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JAN. 1944

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394.

ABG/000.5/AD. 21 January 1944

SUBJECT: Prisons.

TO: Advanced Command Post,
Allied Control Commission,
BRINDISI.

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- (c) That recruitment, organization and handling of prisons officials is closely allied to police matters.

CHARLES A. SPOTNORD,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
D.O.C.A.C.

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FROM : PBS PENCE (FARGO) CITE FARGO 361

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TO : FATIMA REAR FOR UPJOHN

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Prison officer. In reply your 1981 dated 16 January. Captain Burke not now available owing to superior orders received today. Request Capt. Henry Young (A) only officer known to have prison experience at present with Refugee Sub-Commission your area be made available forthwith and ordered to attend meeting at Palace of Justice 19 January. Replacement for Capt. Henry Young to be found from Region 5 personnel.

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Secretary of the Commission

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Legal Subcommission

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2 January 1944.

In reply
refer to: 004/14/311.

SUBJECT: Prisons.

TO : Deputy President, A.C.C.

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It would appear logical, therefore, that responsibility for prisons should be transferred from Public Safety to Legal Subcommission, but against this there are several practical reasons.

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Accordingly it is strongly recommended that prison administration should remain the responsibility of Public Safety Subcommission.

On this footing, however, I suggest that Public Safety should be advised to send over an officer to contact the Italian Director of Prisons as soon as possible to make every necessary arrangement before the restoration of territory.

G. R. URSCH, Colonel
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G. H. URBAN, Colonel
Chief Legal Officer, 100.

Copy to Public Safety Subcommission.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Legal Subcommittee

422/52

15 January 1944.

In reply
refer to: 422/1/342/4.

SUBJECT: Prisons & Cognate Services.

TO : H.E. The Undersecretary of State
Ministry of Prison & Justice.

In view of the fact that the administration of prisons is undertaken by Your Excellency's Department whereas this Subcommittee is not charged with such matters, these being dealt with by the Public Safety Subcommittee, a representative of the latter has been invited to place himself in touch with Your Excellency. Accordingly at the Conference arranged for Wednesday next, 19 Jan. at Bari, Capt Butler hopes that you will be able to receive him and to have an opportunity of discussing such matters as are necessary to be taken up with your Directorate of Prisons.

G. R. JONES, Colonel
Chief Legal Officer, ACC.

Copy to: Public Safety Subcommittee.

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Legal Subcommittee

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1 January 1944.

In reply
refer to: ACC/1/342/4.

SUBJECT: Prisons.

TO : Captain Stone, U.S.M.C.

Ref our conversation this morning. In fairness to Public Safety Subcommittee I forward to you Memo by Col. Kirk, Chief of Public Safety Subcommittee, received today. I remain of opinion that the Prisons Division of Public Safety should remain in its present place but if you differ I should value the opportunity of discussing the matter with you before you reach any decision. Please return attached Memo.

G. E. BROWN, Colonel
Chief Legal Officer, ACC.

Enclosures:
1 Memo from Col. Kirk.

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Upjohn's recommendation to send an officer from Public Safety to Brindisi to contact Italian Director of Prisons. Capt. J. C. Burke (A) is ready and available. Request your concurrence.

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FROM FATIMA
TO FARGO

In reply to your Fargo 294 dated Jan 14 PD Concur in
visit of Capt Burke PD He should be available in time for meeting
with Minister of Justice at Palace of Justice BARI next Wednesday
at 1100 hours PD

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PLEASE USE PUBLIC SAFETY LETTERS HERE TO CONTACT PARCE TO PARCE FOR OUTSIDE
FROM FATIMA SIGNED JAMES PARCE ITALIAN DIRECTOR OF PRISONS REQUESTING TURN BACK
ARRANGEMENTS

AUTHENTICATED:

MALCOLM D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

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