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L.F. Huchler, Mij.
for D.P.S.

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REPORT TO P.R.C. FROM PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION

Type : Civil Affaire Section.

Ref : 9258/110/EC

The sudden liberation of Northern Italy by capitulation of German and Fascist Republican Forces found a total of 75 AMG Public Safety Officers, aided by detachments of Carabinieri totalling 5650, to take over and cover almost one third of Italy in one operation.

Regularly constituted authority had been replaced by bands of Partisans, many with little or no governmental experience. Previous planning had made available these nuclei of Carabinieri and some career Questori to meet the emergency. By careful handling, the transition was quickly made. Returned carabinieri from Prisoner of War Camps totalling 1625 were added to the 4050 Carabinieri recuperated from the liberated areas. Screened Partisans after a period of training were added to the depleted ranks of Public Security Agents and some auxiliary police groups were formed from Partisans for early service. These auxiliaries are now largely disbanded. Prisons were found filled by Partisans activity and improperly guarded. By recruiting, the guard personnel was augmented and by installations of detention camps for political prisoners, a workable prison program was evolved. Special detachments

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of Guardia Finanza were placed in service for border control and guarding the Adriatic shore from smuggler activities.

Whereas upon entry the murder and kidnapping reports numbered in the hundreds monthly, now they have reduced to but a few. Strikes and demonstrations still occur but concern but few in numbers and no untoward incidents are reported. While we may be in a calm before a storm it may well be said that order was made from chaos in less than four months.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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SUBJECT : Press Releases

TO : All CA Sub-Commissions

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Reference 9258/110/EC undated.

The Statements referred to will be submitted through this Section and should reach this office on 10 Sep.

S.H. WHITE Lt Col,
CSO CA Section

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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-7 SET. 1945 Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 9258/110/EC.

Subject: Press Release on AC Accomplishments.

To: Distribution below.

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2. I am therefore writing to ask you to prepare very brief statements setting out the facts and not attempting in any way to write a report. These statements should not be longer than two foolscap pages, single-sided and double-spaced, and should be addressed to the Public Relations Branch of this HQ. The Public Relations Branch will rewrite and consolidate the statements for a Press Release.

3. The period to be covered is from 1st May 45 up to the present day. The AC/AMG Review fully covers events prior to 1st May 45.

For Chief Commissioner:

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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