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ITALIAN OFFICIALS FOR SIENA, ETC., PROVINCES
JUN. 1944 - JAN. 1945

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478800

16 January, 1945.

AG/14041/16/PS

SUBJECT : Comm. Capo COCCHEIA Antonio.

TO : Ministry of Interior
Director Public Security.

With reference to your letter 333/84 dated 14 December 1944, it is agreed that the proposed transfer of the above named from Siena be revoked.

JOHN R. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

W/O.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
TOSCANA REGION

FILE : R-VIII/PS/3.2

13 January 1945.

SUBJECT : Capè Comm. di P.S. COCCHIA, Antonio.

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission,
Headquarters, A.C. - C.M.F.

1. Reference AC/14041/16/PS dated 18 December 1944.

2. The recommendation to transfer COCCHIA from Siena is now withdrawn as he appears to be giving satisfaction to all concerned.

3. Please note however that the Province of Siena is not yet in Italian Government territory, nor is there any indication here that it is likely to be at present.

A. W. Rowler
A. W. ROWLERSON
Lieut. Colonel, G. L.,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

AWR/dr

TO		DATE
MR. CHAPMAN		
MR. YOUNG		
MR. G. WILSON		
MR. LUCKY		
MR. WILSON		
MR. HANBURY		
MR. BALLANCE		
CAPT. POWEL		
CHIEF CLERK		

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

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Tel : 473738

18 December, 1944.

AO/14041/16/P

SUBJECT : Chief Comm. COCCHIA.

To : Regional Commissioner, Toscana Reg.
(Att: R.F.S.O.).

1. With reference to your letter R.VIII/PS/3.2 dated 12 August 1944, and subsequent correspondence respecting the above-named.
2. A letter has now been received from the Italian Director of Public Security asking if his transfer from Siena can be cancelled. His action is prompted by a letter he has received from the Prefect of Siena, alleged to be supported by the A.C. Provincial authorities, stating that COCCHIA has worked well with the Questura there, and his departure would be detrimental to the work of the Questura.
3. The action of COCCHIA during the German occupation is also praised by the HQ of the Patriots Group.
4. Will you please give your observations on this matter, and whether you still recommend his transfer from Siena, having regard to the fact that the Province is now in Italian Government territory.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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Ministry of Interior

14 December 1944

333/84

TO : Allied Commission - P.S. Subcommission
 SUBJ. : Commissario Ugo Cocchia Antonio

Ref to letter AGO/14041/15/PS, dated 15 August and 19 September ult., the Ministry had disposed the transfer of P.S. Commissario Ugo Cocchia from Siena to Colliferro (Rome)

But the Prefect of Siena, with letter 15 November inst., signed also by the Allied Provincial Office, has communicated that the Questura actual exigencies, demand that Cocchia be not sent away, since, being well acquainted with the town, he collaborated with the actual Questore, taking upon himself a long and hard work, in order to obviate to the lack of personnel.

In fact, as You know, Comm.agg. Piazza Salvatore has not renounced his seat having been ill and the transfer of Comm.agg. Oreste Bocchini, has not been approved by the Subcommission.

This stated, and considering what has been reported by the H. of M. "Patriots" group, to the General Staff of the Army, about the behaviour of Cocchia, who, during the Nazi-fascist domination, has collaborated with the patriots, we beg You to re-examine the position of Cocchia, in order to revoke his transfer from Siena.

Waiting Your opinion on the subject, we send You a copy of the Patriots report.

the Chief of Police
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APP.
 COCCHIA Antonio - P.S. Chief Commissario, has always carried out his activity, with utmost objectivity and legality, and he has always enjoyed of the complete esteem of all the population.

In the night of 20 October 1943, he was assaulted, in his house, by an officer and several soldiers of the republican army, who with threatened him with a Tommy-gun and hand-grenades, in order to know where an arrested was. As he refused to give any information, they subverted all his house, then, they brought him, arrested, to Milizia R.O., and they set him free only few hours later. Being acquainted with the town, he was requested to organize a concentration camp for Jews, but he always opposed all kinds of difficulties, so that the camp was not organized. He has always helped the Jews of the town and they can witness for it.

Several antifascist asked his intervention, even in very difficult moments, and he always helped them.

In the evening of 10 June, while the Chief of the Province, members of the republican guard and of the Casermatta, were still there, he personally set at freedom 4 political prisoners, condemned by the Provincial Fascist Tribunal, who were in jail suffering their penalty.

Several times he blamed energetically and violently, with the Questore the requisitions of bicycles and radio, ordered by the Chief of the Province and the recruitment for work in Germany, so that he was reproached for his questioning.

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Ministro dell'Interno

DIREZIONE GENERALE
DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

Roma 14 dicembre 1944

alla Commissione Alleata
Sottocommissione di Pubblica Sicurezza

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R O M A

Divisione Person. S. I.

Prot. N. 333/84 Allegati

Proposta al Regio del
Civ. S. I.

OGGETTO Commissario capo di p.s. Cocchia Antonio.

In relazione alle lettere n°. ACC/I404I/I6 P.S. del 15 agosto e 19 settembre u.s., il Ministero dispose l'allontanamento da Siena del commissario capo Cocchia Antonio, destinandolo a Colliferro (Roma).

Senonchè il Prefetto di Siena con lettera 15 novembre u.s. viatata anche dall'Ufficio Provinciale Alleato, ha comunicato che le esigenze di quella questura non consigliano un allontanamento del Cocchia, il quale, ben pratico dell'ambiente e idoneo funzionario, collabora molto bene l'attuale dirigente, sobbarcandosi a lungo e indefesso lavoro per ovviare alle deficienze del personale.

Com'è noto, infatti, il commissario aggiunto Piazza Salvatore non ha potuto raggiungere la residenza perchè ammalato mentre per il commissario aggiunto Ciriaco Bocchiali è stato negato l'assenso al trasferimento da parte di codesta On.le Commissione.

In considerazione di quanto sopra è stato esposto ed in considerazione di quanto è stato riferito nel settembre u.s. al Comando di S.M. dell'Esercito dal Comando Raggruppamento Patrioti "M. Amlata" anche nei confronti del Cocchia, il quale durante il periodo della dominazione nazifascista ha collaborato coi patrioti, si prega di voler riesaminare la posizione del Cocchia, al fine della revoca del suo trasferimento da

*Divisione Person. L. I.
Prot. N. 333/84 Allegato*

*Risposta al Foglio del
Qu. N.*

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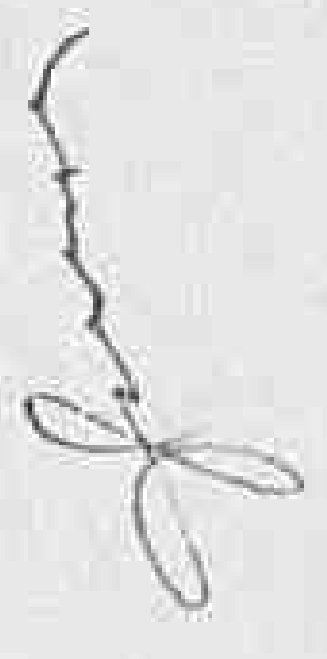
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In attesa di conoscere l'avviso di codesta On.le Commissione, si trasmette copia del rapporto del Raggruppamento Patrioti "M.Amianta".

IL CAPO DELLA POLIZIA,



C O P I A

COCCHIA Antonio - Commissario capo di p.s. ha esplicato la sua attività sempre con massima obiettività e legalità, il che gli ha fatto, in ogni epoca riscuotere la stima unanime di tutta la cittadinanza.

La notte del 20 ottobre 1943 fu oggetto di aggressione nel suo domicilio da parte di un ufficiale e soldati della marina repubblicana che lo minacciarono col fucile mitragliatore e bombe a mano perchè volevano sapere dove si trovasse un arrestato. Rifiutatosi di fornire alcuna notizia al riguardo, dopo avergli messo a soqquadro la casa, lo condussero in istato di fermo al comando della milizia, dove, dopo alcune ore fu lasciato libero. Sollecitato varie volte di costituire un campo di concentramento per ebrei, perchè pratico della città, oppose sempre difficoltà di ogni genere, per cui mai si costituì tale campo. Ha sempre aiutato in vari modi gli ebrei di questo Capoluogo, i quali possono testimoniare in proposito.

Non pochi cittadini antifascisti sono ricorsi, in varie circostanze, al suo intervento obiettivo, trovando in lui piena giustizia e imparzialità pure in tempi molto difficili.

La sera del 10 giugno scorso, mentre erano ancora presenti in Siena il capo della provincia, elementi della guardia repubblicana e della Caserma, personalmente mise in libertà 4 detenuti politici, condannati dal tribunale provinciale fascista, e che trovavansi nelle locali carceri in espiatione di pena.

In varie circostanze ha deplorato, a volte anche in tono energico e sentito, col suo questore, le requisizioni, ordinate dal capo della provincia, di biciclette ed apparecchi radio, in danno di privati cittadini, nonchè il reclutamento di mano d'opera per la Germania, ricevendo spesso aspri rimproveri per tali discussioni.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394.

AC/14041/16/TS.

Tel. 478708.

13th December, 1944.

SUBJECT : Transfer of P.S. Officials.

TO : Ministry of Interior, Director of Public Security.

1. With reference to your letter 333/1326, dated 7th December, 1944, approval is given for the transfer of V/Comm AGS. DE SIMONE SACCA Giovanni from Rome to Siena.

BF
JOHN W. CHAPMAN,
Colonel, J.A.G.B.,
Director, Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

Copy to Toscana Region (R.P.S.O.).

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Translation, RV.

MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
P.S. Gen.HQ.

7 December 1944.

N. 333/1326

MAJ LUCKMAN

Subject : Volunteer Vice Commissario of P.S.
De Simone Saccà Giovanni.

MAJ HANLEY

MAJ BALANCE

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CFD	:	A.C. Public Safety Sub-Commission - Rome.
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Reasons
For service ~~exigencies~~ this Ministry has decided to assign to the Siena questura the volunteer P.S. Vice Commissario Aggiunto De Simone Saecà Giovanni, ~~who~~ ^{has} ^{now} been put at disposal of the R. Finance Guard, where ~~he~~ ^{he} ^{is} performing duties as ~~a~~ ^{temporary} officer.

~~Would you please give the Commission's opinion on said matter.~~

~~on said matter.~~ The opinion of the Commission ^{For the Minister} is in regard
to this matter is requested.

For the Minister

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Ministero dell'Interno
DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

Roma 7 dicembre 1964

LA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
SOTTOCOMMISSIONE DI P.S.
ROMA

Personale *1°*
Prot. N. 333/1326 *Allegato*

Oggetto: Volontario Vice Commissario di P.S.
De Simone Sacca Giovanni.-

Per esigenze di servizio questo Ministero è venuto nella determinazione di destinare alla questura di Siena il volontario Vice Commissario Aggiunto di P.S. De Simone Sacca Giovanni, il quale è stato ora messo a disposizione della R. Guardia di Finanza ove prestava servizio quale ufficiale di complemento.

Si prega di far conoscere l'avviso di codesta On. Commissione al riguardo.

PEL MINISTRO

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1. QUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

30 Nov. 1944

AC/14041/42/PS

SUBJECT : Questura of Pistoia and Siena

TO : Ministry of Interior
Director of Public Security

Reference your 333/3043 dated 10 Nov. 1944 approval is given to the transfer of Commissario AGE. BOGHINI Ciriaco from Pistoia to Siena.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
AMG FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 U.S. ARMY

26 November 1944/

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SUBJECT: Transfer of Questura Officials.

TO : HQ Allied Commission,
(Public Safety Sub-Commission)

1. Reference AC/14041/22/PS dated 11 November.
2. There is no objection to the proposed transfer.

For the Commanding General:

W. Doherty

W. DOHERTY,
Lt. Colonel,
Chief of Public Safety,
A.M.G. Fifth Army.

Copy to: R.P.S.O., Toscana Region.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

11 Nov 1944

AC/14041/22/PS.

SUBJECT : Transfer of Questura Officials.

TO : AMB 5th Army (Attn: C.P.S.).

The Director of Public Security proposes to transfer
Comm. AGO. BOCCHINI Cirisio from Pistoia to Siena.

Would you please state if you have any objections to
the transfer.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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Copy to: R.P.S.O. Toscana Region.
File AC/14041/16/PS

B.M.

Min. of the Interior

10-11-44

No 323/3045

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Sub Questura Pistoria and Siena

The Prefect of Pistoria has referred that due to environment reasons it is not advisable any longer to keep the Commissioner Appointed Provisional Curator there, who besides which only served until December 4th, 1943.

The Ministry however intends to appoint him to Siena, where other officials are needed.

We would appreciate to have the advice of this Hon. Commissioner about this.

See 21A

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 894

17 Oct. 1944

ACC/14041/25/FS

SUBJECT : Questura of Florence
TO : Director Public Safety
A.S.G. 5 Army

The Ministry of Interior, Director of Public Security,
has suggested the following transfers:-

NAME	FROM	TO
V/Questore MAZZANTI Lorenzo	Florence	Rome
Comm/16 GECCHETTI Dom.	"	Chieti
" MEDICI Carmine	"	"
" FRANCESCHINI Giov.	"	Sienna
" GITTI Guiseppe	Sienna	Rome

The dismissal of V/Commissario Agg. CARDAMILLI Achille
has been recommended.

As we do not have any information concerning FRANCESCHINI
Will you please give your opinion on his being employed in A.S.G. ter-
ritory.

Are there any objections to these transfers?

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, A.S.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission

Copy to Toscana Region.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478708

9 October, 1944.

ACC/14041/16/PS

SUBJECT : Questura at Siena.

To : Ministry of Interior
Director of Public Security.

With reference to this office letter ACC/14041/16
dated 8 September 44, referring to the appointment to the Siena
Questura of Comm. Scialdone Carmine and Vice/Comm. Piazza
Salvatore.

Will you please make arrangements for their imme-
diate transfer to Siena.

JOHN E. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

Copy to R.P.S.O.,
Toscana Region.
RF/C.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

191 : 478706

19 September, 1944.

ACC/14043/16/PS

SUBJECT : Public Safety Officials, transfers.

TO : Ministry of Interior
Director of Public Security.

With reference to your letter 333/9176/1 dated 15 September, 1944, on the employment of Public Safety Officials CROCEA Antonio and TERRANO Alfredo.

Your attention is called to the remarks concerning these two officials in this office, Report No. ACC/14043/16/PS dated 15 August, 1944. In view of the remarks, these officials do not appear suitable for re-employment, but at the same time the responsibility for the appointment of officials in Italian Government territory rests with the Italian Government.

Howe Capt
A. E. YOUNG, Col.,
Acting Director
Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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Public Safety Sub-Commission

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for action information

D. P. S.

D. D. F. S. . . .

EA Officer

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~~X~~ Adm Officer . . .

REMARKS

Translation ABC
Ministry of Justice
Police Chief

14041/16
15/9/44

To the A.G.C.
P.S.

No 333/9176/I

Answer to No ACC/14041/16/ PS.

Subject Siena Questura

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SECRET
With the above numbered that Commission has communicated not to be able to authorize the transfer to one of the Questure under Allied Military Control of the P.S. chief commissioners Cocchia Antonio and Terrana Alfredo.

This Ministry however is of the opinion of sending Cocchia to the Rome Questura and Terrana to the Messina one.

Before undertaking the necessary steps we should like to hear the advice of that Commission.

The Chief of the Police.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

8 Sept. 1944

ACC/14041/16/PS

SUBJECT : Questura of Siena

TO : R.P.S.O. Region 8

1. Reference is made to your monthly report for August 1944 in which you recommend certain changes in the Questura of Siena.
2. In accordance with your recommendations the enclosed letter has been sent to the Director General of Public Security Ministry of Interior.
3. The officials so far available for appointment as Questori are not of a very high standard and it is regretted that it is impossible to find a young, energetic and competent Questore for Siena. Dr. Secreti appears to be more suitable than officials recommended by the Ministry of the Interior.
4. The orders for putting into effect recommendations a) to (e) in paragraph 1 of the enclosed letter should be given by you. It will be noted that the Ministry will send Commissari Socialdona and Piazza to Siena forthwith.

AW
A.E. YOUNG Colonel
Acting Director
Public Safety Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

8 Sept. 1944

ACC/14041/16/PS

SUBJECT : Questura of Siena

TO : H.E. Director of Public Security
Ministry of the Interior

1. With reference to the agreement made by Lt. Col. Rowlerson and Major Gould with Dr. Cucchiara, the following have been decided on:-

- a) Dr. Barrel will be suspended from his duties and will be dealt with by the Epuration Commission.
- b) Dr. Secreti will be appointed Questore of Siena
- c) Commissario Terrana will be removed and replaced by Commissario Scialdone Graine.
- d) Commissario Cocchia Antonio will be removed and replaced by Commissario Vice-Commissario Piazza Salvatore.
- e) Commissario Gitti and Commissario Palermo will remain there temporarily.

2. Will you please arrange for Comm. Scialdone and Comm. Piazza to report for duty at Siena forthwith.

3. This Sub-Commission cannot agree to Comm. Terrana and Cocchia being appointed in Military Government territory.

W. L. S.
A.E. YOUNG Colonel
Acting Director
Public Safety Sub-Commission

Copy to Region 8 R.P.S.O.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

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5th Sept. 1944

ACC/14041/16/PS

SUBJECT : Questura of Siena

TO : R.P.S.O. Region 8.

1. With reference to the recent visit of Dr. CUCCHIARA to Siena the attached translation of a report submitted by him to the Director Gen. of Public Safety Ministry of Interior is enclosed together with a letter by the Director to this Sub-Commission. *10 MB*

2. We shall be pleased to give any assistance you may require and in any case we should appreciate a report of any action taken in order that a reply may be sent to the Minister of the Interior.

W. E. Young
A. E. YOUNG, Col.
Acting Director
Public Safety Sub-Comm.

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Ministry of the Interior
General P.S. Direction.

10A
1st September 1944.

333.9176-1

SUBJECT: Situation of the R. Questura of Siena.

TO : A.C.C., P.S. Sub-Commission.

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The report on the situation of the p.s. personnel on duty at the R. Questura of Siena, made by the General P.S. Inspector, is communicated to this commission. Re the propositions put forth by the inspector on agreement with the Allied Police officers in the Tuscany region, we communicate:

1. The questore Barrel Creste, also by request of the commission for the epuration of p.s. personnel, has been suspended, awaiting the definite judgement of said commission on the position of above official.

2. The 1st class questore - Secreti Riccardi is appointed questore of Siena, being on the spot and knowing the environments.

3. The assent for the transfer from Siena to Chieti of the chief P.S. commissioner Terrana Alfredo is requested and to substitute there the P.S. commissioner Scialdone Carmine in service at the questura of Salerno.

4. The assent for the transfer from Siena to Perugia of the chief P.S. commissioner Cocchia Antonio is requested and to substitute there the vice-P.S. commissioner Piazza Salvatore in service at the questura of Palermo.

The schede personali of the commissioner Scialdone and of the vice-commissioner Piazza were filled in and handed to the competent Allied Military authorities of Salerno and Palermo.

Awaiting to know the action which this Commission shall take re above.

Translation 4/9/44
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Ministero dell'Interno

DIREZIONE GENERALE
DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

Roma, 1 settembre 1944

All'On. SOTTOCOMMISSIONE
DI P.S. COMMISSIONE
ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

SENDE

Divisione Person. L. 1

Prot. N. 333.9176-1. Allegati

Proposta al. Togliatti del
Dir. L. 1

OCCORRENZA

Situazione delle R. Questura di Siena

Si ha il pregio di trasmettere a cotesta On. Commissione copia della relazione dell'Ispettore Generale di p.s. sulla situazione del personale di p.s. in servizio alla R. Questura di Siena.

In merito alle proposte formulate dall'ispettore d'accordo con i Sign. Ufficiali Alleati preposti ai servizi di polizia nella regione Toscana si comunica:

1) - Il questore BARRI. dr. Oreste, anche su richiesta della Commissione per l'epurazione del personale della p.s., è stato sospeso in attesa del definitivo giudizio della Commissione stessa sulla perizione di detto funzionario.

2) - Si designa per la nomina a questore di Siena, il questore di 1^a classe Secreti dr. Riccardo, il quale trovasi già sul posto e conosce l'ambiente.

3) - Si chiede l'assenso per trasferire da Siena a Chieti il commissario capo di p.s. TERRANA dr. Alfredo e di destinare colà in sua sostituzione il commissario aggiunto di p.s. SCIALDONT Carmine in

Divisione Person. Sez. 1
Prot. N. 333.9176-1. Allegato

SEDE

Proposta al Togliatti del
Dir. Sez. N. 1

OGGETTO

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4/9/44

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4) - Si chiede l'assenso per trasferire da Siena a Perugia il commissario capo di p.s. Cecchia Antonio e destinare colà in sua sostituzione il vice commissario di p.s. Piazza Salvatore in servizio alla questura di Palermo.

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Le schede personali del commissario aggiunto Scialdone e del vice commissario Piazza vennero a suo tempo presentate alle competenti autorità militari Alleanze di Salerno e Palermo.

Si resta in attesa di conoscere i provvedimenti che cotesta On. Commissione riterrà di adottare al riguardo.

IL CAPO DELLA POLIZIA

Scialdone

COPY

Rome 30 August 1944. 108

SUBJECT: Siena - R. Questura.

Alleg. No I.

Excellency,

In obedience to the order given me, I went to Siena, where I made contact with the Allied Police officers of the region of Tuscany, Lt. Col. Rowleson and Major Gould, to whom, in preliminary lines, I stated that I would have kept away from any direct or indirect inquiries and that therefore, I put myself at their disposal as an adviser, as by request of the Allied P.S. Sub-Commission.

I deem it necessary, in order to make clear the actual situation of the Questura of Siena, to briefly give some retrospective information.

On the liberation of Siena, the premises of the Questura were occupied for a few days by the French troops, until an Allied Police officer arrived, who, assembling all the officials (questore Barrel, chief-comm. Palermo, Terrana and Cocchia, and comm. Gitti) asked them if they intended to collaborate with the Allied authorities; and on receiving an affirmative answer, invited them to each fill in a scheda personale, containing questions on their political background and career.

As the questore Barrel declared his qualifications as a squadrista, he was imposed to keep himself at disposal, which, by some, with an optimistic opinion, was interpreted as a reserve, whether to keep him or not in charge, and by others, with a probability of sending him to a concentration camp; with this alternative of fears and hopes, his position was framed, until my arrival in Siena.

The other functionaries, instead, exempt from prejudices, were assumed into service; and, in relation to their grade and seniority of same grade, Palermo was given the charge as regent of the Questura, - Terrana that of Vice-questore, while Cocchia remained as chief of Cabinet and Gitti as director of the Political office.

Now, it is easy to think how an office, so constituted, could guarantee good functioning, being spoiled by organic defect; three chief commissioners, the youngest of which, Cocchia, had, for many years, carried out the functions, in Siena, of Chief of Cabinet and that with the new arrangement, was placed in an inferior position, it was difficult, if not impossible, that they should work in good harmony. In fact, a binomial Palermo-Terrana arose; both Sicilians, deeply adverse to Cocchia - and thus, naturally to the detriment of the service.

With a good reason, the Allied P.S. office has therefore requested the re-organisation of the Questura, whereas, concerning the specific charges made to each official, I am of the opinion that they cannot establish a negative precedent in their matricular acts, since, as to what I have said above, the control on behalf of the direct superiors has failed; and for such, the provisions which will be taken, I think, cannot be of a punishable nature but be attributed to exceptional contingent circumstances.

After examining the situation with the a/r/ officers, the following conclusions have been decided:-

I.

The questore comm. Barrel is put at the disposal of the Ministry and may, without doubt leave Siena.

Barrel had presented a pro-memoria to H.E. the prefect who has given it to me and which I enclose.

Now, it is urgent to settle his position in connection with the attribute of squadrista, thus, whether to keep him in service or suspend him from office.

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communicating the superior determinations to the Prefettura of Siena.

2.

To substitute Barrel - the Allied Police recommend solicitude - with an energetic questore and, possibly young; and if the Ministry should not be able, owing to the actual exigencies of the services, to provide, accordingly, the choice of Comm. Riccardi Secreti as successor to Barrel would be appreciated.

As I deem it necessary to point out that, inspite of the fact that Siena has not undergone any war damages, it is in a position of serious uneasiness, as the nazists, besides systematically breaking into almost all the shops, have destroyed all the water-piping and even the reservoir, as also the electrical and gas installations, while, on account of the presence of numerous Allied troops it is even more difficult to find lodgings; I have had a personal experience, even with the great and courteous interest of H.E. the prefect.

Comm. Secreti, for about 10 years, and up to November 1943 was questore of Siena, which presents the advantages of knowing the surroundings; he has kept his residence in Siena and could therefore, immediately assume the direction of the Questura; I think that reasons of convenience advise him to be chosen.

3.

The A.C.U., had, as is known, recommended the departure from Siena together with the other officials of the chief commissioner Palermo.

I have had to point out that the simultaneous transfer of all the Questura officials - such note was the request - would not have been without inconveniences to the service and thus it has been agreed; since the request has been modified as to Palermo being temporarily left in Siena, also hoping that he, no longer chief of office, may, under the Questore's guidance, render himself more undesirable.

The request of removal of the chief commissioner Terrana has been explicitly confirmed; it is even desired that the transfer take place immediately, and I have had the impression that, if the transfer should be delayed, the Allied Police would not be adverse from turning to measures of co-operative action.

4.

Commissario Capo uff. Cocchia, his removal is also necessary but not as quickly as Terrana.

5.

For Commissario Gitti it has been decided to ^{give} ~~leave~~ him the same treatment as formulated for Palermo, i.e. leave him temporarily in Siena.

It has been highly recommended that I seek the intervention of I.V. so that the official assigned to replace Cav. Terrana and Cav. Cocchia are not selected among those who reside or rendered service in Toscana and for professional skill they must add that they are of firm character. So far as the epuration of Units of P.S. Agents are concerned, it has been decided that it must be carried out by the new Questore, who will be able to establish after proper consideration of the prior service of each constituent and after watching him closely through daily contact, his ability and efficiency.

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Summary :

Questore Comm. Barrel shall be placed at the disposal of the Ministry and can, without fail, leave Siena. He has the attribute of a Squadrista and it is of urgent necessity to define his position (attached is a pro-memoria of Barrel).

- To replace Barrel, an energetic and if possible, ^{young} Questore, ~~is~~ ^{is} requested. The selection of Comm. Secreti as Barrel's successor would not be objectionable.

The dismissal of Comm. Capo Palermo is ^{not} being insisted upon, and as it is hoped that under the guidance of the Questore, he would not render himself an undesirable.

Immediate removal of Commissario Terrana;

- Removal of Commissario Capo Cocchia;

- for Commissario Gitti as for Commissario capo Palermo they may remain on duty in Siena temporarily.

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Roma, 30 agosto 1944

OGGETTO: Siena - R. Questura.
Alleg. N° 1.

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in obbedienza all'ordine impartitomi mi sono recato a Siena, dove ho preso contatto con gli Ufficiali Alleati preposti ai servizi di polizia nella regione Toscana, signori T. Colon nello Rowleson e Maggiore Gould, ai quali in linea preliminare, ho dichiarato che mi sarei astenuto da qualsiasi indagine diretta od indiretta e che mi mettevo, quindi, a disposizione quale consulente, come dalla richiesta della Sottocommissione Alleata di Pubblica Sicurezza.

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IL CAPO DELLA POLIZIA

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di concentramento; ed in questa alternativa, di timori e di speranze, si inquadrava la sua posizione fino al mio arrivo a Siena.

Gli altri funzionari, invece, scesero di pregiudiziali, vennero assunti in servizio; ed, in relazione al grado ed alla anzianità nel grado stesso, al Palermo fu conferita la carica di reggente la Questura, al Terrana quella di Vice Questore mentre il Cocchia rimase al posto di capo di Gabinetto ed il Gitti e quello di dirigente l'Ufficio Politico.

Or, è facile pensare come un ufficio così costituito non presentasse garanzie di buon funzionamento giacchè viziato da difetto organico: tre commissari capi, dei quali il meno anziano, il Cocchia, aveva per tanti anni assorbito a Siena le funzioni di Capo di Gabinetto e che col nuovo ordinamento veniva a trovarsi in sottordine, era difficile, se non impossibile che potessero lavorare in buona armonia. Ne derivò, infatti, un binomio Palermo-Terrana; entrambi siciliani, sordamente avversato dal Cocchia, e ciò, naturalmente a detrimento del servizio.

Ben a ragione, quindi, l'ufficio di p.s. Alleato ha richiesto la riorganizzazione della questura; mentre, per quanto riguarda gli addebiti specifici mossi ai singoli funzionari, opino che non possano costituire precedente negativo nei loro atti matricolari poichè, per quanto sopra ho detto, è mancato il controllo da parte dei superiori diretti; e, pertanto, i provvedimenti che saranno adottati io credo non possano rivestire carattere di punizione ma essere attribuiti ad eccezionali circostanze contingenti.

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(1°)

Il questore comm.Barrel viene messo a disposizione del Ministero e pub. senz'altro, lasciare Siena.

Il Barrel aveva presentato un pro-memoria all'Eccellenza il Prefetto il quale me lo ha consegnato e che alligo.

Or, rendesi urgente definire la sua posizione in relazione allo attributo di squadrista, mantenerlo, cioè, in servizio o sospen-

derlo dall'Ufficio, comunicando le superiori determinazioni alla Prefettura di Siena.

(2°)

Sostituire il Barrel - e la Polizia Alleata si raccomanda per la sollecitudine - con un questore energico e, possibilmente, giovane; e, ove il Ministero non fosse in grado, dare le attuali esigenze dei servizi, di provvedere in conformità, la scelta del comm. Riccardo Secreti, a successore del Barrel, non sarebbe sgradita.

Al riguardo, reputo opportuno di far presente che, malgrado la città di Siena non abbia subito danni di guerra, essa trovasi in istato di grave disagio poichè i nazisti, oltre a svaligiare sistematicamente quasi tutti i negozi, hanno distrutto la condotta dell'acqua e financo il serbatoio, nonchè gli impianti elettrici e del gas, mentre, a causa della presenza di numerosa truppa alleata riesce oltremodo difficile trovare alloggi; ne ho fatto personale esperienza, pur col vivo e cortese interessamento di S.F. il Prefetto!

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(4°)

La richiesta di allontanamento del commissario capo cav.uff. Terrana è stata nettamente confermata; si desidera anzi che il trasferimento abbia luogo immediatamente, ed ho avuto l'impresione che, ove il trasferimento dovesse subire ritardo, la Polizia Alleata non sarebbe aliena dal ricorrere a misure di coazione.

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Per il commissario cav.Gitui si è concluso di usargli un trattamento analogo a quello formulato per il Palermo: lasciarlo, cioè, temporaneamente a Siena.

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- il questore comm.Barrel viene dalla Polizia Alleata messo a disposizione del Ministero e può, senz'altro, lasciare Siena. Egli ha l'attributo di squadrista e rendesi urgente definirne la posizione (alligasi pro-memoria del Barrel);

- si richiede la sostituzione del Barrel con un questore energico e, possibilmente, giovane; la scelta del comm. Secreti a successore del Barrel non sarebbe sgradita;
- non s'insiste nell'allontanamento del commissario capo Palermo, il quale può temporaneamente rimanere a Siena, anche nella speranza che possa, sotto la guida del questore, non rendersi ulteriormente indesiderabile;
- allontanamento immediato del commissario capo Terrana;
- allontanamento del commissario capo Cocchia;
- per il commissario Gitti come pure per il commissario capo Palermo: può temporaneamente essere lasciato in servizio a Siena.

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23 August 1944

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SUBJECT: Travel Orders

TO : All concerned

1. Comm Pietro Gucciniara, Italian civilian, attached to Public Safety Sub-Commission, this Headquarters, will proceed to Siena, Italy, on or about 24 August 1944, on temporary duty for a period of approximately one (1) month in connection with activities of the above-mentioned Sub-Commission and upon completion thereof will return to this station.

2. Travel by government motor transport is authorized. (Courier)

By order of Captain STONE (USER):

Nicholas Pombino

NICHOLAS POMBINO
CWO, USA
Asst Adjutant

DISTRIBUTION:

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

21 August 1944.

ACC/1441/24/PS

SUBJECT : Request for Travel.

TO : Hq. Commandant.

Authority is requested for the under mentioned representative of the Italian Ministry of the Interior to travel on the Military courier to Siena on Thursday 24th instant.

Comm. CCUCCHIARA

His services are urgently required there on behalf of this sub-commission and no other means of transport are available.

Copy to: Dispatch Officer.

PAUL G. KIRK,
Colonel, Inf.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478708

22 August 1944.

ACC/14041/16/PS

SUBJECT : Questura at Siena.

TO : His Excellency,
Director of Public Safety,
Ministry of Interior.

1. This is to authorize Comm. CUCCHIARA Pietro an Inspector of Police of the Ministry of the Interior, to report to the Provincial Commissioner A.M.G., Siena, on 24th August, 1944.
2. At the direction of the Provincial Commissioner, or Public Safety Officer, he will investigate conditions at the Questura with a view to making suggestions and offering the assistance of the Ministry.
3. He will not be empowered to take any executive action.

PAUL G. KIRK,
Colonel, Inf.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

Copy to: A.M.G. 8th Army.

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Roma, 21 agosto

Ministero dell'Interno
DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

Al'On/le SOTTOCOMMISSIONE
DE DI P.S. = COMMISSIONE AL-
LENTA DI CONTROLLO

Personale I°

Int. N° 333/2138 Allegati

Risposta al f. del
Dir. For. 1°

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Oggetto R. Questura di Siena.

Sono dolente di dover comunicare che una improvvisa indisposizione non ha consentito all'Ispettore Generale di p.s. SESSA Comm/re ansimo di partire per Siena questa mattina, come era stato concertato.

Si designa pertanto in sua sostituzione l'Ispettore Generale di P.S. CUCCHIARA Comm. Pietro, il quale è pronto a partire immediatamente.

Si rimane in attesa di cortesi comunicazioni in proposito.

IL CAPO DELLA POLIZIA

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Sessa ill
Cucchiara to take his
place

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10041/16 Interior
Subject: Civilian Officials - Questura of Siena.

Main H.Q., A.M.G.
Eighth Army.

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Interior Sub-Commission,
H.Q., A.C.C.
A.P.O. 394.

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1. The Questura of SIENA has been removed from office as he is known to have been a fascist, although he is a very competent officer. The second in command is not suitable to fill the post, although politically he will be satisfactory.

2. Under the circumstances, therefore, it would be appreciated if a suitable officer could be provided from your pool, as a careful search within the province has failed to gain a suitable candidate.

Cyber

Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
H.Q., A.M.G. Eighth Army Main.

Copy to: P.O. Siena

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

ACC/14041/16/PS

15 August 1944

SUBJECT: Questura of Siena

TO: H.E. Director of Public Security
Ministry of Interior

In confirmation our conversation today, it is brought to our notice that the Questura of Siena is in an unsatisfactory state. The following information has been received regarding the chief officials:-

- a) Dott. BARREL COMM. Oreste, Questore of Siena. A career man who was appointed on promotion by the Republican Government on 24 November 1943 and held the post until he was suspended from office on 2 July 1944 after being ejected by the Patriots. He is a Squadrista since 1936. He is unpopular with the Communist element of the Patriot movement, but from enquiries made he is not a man who exerted himself unduly on behalf of the Republicans and is said to have frequently stood between the rabid fascist Republican Provincial Party Chief Professor CHIURLO and the people. He is described as a strong well balanced career man. It is recommended that Dott. Barrel be re-instated elsewhere and that a strong Questore be appointed in his place.

- b) Cav. Uff. PALERMO, Chief Commissary and head of the Administrative Division, at present temporarily employed as Acting Questore. He is a weak characterless type of individual without vigor or vision and apparently entirely in the hands of another Sicilian countryman of his. - TERRANA referred to below. He is totally unfitted to be in charge of the Questura, particularly in view of the strong communist element of the province of Siena. I recommend he be transferred forthwith to another sphere.

- c) Cav. Uff. TERRANA, Head Commissary and Chief of the Judiciary Section. He is a much discussed figure both in the Questura and among the populace here. Prior to our arrival he was most active on behalf of the fascist Republican Provincial Party Chief Professor CHIURLO and is accused from very reliable sources of misappropriation of funds received by him when he had charge of the field food survey squads and in conjunction with the Prefettura of making a considerable personal profit. Only by means of a careful and thorough investigation would it be possible to determine the facts. Before we came he was a food fascist, now this nimble minded Sicilian is on intimate terms with the Communists in every possible way. There have been a number of assault cases here in which partisans were concerned but in each case they were young men of the Communist Section

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He is a career man but is not disliked in Siena. He might be useful elsewhere in the service.

The responsibility for reorganizing the Questura rests with Military Government, but it is understood that you are prepared to send an Inspector from the Ministry to consult the Regional Public Safety Officer at Siena and to offer any assistance in the power of the Ministry.

May we please be informed of the name and qualifications of the Inspector and the date when he will be ready to leave.

(WJ)
PAUL G. KIRK
Colonel, Infantry
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REGION VIII

FILE : R-VIII/PS/3.2

SUBJECT : Questura Staff at Siena.

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission, A.C.C., HQ..

12 August 1944

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He is unpopular with the Communist element of the Patriot movement, but from enquiries made he is not a man who exerted himself unduly on behalf of the Republicans and is said to have frequently stood between the rabid fascist Republican Provincial Party Chief Professor CHIURLO and the people. He is described as a strong well balanced career man.

A strong man is urgently needed in Siena but I do not recommend his re-appointment here.

He has been vetted by F.S.S. and 8th Army A.M.G. and the recommendation made is that he be reinstated elsewhere. With this I concur.

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4. Directly the province is handed over to Region VIII. I propose to sweep these 40 amateur sleuths out of the Questura.

5. I ask that the matter be treated as one of urgency as it is necessary that new officers be made available in order to re-organise this crumbling edifice out of it's present chaotic state.

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Regional Public Safety Officer.

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ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

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12 July 1944

ACC/W/1/32/Int

SUBJECT: Questore of SIMA

TO : Director, Public Safety Sub-Commission

The following extract from letter 225/1 of 9 July, AMB 3th Army to this Sub-Commission is forwarded for your information: -

"The Questore was absent when the city (of SIMA) was first entered but has now returned; he is being retained for the time being and will be given a trial to see if he is satisfactory and locally acceptable."

B. L. B. Spicer Colonel.

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Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

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INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
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ACC/4/1/52/Int

7 July 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Officials for Siena, Livorno, etc., Provinces

TO : Legal Sub-Commission
Public Health Sub-Commission
Public Safety Sub-Commission ✓
Economic Section for Agriculture Sub-Commission

1. The annexed copy letter no. 225/1 of 27 June, AMG 5th Army to Interior Sub-Commission is forwarded for such action as the other Sub-Commissions mentioned above may consider necessary with respect to specialist officials within their scope.
2. Should AMG 5th Army actually call for a team for one of the provinces mentioned, Interior Sub-Commission will inform the other Sub-Commissions mentioned above.
3. Will any such Sub-Commission which in these circumstances intends to send down its own Italian officials please inform Interior so that the travel of the whole team may be co-ordinated?

Encl: as in 1, above

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[Signature]
V.P., Admin Section

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

Follow for action information

✓ C.P.S. *PLH*

D.C.P.S.

Ex. Officer.

✗ Police.

Prisons.

Fire & C.D.

Boat. & Licensing.

✓ Adm. Officer.

Police. *any action in form 3*

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AND FIFTH ARMY
APO 464, U.S. Army

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27 June 1944

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SUBJECT: Italian Provincial Officials.

TO : HQ, ACC, Interior Sub-Commission.

1. If operations proceed at the pace which is at present anticipated the problem will very shortly arise of reorganizing the Italian Provincial Administration of the thickly populated Provinces which lie ahead.
Attention is drawn to the fact that the four Provincial Capitals of Livorno, Pisa, Lucca and Pistoia, which all lie on approximately the same latitude, are likely to be occupied almost simultaneously, and that the Provincial centre of Arezzo is likely to follow a few days later. The fall of Siena can be expected before the end of this month.
2. It is impossible to forecast at this stage how much of the former administration will be found in existence: in the case of Viterbo most officials were found present and to be satisfactory for temporary reappointment, whereas recent experience at Grosseto, where all Provincial Officials had fled, forces us to the conclusion that we must be prepared to face the possibility of having to organize a completely new team of Senior Provincial Officials for all these six Provinces.
3. It is therefore requested that the Italian Government be directed to nominate now and have ready on call the necessary personnel, so that there may be the minimum possible delay in restarting the Italian Administration when the Provinces are occupied. We will keep our demands down to the minimum but it can be taken for granted that a new Prefect will be needed in every case.
4. As has been done hitherto, you will be sent information as soon as possible after occupation on the conditions found in the places mentioned above.

For the Commanding General:

/s/ E. B. Mayne
/t/ E. B. MAYNE
Colonel, USF
Chief of Staff,
AGF 5th Army.Copy to: HQ, ACC (RO & MGS)
R.C., Region VIII

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