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REPORT BY DIRECTOR L.G. ON VISIT TO LOMBARDIA REGION
ON 6/6/45
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REPORT ON TOUR OF BRIG FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT SEE COM.

LOMBARDIA Region - Wednesday 6 June

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1. Arrived MILAN by air 1100 hrs and called on Col. HANCOCK, it was a brief interview and of a general nature, as far as Local Gov. is concerned the position is much as a fortnight ago, Prefects are functioning and are in every respect confident in Office, but still require the Official form of installation by Brig. Gen. Hume.
2. At the Patriots Office Lt. ^eLESSA has been appointed Executive Officer vice Lt. Col. WHITE, the office has been moved into the MONTUCATINI building with telephone 12432 Ex. 2426. It is a great improvement and gets away from the pandemonium in the Patz. HQ. where it was situated before.
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7. Discussed many points and problems with Limbert which are set out in detail under the various headings below.
 - (a) CLOTHING SUPPLY
 The quantities to come forward are satisfactory and Limbert may be able to get some underwear elsewhere. He will make bids for the transportation from LIVORNO and has taken the release note for blankets. It will require authority to collect from ship, this must be forwarded by cable and confirmed in writing.
 McLaughlin is to go to LIVORNO to supervise the transport and requires the name of vessel, this I have asked for by cable direct to AMG 5 Army, forthwith if action has NOT been taken on receipt of this phase do so immediately.
 - (b) PAYMENT.
 Limbert agrees that further clarification of the terms of payment is required as set out in para 4 (a) and (b).

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(c) CERTIFICATES.

All regions now seem to have sufficient for immediate requirements; AMR 5 Army will not require more than 10,000 for the present.

(d) RECRUITMENT.

As an interim measure, I have handed a copy of the M.M.I.A. Italian Cable to Lambert, who understands the procedure, I have had three copies made and will give one to each Lombardia Pleonate and IV Corps.

A further full explanation is required to be sent to all Regions, 5 Army, and IV Corps.

(e) FEEDING.

Lambert and McLaughlin report that feeding in the MILAN CANTONS is very poor, I will investigate this tomorrow morning. In any case it is essential to carry on with some feeding after June 10. On further discussion I do NOT consider that the number of rations required will possible exceed 15,000 and I believe it doubtful if in the whole of Northern Italy it will reach 10,000. The instructions for feeding through SMVRA are required by Regions etc. forthwith. Patriots Branch to get a signal out within 48 hours of receipt of this.

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