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SUBJECT : Preliminary Report - Bologna.

TO : Headquarters Allied Commission, APO 394
(for Deputy Chief Legal Advisor)

1. This is to inform you that I have visited Bologna and on the whole found conditions apparently satisfactory as regards the Italian Courts.

2. Most of the Judicial personnel of the Court of Appeal, Court of Assize, Tribunale and Pretura is reported to be present for duty. The Germans did not close the Courts and sessions were held up to within 4 days prior to the liberation of the city.

3. The C.L.N. issued orders, just prior to or at the time of the liberation, dismissing the Procuratore Generale and suspending one of the Sostituti Procuratori Generali. I conferred with both the Primo Presidente of the Court of Appeal and the Procuratore Generale and also examined the Schede Personali of the officials objected to. The schede disclosed no grounds for removal, and the Primo Presidente most strongly stated that he knew of no basis for removal of the Procuratore Generale. The Procuratore Generale himself vigorously denied any Fascist activities or that he had collaborated with the Germans. I plan to meet with the leaders of the CLN shortly and obtain the basis of their objections to these officials. Meanwhile, all officials are being retained in office.

4. The Palace of Justice, which houses all the Courts, is intact. However, upon our arrival it was being occupied by several hundred Partisans and their animals. These have now been evacuated and the premises are being cleaned. It is not believed that any permanent damage was caused to the building or its furnishings.

5. It is expected that the first A.M. Summary Court will be held today.

6. A detailed report will be rendered at the first opportunity.

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