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PUBLIC ORDER, POLITICAL ELECTIONS
MAY 1946

V.P. C.A.S.

Per sec 1A

This Soc has no knowledge of an offer to help the Italian Govt during the elections and the suggested help which might be afforded does not lie within the scope of R.S. Soc.

27.5.46.

E. P. Dyke, Colonel.

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31 May. 48

herewith draft of letter to Min. of
Pl. & Temple, N.Y.

L. G. S/C.

Please have attached letter dispatched & return file
to Public Safety Sub Com.
J. Keating
C.A. Schim.
31 May 46..

3: many who..

The above mentioned letter has been despatched by
L.S. H.C. on 31 May 1946.

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Wm. Wilkin, Chief Clerk L. G. H. C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

SUBJECT: Public Order--Political Elections

31 May 1946

TO : The Ministry of Interior

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FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

M. CARR, Brig.
VP CA Section

To Director: Major Temple.

30/5/46 - 0930 hours

Dott. DE CESARE, Vice Chief of the Police called up to say that he spoke through the telephone with the Questore of Udine, and that the latter confirmed to him that all measures had been taken both for the vigilance of the electoral seats and for the maintenance of public order in the province of Udine.

A request had been made locally by the Questore to the Allied Authorities to obtain the setting up of a military reserve in Cividale, Godroipo and other border localities. Dott. De Cesare does not know what was the outcome of such request. However he provided to send over 100 men from Rome.

Nice.

Heavy Italian border guard force by Allied police

29/5/46

To: Director, Major Temple

With reference to yesterday interview with Minister of Interior, Romita, Dott. DE CESARE, Vice Chief of the Police, called up to say that the Italian Authorities will take care of the vigilance of war material camps (AR AR). Dott. De Cesare further assured that provisions had already been taken for the vigilance of the electoral seats and for the maintenance of order in the province of Udine. It would, however, be appreciated if some assistance could be given by the Allies on the border zone of that province.

As regards the letter of Ministry of Interior, Direzione Pubblica Sicurezza, of 21 May 1946 addressed to our Sub Commission, Dott. De Cesare said that Minister Romita had not had yet the opportunity to talk with the Prime Minister and find out from whom the latter had received an offer of Allied assistance for the maintenance of public order during election time.

Quite apart from that general offer and subsequently to the writing of said letter, more precisely in the last few days, Dott. De Cesare stated that Dott. Migliori, Capo Divisione Affari Generali, Ministry of Interior, had received an offer of Allied assistance for the maintenance of order in the province of Udine by Dott. Bombassei, Liaison officer of Admiral Stone office with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Dott. Bombassei had spoken to Dott. Migliori by telephone, and Dott. De Cesare added that as far as his Department was concerned they did not depend much on that communication, and that he was rather surprised it had been made, since arrangements for the maintenance of order in that province had already been taken by him as agreed.

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*Spoke to Dr. Bombassei 30/5. Who said
he gave his offer of assistance as regard
Udine Province & generally. 3870
There must have been a misunderstanding.
Migliori rang Bombassei up and
said he had drafted the letter & may
have mentioned the question of Allied assistance
in Udine.
30/5 MC*

ADSS [signature]
Rel *Bombardier* *1A*

Ministry of the Interior
General Direction P.S.

21 May 1946.

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SUBJECT : Public Orders - Political Elections.

TO : Public Safety S/C A.C.

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In order to carry out the police services for the future political elections which principally consist in the vigilance over the benches, and, subordinately, in the safety measures for the maintenance of public order, an organic plan has already been predisposed to utilise to the utmost the forces available.

Thus, though appreciating the kind offer of help made by your Commission, the employment of Allied units is not considered necessary.

In fact, it is necessary to precise that the main difficulties have been encountered to assure the supervision over the numerous sections which amount to about 36.000 and for which it has been necessary to separately employ military and P.S. agents, even up to the smallest and furthestest boroughs.

Therefore, owing to the particular nature of the services, it is not deemed fit, for obvious reasons, that Allied military should also be attached.

Concerning steps for the repression of eventual disorders which, it is hoped, will not be necessary to be taken, adequate mobile forces have been made available.

Instead for the province of Udine, no service of vigilance is predisposed, as it concerns territory still under Allied control. In order to affront the requirements of the other provinces included in the territory of the Udine Military Command (Venezia, Padova, Treviso and Rovigo) arrangements have already been made for the employment of 850 military of the troops placed at the disposal of that Command.

The intervention of the Allied authorities would be very useful to discipline such services both for the maintenance of discipline during this particular moment, considering the foreign military formations who have fought with the Anglo American Army and who have not yet been repatriated, such as : Poles, Yugoslavs etc. and for the custody over the camps of war material of the ARAR inasmuch as the centering of numerous Italian forces

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for the services adhering to the elections, would not permit a safe and adequate vigilance.

In renewing my appreciation for your kind offer acknowledgement is awaited.

The Minister
/s/ Romita.

Translation ac/

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Roma, 21 Maggio

1946

Ministero dell'Interno

DIREZIONE GENERALE
DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

All'On. COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

ROMA

Divisione A.G.R. L. II

Prot. N. 442/9933 Allegati

Risposta al Teleg. del
Dir. 24/5

OGGETTO Ordine pubblico - Elezioni politiche.-

Per i servizi di polizia da attuarsi in occasione delle prossime elezioni politiche, consistenti essenzialmente nella vigilanza ai seggi, e, subordinatamente, nelle disposizioni di sicurezza per il mantenimento dell'ordine pubblico è stato già predisposto un piano organico utilizzando al massimo le forze disponibili.

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Occorre infatti precisare che le difficoltà maggiori si sono incontrate per assicurare la sorveglianza alle numerose sezioni che ammontano a circa 36 mila e per le quali si sono dovuti impiegare isolatamente militari ed agenti della forza pubblica, fino alle più piccole e lontane borgate.

Data quindi la particolare natura dei servizi non sembra, per ³⁸ ovvi motivi, che possano esservi addetti anche militari alleati.

Per quanto riguarda le misure per reprimere eventuali disordini, misure alle quali si spera peraltro di non dover far ricorso, sono state approntate adeguate forze mobili.

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Disposto al Foglio del
Diz. 212

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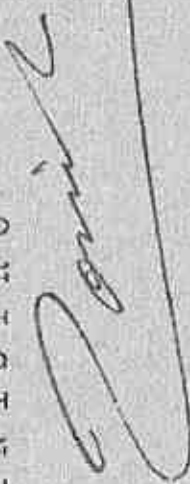
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L'intervento delle Autorità Alleate riuscirebbe, pertanto, assai utile per disciplinare tale servizio, nonché per il mantenimento della disciplina in questo particolare momento, nei confronti degli appartenenti alle formazioni militari straniere che hanno combattuto con l'Esercito Anglo-Americano e che non sono state ancora rimpatriate, quasi i militari polacchi, jugoslavi, ecc. e per la custodia di campi di raccolta residuati bellici dell'ARAR in quanto l'accentramento di numerose forze italiane nei servizi inerenti alla consultazione elettorale non consentirebbe di assicurarvi una adeguata vigilanza.

Nel rinnovare l'apprezzamento per la cortese offerta si resta in attesa di un cenno di intesa.

IL MINISTRO



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