

0053

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

785021

ACC

10000/141/684

VI
M

0054

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

785021

/141/684

VISITS TO NORTH ITALY BY: VP, C.A.S.
MAY - SEPT. 1945

0055

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

785021

MINUTE SHEET NO. 1

PAGE

DATE

CONFIDENTIALNOTES ON TOUR NORTHERN ITALY - VICE PRESIDENTCIVIL AFFAIRS SECTIONSept. 4 - Sept 11.451. GENERAL

- (a) Organisation: No opportunity was afforded of discussing personally with the G O C XIII Corps the question of the nomenclature to be used in connection with Col. BOWMAN's appointment. The matter, however, was discussed with the B G S who stated that the G O C was not in favour of making any change in the existing nomenclature.
- (b) Report required on certain territory. This matter was discussed with the SCAC and BGS. The GOC XIII Corps had not received any definite reply to his D/O Letter in which he suggested that the matter should be dealt with by the Special Committee set up at AFHQ, but it was understood that the suggestion was still under consideration. Instructions that the report was to be prepared by HQ AC were received on 7 Sep 45 and immediately handed to SCAC, who referred the matter to HQ XIII Corps on the morning of September 8th. SCAC considered that XIII Corps would require a much more detailed questionnaire to assist them in providing the information.
- It is understood that this matter has now been settled by the dispatch of officers from this Headquarters to obtain the necessary information from XIII Corps HQ.
- (c) Fraternisation: During a visit to BOLZANO (where the A/IC was seen, Lt. Col. MacBRATNEY, the IC being away) it was reported that the local Military Authorities had received instructions from higher authority as regards fraternisation between German POWs working on the railways, etc., and civilians and fraternisation between Allied personnel and Reich, German-speaking civilians. The situation was now considered to be satisfactory.
- (d) Italian Troops, BOLZANO - Discipline. The A/IC was of the opinion that incidents were decreasing and that the situation had improved.
- (e) Return of Deported Italians to TRIESTE. As regards Italians who had moved or been deported into Yugoslav territory and the agreements made

(b) Report required on certain matters. The GOC XIII Corps had not received any definite reply to his D/O Letter in which he suggested that the matter should be dealt with by the Special Committee set up at AFHQ, but it was understood that the suggestion was still under consideration. Instructions that the report was to be prepared by HQ AG were received on 7 Sep 45 and immediately handed to SCAG, who referred the matter to HQ XIII Corps on the morning of September 8th. SCAG considered that XIII Corps would require a much more detailed questionnaire to assist them in providing the information.

It is understood that this matter has now been settled by the dispatch of officers from this Headquarters to obtain the necessary information from XIII Corps HQ.

- (c) Fraternisation: During a visit to BOLZANO (where the A/IC was seen, Lt. Col. MacBRIDE, the IC being away) it was reported that the local Military Authorities had received instructions from higher authority as regards fraternisation between German POWs working on the railways, etc., and civilians and fraternisation between Allied personnel and Reich, German-speaking civilians. The situation was now considered to be satisfactory.
- (d) Italian Troops, BOLZANO - Discipline. The A/IC was of the opinion that incidents were decreasing and that the situation had improved.
- (e) Return of Deported Italians to TRIESTE. As regards Italians who had moved or been deported into Yugoslav territory and the agreements made that they should be returned to VENEZIA GIULIA - HQ AG said that none or very few had so far returned to their families. Constant applications were received at AG HQ VENEZIA GIULIA regarding their return. HQ AG VENEZIA GIULIA considered that the strongest possible pressure should be brought to bear on the Yugoslav authorities to implement the agreements made.

2 PUBLIC SAFETY

- (a) Special Police Force - VENEZIA GIULIA. This matter was discussed with GOC XIII Corps, SCAG, Provost Marshall and Lt. Col. RICHARDSON. Those concerned have all the necessary details as regards CC.RR. rates of pay and they also have a competent Carabinieri Officer to advise them. That they did require was the assistance of a Finance Officer in the compilation of the scales of pay, allowances, etc., which they were endeavouring to draw up. A telegram was dispatched from HQ AG VENEZIA GIULIA recommending reinforcement of one or more Finance Officers. I will pursue this with the Finance Sub-Commission.

1770

- 2 -

The prospects of obtaining clothing and equipment for the force had very much improved and the GOC XIII Corps was satisfied with the present position.

It was understood that authority for the formation of this Special Police Force was still awaited from GCS.

As regards enrollment - 130 applicants were under training. Beyond this number there were 2,000 other applicants, 800 of whom had already been finally passed and another 600 passed but not yet screened.

(b) VENEZIA REGION - Auxiliary Police. The question of their future when AMG was withdrawn was discussed with the RC. It transpired that the strength of these auxiliary police is approximately 3,300. They were formed from ex-Partisans and while they come under the Questore they have not been absorbed into the normal police agencies as was the policy laid down for other Regions in the North.

They have, it seems, been authorised by Prefect's decrees - in the case of PAVIA Province alone a Prefect's decree exists authorising an establishment of auxiliary police of 1,000. The RC showed me a draft letter which he proposed sending to Prefects, telling them that the matter was one to be settled between Prefects and the Italian Government. I gave, as my view, that as the territory was under AMG and these auxiliary police had been authorised under decrees approved by AMG, some other solution should be attempted at this stage. The Italian Government have already informed HQ AG that they cannot authorize these auxiliary police forces in the Provinces.

(c) Questori - LIGURIA Region. Regional Public Safety Officer reported that 3 new Questori and one Vice-Questore had been asked for and were expected very shortly. Since the original application, a request has been made for a new Questore for SAVONA Province which would mean new Questori in all 4 Provinces in LIGURIA.

A new Questore for LA SPEZIA was reported to have arrived there on Saturday, 8 Sep 45. He came from MODENA and was 60 years old. He was asked to report to Provincial Headquarters the following Monday, 10 Sept. but it was stated that he had gone off to ROME as he did not like the look of the situation. Public Safety Sub-Commission to pursue.

(d) Generally, Public Safety conditions in the North appeared to be improving. This is probably mainly due to the arrival of fresh Allied troops and the support which is being given by these troops to the Carabinieri whose morale in many places is improving. This brings out the importance of getting the Carabinieri and other Police Agencies efficiently armed and equipped at this stage if possible so that as and when Allied troops are withdrawn, the reaction is not too

policy laid down for other Regions in the North.

They have, it seems, been authorised by Prefect's decrees - in the case of PARMA Province alone a Prefect's decree exists authorising an establishment of auxiliary police of 1,000. The PC showed me a draft letter which he proposed sending to Prefects, telling them that the matter was one to be settled between Prefects and the Italian Government. I gave, as my view, that as the territory was under AMG and these auxiliary police had been authorised under decrees approved by AMG, some other solution should be attempted at this stage. The Italian Government have already informed HQ AC that they cannot authorize these auxiliary police forces in the Provinces.

- (c) Questori - Liguria Region. Regional Public Safety Officer reported that 3 new Questori and one Vice-questore had been asked for and were expected very shortly. Since the original application, a request has been made for a new Questore for SAVONA Province which would mean new Questori in all 4 Provinces in LIGURIA.

A new Questore for LA SPEZIA was reported to have arrived there on Saturday, 8 Sep 45. He came from MODENA and was 60 years old. He was asked to report to Provincial Headquarters the following Monday, 10 Sept. but it was stated that he had gone off to ROME as he did not like the look of the situation. Public Safety Sub-Commission to pursue.

- (d) Generally, Public Safety conditions in the North appeared to be improving. This is probably mainly due to the arrival of fresh Allied troops and the support which is being given by these troops to the Carabinieri whose morale in many places is improving. This brings out the importance of getting the Carabinieri and other Police Agencies efficiently armed and equipped at this stage if possible so that as and when Allied troops are withdrawn, the reaction is not too severe.

3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND EPURATION

- (a) BOLZANO. Discussed with A/PC the situation as regards compilation of Electoral Rolls. The President of the Commission to determine facts in cases of doubtful citizenship had spent a few days in BOLZANO and was now in ROME. It seems urgent that the Italian Government should give a ruling as to the legal position in regard to citizenship of those who opted to go to Germany under the Hitler-Mussolini Agreement. Until such ruling is given, the Commission cannot get to work. Local Government Sub-Commission to pursue.

- (b) As regards Epuration in BOLZANO Province, the Provincial Legal Officer still considered that an amendment to DL 159 to cover any Nazis holding office was still advisable. It was admitted that under G.O. 35, 7th 33 the amending Provincial Orders, Nazis holding higher offices could be dismissed if they were German citizens but they would defend on the grounds that they were not German citizens. In this connection, the

- 3 -

ruling of the Italian Government referred to in the previous sub-para is also required. The Legal Officer felt that there might still be some outstanding cases of Nazis to be dealt with after AMG was withdrawn and that DL 159 should be amended.

Epuration was making very slow progress. It was estimated that, under the first two categories, 5,000 schede should be filed. Only 600 had been received and so far the result had been one suspension.

(c) VENEZIA GIULIA The directive from GCS that the Italian system of Government must be introduced in VENEZIA GIULIA and Government by National Councils eliminated was discussed with the GCS XIII Corps and the SCAC whose general opinion was that the position was covered by G.O. 11. A reply to this effect had already been sent to AFHQ or HQ AC. Local AMG opinion was strongly opposed to any introduction of Italian nomenclature at this stage.

(d) I attended a meeting of Area Commissioners regarding the implementation of G.O. 11 and possible non-co-operation on the part of the Slovenes. The Area Commissioners were all of the opinion that the Slovenes would co-operate, generally speaking, were it not for the directions which were being given to them from above.

I later listened in at a meeting between the Deputy SCAC and Mr. BEVK who is President of the Yugoslav National Committee at TRIESTE. BEVK stated that the Slovenes would co-operate but not under G.O. 11. He asserted that this was a decision taken by himself as President and his Local Committee and that he had not received any instructions in the matter from higher authority nor had he issued any orders to Yugoslav adherents in VENEZIA GIULIA not to co-operate. In making these statements it is very doubtful whether he was telling the truth.

The Deputy SCAC stated that G.O. 11 would be implemented without Slovene representation but BEVK was informed that Councils might be re-shuffled later if Slovenes decided to co-operate. In Communes which were entirely Slovene and where the appointment of communal councils would be impossible, direct Military Government would be applied if necessary.

(e) Compilation of Electoral Lists. This matter was discussed with GCS XIII Corps and SCAC. No letter had, at that time, been received from AFHQ or AC HQ, on the subject. In general, the GCS was not opposed to all the preliminary work being put in hand at this stage but he was not in favour of actual compilation commencing at once. He agreed that compilation of the rolls must be under AMG order which would be based on Italian legislation. He felt, however, that some provision must be made for inclusion in the rolls of non-Italian subjects who were normally

The Area Commissioners were all of the opinion that the Slovenes would co-operate, generally speaking, were it not for the directions which were being given to them from above.

I later listened in at a meeting between the Deputy SCAO and Mr. BEVK who is President of the Yugoslav National Committee at TRIESTE. BEVK stated that the Slovenes would co-operate but not under G.O. 11. He asserted that this was a decision taken by himself as President and his Local Committee and that he had not received any instructions in the matter from higher authority nor had he issued any orders to Yugoslav adherents in VENEZIA GIULIA not to co-operate. In making these statements it is very doubtful whether he was telling the truth.

The Deputy SCAO stated that G.O. 11 would be implemented without Slovene representation but BEVK was informed that Councils might be re-shuffled later if Slovenes decided to co-operate. In Communes which were entirely Slovene and where the appointment of communal councils would be impossible, direct Military Government would be applied if necessary.

(e) Compilation of Electoral Lists. This matter was discussed with GOC XIII Corps and SCAO. No letter had, at that time, been received from AFHQ or JC HQ, on the subject. In general, the GOC was not opposed to all the preliminary work being put in hand at this stage but he was not in favour of actual compilation commencing at once. He agreed that compilation of the rolls must be under AMG order which would be based on Italian legislation. He felt, however, that some provision must be made for inclusion in the rolls of non-Italian subjects who were normally resident in VENEZIA GIULIA.

In this connection a registration was now being carried out of every person who was a resident in VENEZIA GIULIA on 1 May 45 and still in VENEZIA GIULIA. The registration was to be divided into 3 categories, i.e. normal residents, Yugoslavs normally not resident and Italians normally not resident.

4. LEGAL

(a) Special Assize Courts - BOLZANO Province. Provincial Legal Officer reported that the Italian Government amending decree to enable these courts to try Nazi as well as fascist collaborators was still awaited.

5 Matters of more detail have been put direct to Sections or Sub-Sections concerned. 785021

DISTRIBUTION:

Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner
Polad (A)
Polad (B)

Chief Legal Advisor
Public Safety Sub-Commission
Local Government Sub-Commission

REPORT ON BRIG. UPJOHN'S TOUR

Headquarters 5 Army

29 Jul 45

Giunte Comminali BOLZANO

McBratney is most anxious to continue his Giunte Comminali at a figure in excess of the legal maximum. The Prefect has written a letter to him on the subject (enclosed). I suggest Cripps discuss this with the Ministry of the Interior on the footing that it is an application from their own official and see whether they will sanction the increase.

Registration of Aliens Order

I have been convinced, against my earlier views, of the necessity for such an order. McBratney points out that without such an order it is impossible to classify the large number of classes in his province, some of whom we shall want to deport to Austria, and so on.

I enclosed a draft to which I see no objection - I only made one alteration in Art. VI, Section 1 (b) (iii) which originally was confined to French nationals; I considered this slightly undiplomatic. J.K. will, of course, submit the document officially.

Return of BOLZANO to the Italian Government

I have already reported on J.K.'s views as to the necessity for maintenance of A.M.G. in BOLZANO and possibly parts of BELLUNO and TRENTO.

McBratney's views and those of the Prefect are that we should restore BOLZANO on the same date as the other provinces but it would be essential to maintain a very strong team of observers (as in SICILY). The Prefect wants the electoral lists to be prepared under Allied supervision as a sort of referee.

Col. Michie this morning pointed out that 5 Army did not expect the inventory of captured enemy material to be completed before 20 Aug 45 and he showed me a letter to VENEZIE Region asking them to prepare an order making it necessary for persons, to whom sales have been effected by the German authorities at fictitious prices just before the surrender, to disclose their holding of war material.

I believe that physically it will not be possible to clear up

to deport to Austria, and so on.

I enclosed a draft to which I see no objection - I only made one alteration in Art. VI, Section 1 (b) (iii) which originally was confined to French nationals; I considered this slightly undiplomatic. J.K. will, of course, submit the document officially.

Return of BOLZANO to the Italian Government

I have already reported on J.K.'s views as to the necessity for maintenance of A.M.G. in BOLZANO and possibly parts of BELLUNO and TREVISO.

McBratney's views and those of the Prefect are that we should restore BOLZANO on the same date as the other provinces but it would be essential to maintain a very strong team of observers (as in SICILY). The Prefect wants the electoral lists to be prepared under Allied supervision as a sort of referee.

Col. Michie this morning pointed out that 5 Army did not expect the inventory of captured enemy material to be completed before 20 Aug 45 and he showed me a letter to VENEZIA Region asking them to prepare an order making it necessary for persons, to whom sales have been effected by the German authorities at fictitious prices just before the surrender, to disclose their holding of war material.

I believe that physically it will not be possible to clear up

- (1) the registration of Aliens
- (2) captured war material

in this province by 1 Sep 45 and that on these grounds alone it will be desirable to maintain A.M.G. until 1 Oct or or even 1 Nov.

Preparation of Electoral Lists

J.K. and McBratney do not entirely agree with the Italian Government proposal. We feel that everyone should, in conformity with the 1912 law, be on the lists except those who actually left for Germany or Austria. The Government's proposals would lead to endless delays and throw the whole thing into the hands of the Commission and would, we feel, be unsatisfactory. An urgent decision is required as at present they are not getting on with the lists. I have sent J.K. a signal re sending up Boeri, but of course he cannot do much until a decision in principle is taken.

I enclose a brief Memo from McBratney and draw your attention to para 3.- Lt. Col. Washburne to see Ministry of Public Instruction and 4 - Col. Behrens to see Ministry of Justice. 5 can wait my return.

NOTES ON BRIG. UNJOHN'S TOUREMILIA

A long talk with COL THOMAS and Lt Col HARTLEY. I stayed at the villa of the former. I raise his rating from "excellent" to "superior". Very quiet in his manner, I suspect he hides his light under a bushel. However the talk is academic because he is 56 and definitely does NOT want another assignment after he has wound up Emilia (action list Sec).

Local Government

- a) RC reports absence of any VP for Ravenna. Omission to make earlier report greatly regretted. They will try to get a V.P.I. locally but urgently require a V.P.V. and, if possible, the V.P.I. especially as the Prefect wants to resign.
- b) The IC Ferrara has sacked his prefect and wants a new one. This is obviously a matter for the Government. (limits)
- c) The first requests for extension of time for completion of electoral lists have come in and have been sent to HQ AC. The time asked for is no less than 30 days.
- d) The JINs are becoming more amenable but possibly only in the expectation that they will soon be rid of the Allies.
- e) I agreed to the VP for Bologna going direct to Modena.

Liaison

- a) IC Emilia thinks that the Liaison Officer with the Republic of San Marino could be dispensed with but the Republic apparently would be sorry to lose him and feel they ought to have one. I think it is entirely a matter for the Poleds.
- b) HARTLEY said he understood he was to remain behind in charge of a small group of Liaison Officers at Bologna. He would like to do so. I knew nothing of this and said I would inquire the position.

Legal and Administration (LEVI)

- a) 5 cases (Special Court of Assize) are awaiting confirmation of the death sentence on the advice of the Minister of Justice. Please expedite reply.
- b) GO 35 has worked extremely well and its cessation on the cessation of AMG will leave a lacuna which may have disastrous results to law and order if Government do not get busy with DIL 159 straight away. RAUILLI to take up with PEROTTI-GRIVA urgently.
- c) The Railway Administration (It.) has been sending out some directives as to quite right. Take up

1766

Public Safety (PMSD)

- a.) IC Emilia thinks that the Liaison Officer with the Republic of San Marino could be dispensed with but the Republic apparently would be sorry to lose him and feel they ought to have one. I think it is entirely a matter for the Poles.
- b.) HARTLEY said he understood he was to remain behind in charge of a small group of Liaison Officers at Bologna. He would like to do so. I knew nothing of this and said I would inquire the position.

Public Safety (r

- a) 5 cases (Special Court of Assize) are awaiting confirmation of the death sentence on the advice of the Minister of Justice. Please expedite reply.
- b) GO 35 has worked extremely well and its cessation on the cessation of AMG will leave a lacuna which may have disastrous results to law and order if Government do not get busy with DILL 159 straight away.
- c) FERRANTI-CATVA urgently.
The Railway Administration (It.) has been sending out some directives as to operation which Regions have told them to withdraw. Quite right. Take up with Transportation Sub-Commission (on my return).
- d) The Provincial delegation for Ravenna has not yet been appointed. After 5 months delay by Government the prefect has been difficult for 3 months, DALLMIRI to apply NEAR.
- e) Order 35 B is NOT being applied owing to lack of time. I approved this course.
- f) 24 were sentenced to death in Reggio yesterday under scandalous circumstances, the principal advocates for the defence being threatened with his life and so he withdrew. A full report is being sent to Legal but as at the time the case is sent to Ministry of Justice the area will be Government Territory, can we do more than "persuade and advise" the Government to remit the sentences?

Public Safety (BAND) 17

a) Major BAND thinks that the CGMR and RS forces generally have improved considerably over the last 3 weeks. He regrets he has not got another month to work on them as he believes there would be substantial improvement. He thinks the

majority of the people want law and order and for this reason he does not favour British Battle Dress as he believes the populace really like the old COER uniform. Col THOMAS agreed that the position had substantially improved in the last 3 weeks but is more sceptical as to the reason.

b) The new Questore of Bologna is doing well. They are terribly short of minor officials of any experience in the Questures office. Can anything be done to remedy this?

c) COER have a great shortage of MOCs. This was discussed fully with RUSSETTI when he visited them. RS to follow up.

d) Derequisition of prison at Forlì urgently required to cope with the overflow of "political prisoners in other prisons. The ~~overcrowding~~ ^{depression} of this prison would solve the Regions Prison problems.

e) This Region (alone) complains of great shortage of petrol and suggest a bulk indent for COER at RS might not suffer the same cuts as happens at Regional level. RS to consider.

f) None of the extra boots or clothing promised for the COER in this Region have yet arrived. RS to GET A MOVE ON and let me know that this has been delivered before my return.

g) BOARD suggests that there is some AFTER directive prohibiting the use by COER of arms on A.P.V.s (Br) allotted to Mobile Bus. I cannot believe this is so. RS to investigate. No A.P.V.s have yet arrived in Emilia.

BOARD also wants to use the the Sten and Bren from partisan dumps. Is this possible and what about ammo supplies?

h) All Partisan police forces will be dissolved by 1 Aug.

Public Health (TURNER - BATTAGLIA - WINTERSCHERER)

a) All the old problems solved including the good old annuals, compost in Bologna and dead horses in the FO.

b) They have a surplus of 800 lbs MEY which I told Disper to snatch. Get RH and Disper to confirm

c) 4 tons of chlorine for water purification are available - all of it from It. sources.

d) Capt WINTERSCHERER (Welfare) is very worried over Devastated Areas and I told him the plan was before Italian Government. He said other regions had only drawn 20% of their allotment of ARE clothing and he wanted an extra issue from this stock. A sound plan RH S/C to follow up with APC.

65,000 blankets will have been distributed by the end of July.

e) Col Snadeker was away and none of his staff knew what plans he had for the Italians to take over distribution of medical supplies.

Apparently MEDICAL is not working. SNADEKER may have it in hand but I am worried about it. RH to take up URGENTLY.

Patriots (GILBERT)

Major GILBERT is going to Rome to-morrow so I will only deal with the subject

possible and what about auto supplies.

- ### h) All partisan police forces will be dissolved by

THE GREAT OCEANIC
(continued)

- a) All the old problems solved including the food and dead horses in the IC.
- b) They have a surplus of 800 lbs DDT which I told Disper to snatch. Get RH and Disper to confirm
- c) 4 tons of chlorine for water purification are available - all of it from IC.
- d) sources. Capt WINTERBURN (Welfare) is very worried over Devastated Areas and I told him the plan was before Italian Government. He said other regions had only drawn 20% of their allotment of ARC clothing and he wanted an extra issue from this stock. A sound plan RH 3/C to follow up with ARC.
- e) 65,000 blankets will have been distributed by the end of July. Col Shadaker was away and none of his staff knew what plans he had for the Italians to take over distribution of medical supplies. Apparently ~~INDIA~~ is not working. SHADAKER may have it in hand but I am worried about it. RH to take up URGENTLY.

1000 (GALILEI)

Major CHILIST is going to HONOLULU to meet with the Hawaiian Commission. The only real problems are briefly. The only real problems are obviously an Allied response to the Hawaiian Commission's report.

- a) How to continue the issue of the Region and
ibility) after closure of the Region and
How to continue payments. Presumably this can be carried on by ANPI or IERS.
He suggested keeping Allied Patriot Officers, in the Liaison groups (which will
be maintained) to supervise (a) and I believe that is a good idea.
He gave a very good account of the disbandment of the Maieila Brigade, who
have fought with 8 Army for a year, the other day (?) - Weekly bulletin.

(E.L.B.)

Non Italian Jews persist in seeping through notwithstanding all the requests of ATRQ to SWEEP. They are at 18 DEWA and there are about 4000 there the large majority being NON Italians. Specifically the fact that a Jew claims to URGENT high level action required; entitle him to an asylum in f. Disper be of Palestinian nationality does NOT entitle him to an asylum in f. Disper although the Camp in Italy. There are no trains scheduled South for to-day or to-morrow and, although the situation is in hand, Disper should find out WHY.

Education (HATT - TILROE)

- a) TILROE wants to go to Trieste where they want an additional Officer and Venezia Region do NOT want him.
- b) suggest Education Sub-Commission assign him to Venezia Giulia Region. Have they been approved? Privately text books are being printed for next year.
- c) HATT and THOMAS have opened a couple of universities.
- d) The Boy-Scout and Girl Guide movement is getting on foot amongst some opposition from the communists.
- e) Political Parties are occupying too many schools. We had this trouble in Rome and HATT suggests that it should be taken up at Government level is, I believe, stupid. Please consider.

VENEZIA

Arrived 1710 and at once got into a long session. I met Major HESLER (RC Padova) with J.K. and they were both vehement that AME could and should be administered in all provinces even without the presence of Allied troops in substantial numbers until the elections, say next April.

We had a long debate on the true functions of AME and in a spirit of great friendliness agreed to disagree.

I report this because I think M.S.L. should know the feeling of one of his RUs which was most vehemently expressed.

A long talk with Gordon WILLER (Legal); the following points being registered: I don't care for the final para of the Finance Directive in "Increase of Salaries, Wages and Pensions" 13665/P dated 13 July. Have I implemented the decree in question, if so the para should be differently framed?

Food or some other Econ Sec S/G have put out directives ordering the issue of Regional orders to control the price of food.

This is pure nonsense. Either it should be a Gen. Order or, in view of early handover, nothing. Take up with Economic Section.

Venezia late GO 35 B and I told them to throw it away.

Prisoners captured by partisans and held though no charges can be brought:

(Tel conversation UFFONI-HERNIM refers). I have told J.K. and G.W. I will NOT approach AME with a view to the AME taking them over. The best we can do is to bring on greater heat for the derequisition of prisons and in the meantime to authorise AME to hold these person in civil jails though no charge is going to be preferred. I feel no difficulty about this and Legal will draft a directive against my return.

G.W. hopes W.F.B. is seeing to it that he will be released in 20 days sense dubbio.

Local Government

J.K. tells me that some simiaci have refused to take the oath (as required by law) to the Crown on taking office. The Government altered the form of oath. I told him not to worry.

Arrived 1740 and at one point I was so
 Radova) with J.K. and they were both vehement that the presence of Allied troops in substantial
 interest in all provinces even without the presence of AMG and in a spirit of great
 numbers until the elections, say next April.
 We had a long debate on the true functions of AMG and the feeling of one of his
 friendliness agreed to disagree.

I report this because I think M.S.L. should know the following points being registered

RDs which was most vehemently expressed.

A long talk with Gordon WILLIAM (Legal); the following points being registered in "Increase of

a) I don't care for the final para of the Finance Directive in "Increase of the

Salaries, wages and pensions" 13665/P dated 13 July. Have I implemented the

decree in question, if so the para should be differently framed?

b) Food or some other Econ Sec S/C have put out directives ordering the issue of

Regional orders to control the price of food.

This is pure nonsense. Either it should be a Gen. Order or, in view of early

handover, nothing. Take up with Economic Section.

c) Venexia bats GO 35 B and I told them to throw it away.

d) Prisoners captured by partisans and held though no charges can be brought:

(Tel conversation UNJOHN-ELMERIS refers).

I have told J.K. and G.W. I will NOT approach AME with a view to the AMG

taking them over. The best we can do is to bring on greater heat for the

derequisition of prisons and in the meantime to authorize AMG to hold these

person in civil jails though no charge is going to be preferred. I feel no

difficulty about this and Legal will draft a directive against my return.

e) G.W. hopes W.F.B. is seeing to it that he will be released in 20 days senza

subsidio.

Local Government

J.K. tells me that some sindaco have refused to take the oath (as required by

law) to the Crown on taking office. The Government altered the form of

oath for themselves but forget about the sindaco. I told him not to worry,

what is an oath anyway except something to be broken? Local Government to

consider and report on the position on my return.

CA Section

27 July 45

Capt. L -

Please follow
up required action
in attached report
just handled
by Lt Col. Brown. Captain
Brown with Capt. C
and Maj. W. are to
action already taken
to date.

✓ Rk 7

22 May 45

0071

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

785021

Handwritten:
Ludena
VP5-filzahoi

APPENDIX "A"ACTION BY1 LAW & EVICTION

(a) Col. Levit wants to know what provision is being made for payment of prosecutors in the Peoples Courts. They are naturally reluctant to appear without fee.

Legal Sub-Commission

(b) Delegates under D.L. 159 for Forli and Ravenna not yet appointed. This is most urgent.

Lt. Col. White.

2 PUBLIC SAFETY

(a) 500 CC.RR. arrived at Cesena last night (Sat.) from Bari. No one had had any notice of this move. What is their intended destination?

Public Safety S/C

(b) 1,513 CC.RR. have been found locally and Maj. Bond wants to take them in as soon as possible. A few have, in fact, already been taken in.

Public Safety S/C

His present position is:

Brought in - 1,720
Recovered - 1,513

3,233

He understands a further 400 are due from Florence. When will they arrive?

(c) Fire Brigades and Municipal Guards are all in excellent condition.

(d) Maj. Bond would like some mobile Patriots. What is his allotment under the Public Safety scheme?

Public Safety S/C

(e) He requires a further 10,000 motor circulating permits as soon as possible.

Public Safety S/C

(f) Questore are required for the following provinces:

- (1) Bologna Province,
- (2) Ferrara Province,

He understands he is to get Giand...

(c) 1,513 CCAN. have been taken into custody. A few Public Safety S/C. wants to take them in as soon as possible. A few have, in fact, already been taken in.

His present position is:

Brought in - 1,720
Recovered - 1,513

3,233

He understands a further 400 are due from Florence. When will they arrive?

- (c) Fire Brigades and Municipal Guards are all in excellent condition. Public Safety S/C
- (d) Maj. Bond would like some mobile Patriots. What is his allotment under the Public Safety scheme? Public Safety S/C
- (e) He requires a further 10,000 motor circulating permits as soon as possible.
- (f) Questore are required for the following provinces:
- (1) Bologna Province,
 - (2) Ferrara Province,
- He understands he is to get Cienci from Pesaro.
- (3) Did Werer leave for Piacenza on 17 May as promised?
 - (4) Before taking Pizzuto for Reggio, Maj. Bond would like further particulars of past history signalled to him.
- (2) Several deserters from Cremona Division are awaiting trial by Court Martiel in a civil prison. Can they be moved? Public Safety S/C

3 EDUCATION

Is Tilroe still only attached, or will he remain permanently?

Education S/C
1763

- 2 -

ACTION BY:4 PUBLIC HEALTH

- (a) Regions urgently require 500 lbs DDT to spray compost heaps in Bologna City. Even if transport available it would take too long to move.

Suggest Mr. Piniere send up a spray team from Maccaresse or at any rate the equipment.

Public Health
S/C

- (b) Water chlorination Chlorine is urgently required for chlorination of the water supplies of Ferrara and Forli. This is very urgent. Brig. Parkinson tells me there is plenty in Rome.

Public Health
S/C

5 DISPLACED PERSONS

- (a) Please arrange for copies of sitreps on refugees from 5 and 8 Armies to be sent to Emilia Region (Col. Oldfield).

Dis. Persons.

- (b) In view of strict limitations on number to be carried, train guards should be provided. Fixed bayonets have already been used at Forli.

Dis. Persons
& Public Safety.

6 ECONOMIC SECTION

- (a) AFHC are insisting on reduction of armed forces wage rate from 115 lire to 85 in Bologna. This is well below 3 Apr 45 rate.

CMO to SAS
V Economic
Section.

- (b) C.O. 40 is about to be posted in Emilia and Venetia Regions. I understood from the Deputy Director, Agriculture Sub-Commission that this was contrary to their latest policy.

- (c) CINAI are still giving instructions to growers in Emilia Region re hemp, which are contrary to AC/AWG orders.

ditto.

(Col. Oldfield).

- (b) In view of strict limitations on number to be carried, train guards should be provided. Fixed bayonets have already been used at Forli.

Dis. Persons
& Public Safety.

6 ECONOMIC SECTION

- (a) AFHQ are insisting on reduction of armed forces wage rate from 115 lire to 85 in Bologna. This is well below 3 Apr 45 rate.

CSO to see
W Economic
Section.

- (b) G.O. 40 is about to be posted in Emilia and Venetie Regions. I understood from the Deputy Director, Agriculture Sub-Commission that this was contrary to their latest policy.

- (c) CUNAI are still giving instructions to growers in Emilia Region re hemp, which are contrary to AC/ANG orders.

ditto.

1762

APPENDIX "B"

to VP CAS report dated 21st May, 1945.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

1. Visit to RO. VENEZIA reported that the following prefects all nominees of the CIN had been appointed:

ROVIGO Province	PUNCEDU Luigi	Liberal
BELLUNO "	DOZZI Antonio	C.D.
PADUA "	SARADIN Gavino	C.D.

2. In the remaining provinces CIN nominees were acting under a period of probation until PCs had had an opportunity of assessing them and confirming their selection to R.C.

3. In BOLZANO Province the name of the CIN nominee is DI ARCHILIS and Independent left centre.

4. The CIN generally our co-operator and friendly, such depends on the situation in VENEZIA JULIA, the Allied occupation and SAC MED's recent statement have been well received.

PATRIOTS.

5. The situation in this Region is somewhat delicate, and the work of documentation and payment requires pushing. The death of Majors Corbin and Spce have unsettled the work considerably. Captain MMS is acting as Regional Patriot Officer.

6. The drawing of cash for payments to Patriots was not thoroughly understood, but will now be improved by Capt. MMS who has been briefed by the Director.

7. Col. Calzavara is unacceptable to many Venetians owing to his reputed fascist background. Pats. Branch to take immediate action to get forward a substitute and inform Ministry of Occupied Italy that MC approves of his release.

8. If Sgt. JAKIS has not yet been ordered to report to VENEZIA region, this shall be done at once. The patriot officer is very urgently in need of his services.

9. The Under Secretary of the Ministry of Occupied Italy was met in He advised that the bonus he was contacting I.M.P.R.S.

PATRIOTS.

5. The situation in this Region is somewhat delicate, and the work of documentation and payment requires pushing. The death of Major Corbin and since have unsettled the work considerably. Captain MMS is acting as Regional Patriot Officer.
6. The drawing of cash for payments to Patriots was not thoroughly understood, but will now be improved by Capt. MMS who has been briefed by the Director.
7. Col. Calzavara is unacceptable to many Venetians owing to his reputed fascist background. Pats. Branch to take immediate action to get forward a substitute and inform Ministry of Occupied Italy that IC approves of his release.
8. If Sgt. JAKIS has not yet been ordered to report to VERONA region, this shall be done at once. The patriot officer is very urgently in need of his services.
9. The Under Secretary of the Ministry of Occupied Italy was met in Regional HQ where he was contacting I.M.P.R.S. He advised that the bonus paid to Patriots on disbandment is to be increased. It was agreed that a circular giving this information both to Prefects and Provincial Commissioners must be issued jointly by Minister of Occupied Italy and Patriot Branch, AC. A suggestion by CURRIO that an interim advice should be issued by CLMAI from MILAN was vetoed by Director, who pointed out that orders for prefects in AMO can come from Italian Government only through AC HQ or with its concurrence.
10. CERTIFICATES. Estimated that there are 50,000 patriots in the Region.
 - 9,000 certificates issued.
 - 30,000 certificates in stock.
 - 10/12,000 are possible future requirements.

R.R. CRUPES.
Colonel.

1761

APPENDIX "B"

(to Report of VP, CA Section
of 20 May 45.)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

- 1 Attached proforma gives the information gained and action required by Local Government Sub-Commission as far as the provinces of Emilia are concerned and of one province of Venezia, this being the area visited during May 19th-20th. Additional information or further explanation is given below.
- 2 Renato HIRSCH has been appointed by R.C. as Prefetti Regenti FERRARA. He is a non-career man and the VPI that he has requested must be got off from Rome forthwith.
- 3 At PARMA the CLN nominee FERRARI was not impressive at first and the P.C. and R.C. considered that the Government nominee would be better. MICHELE, however, arrived and indicated that he did not want the appointment. (he had been strongly recommended personally by the P.M.), on the grounds that as he had not come forward with the spearhead troops it was too late to take up the work. He did not wish to push another man out. P.C. and R.C. have received further indications from the CLN that FERRARI is the man for the job, and the PC is much inclined to the view that he is better than he at first thought and after a short period of further probation he will probably be appointed.

to take up the work. He did not wish to push another man out. P.C. and P.C. have received further indications from the CLW that WARRI is the man for the job, and the PC is much inclined to the view that he is better than he at first thought and after a short period of further probation he will probably be appointed.

1760

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB-COMMISSION

Appendix

SERIAL PROVINCE		Prefect	Party	Apptd.	INFORMATION V.P.s	Attitude of CIN.
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
1.	BOLOGNA	BORGHESE Gianguido Dott.	SOCIALIST	YES	V.P.V. apptd. V.P.I. Required	Cooperative on an advisory basis. PC does NOT give a daily interview to them.
2.	FERRARA	HIRSCH Remto	IND. SOC.	YES	V.P.V. Required V.P.I. Apptd.	After a little difficulty at first, now cooperative.
3.	MODENA	TACOLI	NON POLIT. (C.D.?)	YES	Both V.P.s apptd. Non career men.	CIN cooperative.
4.	PARMA	FERRARI	COMMUNIST	NOT YET COMPLETED	V.P.s apptd. on temporary basis	Somewhat difficult at first, after interview with P.C. & thoroughly understand their situation and are cooperative.
5.	PIACENZA	NINZIA Vittorio	C.D.	YES	V.P.s both apptd. non-career men.	CIN difficult to handle at first, now under control.
6.	REGGIO EMILIA	FRILEZZI Vittorio	ACTION	YES	V.P.s both apptd.	CIN cooperative. They have under some criticism by Pato of whose number have now been apptd. to the Committee. There is now no further trouble.
7.	ROVIGO	PUXEDDU Luigi Dott.	LIBERAL	YES	Both apptd.	CIN cooperative

6321
1753

Appendix "A" to Report of V.P.C.A.E. 20 May 45.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB-COMMISSION

INFORMATION V.P.s	Attitude of CLN.	ACTION Remarks and Action Required by L.G.S.C.
(f)	(g)	(h)
V.P.V. apptd. V.P.I. Required	✓ Cooperative on an advisory basis. PC does NOT give a daily interview to them.	✓ Get nominated and send forward at once a V.P.I. good career official. Report to P.C. <i>See this & file</i>
V.P.V. Required V.P.I. Apptd.	✓ After a little difficulty are now cooperative.	✓ Press Italian Govt. to get forward V.P.I. for whom a request has already been made. URGENT. See notes para. 2. <i>see file</i>
Both V.P.s apptd. Non career men.	CLN cooperative.	✓ V.P. are both non-career men and are making fair headway. This P.C. may require (at a later date) one career man if the present incumbents do not make out satisfactorily. <i>see this - file</i>
YET FINISHED V.P.s apptd. on temporary basis	Somewhat difficult at first, but after interview with R.C. & P.C. thoroughly understand their position and are cooperative.	See notes para. 2
ES V.P.s both apptd. non-career men.	CLN difficult to handle at first, now under control.	✓ P.C. has a completely non-career team in Prefectural Office. He requires a career V.P.I. as soon as possible. ACTION IGSC. <i>see this - file</i>
ES V.P.s both apptd.	CLN cooperative. They have come under some criticism by Pats, 2 of whose number have now been apptd. to the Committee. There is now no further trouble.	Both VPs are very satisfactory. VP VICARIO is an old career official who was removed by Fascist Govt.
ES Both apptd.	CLN cooperative	Very few police in this Province. Patriots to the number of 10 being used in each commune. Arms being held of all groups of Pats. in armouries. No parade or disarmament yet held

0082