger tips.

2. The PC has a high opinion of the Prefect, Ing. Enzo GIACCHERO, who is one of the finest men in Italy. He is a good administrator and gets things done. He was a Partisan leader and organizer and is the choice of the Provincial CLN for Prefect. He is only 35 years old but the PC says he is definitely the proper man for Asti and should be kept on by the Italian Government when AMG goes. The Prefect speaks and writes English well. He is a member of the Demo-Christian Party (which is the strongest party in Asti) with decidedly liberal views.

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4. VPI. Dott. Saverio DE LUCA is also a career official. He is a good official and knows his job but has no push or initiative and just does what he is told to do. I saw the VPI and think he is above the average for Italian officials. He appears to have the production of the electoral lists well in hand.

5. Other officials. There is only one career Consigliere. The Prefect had written to Rome about two months ago for another but had not got any reply. Another Consigliere is essential and if possible one who has had experience as a Capo Gabinetto would be preferred. I promised to pass this on to the Ministry of Interior and try to get some action.

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7. GPA. The four citizen members of the GPA were appointed on 8th June, and it was meeting as and when required.

8. There is a Giunte Comunale and a Sindaco in each of the 105 Communes in the Province. They appear to be functioning well.

9. Segretari Communali. There are 62 career segretari and 28 non-career Segretari and all Communes are looked after properly. Some are too small to warrant a full-time Segretario and are being taken care of by Segretari from neighboring Communes.

10. CLN. There has been no trouble from the Provincial CLN. Their advice had been sought and acted upon and they had representation on the Deputazione. They were cooperative and the President had himself gone out to a few Communes where the local CLN was causing trouble and brought them into line.

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11. Preparation of the electoral lists. The first lot of forms had all been received and distributed to the Communes in good time and the work had started on the appointed day. The second lot of forms had now been received and would be divided up and distributed as soon as the decisions have been taken as to the number of "Sezioni Elettoral" in each Commune. The PC will assist with transport if necessary.

12. Many of the Communes had completed the "Elenco" and forwarded the extracts to the various Casellari Giudiziali. They anticipated some delay in getting replies from the Casellari in other provinces. There is only one Casellario in Asti Province and it is in perfect order.

13. Extensions of time. Only 4 Communes have asked for an extension of time. In each case the Communal records have been destroyed and an extension of 30 days has been granted. The Electoral officers are satisfied that the work is going on well and that there will be no delays. The VPI was having some difficulty about finding transportation to get round the Communes largely because he was content to wait until a car was put at his disposal. The VPI should have a car always at his disposal, especially at present. The PC said he would get the Prefect to take the necessary action.

14. Electoral Commissions. Nominations had been received in most cases and all the names would be in in about a week's time. The matter is well in hand and the Commission would be set up well before 20th August.

15. Epuration. The Provincial Commission was established and functioning.

16. From the point of view of local government and the preparation of electoral lists, the situation in Asti Province seems to be very good. All the proper agencies have been established correctly and are functioning properly. The only requirement is one Consigliere and this is being taken up with the Ministry of Interior urgently.

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REPORT NO. 195

SUBJECT: Interview with Major Gardiner, Acting PC, Cuneo Province
Capt. J. More, Provincial Legal Officer
Avv. Guido VERZONE, Prefetto Reggente
Conte Dott. Guido CIBRARIO, Vice Prefect Vicario
Secretary to the Prefect and an official of the Electoral Office.

on 9 August 1945

1. Cuneo is the largest and probably the most difficult Province to administer in Italy. It has 206 Communes and the roads run out like spokes of a wheel from Cuneo in the centre. There are no cross roads as it is impossible to make a reasonable tour of the Communes. There are only three Provincial Officers and it is very difficult for them to get around. Major Gardiner had just taken over as Acting PC the day before my visit.

2. Prefect. Avv. Guido VERZONE is the nominee of the CLN and was appointed on 1st June 1945 by AMG as Prefetto Reggente. He belongs to the Liberal Party. I was not impressed by the Prefect who appears to me to be a rather ineffective little man. He has little drive and seems to rely a lot on the VPV. On the other hand, the PC says he is honest and that there has been no trouble with the CLN while he has been in office.

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10. Preparation of Electoral Lists. The first lot of forms had arrived and been distributed in good time and the work had commenced on the 15th July. The PC had supplied the transportation necessary for the distribution. The second lot of forms for the preparation of the sectional lists had just arrived. The PC asked the Prefect to let him know how much transport would be required, and when, and he would provide it. Most Communes had already sent their lists to the Casellari Giudiziali.

11. Extensions of time. About 48 Communes had asked for extensions. We had a long discussion about this. About 20 Communes had their records destroyed and three were occupied by the French until 10th July. The others wanted extensions on account of the "work involved" or the "local situation". I stated that I did not think these latter reasons would be sufficient to obtain a grant. The extensions asked for, however, were surprisingly short—10 to 15 days.

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12. Casellari Giudiziali. There are two—one at Cuneo and one at Alba--both are in good order and the records are intact. The Prefect, however, seemed to anticipate delay here as he said they had not sufficient officials and the salaries offered were not such as to attract suitable persons. The PC said that he and the PLO had had an interview with the Procuratore del Regno and they did not think there would be any delay. Incidentally, I have found that most officials in connection with the preparation of the electoral lists are much more inclined to concentrate on possible causes of delay outside their control than to strive to stick to the portions of the time-table which are solely their responsibility.

13. The Prefect has adopted a similar expedient to that described by the Deputy Director in Brescia Province. The Province has been divided into 29 Zones and a special Inspector—one of the career Segretari Comunali--has been appointed for each Zone to keep an eye on the preparation of the lists and to report to the VPI when he comes round. I told the Prefect I considered this an excellent idea, especially in such a large Province as Cuneo.

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15. With the exception of the appointment of the Deputazione Provinciale and the GPA, local government appears to be functioning well in the province of Cuneo. The preparation of the electoral lists appears to be well in hand and I do not think there will be any delay in that connection. I told the PC these opinions and stressed the importance of the Deputazione and the GPA.

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Piemonte Region

REPORT NO. 194

SUBJECT: Interview with Lt. Col. W. Turner Coles, Deputy Regional Commissioner, Piemonte Region and Capt. Micklewright, Administrative Officer.

on 8 August 1945.

TO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : Captain W. I. Cunningham

1. Lt. Col. Turner Coles is the new Deputy Regional Commissioner. He replaces Col. Selby. He was formerly Provincial Commissioner, Cuneo Province. I had a general talk with him and dealt with several matters in more detail with Capt. Micklewright.

2. Prefect of Alessandria. The Capo Gabinetto had now resigned in sympathy with the Prefect and the PC had suggested that the consent of the Italian Government should be sought to the appointment of the Capo as Prefect until AMG went and then they could make whatever appointment they pleased. I pointed out that this was not the object of AMG and that an appointment of this nature should not be made. Capt. Micklewright said that this was the PC's and his opinion as well. On the other hand, they doubted if a career Prefect would be acceptable at present. The VPV was doing very well and they were inclined to leave him in position until the handover.

3. Extensions of Time. Some applications for extensions of time had come in and been examined. I was pleased to note that the extensions asked for varied from 10 to 17 days. Those on account of damaged records will be granted; also a few where the Communes were occupied by the French until 10th July are being given a 10-day extension. I said that I considered this quite reasonable. Some Communes which asked for an extension "on account of the work involved" are having it refused. A letter will be sent to us in due course setting out the Communes to which extensions have been granted and the reasons therefor.

4. Oath of Allegiance. Capt. Micklewright referred to our Weekly Report (AC/27/26/LG of 24th July 1945) para 4, referring to the Oath of loyalty to the King to be taken by Sindaci. This had originated an investigation which showed that many Sindaci had not taken the oath. It would be most unwise to raise this question in the Region at present as the Sindaci in question would all resign and it would bring the institutional question to the fore again and cause a lot of trouble for the Italian Government. They thought that as the Sindaco was not "elected" but was appointed by the Prefect's decree under AMG authority he was a temporary appointment and an oath of allegiance to the King of Italy was not necessary. He owed his allegiance and appointment to AMG while it remained. I was not capable of arguing this point on such short notice. If the Sindaco fails to take the oath within 30 days of appointment and the office becomes vacant what is there to prevent AMG from re-appointing him? We decided not to press the matter meantime until I had an opportunity of discussing the position in Rome.

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5. I collected Forms "A" and "B" for the Provinces of Cuneo, Asti and Aosta. These are filed on the respective Provincial files.

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REPORT NO. 193

SUBJECT: Report of visit to Bolzano Province--1 and 2 August 1945

TO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : Major C.C.R. Williams, Executive Officer, Local Government S/C

1. I saw the PC (Lt. Col. [illegible] McMurtrey (A)), the PLO (Major [illegible] Backhouse (B)) and the Prefect DE ANGELIS Bruno. Most of my time was taken up in discussion of the relationship of the minority problem to the preparation of electoral lists so that I could only make superficial inquiries as to the organisation of local government and the actual progress that is being made with the lists.

2. Out of 92 Communes, the German-appointed "Burgomeister" still exists in 70. Inquiries about these are in progress and the Prefect said he would be able to confirm them or otherwise in a week or about 10 days. Even though appointed by the Germans, some of them may be satisfactory and capable of confirmation under the title of Sindaco. I did not gather clearly what is the position as to Giunte Comunali, but it seems that action upto these has been suspended or at least slowed down pending a decision from Rome as to increasing their size. I reminded the Prefect that we had advised the PC that the size of the Giunte as laid down by AMG III should be strictly observed.

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7. The PC told me, however, that he was not satisfied with the functioning of the Prefecture. There are insufficient trained officials and it is not well organized: one section does not know what another is doing and there is no co-ordination. The Prefect does too much detail himself and does not understand delegation. Of the 3 Vice Prefects, the political one, Walter AMMON, is of no use to the administration and is merely in the office as a sop to the South Tyrolese: the career Vice Prefect MEZZACAPPA does all the paper work and it is too much for him. There appears to be another Vice Prefect called GALARDI, but the PC could not tell me anything about him. At the same time, the PC thinks it unwise at present to strengthen the Prefecture by anyone sent down from Rome.

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8. The Prefect himself is a Milanese. His father was a doctor and the PC believes the son intended to follow his father's profession but some change in the family fortune sent him into business. He took up the production of producer gas-driven heavy trucks, out of which he made a considerable fortune. During the clandestine period he was sent to Salzano as representative of the CLNAI: and he managed to get such full control of the underground movement that he actually negotiated the local details of the surrender with the German High Command. The PC found him in office as Acting Prefect and President of the CLN: but he agreed to give up the latter office.

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9. The material for the electoral lists arrived and was distributed to all Communes in good time. It is not clear what line is actually being taken about the preparation of the lists. The Prefect told me the Communes are entering on the lists:—

(a) "Normal Italians", i.e. those of Italian origin who have always been Italian citizens since the annexation of the province, and who are, therefore, not affected by the Hitler-Mussolini Accord:

(b) Optants for Italy, i.e. those of German origin who opted for Italy under the Accord.

The Prefect added that a separate list is being made of other cases, but exactly what classes of people are being put on this same list and what classes are being left off I could not discover.

10. My general impression is that both the organisation of local government and the preparation of electoral lists in this province are in a state of some confusion, owing to the minority problem. This problem looms over every branch of the administration and slows down its action.

11. I had a full and lengthy discussion with the Prefect on the proposals contained in the Prime Minister's letter of 25 July. I proceeded by taking the under-mentioned 4 classes arising under the Accord and considering the application to them of the procedure proposed by the Prime Minister, i.e.

(a) those who opted and emigrated but have come back "abusively":

(b) those who opted, but did not emigrate:

(c) those who do not appear on Italian registers of population, but have no evidence of German citizenship:

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13. I asked him why this special procedure was necessary and why we could not proceed on the basis of the Italian law as it stood, under which it would be the duty of the authorities already constituted (e.g. the Sindaci and the Electoral Commissions) to determine whether a person was or was not an Italian citizen, according to the facts in each case. After a great deal of talk, the upshot was that the Prefect could not answer this. He said that the facts would be difficult to ascertain: but admitted the doubtful cases did not amount to more than 200.

14. He also said that to proceed in the way I suggested would admit a number of Nazis to the election registers. On the PC pointing out that this was a matter of epuration, he agreed at once.

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15. I do not feel we can place much reliance on the Prefect. My impression is that of a muddled thinker with no experience in administration or grasp of administrative principle. For instance, he actually suggested that he, as Prefect, should have power to strike anyone off the electoral rolls on the ground that he considered them Nazis, without waiting for any epuration judgment. I had only to ask him whether he thought it just to deprive a person of his fundamental civic rights by administrative action and before judgment of the competent Court for him to withdraw the proposal immediately.

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16. I feel too that he is not too reliable on his facts. He gave me a new set of figures which I give below for what they are worth. He says that at the time of the Accord there were in the province:

(a) 6,000 "Normal Italians";
(b) 30,000 optants for Italy;
(c) 166,000 optants for Germany, of whom
(i) 80,000 emigrated, leaving
(ii) 86,000 who opted but stayed in Bolzano.

These are the ultimate figures we arrived at after a good deal of discussion of others and I don't feel that they should be regarded as authoritative.

As another instance, the Prefect maintained most explicitly in his discussion that the Accord contained a provision dispensing entirely with emigration as a condition precedent to the losing of Italian citizenship. Later in the day I was able to consult a copy of the Accord and found, of course, that this is not so.

17. The Prefect is, I feel, devoting too much of his attention to this minority problem and seems to be endeavoring to reach a quick settlement of it by his own efforts--not realising that the final solution can only be reached at the highest level, and that it is not a matter of mere local or even Italian administration, but international. The result of this is that he has, I feel, insufficient time and attention for those duties of his office which lie nearer at home, such as creating an efficient Prefecture and reorganising local administration throughout the province.

18. My visit to Bolzano has served to confirm the view that the preparation of electoral lists in this province should not be made dependent on a solution of the minority problem. The lists in this province should be prepared upon the basis of the law of Italy as it stands at this day. The fact of Italian citizenship or not should be ascertained in the light of that law and by the authorities charged with determining such facts under the electoral law, i.e. the Sindaci, the Electoral Commissions and the Courts to whom the individual is entitled to appeal against his exclusion from the lists.

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(c) introduce politics into what should be a matter of the administration of justice.

21. On this last point, it should be borne in mind that the Prefect is a Milanese and is in Bolzano as a representative of the CLNAI. I believe he does wish to be fair and just to the South Tyrolese, but his ideas of what is just and fair can hardly be described as objective. I feel that a precise instruction on the lines of the above is more and more needed in Bolzano, or the incipient confusion is liable to become inextricable.

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REPORT NO. 192

SUBJECT: Report on local government organization in Venezia Giulia.
Persons interviewed:
Col. Bowman, SCAO XIII Corps AMG
Col. Robertson DSCAO XIII Corps AMG
Lt. Col. Armstrong, Trieste Area Commissioner
Lt. Col. Kucera, Trieste City Commissioner
Lt. Col. Orpwood, Pola City Commissioner
Lt. Col. Smuts, Gorizia Area Commissioner
Major Gold, Legal Officer, Gorizia Area

TO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : Major Ralph R. Temple, Deputy Director, Local Government Sub Commission

1. I arrived in Udine by plane on 26 July 1945, where I was met by automobile which took me to the Headquarters of XIII Corps AMG at Trieste. I reported to Col. Bowman and informed him that I was here to learn what the organization of local government in Venezia Giulia was and to lend whatever assistance I could if it was thought desirable. Col. Bowman informed me that Col. Robertson, DSCAO, had been delegated by him to be in charge of local government matters and that the latter had the problem in hand. He asked me to confer with Col. Robertson.

2. Col. Robertson, whom I saw immediately, suggested that I get the general picture from Lt. Col. Armstrong, Trieste Area Commissioner, whom he would telephone and that the next day he would discuss the situation with me while driving down to Pola. He asked me to accompany him on this trip.

3. I therefore conferred with Lt. Col. Armstrong on Thursday, 26 July, and on Friday, 27 July, accompanied Col. Robertson to Pola, where we conferred with Lt. Col. Orpwood on the Pola local government situation. Copies of these interviews are annexed hereto. (See also Appendix "E", showing Area and District organization for Venezia Giulia.)

4. On Saturday morning, 28 July, I attended the general staff conference presided over by Col. Bowman. One matter involving Patriots was raised and Major Henderson, Patriot Officer, was instructed to confer with me. I have since discussed this matter with Major Reakes of this S/C.

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6. Col. Robertson said he would confer with Lt. Col. Armstrong, Area Commissioner of Trieste, and Lt. Col. Orpwood, Area Commissioner of Pola, on the plan and would inform this HQ as to the final decision. He was very anxious to get the thing adopted and, although he anticipated there would be difficulty in getting the Yugoslav element to accept it without too much insistence, he felt it was the fairest plan that could be presented.

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7. Outline of Plan of Local Government Organization for Venezia Giulia - Appendix "F".

The plan of organization and administration of local and civil government prepared by me is predicated on the fact that AMG must retain rigid control over the machinery of government and, although generally an Italian administrative structure would be set up, due recognition would have to be given to the prevalence of several ethnic groups in Venezia Giulia. The Communal and Provincial units of government are preserved, with the exception that, pursuant to action already taken by the SCAO, the so-called provinces are named areas.

Instead of the title "Prefect" that of "Area President" has been adopted and instead of "Sindaco" or "Podesta", the term "First Citizen" ("Primo Cittadino") is used. The latter title is not mine but Col. Robertson's, who feels that the Italian term of "Podesta" or "Sindaco" would not go down well in the Region.

Instead of the Giunta Provinciale Amministrativa and a Fascist Consulta, which were provided by Italian law existing on 8 September 1943 (GPA and Deputazione Provinciale provided under system we installed in Italy), provision has been made for an Area Council to act as a purely advisory body to the Area President (see Article 4). The Area President has been vested with the powers of a Prefect and Provincial and Prefectural local government bodies (see Article 2). He is empowered to create a basic Prefectural office with functionaries to whom he may delegate his powers of review and supervision of Provincial and Communal matters (see Article 3). Thus, a fundamental governmental machinery has been set up which may be organized along traditional Italian administrative lines, and yet with any variation necessitated by the local situation.

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8. I believe that the draft of organization is flexible enough to serve as a good basic structure of civil government. Col. Robertson expressed his gratitude for the assistance I gave and said that he would keep us informed as to developments. He expects to be in Rome about 7 August. 1394

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APPENDIX "A"

Report on local government organization of Trieste Area, 26 July 1945.
Person interviewed:
Lt. Col. Armstrong (B) Area Commissioner, Trieste

1. Lt. Col. Armstrong entered Trieste on 2 May 1945 when the place was in a turmoil. He was requested to leave then by General Freyberg, but re-entered on 12 June.

2. He found the Slovene CLN organization established in the former Prefettura. The regular Prefettura staff had been thrown out. Lt. Col. Armstrong told this group that AMG was now in charge and that the group was to be purely advisory. He is presently making an inventory of the Prefettura and Municipio. Apparently the former Italian officials are receiving pay, although not occupying office.

3. The Vice Prefect BASIOLI Giovanni is acting as Prefect. There are no Italian officials in the Prefettura building now, but Lt. Col. Armstrong expects them to come in the end of the week.

4. The following Provincial offices are functioning and thereby form the basis of a governmental organization:

Genio Civile
Medico Provinciale
Provveditore agli Studi
Sepral
Price Control Office

The Intenderza di Finanza, although not functioning, was in a position to start operations. At the present time, therefore, AMG is running the Prefettura with the assistance of the afore-mentioned departments.

5. An Army-type hierarchy of Liberation Committees is in operation in Venezia Giulia and is particularly strong in Trieste Area. At the very top is the Regional Committee of Liberation.

(a) This Committee is 85% Slovene, 10% doubtful and 5% Italian opportunists.

(b) In the city of Trieste, there is another CLN Committee which made the city an autonomous one setting up a separate governmental organization. This Committee is over-whelmingly pro-Yugoslav. Communists predominate and there are some Italians on the Committee. The President is Slovene named POCASI (this is the Italian of an original Slavic name). The Secretary is a Slovene Communist named STOCKA. He had been ill-treated by the Fascists. These two are powerful figures in the area and are the source of much of the

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(c) The next Committee in the hierarchy is the District Committee of Trieste. This Committee covers the rest of the province outside of the autonomous city of Trieste. Its members are mainly Slovene. Its President lives on the other side of the Morgan Line. Lt. Col. Armstrong says that he has not seen this Committee but they do not seem to be as hostile as the City Committee.

(d) Then there are the Area Committee of Segana (covering 5 Communes); the Area Committee of Monfalcone (covering 9 Communes) and the Area Committee of Muggia (covering 2 Communes).

(e) Firally, each Commune and Fraction have a separate Committee.

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6. This pyramid organization of Committees with control centering on the top has been the source of very much difficulty. Being over-whelmingly Slovene, these CLN Committees make direct contact with Yugoslav officials on the other side of the Morgan Line, and one Committee hesitates to do anything without consulting its highest authority. These Committees were the Government when AMG came into the picture. Lt. Col. Armstrong saw the representatives of the Commune, City, District and Area Committees and asked them to form a joint Committee representing all nationalities and interests. The City Committee opposed this, although the District did not.

7. There was an Italian CLN organization living underground during this period. Since September 1943, this Committee of Liberation has consisted of the following parties: Action, Christian-Democrat, Liberal-Democrat, Socialist. The Communist Party is not a member of the Committee. It is, ~~the~~ Lt. Col. Armstrong's opinion, that the Slovenes wedded the Communists away from the Italian CLN. Before and after the liberation, the Italian CLN has negotiated with the Communists to get them into the fold. PELLEGRINI came up from Rome particularly for that purpose. So far all has been unsuccessful, chiefly because the leading Communists are Slovenes who are pro-Tito. There are many Communists who would like to join the Italian CLN but are afraid to do so. The Slovene Communist STOCKA has things very much his way, and in fact while I was in Lt. Col. Armstrong's office an Italian informant came in to state that under STOCKA's orders a strike and general demonstration celebrating the British Labor Party's victory was to be held the next day, Friday, and that there would be demonstrations in front of the jails in order to secure the release of Communists incarcerated therein. NOTE: As a matter of fact, the strike was called off at the last minute, but there were peaceful demonstrations held throughout the city. I saw from my automobile riding from Pola hundreds of people walking under Yugoslav, Communist, American and British banners. About 9 o'clock that night I went out with a fellow officer to one of the jails where a great crowd had gathered to protest the jailing of some prominent Communist. When we got there, however, the crowd had peaceably dispersed and there was no trouble.

8. With the exception of the Communists, there are no other parties except those who are part of the CLN as mentioned above. The Slovene Committee of Liberation say that they are the representatives of all parties, but this is denied by the Italian CLN. In any event, they are not the official representatives of the parties. There is no relation between the Slovene and Italian Committees of Liberation. Lt. Col. Armstrong says that there was contact between the Italian CLN of Trieste and the Central CLN of Italy.

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10. A plan of governmental organization has been submitted by the Italian CLN to Lt. Col. Armstrong after conferences with him. This plan takes cognizance of the distribution of nationalities in Trieste which is as follows: 85.5% Italian - 14.5% Slovene. The plan follows the Italian local government scheme. It provides for a President (Prefect) who will be Italian; 2 Vice Presidents (Vice Prefects) one of them to be a Slovene and the other an Italian; a GPA consisting of 12 Italians and 2 Slovenes. The 15 Italians would be on the basis of 3 from each of the 5 Parties - Demo-Christian, Action, Liberal, Socialist and Communist.

11. As to the Communes, the plan provides for a Giunta Communale who will elect a Sindaco with AMG approval. Both Sindaci and Giunte were to be based on the relative strength of the Slovene and Italian population. This plan, dated 25 July, has been submitted to the Slovene CLN (called the Slovene Liberation Front) and the local federation of the Italian Communist Party. Lt. Col. Armstrong thinks the plan sets a good basis for one which will finally work out, and it is certainly based upon a fair distribution of the ethnic groups.

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12. The whole Trieste area (called area instead of province) is divided into 5 Districts, consisting of 17 Communes and several Fractions in all. The Fractions are attached to them as Communes. There is a proposal to form a permanent District out of 5 Communes surrounding Sesana. This area has 79,000 people who are over-whelmingly Slovene. The plan suggests that there be a Slovene mayor and that there be representatives from each Commune or Council. This was in fact the Slovene organization from September 1943, but in reality it was no government at all, because there was no taxation or any of the other revenue-raising attributes of Communal government. Lt. Col. Armstrong said that his CAO wants to preserve the District system in Sesana if possible, and he will go along if he has the approval of Regional HQ.

13. With regard to the presence of Fascists, Lt. Col. Armstrong said the leading Fascists have been cleared out. The lesser ones will be epurated under AMG Orders 7 and 8, which were being published that day.

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APPENDIX "B"

Report on organization of local government in the City of Trieste, 28 July 1945.
Person interviewed:
Lt. Col. Kucera (A) City Commissioner, Trieste

1. Lt. Col. Kucera found a Committee of 27 in charge of the government in the City of Trieste. This Committee said that there were 9 Slovenes and 18 Italians on the Committee. Lt. Col. Kucera says this is not true; that it is definitely pro-Yugoslav and dominated entirely by the Slovenes. The President and Secretary are Slovene.

2. This Committee had been operating under the functional divisions of the city government, having 12 sections such as alimentation, health, welfare, etc. Lt. Col. Kucera stopped the operation of this Committee and at the present time a General Secretary of the City and AMG officers are running municipal affairs, with the assistance of the various city departments and the semi-autonomous public utilities commission and the semi-autonomous hospital commission. These departments, as well as the semi-autonomous bodies, report directly to AMG.

3. Lt. Col. Kucera said that he is exasperated beyond reason by the obstructionist tactics of the Committee of 27, who refuse to cooperate and, in fact, really sabotage any effort towards unity or cooperation. He said he should like to have an advisory City Committee of 11, consisting of 8 Italians and 3 Slovenes, with a separate Italian Sindaco. He would use this Committee as a sort of sounding board, without assigning any specific function to each of the members. It would be a general consulting board.

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APPENDIX "C"

Report on local government organization of Pola, 27 July 1945.
Person interviewed:
Lt. Col. Orpwood (B) Area Commissioner, Pola.

1. Pola Area consists of the Commune of Pola alone, less a part of the city lying to the North. When the Yugoslavs took over, there was a Regional District organization set up. The Yugoslavs left the Italian officials in office while they set up the new type government with Provincial HQ at Albaro (east of the Morgan Line. AMG, when it entered, found a Town Committee called the "Comitato Popolare Liberazione" (CPL). This Committee consists of 12 members: 10 Slovenes and 2 Italians. The President is Italian; the Secretary, Yugoslav. Each member of the Committee is in charge of a branch of municipal government, such as finance, civil engineering, public welfare, etc. The CPL represents the anti-Fascist element and is not divided into separate parties such as exist in Italy. It is pro-Yugoslav. Communists are part of this group. Lt. Col. Orpwood said that the Christian-Democrat Party as a separate entity is beginning to manifest itself.

2. The population of the Commune of Pola is approximately 30,000, of which the national distribution, according to Lt. Col. Orpwood, is as follows:

60% pure Italians
20% Croats
20% Mixture of Austrians, Slovenes, Croats and combinations

The CPL is 60% Italian and 40% non-Italian, but all are pro-Yugoslav in sympathy. The CPL appointed the Town Committee described above which is the government of the Commune. Lt. Col. Orpwood said that the Communist Party, which is now part of the CPL, is beginning to look toward the Italian Communists for guidance.

3. Besides the CPL, there are 2 other organizations, namely the Fronte Popolare, which is an off-shoot of the CPL, and the Comitato Cittadini Polasiano. The latter (CCP) was formed a month ago and consists of Italians only. It purports to represent the Italian population. Lt. Col. Orpwood is attempting to form an Advisory Council of 2 persons from each of the 3 groups; namely, CCL, CCP and the FP. He is also attempting to get a broader base for the Town Committee by introducing several prominent anti-Fascists and anti-Nazis into the Town Committee. The Italian organization CCP has no contact with the CPL and is itself composed of weak people. Apparently, the CPL, according to Lt. Col. Orpwood, is agreeable to the idea of broadening the base of the Town Committee. There are only 2 former Provincial offices which are in existence in the Commune, namely, finance and public works. The former functions under the Intendenza di Finanza who has been brought back and is taking care of Communal as well as Provincial financial matters, as far as they affect the Commune. Fire service, prisons, RAPCI are under AMG police. Post is functioning

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4. Lt. Col. Orpwood said that he would like to carry on the form of organization as it is, with the exception of broadening the national base gradually. He has verbally recognized the Town Committee, in fact. He said he would like to think over the use of the Prime Cittadino which was suggested by Col. Robertson.

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APPENDIX "D"

Report on local government organization of Gorizia Area, 30 July 1945.
Persons interviewed:
Lt. Col. Smuts (B) Area Commissioner, Gorizia
Col. Robertson (B) Deputy SCAO XIII Corps AMG
Major Gold (A) Legal Officer, Gorizia Area

1. The Yugoslav Liberation Committee set up a Council of 14, consisting of 7 Yugoslavs and 7 Italians, plus a Yugoslav President, to control the Area. The Area is populated with a majority of Slovenes.

2. Most of the former Prefectural officials are functioning.

3. With the formation of the Council, the Yugoslav Liberation Committee went out of existence more or less.

4. Commissars were set up to take over the functions of the Prefettura, except for finance; for example, there is a Commissar of Justice, etc. The whole idea apparently was to abolish the Italian system, but lack of time prevented the Yugoslavs from doing this.

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6. The relationship between the Area and the District Committees is not clear, Lt. Col. Smuts stated.

7. In the Italian Area, the Communal system prevails. In some cases, the Districts are identical in geographic area to the Communes. Where a Commune exists, it does not function under the District. In other words, the District system is aimed to abolish Communal line. The District Committee functions and is subject to the control of the Area President.

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13G/AMG/75/13. 25 Jul 45.

SUBJECT : Communes in VENEZIA GIULIA Area.

TO : Distribution below.

1. This HQ letter 13G/AMG/49/5 dated 19 Jul 45, will be considered as cancelled and the following list, by Areas, of the Communes at present administered by this HQ, showing the Districts into which they have been divided, will be substituted.

GORIZIA AREA.

| DISTRICT. | COMMUNES. |
|---|---|
| 1 | FIUMICO (part).<br>MONFALCONE.<br>DUINO-AURISINA. |
| 2 | DUINO-AURISINA (HQ).<br>MONFALCONE (part).<br>FIUMICO (part). |
| 3 | CANALE D'ISONZO.<br>SAGRADO D'ISONZO (part). |
| 4 | CASTELNUOVO DEL CARSO.<br>S.MARTINO DEL CARSO.<br>SAGRADO D'ISONZO (part). |
| 4 a | DOLEGNA DEL COLLIO. |
| 4 b | CORMONS (HQ). |
| 4 c | CAPRIVA DEL CORMONS. |
| 5 | GORIZIA M.Q. |
| 6 | GRADISCA D'ISONZO. |

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| DIVISION. | COMUNES. |
|---|---|
| 1 | PLEDZO (part).<br>BORGOGNA.<br>CAPOSOTTO. |
| 2 | CAPORETTO (HQ).<br>BERGOGNA (part).<br>JOLLINO (part). |
| 3 | CANALE D'ISONZO.<br>SALCEA D'ISONZO (part). |
| 4 | CASTEL DOBRA.<br>S.MARTINO QUISCA.<br>SALCEA D'ISONZO (part). |
| 4 a | DOLINNA DEL COLLIO. |
| 4 b | COMMONS (HQ). |
| 4 c | CAPRIVA DI COMMONS. |
| 5 | GORIZIA M.O. |
| 6 | GRADISCA D'ISONZO.<br>SAGRADO.<br>ROMANS D'ISONZO.<br>VARIANO DEL FRIULI.<br>FARRA D'ISONZO. |
| 7 = part of 9 | 1367<br>MONFALCONE.<br>CRUPACCHIASELLA.<br>RANCIANO.<br>MONFALCONE. |
| 8 & part of 9 | DOBERDO.<br>PERTENIZZA.<br>SAN DANIELE DEL CARSO.<br>RIPPENBERGO. |

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TRIESTE AREA

| DISTRICT | COMMUNES |
|---|---|
| GRADO | GRADO. |
| TRIESTE | TRIESTE. |
| MONFALCONE | DOBERDO.<br>MONFALCONE.<br>FOGLIANO.<br>S.PIER D'ISONZO.<br>TURRIACO.<br>PIERIS.<br>STARANZANO.<br>DUINO AURISINA. |
| ASSATA | SGONICO.<br>MONRUPINO.<br>DUTTOGLIANO.<br>MUGGIA.<br>CONGNANO.<br>S.CIACOMO IN COMEN (part). |
| MUGGIA | SAN DORLIGO DELLA VALLE. |

POLA AREA

POLA Commune only.

3. An alphabetical list is attached at Appendix "A".

By ORDER of Colonel BOWMAN:

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E.M. PENRITH,
Lieut Comdr, A.P.S.

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ALPHABETICAL LISTS OF COMMUNES.

| COMMUNE | DISTRICT. | AREA. |
|---|---|---|
| BERNARDIA | 1 & 2 | GORIZIA |
| CANALE D'ISONZO | 3 | GORIZIA |
| CAPRIVA | 1 & 2 | GORIZIA |
| CARAVA DI GORIZIA | 4c | GORIZIA |
| CASTEL DORNA | 4 | GORIZIA |
| CERNO | 8 & part of 9 | GORIZIA |
| CORMONS HQ | 4b | GORIZIA |
| CORGNALE | SESANA | TRIESTE |
| DOBERDO | MONFALCONE | TRIESTE |
| DOLEGNO DEL COLLIO | 4a | GORIZIA |
| DUINO AURISINA | MONFALCONE | TRIESTE |
| DUTTOGLIANO | SESANA | TRIESTE |
| FARRA D'ISONZO | 6 | GORIZIA |
| FOGLIANO | MONFALCONE | TRIESTE |
| GORIZIA HQ | 5 | GORIZIA |
| GRADO | GRADO | TRIESTE |
| GRADISCA D'ISONZO | 6 | GORIZIA |
| MARIANO DEL FRIULI | 6 | GORIZIA |
| MEDEA | 7 & part of 9 | GORIZIA |
| MONFALCONE | SESANA | TRIESTE |
| MONFERTINO | 7 & part of 9 | GORIZIA |
| OPACCHIASELLA | 7 & part of 9 | GORIZIA |
| PIERIS | MONFALCONE | TRIESTE |
| PLESSO (part) | 1 | GORIZIA |
| POLA | POLA | POLA |
| RAMIANO | 7 & part of 9 | GORIZIA |
| ROMANS D'ISONZO | 6 | GORIZIA |
| ROMANS | MONFALCONE | TRIESTE |
| SAN FLORIAN DEL CARSO | 8 & part of 9 | GORIZIA |
| SAGRADO | 6 | GORIZIA |
| SAN DORLIGO DELLA VALLE | MUGGIA | TRIESTE |
| SAGONA D'ISONZO (part) | 3 & 4 | GORIZIA |
| SAN MARTINO QUISCA | | GORIZIA |
| SCORCOLO | SESANA | TRIESTE |
| STARANZANO | MONFALCONE | TRIESTE |
| S. GIACOMO DI GOLLE (part) | SESANA | TRIESTE |
| S. PIER D'ISONZO | MONFALCONE | TRIESTE |
| TURRIACA | 8 & part of 9 | GORIZIA |

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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| GORIZIA NO | 7 | |
| GRADO | GRADO | TRIESTE |
| GRADISCA D'ISONZO | 6 | GORIZIA |
| GRADO DEL FRIULI | 6 | GORIZIA |
| GRUDA | 7 & part of 9 | GORIZIA |
| INCHIOSTRO | SESANA | TRIESTE |
| MONFALCONE | 7 & part of 9 | GORIZIA |
| MONFALCONE | 7 & part of 9 | GORIZIA |
| OPACCHIASELLA | MONFALCONE | TRIESTE |
| PERTEOLE | 1 | GORIZIA |
| PLESSO (part) | POLA | POLA |
| POLA | 7 & part of 9 | GORIZIA |
| SAN CANZIANO | 7 & part of 9 | GORIZIA |
| SAN CANZIANO | 6 | GORIZIA |
| SAN GIOVANNI D'ISONZO | MONFALCONE | TRIESTE |
| SAN PIETRO | 8 & part of 9 | GORIZIA |
| SAN PIETRO DEL CARSO | 6 | GORIZIA |
| SAPIANO | MUGGIA | TRIESTE |
| SAN SERGIO DELLA VALLE | 3 & 4 | GORIZIA |
| SAVOGNA D'ISONZO (part) | | GORIZIA |
| SAN VALENTINO QUARTA | SESANA | TRIESTE |
| SCORIPO | MONFALCONE | TRIESTE |
| STARANZANO | 8 & part of 9 | GORIZIA |
| S. GIACOMO DI MONFALCONE (part) | MONFALCONE | TRIESTE |
| S. PIETRO D'ISONZO | 8 & part of 9 | GORIZIA |
| TERNOVA | 2 | GORIZIA |
| TOMADIO | SESANA | TRIESTE |
| TURRIACO | MONFALCONE | TRIESTE |
| TRIESTE | TRIESTE | TRIESTE |

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APPENDIX "F"

DRAFT OF ORGANISATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF LOCAL CIVIL GOVERNMENT PREPARED BY MAJOR RALPH R. TEMPLE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB-COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION, 28 July 1945.

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GENERAL ORDER NO.

AREA AND COMMUNAL CIVIL GOVERNMENT

Whereas it is desirable to establish a uniform system of area and communal civil government in the occupied territory under the control of Allied Military Government, 13 Corps, which will best meet the needs of the people under the conditions now prevailing; in accordance with the powers vested in me, therefore I, ALFRED C. BOWMAN, COLONEL, JAGD, SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER, hereby order as follows:

ARTICLE I

UNITS OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT

(1) The occupied territory under the control of Allied Military Government, 13 Corps, for purposes of administration is divided into the Areas of TRIESTE, GORIZIA and POLA, each of which shall be composed of the Communes and fractions thereof as presently constituted.

(2) Each Area shall have an Area President and Area Council with the powers, functions and duties hereinafter specified.

(3) Each Commune shall have a Head and Communal Council with the powers, functions and duties hereinafter specified.

(4) Each Area and Commune shall have such administrative and executive departments and agencies as the Allied Military Government may deem necessary for the proper carrying out of the functions of civil government.

ARTICLE II

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Government, 13 Corps, for purposes of [illegible]

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ARTICLE II

AREA PRESIDENT

(1) The Area President shall be appointed and be removable by the 1365 Allied Military Government.

(2) He shall be directly responsible for the civil government of the Area to the Allied Military Government and submit all orders and decrees for approval thereto.

(3) He shall be the executive and administrative head of the area civil government and shall be subject to the provisions of this Order and all further orders which may hereafter be made by the Allied Military Government and shall possess, in the aggregate, the powers and duties of a Prefect of a Province and of such Provincial and Prefectural legislative, administrative and executive

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bodies where provided by Italian law existing on 8 Sept 1943, or as thereafter modified by order of Allied Military Government.

ARTICLE III

AREA ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS

(1) The Allied Military Government shall establish such departments, divisions or agencies in the Area President's Office as are necessary to properly administer the Area.

(2) The heads and subordinate staff of such units shall be appointed and removable by the Area President with the consent of the Allied Military Government. The President shall be assisted by a Vice -president and such other officials as shall be necessary for carrying out the functions of his office. They shall be appointed and be removable by the President with the consent of the Allied Military Government.

(3) The President may entrust to the Vice-president and such other officials in his office special duties in connection with the administration of the Area and of the Communes, subject to approval of the Allied Military Government.

ARTICLE IV

AREA COUNCIL

(1) The Area Council shall be composed of a Chairman plus the following number of members for each of the specified Areas:

Area of TRIESTE - 17 Members

Area of GORIZIA - 14 Members

all of whom shall be appointed and removable by the Allied Military Government.

(2) Consideration should be given in the selection of the Chairman and [illegible] of the highest moral and political

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(3) The President may entrust to the Vice-president and such staff officials in his office special duties in connection with the administration of the Area and of the Communes, subject to approval of the Allied Military Government.

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(2) Consideration should be given in the selection of the Chairman and Members from the leading citizens of the Area of the highest moral and political character who shall be, insofar as possible, representative of all ethnic political and economic groups and classes in the Area according to their respective local strength.

(3) Substitute or alternate members shall be appointed and removable by Allied Military Government but shall not take part in any meetings or proceedings except in the absence of regular members.

(4) The Area Council shall meet at least once every week and at such other times as they may be convened by the Area President with the approval of the Allied Military Government.

(5) It may adopt rules of procedure which must be approved by the

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Allied Military Government.

(6) The Area Council shall act as an advisory and consultant body to the Area President on all matters of civil government and administration of the Area referred to it by the Area President.

(7) The action of the Area Council on all matters laid before it for advice and opinion shall be taken by vote and shall be made part of the minutes of the meeting.

(8) An exact transcript of such minutes shall be transmitted by the Chairman of the Council to the Area President and by the latter to the Area Commissioner of the Allied Military Government within two days after such meeting.

ARTICLE V

HEADS OF THE COMMUNAL GOVERNMENT

(1) The Head of the Commune shall be called First Citizen.

(2) He shall be appointed and be removable by the Allied Military Government after consultation with the Area President and Area Council except in the case of POLA. The First Citizen of Pola shall be appointed and be removable by the Allied Military Government.

(3) He shall possess in such Communes, in the aggregate, such powers and duties of a First Citizen of a Commune and of such Communal administrative, legislative and executive bodies as are provided by Italian law existing on 8 Sept 1943 or as thereafter modified by order of Allied Military Government.

(4) He shall be subject to such supervision and control by the Area President (except in the case of POLA) as is provided by Italian law as modified

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(4) He shall be subject to such supervision and control by the Area President (except in the case of POLA) as is provided by Italian law as modified by this order.

ARTICLE VI

COMMUNAL ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS

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(1) The Allied Military Government shall establish such departments, divisions or agencies in the Office of the First Citizen as are necessary to properly administer the Commune.

(2) The Heads and subordinate staff of such units shall be appointed and be removable by the First Citizen with consent of the Allied Military Government.

(3) The First Citizen may entrust to the Heads of the departments and such other officials in his office special duties in connection with the administration of the Commune, subject to approval of the Allied Military Government.

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(4) A Communal Secretary shall be appointed by the Allied Military Government where it is deemed necessary and shall possess such powers as provided by Italian law existing on 8 Spt 1943 or as modified thereafter by order of Allied Military Government.

ARTICLE VII

COMMUNAL COUNCIL

(1) Each Commune shall have a Communal Council composed of a Chairman plus such members as provided in the following schedule:

| Population | Members |
|---|---|
| 250,000 or over | 15 |
| over 30,000 | 10 |
| over 3,000 | 6 |
| Other Communes | 4 |

all of whom shall be appointed and removable by the Allied Military Government.

(2) Consideration should be given in the selection of the Chairman and Members from the leading citizens of the Commune of the highest moral and political character who shall be, insofar as possible, representative of all ethnic political and economic groups and classes in the Commune according to their respective local strength.

(3) Substitute or alternate members shall be appointed and removable by Allied Military Government but shall not take part in any meetings or proceedings except in the absence of regular members.

(4) The Communal Council shall meet at least once every week and at such other times as they may be convened by the First Citizen with the approval of the Allied Military Government.

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(5) It may adopt rules of procedure which shall be approved by the Allied Military Government.

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(6) The Communal Council shall act as an advisory and consultant body to the First Citizen on all matters of civil government and administration of the Commune referred to it by the First Citizen.

(7) The action of the Communal Council on all matters laid before it for advice and opinion shall be taken by vote and shall be made part of the minutes of the meeting.

(8) An exact transcript of the minutes shall be transmitted to the First Citizen and by the latter to the Area President who shall in turn transmit them to the Area Commissioner of the Allied Military Government within two days after

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such meeting.

ARTICLE VIII

COMMUNAL CONFEDERATIONS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES

(1) Whenever and wherever and to the extent that it is deemed desirable or necessary, the Allied Military Government may provide for the administration of governmental functions of two or more Communes or functions thereof by the same official or agency having its seat of office in any one Commune.

ARTICLE IX

DISTRICT COMMITTEES

(1) Whenever and wherever and to the extent that it is deemed desirable or necessary, the Allied Military Government may form advisory bodies from one or more Communes which shall be regarded in this purpose only as forming a District such bodies to be known as District Committees.

(2) The President and Members of each District Committee shall be chosen by the Allied Military Government after consultation with the Area President and Area Council, from among the leading citizens of the Communes forming such District. Consideration shall be given in the selection of the President and Members from the leading citizens of the Area of the highest moral and political character and shall be, insofar as possible, representative of all ethnic political and economic classes and groups in such District according to their respective local strength.

(3) The District Committee shall be convened by the Area President with the approval of the Area Commissioner for the Allied Military Government and shall advise the Area President in regard to such matters of government and administrat-

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(3) The District Committee shall be convened by the Area President with the approval of the Area Commissioner for the Allied Military Government and shall advise the Area President in regard to such matters of government and administration within each of the Districts submitted to it by the Area President. The District Committees shall have no supervision or executive or legislative control over the First Citizen or the Communal Council of their respective Communes.

ARTICLE X

CONTROL OF ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

(1) All the agencies of civil government and administration specified in this order shall at all times be under the control and supervision of the Allied Military Government.

(2) The Chairmen and Members of the Communal, District or Area Councils shall be unpaid. Salaries of all other officials shall be determined by the Allied Military Government.

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(3) Nothing in this order shall be construed as limiting in any way or to any degree the powers of government and jurisdiction in the occupied territory as specified in Article I of Proclamation No. 1.

ARTICLE XI

EFFECTIVE DATE

This Order shall become operative in each Area or part thereof within the occupied territory on the date of its first publication therein.

Dated in TRIESTE this.....day of....., 1945.

ALFRED C. BOWMAN
Colonel, JAGD
Senior Civil Affairs Officer

Date of First Publication

The above General Order was first published in the.....

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REPORT NUMBER 191.

SUBJECT: Report on tour of VENEZIE REGION by Major C.G.R.Williams on 5/12/July 1945.

TO : Director, Local Government Sub-Commission.

FROM : Major C.G.R.Williams.

1. The following is my report on visits paid to the Provinces of Belluno, Padova, Rovigo, Treviso, Udine, Venezia and Vicenza between 5 and 12 July, 1945. Appendices I to VII give short and mainly factual statements of the situation in each province: the covering report deals with comment of a more general nature.

2. Local Government Reorganization. The general picture is one of acceptance of the structure put together by the CLNs in the clandestine and interim periods. Many Sindaci were found to be unconfirmed and Giunte Comunali are of irregular size. There is surprisingly little difficulty however as to Segretari Comunali. The Deputazione Provinciale has not been appreciated at its proper importance; and this is perhaps the most relevant feature on the strictly local government side. In two provinces it has not been appointed: in another, it had not been confirmed. In five of the seven provinces no elective members of the Giunte Provinciale Amministrativa had been chosen.

3. The constitution of the Deputazione is at least as important (if not more so) than the constitution of communal local government, not only because of the province-wide administration which it controls but because of its indirect function of electing (a) the four elective members of the CPA and (b) three of the four members of the Electoral Commissions and Sub-Commissions. From a rapid series of visits such as these, I am unable to gauge how far the absence of the elective members of the CPA is interfering with communal administration; but since a Comune can do nothing of any importance without the approval of the CPA and since the CPA cannot act without its four elective members, the effect must be to slow down the whole machine.

4. The Prefectures are in reasonably good shape. The only Prefect I was unable to meet was Avv. MATTER of Venice. The six I saw all give an impression of competence; and, being laymen, they have for the most part wisely refrained from getting into the detail of the preparation of the electoral lists. On this subject I received the fullest information in those provinces - Belluno, Rovigo and Vicenza - where the Prefect has an able career Vice-Prefect at his side.

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5. There is little demand for officials from Rome to fill gaps in the Prefectures. The two cases that arose, -at Belluno and Rovigo - I have mentioned to the Ministry of the Interior; but the Prefects must (as I advised them) communicate formally with the Ministry (throughchannels) and give a complete statement of the administrative officials - career and non-career - now serving. This latter point is important.

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6. A feature of prefectural organisation which was observed at Belluno, Treviso, Venice and Udine is the interposition of two political deputies of the Prefect between him and the career Vice-Prefects and with titles which vary - such as Vice-Prefect Commissario, Commissario Politico, Vice-Prefect Politico and so on. This is a relic of the structure set up by the CLN who introduced the features to "preserve the equilibrium of the parties" and as a means of securing control over t the actions of the Prefecture. I suspect it is more widespread in the North than we realise.

7. This idea seems to have little to recommend it as a device for producing good administration. However, I do not think any general rule can be laid down; the device may work well in some cases and not in others and there may be reasons of policy for maintaining it. In Udine for instance, it works badly, obstructing progress, diminishing the authority of the Prefect and producing indiscipline in the Prefecture. In Belluno, the political Vice-Prefect Vicario is a mere passenger. In Treviso on the other hand, the Vice-Prefect Commissario Avv.

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Avv. SARTOR seems to be doing an excellent job. I was not able to assess the position in Venice.

8. Electoral Lists. The difficulties encountered in this field and the remedies advised, were those that were anticipated: the position appears sufficiently from the Appendices. The most difficult provinces seem to be Venice and Udine. Venice because of its topography and Udine because of its size. I found a general spirit of optimism among the Italian Officials as to the progress they will be able to make which, without entirely sharing in it, I did my best to encourage.

9. General. Every PC referred to the then recent announcement that the North would be handed back to Italian control on 1 September which has encouraged dissident elements to ignore or even defy the wishes of AMG. Only in Vicenza did it seem to be felt that the province would be ready for the hand-over by that date. Some PCs and Prefects mentioned their fears on the matter of public order.

10. I believe that both Regional and Provincial HQs found my visit helpful. The kindness and hospitality exhibited to me personally by everyone was, as always, such as to call for my most grateful thanks.

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

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APPENDIX I

BELLUNO PROVINCE.

1. Persons interviewed : — Col. R.A. FARREN (B) - PC -
Maj. GLENN (A) - BLO -
Procuratore del Regno
Dott. DAZZI Antonio - Prefect Reggente
Dott. ZAMPAGLIONE - V.P.I.

2. Date : — 10 July 1945

3. A number of the Sindaci (and Giunte Comunali) appointed by the C.L.N. have been turned out by violent Partisan action : others have resigned because of difficulties from the same quarter. Another reasons for the resignation of Sindaci is that Podesta' received a salary under the German regime whereas the present Sindaci do not. However, there is someone discharging the office of Sindaco in all the 69 Communes. Many have not been confirmed; but the Prefect has their names and will issue a "blanket" decree for confirmation by the PC.

4. The position as to Segretari Comunali is as usual. There is a more or less competent person discharging the office in every commune, though many are not career men. A number have lost the confidence of the population who have interpreted the Segretario's remaining at his post as collaboration: the Prefect is dealing with this by the usual method of exchange. In the mountains, communes have been combined so as the share one Segretario.

5. No Municipio has been damaged and the "anagrafe" are all in order.

6. The material for the preparation of the electoral lists reached Belluno on 25 or 26 June. Circulars and instructions had already been distributed to the Communes, but the actual forms not, due to a notion on the part of the Prefect and his staff that he must first get exact population figures from the Sindaci. I dissented strongly and from this and advised immediate distribution on the basis of an estimate of population, the Prefecture keeping back a small reserve in case Sindaci should find they wanted a few more forms : if this reserve should prove insufficient, let the PC signal this Sub-Commission and we would fly down an additional quantity. This was agreed : and the Prefect subsequently instructed the VP to proceed accordingly, beginning that same afternoon.

7. There is no difficulty about transport : the province has some 300 captured german trucks.

8. A Deputazione Provinciale has been functioning since liberation : but it has not been confirmed by AMG. The 4 elective members of the GPA have not been appointed either. These things will now be done at once.

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8. A Deputazione Provinciale has been functioning since liberation : but it has not been confirmed by AMG. The 4 elective members of the GPA have not been appointed either. These things will now be done at once.

9. There is one Tribunale with seat at Belluno : its Cancellarie is functioning and the records have not been damaged.

10. There are 5 Mandamenti with a Pretore (career or honorary) available for each. The Prefect is going to combine the small mountain Mandamento of Cortina D'Ampezzo with the neighbouring Pieve di Cadore for the purpose of having one joint Electoral Commission.

11. The Prefect doesn't think he will need to propose any extension of time for the preparation of the electoral lists.

12. The Prefect was formerly in the diplomatic service : his appearance and manner bear that out. I should say he has a good grip of his province and knows how to get other people to do the detail for him. Incidentally, he is the only Prefect I met who demurred to being called "Eccellenza" !

13. The main officials in the Prefecture are : —

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| V.P.V. (political) | - | SERRAGIOTTO (SOC.) |
| V.P.I. " | - | DA VAL (Liberal) |
| Premier V.P.I. | - | ZAMPAGLIONE (Career) |
| Capo Gabinetto | - | Prof. COLLESELLI (another political appt.) |

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14. The Prefect said he didn't think either the Vice Prefect Vicario or the Capo Gabinetto were sufficiently capable : in actual fact all the real work is done by the former Vice Prefect Inspector Zampaglione and the Vice Prefect Vicario merely signs. Zampaglione was deprived by his title on liberation but the Prefect thinks he ought to re-assume it, as he is in fact [redacted] of the office : he has been placed in charge of the electoral office. I agreed to the re-assumption of the title.

15. As to the Vice Prefect Vicario and the Capo Gabinetto it is better to go slowly and await developments. Their removal or otherwise is essentially a matter of local decision. If the removal of either is decided it would seem preferable to replace by a career man.

16. Apart from Zampaglione, there are only 2 career officials in the Prefecture. One of these, a Segretario called CHIESA NI is unpopular in the province though not epuratable : the Prefect wants him transferred and replaced. The Prefecture seems sufficiently staffed with temporary employees and the only requirements is a Consigliere. The Prefect will write to the Ministry about this and about the transfer of the Segretario. I undertook to mention the need for a Consigliere on my return.

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ALLEGATO II

PADOVA PROVINCE.

1. Persons interviewed : — Major Earl A. HASSLER (A) - PC.
Major ------- STEWART (B) - PLO
Avv. BARZON ; Prefect Regent

2. Dates : -- 5 and 6 July 1945.

3. Sindaci and Giunte Comunali are in office in all the 105 Communes. Sindaci are continually changing owing to resignations or dismissals for inadequacy. Many Sindaci not yet confirmed by AMG and only 2 Giunte (Padova and Carmignano di Brenta) have been so confirmed. I advised the "block" confirmation of all remaining Sindaci by 15 July.

4. There are a number of non career Segretari Comunali : but every post appears to be filled by persons - career or not - of some capacity.

5. The material for the electoral lists has been distributed to all Communes.

6. The Deputazione Provinciale was confirmed over a month ago. The four elective members of the GPA have been elected and the GPA has been functioning with them for about 3 weeks. The Prefect has already made formal request to the Deputazione to proceed to the selection of members of the electoral commissions.

7. There are 8 Mandamenti, necessitating 8 Electoral Commissions and 12 Sub-Commissions. The Deputazione therefore has 60 Commissioners to appoint and the Prefect 20. (NOTE - The Prefect said 8 Mandamenti but info from R.L.O. and P.L.O. is 7).

8. There is one Tribunale with seat at Padova : its President is available to preside over the Electoral Commission at Padova : Pretori are all in office elsewhere. The Cancelleria at Padova is undamaged.

9. The PC spoke of his Prefect (a Christian Democrat) as impartial and capable : he makes a good impression.

10. There is a remarkable absence of career officials in this province. The PC told me he has 2000 political prisoners (of whom there are 1250 in Padova city), and that 90% of the Prefectural staff were in prison. The Vice Prefect Vicario ATTARDI, is career : and I gather from the Prefect that he has a Consigliere or two and a Segretario. The forms will show, when returned. The Vice Prefect Inspector is a non-career man, Avv. CALLIO.

11. Non career staff have been taken in to fill the gaps : they are said to be doing excellent work and no need for career officials to be sent down from Rome was indicated to me.

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11. Non career staff have been taken in to fill the gaps : they are said to be doing excellent work and no need for career officials to be sent down from Rome was indicated to me.

12. Transport is available for the Vice Prefect Inspector but POL is the difficulty. The Prefect intends to charge a special official with the electoral lists inspections.

13. The Prefect asked me what form of oath should now be taken by Sindaci, Assessori and Deputati Provinciali - the 1915 R.D. form ? on the 1944 form ? or some new one ? I said a new oath had been introduced for Ministers but not for anyone else. For local government office holders I thought the 1915 form was the proper one, but I undertook to consult the Ministry and advise in writing. ACTION

14. The Prefect added that the Sindaco of Padova had so far "jibbed" at taking the 1915 oath, but he had not pressed it as the time-limit for swearing had some 20 days to run. The point is that the oath is one of loyalty to the King, among other things.

15. The Prefect also asked about the proper constitution of Giunte Comunali. As constituted by the CLN in this province they have one too many effective members because, although according to R.D.L. No.111 the Vice Sindaco should be one of the

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Assessori, the CLN. had appointed Vice Sindaci in addition to the Assessori. On the other hand, the CLN. had appointed no substitute members. So the Prefect thought he could adjust the matter without much trouble.

16. I advised him to do so as quickly as he could as the Italian Government, when they took over the province, would certainly adhere to the letter of the law and the longer a man is left in office, the more bad feeling there is when he is put out or reduced from effective Assessore to substitute Assessore.

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APPENDIX III

ROVIGO PROVINCE.

1. Persons interviewed : — Lt Col A.G. GRAHAM (B) - PC
Major --- STEWART (B) - PLO
Avv. PUXEDDU - Prefect Regent
Dott. CRECIANI - V.P.V. (career)

2. Dates : -- 5 and 12 July 1945.

3. Sindaci and Giunte Comunali are in office and functioning in all 49 Communes but some remain to be confirmed, I advised a block confirmation of Sindaci before 15 July.

4. The office of Segretario Comunale is filled in every case : about 50% are non career. A number of career men, locally unpopular for continuing in office during the Republican Regime, have been transferred to another commune. Some however the Prefect desires to see transferred to another province. This should be arranged through Region.

5. The Deputazione Provinciale has not yet been appointed. The Prefect has all the nominations and only wants the christian name of the Communist Party's nominee. I urged the utmost dispatch in getting this body going.

6. In consequence of the absence of a Deputazione, no elective members have been appointed to the G.P.A. I pointed out to the Prefect that the G.P.A. was not legally constituted and could not function without them.

7. The material for the electoral lists had been distributed to all communes about 7 days before my first visit.

8. There is one Tribunale at Rovigo : its Casellario is in order. Pretori are in office in the 3 Mandamenti. There will have to be 6-9 (the Prefect was not sure of the figures) Electoral Sub Commissions as well as the 4 Commissions.

9. The Prefect (a Liberal) is a Sard : he was a substitute Procuratore del Regno. The PC is satisfied with him. It was evident that on questions of local government and electoral lists, the Vice Prefect Vicario is the " live wire ".

10. The office of Vice Prefect Inspector is vacant. There is I Consigliere and no other Group A personnel. The position has been made up to some extent by recruting non-career men, particularly Avv. DE REI who is in charge of the Ufficio Elettorale.

11. The Ragioneria is adequately staffed in spite of the [illegible]

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10. The office of Vice Prefect Inspector is vacant. There is I Consigliere and no other Group A personnel. The position has been made up to some extent by recruting non-career men, particularly Avv. DE REI who is in charge of the Ufficio Elettorale.

11. The Ragioneria is adequately staffed in spite of the seconding of Vice-Ragioniere TOMMASONE to be Capo Gabinetto and Vice Ragioniere MORI to the PC's office.

12. The Prefect has asked (through channels) for a Segretario from Ravenna, who he knows wants to move to Rovigo. I think this may work, as Ravenna is fairly well staffed, comparatively speaking. The important think is to fill the post of Vice Prefect Inspector. I advised the Prefect to put up a letter to the Ministry through
ACTION channels in the usual way and I said I would also mention the matter to the Ministry on my return.

13. The Prefect raised 2 salary points. First, he said that by a disposition of the Republican Government, the salary of the Questori had been raised much above that of the Prefect, In Rovigo, e.g. :

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| Prefect | 4500 Lire |
| Questore | 12500 Lire |

14. He also said that one of the Ministry's circulars on electoral lists authorised the communes to pay the extra staff engaged according to the salary scales for prefectural officials of Groups A, B and C. Hardly anyone was to be found with the legal or accountancy qualifications requisite for entitlement to pay on Group A or

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B scales respectively : and the Group C scale was so low that no one would accept it.

ACTION. 15. I undertook to take up both these points on my return.

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APPENDIX "V"

T R E V I S O P R O V I N C E

1. Persons interviewed : — Lt.Col.E.POWELL PRICE - M.F.D. (S) - PC
Signor RAMAZZOTTI - Prefect Regent
Avv. SARTOR - V.Commissario Politico

2. Date - 7 July 1945

3. SINDACI are in office in all 90 Communes. Most have been confirmed by AMG : the PC said he would have the remainder confirmed before 15 July.

4. Every Commune has a Segretario Comunale, all ex-ex men in possession of the "patente". This is most unusual - and fortunate.

5. The Deputazione Provinciale held its first meeting a few days before my visit : it then appointed the elective members of the GPA which was to hold its first meeting the next week. The Deputazione consists of 1 member from each of the 8 Mandamenti.
NOTE -- Information from RLO indicates 7 Mandamenti only.

6. The population registers are in order in all communes except Oderzo and one or two others. The Prefect has had a talk with the Segretario Comunale of Oderzo as to how he should proceed.

7. The distribution of electoral material to communes was completed by 4 July. Yesterday the Prefect held a meeting with the majority of his Sindaci : the whole process was discussed and instructions given.

8. 1 Tribunale at Treviso. The Cancelleria is in order. All Pretori in office.

9. The organization of the Prefettura is unusual. The following table illustrates it : -

PREFECT REGENT

- Capo Gabinetto (Cons. BOSLICH)
  - Vice Commissario Politico (Avv. SARTOR)
  - Vice Commissario Administrativo (Rag. GALLETTI)

6. The population registers are in order in all communes except Orsello and one or two others. The Prefect has had a talk with the Segretario Comunale of Orsello as to how he should proceed.

7. The distribution of electoral material to communes was completed by 4 July. Yesterday the Prefect held a meeting with the majority of his Sindaci : the whole process was discussed and instructions given.

8. 1 Tribunale at Rieti. The Cancelliario is in order. All Pretori in office.

9. The organisation of the Prefettura is unusual. The following table illustrates it : -

PREFECT REGGIO

- Capo Gabinetto (Cons. BOCCHINI)
  - Vice Commissario Politico (Avv. SARTOR)
    - V.P.V. (Dr. CALCINA)
  - Vice Commissario Amministrative (Rag. CALESTRI)
    - V.P.I. (Dr. CAVALLI)

10. The PC. seems to regard SARTOR and CALESTRI as Vice Prefects : I advised him that if he wished them to act as such he had better formally appoint them to the post. CAVALLI is compromised and will have to go eventually under CC.35 : the PC thinks he can be substituted with a local man. BOCCHINI was promoted VFI by the Republican Government : this being null and void, he has been reduced to the rank of Consigliere.

11. As compared with the Prefect (Action Party), SARTOR (Democratic Christian) is the live wire. The PC has considerable confidence in him and I received a good impression. The Prefect is also a man of personality with his own view.

12. The organisation is not " according to the book; "but if it works (as it seems to do) and the PC is satisfied, I was not prepared to advise any alteration. We shall see better when our provincial report form comes in. When the Italian Government takeover however, they will, I think, require a return to the normal constitution.

13. The electoral office is in charge of a Consigliere DI LORENZO, who

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will also do the inspections as to the electoral lists.

15. The PJ. thinks elections would strengthen the authority not only of the local government agencies but also on AMG : and the sooner they are held the better. The Prefect thought that the administrative elections could be held in October/November and those for the Costituente in December. I think he is most sanguine : but he is, of course, only considering Treviso, the other 90 odd provinces being none of his business.

14. The Prefect also said the great problem is public order : he fears the elections won't be free and said that the Communists specifically were still armed. "Give me 1000 C.C.RR. and an efficient and epurated Questura and I can hold the elections". This was Avv. BARTOR's view as well.

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APPENDIX "V"

U D I N E PROVINCE

1. Persons interviewed : - Lt Col. [illegible], MSS (E) - PC
Avv. CANDOLINO - Prefect Regent
Dott. [illegible] Giorgio - Segretario

2. Date : 9 and 10 July 1945

3. This is the largest and most populous province of the Region -- 172 Communes 3 Tribunali — 16 Mandamenti.

4. Many of the Sindaci have not yet been confirmed and the position as to Segretari Comunali is uncertain ; some 70 communes have been combined under one Segretario or have a temporary one.

5. The material for the electoral lists was delivered to the Prefecture 3 days before my visit. In the course of conversation with the Prefect and his officials, it became evident that they had not yet read the Ministry's instructions or opened the parcels. No decision had been taken as to the official to be Head of the electoral Office. At my interview with the PC next day, he gave the Prefect strict instructions (a) to place Cons. CAPITANIO in charge of the electoral Office (b) that he was to begin work on repacking the material that afternoon (c) that the Prefect was to report when ready when PC would arrange transport.

6. In some 10 cases the communal "anagrafe" have suffered war damage.

7. The Deputazione Provinciale was appointed about a month ago, nominations for the 4 elective members of the GPA are under consideration by the Deputazione.

8. The Cancellario of the Tribunale of Pordenone has suffered some small damage : those of Tolmezzo and Udine are in order.

9. The "set-up" in the Prefecture is as follows : --

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| Vice Prefect Commissario | - | Dott. [illegible] (Communist) |
| " " " | - | I.g. DAINELLI (Socialist) |
| " " Vicario | - | Dott. FRANZILLA (grade V) |
| " " Inspector | - | Dott. [illegible] (Cons. grade VII ff.VI) |
| 2 Consiglieri (Grade VII) | | |
| 2 " (Grade VIII) | - | one of them, Dott. PIVA is Capo Gabinetto |
| 1 Segretario - | - | Dott. [illegible] |

10. The Vice Prefect Inspector has no transport : the Prefect thinks he can requisition.

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7. The Deputazione Provinciale was appointed about a month ago, nominations for the 4 elective members of the GPA are under consideration by the Deputazione.

8. The Consiglio of the Tribunale of Pordenone has suffered some small damage : those of Tolmezzo and Udine are in order.

9. The "set-up" in the Prefecture is as follows : --

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| Vice Prefect Commissario | - | Dott. BELTRAMI (Communist) |
| " " " | - | I.c. BATTELLI (Socialist) |
| " " Vicario | - | Dott. FRANZILLA (grade V) |
| " " Inspector | - | Dott. MORLEO (Cons. grade VII ff.VI) |
| 2 Consiglieri (Grade VII) | - | one of whom, Dott. PIVA is Capo Gabinetto |
| 2 " (Grade VIII) | - | Dott. [illegible] |
| 1 Segretario - | - | Dott. [illegible] |

10. The Vice Prefect Inspector has no transport : the Prefect thinks he can requisition.

11. I had a full discussion with the PC about BELTRAMI, who is obstructive and uncooperative and on more than one occasion has disobeyed direct orders. The latest of these occasions arose during my visit. BELTRAMI had attended a meeting of Prefects at Milan in spite of the PC's express orders that he was not to go. He subsequently gave an interview to the local press in which he made statements derogatory to AMG. The PC. decided to dismiss him.

12. The Prefect, who was called in to be told of this decision, admitted that Beltrami was continually interfering with the running of the Prefecture, especially when his party was concerned. He said it would be necessary to replace him with another Communist to preserve the "equilibrium of the parties" and thought the CLN might resign en bloc. The PC. ultimately decided to dismiss Beltrami personally as uncooperative and to direct the Prefect not to fill the post without further instructions. I advised this course to give the PC time to consider whether local politics did really make a replacement necessary.

13. At the same time, I advised that, from the point of view of good administration, the post seemed quite unnecessary : with the career officials it has the Prefecture showed no able to function satisfactorily.

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14. The other political Vice-Prefect Ing. MANELLI, is not really political. He is a young man who seems to be doing something useful in supervising public works.

15. The Prefect (a Democ-Christian) did not impress me; but I think he has had great difficulty in maintaining his authority in the face of Beltrami's interference.

16. Discipline in the Prefecture is bad. Officials were disputing among themselves, as to which was to be Head of the Electoral Office (nobody wanting the job) and the Prefect had apparently not been able to give a definite order on the subject and enforce it. The elimination of Beltrami may effect an improvement in this respect.

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APPENDIX "VI"

VENEZIA Province

1. Persons interviewed : — Lt Col. P.H. Mc CLEARY (S) - PC.
Comm. Dott. MARESIA - Capo Gabinetto

2. Dates : — 7 and 8 July 1945.

3. SINDACI in office in all 43 Communes : some lack confirmation. Segretari Comunali are all career men.

4. DEPUTAZIONE PROVINCIALE was appointed at the end of April : the 4 elective members of the G.P.A. have not yet been chosen.

5. There are 7 Mandamenti, with President of the Tribunale and Pretori all available. Venice City alone will need 7 Electoral Sub-Commissions.

6. The Prefect MATTEI, Comdlle (Action Party) was away in Rome and no Vice-Prefect was available. There are 3 : —

OLIVERO, Dott. Carlo - political (Communist)
MARTINETTO, Avv. Celeste - " (Demo-Christian)
SALAZAR, Dott. - V.P.I. (grade VI)

There are 5 Consiglieri, plus the Capo Gabinetto : 2 of the former were promoted to Vice Prefect Inspector by the Republicans and have been retrograded. There seems to be sufficient temporary junior staff.

7. The electoral material was received by the Prefecture on 6 July : the Capo Gabinetto thinks it will take at least a week to get it out to the Communes.

8. The great difficulty in this province seems to be communications. The lagoons cut it up into 3 distinct areas (plus the city) and road connections are long and round about. In the provincial capital itself, the need to go everywhere by boat greatly lengthens the time it takes to get anything done : and the holiday and tourist character of the city does not help. It will be very difficult to keep near to the time-table in this province.

9. The PC. expressed the view that we cannot hope to exercise any effective control over the actual elections.

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OLIVERO, Dott. Carlo - political (Communist)
BASTIANETTO, Avv. Celeste - " (Dem-Christian)
SALAZAR, Dott. - V.P.I. (grade VI)

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APPENDIX VII

VICENZA PROVINCE

1. Persons Interviewed : — Lt Col. LOLLAR (A) - PC
I/Lt. SCARLOW - PLO
Signor GIURIOLO Libero - Prefect Regent
Dott. MARESI Bruno - VPV. (Caveur)

2. Date : -- 6 July 1945

3. All SINDACI were confirmed by verbal order of PC at a meeting of Sindaci held in the first few days after the establishment of A.M.G. Whilst such a verbal confirmation is perfectly valid, of course, PC agreed that a written record was required, as evidence. He said he would have an order made confirming all Sindaci en bloc and dating back to the verbal confirmation.

4. All 119 Communes have Segretari Comunali. About 15 joined the P.N.F. and will have to go, in the course of operation. The Prefect thinks he can manage to provide by combining communes or bringing in non career men.

5. The electoral material arrived 5 July : the instructions for the Sindaci were sent out immediately. All the forms and etc. will be distributed by 15 July.

6. The DEPUTAZIONE PROVINCIALE has not yet been appointed : the Prefect has not yet received the CLN's nominations. Consequently there are no elected members of the CPA. I advised the immediate constitution of the Deputazione.

7. Some Communes - less than 10 - have had their population registers destroyed. Vicenza Municipio was hit by bombs but the "anagrafe" was saved.

8. There is one Tribunale with seat at Vicenza. Its judicial records were destroyed by bombing. The PLO has already requested copies from the Casellario Centrale. The PLO speaks highly of the Presidente del Regio.

9. The Province has 5 Mandamenti : Pretori are functioning in all.

10. The Prefect Regent (Action Party) no longer belongs to the CLN. In the matter of electoral lists and Local Government the Vice Prefect Vicario did most of the talking and he is clearly quite "on the ball" with it all.

11. A Consigliere is acting as Vice Prefect Inspector. The PC. said there is plenty of transport available in the province (mainly captured german material, I gather) and the Prefect promised to see that the Vice Prefect Inspector had a

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11. A Consigliere is acting as Vice Prefect Inspector. The PIO. said there is plenty of transport available in the province (mainly captured german material, I gather) and the Prefect promised to see that the Vice Prefect Inspector had a car.

12. The Prefecture seems adequately staffed; no vacancies were indicated.

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REPORT No. 190

SUBJECT: Interview with Dott. Pietro FORNARO - Prefetto Reggente of NOVARA on 25th July 1945

TO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : W.I. CUNNINGHAM, Captain.

1. The Prefect is a thin active type of man. He seems rather tired and nervous and is carrying on his professional work at the local Hospital as well as acting as Prefect. He had the VFV and VII present at the interview and of course I could not ask him for an opinion on them. They are both Political appointees so I do not think he would have expressed any but a favourable opinion.

2. There are three Consiglieri, 2 career 1 political, and 3 Segretarios. The Prefect does not require any more officials.

3. The Deputazione Provinciale holds its first meeting today at 5 p.m. and will nominate the 4 citizen members of the C.P.A. The Deputazione has 6 members and 2 supplenti.

4. Giunte Communali are in all 141 Communes.

5. Sindaci have been appointed everywhere by the Prefect's Decree.

6. Segretari Communali. There are 132 career Segretari and 9 non career.

7. I spoke to the Prefect about a car for the official to inspect the preparation of the lists in the Communes and he said that if this official would give him a list each evening of the Communes he wished to visit, the Prefect would put a car at his disposal the next day. The Prefect agreed that this was important and said he would help in every way. He had had a talk with Parri and Nenni on the preparation of the lists at the funeral of Soleri and would see that there was no avoidable delay.

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3. The Deputazione Provinciale holds its first meeting today at 3 p.m. and will nominate the 4 citizen members of the C.P.A. The Deputazione has 6 members and 2 supplenti.

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REPORT No. 139

SUBJECT: Interview with V.V Luigi CAPPA and Dott. SPADASZA - Consigliere in charge of preparation of the Electoral Lists. - on 25th July 1945 -

TO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : W.I. CUNNINGHAM, Captain.

1. The forms had arrived and been distributed in good time and work had commenced on 15th July as set out in the Decree.

2. Of 174 Communes only about 2 had their records destroyed. These had asked for an extension of 3 months on this account. We had a long talk about extensions and I stressed how important it was to cut these down to a minimum. They said the Legal Officer had said the same thing to them and that they thought a month or 6 weeks would be sufficient extension. One of the Communes in question has only 5,566 inhabitants and I said I thought I could prepare a list of them in a week or so.

3. There are 2 Casellari Giudiciali in the Province. Both are intact and records in order. The V.V said they were understaffed and thought that a potential source of delay would be the getting of replies from Casellari all over Italy. 15 days were allowed for this by law and it was not enough in the present state of communication.

4. There are career Segretari in all but 20 Communes. These are being looked after by neighbouring Segretari. Sindaci have all been appointed by Prefectural Decree.

5. The Electoral Commissions were being set up. Names had been obtained for the members.

6. The Provincial Epuration Commission has been set up.

7. The main difficulty was transportation for the officials to get round the Communes. A.M.G. had allowed 15 litres of petrol per day but they had no car. I promised to speak to the Prefect about this.

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REPORT NO. 188

SUBJECT: Interview with Major C.P. MURCHIE, PC Novara, 25 July 1945

TO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : Captain W. I. Cunningham

1. Prefetto Reggente Dott. ~~PIERO Parava~~ PIETRO FORNARA is a Childrens' Doctor of International repute. He was the CLN's choice for the position. He is a very strong Socialist but has promised to give up politics while acting as Prefect. He would like to resign. PC has persuaded him not to resign at present as his departure would be a great loss to the Province. He is a strong man and is not afraid of anyone and stands up to the Communist Party. He will probably resign when the Province is handed back to the Italian Government and another Prefect will then be required.

2. VPV Luigi CAPPA is a political non-career appointment. PC has not a very opinion of him.

3. VPI Dott. Ermano LAZZARINO is a Medical Doctor and a non-career political appointee.

4. Deputazione Provinciale had been established and would appoint a GPA possibly today.

5. Giunte, Sindaci and Segretari were in all Communes.

6. CLN. Were not giving any trouble. They had been told what the position was and were being kept under observation. They had obeyed orders quite well.

7. The preparation of the electoral lists was going on quite well. The Legal Officer had gone home but another was expected soon and would keep an eye on the work.

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Vercelli

TO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : Captain W. I. Cunningham

1. I was unable to see the Prefect as he had gone to Turin to attend the funeral of SOLERI. However, I had an interesting interview with the VPV and officials responsible for the preparation of the electoral lists. This interview took place in the presence of the PC.

2. The forms had all been received and distributed and the preparation had commenced on the 15th according to law. Prior to this, however, all Segretari Comunali had been told to bring their population registers up to date in order that there might be no delay.

3. No extensions of time would be necessary. Only one Commune had lost its records through destruction and these could be replaced in time as it was not a large Commune.

4. The Casellario Giudiziale was intact and the records in order.

5. The Electoral Commissions had already been formed and were ready to hold sittings when required.

6. The only difficulty was in getting an official round all the Communes to supervise the work. They had a car at their disposal but not sufficient petrol. PC suggested that a larger allowance should be made from Rome for the purpose.

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REPORT NO. 186

SUBJECT: Interview with Lt. Col. Carter, PC Vercelli - 25 July 1945

TO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : Captain W. I. Cunningham

1. The Prefetto Reggente Dott. Giovanni CANTONA CEVA was a local manufacturer. He was a good type of man and completely honest, but unfortunately he was weak and dominated by the CLN. He was a member of the Liberal Party.

2. VPV Dott. Carlo CERRUTI, a political appointment--non-career--appeared to be a good worker.

3. VPI Dott. Renato BERTONE was also a non-career official.

4. The Deputazione Provinciale and the GPA were both functioning.

5. Giunte Comunale were in all 163 Communes.

6. Sindaci had been regularly appointed for all Communes. About 75% of them were good men. The others were not so good and were being watched.

7. Segretari Comunali were looking after all Communes. Mostly career officials. There were 10 non-career Segretari.

8. CLN. The CLN were a problem in this Province and they refused to be curbed. AMG had merely driven them underground and they were working steadily to undermine authority. PC did not consult them any more on account of their attitude. PC thought that the letter (AC/1/27/LG) of 21 July re the Consulta was wrong as it would re-establish an official position for the CLN if they had to be consulted regarding the members of the Consulta. I pointed out that this was the Italian Government law for constituting the Consulta and it was being carried out all over Italy in order that the Consulta could be set up. PC thought it a pity that it had to be done while AMG was still in operation in a Province.

9. The preparation of the electoral lists was getting on well. PC produced a report from the Prefect to the Ministry of Interior (copy to AMG for information) setting out the position on 16 July. He gave me a copy of the report. Copies are attached hereto.

10. The Provincial Epuration Commission was established and was working well. They had a good President and refused to be intimidated by anyone.

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REPORT NO. 185.

SUBJECT: On the working of the Motor Pool, Advanced HQ. AC.

TO : Director, Local Government Sub-Commission

FROM : Captain, W.I. CUNNINGHAM.

1. On arrival at Milan, I had a most refreshing reception from Captain Hatcher, Administrative Officer, Lombardia Regional HQ. He had booked accommodation for me on receipt of the information that I would be coming and he now rang up the Hotel Principe, Savoia, and confirmed my room number. He also made a further reservation for my next night in Milan and he booked a place on the plane for my return to Rome.

2. The Motor Pool was no longer run by Lombardia Region but by AC Advanced HQ, of which I had not heard before. He had telephoned a Major Cunliffe there and booked a car for me for the four days. He now telephoned Major Cunliffe again and asked for the car which he had previously reserved to report to me at the Hotel at 08.30 the next morning. He informed me after telephoning that Major Cunliffe wished to see me before giving me the car and directed me to another building where Advanced HQ AC is located.

3. I went to Major Cunliffe, the Executive Officer, as directed and he inspected my orders and kept one copy of them. He then rang up the Motor Pool and after some discussion he gave orders for a car to report to me at the time and place requested.

4. Next morning at 08.30 hours as no car had arrived, I rang up the Motor Pool direct and got the Sergeant in charge. I told him that I was waiting for the car and he first informed me that I would have to get an authority from Major Cunliffe! When I told him I had been in Major Cunliffe's office the previous evening and had heard him give the orders, he then said that he could not send the car unless he had orders from some Captain who ran the Motor Pool.

5. I went back to Advanced HQ AC about 08.40 hours and succeeded in seeing Major Cunliffe at 09.15. He had the Captain of the Motor Pool with him and the Captain said that there were no cars capable of going for four days without attention. I replied that in that case, HQ AC in Rome was under a misapprehension and asked what they could do for me. I turned down a suggestion that I should be sent to GENOA on the courier and see what I could do from there. Finally he agreed to pick out the best car and have it report to me at 10.00 hours.

6. The car arrived on time and I can only say from its subsequent behaviour

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6. The car arrived on time and I can only say from its subsequent behaviour that if it is the best car in the Motor Pool, that pool is about as much use as our Pool of Vice-Prefects as maintained by the Ministry!

7. We got to GENOA all right and filled up with petrol, leaving GENOA for IMPERIA. The Car is a FIAT 1100 and its tank holds 10 gallons. It went to IMPERIA but failed by 20 kilometres to reach SAVONA next day. The distance covered by one fill of the tank was 161 kilometres which seems a very small performance. I wasted about an hour stopping trucks before I got some petrol. It had not been possible to fill up at IMPERIA as the supply had not arrived.

8. At SAVONA the near front tyre was bulging ominously but the spare could not be used as it went flat immediately and could not be repaired as it was in such bad condition.

9. The tank was filled completely at SAVONA next morning and a spare can was carried as well as the next petrol point was TURIN, 153 kilometres away. The tank was dry at 130 kilometres from SAVONA.

10. The performance on gradients was very poor and the car stuck at two diversions for blown bridges which were not too steep. We had to be towed out of one.

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11. Just outside SANTHIA about 20 kilometres from VERCELLIA the near rear tyre blew out completely. A large piece of the cover disappeared and some of the inner tube. The remains of the innter tube had approximately fifteen patches on it, some of them overlapping.

12. I was able to persuade an Italian garage at Santhia to lend me a complete wheel on the promise that it would be returned next day, and with only some worry about the near front wheel mentioned before, we reached Vercelli at 1900 having been on the way since 08.00 hours with only two voluntary halts of about an hour each. I left the borrowed wheel with Captain SCAIFE, P.P.S.O. of VERCELLI who agreed to have it returned.

13. PC VERCELLI provided transport to NOVARRA and PC NOVARRA provided transport to MILAN where I went to the Pool Garage and reported the location of the car to the E.M. in charge. I also brought the driver of the car with me and left him at the garage to act as a guide when they collected the car.

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REPORT No. 194

SUBJECT : Note of interview with Col. J.C.SELBY - Deputy Regional Commissioner PIEMONTE REGION - 24th July 1945

TO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : W.I. CUNNINGHAM, Captain

1. As ordered by telegram No. 2282 dated 21st July 1945 I reported to Regional HQ. Piemonte Region on the afternoon of 24th July. I saw Col. J.C. Selby the Deputy Regional Commissioner.

2. Col. Selby said he would phone to Vercelli and state that I would arrive that evening and would like to see the PG. and the Prefect next morning. He would also phone to Novara and make arrangements there too.

3. He said that a cable had come from H.Q. asking what was the position about the Prefect of Alessandria. The original Prefect Reggente had been dismissed by the PG. for writing an offensive article to the papers and VELASCO who was the career Vice Prefect Vicario was carrying on his place until a new Prefect was obtained. It was not intended to appoint VELASCO. VELASCO had sent the telegram to the Ministry without anyone knowing.

4. I suggested that it was probably just a case of Velasco trying to get a good word in for himself with an eye to the future, and pointed out that if Velasco had not communicated with the Ministry directly the query would not have arisen. Col. Selby said that he was in complete agreement and would give instructions for Velasco to be reprimanded for his action.

5. We had then a discussion as to whether there was any necessity for Velasco to be appointed temporarily as Prefetto Reggente. I said that I was of the opinion that his appointment as Vice Prefect Vicario would cover acting as Prefect until a new one arrived as that was one of the functions of a Vice Prefect Vicario. Col. Selby said that they were of the same opinion and would not do anything further.

6. He then referred to the possibility of autonomy for Aosta and he thought that the present Prefect of Aosta - a career Prefect called CARDINI - who was an excellent official, would possibly not be required. Even if a Prefect was required his functions would probably be so limited that a lesser man than CARDINI could be used. In that case he thought CARDINI might be transferred to Alessandria if the Aosta matter was decided soon. I said that it appeared to be a good solution and agreed to bring the matter to the attention of Local Government

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7. At Regional HQ. I picked up Forms A and B for Vercelli and Novara. Copies are attached to the file copies of the respective reports. Regional and Provincial Commissioners already have copies.

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SUBJECT : Note of interview with Rag. Francesco BRIZZONE - Prefect Reggente of SAVONA - on 24th July 1945

TO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : W.I. CUNNINGHAM, Captain.

1. I had a short interview with the Prefect on Tuesday morning 24th July before proceeding to Turin as ordered. The Prefect seems a good official and shows decision and keenness for his work.

2. Vice Prefect Dott. Giacomo ROLLA is a political appointment and is working well. The Prefect has a high opinion of his capabilities. There is a Vice Prefetto Politico Francesco DE SALVO.

3. Vice Prefect Inspector Dott. Domenico ARARI is a I' Consigliere with the inspective functions. The Prefect thinks a lot of him as he worked with the Partisans for a long time and also because he is a career official.

4. The Prefect said he had sufficient officials and did not require any more. I told him the proper method of application and in case he should require any.

5. The Deputazione Provinciale was working well. It has 6 members and 2 supplenti and gives representation to all the parties.

6. The C.P.A. is also formed and is meeting when necessary.

7. Giunte Comunali are working in all Communes.

8. Sindaci have not been appointed by the Prefect's Decree in about 40 of the 69 Communes. I pressed for their appointment quickly and said that I doubted the legality of their actions if they were not appointed properly. The Prefect said he was not in favour of appointing them until he had had an opportunity to investigate them properly. Lt. Van Eerde had raised this point with him previously and the Prefect said he had discussed the question with the Legal Officer and they had decided that the actions of the Sindaci would be legal without the Prefect's Decree. (Lt. Van Eerde confirmed this statement). I again pressed for proper appointments as soon as possible and the Prefect agreed to take as little time as he could in investigating the Sindaci. There are de facto Sindaci in all Communes.

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9. Segretari Comunali were in all except 2 or 3 Communes. They were all career men and the Communes without Segretari were being looked after by career Segretari from neighboring Communes.

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REPORT No. 182

SUBJECT : Note of Interview with Lt. John A Van KERDE - C.A.O. SAVONA - and Dott. Domenico AMARI - V.P.I. SAVONA - 25rd July 1945

TO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : Captain, W.I. CUNNINGHAM.

1. I was favourably impressed with Dott. AMARI who told me he is a career I' Consigliere with the functions of a Vice Prefect Inspector. He had been with the Partisans for two years and so is acceptable to everyone. He is going round all the Communes guiding on the preparation of electoral lists.

2. The forms had all been received and distributed in good time and the lists had in fact started on Monday 16th July as the official date was Sunday 15th July. No extension of time would be necessary although all records in some small Communes had been destroyed by Partisans and otherwise, but in a small Commune it would not be too difficult to prepare completely new lists of inhabitants. Fortunately the records for Savona and other big Communes were complete.

3. Dott. AMARI was starting out early on Tuesday morning to tour several Communes and from now on would be going round regularly. As far as it lay in his power the lists would be ready by the appointed day.

4. The electoral office had been set up in the Prefecture. The electoral Commissions were not yet established but the Prefect had asked the C.L.N. to give him the names of three men from each Compartimento from whom he would choose one as the Prefects nominee on the electoral Commissions. The Deputazione Provinciale had been asked to nose the others and the Commission would be set up soon.

5. The Cancelleria Giudiziale was intact and the records all in order.

6. The Provincial Epuration Commission was established and functioning.

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REPORT No. 181

SUBJECT : Note of interview with Col. John R. THORNHILL - PC. SAVONA on 23rd July 1945

TO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : Captain, W.I. CUNNINGHAM.

1. The PC. said that Lt. John A Van ERROL was handling the preparation of the electoral Lists and had the Vice Prefect Inspector ready for an interview. Lt. ERROL went to get the Vice Prefect Inspector and the PC and I had a talk about the Local government situation.

2. The Prefetto Reggente Rag. Francesco BRUZZONE was a non career man. He had been the choice of the C.L.N. and was respected by the people. The PC. had a very good opinion of him as he was standing up to the C.L.N. and not being swayed by them. PC. had no doubt that the Prefect would be able to carry on when AMG was withdrawn.

3. Vice Prefect Vicario Avv. Giacomo ROLLA, and Vice Prefect Politico Francesco DE SALVO were both non career officials and the PC. thought they were good workers. He had no complaints about them. The Vice Prefect Inspector Dott. Domenico AMARI is a I' Consigliere with inspective functions.

4. The Deputazione Provinciale and the C.P.A. were both established and functioning.

5. Sindaci and Giunte were in all Communes. The Prefect had not confirmed some of the Sindaci yet as he said they were C.L.N. nominees who had been selected in a hurry and were not much good. He wished to change them. PC. had ordered him to confirm them. I urged that all Sindaci be confirmed in office immediately as they could always be dismissed at any time if it was desired but in the meantime they could legally act. PC. said that he thought that they would all be confirmed in the next day or two.

6. There were some 30 career segretari Comunali for 66 Communes. Some were looking after two communes. Other communes had non career segretari.

7. The PC. had had no trouble with the C.L.N. who understood their position and were behaving well.

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8. There were some 50 career segretari Comunali for 68 Communes. Some were looking after two communes. Other communes had non career segretari.

9. The PC. had had no trouble with the C.L.N. who understood their position and were behaving well.

10. From an administrative point of view the Province could be handed over at any time. The Public Safety position was the same as in many Northern Provinces and PC. did not think it would improve much unless AMG stayed for a long time with sufficient troops to back them up. He thought that if Elections were not held for a year or until the spring they were more likely to be fair than if held comparatively soon while the Communist Partisan element were at the top of their power.

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REPORT No. 130

SUBJECT : Note of interview with Avv. Ambrogio VIALE, Prefetto Reggente of Imperia - on 22 July 1945

TO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : Captain, W.I. CUNNINGHAM.

1. The Prefect is a pleasant mannered person. He appears to be efficient and to know how the Prefecture should function. It is difficult to form an opinion of such a man on one short interview but I think he is lacking in drive. He leans rather heavily on the Vice Prefect Vicario. He appears younger than the general run of Prefects.

2. The Vice Prefect Vicario Dott. PINNI is a very good worker and the Prefect is very pleased with him and thinks a lot of him. He is a career official who came from Benevento recently where he assisted in preparing the electoral Lists. He is the only senior career official.

3. Vice Prefect Inspector. There is no career Vice Prefect Inspector but there are two "Politicos". ADJUTORE Vittorio formerly leader of the local Partisans and Avv. CLERICI a local Lawyer. The Province has been divided between them and they are going round the Communes and paying particular attention to the preparation of the electoral lists. The Prefect says they are both good workers.

4. Other officials. There is only one Consigliere in the Prefecture but there is another Consigliere for the "Fondi del Culto" and he has been roped in to sit on the CPA when necessary. There is one Segretario. The Prefect has written to the Ministry setting out his requirements. He would like two more Consiglieri, a Segretario and a I' Ragioniere.

5. Deputazione Provinciale was meeting regularly and was established according to the Law with 6 members and 2 supplents.

6. C.P.A. was also functioning. The four citizen members were appointed and meetings were held with the assistance of the second Consigliere from the "Fondi del Culto".

7. Giunte Comunali. There are 53 Communes in the Province and all have Giunte but in 25 Communes this has not been confirmed in office. The Prefect is examining the position and confirming them as quickly as possible. Several Communes had been occupied by the French until 10th July and this had delayed the setting up of Giunte.

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8. Sindaci. Every Commune has a Sindaco regularly appointed by Decree of the Prefect.

9. Segretario Comunale. There are 4 career Segretari. Some are looking after two Communes. All Communes have the services of a Segretario and the Prefect is satisfied that the arrangement is working reasonably well.

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10. Preparation of electoral lists. I had a useful meeting on this subject with the Vice Prefect Vicario, one Vice Prefect Inspector and the Consiglieri. As stated before the Vice Prefect Vicario has already had experience of the preparation of the lists and is aware of how everything working smoothly. The work has commenced in all Communes and is getting the two Vice Prefect Inspectors to visit them regularly to see how it is going on. They have put in an application for a 60 days extension of time as in several Communes the records (anagrafe) were completely destroyed. I stressed the importance of sticking to the time-table and the Vice Prefect Vicario said that the extension might not be necessary but that they had applied to keep themselves right. He assured me that they were paying particular

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attention to this work and that there would not be any avoidable delay. The Cancelleria Civile was intact in Imperia Province but they had a lot of people born in other Provinces resident in Imperia now and it would take a considerable time to get their records from all over Italy and Sicily especially as many Cancellerii had been destroyed. The Electoral Commissions were being established soon. The Prefect had already named his nominees and the other names were being obtained.

11. The Provincial Epuration Commission had been set up. There was a difference of opinion between the Career Vice Prefect Vicario and the Partisan Vice Prefect Inspector as to how it was functioning. The Vice Prefect Vicario was satisfied but the Vice Prefect Inspector thought it was too slow and too soft !

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REPORT No. 179

SUBJECT : Note of interview with Lt.Col. D.E.S. COUSINS - PC. IMPERIA
Major L.D. GILBERT - Legal Officer
on 22nd July 1945 -

TO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : W.I. CUNNINGHAM, Captain.

1. The PC. explained that he was short of officers and had had to give priority to other functions over Local Government. The supply situation for example was very difficult and he had no supply office. The Legal Officer was looking after Local Government administration and the preparation of the electoral lists. On the surface things are quiet in Imperia Province but the PC. says this is due to the fact that it is known that A.M.G. will soon be going. The trouble makers are therefore awaiting.

2. The Prefatto Reggente Avv. Ambrogio VIALE is absolutely straight and honest and the PC. has a very high opinion of him. He is a Christian Democrat. He cooperates fully with AMG. but the PC. thinks he is too weak to carry on alone when AMG goes. The Italian Government should be warned to put in a strong career Prefect as soon as AMG goes.

3. Vice Prefect Vicario Dott. Ermanno PERRI. Arrived from Benevento about four weeks ago. The PC. was not impressed with him at the first but he had got down to work well and had made himself popular with the people. He was not afraid of saying what he thought and the PC. thought he might be suitable as a Prefect for Imperia. Dott. PERRI had been in charge of the preparation of the electoral lists in Benevento and was supervising the work here.

4. Vice Prefect Inspector. There are two non career Vice Prefect Inspectors. One ACQUARONE Vittorio is a partisan leader. He is a good honest chap - one of the good partisans. The other is Paolo Samuel GIGLIONI a local lawyer. Both are going around the Communes checking appointments and supervising the preparation of the lists.

5. Other officials. Are very scarce. The Prefect has written for more. Position is set out in Form A which was forwarded.

6. Deputazione Provinciale was functioning regularly. Nominees were obtained from C.L.N. and if acceptable were approved by AMG.

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2. The Prefetto Reggente Avv. Ambrogio VIALE is absolutely straight and honest and the PG. has a very high opinion of him. He is a Christian Democrat. He cooperates fully with AMG. but the PG. thinks he is too weak to carry on alone when AMG goes. The Italian Government should be warned to put in a strong career Prefect as soon as AMG goes.

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7. C.P.A. The four citizen members have been appointed and the Giunta was functioning.

8. Sindaci and Giunte Comunali were in all Communes.

9. Segretari Comunali. Some Segretari were looking after two Communes but all Communes were being served by Segretari.

10. C.L.N. The PG. had not had much trouble with them. They understood their position and that they could only offer advice. He found them quite cooperative. 135

11. Preparation of electoral lists. The forms had all been received and delivered to Communes and the work commenced. Some of the Communes were occupied by the French until 10th July and the forms were distributed to these Communes immediately the French moved out. The Prefect has applied for an extension of time of 60 days owing to destruction of Communal records in several Communes but this application is being held up pending receipt of instructions from us. He is being urged to get the work finished as soon as possible.

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The Electoral office has been set up in the Prefettura and names are being obtained for the electoral Commissions.

12. The Provincial Epuration Commission has been set up and is functioning.

13. The PC. doesn't think that the Province or any of the Northern Provinces should be handed back to the Italian Government for several months as the Public Safety position requires a lot of attention and he is afraid there will be trouble when AMG. goes.

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REPORT NO. 178

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SUBJECT: General Summary of tour of provinces of Como, Varese, Bergamo, Brescia, Sondrio and Cremona.

TO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : Major Ralph R. Temple, Deputy Director, Local Government S C

1. I left Rome on Monday, 16 July, for Milano, arriving there by plane at about noon. After a little difficulty arranging for a car because of the turn-over to Col. Fiske's unit of the cars requisitioned for the use of AC officers, I managed to get transportation.

2. The purpose of my tour was to survey the organization of local government and the position with regard to the compilation of electoral lists, and to discuss problems relating thereto. I found all of the Provincial Commissioners to be very receptive, cordial and cooperative, with the exception of the PC of Brescia, Lt. Col. Robinson, who did not even evince enough courtesy to spend any time with me in discussing the local government and election problems. In fact, he never made himself available to point out what the position was with regard to those matters. His Executive Officer, however, was gentlemanliness itself.

3. At the request of Captain Neufeld, Executive Officer, Lombardia Region, who was extremely cooperative and very helpful, I paid a visit to Cremona to discuss with the PC and President of the CLN the replacement of the present incompetent Prefect by a career Prefect. Report on this has been separately prepared (see Report No. 177).

4. Local Government Organization. As far as local government organization is concerned, I found that it is in pretty good shape. In only one instance was the Deputazione Provinciale not established, but that was expected to be done next week. In 2 instances, the Giunte Provinciale Amministrativa had not been established, but that, too, was in process of being created. Practically all of the Communes of the provinces visited had Giunte Communali and Sindaci. However, since the incumbents had not been formally appointed in office, I urged the importance of doing so immediately, lest any question as to the legality of the actions done by the Sindaci in connection with the compilation of the electoral lists be raised. This instruction, incidentally, had also been sent by the Regional Commissioner.

5. Problems of personnel needs, promotions, etc. were discussed with the PCs and Prefects. Generally speaking, most of the Prefetture are adequately staffed. The exception is Sondrio, which has only 2 trained officials. Other provinces were in need of Vice Prefects and Consiglieri, and measures are being taken to supply these needs.

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6. Compilation of electoral lists. Generally speaking, the local government organization for compilation of electoral lists is well in hand. Material has been distributed in all Communes, with the exception of a few which will be completed immediately. Electoral offices have been set up in all Prefetture under the supervision of a Vice Prefect Inspector and with one or two Consiglieri in charge. In one province, a scheme of dividing the territory into 10 zones with the most experienced Communal Secretary in charge of each was devised by the Prefect. Each of these Communal Secretaries not only takes care of his own Communes but supervises and advises the other Secretaries. This is a clever device to overcome the difficulty engendered by the scarcity of efficient Communal Secretaries. I believe that this idea should be passed on to all provinces.

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7. In one of the provinces, namely Bergamo, a Provincial Commission under Article 8 of Decree 159, which has the right to disfranchise people because of Fascist activity, is being created. I suggested that nothing further be done along this line since the Commissions were centrally appointed and I wanted an opportunity to take the matter up with the VP. The Prefect in this province pointed out that it was extremely desirable that this Commission be established quickly lest the names of rabid Fascists remain on the lists too long and thereby invoke unfavourable criticism and perhaps engender some trouble in the province.

8. Progress reports will be prepared fortnightly and sent on to this HQ for further transmission to the Ministry.

9. I returned to Rome by plane on Monday, 23 July.

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REPORT NO. 177

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SUBJECT: Report of survey of Prefectural situation in Cremona Province, 21-22 July 1945.
Persons interviewed:
Major Lund, Provincial Commissioner
Avv. FROSSI, President of the CLN

TO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : Major Ralph R. Temple, Deputy Director, Local Government S/C

1. At the specific request of Captain Neufeld, Executive Officer, Lombardia Region, I visited Cremona to discuss the Prefectural situation with Major Lund, the Provincial Commissioner. The PC stated that the present Prefect of Cremona--PARIETTI--was not satisfactory. He could not be relied upon to carry out any directives or any instructions no matter how carefully or how many times they were given to him. He delayed in the organization of Communal and Provincial government and has just recently appointed the Deputazione Provinciale. He is a source of constant irritation to the PC, who never feels sure that anything will be done. The PC had come to the decision that he would have to be replaced, and in fact the President of the CLN (Avv FROSSI) was in agreement with him.

2. I suggested that if it were possible, I should like to speak with Avv. FROSSI. FROSSI came in later that evening and I talked with him. He agreed that the present Prefect was useless and that a career Prefect was needed. I asked FROSSI whether the CLN could not find another local man. He replied that they had considered several other persons, but none was capable. Any other choice would be an experiment. He thought that a career man was necessary but stated that he would have to call the Committee together to have them come to general agreement. The PC and I pointed out that we were prepared to send a career Prefect down, but we wanted the CLN's support, unless they could submit the name of another local person.

3. I remained at Cremona that night while waiting for a decision of the Committee, but none was forthcoming. Next morning, the representative of the Committee came to the PC's mess where I was staying and produced a letter addressed to the PC, asking for two days postponement of his decision to change the Prefect. It was necessary, the letter explained, for each representative on the CLN to consult with his respective party.

4. The PC asked me to emphasize the fact that he wanted a decision by [illegible] that he either wanted the name of another local candidate or

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4. The PC asked me to emphasize the fact that he wanted a decision by Tuesday at 6 p.m.--that he either wanted the name of another local candidate or a green light to put in a career Prefect. The PC further emphasized that the Committee was not to deliberate on whether or not the present Prefect was to be retained, because the PC had already decided that he did not have the capacity for the work and that he was to be replaced. The representative said he would convey those remarks to the Committee.

5. Major Lund informed me before my departure that he would call Captain Neufeld as soon as the Committee came to a decision and have the latter call me. In the meantime, he asked me to ascertain if the Prefect of Perugia--Avv. PEANO--was available. If so, he should like to get him if we were instructed to procure a career Prefect. PEANO had worked with Major Lund when the latter was PC of Perugia. NOTE: This morning (24 July 1945) I received a telephone call from the Secretary of Captain Neufeld who informed me that last night Major Lund had telephoned Milano and left word that I was to be informed that there was a green light on the procuring of a career Prefect. I thereupon instructed Capt. Lewis to set the wheels in motion to secure a career Prefect, preferably PEANO if he was available.

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REPORT NO. 176

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SUBJECT: Survey of Bergamo province - 21 July 1945
Persons interviewed:
Lt. Col. Morley-Fletcher (B) PC Bergamo
Avv. ZAMBIANCHI, Prefetto Reggente
Dott. GIURA, Vice Prefect Inspector
" MELLUSO, Consigliere
" HELLAZZI, Capo di Gabinetto.

1. The Provincial Commissioner characterized the Prefect ZAMBIANCHI as a good, gentle man who, although the choice of the CLN and a Socialist by party affiliation, administers his province in a non-political manner.

2. PC discussed the case of Dott. Luigi HELLAZZI and said that as a result of the charges made, a public epuration hearing was held and the man was cleared. There was nothing serious at all in the charges. As a matter of fact, the CLN are in full support of him. He had done some remarkable work in cooperation with the CLN before the entrance of the Allies and in fact himself seized the Prefettura and installed the Prefect on April 25, and thereafter withstood a 3-day siege. PC had a very high opinion as to his competency. The man impressed me also as being a very capable and enthusiastic official.

3. All persons in the Prefettura have gone through preliminary epuration. One official named Dott. TRANIERI Grisogono, Consigliere Grade VII, is now "on leave". He is subject to epuration, but there does not seem to be enough on him to suspend him. However, the local situation would be better served if he were transferred. I informed the PC and Prefect that I would take this matter up with the Ministry.

4. I discussed the question of promotions of officials with the Prefect and PC, pointing out that although AMG could not promote a person in grade, they could assign him to a position for which he would receive the commensurate salary. There is no need for high ranking personnel, but I outlined the method of requesting lower grade personnel by direct communication to the Ministry through AMG channels.

5. An Electoral Office has been set up in the Prefettura under the supervision of Vice Prefect Inspector GIURA.

6. All electoral material has been distributed to the Communes. Communication is good and courier service is working. In the 217 Communes of the province, all of the Sindaci have been formally appointed by Prefectural Decree approved by AMG. Giunte Comunali are functioning in all Communes, but 24 need to be formally confirmed in office. This is expected

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7. PC believed that 80% of the province is Christian-Democrat, but that party is not well organized. The best organized party is the Communist.

8. There are 7 "mandimenti" in the province. Electoral Commissions for each are in the course of construction. These will be completed immediately. No extensions of time-limits are expected to be granted to any Commune. It is hoped to finish the compilation of the lists by 20 October.

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9. All the Communes are covered in whole or part by Segretari Comunali. I mentioned the scheme of the Prefect of Brescia of dividing the province into 10 zones with his most competent Secretary in each and assigning advisory and supervisory duties to these persons. PC and Prefect thought it was an excellent idea and intend to adopt it.

10. The Prefect informed me that the Provincial Commission, provided for under Art. 8 of Decree 159, which has the right to disfranchise people because of Fascist activity, was being constituted. I pointed out that they were centrally appointed and that they should take no further action until instructions were sent from HQ to the Regional Commissioner, who would, in turn, inform them as to the position.

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REPORT NO. 175

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SUBJECT: Survey of Brescia Province - 20 July 1945
Persons interviewed:
Major Bernard Culleton (A) Executive Officer
Avv. BULLONI, Prefect
Dott. VICI, Vice Prefect Vicario
" JORAREEK, Vice Prefect Inspector
" INSOLIA, Vice Segretario

1. Major Culleton informed me that he has been put in charge of election matters by the Provincial Commissioner.

2. There was a little confusion as to whether the electoral material from Regional HQ had been received at the Province, but that point was clarified by the Prefect who pointed out that the material had been received and in fact has been distributed to every Commune. The Prefettura seems to be sufficiently staffed. The Prefect showed me a telegram which he had received from the Ministry of the Interior directing that Consigliere Francesco CARUSO, Grade VIII, be transferred to Potenza. The Prefect said he had not communicated with the Ministry on this point and that it was quite possible CARUSO started the correspondence. CARUSO incidentally, he pointed out, is subject to epuration. I informed the Prefect not to permit the transfer of CARUSO until I had taken the matter up with the Ministry.

3. The Deputazione Provinciale has been established. The first meeting will be held, according to the Prefect, next Monday (23 July). It follows, of course, that the 4 members of the GPA have not as yet been appointed, nor have the Electoral Commissions or the 10 "mandimenti" of the province been selected.

4. The Casellari Giudiziali of the province are intact. Sindaci and Giunte Comunali have been created in the 171 Communes. However, only 125 have been formally approved. The others are being screened. An Electoral Office has been established under the direct charge of Dott. INSOLIA, Vice Segretario, and supervised by the Vice Prefect Inspector. The Prefect later showed me the office itself, which he has established to handle this work.

5. The Prefect stated that he had called a meeting of Segretari Comunali which was held at the Prefettura. There was general discussion of the problems and some material was given to the Segretari to take back to their Communes. The Prefect then divided the province into 10 zones with his most experienced Communal Secretaries in charge of each zone. Each of these 10 Secretaries not only has charge of their own Commune, but acts as advisers of the other Secretaries. They make inspections and give advice to these other Secretaries. When the Vice Prefect Inspector and Consiglieri

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6. The Prefect said he did not expect to receive any requests for extensions of the time-limits. The Prefect seems to be very zealous and capable and displayed a keen interest in his job, particularly with regard to the electoral lists.

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7. After we had concluded our discussion of electoral lists, I asked the Prefect if there was any information I could give him. He stated that some time ago, the Regional Commissioner had visited the province, at which time the Prefect asked him what the legal basis for the organization of the provinces and communes should be. Col. Poletti stated that generally it was the law of 1915. I said that that was correct, whereupon the Prefect said that he had not as yet seen any written document on this point. I asked him if he was familiar with RDL 111 of 4 April 1944, published in the Gazzetta Ufficiale of 22 April 1944, No. 21. He said he had not seen that and was not familiar with it. He directed that the "raccolta" containing the Gazzettas be brought to his office in order that I could point out the Decree to him. The pages of 2 copies in the "raccolta" of the Gazzettas were uncut. The Prefect muttered that this was making a bad impression on the Allied officers--which, incidentally, it did. I found the correct copy of the Gazzetta containing Decree 111 and showed it to the Prefect. He said this was the first time he had seen it and that neither the Provincial Commissioner nor anyone from his office had pointed it out to him.

8. In conclusion, I would state that the province is being well organized to handle the electoral lists, chiefly through the energy and interest of the Prefect. It was a little amazing to me that RDL 111 had not been personally brought to the attention of the Prefect by the Provincial Commissioner, inasmuch as it is the basis for the organization of the provinces and communes. I did not have an opportunity to bring this matter to the attention of the Provincial Commissioner, because he did not make himself available for any conference with me. I saw him at his mess at 1 o'clock, which he left at about 2. I went to his office at 2:30, waited there until 3 with his Executive Officer, when I had to keep the appointment with the Prefect. I returned to Provincial HQ at 5 and waited until 5:30 for the PC to turn up. I thereupon had to leave.

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REPORT NO. 174

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SUBJECT: Survey of Sondrio Province - 19 July 1945
Persons interviewed:
Lt. Col. J. Holmes (S) PC Sondrio
Avv. CORTI, Prefetto Reggente
Avv. QUAINI, Vice Prefect Vicario
Dott. PETROCCIA Capo di Gabinetto

1. The Prefect said that he was in need of a Vice Prefect Inspector, 2 Consiglieri and 2 Segretari. I informed him that arrangements already had been made to dispatch a Vice Prefect Inspector and outlined the procedure for securing personnel below that grade. The Provincial Commissioner characterized the Prefect CORTI as a very good man, but who has a disproportionate view as to what is important. The Vice Prefect Vicario has the legal grade of Vice Prefect Inspector and is a typical career functionary, but seems to be quite energetic and interested in his work. He has set up the Electoral Office, to which he has assigned Dott. CARNGNERA and Dott. BENEVENTO, both Vice Segretari. Dott. CARNGNERA, although a non-career recent appointee, impressed me as being a capable official. The organization of the Prefettura reveals a serious lack of trained officials. In fact, the Vice Prefect Vicario and the Capo di Gabinetto are the only trained men on the administrative side. Consigliere Dott. BARBATO does not report to the office--he is subject to epuration. The Prefettura is also weak on the accountancy side. The Rag. Capo (DE MEO) is old and ill and Dott. CONTI, Ragioniere, is not well also. This lack of Consigliere explains why the GPA has not been able to be properly constituted, although the 4 citizen members have been appointed.

2. The Deputazione Provinciale has been established. In the 78 Communes, Giunte Communali and Sindaci are functioning. All of them have been confirmed "en bloc" by the PC, but not all have received formal notice of their appointment by the Prefect. The Prefect was urged to do this immediately. All of the Communes are covered in whole or part by Segretari Communali. There is a lack, however, of some trained officials. Some instructions have been sent to the Communes, but not all the electoral material has been distributed as yet. I urged the necessity of distributing all the material immediately and not to await responses from the Communes as to what they need.

3. Electoral Commissions have not been established as yet. There are 5 "mandimenti" in the province.

4. Almost all the population registers are intact, but 9 Communes have reported that they are destroyed. The records in the Caselleri Giudiziali have not been destroyed. Relations with the CLN are outwardly good, although the PC says there may be some undercover work going on. Incidentally, I noticed that the stamp of the seal of the Prefettura of Sondrio had in its center a five-pointed star with the initials "C.L.N." inside the star. The PC said that he

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5. The Prefect seems to be a capable and efficient official, but seemed to lack interest in the matter of compiling election lists. This task had been delegated to the Vice Prefect as it has in other provinces. In the case of this province, however, the Prefect took part in our conference, but left soon after to attend another meeting and never returned. The Provincial Commissioner stressed the importance of the job of preparing the election registers as a No. 1 task. I suggested that he speak to the Prefect personally since the latter was not present when the PC made his remarks.

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REPORT NO. 173

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SUBJECT: Survey of Como Province - 18 July 1945
Persons interviewed:
Lt. Col. Arnold (A) PC Como
Major Payne, Deputy PC
Avv. BERTINELLI, Prefetto Reggente
VPI MARTUSCIELLO

1. There are 4 Vice Prefects contained on the list of personnel that had been prepared. One of them--BORDOGNO--is a non-career official. The Vice Prefect PISANO is subject to epuration. Of the 2 Vice Prefect Inspectors, STRANIERI is on leave and actually has not worked in the Prefetture. The PC said he would inform us as to whether he wanted us to retain the man. Dott. MARTUSCIELLO, the other Vice Prefect Inspector, is thought of very highly by the PC. In fact, the latter believes he would make a good Prefect.

2. The PC characterized the Prefetto Reggente BERTINELLI as a capable, reliable and energetic official. A Socialist, he was the unanimous choice of the CLN and is very popular with the people. He was appointed by the PC, the certificate of General Hume not having been delivered as yet. The PC said that the Prefect does not want his job but is willing to serve out of loyalty to AMG. The Prefettura is well staffed and no further officials are required.

3. An Electoral Office has been set up in charge of Vice Prefect Inspector MARTUSCIELLO, who is assisted by Consigliere SAPORITI. The electoral material has not been delivered to those Communes which are difficult of access. However, the Prefect hopes to have them distributed in the next few days. The Deputazione Provinciale was formed about 15 June. However, the 4 citizen members of the GPA have not as yet been selected. The Prefect said they would be selected very shortly. Electoral Commissions have not been formed as yet.

4. Population registers are all in good shape and the Casellari Giudiciali are intact.

5. There are Sindaci and Giunte Communali functioning in all of the 201 Communes. However, only about 150 have been formally confirmed in office. The PC intends to have an "en bloc" appointment by the Prefect made for the remaining ones. All the Communes are adequately covered by Segretari Communali. The PC said that the Province is in such good shape that it is ready to be handed back immediately. Initial difficulty with the CLN has been straightened out and relations with it now are very good.

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REPORT NO. 172

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SUBJECT: Survey of Varese Province--17 July 1945
Persons interviewed:
Major Clyde Warren (A) PC Varese
Major King, Deputy PC
Avv. Carlo TOSI, Prefetto Reggente
Dott. JODICE, Vice Prefect Vicario

TO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : Major Ralph R. Temple, Deputy Director, Local Government S/C

1. The PC characterized the Prefetto Reggente, Avv. TOSI, as an excellent man who is cooperative, loyal and energetic. He is a prominent lawyer who had been nominated by the CLN as Prefect. He is independently wealthy; in fact, he turns over his salary as Prefect to charity. The PC said that TOSI does not care to remain as Prefect and wants to return to his law practice. He will stay in the position, however, as long as AMG is there, but wants to give up the job as soon as AMG can release him. Major Warren said that he should like to have TOSI replaced by a career Prefect about two weeks before the territory is turned over, in order that TOSI be relieved of his job before AMG actually pulls out.

2. The relationship between AMG and the CLN is very good. All the Communes have received the electoral material that had been sent out to the provinces. The Casellari Giudiziali in the province are intact.

3. No Deputazione Provinciale has been established as yet, although there is a President of the Provincial Administration who is entitled "Commissario Straordinario". The latter appointed the 4 citizen members of the GPA. I informed the Prefect and PC that it was imperative that the Deputazione Provinciale be established immediately and that it nominate the 4 citizen members of the GPA. The Prefect said that he has asked for names from the CLN: none have been forthcoming. However, he assured me that the Deputazione Provinciale would be established this week. Thereafter, the 4 citizen members of the GPA would be confirmed by the Deputazione.

4. There are 4 "mandamenti" in the province. The Prefect expects to establish 6 Electoral Commissions and 4 Sub-Commissions.

5. An Electoral Office has been set up in active charge of Consigliere GERLINI, supervised by Vice Prefect Vicario JODICE. The population registers are in good shape, and in fact no extensions of the time-limits are expected to be filed.

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6. All of the 116 Communes in the Province are covered by Segretari Comunali. The Vice Prefect JODICE has sent out a questionnaire to them dealing with the position as to the compilation of election registers.

7. The first report on the status of the election registers has been prepared by the Prefect and will be forwarded through channels to this office and thence to the Ministry of the Interior.

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8. 85 Sindaci have been formally appointed. The remaining 31 have not as yet been formally installed. I urged that this be done immediately, perhaps by an order appointing them "en bloc". Substitutions might be made thereafter. I impressed upon the Prefect the desirability of having all persons who participated in the compilation of the lists legally installed in order to obviate the possibility of any technical objections to the validity of the lists being raised. The situation with regard to the appointment of Giunte Comunali is the same as that with regard to the Sindaci, namely 85 have been formally appointed--31 remain to be confirmed in office.

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9. Besides JODICE, who holds the rank of Vice Prefect Inspector with functions of Vice Prefect Vicario, there are 2 non-career political Vice Prefects; namely Dott. GALLINI, who is President of the Provincial Epuration Commission, and Professor FADDA, who is in charge of alimentation. The P seid both are conscientious and fit persons for the jobs they are doing. At the present time, there is no further need for Vice Prefects or Consiglieri. In fact, the province seems to be pretty well staffed with regard to Consiglieri. The Prefect said that Segreteri were necessary. I outlined the procedure for requesting such personnal; namely, direct communication to the Ministry through AMG channels.

10. In summary, the province seems to be fairly well organized from a local government standpoint and in a position to carry on the job of compilation of the electoral lists. The thing that has to be done quickly is the appointment of the Deputazione Provinciale which body in turn will select the 4 citizen members of the GEK and the 3 or 4 members of the Electoral Commissions. On the Communal level, all of the Sindaci and Giunte should be formally appointed to office. Assurances with regard to the execution of these points were given by the PC and Prefect. Lists of the personnel in the province were secured from the PC, copies for the Province and Region being retained by him. Instructions as to the forwarding of the semi-monthly reports of the Prefect to HQ were given to the Prefect.

/s/ P. Rasmussen
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REPORT NO. 171

SUBJECT : Note of interview with H.E. Avv. Giovanni CARIGNANI - Prefetto Reggente of LUCCA - on 14th July 1945.

TO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission.

FROM : Captain F.I. CUNNINGHAM.

1. The Prefect looks like a successful business man, smooth and cultivated and it is impossible to get any opinion in a short interview of his real qualities. He is not in favour of epuration to any great extent. He explained that he was interested in the peace of Italy and had been an anti-fascist for 20 years. He said that the majority of people had been Fascist because they had to and he was not in favour of persecuting them. He said it was a case of "First the Fascists hunt us and then we hunt the Fascists". If that went on there would never be peace in Italy. It was like the Guelphs and Ghibbellines over again.

2. Vice Prefect Vicario had been suspended by the PC. When I asked why the Prefect said he didn't know and that the Vice Prefect Vicario was a good efficient official.

3. Vice Prefect Inspector. Has been made Vice Prefect Vicario and is a good worker. Another Vice Prefect Inspector or Vice Prefect Vicario would be necessary especially for the work of preparing electoral lists.

4. Other officials. He would like a good Segretario or a Consigliere to replace his Capo Gabinetto who was suspended by the PC. I pointed out that as he had 2 Consiglieri, 3 1' Segretari and a Vice Segretario. I doubted if the Ministry would send any more but I explained the method of application to the Ministry. The Prefect said he would prefer not to write but would see the Ministry as he hoped to go to Rome shortly.

5. Deputazione Provinciale had been established and was meeting regularly and working well.

6. The C.P.A. was also functioning.

7. Giunte Comunali were in all except 2 or 3 very small Communes. He was having Giunte established there immediately.

8. Sindaci had been confirmed in all the Communes by Prefectural Decree.

9. Segretari Comunali were in all 35 Communes. 26 career officials were [illegible] while the remaining 6 communes had non career men. The

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9. Segretari Comunali were in all 35 Communes. 26 career officials were looking after 29 Communes while the remaining 6 communes had non career men. The examinations had been held. There were 10 candidates and the results had not yet been received from Rome.

10. Preparation of electoral Lists. Everything was well in hands. The forms had all been distributed and he had received the copy of the Gazzette Officiale. The electoral office was established and he had the names of the members proposed for the electoral commissions for each Mandamento. The Casellario Giudiziario was undamaged and the records all in order. It was actually in a position of the Prefecture Building. The Prefect did not think that extensions of time would be necessary as the most damaged Communes were small ones and it should be possible to get all the names of the inhabitants without too much trouble.

11. The Epuration Commission was functioning. They had examined between 500 and 600 cases already.

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REPORT NO.170

SUBJECT : Note of Interview with Lt.Col. R...B. CAMILLON - PC LUCCA Province 14th July 1945

TO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : Captain, W.I. CUNNINGHAM

1. The PC had Forms A and B. ready for me. They are attached to the file copy of this report. Regional and Provincial HQs already have copies.

2. Prefect Reggente Avv. Giovanni CARINCANI was President of the C.L.N. and their nominee as Prefect. He is a reactionary and does not do anything to assist epuration or the setting up of a democratic administration. Attached hereto is a letter from the PC. to RC. Liguria Region which gives his opinion of the Prefect. PC. would like him changed before AMG is withdrawn.

3. Vice Prefect Vicario Dotter FRANCI had been suspended for epuration. He intended to promote the Vice Prefect Inspector temporarily.

4. Vice Prefect Inspector Dott. Stefano RUSSO had been sent from Rome. The PC. had not been impressed by him at first but now thought he was a good man and a hard worker. He would like another Vice Prefect Inspector if Russo takes the functions of Vicario. If it is not possible to get one from Rome a I' Consigliere will be given the functions of Vice Prefect Inspector.

5. Deputazione Provinciale and G.P.A. had been formed and were functioning.

6. Sindaci, Giunte Comunali and Segretari had been appointed in all communes.

7. C.L.N. was not very forceful and appeared to be dominated by the Prefect and not to represent the people. PC considers it more healthy to have a strong C.L.N. as it is a sign that the people are behind them.

8. Preparation of Electoral Lists. The forms had arrived and been distributed to all Communes and ~~our~~ eye would be kept on the progress made.

9. Epuration. The Provincial Commission had been established but was being hindered in its work by the Prefect who blocked them in every way possible.

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5. Deputazione Provinciale and C.P.A. had been formed and were functioning.

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REPORT N.169

SUBJECT : Note of Interview with H.E. Pietro DEL GIUDICE - Prefetto Reggente of APUANIA - on 15th July 1945

TO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : Captain W.I. CUNNINGHAM

1. The Prefect looks very young and not at all like the average Italian prefect. He is much more a soldier, quiet and decisive and has a good grasp of the administrational set up in his Province.

2. Vice Prefect Vicario Dott. Luigi BAFFETTA is an old man and well known as an anti-fascist. He is a career man and the Prefect said he was very capable and knows his work.

3. Vice Prefect Inspector. He is using the Ragioniere Capo as Vice Prefect Inspector. He is a good official and is working well.

4. There is only one Consigliere and two non career secretaries. The Prefect has been to Rome recently and asked for two Consiglieri and two Segretari. He said that I Consigliere and I Segretario were indispensible requirements if he was to get all the work done. I promised to enquire from the Ministry the present position.

5. The Deputazione Provinciale had been formed and was functioning. There is a President and 6 members, chosen to represent the various political parties and zones of the Provinces, plus two Supplenti.

6. C.P.A. is being nominated and should meet by 18th July.

7. Giunte Comunali and Sindaci had all been established according to law.

8. Segretari Comunali were in all Communes. The Prefect was not certain how many were career officials but said that where career officials were not functioning he had appointed good local men.

9. Preparation of electoral Lists. The forms were all distributed and he had got his Electoral Office established. He had got all the Sindaci in yesterday and lectured them on the subject of the preparation of the lists. Extensions of time might be necessary in some cases as some Communes had been totally destroyed and no records left but he would keep extension to a minimum. The buil-

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as an anti-fascist. He is a career man and the Prefect said he was very capable and knows his work.

3. Vice Prefect Inspector. He is using the Reggiondere Capo as Vice Prefect Inspector. He is a good official and is working well.

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9. Preparation of electoral Lists. The forms were all distributed and he had got his Electoral Office established. He had got all the Sindaci in yesterday and lectured them on the subject of the preparation of the lists. Extensions of time might be necessary in some cases as some Communes had been totally destroyed and no records left but he would keep extension to a minimum. The building of the Casellario Giudiziale had been damaged but the records were safe and in good order. They had been guarded by two of his partisans in the early days. He was examining names and setting up Electoral Commission as soon as possible. He had received the Gazzetta Ufficiale some days ago.

10. The Provincial Epuration Commission was established and Functioning.

11. H.E. said he had a special prayer that AMG would remain as long as possible in his Province. They had had terrible destruction and were receiving marvellous assistance from AMG and he did not know how they would carry on without that help. Practically all houses were without roofs and this would be very serious when the winter came. They had no transport to bring tiles etc. He wondered if the Government could supply some wooden huts to house people until their homes were rebuilt and also if the Allies could lend some Bailey Bridges as the present by-passes would be washed out by the first rains. Their bridges were so high and big that it would be impossible to repair them before winter.

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NOTE : - This was passed on t. the PC by me.

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REPORT No. 168

SUBJECT : Note of interview with Major K.L. SHIRK (A) - PC of APRANIA - On 13th July 1945

TO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : Captain W.I. CUNNINGHAM

1. The Prefect Pietro DEL GIUDICE was an extremely good man and was working excellently. The PC had not been impressed at first as the Prefect was rather young (31) and he did not think that he would be able to keep order but the Prefect had the support of the whole population and was generally admired and respected. He was a priest and had been in a College in Rome but after the Armistice he had got leave and come up to Apania which was his home and organised resistence against the Germans. He had refused to be Prefect at first but had been persuaded by all parties of the CLN. He had only taken the appointment temporarily. The PC thought it would be a great pity if he had to give up the appointment within the next few months. He should stay till the position is stabilized.

2. Vice Prefect Vicario is an old career man. He would never make a Prefect as he had no initiative and will not make decisions but he is very useful as he knows all the administration.

3. There is no Vice-Prefect Inspector. One has been asked for.

4. The Deputazione Provinciale had been formed but had not appointed the managers of the C.P.A. yet.

5. Giunte Comunali were in all Communes; all appointed in consultation with C.L.N.

6. Sindaci were formally appointed in all Communes.

7. Segretari Comunali were in all Communes. Many of the Segretari had run away and non career officials had been appointed. Often there was an old assistant Secretary in the municipal office who could guide the new Segretario.

8. The PC. had had little trouble with the C.L.N. He had got the leaders together right at the start and explained the position to them. The leaders were co-operative and were asked for advice occasionally. He thought it would probably break up soon as the parties were beginning to go their own ways and the coming elections would probably accentuate this.

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9. Preparation of Electoral Lists. Forms had all been distributed and the Gazzette Ufficiale handed to the Prefect. He had also given him a copy of Executive Memo. NO. 5 to be translated and used as a guide. He thought it would be a good thing if an authorized translation was issued from AC hq to all Prefects. The Cancelleria Giudiziale was all right and records intact.

10. Epuration. The Provincial Commission was established and is functioning.

11. I collected Forms B but Form A has still to be completed and 1354 be forwarded.

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REPORT No. 167

SUBJECT : Note of interview with Dott. Pietro MERLI - Prefetto Reggente for LA SPEZIA - on 12th July 1945

TO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : Captain W.I. CUNNINGHAM

1. I had to wait some time before I could see the Prefect and during our interview his telephone kept ringing. He apologised for the frequent interruptions and explained that he had a general strike of workers on his hands. The Prefect appears to be a strong man and he dealt quickly and decisively with the queries raised by the persons who kept telephoning him.

2. Vice Prefect Vicario Dott. Giovanni D'ALESSANDRO is a career Vice Prefect and is very helpful. He was a C.L.N. nominee for the position and is not liable to be epurated.

3. Vice Prefect Inspector Dott. Ermanno FERRUTO is a career official and is very efficient. The Prefect is going to give all the work in connection with the preparation of the electoral lists to him and would like another Vice Prefect Inspector for the ordinary duties. I said it would be very difficult to get another career official.

4. Other officials. There is one Consigliere and one primo Segretario who is acting as a Consigliere. The Prefect had been in Rome recently and had asked the Ministry for some more career officials to make up his establishment.

5. Deputazione Provinciale was established and was functioning very well.

6. Giunte Comunali had been established in all Communes except two. There were Giunte of a sort there but the Prefect was not satisfied and was getting other nominations.

7. C.P.L. had been formed and was meeting.

8. Sindaci had been appointed by his Decree in all Communes.

9. Segretarie Comunale. There are 20 career officials for 32 Communes. Non career officials are in 10 Communes while two Communes are being looked after by the career Segretari or the neighboring comune. The Prefect said that examinations had been held recently for Segretari and the papers returned to Rome. He had it received the results yet. He had given the oral portion of the exami-

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9. Segretarie Comunale. There are 20 career officials for 32 Communes. Non career officials are in 10 Communes while two Communes are being looked after by the career Segretari of the neighboring commune. The Prefect said that examinations had been held recently for Segretari and the papers returned to Rome. He hadn't received the results yet. He had given the oral portion of the examination himself and had picked out the 10 best answerers and appointed them temporarily pending the official results. About 20 persons had sat for the examinations.

10. Preparation of Electoral Lists. The forms have arrived and been distributed to all communes. He was giving the matter particular attention as he thought it of prime importance. He had set up an electoral office in the Prefecture and if he found any commune getting behind in the work he would send an official out to assist. The Casellario Giudiziale had been destroyed by fire about a month ago. 1353

11. Epuration. The Provincial Commission was functioning.

12. The Prefect had been to Rome recently to get a new Questore and was worried because he had not arrived yet. The present Questore was very unpopular and could not function efficiently on that account.

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REPORT N. 166

SUBJECT : Note of interview with Lt Col. E.M.J. NICOLLS DSO MC - PC La Spezia and Captain J.MUIRHEAD Legal Officer on 12th July 1945.

TO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : W.I. CUNNINGHAM, Captain

1. The PC has a rather poor opinion of the Prefect Reggente, who was a C.L.N. nominee and who is still too much involved with them at present. There was a general strike on and PC. considered that the Prefect had probably assisted in organising it. The Prefect Reggente is Dottore Pietro [illegible]. He is a member of the Socialist Party. I collected Forms A and B. They are attached to the file copy of this report. Regional and Provincial HQs already have copies.

2. The Vice Prefect Inspector are both career officials. The Vice Prefect Vicario Dott. Giovanni D'ALESSANDRO seemed to be a good worker. They were both C.L.N. nominees. The Prefect wanted another Vice Prefect Inspector.

3. Other officials. There was a Consigliere and one Segretario. The Prefect had asked for more. The Segretario has the function of a Consigliere.

4. The Deputazione Provinciale was formed from C.L.N. nominees and was functioning.

5. The C.P.A. had been nominated and was meeting.

6. Sindaci were all appointed. In the main they were the C.L.N. nominees who were found when A.M.G. arrived.

7. Giunte were functioning in all Communes. They were nominated by C.L.N.

8. Segretari Comunali. Practically all the 32 Communes had Segretari. Some were looking after two Communes.

9. C.L.N. - As usual had tried to take executive action at first but their position had been made clear to them by the PC. They now only offered advice to him but they brought a lot of pressure to bear on the Prefect and were working underground.

10. Preparation of electoral Lists. The forms had arrived and were distributed The Prefect had been told that 15th July was the date to commence the preparation [illegible] had not yet received the Decree. He was going

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10. Preparation of electoral Lists. The forms had arrived and were distributed The Prefect had been told that 15th July was the date to commence the preparation of the lists. The Legal Officer had not yet received the Decree. He was going to Regional HQ. Genova on 13th July and would ask the Regional Legal Officer for it. The Casellario Giudiziale had been broken into and set on fire on 17th June and the records destroyed. The Prefect was going ahead and getting names for the Electoral Commission and these would be set up in good time.

11. Epuration. The Provincial Commissioner had been set up and was functioning.

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REPORT No. 165

SUBJECT : Note of interview with Ing. Giacomo FERRARI. Prefetto Reggente of PARMA - on 11th July 1945

TO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : Captain W.I. CUNNINGHAM

1. The Prefect is not very impressive. I think however he is a reasonable worker. He appears to be very anxious about the legality of his actions. On the other hand he, unlike most other Prefects, was not eager to get career officials sent from Rome. He would prefer to appoint local men.

2. The Vice Prefect Vicario is a career official. He is efficient and cooperative but he has been denounced to the Epuration Commission and the Prefect is afraid he will have to go. He will be retained as long as possible. The Prefect says he can find a local man to take his place.

3. Vice Prefect Inspector is Avv. Aristide FOA. He is non career and C.L.N. nominee. He is going round the Communes advising Sindaci and Giunte and etc.

4. He has 6 career Consiglieri two of whom have been dismissed. He does not require any more officials. I explained the proper procedure to obtain these officials to the Prefect.

5. The Deputazione Provinciale has been functioning with only 5 members instead of the 9 members required for a Province of this size. The Prefect is getting nominations for the remaining members and will have them appointed soon.

6. C.P.A. held its first meeting on 5th June and has been meeting regularly since.. The four citizen members are appointed.

7. Giunte Comunali are all functioning.

8. Sindaci have all been appointed.

9. Segretario Comunale. Career officials are working in 37 of the 46 Communes. In the other nine Communes there are non-career officials under the supervision of a career Segretario for the neighboring Commune.

10. Electoral lists. The forms have been distributed to all Communes and

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9. Segretario Communale. Career officials are working in 37 of the 46 Communes. In the other nine Communes there are non-career officials under the supervision of a career Segretario for the neighboring Commune.

10. Electoral Lists. The forms have been distributed to all Communes and the Prefect has a receipt for each Sindaco. He has also set up the electoral office in the Prefettura. He is getting names for the electoral Commissions too. The Prefect said that the Provincial Commissioner was holding a gun at his head and pressing him all the time about the Electoral Lists. I told him that the Provincial Commissioner was being equally pressed on the same subject by his superior officers. The Cancellerie Giudiziale are all in perfect order according to the Prefect.

11. Epuration. The Provincial Commission has been set up and is working steadily but of course the population are not satisfied with the progress made.

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REPORT No. 164

SUBJECT : Note of interview with Major Francis J. BURNS (A) PC. PARMA on 11th July 1945.

TO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : Captain W.I. CUNNINGHAM

1. The PC had Forms A and B ready. They are attached to the file copy of this report. Region 1 and Provincial HQs already have copies.

2. The Prefect Reggente Ing. Giacomo FERRARI is the C.L.N. nominee and is a Communist. He was officially appointed on 23rd May 1945. PC doubts his honesty. He is probably getting directions from the C.L.N. The Prefect does not wish to take any decisive action and always wants A.M.G. to shoulder the responsibility. PC. keeps urging him to stand on his own feet.

3. The Vice Prefect Vicario Dott. Vincenzo CASOLA is a career official. PC. doesn't think he will be spurned. The Vice Prefect Inspector Avv. Aristide FOA is a non career C.L.N. nominee. He is also called Vice Prefect Politico.

4. The Deputazione Provinciale and C.P.A. are functioning. C.I.C. has raised some objection to the President and PC. is examining the matter. It may be necessary to have a new president.

5. Sindaci. The position of the Sindaci of all 46 Communes has been regularised by Decree of the Prefect. I pointed out to the PC. that the appointments were only temporary and that Sindaci could be changed at any time if they did not give satisfaction.

6. Giunte Comunali composed of C.L.N. nominees were functioning in all Communes.

7. Segretarix Comunali were working in all Communes. PC. had asked the Prefect for formal notice of their appointments and that they were all there.

8. C.L.N. Is not taking any direct action now. Their position has been made clear to them several times. They know they can only tender advice,

9. Electoral Lists. The forms arrived about 5 weeks ago and were all distributed to Communes. The Prefect had got a receipt from each Sindaco and PC has asked for a copy of each receipt. The Decree had arrived and would be handed to the Prefect today. He was pressing the Prefect to keep moving on the whole question of elections.

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3. The Vice Prefect Vicario Dott. Vincenzo CASULA is a career official. PC. doesn't think he will be epurated. The Vice Prefect Inspector Avv. Aristide FOA is a non career C.L.N. nominee. He is also called Vice Prefect Politico.

4. The Deputazione Provinciale and C.P.A. are functioning. C.I.C. has raised some objection to the President and PC. is examining the matter. It may be necessary to have a new president.

5. Sindaci. The position of the Sindaci of all 46 Communes has been regularised by Decree of the Prefect. I pointed out to the PC. that the appointments were only temporary and that Sindaci could be changed at any time if they did not give satisfaction.

6. Giunte Comunali composed of C.L.N. nominees were functioning in all Communes.

7. Segretarix Comunali were working in all Communes. PC. had asked the Prefect for formal notice of their appointments and that they were all there.

8. C.L.N. Is not taking any direct action now. Their position has been made clear to them several times. They know they can only tender advice.

9. Electoral Lists. The forms arrived about 3 weeks ago and were all distributed to Communes. The Prefect had got a receipt from each Sindaco and PC has asked for a copy of each receipt. The Decree had arrived and would be handed to the Prefect today. He was pressing the Prefect to keep moving on the whole question of elections.

10. Epuration. The Provincial Commission has been established and is functioning.

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REPORT No. 163

SUBJECT : Note of interview with Prof. Vittorio MIDDIA - Prefetto Reggente of PIACENZA - on 5th July

TO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : Captain, W.I. CUNNINGHAM

1. The Prefect is an old man and lacks drive. He appears indecisive and wants the Allies to do everything for him.

2. Vice Prefect Vicario Romano COLUCCI has only come recently. The Prefect said it was too early to express an opinion. I saw COLUCCI and consider him a better man than the Prefect. He likewise has little drive but as a career official knows the administration.

3. Vice Prefect Inspector Reg. Guido BUCHICCHI 7' grade has been denounced to the Epuration Commission but is still working. If he has to go another Vice Prefect Inspector will be required.

4. There is also a Vice Prefect Politico who has been going round setting up Giunta Comunale and etc. He is a non career man Dott. CIMMI.

5. Other personnel. The Prefect has sufficient at present with two I' Segretari functioning as Consiglieri but he is afraid that Epuration will reduce his staff. He has written a letter to the Ministry, setting out the whole position and he will forward it through the usual channels.

6. Deputazione Provinciale is functioning, contains representatives of all parties.

7. C.P.A. The four citizen members have been nominated but it has not held a meeting yet.

8. Giunte Comunali are meeting in 14 out of the 47 Communes. In the other the Prefect has appointed Commissari Prefettizi. He has done this in order that there will be a legal head of the Commune to produce the electoral Lists. In the meantime the work of getting Giunte Communali is going on.

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10. Segretario Comunale. Each Commune has one. More than half the number are career officials. The Prefect is in favour of holding examinations as soon as possible.

11. Preparation of electoral Lists. The necessary forms have been delivered to all Communes and preliminary work has started. The Cancellario Giudiziale are intact and the records secure. The Prefect is getting on with the appointment of the Electoral Commissions and has asked for names of proposed members.

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12. Epuration. The Provincial Commission is working regularly but slowly.

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REPORT N.162

SUBJECT : Note of interview with Major A.C.HILLS - P.P.W.O. Piacenza - on 10th July -

TO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : Captain, W.I. CUNNINGHAM

1. The PG Major Lewis W. McINTYRE had not returned from Venice and the Executive Officer had returned to England for release from the Army. Major Hills was carrying on until PG's return possibly today. Naturally he was not fully acquainted with the administrative position as his police work kept him fully occupied.

2. The Prefect NIEDDA Avv. Vittorio was a weak old man rather under the thumb of the C.L.N. He was honest however and Major Hills thought he was trying to get clear of the C.L.N. He is a Christian Democrat and is the C.L.N.'s choice as Prefect. He was inclined to worry about taking action in case the CLN didn't approve.

3. Major Hills was not aware of the position regarding other officials; Deputazione of C.P.A.

4. Sindaci. 14 Sindaci had been appointed in the 47 Communes. In all the others a Commissario Prefettizio had been appointed by the Prefect's decree in order to legalise the compilation of the electoral lists.

5. Giunte Comunali. There were properly constituted Giunte Comunali in the 14 Communes with Sindaci.

6. Segretari Comunali. All Communes had one and they appeared to be good men. A good proportion were career officials.

7. C.L.N. There had not been much trouble with C.L.N. They had been made to understand that they could give advice. Occasionally they had tried to take executive action but they had been called to the PG's office and the position made clear to them.

8. Electoral Lists. The forms had been received and distributed to all Communes. Executive Memo No.5 was on the PG's desk. The Cancellerie Giudiziale were all right and the records intact but many of the officials had fled

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10. Forms A and B would be forwarded as soon as possible.

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REPORT No.161

SUBJECT : Note of interview with Major F. YOUNG (A) Acting PC REGGIO EMILIA - on 9th July, 1945.

TO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : Captain W.I. Cunningham

1. Major F. YOUNG is acting PC Reggio Emilia in place of Lt Col RADICE who is now PC BOLOGNA.

2. The electoral Forms had been distributed using all available transport including the PC's car.

3. The Deputazione Provinciale had now been appointed. He would get the C.P.A. and the electoral Commissions going right away. The state of the Cassiario Giudiziale was not known but the Legal Officer would report.

4. Some Sindaci had yet to be appointed as the Prefect did not approve of the present holders of the position. I told the PC that the appointments were only temporary anyway and did not bind him or the Prefect to anything as the Sindaci could be dismissed at any time and a new one appointed. The PC said he would send for the Prefect immediately and order him to appoint all Sindaci at once. He had gone through Executive Memo No.5 with the Prefect and stressed the importance of adhering to the timetable.

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REPORT NO. 160

SUBJECT : Note of Interview with Lt Col T.W.J. WALTERS (B) - PC Modena on 9th July 1945.

TO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : W.I. Cunningham, Captain -

1. I had a short interview with the new PC of Modena and his Executive Officer, Major Cousins.

2. The Prefect had been in Rome since Thursday seeing the Government and pressing his need for career officials. If he failed to get any the PC proposed to promote a primo Segretario to Consigliere to assist the only other career Consigliere. I said this would be all right providing that it was a temporary appointment. I stressed the difficulty we were having in getting career officials.

3. The Prefect had not wanted to confirm the present Sindaci in office but the PC had ordered the Capo Gabinetto to prepare confirmation decrees in all the outstanding cases. These were now ready and would be signed by the Prefect when he returned from Rome. He was expected back this evening (9th July).

4. The PC had only been in Modena for a short time and had found the Prefect a bit slow in getting things done. The Deputazione Provinciale would be confirmed in office tomorrow (10th July).

5. The Electoral Lists material had arrived and was now being divided up by the Prefect's staff. It would be delivered to the Communes in time. The PC was not sure of the position regarding Cancelliario Giudiziale but his legal Officers would report in due course.

6. Forms A. and B. are ready and I collected them. They are attached to the file copy of this report. Regional and Provincial HQs already have copies.

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REPORT No. 159

SUBJECT : Note of interview with Col. FLOYD E. THOMAS - RC Emilia Region - 9 July 1945

TO : Director Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : Capt. W.I. Cunningham

1. I had a long talk with Col. THOMAS the new Regional Commissioner for Emilia Region on the subject of Local Government and particularly the preparation of Electoral Lists.

2. Col. THOMAS asked me to drop in Modena and Reggio on my way to Piacenza and find out how things were going. He had made the setting up of the Local Government agencies necessary for the preparation of the Electoral Lists a first priority and he asked me to send him a note of anything I found which should be done urgently. I promised to do this if necessary and also to send complete copies of my reports on my return to Rome.

3. Col. THOMAS had been asked by Col. Fiske to state when he could turn the Region over to the Italian Government. He had replied that Forli' and Piacenza might be turned over on the 25th July provided he was notified that this was to be done before 15th July. The rest could be turned over on 1st August provided he had 10 days notice.

4. Bologna Province. Col. THOMAS was until very recently PC. Bologna. Lt Col J.de L. Radici is now PC. The Vice Prefect Vicario De Sena from Rome had arrived and was proving very satisfactory. De Vita was being kept on as no Vice Prefect Inspector had arrived yet. He was working much better as the arrival of De Sena had been a great surprise to him. The Questore sent from Rome was also doing excellent work and Col. Thomas was under Way the P.S.O. had a high opinion of him. The Action Party was gunning for him and had published articles against him because the previous Questore - a political non career appointment - was their man. He had been useless and corrupt and had been dismissed by Col. Thomas before the new questore arrived from Rome.

5. Ferrara Province was short of Consiglieri. Col. Thomas had told the PC that they must appoint local men who, although they might not know the administration could at least get something done. As the appointments were only temporary they could be dismissed if and when career officials arrived from Rome. I said that we advocated that policy and stressed to the PC. that we were doing everything humanly possible to speed up the supply of officials but that I could hold out no hope that matters would improve.

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6. The electoral material had all been received and delivered to Provinces and should by now be with the Communes. I confirmed this with Major Lunmon the Executive Officer. who told me that in his former Province of Forli' or Ravenna he had got a receipt from each Sindaco for the material delivered to him.

7. I also saw the Regional Legal Officer who told me that the Gazzetta Ufficiale publishing the Decree fixing the 15th July as the date for commencement of the Electoral Lists had been received by him on 8th July and forwarded to the Provincial Legal Officers immediately.

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REPORT NO. 158

SUBJECT: General Summary of Survey of Piemonte, Lombardia and Liguria Regions.

TO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : Major Ralph R. Temple, Deputy Director, Local Government Sub Commission.

1. I left Rome on Tuesday, 19 June 1945, at 09:30 hours by Italian Military plane. The plane stopped one-half hour at Bologna and two and one-half hours at Treviso, finally arriving at Milano at 15:30 hours.

2. I had a car and driver assigned to me for my use by the Dispatch Officer of Lombardia Region. No rations were issued the driver, but provision was made for his reimbursement on a specified scale (in his case, 125 lire per day). I visited the regional capitals of Lombardia, Piemonte and Liguria, where I conferred with Regional Commissioners, the Provincial Commissioners of the Provinces wherein the regional capitals were located, Specialist Officers, Prefects and other Italian officials. On my route, I also stopped off at two other provinces, namely, Alessandria and Pavia, where I conferred with the PCs and Prefects.

3. I got the general impression that the status of local government in all three Regions on the communal level was in fairly good shape; that there were Sindaci and Giunte, although I doubt very much whether there has been a careful scrutiny of the persons holding these offices and whether there has been regard to the size of the Giunte as provided for by law. In other words, there seems to have been a general tendency to let the organization as set up by the CLN keep going with or without official approval. In those provinces which I visited, I was told that for the most part the communal officials had been formally approved by AMG. With the exception of one, none of the provinces I visited had had Deputazione Provinciale established, although they were "imminently in the process of having this body established". In one or two cases, there was a difference between the statements of the PC and the Prefect. In one case, the former said there was a Deputazione and the latter made a statement to the opposite effect. However, I feel that within a week, they should be established in all the places visited.

4. There was a deplorable lack of information, either collected or scattered, dealing with local government. The only information, and this in most cases scanty, dealt with the name of the Prefect. In Lombardia, the information which had been requested by the RC in the form of a directive had not as yet come in when I visited the Region. My suggestion that our form of report as to the

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5. All the PCs welcomed the plan of having an officer of the Sub Commission make a local government survey of the provinces within their jurisdiction. Col. Marshall and Brigadier Carr, in fact, expressed the hope that it might be done within the next ten days. In view of the lack of information at Regional HQs, it seems imperative that personal visits to each province be made as quickly as possible.

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6. In view of the great number of provinces to be covered, each survey will unfortunately not be able to be the type ~~we~~ which this Sub Commission is accustomed to make. It will have to be in the nature of a "Quickie", wherein the general local government situation will be sized up, the "drill" on elections given to the PC and Prefect, and general needs and problems of the local government administration discussed. Later, it might be possible for a re-check to be made in all provinces, or in those where the most difficulties are to be found.

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7. In my conferences with RCs and PCs, the problem of the compilation of electoral lists was emphasized and served as a "leader" to discussion of other local government matters. This engendered interest immediately and seems a good technique to be adopted by the other officers of the Sub Commission.

8. The Regional Commissioner of Lombardia requested me to interview the Prefects of any provinces in the presence of the PC, inasmuch as he wished to prevent the Prefect from getting any other impression but that the PC was the supreme authority in this province so far as AMG is concerned. In other words, he wanted to keep building up his PC as the top man in the province. I not only did this in the case of Lombardia, but also for the other two Regions I visited. I would suggest that all of the officers interview the PC first and then the Prefect in the presence of the latter. At various times during the interview it will be a good idea to pass a remark or two by which the impression is made that the PC is the most important man in the province so far as AMG is concerned.

9. On the question of having trained governmental personnel sent from Rome to the provinces where needed, there is general agreement by both AMG and the Prefects (particularly the latter, surprisingly enough) who have said it did not make any difference from what part of Italy the trained official came as long as he knew his business. I found the Prefects to be energetic, young and capable people with a splendid political and social out-look, but they all admittedly were over-worked, chiefly because they lack the "know how" of public administration and Italian procedure.

10. I returned to Milano on Monday night, 25 June at 18:00 hours. I left for Rome by Allied Military plane at 10:30 hours on Tuesday, 26 June, and arrived in Rome at 13:30 hours.

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REPORT NO. 157

SUBJECT: Survey of Pavia Province - 25 June 1945.
Persons interviewed:
Major Wendell Phillips, Provincial Commissioner
Prof. BORLANDI Carlo, Prefect.

TO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : Major Ralph R. Temple, Deputy Director, Local Government S/C

1. I stopped off at Pavia on my way back to Milano, at the request of Capt. Neufeld, Col. Poletti's Executive Officer, particularly to ascertain the personnel needs of the Prefettura.

2. The Prefect, Prof. BORLANDI, is a CLN designee who was Professor of Economics at the University of Genova and is a very intelligent man. The PC said he was a very capable administrator, but is terribly over-worked, because of the lack of trained officials in the Prefettura. He is a young man, apparently very much interested in the good administration of his province and very eager to do all he can. He seemed to have a healthy, tolerant political outlook.

3. There is urgent need for a Vice Prefect and a Capo di Gabinetto. There is a person acting as Vice Prefect but he is a political man designated by the CLN without any knowledge of government administration. I assured the PC and Prefect that on my return to Rome I would immediately set the wheels going to secure a trained Vice Prefect Inspector and Consigliere to act as Capo di Gabinetto.

4. I then discussed the problems involved in the compilation of electoral lists. The names of nominees for Deputazione Provinciale have been received. It is expected that the body will be appointed within the week.

5. All the communes have Segretari Comunali, most of them career. There are Giunte and Sindaci in all the communes also. However, in the case of the Giunte, they do not conform in size to the law. The Prefect is in the process of regularizing them and having them approved by the PC. Most of the Sindaci have already been approved by the PC. All were found in office, having been appointed by the CLN when AMG took over. Changes are gradually being made. The Prefect and the PC make tours of the communes in order to ascertain problems. With the shortage of staff, the PC is hard put to it in effecting a careful scrutiny of selections of the CLN for the various communal offices. PC said he was so anxious to have the two career officials as quickly as possible

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6. Forms showing the personnel as well as the local government situation were left to be completed and forwarded to this HQ.

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REPORT NO. 156

SUBJECT: Survey of Genova Province - 23 June 1945
Persons interviewed:
Lt. Col. McPhee, Provincial Commissioner
Captain Mullin, Staff Officer
Avv. MARTINO Enrico, Prefect

TO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : Major Ralph R. Temple, Deputy Director, Local Government S/C

1. I outlined the problems involved in the compilation of electoral lists. The Prefect, Avv. MARTINO Enrico, member of the Liberal Party and designee of the CLN, was characterized by the Provincial Commissioner as a very good administrator. He had been acting in the underground movement and was highly respected. He had courage enough to defend the Carabinieri on one occasion after he had taken office. He is a young man and impressed me with his eagerness and fresh point of view. The PC said there is no trouble with the CLN now; that they quit issuing Decrees after AMG was in the province 5 days. Relations between the CLN and AMG are good. The CLN is very cooperative.

2. Public order in the province is good. Some partisans have been absorbed into the various police services. Outlaw bands are diminishing. There is still some trouble with these bands, which are operating under the guise of being partisans.

3. The political complexion of the province is Liberal--perhaps a little to the right of that. Coal is the key to the solution of all the problems.

4. The Deputazione Provinciale has not been formed yet. Not all the names of the nominees for that body have been received as yet. However, it is hoped that the Deputation will be selected within the week. The Vice Prefect situation is as follows:

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5. In all of the Communes, Sindaci and Giunte Comunali have been appointed. In the case of the Giunte, they have been reduced to the legal size. There are Segretari Comunali in almost all communes.

6. The four members of the GPA naturally have not been selected, since the Deputazione Provinciale has not been created as yet.

7. Forms showing the provincial situation were left to be completed and have recently been received by this Sub Commission. Requests for several Secretaries and Class "C" employees have been forwarded to the Ministry of the Interior for any necessary action.

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REPORT NO. 155

SUBJECT: Note of interview - Regional HQ Liguria. - 23 June 1945.
Present:

Brig. CARR, Regional Commissioner
Junior Commander Edwards, Staff Officer
Lieutenant DeBellis " "

TO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : Major Ralph R. Temple, Deputy Director, Local Government Sub Commission

1. I outlined the problems involved in the compilation of the electoral lists and the distribution of material to Brig. Carr and his aides. It was the Brigadier's opinion that it would be 3 to 4 weeks after receipt of the material at Regional HQ that distribution could be effectuated in each commune. He thought the earliest would the first of August before actual compilation could be made.

2. There was little information available as to the state of local government in the Region. I arranged with Regional HQ for the distribution of our report showing the personnel situation and local government status and assured them that an officer of the Sub Commission would be around shortly to advise on electoral and other local government matters. I later conferred with Major Alexander, Deputy Legal Officer, who apparently is going to supervise the work of compilation of electoral lists.

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REPORT NO. 154

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SUBJECT: Note of interview - Alessandria province. - 23 June 1945.
Present:
Major L. E. Zervudachi, Provincial Commissioner, Alessandria
Prefect PIVANO Livio.

TO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : Major Ralph R. Temple, Deputy Director, Local Government Sub Commission

1. On my way to Genoa and Turin, I stepped off at Alessandria where I had the good fortune to find the Prefect and the Provincial Commissioner conferring in the former's office. I interrupted their meeting to inform them of the purpose of my visit and ascertain very quickly what the position was regarding compilation of electoral lists. I was informed that there are only two functionaries in the Prefettura who are career people. The two Vice Prefect Inspectors are not--they are CLN designees. There is a Deputazione Provinciale in existence.

2. The PC and Prefect estimated that it would take from 7 to 10 days to distribute the electoral forms. I informed them that an officer would return in the near future to make a more thorough local government survey, but in the meantime, the Prefect would review his personnal needs and communicate with us.

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REPORT NO. 153

SUBJECT: Note of conference with Regional Commissioner and Deputy Regional Commissioner, Piemonte Region - 22 June.

TO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : Major Ralph R. Temple, Deputy Director, Local Government Sub Commission

1. I discussed with RC and his Deputy the various problems arising out of distribution of electoral material and compilation of electoral lists. RC said there might be some difficulty in starting on time in Cuneo and Aosta, where the French still are. It was suggested that the material for the communes in this province still under French control be stock-piled in the nearest points for distribution when the French are relieved. RC was of the opinion that it might be three or four weeks after the material reached Regional HQ before they would be in a position to begin the compilation of the lists. The presence of IV Corps and the French situation have prevented direct contact with the communes.

NOTE: I conferred with Capt. Michele Wright, Staff Officer, at the suggestion of Col. Selby, in order to get some information concerning the state of local government in the Region. The only information on hand was that concerning Prefects and that was scanty. The following data was found in Alessandria Province:

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| Prefect | PIVANO Livio | Action Party |
| Vice Prefect | BOCCASSI Carlo | Communist |
| Vice Prefect | FADDA Luigi | Socialist |

For Asti province:

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| Prefect | GIACCHERO Enzo | Christian-Democrat |

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REPORT NO. 152

SUBJECT: Survey of Torino Province - 21 June 1945
Persons interviewed:
Lt. Col. Hannibal FIORE, PC Torino
Sig. TASSONI Luigi, Prefect of Torino
Dott. MARCACINI, VPV
Dott. ADAMY, Consigliere 1° classe

TO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : Major Ralph R. Temple, Deputy Director, Local Government Sub Commission

1. The interview took place at the Prefettura on 21 June. The Provincial Commissioner stated that the CLN was still forming small committees in industries and factories. There was no interference by AMG as it concerned private firms. It was the Provincial Commissioner's opinion that the majority of the people in the province would vote Christian-Democrat if there were a free election held tomorrow. The Communists, however, are the most strongly organized.

2. Although the chairman of the CLN is a member of another party, the Provincial Commissioner says that the Communist member of the CLN is the real leader. The PC made the observation that the Prefect TASSONI, who by profession is an accountant, is anti-Fascist and a very hard worker. He is a member of the Socialist Party and prevented a joinder of the Socialists with the Communists, principally because he is afraid of the Mayor of Torino who is a Communist. The CLN does not control him. He is a capable administrator, but knows little about Italian administrative procedure. The VPV, MARCACINI, is a career official who had been kicked out of office by the Fascists. The VPI is also a career official, while the Capo di Gabinetto is not. Lt. Col. Fiore thought it would be a desirable thing to have an official with VP rank make an economic study of the effective sequestration of private firms on our employment.

3. There is no need for officials to be sent from Rome now as there are sufficiently trained office-holders on the staff of the Prefecture. There is no Deputazione Provinciale established as yet. The Prefect expects to have names submitted by the CLN in a week. I impressed upon him and the PC the necessity of creating this body immediately. Obviously, the four citizen members of the GPA have not been appointed yet. The official members of the GPA are performing the work of that body.

4. The Giunte in the 179 Communes are presently being re-organized on a politically representative basis and should all be approved formally shortly. They are being reduced to the size provided by law.

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5. When AMG came into the province, all the Mayors they found in office were Communists and Socialists put in by the CLN. They are being replaced slowly on the advice of the CLN.

6. Career Communal Secretaries are lacking in the province, but all Communes have either a career or non-career person acting in the capacity of Communal Secretary.

7. I discussed the organisation of local government as provided in RDL 111 and explained the general procedure with regard to the compilation of electoral lists. It was estimated that it might take from 7 to 10 days to distribute the electoral material to all Communes in the province. 1317

8. Conclusion. Although the Provincial Commissioner and the Prefect were confident that there would no difficulty in having adequate administration, I am not too certain about this myself. While the Prefect knows little about administrative procedure, he is very energetic and seems willing to learn. Further check on this province may be desirable in the future.

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REPORT NO. 151

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SUBJECT: Survey of Milano Province - 20 June 1945
Persons interviewed:
Lt. Col. Giles, PC Milano
Eng. LOMBARDI Ricardo, Prefect
Avv. DE FILIPPO, Legal Adviser to the Prefect
Sig. FRASELLO, interpreting.

TO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : Major Ralph R. Temple, Deputy Director, Local Government Sub Commission

1. I conferred with the Provincial Commissioner first on the compilation of electoral lists and other local government matters, and then later we both went to the Prefect's office where we covered the same and additional ground. The Provincial Commissioner pointed out that the city of Milano is under another Allied officer (Lt. Col. Hershenson) and that his jurisdiction is that of the rest of the province excluding the city.

2. It was his opinion that the Prefect, who is a member of the Party of Action, was still under the influence of the CLN to too much of an extent. In fact he showed me some documents which contain the "visto" of AMG and the seal of the Prefettura. In the center of the seal of the Prefettura, the Royal Arms have been removed and replaced with a star and the initials "CLN". I obtained a copy of one of these documents in which a Sindaco was appointed in this Commune in the Province. The PC said that he has not taken this point up because he does not think it means too much and it is just a continuation of a longer series of similar incidents. So far as the administration of the Prefect was concerned, the PC thought he was an able man. My own impression was that he was a capable person who had a broad point of view and realized his short-comings. In fact, shortly after we began talking and he realized what the nature of our conversation would be, he asked whether he could call in his legal adviser who was familiar with the administrative law and apparently was the person upon whom he leaned in connection with the administration. The Prefect is a young man, and impresses one with his sense of responsibility and power.

3. The PC stated that the province is divided into 7 districts with a CAO in each.

4. I discussed the problem of distributing electoral material and compiling the electoral lists. The PC thought it might distribute the material to each of the 7 Zones and then have the CAOs distribute from those points to the Communes under their jurisdiction.

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6. Sindaci have been appointed in all of the Communes. They are now being formally confirmed in office. The PC was under the impression that all the Sindaci were under the thumb of the CLN. All of the old ones had been thrown out of office and replaced when AMG moved in. The Prefect mentioned the fact that the rates of pay of temporary employees made it difficult for him to put on such personnel since they were unwilling to work at the rates fixed as of 3rd April. He thought that this difficulty might prevent their recruiting staff for the task of compiling electoral lists. I informed him and the PC that I would bring this matter to the attention of the proper authority at this HQ, and suggested that Labor Sub Commission be sounded on this matter.

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7. Giunte have been established in every commune, but in most cases they are larger than the size provided by law. The Prefect is now reducing them in size and hopes that this task will be completed in two weeks for receipt of the formal approval by the Provincial Commissioner.

8. A Deputazione Provinciale of 10 members and 4 substitutes have been appointed by the Prefect and approved by the PC. The 4 citizen members of the CPA have not been appointed. Names for candidates will be submitted to the Deputazione Provinciale in a day or two, so the Prefect informed me. The Prefect said there was no shortage of expert and technical personnel in the Prefettura. The following are his top personnel:

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| VPV - Dott. FR[illegible]ERI ..... | He is a career Vice Prefect who was on leave when the Allies entered the province. He did not take the Oath to the Fascist Republican Government. |
| VPI - Avv. VALCAPONTI ..... | He is a career official |
| Capo di Gabinetto DE MESE ..... | Non-career |
| Vice Capo di Gabinetto DE FILIPPO | A career official special |
| Consigliere MAGNARELLI ..... | A career official with VPI functions |
| " RUSSO ..... | A career official with special VPI functions |

9. After further discussion of general problems of administration and the compilation of electoral lists, I left a form of local government report to be filled out and sent to the PC's office for further forwarding or to this Sub Commission.

10. In conclusion, the province is apparently adequately staffed for proper civil administration.

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REPORT NO. 150

SUBJECT: Interview with Col. Charles Poletti, Regional Commissioner, Lombardia 19 and 20 June 1945.

TO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : Major Ralph R. Temple, Deputy Director, Local Government Sub Commission

1. I informed Col. Poletti that I wanted to give him the picture generally as to the problem of compilation of electoral lists in order that he might be in a position at the Regional Commissioners' meeting next Wednesday, 27 June, to discuss the matter. I outlined the general procedure involved in the compilation of the electoral lists, mentioning the factors to be considered in arriving at a date when the compilation could begin.

2. The RC wondered whether all the circulars sent out by the Ministry had been or would be received by the Prefects. I told him that I believed that they were all included in the material that had been prepared for distribution, but I would check on this and if they were not, bundled copies would be sent out. (I have ascertained since my return that copies of all circulars were included in the material to be distributed.) The RC wanted to know when the election for the "Costituente" could held. I said certainly not until the electoral lists in the North could be compiled and that would not be before December. He also asked several technical questions on the registration of refugees and slave laborers returned to Italy. I pointed out that there was provision in the law for registering these people. We then discussed the distribution of the material and I left a copy of our circular indicating the weights of the parcels. This circular had not as yet been received. RC said he would do what he could to expedite the delivery.

3. On the matter of the establishment of local government machinery, he said that he had given instructions about that already (which we know and knowledge of which I said we had). I asked Col. Poletti what he thought of his Executive Officer's opinion that Vice Prefects come from the Southern part of Italy, if a request was made for them in the North. Col. Poletti thought that objection would be overcome by the fact that PARRI is now the Minister of the Interior and consequently any man sent up by the Government would be PARRI's man now and not BONOMI's.

4. I told the RC that Captain Neufeld agreed to use the form of report on the staffing of the Prefecture and general local government situation in order to save time in making our surveys. Permission was formally granted to me to have our Sub Commission visit the provinces. Col. Poletti requested, however, that the Prefect not be seen without the RC being present. He was desirous of

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5. Col. Poletti asked me whether any public statement had been issued regarding elections. I said not as yet, although the Sub Commission had advised that it be done immediately. Col. Poletti said that he believed it should be done before the Italian Press began its public statements, which the Allied Commission would have to "explain" or refute.

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6. RC assured me that transportation would be made available for myself or any officer coming up to survey the provinces. He said that he did believe that the date for the beginning of compilation of electoral lists could be set before the end of July.

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Col. R. R. Cripps
Director, Local Government S/C
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Arrived in Milano yesterday at 1600 hours (Tuesday, 19 June). I have conferred with PC, PG, Prefect and other officials.

In the hiring of temporary staff in connection with the present Provincial Epuration Commission difficulty has been had in getting people to work at the rates fixed as of 3rd April. The same trouble is expected in hiring temporary employees for electoral list compilation. I suggest Labor S/C be sounded on this matter of payment. The people won't work at these rates in Milan.

I strongly recommend, once again, that AC put out a public release regarding the matter of compilation of electoral lists, AC's assistance, our criticism of voting methods, possibility of holding local elections in South first, etc.--before the Italian press, especially here, publish a gobbled account that will embarrass AMG or make it do a lot of explaining. Col. Poletti supports this.

I'm on to Turin tomorrow by car.

Regards,

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REPORT N.149

SUBJECT : Report of interview with Col. Bowman, RC Emilia Region and Major Freese on Tuesday 19 June 1945

TO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : Captain W.I. Cunningham

1. I saw Major Freese first and I told him that I had now completed my tour of the four provinces of Bologna, Ferrara, Modena and Reggio Emilia. We discussed for some time the local government conditions as I had found them.

2. I mentioned that in some provinces most of the Sindaci and Giunte Comunali were not confirmed in office, although they were actually functioning, according to my information. Major Freese said that owing to the great shortage of CAOs it was very difficult to get round all communes in under two months. Provinces with 50 or 60 Communes had only 2 or 3 CAO.s and Col. Bowman had directed that all officers must get out round the Communes in order to ease the position. The liberation had taken place so quickly that in the majority of cases communes had not been visited by Army spearhead CAO.s at all.

3. I said that I could see nothing to prevent the preparation of the Electoral Lists as there was de facto Sindaco, Segretario Comunale, and Giunte in each Commune and that the work would probably go well as public opinion would be in favour of it.

4. Major Freese told me that Lt Col Whineray the PC. of Modena was leaving on 20th June to proceed to U.K. for release from the Army. His place was being taken by Lt Col N.P. Kucera (A) formerly PC of Ravenna while Major T.E.T. Barbury (B) took over as the Acting PC of Ravenna.

5. Major Freese brought me in to see Col. Bowman and showed me in Col. Bowman's room a large board covering one wall on which is all the information about officials etc. in each province. The officials names are typed on cards coloured according to their political affiliations and a complete picture of the administration in each province can be obtained very rapidly. I promised to send Col. Bowman copies of my reports together with lists of the officials in the various Prefectures which might help to fill some of the vacant pins on his board.

6. I thanked Col. Bowman for the cooperation I had received from him and his

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6. I thanked Col. Bowman for the cooperation I had received from him and his officers in connection with my tour of inspection. Col. Bowman expressed his pleasure that the inspection had been made and hoped that Parma and Piacenza would also be inspected soon.

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REPORT N. 148

SUBJECT : Report of interview with RC. and PCs of Emilia Region on 16 June 45

TO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : Captain, W.I. Cunningham

1. As a result of a short interview with Col. Bowman and Major Freese on Friday evening when we discussed the telegram No.9724 of 13 June 1945 on the subject of the preparation of Electoral Lists, I remained in Bologna on Saturday and, at Col. Bowman's request, attended his meeting of all the Provincial Commissioners and addressed them on that subject. The meeting met at 0930 and dispersed at 1245 hours.

2. I explained that so far as I was aware it was not the intention to hold an election in AMG territory but that there was no reason why the compilation of the electoral Lists, which was likely to take some time, should not be carried out while the territory was under AMG. The preparation of the Voters Lists did not bind us to hold an election but was simply a necessary preliminary which could make possible the holding of an election at a much earlier date than would have been the case under the previous Decree of the Italian Government, which stated that the work of compilation should commence 10 days after the territory was handed back.

3. I gave some idea of the work involved and stressed the urgent necessity of setting up the proper agencies specified in Executive Memorandum n.39 at the earliest possible moment. I also mentioned the possibility that extra staff might have to be engaged in some cases to handle the extra work, and that the Italian Government had sent a circular letter to Prefetti authorising such expenditure.

4. I said that we were anxious that AMG should facilitate the work as fully as possible by providing the necessary transport for the distribution of the forms to Provinces and Communes and seeing that they were distributed with a minimum of delay. Probably about 6 tons of forms would be delivered to to Regional HQ. by transport arranged by AC. These forms would be in bundles addressed to the respective Prefectures. At the Prefectures the Prefect would have to be responsible for breaking up the bundles in appropriate parcels for each Commune and we hoped that PC.s would see that no time was wasted here and that the forms were passed on to the Communes as quickly as possible, assisting with transport where necessary.

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5. Col. Bowman then gave instructions to all his Provincial Commissioners to check with ~~Executive Order~~ Executive Memo No. 39 and to see that, in any cases where the proper bodies and officials had not been appointed, ~~that~~ this was done immediately.

6. At the end of the meeting I arranged with Lt Col. R.W. Whineray PC Modena to see him and his Prefect on Sunday as he was not returning to Modena until some time on Saturday evening.

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REPORT N. 147

SUBJECT : Report of interview with H.E. Avv. Vittorio PELLIZZI - Prefetto Reggente of Reggio Emilia - on 19 June 1945

TO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : Captain W.I. CUNNINGHAM

1. The Prefect did not talk very much. He gives the impression that he is willing to let you talk as much as you like while he listens. He appears to be a strong man and seems to have a good knowledge of the details of his Prefettura.

2. V.P.V. Dott. Domenico MORELLI is clear as far as epuration is concerned but the Prefect said he was not a good man "either materially or politically". He is a career official grade V who was retired by the fascists and brought back to office after the Liberation.. He knows the law and administration well. The Prefect would like a VPV to replace him but will keep him until a replacement arrives.

3. V.P.I. Dott. Alfonso ERCOLLI will be subject to epuration. The Prefect doesn't think much of him as a man and says he was a corrupt official. He is good at his work however and the Prefect will try to keep him until a substitute can be found. I explained the difficulty of finding suitable officials to the Prefect.

4. Consiglieri. There are two. Dott. Giulio BIANCHI - I' Consigliere who is acting as Capo Gabinetto. He is good. Dott.Ernesto PACHER I Consigliere is only moderate. The Prefect would like two more Consiglieri. I told him that I was doubtful if the Ministry could supply any more, but explained the correct method of application.

5. Secretaries - There are two - The Prefect would like one more.

6. Deputazione Provinciale is nominated and is working well. The members were all arrived at in agreement with CLN. They are quite good and do a lot of work.

7. Giunta Provinciale Amministrativa - Has been appointed but hasn't met yet. The first meeting will be held this week.

8. Giunta Comunale. Exist in all Communes and are functioning. Some are good and some are bad. The Giunta Comunale in Reggio is the only one which has been regularly appointed and the Prefect is examining all the others. They are willing but for the most part ignorant.

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9. Sindaci are in all Communes. They are willing but notvery good as they are mostly labourers without any education. The majority were communist nominees. They are not confirmed in office yet as better men are being sought.

10. Segretary - The Prefect thought 27or 28 were career officials. Some are looking after 2 or 3 communes with avventizi to assist. It is not easy to get temporary clerks as the pay is only 2.000 lire per month and no one wants to work for that. He was in favour of holding examinations.

11. Epuration - The Commission is functioning - The Prefect doesn't think many of the Local Government official will be dismissed as the badly compromised ones have already gone. 1310

12. Electoral Lists - The commencement of work on these would be a good

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thing as it would show the people that democratic aims were being carried out. There would be no difficulty about preparing the lists.

4. Attached is a pro-forma, showing the position as at the date of my visit, completed by the Capo Gabinetto.

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SUBJECT: Interview with Lt. Col. I. de L. Radice, PC Reggio Emilia, 19 June 1945

TO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : Captain W. I. Cunningham.

1. Prefetto Reggente Avv. Vittorio PELLOZZI had been President of the local CLN. He was playing a double game and making the CLN promises in meetings with them which he blamed AMG for not being able to carry out. However, he was quite a good man and the PC could rely on his cooperation for all major causes. It was probably only in minor matters that he favoured the CLN, probably to support his own position.

2. VFV. Dott. Domenico MORELLI had been found in Reggio. He had been retired for 10 years and re-appointed by AMG. He was all right and no replacement was required.

3. VFI. Dott. Alfonso ERCOLLI had remained at the Prefecture. He would probably be equated but PC hadn't as yet asked for another VFI as he knew they were difficult to get. He would, however, like a good man to replace ERCOLLI. I told the PC of our difficulties in getting good officials.

4. Other Officials. No requirements. I told the PC of AC/4/30/LG of 1st April 1945, in case any officials should be required later.

5. Deputazione Provinciale was functioning well. They had a particularly good President who was the nominee of the Demo-Christian party. Did not spend too much time on politics.

6. CPA was formed and had started functioning.

7. Giunte Comunali. Were in all Communes. The only one confirmed in office was that of Reggio. The others would not be confirmed until it was clear how they behaved.

8. Sindaci. The remarks in para 7 apply here too. Sindaci were functioning according to their ability and political colour.

9. Segretari Comunali. There were several missing but others were "doubling up" and covering the Communes. He thought that examinations would be a good thing.

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10. CLN. The PC had had some clashes with the CLN. The last over 14 days ago when they attempted to tax people enormous sums for "reconstruction". That had been nipped in the bud by a notice in the local newspaper and the position made perfectly clear to a meeting of the CLN. Since then the Provincial CLN had behaved correctly. Some of the small Communal CLNs were uncontrollable. It would require many more CAOs to visit the communes constantly to rectify this. He had 2 CAOs and 45 Communes!

11. Epuration. The Commission was appointed but was not very good. Separate Commissions to deal with various types of people would probably be better. A separate one was being appointed for school teachers.

12. Voters Lists. We discussed this question and the PC thought the work could be carried out all right with existing machinery. He will assist where possible. 1808

13. The PC did not commit himself on the question of handover to the Italian Government. The time would depend entirely on the political situation and how soon things became stabilised in the North.

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SUBJECT : Report of interview with Lt Col WHINERAY, PC Modena on 17June 1945

TO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : Captain W.I. CUNNINGHAM

1. I talked with the PC. both before and after seeing the Prefect and passed on some of the Prefects views to the PC.

2. Prefetto Reggente Avv. Alfonso TACOLI is an extremely good man. Hard-working and cooperative. He is a Lawyer and has always been antifascist. He founded the Comitato Liberazione Nazionale in Modena 3 years ago. He was the obvious choice as Prefect. Even when Col. Whineray was in Florence months before Modena was liberated he met people who had come through the lines. These were of many political creeds but they were unanimous in naming TACOLI as the out-standing man for Prefect. He is facing a very difficult situation as there is a lot of underground activity going on which it is impossible to pin down to any one party. There are probably several of these underground parties working separately. The Prefect has to go carefully. He feels he and his wife and children are not safe now at his house in the country and will soon move into the town where there is more protection available. The son of the President of the Epura-tion Court had been kidnapped recently and no one knew whether he was dead or not. There were other similar cases and political murders some of which might be attributed to fascists and others to partisan bands all of which made the Prefect's position difficult. The Prefect is a Christian Democrat.

3. V.P.V. Giuseppe FONTANA. He is a political appointee nominated by CLN. and is a Socialist. He works hard and well with the Prefect but, of course, neither have any experience of Provincial Administration.

4. V.P.I. PIZZARRI who had just arrived from Rome could not be used as he was an Ante-marcia and held various other fascist positions. The people knew all about him and would not work with him. A slip of paper setting out his fascist record had been placed on the PC's desk even before he had seen PIZZARRI. He did not know by whom but it was obvious that the people knew all about him. Other V.P.Is. had been dismissed from the Prefettura whose record was not as bad as PIZZARRI and he could not be employed there. The PC was sending him back in the morning and had written a letter to RC. on the subject. I pointed out that the agreed policy in Rome was to accept officials who had been epurated and had not had any greater punishment than "censured". The Ministry of Interior had certified to the that PIZZARRI had been tried and had only been "censured" and so in Rome

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5. Other officials. - There are two career Consiglieri and three Segretari. The I' Consigliere SANTORO is one of the few good officials. Unfortunately he is compromised and may have to go. PC will try to prevent this and in the meantime has asked for two Consiglieri. I told the PC I would talk to the Prefect

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and explain to him how to apply for these officials. I said that a I' Consigliere was on his way from Rome at present and I hoped that it would be possible to use him as I did not know his background. He had simply come to the Sub Commission for transportation with a certificate from the Ministry of Interior that he was not subject to any greater punishment than "censure".

6. Deputazione Provinciale. Could not be formed yet as the nominees kept resigning for various causes. There is a lot of terrorism going on and it is difficult to get people to take positions. He is now giving a letter to the Prefect (see Report n.8 para 5) which may cause the parties to reach agreement on their nominations.

7. Giunta Provinciale Amministrativa - There are Giunte Comunali in most Communes. Some are not much good. The PC is short of officers but they are getting round and regularising the position as quickly as possible. There are only 2 CAOs for 46 Communes and the Police Officer, Legal Officer etc., were helping as well.

9. Sindaci are functioning in all communes. They are a mixed lot and several will have to be changed.

10. Segretari Comunali. There are Segretari Comunali in all Communes except seven. Many are career officials and these are being changed round where necessary and in some cases will have to do for two communes. The PC. thought the proposal to hold examinations for Segretari was a Good one.

11. C.L.N. - The Provincial C.L.N. was a very good and cooperative body. They were helpful and knew their position in relation to AMG precisely. They had issued their own circular explaining the position before the general circular was sent out. He had had no trouble with them. Some of the small communal CLNs on the other hand did not appear to recognize any authority. This was a case for officials getting round and making their position clear and it was being done.

12. Epuration. The Commission had been set up and was at present examining cases. They had suspended many people. The first setting of the Court will be on 27th June.

13. Preparation of electoral lists. The PC. was at the meeting of PC's which I addressed on Saturday morning on this subject. We talked about it again and I told him the main machinery necessary was that Sindaci and Segretari Comunali should be organised in all Communes and the other Local Government agencies established as soon as possible.

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14. The PC was very much against the Decree authorising the collecting of subscriptions by Partisan organizations as he considered it an encouragement to their collecting by force of "voluntary" subscriptions which was already too well organised.

15. He did not consider the Province could be handed over to the Italian Government for a long time. Conditions were too unsettled and it was largely a matter of Public Safety.

(NOTE : Lt Col Whineray left Modena on Wednesday 20 June to return to the U.K. for his release from Army. Lt Col Henry P. Cucera (A) formerly PC of Ravenna is posted to Modena to fill the vacancy.)

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REPORT N.144

SUBJECT : Report of interview with H.E. Avv. Alfonso TAGLIA - Prefetto Reggente of MODENA

TO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : Captain W.I. CUNNINGHAM

1. I had a very long interview with this Prefect. He impressed me as a very liberal minded gentleman who is very worried about conditions in his Province and especially at the way in which the Communists are recruiting people to their party by every means possible including threats and violence. He stated that he "had not fought Fascism for twentyfive years just to see it come back again under a different name and colour and in a worse form". He said there was a reign of terror going on and those who could were moving out of the Province and going to Switzerland or to Southern Italy. It was only comparatively few who could do this. It was very difficult to get good men for Local Government positions as most of them were afraid to act owing to threats and oppression. It was mostly a question of Public Security and until a strong organization was built up he as Prefect couldn't do much as there was no use giving orders unless there was sufficient power to enforce them. He was also worried about the Partisans. He was a Partisan himself but the good partisans had only fought for their country and gone back to their homes without trouble when the fighting was over. The present bands were dangerous. He disapproved of the Government's recent decree which was putting the partisans practically in the same place as the Fascist Militia and was legalising the methods of extortion now used to get funds as "voluntary" subscription. An industrialist would be killed one night and next day all other industrialists "invited to subscribe".

2. V.P.V. Avv. Giuseppe FONTANA is a Socialist political appointee. H.E. says he is a very good man and a willing and hard worker but is, of course, handicapped by lack of the necessary technical experience in administration.

3. V.P.I. had just arrived from Rome and would have to go back as it would not be safe to use him as he had been an antimarcia etc. In the present situation his life would not be safe. We had a long talk on this subject and the Prefect agreed that in theory PIZZARRI could be used as he had been subjected to epuration and had only been censured. He was sorry that in practice it was impossible as the people simply would not work with a man with such a record at present. He had talked with PIZZARRI and was impressed by him and thought he was a good man and would be a good worker but he could not be used. He had not much experience of work in a Prefettura having been at the Ministry most of his time. H.E. urged me

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4. I' Consigliere SANTORO Nicola. Is Capo Gabinetto and is a very good official. It would be hard to get a better. He is compromised having sworn allegiance to the Fascist Republic Party as each member of the Prefettura was compelled to do, but he had not joined the republican Party nor was he mixed up in a personal manner with the many dishoneaties of the late Prefect. SANTORO is a man who obeys his superior officers whoever he is, Fascist or otherwise, and the Prefect will try to keep him. The other Consigliere is DE VITTORIS 2' grado "a mediocre man without praise and without blame". There are two career Segretari. All these officials are compromised but will be kept if possible. I explained to the Prefect the manner in which to ask for reinforcements or replacements from the Ministry of Interior if and when necessary.

5. The Deputazione Provinciale was not yet established because they could

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not reach agreement on the President who was to be a Socialist nominee. The Socialists only good nominee was 90 years old and now refused to act and their second string was so mediocre that nominees of other parties did not wish to act with him. The Vice President was a liberal and an excellent man. He had in fact been President of the Deputazione in the days before Fascism but he could not be x President now as that position was promised to the Socialists. He refused to act with the present Socialist nominee and had now resigned. He had agreed to act with the former Socialist nominee. As soon as a President was agreed on the other members would be quickly found. It was a very difficult political situation. The Prefect wondered if the PC. would strengthen his hand by giving him an order that Deputazione should be in operation before a certain period elapsed otherwise the P.C. would appoint a Commissario Prefettizio for the Province. H.E. thought this would go a long way to stop the Political Parties bickering and make them come to an agreement. I said I would convey this suggestion to the PC.
(NOTE : The Prefect saw the PC. later and they arranged between them a form of a letter to be sent by the PC. to the Prefect which he can use as a lever to settle the problem).

6. Giunta Provinciale Amministrativa. None at present. Will be formed as soon as Deputazione meets.

7. Giunte Comunali are functioning in the larger communes but have not yet been confirmed in office. They are C.L.N. nominees. In the more outlying communes where the front line ran and which were cut off for long times from the Provincial HQ. there are Giunte Comunali of sorts but they are very independent and practically form little states of their own with little obedience for the laws and orders of the Prefect. The position is being regularized as quickly as possible but it is necessary to go easily.

8. Sindaci have been selected by CLN. and are in all Communes but none have as yet been confirmed in office except the Sindaco of Modena. The majority of the others are not fit to be Sindaci as many of them can scarcely read or write and whatever a man's political party some education was necessary before one could make a good Sindaco. Many were acting most irregularly and favoring people who joined their party both with jobs and in the distribution of food. They would have to be changed but in the present political situation only a few could be changed at a time. Many changes had been made.

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10. Epuration. The Commission has been set up and was at present examining cases. No trials had been held yet however - again for political reasons. The members of the Court were afraid of trouble if they gave light sentences but they wished to follow the law and would probably not satisfy public opinion.

11. Preparation of electoral Lists. H.E. was of the opinion that this is not an appropriate time for the preparation of electoral lists. He is afraid that many people "now in the grave will appear on the lists and many living people will be in the grave so far as the list is concerned". I told him that the" graveyard vote" was not unknown in other countries and that the Agents of the candidates checked this practice at the polling booths. He replied that in prefascist Italy it had been known too but not the complete graveyard coming to vote ! If the preparation of the lists had to go on it could be done. I told him he could employ such extra assistance as was necessary.

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12. In closing the Prefect said that he would like very much to come to Rome and talk with the Government officials there on many subjects regarding his administration. I said that it was possible that this might be arranged in the future but it would be better to wait until the new Government got settled in office.

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13. Attached is a pro-forma completed in the Prefettura showing the position at the date of my visit.

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SUBJECT: Report of interview with Major W. J. MacCallum, PC Ferrara Province.

TO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : Captain W. I. Cunningham

1. I saw the PC both before and after speaking to the Prefect and had a long discussion with him covering the local government administration of his Province fully.

2. Prefetto Reggente. Sig. Renato HIRSCH. Appears to cooperate fully with AMG and is a good worker. The PC considers, however, that he has maintained underground connections with the CLN and could probably tell a lot about the recent shootings in Ferrara prison if he chose. On the other hand, he is working well with AMG and getting things done.

3. VIV. I told the PC that COCCIA should arrive at any moment.

4. VPI. The PC was quite in agreement with the Prefect's request for another VPI in place of the Rag. Capo. He would like if possible a career official called SANTAMARIA who is at present in Rome and who acted as a Commissario Prefettizio for him at Melfi.

5. Other officials. There is only one Councillor and no Segretari. I told the PC how his Prefect should proceed to get replacements.

6. Deputazione Provinciale is meeting regularly and working well. The PC has attended several meetings mostly dealing with reconstruction and rehabilitation of the Province and says that they get down to business and no time was wasted in political discussions at those meetings.

7. CPA has not met yet owing to lack of officials.

8. Giunte Comunale were functioning in all communes. The members were nominated by CLN in the first instance and considered and, where approved, appointed by AMG.

9. Sindaci were appointed in all Communes. The PC had a rather poor opinion of their capabilities in general but there were a few excellent ones who were working hard. In Ferrara Province, it is hard to find good men as the population had been fundamentally fascist.

10. Segretari Comunali. There had only been about 10 career Secretaries left and the expedient had been adopted of putting a temporary employee in each commune while each experienced Secretary directed the work in two Communes.

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10. Segretari Comunali. There had only been about 10 career Secretaries left and the expedient had been adopted of putting a temporary employee in each commune while each experienced Secretary directed the work in two Communes. The Prefect was trying to find more experienced Secretaries but a lot of ~~all~~ the career men were compromised and it might not be possible to use them. The PC was in favour of holding the examinations for Secretaries and suggested that it might be a good thing if classes for intending secretaries were held first. I told him that I was sure officials could not be spared to teach such a subject and that it would have to be a matter of individual study on the part of intending candidates.

11. CLN. Were a force to be reckoned with. Outwardly they were conforming to the instructions of AMG that their functions were only advisory, but no one could tell to what extent they were working underground. It was to the benefit of the Italian Government to assist in providing good career officials in order that a strong administration could be set up. The PC's main headache at present is Public Security and the CLN was probably responsible for most of the trouble.

12. Epuration. The local Commission had been constituted and had held its first session today.

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13. Electoral Lists. The PC could see no obstacle to the preparation of electoral lists. He had a courier service to all communes and could have the forms distributed to all communes within 24 hours of their being sorted into appropriate parcels at the Prefettura. He thought it would be good policy to commence the preparation of the lists as it would give the people something to think and talk about.

14. We discussed the question of Handover of the Province to the Italian Government and the PC stated that provided he got the good career officials he required the Province of Ferrara would be completely ready for handover in two months time.

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REPORT NO. 142

SUBJECT: Report of interview with H. E. Renato HIRSCH - Prefetto Reggente of FERRARA.

TO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : Captain W. I. Cunningham

1. Major MacCallum, PC ~~Bologna~~ Ferrara, introduced me to the Prefetto Reggente and lent me his interpreter. The Prefect speaks some English with the result that the interpreter was not always necessary.

2. VPV. There is no VPV at present. H. E. was very pleased to know that CCCCIA was on his way up from Rome as he said his administration was being hindered by the lack of career officials who had mostly run away. He was especially anxious that the VPV should be a good man as he had many details to discuss with him.

3. VPI. The Rag. Capo is acting in a dual function as VPI and the Prefect thinks that while he is a good accountant he has not the necessary qualities that are required for a VPI. He would like a career VPI with experience. The VPI and the only Consigliere are father and son and the Prefect does not consider this a good combination.

4. Consiglieri and Segretari. The Prefect only has one Consiglieri and no Segretari and urgently requires some. I explained to him the method of application and he said that he would go into the matter fully with the VPV when he arrived. He had been waiting for a VPV to put things in order.

5. Deputazione Provinciale. This has been established and is meeting regularly and working well.

6. GPA. The 4 citizen members have been nominated but until some more career officials arrive it is not possible to hold meetings.

7. Giunte Comunali are functioning in all 20 Communes of the Province. The CLN had nominated the members who were then appointed by AMG. Now, however, the CLN were not satisfied with some of the Giunte and would like a change but AMG does not want to change these Giunte.

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9. Many Segretari Comunali were missing at first, but as a result of advertisements 19 career Segretari had been found for the 20 Communes. Many are compromised and will have to be changed round to other Communes. H. E. was pleased to hear of the proposal to hold examinations and thought they should be held as soon as possible.

10. Epuration. The Commission has been appointed and H. E. hoped it would soon start to function.

11. Preparation of Electoral Lists. H. E. thought this would be a good thing and could see no difficulties in this connection.

12. The Prefetto Reggente struck me as a very able man who says much less than he thinks. He appears to appreciate fully the necessity of having career officials to back up his administration and is only anxious that they should be good officials. At present he is very handicapped by lack of these officials. He is not anxious to appoint local men as he particularly wants experienced administrators. In the course of general conversation he said he thought the Allies should try to use more persuasion on Italians and give fewer orders. They would get better results in this manner. I told him that it was the desire

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of the Allies to get democratic Local Government organized in Italy as soon as possible in order that the control of the country could be handed back to the Italians, and I thought he would appreciate that quite often a few orders get urgent things done much more quickly than a lot of persuasion. He laughed and asked me how soon the country would be handed over. I replied that it depended very largely on the Italians themselves and how well they got their administration working.

15. Attached is a pro forma completed by the Capo Gabinetto showing the administrative situation at the time of my visit.

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REPORT NO. 141

SUBJECT: Interview with H. E. Gianguido BORGHESE, Prefetto Reggente of Bologna, 12 June 1945.

TO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : Captain W. I. Cunningham

1. Col. Thomas, the PC, introduced me to the Prefect and explained the purpose of my visit, and then left us together. The Prefect was not at his best as he had just had some injections which had made him rather sick. However, he preferred to have the interview today instead of tomorrow. He sent for his Capo Gabinetto and instructed him to fill in the questionnaire about personnel while we talked.

2. VPV. DI VITA. I asked H. E. if he was satisfied with his VPV. He replied, "Yes". After a pause he said that the VPV had been in touch with him for about a year before the liberation and that he was approved by the CLN. I gained the impression, however, that H. E. was not satisfied but was supporting the VPV because he thought he ought to. I did not tell H. E. that DI VITA was going to be replaced as Col. Thomas had not yet mentioned the matter to him, but I do not think he will object to the replacement.

3. VPI. PORTOGHESE is not available as he is under epuration. I told H. E. that it was hoped to send him a good career VPI from Rome this week to replace PORTOGHESE.

4. Other Officials. H. E. said that he had sufficient. I explained the method of getting Consiglieri, etc. should any be required. H. E. stressed the urgent necessity for a Questore. I explained that LC S/C did not deal with Questore but promised to pass on his remarks to the proper S/C. H. E. then said that all Prefects in the North except himself had "Political Secretaries" and he would like to have one, too. The "Political Secretary" was a non-career man nominated by the CLN. I suggested that he should talk to the PC about it.

5. Deputazione Provinciale. The members have all been nominated and are awaiting PC's approval. He expected to get approval possibly today. The CPA would then be formed as soon as possible.

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6. Giunte Comunale. These have been established in all 59 Communes of the Province and are functioning. Regular meetings are being held, especially in Bologna city. I pointed out to H. E. that my information book in Rome mentioned 61 Communes. H. E. replied that there had been 61 Communes but that the expansion of the city of Bologna had absorbed two Communes which were formerly separate and that the Communes now numbered 59.

7. Sindaci. Had been appointed in all Communes. Two or three were being changed by the PC. H. E. said he was strongly of opinion that Sindaci should be paid as in the present circumstances theirs was a whole time job and they were mostly workingmen. I told him that the policy was to keep the Sindaco as an honorary appointment. He did not press the point further.

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8. Segretari Comunali. Many career men had been fascists and were now missing. Non-career men were acting in their place and there was a Segretario in each Commune. I told H. E. about the proposed examinations. He expressed pleasure and said he hoped that the men now acting as Segretari would have a chance to take the examinations. There would be no difficulty in holding the examinations.

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9. CLN. Helps the Prefect "politically and consultatively". They are forming Committees within the CLN which will be able to enquire and give advice on all subjects. The CLN has no executive functions now.

10. Epuration. H. E. said the position was bad. One month had elapsed since liberation before the Court was set up and of the five cases heard three had been acquitted. He thought that a man who had sworn the oath to the Fascist Republic should not go free.

11. Electoral Lists. H. E. sees no great difficulty in the preparation of the lists except perhaps in some of the mountain Communes. The biggest job will of course be in Bologna City and they will start as soon as the papers arrive from Rome. He expressed the opinion, however, that it would be about five months before elections would be held.

12. In spite of his illness, I gained a favourable impression of the Prefect. He has quite a forceful character and appears to have plenty of drive. He has the facts about his Province well marshalled and was able to answer all my queries without reference to anyone.

13. Attached is a pro forma completed in the Prefecture showing the administrative situation as on the date of my visit.

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REPORT N. 140

SUBJECT : Report of interview with Col. Floyd B. Thomas, PC Bologna on 12 June 45

TO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : Captain W.I. Cunningham

1. I had a long and interesting interview with Col. Thomas. At the outset I explained our troubles in getting officials and told him that a V.P.V. DESSENA and a V.P.I. DE SARIO had both been nominated and that I expected they would be dispatched before the end of the week. Col. Thomas expressed pleasure and stressed his urgent need of a Questore as he had sacked the previous one and had no one at present. I told him that this was a matter for Public Safety Sub Commission but that I would mention it to them on my return to Rome. Other matters dealt with fall under the following headings :

2. PREFECT. - BORGHESE Gian Guido (Ingegnere) C.L.N. nominee - Socialist Party. He is a good man and is getting well down to the job of administering the Province. The C.L.N. still tries to influence him but he is showing himself much more independent of them and stiffer every day. Col. Thomas is very pleased with him. He is handicapped in administrative matters by not being a career official and has to rely on the V.P.V. DI VITA of whom Col. Thomas has a very bad opinion. When the new V.P.V. arrives it will be a great help to the Prefect. I mentioned the Query giving from the Ministry of Interior as to the Prefect's inscription in the Fascist Party. Col. Thomas said he did not believe that Borghese had ever been inscribed otherwise Public Safety or the C.L.N. would have known of it. In any event he considered that Borghese's history of persecution by the Fascists for the past seven years or so and his record recently were more than sufficient to counteract any nominal inscription to the party in the past. He has been now formally confirmed in office by SCAO 5 Army as Prefetto Reggente.

3. V.P.V. - Prof. Dante DI VITA. Col. Thomas has a very bad opinion of this official. He is playing a double game and is most unreliable. He is only being kept in office as a necessity until the new V.P.V. arrives from Rome. He will then be told to report to the Ministry of Interior. There does not appear to be any case against him as regards epuration.

4. V.P.I. - was Dott. Rag. Giuseppe PORTOGHESE. He is under epuration and cannot be used. Will be replaced by new V.P.I. from Rome.

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5. The Deputazione Provinciale had all been nominated and Col. Thomas was waiting for a report on the last two members before approving its appointment. He expects it to begin functioning this week. Representation has been given to the six C.L.N. parties equally.

6. Giunta Provinciale Amministrativa. The four citizen members will be nominated when the Deputazione meets.

7. Giunte Comunali. Were established and functioning in all Communes.

8. Sindaci, had been appointed by spearhead AMG officers in all Communes. In a few cases it was necessary to dismiss these Sindaci and as a result there were about 6 out of 60 Communes without Sindaci. New appointments were in course of being made. 1256

9. Segretari Comunali. Were functioning in all Communes although many of them were not career officials. I told Col. Thomas that the Ministry of Interior would probably be holding examinations in Bologna for intending Communal Secretaries. He thought it would be a good thing especially as no more career were available, and

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said that the main difficulty would be transport for the intending candidates.

10. C.L.N. - The position as regard C.L.N. is too well known and has been reported on too often for me to report further. From the Local Government aspect they are being carefully watched and made to understand that they can only function in an advisory capacity. Some infringements of this rule have [redacted] landed the persons responsible in gaol and the situation is well in hand. On the whole the C,L.N. are cooperative but would very much like to be executive too.

11. Epuration. - The first sitting of the Peoples Court took place on 11 June. It was well organised and commenced its proceedings by trying five different types of offenses which will serve as precedents for dealing with similar cases. Incidentally it was found not to be an epuratable offense for a private citizen to have taken the oath to the Fascist Republic.

12. Electoral Lists. - Col. Thomas considered that there was nothing to stop the commencement of the preparation of Electoral Lists as soon as the necessary forms arrived from Rome as there were officials in all Communes to handle the matter.

13. Handover to Italian Government - Col. Thomas said that, if he got the officials he required from Rome - especially the Questore - and then had about a fortnight to get settled down, there was in his opinion nothing to prevent the handover of the Province to the Government. He stressed, however, the importance of setting up a strong Public Safety administration with a good Questore and pointed out that it would be greatly to the benefit of the Italian Government to provide the required officials. Otherwise there would be trouble when the Allies left Italy.

14. The Province is still under AMG 5 Army control technically. Col. Thomas is anxious to go over to Phase II. Regional Control as soon as possible.

N.B. The Questore arrived in Bologna on morning of 13 June.

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REPORT N. 139

SUBJECT : Report of interview with Major D.D. Freese, Executive Officer, Emilia Region, on 12 June 1945

TO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : Captain W.I. Cunningham

1. I talked with Major Freese, going over much the same ground covered in the interview with Col. Bowman.

2. Major Freese said that Col. Bowman was very keen that Local Government in all its branches should be established as soon as possible. To that end he had sent out a questionnaire to each PC. which covered the administration very fully. He had already received returns from three Provinces and he showed me the returns for information. They were most full - even giving the name of the Provincial General Secretary and the name of the Sindaco of each Commune. In the few cases where Sindaci and Giunte Comunali were not appointed they were pressing the PC to get this done immediately. I gained the impression that there was a very genuine interest in Local Government matters and that everything possible was being done to set up the proper machinery as soon as possible.

3. Major Freese said that two Consiglieri were required for Ferrara and asked what steps should be taken to get them. I showed him a copy of AC/4/30/LG of 1st April 1945. He said he had missed seeing it owing to illness and agreed that the procedure set out therein would be carried out. I told him to let us know if there was any difficulty in obtaining the officials requested and Local Government Sub Commission would take the matter up with the Ministry of Interior. I also explained the delay and the difficulties in the supply of officials.

4. I told Major Freese of the intention of the Government to hold examinations for Communal Secretaries as soon as possible and that meantime local men would have to be appointed as no career Secretaries were available. He said that in his opinion there was no reason why the examinations should not be held forthwith. Non-career Secretaries were functioning temporarily in many Communes.

5. Major Freese was most helpful and informative and lent me copies of the returns mentioned in para 2 of this report to help me in my survey.

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REPORT N.138

SUBJECT : Report of interview with Col. Bowman RC. Emilia Region on Monday 11/6/45

TO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : Captain W.I.C. Cunningham

1. In accordance with my instructions to make a Local Government Survey of the Provinces of Bologna, Ferrara, Modena and Reggio Emilia, I left Rome at 0810 on Monday 11 June 1945 and with two short stops of not more than 20 minutes each en route I arrived at HQ. Emilia Region at 1750 hours.

2. I had a short interview with Col. Bowman at which he told me that three of the provinces I proposed to survey were under AMG 5 Army control. He had sent the SCAO 5 Army copies of the letter from L.G.S.C., requesting permission to make the survey, and of his reply. In my presence he then phoned AMG 5 Army (Col. Michie) and said that I was here to make the survey and unless he heard to the contrary before Tuesday morning he proposed that I should carry on as indicated.

3. I then told Col. Bowman of the reaction of A.C.H.Q. and the Italian Ministry of Interior to his suggestion that all the Prefects of Emilia Region should be brought to Rome to meet their opposite numbers in the Italian Government. Col. Bowman agreed that it would be wise to wait until a new Government was formed. He stressed the importance, from a psychological point of view, of having the proposed meeting in Rome and not in Milan and said he thought it would be a good thing to "get the Prefects over the barrier of the Appenines". Rome was the capital of Italy and the seat of Government and he wished to impress this on his Prefects.

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5. I agreed and after making arrangements for an interview with his Executive Officer Major D.D.Freese (A) at 0845 on Tuesday morning I came away.

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SUBJECT: Report of tour--Ravenna and Forli Provinces, etc.--25 April - 1 May 1945

TO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : Major G. G. R. Williams

1. I left Rome on 23 April and arrived at AMG Emilia Region HQ at Riccione that evening. I based myself at Regional HQ for the purpose of surveying Ravenna and Forli Provinces, returning to that HQ each evening so as to keep in touch. HQ was in Bologna the whole week and I maintained contact with his Executive Officer, Lt.-Col. H. H-S. Hartley.

2. The next four days--24 to 27 April--were occupied in seeing or trying to see PCs, Prefects and other officials of the two provinces under survey. Both PCs were touring their provinces on 24 April: the tour of Forli continued on 25 April. I did not succeed in seeing the Prefect of Forli until the morning of Saturday, 28 April, as the whole week he was either out visiting communes with the PC or out all day requisitioning a car.

3. Reports on the condition of local government in Ravenna and Forli provinces are at Appendices "A" and "B".

4. In the course of travelling about these provinces, I interviewed SCAO 8 Army and RC Venezie Region. Reports on my conferences with them are at Appendices "C" and "D".

5. On Saturday, 27 April, with the approval of Lt. Col. Hartley, I traveled to Bologna for the purpose of interviewing RC Emilia and AMG 5 Army. I found Col. Bowman had returned to Riccione that day. I was, therefore, unable to see him at all. As to AMG 5 Army, both Col. Sutherland and Major Mynors I found were at Florence. I took the opportunity to call on the PC Bologna, Col. Floyd R. Thomas, who gave me information as to the position about the appointment of a Prefect: note of my interview with him is at Appendix "E".

6. I then journeyed on the same day to Florence where I contacted Major Mynors and yourself. I t was too early for Major Mynors to give me any definite information as to the administrative position in the recently liberated provinces except as to Bologna, where I had already conferred with the PC.

7. On Sunday, 29 April, I set out to return to Rome, but trouble developed with the petrol feed system and electrical circuit of my car, obliging me to stay two nights at Perugia while it was repaired. The repairs have not proved successful and I consider myself fortunate in having returned to Rome at 1930 hours on 1 May.

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8. Copies of Appendices "A" and "B" are being sent to EC Emilia for his information and that of PCs Ravenna and Forli. Points emerging from these about local government organization will be taken up in covering letters.

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9. The main point emerging from my talk with SCAO 8 Army is his policy of dissolving the CLN. CCAO's directive of 27 April takes care of this, I think.

10. We should take up the question of a staging point on the Adriatic coast for officials going up to Venezie Region. The train service referred to by EC appears to be reserved for Allied officers, but I am verifying this with Transportation S/C. Riccione (if the train can be used) or Ravenna (if it can't) appear suitable places. I will prepare a letter to EC Emilia.

11. The rest of this report and its Appendices do not require action and have largely been covered by you in your tour.

12. I am grateful personally for the courtesy and hospitality extended to me by all the AMG officers I met.

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Executive Officer
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APPENDIX "A"

SUBJECT: Survey of Ravenna Province--24 - 27 April 1945

Persons interviewed:
Lt. Col. Henry P. Kucera (A) PC
Major John N. Lummus (A) Executive Officer
H. E. CIPRIANI, Cipriano - Prefect

1. CLN. The PC told me that it was 8 Army AMG policy to dissolve the CLN's immediately: this is the first hint we have had of this policy. The PC himself said that on entering Ravenna city on December 7 last, he went through the formality of dissolving the CLN. He met the CLN on that day and they presented to him Avv. BARONCINI, their President, who had been acting as Prefect. BARONCINI formally handed over authority to the PC. The CLN accepted the position of AMG and the appointment of CIPRIANI as Prefect. The PC desired to make BARONCINI Vice Prefect, but he declined.

2. The CLN consists of:

| Communists | Socialist | Party of Action |
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| **Demo-Christians** | **Liberal** | **Republican** |
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3. The PC sees the members of the CLN very frequently and uses them as an unofficial sounding board. In the period of almost five months while the province has been under AMG, the CLN have made no attempt to exercise executive authority themselves or stepped out of line with respect to anything of importance. Their nominations for local government offices have been accepted and in most cases have been satisfactory.

4. The Prefect. Very hard working and industrious and quite satisfactory to the PC. He is very prompt. If the PC calls for a report or Decree or anything like that, he produces it within a matter of hours. My own impression of him is that of a quick and agile brain with, of course, the technical side of his job at his fingertips. He is, I should say, a good manager of men and something of a diplomat. He is obviously a Southerner and speaks with a wealth of gestures and facial contortions. He might prove resolute in a pinch.

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5. Local Government Organization. Ravenna Province is one of the smallest in Italy. It contains 18 Communes. Ravenna City itself, however, (c. 85,000 pop.) is one of the largest in area in all Italy and has 26 fractions.

6. Giunte Comunali and Sindaci have been appointed for all the 18 Communes and are functioning satisfactorily.

7. An unofficial feature of local government in this province which we had met for the first time is the Giunta Popolare. It seems that before the arrival of AMG, unofficial bodies for the administration of communes and fractions had sprung up, more or less under the aegis of the CLN. On meeting these bodies, spearhead CAO's usually accepted them as unofficial advisory bodies and the Prefect has sorted out the situation since. The officially appointed Giunta Comunale of the Commune had superseded the unofficial Giunta Popolare, but members of the old unofficial body had very largely become members of the new and official one. In Ravenna Commune, however, with its very big area and large number of fractions, a continued use has been found for the Giunte Popolari of the fractions themselves. The Prefect has regularized these by taking advantage of Article 154 of the Consolidated Text of 1915, which authorizes the Sindaco to delegate his functions to one of the communal councillors, or in the absence of one of these, to a local government elector. Thus, Giunte Popolari have been allowed to continue to exist in the fractions of Ravenna Commune as the agents of or advisors to the Sindaco. They had not at first understood that they had no independent authority, but the Prefect said he had now made this clear to them and they were performing quite a proper and useful function.

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8. The Deputazione Provinciale was nominated in December last. The citizen members of the GPA had not been appointed at the time of my visit. The Prefect explained that before the advance at the beginning of April 1945, AMG was only in control of 6 communes; he did not want to have the citizen members of the GPA chosen from these only and thought it wise to wait until the whole province had been liberated, so that the various parts of the province could be properly represented. Now that the whole province has been liberated, the Deputazione Provinciale have taken up this question. I asked the Prefect to see to it that these citizen members were appointed with all possible speed, as AC attached great importance to their presence on the GPA. I pointed out, too, that it might be necessary to change the constitution of the Deputazione Provinciale as that body, having been appointed in December, was representative of only the 6 southern communes. The Prefect agreed that this might be necessary.

9. There has been some difficulty in finding a suitable Segretario Comunale, e.g. one has had to serve in the Province of Ravenna three days and another in Florence province the rest of the week--see 5 Army AMG Monthly Report for March 1945, Part II, para 6. The matter is easier now that the whole province has been liberated, as a number of suitable candidates have turned up.

10. Prefectural Staff. The position is as follows:

VPV--BALICI, a Consigliere 1st class, with vicarious functions
Prov. Inspector--SANI, a Rag. (Grade IX)

I suggested this was rather a low grade for a Provincial Inspector: the Prefect agreed but said he was very satisfied with SANI's work and desired to keep him as Inspector at present.

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APPENDIX "B"

SUBJECT: Survey of Forli Province--24 - 27 April 1945

Persons interviewed:
Major S. S. Patrick (S) FC
H. E. TORRORICI, Antonio, Prefect
Dott. LEONI, VHV

1. CLN. In this province also the CLN has been formally dissolved by order of AMG 8 Army. The FC, therefore, does not deal with them as a body: but he receives individual members if they wish to see him on specific business. Nevertheless, they do in fact continue to meet and the communal CLNs under them are fairly well organized. There has been one outstanding instance of an attempt of the CLN to interfere with administration. At the end of March, the Prefect was about to issue a Decree (on AMG instructions) raising the price of bread, when there came into the hands of the FC a circular letter from the Provincial to all Communal CLNs, signed by the Vice-President and Secretary of the Provincial body, directing the Communal CLNs that notwithstanding any orders they might receive from any other source they were to take steps to see that the price of bread did not go up. The signatories of the letter were arrested and jailed, brought before a Military Court within the week and sentenced to 6 months and 12 months in prison on different charges. The sentences were, however, suspended.

2. The CLN did not seem to understand they had been dissolved. Shortly after the price of bread incident, the Vice-President and Secretary with their legal advisor came to see the FC to inquire if they could communicate with their communal CLNs without breaking the law. The answer was that they were dissolved and could not and should not so communicate. They still attempt to play a part in the administration, however, as evidenced by a letter the FC showed me from the CLN of Riccione. This letter stated that the members of the local Giunta Comunale had the confidence of the population, but the CLN considered they should be substituted by others (who were named in the letter) and that as there would no doubt be considerable delay in the official reply to this communication, the CLN considered it advisable that the new nominees should enter on their functions at once--! The FC is taking no notice of this letter.

3. The Prefect. He is diplomatic in his behaviour and wary of saying yes or no, but he is loyal and prompt and the FC is, on the whole, fairly well satisfied with him. I was forced to be content with a very short interview with him myself and could hardly give a reliable personal impression.

4. Local government organization. All the 50 Communes have Giunte Comunali and Sindaci. Some of the citizen members recommended by the CLN and appointed by the spearhead CAOs have had to be checked. The Deputazione Provinciale was nominated at the beginning of April: it met on 27 April to [illegible] citizen members of the CPA.

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5. Prefectural staff.

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He has actually been VPV for 1½ years and made quite a good impression on me. The Prefect said the Ministry had suggested his "collocamento a riposo": he thought this was quite unnecessary as, although Dott. LIMON is 75, he is doing excellent work.

Prov. Inspector - Dott. NICOLAMI, a Ragg. Capo 1st class.

He is also Capo Gabinetto at the moment. He is an old, shabby little man, who always wears a cloth cap in his office and makes rather a poor impression at first sight. The Prefect, however, is very pleased with him and says he is energetic and willing and loyal. As an instance, the Prefect says he does his inspecting on a bicycle and thinks nothing of cycling 50 kilometers for the purpose!

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Other Group A personnel: 2 Consiglieri, Primo Segretario, Segretario

Other Group B personnel: Ragioniere Capo, 2 Ragionieri

6. The Prefect's principal need is a new Capo Gabinetto to release Dott. ERCOLANI for the inspective functions. He formerly had as Capo Gabinetto one MALINVERNO, who turned up in the province after liberation. He then went sick, was given leave of absence and has not returned--the usual story. The Prefect has taken the matter up with the Ministry in the ordinary way.

7. Most of the staff of junior rank seem to be affected by political objections which in the Prefect's opinion make a change of province desirable. The Prefect stated that no allegations of Fascism could be made against them, but during the former regime, they had occupied positions which made them unpopular with the population. For example, Consigliere MATISSA was Capo Gabinetto to the Fascist Prefects: Primo Segretario CINA had the job of requisitioning cars for the Germans: Rag. Capo CRISAFI was a friend of the "Federale"; and Rag. SALO was Commissario Prefettizio of a Commune where he was directed to dismiss some of the employees on political grounds, and has recently suffered a personal assault in the streets of Forli. The Prefect has taken up all these questions with the Ministry.

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APPENDIX "C"

SUBJECT: Interview with Air Commodore C. E. Benson, SCAO 8 Army--25 April 1945

1. I told SCAO of the new directive about to be issued on the attitude towards the CLN, which would amalgamate the substance of Mr. Hopkinson's speech at the Regional Commissioners' Conference of 8-9 March with previous directives. SCAO said he hoped we would not do that as he had already issued his own directive on the subject and another would only confuse his officers. He gave me a copy of his directive--No. 101 of 2 April--which is filed at AC/A7/LG, fo. 45. He added that as no directive was issued by AC HQ for some time after the conference, he felt he had to act and issue his own.

2. I read the SCAO's directive and agreed that it was in substance the same as that about to come out. (NOTE: At the time, I had no knowledge of the additional matter which has since been inserted in the AC instructions, as to the consideration to be given to the Italian Government's nominees for Prefects and Questori. Neither does the SCAO's directive refer to AMG's power in the last resort to dissolve the CLNs.)

3. Although not mentioned in his directive, SCAO told me it was his policy to dissolve the CLN at the earliest possible date. His view is that once the Prefect and other organs of local administration have been established, the CLN has no more "raison d'etre". He does not agree with the CLN continuing as an unofficial political body available to be consulted by the RC or Prefect if they desire and authorized to make representations. He considers that to allow this is to impose on the powers of the duly constituted local authorities an irresponsible and secret political control.

4. SCAO recognizes that he cannot prevent the CLN meeting in private houses, etc.: but he does not think he should depart from the position that the CLN is dissolved. He spoke very definitely on this subject.

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6. I mentioned the question of the Prefect of Ferrara. SCAO told me that he did not propose to appoint the RC's candidate, GIANNINI, until he was quite certain there was no local man in Ferrara who was suitable for the post: he did not propose to hurry this appointment.

7. I mentioned that RC Venezie Region, when visiting HQ a week or two ago, had mentioned the desirability of an officer from this S/C being attached to the RC's staff to advise on local government problems. SCAO said that at

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APPENDIX "D"

SUBJECT: Interview with Brigadier J. K. Dunlop, RC Venezie Region--25 April 1945.

1. I saw the Brigadier after my interview with SCAO. He said the position on local government appointments was quite clear and that the CLN nominees should receive first consideration and that only if no one could be produced locally would he call on us. (This position has, of course, been altered somewhat by the directive of the CLN (9/20.1/CA of 27 April 1945) of which we were neither aware at the time.)

2. He told me he thought of establishing Regional HQ at Abano Terme, a health resort 11 kilometres southwest of Padua.

3. I mentioned the question of "staging" any Italian officials whom we might have to send up to this Region and said that we proposed to stage them all--whether for R.W. or N.E.--at Florence: from there we thought that they should be able to reach Venezie Region HQ in a day. The Brigadier thought not and said the best way to send them up was across to the Adriatic coast at Ancona or further north and onwards: there was a daily train service, he thought, from Rome to Rimini. He considered a staging point on the Adriatic coast to Emilia Region advisable.

4. The Brigadier did not himself mention the question of attaching a local government officer to his staff. In view of what SCAO had said about it, and the practical impossibility of sparing another officer (in addition to the one for R.W.) I thought it best to "let sleeping dogs lie".

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APPENDIX "2"

SUBJECT: Interview with Col. Floyd E. Thomas, PC Bologna--28 April 1945

1. The PC said he had met the Bologna CLN immediately on coming into the city and they had presented to him Ing. BORGHESE Gianguido, who had been the CLN's Acting Prefect.

2. The PC reminded me that he had met the Italian Government's nominee for the post of Prefect of Bologna, H. E. FORNI, at the offices of the S/C some weeks ago. He said he had not been impressed by FORNI: he considered him old and ineffectual.

3. BORGHESE, on the other hand, had made a good impression. He was comparatively young, energetic and evidently not a man to be trifled with. He was a consulting engineer of some eminence and had been responsible for various public works in the vicinity of Venice. He is a Socialist. He had the confidence of everybody in Bologna.

4. The Republican Prefect, FANTOZZI Dino, had fled with the Germans. The VPV, DI VITA Dante, had stayed at his post: he was not a Fascist and could well continue in office. This was also the CLN's idea.

5. The PC was, therefore, recommending SCAO to appoint BORGHESE Prefect, and to continue DI VITA as Vice Prefect: he showed me his letter to that effect addressed to SCAO, enclosing a biographical particulars of BORGHESE, his scheda personale and the C-I-C report on him.

6. I said that this proposal was entirely in line with policy and I had no comment to make on it. I added that if and when SCAO approved the appointment of BORGHESE, we would appreciate it if the PC would give us formal notice and let us have a copy for our records with the biographical particulars.

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REPORT N° 136
AC/I.A/1/LG

SUBJECT: Note of Interview - Lt. Col. Hamilton, PC Grosseto.

DATE : 21 March 1945

1. I discussed the VPV situation with Lt. Col. Hamilton, and told him that in my opinion, it would be desirable, because of the administrative organization of the Prefecture and because of the possibility of the return of the province to the Italian Government within a few months, that FONTANELLI, the VPV nominated by the Italian Government, be accepted. I supplied Lt. Col. Hamilton with a copy of the letter from the Ministry proposing the selection of FONTANELLI as VPV, and also biographical details concerning the latter.

2. Lt. Col. Hamilton readily agreed with the proposition of having FONTANELLI sent down as VPV and asked me to take steps to that end immediately.

3. I explained the situation with regard to SPADINI, Consigliere 1° classe, who had applied for transfer to Ancona, because of worries about his family in Trieste. Lt. Col. Hamilton said that he opposed this and that he would "dress down" SPADINI severely. He would also give instructions that a record be kept of the performance of the work of SPADINI and that if it showed no improvement, the man would be disciplined.

4. I told Lt. Col. Hamilton that I entirely agreed with this point of view, which was the way that we would have advised that the situation be handled.

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REPORT N° 135

AC/14/1/LG

SUBJECT: Note of interview with Avv. MAIT, Prefect of Grosseto

DATE : 21 March 1945

Interpreter, Hugo --------- of PC's staff.

1. Prefect MAIT informed me that of the 24 Communes, all have had Giunte formed at some time in the past. At the present time, all have Sindaci. In all but two, full Giunte are in operation. In the two Communes concerned, substitute members are being selected for those who have resigned and the Prefect expects these to be formally designated within a few days.

2. The Prefect stated that there are many changes in the composition of the Giunte, principally because the members serving do so at personal sacrifice and consequently cannot afford to hold office too long. However, he has no difficulty in finding new members.

3. There is a difficulty in finding persons who are willing to serve as Sindaci. This is due primarily to the facts that so many have Fascist backgrounds and many lack interest and ability for the job.

4. The Prefect believes that when a Giunta is in operation in any of the Communes, it operates well and is a good organ of local government.

5. The Deputazione Provinciale is operating well. There is a Provincial Secretary of the province who is quite satisfactory. The President of the Deputazione is also a competent person.

6. The Giunta Provinciale Amministrativa is functioning well. Its citizen members are very much interested in their work. In the selection of members of the various communal and provincial local government organs, due regard is had for representation of the various political parties. The Prefect said he works in close cooperation with the CLN.

7. The situation with regard to Segretari Comunali is not good. Practically all have Segretari Comunali Reggenti. Almost all of the old Segretari Comunali are persons who are subject to epuration. Their cases have been examined by the Prefect, in collaboration with the Delegate from the High Commissioner's office (VPI PESTA) and are being forwarded to Rome for consideration by the appropriate Epuration Commission. I informed the Prefect of the request we have made to the Italian Government to arrange for the holding of examinations for Segretari Comunali even in provinces not yet restored to the Italian Government.

8. The Prefect said that he lacks a VPV--that he needs a career official. He stated that GUIDA, Consigliere 1° classe, knows administrative details better than PESTA, the VPI. He said that PESTA would have to remain as VPI because, as Delegate from the High Commissioner's office for epuration, he could not carry out that job while being VPV. The Prefect said he would like to have

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GUIDA take over the functions of VPV. He agreed, however, that it would be better to have a VPV sent down from Rome. He believed that neither PESTA nor GUIDA would object to this arrangement, since a professional career man would be taking the office.

9. The Prefect states he gets along very well with PESTA, who is a hard worker. Much of PESTA's duties are now being performed in connection with epuration. Because of the lack of automobile tires, PESTA's inspectional duties are necessarily curtailed considerably.

10. The electoral booklets and forms have arrived in the provincial capital. The Prefect is making arrangements to distribute them to the Communes. The chief problems they have are with regard to foot and transportation. The Prefect believes that the legal rations are not sufficient. There is not much black market activity, however. The lack of tires seriously impedes the distribution of merchandise and food.

11. I asked the Prefect if I might see GUIDA. GUIDA was introduced to me and appeared to be quite disgruntled because his promotion has not come through as yet. I informed him of the situation in AMG Territory and assured him that he had nothing to worry about--that his promotion in grade would ordinarily follow without any loss to him when the territory was restored to the Italian Government.

12. I then discussed the matter of the request of SPADINI to be transferred to Ancona (this information having been telephoned to me from Rome while I was in the Prefect's office). SPADINI is a Consigliere 1° classe and is one of three Consigliere in the Prefecture. I informed the Prefect that we would not consent to the transfer if it were necessary to replace SPADINI with another man from Rome or any other province. The Prefect said it would be necessary to replace him, but believed they could find a non-career man to handle SPADINI's activities. These concerned public health, military services, forestry service, public utilities and mines. He said that SPADINI is worried about his family in Trieste and his worries interfere with the proper performance of his duties. He is a capable official otherwise. He indicated that SPADINI has many friends in Ancona, and that, plus the fact that he would be nearer his family account for the reasons for his wanting to be transferred. The Prefect said he believed that SPADINI was a relative of BONOMI and that that probably explains how the Ministry knows about the request, without the Provincial Commissioner being informed thereof.

13. I informed the Prefect that SPADINI ought to be ashamed of himself; that there were many in a worse position than he who had family worries, and that this was no reason at this time for making a transfer.

14. In conclusion, the Prefect said that the condition of local government in the province is generally good.

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REPORT N°154

SUBJECT: Note of interview - RC Southern Region (Provincia Building, Naples)

DATE : 9 February 1945

PRESENT: Brig. Dunlop, Regional Commissioner
Major R. R. Temple, Local Government S/C

1. Pursuant to instructions of the Chief Commissioner, I paid a formal call on the RC Southern Regior.

2. Brig. Durlop said that conditions from a local government standpoint were pretty good in Southern Region. The Prefect of Naples--SELVAGGI--is satisfactory and the new Sindaco--FARMARIELLO--is working out very well.

3. The Prefect of Foggia--Gen. COTRONEI--is old and loquacious. However, Brig. Durlop did not take the same positive attitude that his predecessor, Col. Temperley, took in asking for his immediate removal. Nevertheless, if COTRONEI was to be retired, no objection would be raised.

4. Brig. Durlop suggested that it might be a good idea to have on his staff as an advisor an Italian official who could advise him about Prefects selected by the Provincial Commissioners. That is, this advisor would visit a province and would report to Brig. Durlop on the desirability of retaining a non-career man selected by the PC. The Brigadier conceded the difficulty in finding such an Italian official who would be unprejudiced. I informed him about the decision to make available an official of this Sub Commission as a consultant to the SCAO and RC's. The Brigadier expressed the hope that SCAO's would make temporary appointments since they would probably have control for a relatively short period in a few weeks.

5. Quarters are being provided for the Prefect of Salerno--MASCOLO--in the Palazzo Edilizio. The Prefettura could not be made available since Military units were in it. The Brigadier thought the new Prefect was quite satisfactory.

6. We discussed the plans for North West Italy. The Brigadier said he favored having local non-career men only in certain provinces, but in the majority he preferred career men. I left a list of Prefects and Vice Prefects compiled from our records for checking by the Regional Commissioner's office. It is to be forwarded to us.

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REPORT No. 133.

SUBJECT: Note of interview - Naples Prefettura.

DATE : 8 February 1945

PRESENT: Col. Simson, Zone Commissioner, Naples
Major R. R. Temple, Local Government S/C

1. I informed Col. Simson that my visit was in the nature of a courtesy call since I was making a formal call on the Regional Commissioner, pursuant to the Chief Commissioner's orders and that I wished to present the compliments of Col. Spicer, and talk generally of local government matters.

2. Col. Simson spoke in general about the fact that not enough opportunity is given to the Italians to run their own show--there is too much meddling on the part of Military Government officers. He said he preferred to let them take the initiative and step in when things just don't go right.

3. The new Sindaco--FERRARIELLO--is all right, but although he doesn't know it, he is really a puppet for AMG. Col. Simson did not think very much of the Prefect of Naples--SELVAGGI--and he said he can't make a decision without being constantly driven to do so. He persist in postponing action on a matter. He has a brilliant academic mind, but straddles things because he wishes to avoid displeasing any side. Col. Simson thinks that SELVAGGI is planning to continue his governmental career in a foreign post as ambassador to some country and consequently he is discreet in his handling of governmental matters. Col. Simson himself gets along very well with SELVAGGI, but if the Allied Commission didn't take an active part in the management of the province, it would fall apart due to SELVAGGI's procrastinations.

4. Col. Simson is strongly in favor of local elections because it would give a definite basis for representation in the various Giunte. He does not anticipate unusual disorders. The compilation of election registers in Naples was completed in December while the Commissario Prefettizio was in office. He said, however, with the extention of the right to vote to women, revisions are being made.

5. So far as the other provinces in the Zone are concerned, he said they can really run by themselves. The situation there is pretty good.

6. He thanked me very much for coming in to talk with him and asked me to present his compliments to Col. Spicer.

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REPORT N°132.

SUBJECT: Interview with the Provincial Commissioner and the Prefect of Florence.

DATE : 7 January 1945

1. The interview with the Prefect was largely confined to arrangements discussed the previous day (and contained in report of interview with the PC) regarding personnel at the Prefettura.

2. The Prefect entirely supported and urged the retention of GIGLI. He also was desirous of securing the suggested arrangement in regard to Dr. MAZZA.

3. The Prefect was shortly to be in Rome and would see Col. Spicer before proceeding to the Ministery of Interior where he desired to secure the above arrangements.

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Captain
Local Government Sub Commission

READ AND NOTED BY:

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

Date: 10/1/45

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REPORT N° 131

SUBJECT: Interview with Lt. Col. Kolph, Provincial Commissioner, Florence Province.

DATE : 6 January 1945.

1. I interviewed Lt. Col. Kolph regarding local government organization and the Provincial administration and report as follows:

2. Personnel

(a) Prefect--PARENTO: The PC stated that PARENTO continued to work well and to his complete satisfaction in all respects. He stressed the difficult conditions under which the Prefect operates and the attacks that were still being made upon him. In spite of these, PARENTO refused to be "brow-beaten" and insisted on the observance of Italian law in administrative affairs. The PC stated that a further attack had been made upon PARENTO which arose out of the dismissal of two Segral officials who had been nominated by the CLN. It was necessary to discharge them for inefficiency (with which the CLN agreed, incidentally). This in turn was followed by an attack upon PARENTO in which a speech was recalled made by him in January of 1941, when Prefect of Frosinone, in which he was exhorting Italians to continue the then struggle and had made numerous strong anti-Allies statements. The Prefect had approached the PC and admitted the occasion, saying that as a Government official he was required to carry out orders which had been given to him and all other Prefects for the purpose. The PC did not report this with a view to any steps being taken against PARENTO, whom he desires should be retained in office.

(b) Vice Prefect Vicario--CIGLI: Reference was made to the previous arrangements under which CIGLI was to be removed from Florence following MASCOLO's report. The PC now stated that in the meantime, CIGLI had continued to work to his complete satisfaction and has proved efficient and conscientious official. The PC considered that no person or body was any longer concerned with CIGLI's dismissal or removal and he, the PC, desired that he should be retained in office. The PC advised in this sense for the above reasons, and was also influenced by the fact that owing to the admitted shortage of satisfactory Italian officials it was doubtful whether he would ever be adequately replaced. The PC requested that this should be submitted to ACC with a view to CIGLI's retention.

(c) Vice Prefect Inspector--DE FRANCISCI: The PC had no objection to the removal of this official as previously arranged. With regard to the vacancy thus caused, both he and the Prefect were desirous that Dr. MAZZA, present Capo di Gabinetto, should be promoted to the acting rank. If this were done, it would be necessary to obtain a capable Consigliere for the cabinet work, which would in practice be continued under MAZZA's supervision.

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(d) Other officials: In all other respects, no shortages were reported.

5. Local Government Organization

(a) Giunte Comunali: These existed in the 49 communes through the Province. A number of changes had been necessary from the persons originally appointed by spearhead AMG officers, and this remark also applied to Firenze. Further changes may still be necessary, but in the main present appointees were proving satisfactory.

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(b) Deputazione Provinciale: This has been formed and was in operation. Its members included representatives in various parts of the Province. The PC attended their first meeting and a copy of his speech on that occasion is attached hereto and marked No. 1.

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(c) Giunta Provinciale Amministrative: This had been formed and was in operation.

(d) Florence City: Giunta Comunali existed and the Sindaco PIERACCINI was still in office. In the PC's view, he was a person who was mutually approved by all political parties, but the man himself was in fact old and lacking in drive. The Vice Sindaco, a local Avvocato, was in fact the principal power. Some difficulty had arisen regarding the Segretario Comunale of Florence, Dr. SORGA, who the PC said was a capable, hard-working and conscientious official and one who (like the Prefect) insisted on the observance of Italian administrative law. For this reason, he was unpopular with the Giunta who at times excluded him from their meetings. The PC did not recommend any change or action by ACHQ and intimated that he had a plan in mind for dealing with the situation. The report in this respect was for information only.

(e) General: In conclusion, Lt. Col. Rolph stated that the provisions of R.D.L. 111 had been completely following in all respects and expressed the view that now that the organization had been set up, AMG could do no more and it was incumbent upon the Italians themselves to operate the system properly.

4. Comitato di Liberazione

The PC stated that the influence of this body during December was less marked than previously, but on 31 December, he had found it necessary to address a letter (copy attached hereto marked No. 2) to the Comitato ordering them to refrain from assuming or purporting to assume powers and authority which in law they did not possess.

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I am very happy to be present at this ceremony. You are the members of the first Provincial Deputation of Florence to be formed after more than twenty years, and the expression of the reborn administration representing the organization in its local activities. This is a great step ahead, as it does away with the discarded dictatorial system to which you have been subjected for such a long period of time.

I wish to recall you that your appointment has been effected in a manner which is not in conformity with the fundamental legislation of this country, but on the basis of a provisional law, due to the impossibility to hold elections at the present time. If it would have been possible to hold elections, the Provincial Council would have been the first representative body to be formed; this being the assembly of the representative regularly elected for the various districts of the province, and within which the members of the Deputation would have been elected.

I am speaking to you of this to bring to your attention the quality of the official representatives of this population, whose needs you must consider in dealing with provincial matters.

You have been put in office in what is perhaps the most critical moment that this province has ever faced. The difficulties facing you are immense, but I am sure that with your good administration and the patience of the population, you will succeed in putting back in order all the projects of public interest, roads, bridges, schools, cultural and art institutes, hospitals and welfare institutes; in short, all the projects necessary for the resumption of normal life.

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I assure you that the Allies will do all they can to assist you in this task. If at the present time this aid will seem inadequate, I must remind you that we are still at war and that this terrible war will continue to require the hardest sacrifices from each one of us.

I will end wishing each one of you success in your individual tasks which are for the benefit of the entire province; until the day of victory when it will be possible for us to devote ourselves with all our energy to the reconstruction of our Country.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
FLORENCE

31st December 1944

TO : Comitato Toscano di Liberazione Nazionale
FLORENCE

Gentlemen : -

Referring to your letter 3533 A/1/P of 21st December 1944 addressed to the Bank of Naples of Florence, we wish to confirm what Col. Rolph has already informed your President Dr. Ragghianti in connection with this matter, namely that the C.T.L.N. has no athority to give any orders or instructions either to the Bank of Naples or to any other institution or governmental body.

As Col. Rolph informed Dr. Ragghianti, if you consider that certain action such as that which wa the subject of your letter should be taken, you may advise the appropriate officer of A.M.G. accordingly, who will then proceed to at as may be considered desirable.

In this connection a number of notices have appeared in the local newspapers as to the plans or proposals of the C.T.L.N. so phrased as to leed the public to believe that the C.T.L.N. does have some official governmental position or authority. We therefore take this opportunity of reiterating what we have previously pointed out to you, tha is, tha while your advice and assistance is welcomed at all times and while we are fully appreciative of what you have done in the past, especially during the emergency period, the C.T.L.N. has no constitutional powers and no governmental authority and, in order to avoid any possible future misunderstanding, we hereby order you to refrain from assuming or purporting to assume or leading the public to believe that you possess such powers and authority. Violation of this order will be subject to punishment under paragraph 42 of V. of Proclamation n.1 of the Allied Military Government.

Yours truly

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REPORT Nº 130.

SUBJECT : AREZZO

TO : Col. R.G.B. SPICER

FROM : Capt. W.V.M. LEWIS and Capt. W.I. CUNNINGHAM

The following points were raised by Lt.Col. G.W. Quinn Smith at our interview on 5th January 1945. They do not come within the functions of the Local Government Sub-Commission.

1. Capo delle Milizia Forestale - This official is in prison. He should be replaced as soon as possible as the Province of Arezzo is largely wooded and the position is important.

2. Genio Civile - Should be replaced. He is not suitable for a Province in such a damaged state as Arezzo. He would be quite good in a more peaceful province. He is not a live wire. Is old and not able to get around.

3. Special rations for Allied Nationals - In Florence Allied civilian Nationals get a supplemental ration through Displaced Persons or some other source. There is no such provision in Arezzo. There appears to be a population qualification and the population of Arezzo is not large enough to qualify.

4. Carabinieri - No clothing or boots. Police administration is bad. Police do nothing to enforce the law. They just ignore everything. They should be shifted round between Communes if it is not possible to replace them completely. They have been too long in the one Commune and would work better in a locality where they would be strangers.

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REPORT NO. 129

SUBJECT: Survey of Arezzo Province

TO : Col. R. G. B. Spiber

FROM : Capt. W. V. M. Lewis and Capt. A. I. Cunningham

1. We visited Arezzo on Thursday and Friday the 4th and 5th January 1945 and interviewed:

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| Lt. Col. G. W. Quirr-Smith | - | Provincial Commissioner |
| Capt. R. J. Connelly | - | Administrative Officer |
| Dott. Elmo BRACALI | - | Prefect of Arezzo |

2. Arezzo is the poorest and most damaged province of the region. It was fought over heavily. Communications are very bad and all the bridges are gone. They are being repaired. One Commune has had to be handed over to Pesaro because it could not be reached from Arezzo. Arezzo is now an Area HQ and Railhead and very overcrowded. Administration is very difficult owing to lack of transport and communications.

3. The CLN were very active and very Communist. The PC did not think that they represented a majority of the people as most of the population is agricultural. He had to suppress the local CLN for interfering in the administration. They had issued orders to Sindaci that decisions of Giunte Communali should be submitted to them before becoming effective. They had also given orders to certain communes to send foodstuffs direct to Florence, and had threatened various Sindaci who did not carry out their orders. The PC had warned the CLN that they would be allowed to exist so long as they did not interfere with the administration but that any further interference would have serious repercussions. The CLN were not helpful to the administration and were only seeking power.

4. The Prefect Dr. Elmo BRACALI has impressed the PC very favourably. He knows the administration thoroughly but is very handicapped by lack of the necessary officials in the Prefettura. He is working very hard but is having to spend far too much time on minor details. He requires a VPV, a VPI, 2 Consiglieri and a 1° Segretario urgently to enable him to set up his administration properly. The position regarding PERUGINI, VPV, and PES, VPI, was explained and we promised to hasten the supply of the officials he required.

5. A GPA of sorts is functioning but lacks civilian members. There is no Deputazione Provinciale yet but names have been submitted and are being considered.

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6. R.D.L. 111 is being enforced. Many Sindaci were wrongly appointed by CLN and AMG spearhead officers (e.g. Priests). The Prefect is checking the position in all communes and having the appointments made properly according to law.

7. There are Giunte Comunali in all Communes and they are functioning well. In many Communes it was found that CLN had appointed a Giunta composed entirely of CLN personnel. This position has not been rectified and representation given to all classes. In many cases it was necessary to increase the permitted number of members in order to give proper representation. About 50% of the Giunte were over strength.

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8. Appointments of Sindaci by CLN and AMG spearhead officers were being revised. Several Sindaci had been dismissed as they were rabid politicians and more interested in their party than working for the good of the Commune. They had been replaced by business men who were good workers. It required a lot of persuasion to make a good man accept the position of Sindaco as it is a full

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time job under present conditions, and in addition he is subject to attacks by CLN. However, the PC considers that Sindaci should not be paid. His chief value is prestige and if he is paid the prestige has gone.

9. There is a shortage of Segretari Communali as most of these had fled. New men are being appointed where possible and in the meantime existing Segretari are "doubling up" and functioning for two or more Communes.

10. The PC has six CAO's distributed through the Province administering small groups of Communes and the administration of the province is very good considering the lack of transport and communications.

11. Requirements are:

(a) VFV Dott. PERONCINI has been ordered to report to this HQ without further delay.

(b) VPI Dott. PES was nominated by Ministry but was not approved by Security.
Dott. ANTONUCCI has now been nominated and screening requested of Security.

(c) 2 Consiglieri)
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Report No. 128

SUBJECT : Survey of ANCONA and PESARO Provinces

TO : Col, R.G.B. SPICER

FROM : Capt. C. G. R. WILLIAMS

1. I visited Ancona and Urbino (the temporary provincial capital of Pesaro province) on October 7, 8 and 9, 1944. I interviewed:

Lt.Col, H. M. Nichols, PC Ancona and Pesaro
Gen. di Div. Giuseppe Pieche Prefect Regent of Ancona
Avv. Cesare Tellini, Acting VPV of Ancona
Capt. Bolter, PC Pesaro Province
H. E. Mario De Goyzueta, Prefect of Pesaro

2. In both provinces, the CLN had established the elements of local government before the arrival of AMG; Giunte Comunali had been established in all communes. These are being reviewed, the names of the Assessori obtained, the Sindaci interviewed and the appointments confirmed or otherwise. In Ancona, about one-half of 42 communes have been legally established in this way; in Pesaro, 20-21 out of 58.

3. The Deputazione Provinciale has been appointed in both provinces. In Ancona, it met on 6 October and appointed the citizen members of the GPA; in Pesaro it had not yet met.

4. The great obstacles in the way of organizing local government are the lack of communications and accommodation.

5. German demolitions and mining have been more thorough and widespread than ever before in Italy. Particularly is this true in the west of Pesaro province which is practically cut off. With the onset of winter this problem is likely to increase.

6. As to accomodation, both provincial capitals are heavily damaged and crammed with troops. Ancona has to house HQ 61 L of C Area and Naval personnel. The PC tried establishing the provincial administration in Osimo and Jesi, but found it essential to be in Ancona. The Prefecture and AMG are now crowded into the Provincia Building, both the Palazzo del Governo and the Palazzo del Comune being in ruins. In Pesaro, several thousand inhabitants are about to be evacuated to make more room for troops. There is a PC in the town, but the Prefettura and the AMG offices are established in the Collegio e Convitto Raffaello at Urbino, which is not a good communications centre for the province even in normal time.

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7. Considering these difficulties and the short time in which AMG has been established in these two provinces, very good progress has been made with the reorganization of local government.

8. A firm line has been taken with the CLN from the start. That of ANCONA calls itself the "CNL of the Marche" and signalized the arrival of the PC by presenting him with a somewhat detailed and definite programme of what he ought to do. That for Pesaro has its headquarters in that town which makes it more difficult to control from Urbino. In both cases, however, it has been made clear from the start that the Government is AMG and that the organs of administration are the Prefetture and local bodies recognized by law, and that the CLN is a prely political body wich may submit its views if it likes, but which has no authority.

9. The Patriots are causing some trouble. They have not surrendered all their arms and there have been one or two shooting cases. The problem still is to find them occupation.

10. Both Prefects are short of staff; the position is set out in full in Appendices A and B.

11. I took the opportunity to discuss with the Prefect the question of a new Commissario for the Opera Laica Lauretana - see our file ACC/1/5/8/LG; a note on this is set forth in appendix C.

12. ~~Information~~

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C.G.R. WILLIAMS
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for R.G.B. SPICER
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DATE 27 Oct. '44

APPENDIX "A"

OFFICIALS AT ANCONA PREFECTURE

1. VPV--TASINI, Avv. Cesare.

Not a career official but a lawyer in private practice in Ancona. He was appointed by the CLN along with their Prefect MARINELLI. The PC confirmed TASINI in office but not MARINELLI.

TASINI is a pleasant, intelligent man of about 40: he got his diploma as avvocato in 1924. He appears to be very useful on the political side and his legal training is, of course, of some help in the administrative technicalities. The Prefect, Gen. PIECHE, is quite content with him.

2. VPI--NICCOLINI, Mario - Consigliere 1- classe ff. VPI

I did not see NICCOLINI but the Prefect says he is really too old for the job. He would like another VPI sent down. With both the Prefect and the VPV non-career men, a good VPI is certainly needed, I think.

3. Consiglieri:--

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| (a) GIARDINA, Gino | 1ª classe. | A good and loyal man but impeded by very bad sight. |
| (b) MOLLO, Domenico | 1ª classe. | The Capo Gabinetto. The Prefect thinks very highly of him. MOLLO is not in very good health however, and has put in a request to be transferred to a more southerly province. |
| (c) BORRELLI, Amarnio | 2ª classe. | Is politically compromised and should be sent to another province. |
| (d) RICOTTILLI, Tito | 2ª classe. | Well thought of by the Prefect. |
| (e) SCIACCA | 2ª classe. | Politically compromised and already suspended by AMG. |

Having lost SCIACCA and on the assumption that MOLLO and BORRELLI will be transferred, the Prefect asks for 3 new Consiglieri to replace them. He particularly asked for GALA, Dr. Mario (believed to be at present a Consigliere in the Dir. Gen. Pubblica Sanità at the Ministry) to act either as his VPI or as his Capo Gabinetto.

4. Segretari:--

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| (c) MONTESANTI, Giovanni | " " | |

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The Prefect asks for 3 Segretari to replace these and bring his establishment up to his needs.

5. Ragioneria:--

(a) CRESCENZI, Eduardo--1° Rag. Acting as Head of the Ragioneria, but not, in the Prefect's opinion, up to the work and the responsibility. The former Capo Ragioniere has been suspended and charges of financial irregularity are pending.

(b) PUCCI --1° Rag. Politically compromised and should be transferred.

The Prefect asks for a Capo Ragioniere and 2 new 1ª Ragionieri. The Capo Ragioniere is urgently needed: the Provincial Finance Officer emphasized this strongly to me.

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6. Summary of the Prefect's demands is as follows:

1 VPI
3 Consigliere
3 Segretari
3 Ragionieri

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The VPI and the Capo Ragioniere seem clearly to be required but the advice of the Ministry should be sought on the whole situation.

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APPENDIX "B"

OFFICIALS AT PESARO PREFECTURE

1. VPV--BLANDALEONE, Francesco--Consigliere ff. VPV. The actual VPV, Comm. GUERRA is on two months' sick leave: the Prefect DE GOYZUETA thinks him too ill to reassume his functions in this Province and wants another VPV sent down to replace him, returning BLANDALEONE to his functions as Consigliere.

2. VPI--PAOLINI, Avv. Aldo. An Urbino lawyer in private practice, well thought of by AMG and by the Prefect.

3. Consiglieri: There is only one, PANTANELLI, Augusto.

4. Segretari: Only one, GALUPO, 1° Segretario, Guiseppe, who is also Capo Gabinetto.

5. Ragioneria: This is directed by GRILLI, Rag. Luigi, who is 1° Ragioniere ff. Rag. Capo. I could not ascertain what others there were but the Prefect made no requests.

6. Summary:--A new VPV and either a Consigliere or a Segretario seem to be needed. The facts ascertained should be referred to the Ministry for their opinion.

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APPENDIX "C"

OPERA LAICA LAURETANA

1. During my tour of Abruzzi-Marche Region, 2 to 12 October, 1944, I discussed this matter with the Prefetto Reggente of Ancona, Gen. Div. (CC.RR) PIECHE.

2. LORETO in the province of Ancona is one of the foremost shrines in Christendom. It is believed by all good Catholics to contain beneath the dome of the Basilica the Holy House in which Our Lord and the Holy family lived at Nazareth, transported by Angels first to a hill near Trieste in 1291, and 3 years later to a laurel grove (loreto) near Ancona, where it now stands.

3. The great Basilica Lauretana was erected over it and to it became devoted much landed property in the neighbourhood. This property belonged to the Holy See.

4. The Concordat forming part of the Lateran Treaties of 1929 provided for the division of this extensive property between the State and the Church. For the management of the lay estate so created, an administration (Opera Laica Lauretana) was formed, charged with devoting the income from this estate to the support of the Civil Hospital of the Commune of Loreto and other local charitable purposes.

5. Until recently this administration has been governed by a Commissario Governativo (an emergency appointment, I gather) named DEL BIANCO--a government official having the rank of Vice Prefect.

6. Gen. PIECHE said that DEL BIANCO had been accused of fascism and would have to undergo epuration proceedings. He himself thought there was nothing in it. The man had an Austrian wife and had had a dispute with Loreto Commune, who disapproved of his policy of keeping back part of the income of the estate for the purpose of augmenting its capital, instead of paying it over entirely for charitable purposes.

7. This policy of DEL BIANCO does not seem unsound financially. Naturally, the Commune would object: it means they have to contribute more to their hospital. Gen. PIECHE thought however that he would have to be replaced even if the charges did afterwards turn out to be mere spite. All he wanted to know was, were the Ministry appointing the new Commissario or were they leaving it to him to do so. I said the Ministry would.

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Report No 127

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ACC/1/5/7/LG

SUBJECT: Summary of MACERATA Province.

TO : Col. R. G. B. Spicer

FROM : Capt. C. G. R. Williams

1. I visited this province on 6 October and interviewed:--

Major Jackson --- the outgoing PO
Major Denning --- the incoming PO
Dr. PONTE --- the Prefect

having seen the PC--Lt. Col. E.C.V. Rutter previously at Ascoli.

2. Out of the 56 Communes in the province, 35 have their Sindaci and Giunte Comunali: the remainder, said the Prefect, would be settled in the course of the month. The Deputazione Provinciale has been appointed and met and has elected the citizen members of the G.E.A. Some difficulty had been met in one or two cases over appointing Sindaci due to the honorary nature of the office.

3. The Prefect is working well and is approved of by the PC and his POs. He is a little unpopular in certain political quarters in the province, but I feel this is because he stands up to the CLN. This body is not causing more trouble than usual, it seems, but the Patriots are. They have not surrendered all their arms and there have been one or two shooting cases.

4. The main question to be settled in this province related to the officials of the Prefecture. Apparently contradictory communications have been passing between the Prefect and the Ministry of the Interior. The position is set out in Appendix A.

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for R. G. B. SPICER
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APPENDIX "A"

OFFICIALS OF MACERATA PREFECTURE

1. Prefect:--PONTE, Comm. Giorgio Aurelio. A career Prefect. Requested by Reg. IV 7 July. Dispatched 17 July.

2. Vice Prefect Vicar:--PELLEGRINI, Comm. Domenico. He is stated to have collaborated voluntarily with the Germans and the PFF. Specific allegations against him are:--

(a) presiding at a public meeting in the Macerata theatre in February 1944 to persuade young men to take up arms for the Republicans:

(b) taking bribes for permitting mills to be opened and worked:

(c) attempts to misappropriate food and furniture assigned for poor relief.

These specific charges cannot be regarded as proved. Nevertheless, PELLEGRINI is compromised. He should be removed and sent to report to the Ministry of the Interior.

ADORNI agreed with Ministry as replacement: travel arrangements are in hand.

3. Vice Prefect Inspector:--SPACCIALBELLO, Dr. Tito. A communal Secretary on whom the Prefect has conferred the functions of VPI. Formerly Segretario Capo of the Commune of Civitanova Marche, 17,500 population at 1936 census.

4. Consiglieri:--(a) MESEO, Cav. Adolfo--Consigliere di 1ª classe. He was Capo Gabinetto to the Republican Prefect And is accused of favoritism. PBS report adversely. He should be removed and sent to report to the Ministry.

BUTRICO, now Consigiliere at Aquila, proposed by Ministry as replacement. This can be agreed.

(b) MARCHI, Dr. Cesare--Consigiliere di 2ª classe. To remain.

5. Segretari:--(a) VANNUCCI, Dr. Gioacchino--1° Segretario. To remain.

(b) BARELLI, Dr. Nello--1° Segretario. This man was Capo Gabinetto to TAMBURRINI when the latter was Prefect of Trieste. Said to have collaborated with the Germans and to have supported the Republican levy. PBS report adversely. To be removed and sent to Rome.

SCOTTI, now Vice Segretario at Naples, proposed by Ministry as replacement. This can be agreed and SCOTTI got forwarded.

(c) PARRI, Dr. Ferrando--Segretario
(d) POLACHI, Dr. Guido---Segretario
} To remain.

6. Ragionieri:--There are 2 that the Prefect wished to be rid of:

(a) PENESI, Amedeo--Capo Ragioniere. He was to have been removed because he was politically compromised but he has since died.

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(b) VENTRIGLIA, Germano--Capo Ragioniere. To be removed and placed in retirement on the grounds of age and inefficiency.

The Prefect specifically stated to me that he did not require replacements for these two, as the Ragioneria is sufficiently staffed without them. The Ministry's letter suggesting replacements (File ACC/4/1/64/LG at p. 21) is therefore superseded.

7. Group C Officials:

(a) ALMARDO, Costantino--Usciere. The Prefect said he would be glad of this man's services: he should be sent forward to Regional HQ accordingly.

(b) PANAGGI, Marlio, Archivista } To be replaced by { RAPPA, Giovanni, 1° Archivista

(c) GIANFELICI, Domenico, Archivista } " " " " { AMODIO, Giovanni, Applicato

(d) LIUTI, Aldo, Applicato } " " " " { FISCHIALETTI, Alfredo, Applicato

The above 3 exchanges arose during my absence on tour and are the result of a recent visit by the Prefect to the Ministry. He said nothing to me about them: but in the cases of very minor officials like these, we can accept the Prefect's word for it, as the Ministry do. The Director has approved this and arrangements are in hand to send down the 3 new clerks.

SUMMARY

(1) Send ADONNI to Reg. HQ as VPV Macerata.

(2) RC to transfer BUTRICO from Aquila to Macerata as Consigliere.

(3) Get SCOTTI up from Naples and send him to Reg. HQ as Segretario, Macerata.

(4) RC to suspend:

VPV PELLEGRINI
Cons. MEMMO
1° BARELLI

and send them to report to the Ministry.

(5) RC to retire Reg. VENTRIGLIA.

(6) Send to Reg. HQ the following 4 Group C clerks for Macerata:

ALMARDO
RAPPA
AMODIO
FISCHIALETTI .

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Report No 126

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ACC/1/5/6/LG

SUBJECT: Survey of ASCOLI Province.

TO : Col. R. G. B. Spicer

FROM : Capt. G. G. R. Williams

1. I visited Ascoli province on 5 October and again on 9 October and interviewed the PC, Lt. Col. E.C.V. Rutter, and the Prefect, Dr. Guido BROISE.

2. Good progress has been made with local government reorganization. Sindaci and Giunte Comunali has been established in all but a few of the 72 communes of the province. The Deputazione Provinciale has been constituted and held several meetings. The citizen members of the C.P.A. have been chosen.

3. The reconstitution of local government in the few communes that remain is impeded largely by the difficulty of communications which are bad in this province. As an instance the Prefect quoted the case of ROCCA FLUVIONE which is so illustrative of many points of interest to this S/C that it is worth setting out at some length.

4. ROCCA FLUVIONE is a small mountain commune in the valley of the Tronto some 10 km. to the west of Ascoli city. Its population of about 3900 (1936 census) is scattered among a number of fractions. Its people are quite unpolitical and care as little for anti-fascism as they ever did for fascism. When the Germans went, the Podesta just quietly carried on. Then down came 2 members of the CLN, held a meeting at the communal centre, declared the Podesta dismissed and appointed a young student to be Sindaco. The fractions took immediate umbrage at this dictation from the centre and refused to recognize the new Sindaco. The Podesta just quietly carried on. The Prefect has at last managed to get the VPI PERONCINI to the commune. He held another meeting. After 4 hours discussing and waiting for some of those from the fractions to turn up, the VPI took a vote. Five of the six present voted for the man they had all objected to during the debate: the sixth, who was the CLN--appointed Sindaco, voted for himself. The VPI's report, which I saw, was concise and factual and gave a real picture of conditions in this little commune.

5. The Prefect is not satisfied, of course: and he is going to send down a Commissario Prefettizio for about three weeks. Besides running the commune, his duty will be to contact the leading people, get his finger on the pulse of local feeling, visit the fractions and get some general agreement as to a Sindaco and Assessori and to report to the Prefect accordingly.

6. Besides being a neat illustration of the virtues and the defects of the average Italian country voter, the case of ROCCA FLUVIONE does show

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(a) the great value of the VPI if only he can be got out into the country upon his proper job:

(b) the right use of the device of a Commissario Prefettizio, i.e. when the commune cannot otherwise function.

7. There is no particular difficulty over finding men to act as Sindaci.

8. The CLN seem to be publicizing themselves as much as they can. They have established themselves--with some former Patriot "officers"--in the former Palazzo Littorio. The Prefect assembles them from time to time, addresses them and requests their opinion: he does not allow them to argue with him and accept or rejects their suggestions as he thinks best.

9. The Prefect is an energetic and capable man. He works very closely with the PC who thinks quite well of him. I found Dr. EROISE rather verbose: he almost overwhelmed me with explanations. But what he did say was relevant and informative.

10. There are one or two changes to be made in the officials of the Prefecture. These have been set out in the Ascoli local government report for September (File AOC/1/5/6/Int, p.1B at para 4) and need not be set out here again.

C. G. R. WILLIAMS
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16 October 1944

READ AND NOTED BY:

R. C. B. SPICER
Colonel
Director
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Report No. 125

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SUBJECT: LORENZINI, Captain Giovanni, Prefect Regent of TERAMO

TO : Col. R. G. B. Spicer

FROM : Captain C. G. R. Williams

1. On 16 September, Count SFORZA wrote to this S/C enclosing a "promemoria" accusing this Prefect Regent of fascism, incapacity, etc.. On 19 September, the Minister of Interior also wrote this S/C, with a copy of the same document: in this case, however, the "promemoria" was not so headed, but was entitled "Order of the Day Presented by the Party of Action to the Teramo Committee of Liberation at its meeting on 11 September 1944". In Count SFORZA's letter, he stated that the "promemoria" had been sent to him by a person of absolute probity: the Minister in his letter merely stated that he had not received any official report confirming or otherwise the accusations, and that he forwarded it for such investigations as AOC might think fit to make.

2. Copies of the documents above-mentioned are attached.

3. I made the fullest inquiries I could about all this on my recent survey of the Province. I interviewed:--

(a) Major J. D. SCHOLEZ, Executive Officer, Abruzzi-Marche Region. Major SCHOLEZ was the first FC, Teramo, and the first Allied Officer to enter the town.

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| (b) Lt. Col. J. W. HOLMES | Outgoing FC | Teramo, etc. |
| (c) Major C. J. MAINDERS | Incoming FC | Teramo, etc. |
| (d) Capt. T. COTTON | FPSO | Teramo, etc. |
| (e) Capt. ( ) BELLAMY | PO | Teramo, etc. |
| (f) Sgts. JACKSON & BROWNING | FSS | stationed at Teramo |

I also had a long interview with Captain LORENZINI Himself.

4. Apart from the usual vague and abstract denunciations, incapable of either proof or disproof, the specific charges made by the Teramo Party of Action are as follows:

(a) It is unknown who first appointed LORENZINI:
(b) He fought in the Spanish War:
(c) He joined the AMMAZZALORSO Patriot Group only at the last moment:
(d) He dismissed the Anti-Fascist Vice Prefect and appointed in his place a Blackshirt:

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(e) He kept in office and promoted the following Fascists:

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| DE ROSA | Oath to Fascist Republic |
| TARRICONI | Blackshirt Officer and taken oath to Fascist Republic |
| ALAFANO | An "Anti-Marchia" and taken oath to Fascist Republic |
| FARCONI | A fanatical Fascist |
| DE LUCA | An "Anti-Marchia" |

(f) He is incompetent.

5. To take these accusations one by one:--

(a) On 16 June, the Patriots took over Teramo and formed a Committee of Liberation with LORENZINI as President. The Committee appointed LORENZINI Acting Prefect. Major SCHOLTZ arrived on 19 June and confirmed LORENZINI in office. He has subsequently been formally confirmed by the AC.

(b) In my opinion, the truth of this is that he was a keen soldier and saw an opportunity for the active exercise of his profession.

(c) LORENZINI did not join the ARGENTOLARGO group at all. He took to the hills after 8 September 1943 and formed and led his own band from then until 16 June 1944.

(d) The former Vice Prefect DELLA ROCCA was dismissed for laziness and political intrigue, and with the full approval of AMG. He is still in Teramo intriguing with the political parties and making himself a nuisance.

(e) I could find no information to prove or disprove the allegations about the five officials named above. DE ROSA is a Consigliere di 2a classe, acting as VPI. He was on sick leave, but voluntarily returned to duty on 4 October to assist the Prefect, who has very little expert assistance. TARRICONI is the Capo Ragioniere. None of the Schede Personale for any of these could be traced.

(f) LORENZINI certainly has had no experience in public administration, and he is very conscious of this fact.

6. LORENZINI is a Genoese, age 30 (born 15 April 1914). He was educated as a Surveyor, and did his military service from 1932 to 1934. He was recalled to the Army with the rank of 2nd Lieutenant in 1935 and served continuously as a regular officer of the Artillery from then until September 1943. He was then stationed at Teramo with the rank of Captain. He refused to obey the orders of his Colonel to take the oath to the Fascist Republic Government, collected all the arms he could and some of his men and took to the hills, where he was joined by escaped P.O.W.s (British and Yugoslavian) and 500 young men from the Teramo neighbourhood. He carried on guerilla warfare from then until June 1944: at one time the Germans sent an armoured division against him. On 16 June 1944, he came down into Teramo with his men as mentioned above.

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7. LORENZINI is an extremely hard worker. He starts his day at anything from 06:30 to 08:30 hours and goes on until dark. He is a quiet, serious man. Up to 8 September 1943, he did, I think, serve the Fascists faithfully and well, but in the capacity of a soldier keenly interested in his profession, and without political purpose. His basic motive is now, I feel, to serve his country. He does not want to be Prefect of Teramo, and only took the appointment because it seemed to be his duty. He does not want to continue in office. He would like more than anything to join the British Army, but realising that is impossible, he would like to serve as the Prefect Regent of some Province nearer the line. He impressed this request on me quite strongly.

8. As stated above, he has no experience whatever in public administration. He has, however, a clear and logical mind and a grip of essentials. What he needs is support. All the Allied Officers to whom I spoke on the subject agreed on this matter. He has had little or no support so far. In the Prefettura, he has two Consiglieri acting as VPV and VPI respectively--both sick men--and three Segretari. There has been no Questore or senior officer of CC.RR until recently. On the A.M. side, the PC controls Chieti and Pescara as well as Teramo, and he has so few officers that he has been forced to concentrate them at Chieti and can only send a Provincial Officer to Teramo three or four times a week.

9. Throughout our conversation, LORENZINI showed himself very conscious of his lack of administrative experience and of people to whom he can turn for advice and support. It is for this reason, I think, that his tendencies are to go slow and act 'diplomatically' as he puts it. For the same reasons, he is sometimes inclined to give way where he should stand firm. For instance, one day recently a certain amount of rioting outside the Prefettura took place, mostly women complaining about inadequate rations. Stones were thrown and windows broken. The Police do not seem to have been of much use, and the Prefect dealt with the situation by releasing a quantity of grain, for which he was afterward called sharply to order by the PC.

10. In numbers, the strongest political party in the Province are the Communists. The noisiest is the Party of Action. The other parties do not count for much. While acting as a Patriot leader, LORENZINI's affiliations were with the Communists, simply because it was from them that he drew most of his Italian Patriot personnel. Since he has been Prefect, he has dropped all such connections. All Allied Officers seem quite satisfied of his impartiality and all speak very highly of him.

11. I consider the whole matter an unpleasant piece of party politics. My conclusion is that the Party of Action wants to get the lead in the Province--that they find the Prefect too impartial and too genuinely devoted to his country for their needs--and that they have accordingly made this libellous attack on him in the hope of getting him out.

12. My recommendations are that LORENZINI should be supported. We should send him as soon as possible two loyal and experienced men as VPV and VPI. His request for transfer to another Province should not be granted at present; it would be interpreted in Teramo as a sign of weakness and as a victory for the dissidents. When, however, the administration is more firmly established in Teramo, he might be considered for some-

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where in the Po Valley.

13. LORENZINI has had no contacts with this HQ or the Italian Government, except once when he came to Rome: and unfortunately, the man he then saw was CANEVARI. I advised him on his next visit to see BERUTTI, and also to see Col. Spicer. He will be in Rome on the 16th and 17th of October and proposes to come to this HQ on the morning of Tuesday, 17 October. When the Director has formed his own conclusions from the interview, replies can be drafted to Court SFORZA and the Ministry.

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HEADQUARTERS
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SUBJECT : Survey of TERAMO Province

TO : Col. R. G. B. SPICER

From : Capt. C.G.R. Williams

1. I visited Teramo on the 5 October and interviewed: -
The Prefect Regent - Capt. Giovanni LORENZINI
Capt. Bellamy - P O Teramo Provincial

having already seen the PC at Chieti.

2. I have submitted a separate report as to the Prefect's personal position.

3. Progress is being made with the establishment of Giunte Comunali. When the Prefect Regent took up office - on 16 June - he proceeded to change all the Fascist Podesta' or Commissari and to appoint Commissari Prefettizi in their place. The R.D. reached him about the middle of August. Since then he has established Sindaci and Giunte in 35 out of the 45 communes in the province. The remainder will be set up in the course of this month.

4. He thinks however it will be necessary to retain Commissari in 2 Communes - Roseto degli Abruzzi (about 11.000 population) and Morro d'Oro (about 3300). Roseto is a modern coastal town founded and largely owned by DI BLASIO, a prominent Fascist and a National Councillor. Fascist influence is still strong among most of the inhabitants. Morro D'Oro is some 10 Km. inland from Roseto and conditions are much the same there.

5. The Deputazione Provinciale was appointed early in September. The citizen members of the Giunta Provinciale Amministrativa have not yet been chosen. The Prefect said there would be a meeting in two or three days when he thought the nominations would be settled.

6. The Prefects policy has been to proceed slowly and diplomatically: he used these expressions frequently in any interview. This is due to the feeling of insecurity he has, to which the following factors contribute : -

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(a) He has no Vice-Prefects. 2 Consiglieri are acting, SCARAMUCCI as VPV and DE ROSA as VPI. Both are ill but voluntarily returned from sick leave to help LORENZINI. The Prefect thinks highly of them. The former VPV, DELLA ROCCA was dismissed for laziness and political interfering and he is still in the town and continues to play politics. He should be cleared out and sent to Rome.

The former VPI RIGUCCI was locally compromised, having worked too closely with the PFR Prefect and it was thought advisable to transfer him to ASCOLI where he is now serving. The Consigliere, who was Capo Gabinetto to the Republican Prefect, Carlo CAPASSO, was likewise transferred to Ascoli.

(b) There has been considerable political bickering. The Communists are the most numerous party in the province: the Party of Action the noisiest. The others do not count for much.

(c) Patriot trouble - The former members of LORENZINI's own band, mostly Communists, are continually badgering him for favours. The other group, that of AMMAZZALORSO, seems to be more criminal and less genuine. The leader was jailed for theft some weeks ago and sent to Chieti for proceeding to be opened. The authorities then sent him back to Teramo jail for some reason. On arrival in Teramo he and few others managed to escape. It will be difficult to trace them. There have been one or two shootings in the province. The streets of the capital swarm with idle young men.

(d) The forces of public order have lacked a Questore and a senior Officer of CC.RR. A Carabinieri Major has just been appointed. The acting Questore is said to be a keen and energetic officer: his actual rank however corresponds to that of Vice-Commissario only. A Questore is about to be sent.

(e) The PC has to manage 3 provinces with a very small staff which he is obliged to concentrate at Chieti, sending a PO to Teramo 3 or 4 times a week.

7. The Prefect has not encountered any special difficulty in appointing Sindaci. Many of the Segretari Comunali are corrupt however and he is transferring them to other communes as fast as he can.

8. The CLN is in process of being reorganized and does not

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seem to be giving more trouble than usual.

Read and noted by:

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

C.G.R. WILLIAMS
Captain
Local Government Sub-Commission
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Date 29 Oct 44

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HEADQUARTERS
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ACC/1/5/3/LC 21 October 1944

SUBJECT: Survey of PESCARA province.

TO : Col. R. G. B. Spicer

FROM : Capt. C. G. R. Williams

1. I visited Pescara on the 3ri and 4th of October and interviewed:

Lt.Col. J.W. Holmes, outgoing PC, Chieti, Pescara and Teramo provinces
Major C.J. Saunders, incoming PC, Chieti, Pescara and Teramo provinces
Ist Lt. Amiot, P.O. Pescara Province
Dr. Cesare PACE, Prefect Regent of Pescara Province

2. The reorganization of local government has made good progress. Giunte Comunali have been formed in all the 42 communes. The Deputazione Provinciale has also been appointed and has held meetings: the elective members of the Giunta Provinciale Amministrativa have been chosen.

3. The minimum number of Assessori has however been fixed at 6. This is contrary to the Royal Decree in a large number of Communes. Those with a population of 3000 or less should have 2 Assessori and 2 supplenti, 4 in all.

4. It appears the Giunte were appointed in quite a short space of time in the early days of AMG in the province, when the details of the Royal Decree may not have been too well known. The acting Vice Prefect, Avv. MAGNO, had much influence in these appointments. He is a member and former President of the Committee of Liberation: his politics are Communist and he has favoured that party wherever he could. The Prefect does not approve of many of MAGNO's appointments but he has not felt strong enough to resist his influence.

5. The Prefect is familiar with the Royal Decree and appreciates that in the Communes of 3000 and less the 6 Assessori will have to be reduced to 4.

6. He was obviously pleased and relieved at the appointment of Dr. TEMPERINI to replace MAGNO as Vice Prefect. He did not anticipate any difficulty with MAGNO over his dismissal: he thought that the result would be that MAGNO would cease to belong to the Committee of Liberation also. Although Vice Prefect and an active politician, MAGNO had still kept up his legal practice, to which he might now perhaps want to give most of his time.

7. The Prefect said that he could now proceed with overhauling the Sindaci and Giunte which had been appointed in the early days.

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8. PACE thought there was a case for paying Sindaci in some instances.

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Not in the very small communes where it is not a whole time job: but in the larger communes the absence of any compensation does, he thinks, prevent some of the best men from accepting the office.

9. At first sight Dr. PACE gives the impression of being a placid tired old man. This is deceptive: he is a man of some character and ideas and knows his job thoroughly. But he will always look after himself. His ineffectiveness up until now has been due to the presence of a powerful politician (MAGNO) in his office: he is not the man to go too strongly against what he thinks might become the dominating political party in the province. The PC said that his attitude was certainly co-operative but that he needed encouragement.

10. The Prefect spoke very feelingly of the condition of his Province and of Pescara town; he laid great blame on the last Prefect, ORRU, whom PACE seemed to think largely responsible. According to him, ORRU left the town at the first shelling and his example was followed by many of the police and administrative officials. The town thus left without protection, it was exposed to a thorough looting by the Germans, the Fascists, and by thieves in general. He also spoke almost passionately of the miserable financial condition of the lower grades of employees in the Prefecture.

11. The Prefecture has only 1 Consigliere: another appears to be needed.

C. G. R. WILLIAMS
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18 October 1944

READ AND NOTED BY:

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REPORT N° 122A.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
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28 September 1944

SUBJECT: Tour

TO : Col R. G. B. Spicer, Director, Interior S/C

FROM : Capt W. V. M. Lewis, Interior S/C

I. On 21 Sept., I reported to Col Mayne, AMG 5 Army, who instructed me to go to Pisa, Lucca, and Pistoia Provinces for the purpose of ascertaining the state and condition of the Italian civil administration in those provinces. I was to advise the respective PCs where necessary and return to 5 Army.

II. LUCCA PROVINCE

1. I reported to the PC, Col Hales (A) on 22 Sept.

2. He explained that the position in connection with the provincial administration was as follows: The whole of the Provincial area was not yet liberated. There was a hiatus between the date of the German departure from the provincial capital and the arrival of the Allied troops. During that period a local Committee of National Liberation purported to take over the administration. The Prefect, PIAZZESI, had already left the town and gone north. The CLN by "decree" suspended the VPV (FRANCI, Alpinolo) and VPI (SPARACIO, Giuseppe) from office on the grounds that they had politically compromised themselves during their service under German occupation and further that it was necessary "to clean up the administration". (Copy Scheda Personale attached)

3. The town was taken by the 370th American Infantry Battalion, the Commanding Officer of which confirmed the CLN's suspensions.

4. The PC stated that after the arrival of AMG the CLN worked in co-operation with him and had been reasonable in all respects. During the period in which they had assumed control, they had "done nothing that AMG would not have done". The PC's programme was first to have a Prefect appointed and when the whole of the Province was taken to proceed with the formation of the various provincial and communal local government bodies when the CLN could then be dissolved. Certain of their members would probably be appointed to the new, properly established bodies.

5. The PC had had the VPV screened by CIC, who reported adversely. (See report attached. Whilst the man may have compromised himself politically, the reasons actually contained therein are "flimsy")

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6. The screening report for the VPI has not yet been received.

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7. The PC had invited the CLN to nominate for his consideration a person for appointment as Prefect. They had proposed their President, Avv. Giovanni CARIGNANI (copy Scheda attached). The PC stated that CARIGNANI had worked energetically and co-operatively with him ever since his arrival. Their relations were good, and he (the PC), was satisfied that CARIGNANI was inbued with a desire for national service. He was a Luccan, known to, liked, and respected by the people. The PC favoured his appointment and if this was approved he (the PC) could "work with him".

8. I had two interviews with CARIGNANI. In appearance and demeanour he seemed keen and energetic. I referred to his nomination for appointment as Prefect and explained the procedure established by AOC with the Italian Government for the supply of career Prefects to forward provinces if and when circumstances required it. I told him I had no power to appoint him or to indicate to him that he would be so appointed. If, however, it was decided to offer him the appointment, I invited his views. He said that he had no wish to be a career official, and that, in fact, his own private practice would probably suffer. He wanted only to serve the locality in which he had lived and if AMG required his services, he would willingly place them at their disposal. He understood that the Prefect in AMG territory would work under and subject to the control of the PC and that no security of tenure whatsoever would attach to the office. He had practiced in the town for many years and knew and understood the working of the administration. The technical side of the office would not, he felt, present any difficulties to him. If, on the other hand, it was desired to send a career Prefect, he would understand the position, and still give such services as AMG might desire of him.

9. I saw the Capo di Gabinetto of the Prefettura (POTENZA). He reported that with the above exception all other principal offices were present. They were short of 1 Consigliere and 1 Secretary, but otherwise there were no staff difficulties. A new Questore (Cap. MORI, Pietro) had been temporarily appointed by the CLN.

10. I arranged with the PC as follows:

a. Prefect - to report all facts to 5 Army.
b. VPV - to endeavour to arrange with the Ministry for a new VPV to be sent forward. The existing man to remain in suspension on pay.
c. VPI - if screening report is not adverse, to re-install him in office. (NOTE: I saw this man - he is a rabbit.)

III. PISA PROVINCE

1. I interviewed the PC, Lt Col Walters (B) on 23 Sept. Position as follows:

2. Prefect PERUZZO is working extremely well and to the complete satisfaction of the PC.

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3. All principal offices in the provincial administration are satisfactorily filled and no difficulties exist in regard to staff shortages. They will need a VPI, but the position is not acute and the request for the purpose will be made through normal channels. No emergency assistance from AOC is required.

4. The provincial administration is working smoothly.

5. Deputazione Provinciale - is being formed and will shortly be completed.

6. Giunte Comunali - have been formed throughout the province.

7. The PC is following the directives regarding local government reorganization in accordance with the R.D.L.

IV. PISTOIA PROVINCE

1. I interviewed the PC, Major McBratney (A) on 23 Sept.

2. The city of Pistoia is in part badly damaged and until recently, was under enemy shell fire. This had decreased daily and is now light and intermittent.

3. Having regard to 2, it had not yet been possible for the provincial team to move in and they are therefore temporarily centered at Montecatini. They will probably go in within the next 2-3 days.

4. He informed me that no provincial administration as such had existed in Pistoia since June. Large numbers of the inhabitants had left the town, including the bulk of the officials.

5. The Prefect had fled north and the vacancy had to be filled.

6. It was at first thought that the task of restarting the administration would be extremely difficult, owing apparently to a complete lack of officials. During recent visits to Pistoia, however, a few had appeared and the position regarding these officials on 22nd September was as follows:

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| Prefect | vacant |
| VPV | has appeared. He is an old man, politically compromised and cannot be used. |
| VPI | position unknown, but thought vacant. |
| Consigliere | Some. Number uncertain. |
| Segretari | unknown. |
| Questore | present. |
| Ragioniere capo | name known. At an address outside the city. |

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Intendente di Finanza . . unknown.
Medico Provinciale . . . .present.
Veterinario Provinciale . unkown.
Primo archivista . . . . .unknown.
Ispettore Provinciale
dell'Agricultura . . .present.

7. Certain of the administrative buildings and offices were in ruins. From recent experience, it was thought that further officials would come in from the different parts of the country in which they were thought to be living. I discussed the position fully with the PC, explaining the positions which should be considered vital and methods by which they should be recalled to their posts in Pistoia. It is essential that the new Prefect be sent up with the least possible delay, as the administration must be set up by and around him. His task will not be an easy one and from what I learned and saw, I do not consider that the Prefect designate FOTI, whom I interviewed with you before leaving is the man for this difficult job.

8. With regard to the VPV (and also, subject to what is found, the VPI), the PC hopes to use a local man in an acting capacity, as he wants a man with a knowledge of the local administration. I arranged however to have a VP agreed with the Italian Government who could be sent up if and when the PC signals for him.

9. The PC is to be notified when the new Prefect leaves in order that he may put in hand the agreed arrangement for calling available officials together.

V. I returned to AMG 5 Army on 24 Sept and reported to Col Mayne. Arranged as follows:

1. Lucca

(a) Prefect - 5 Army have no objection to the appointment of GARIGNANI as Reggente, but would like the proposal cleared with the Italian Government in the usual way.

(b) VPV(
( arrangements as in para II, 10.
VPI(

2. Pistoia

(a) Prefect - new man essential without dealy to be sent to 5 Army for delivery. 5 Army to be notified ETA and inform PC who will put out the call for the return of all officials.

(b) VPV - as agreed with PC, para IV, 8.

(c) VPI - according to position discovered by PC.

3. Pisa - no action necessary.

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VI. TERNI PROVINCE - I reported to the PC, Major Frickar (B) on 25 Sept. He is now PC both of Terni and Rieti, the provinces having been merged for AMG purposes. He gave every assistance and with him I interviewed the Prefetto Reggente GEMELO (appointed by AMG) and obtained the following information:

1. The position of VPV and VPI are filled satisfactorily. (With regard to the functions of the VPI, the Prefect stated that his visits to the communes were limited by transport shortages. He, the Prefect, personally went into the Province as much as possible)

2. Deputazione Provinciale - will shortly be formed and nominations finally submitted to the PC within the next ten days.

3. Giunta Provinciale Amministrativa - the citizen members will be appointed immediately after the Deputazione Provinciale has been set up.

4. Giunte Comunali - these exist throughout the 30 communes in the province.

5. Sindaci - a number of changes have been necessary but all appointments are now filled and working well. Reference was made to the question of pay of Sindaci. The PC had no doubt in his mind that they should receive a salary. Their work was heavy, and he felt that if unpaid, there was more temptation to provide themselves with a livelihood by illegal means. The Prefect referred to the fact that a salary was illegal by Italian law, but admitted that the best man could not always be found to give the time from his own work.

6. The Prefect asked advice on the position of appointments made by him under and with the approval of AMG after the territory was restored to the Italian Government. I explained that removal of such persons from position could then only be effected with ACC's consent.

VII RIETI PROVINCE

1. I reported to Maj Crippen (A) on 26 Sept and received every help from him.

2. With him, I interviewed the Prefect GALATA (appointed by AMG by arrangement with the Italian Government.)

3. VPV and VPI positions filled. The Prefectures was short of 2 Consiglieri. Maj Crippen invited ACC's help in providing personnel.

4. Deputazione Provinciale - has been formed and is working. The members were all residents of the Provincial capital.

5. G.P.A. - the members of the Prefettura have been appointed and the citizen members will be agreed within the next few days.

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6. Giunte Comunali - these exist throughout the 65 communes. Maj Crippen spoke very favourably of their work. He stated that it had been necessary to make many changes of members from the Giunte originally formed owing to their lack of energy. He had encouraged the appointment of young men and was satisfied that in many cases they were taking a genuine interest in their communal life.

7. Sindaci - all but 8 of the original 65 Sindaci had been charged. With regard to pay, the Prefect also repeated the illegality of salary. He admitted the necessity in certain cases. Maj Crippen was in favour of payment and referred to the heavy amount of work which has to be performed by communal mayors.

8. Owing to shortage of transport, visits of the Prefect or Vice-Prefect to the communes are difficult. Arrangements exist however whereby the Prefect accompanies Maj Crippen on his regular tours of communes a fixed number of which are dealt with weekly.

9. Referring generally to the state of the Administration, Maj Crippen stated that the Prefect was working satisfactorily and was now thoroughly acquainted with the provincial organization. If the province was to be later returned to the Government the smooth working of the Administration would be greatly assisted by the retention of the Prefect in his present office. He strongly advised that GALATA should remain there and not be considered in connection with the many transfers probably necessary for northern provinces. He considered that the organization which is now running would suffer by a change and the substitution of a new man.

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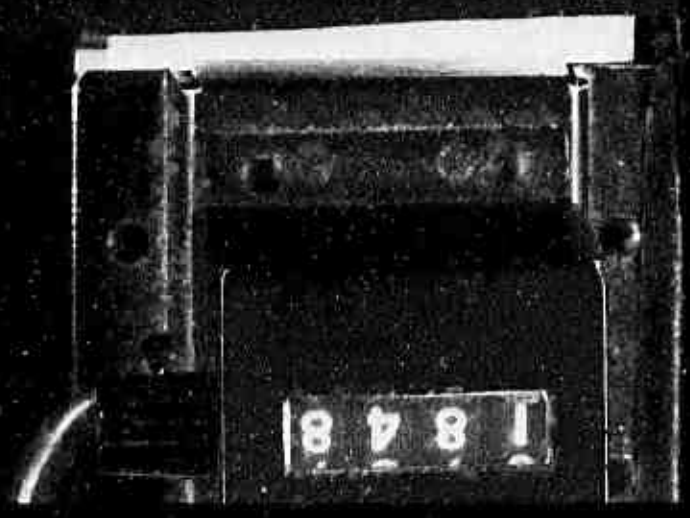
WVML/jgt (1) An admirable report on which I am to be congratulated

(2) The effects of our long struggle are now beginning to bear fruit here (Cairo) efforts always have been better fruit to me.

(3) I wish the F.O. to see this when you have taken all concomitant actions, when he has time.

Col. Feb. 28.

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