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CATALOGUE.

GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO

OGGETTO: Pubblicazione di Libri di testo.

TO : Sign. Stab. IPES- BELLOTTI - ARDO'.

30 dicembre 1943

1. E' nostro proposito di ristampare il maggior numero possibile dei Libri di Stato (libri di testo di scuole elementari nazionali) con nuovo materiale al posto di quello della propaganda fascista.
2. Il Consigliere all'Esercizio, la Commissione Alleata di Controllo, fornirà tutti i nuovi manoscritti e la carta necessaria.
3. L'IPES, ARDO' e BELLOTTI saranno i tipografi e gli editori per la Sicilia e la Calabria.
4. Su ordine del Capo Divisione all'Esercizio per la Sicilia, qualunque cliché, attualmente in custodia presso un tipografo o un editore, dovrà essere messo a disposizione di quel tipografo che sia pronto per cominciare uno dei libri della serie.
5. Ad ogni tipografo saranno dati i manoscritti per un libro alla volta. Non appena la prova di stampa saranno approvate ed il tipografo sarà pronto per procedere alla stampa, gli saranno dati i manoscritti per un altro libro. Il numero dei libri, che saranno dati ad ogni tipografo, dipenderà dalla rapidità con cui verranno stampati i libri dallo stesso.
6. La carta, ottenuta per mezzo del Governo Militare Alleato (o della Commissione Alleata di Controllo), sarà tenuta in magazzino al deposito in Palermo e venduta ad ogni tipografo quando egli sarà pronto ad usarla.
7. I libri stampati da ARDO' lo saranno per conto di IPES e saranno venduti da IPES, Meati, ed i libri stampati da IPES stesso, saranno venduti alla libreria di Sicilia e di Calabria per rivenderli ai ragazzi ed insegnanti. I libri stampati da BELLOTTI saranno pure venduti da Bel-

4 BELLOTTI stesso alle librerie Siciliane e Calabresi

86. Il prezzo di ogni libro, sarà stabilito dal Capo della Divisione d'Amministrazione, Regione di Sicilia, Governo Militare Alleato (o Commissione Alleata di Controllo), e sarà indicato con rilievo nel retro della copertina.

97. I tipografi, per le carte che verrà loro consegnate, pagheranno a mezzo di Assegni Circolari della Banca d'Italia, intestati alla persona, ditta od organizzazione designate dal Capo della Divisione dell'Educazione, Regione Sicilia, Governo Militare Alleato, (o Commissione Alleata di Controllo), che li invierà ai rispettivi editori.

Pol. Lt. Col. G. M. GAYRE
Education Adviser AMS - AGO

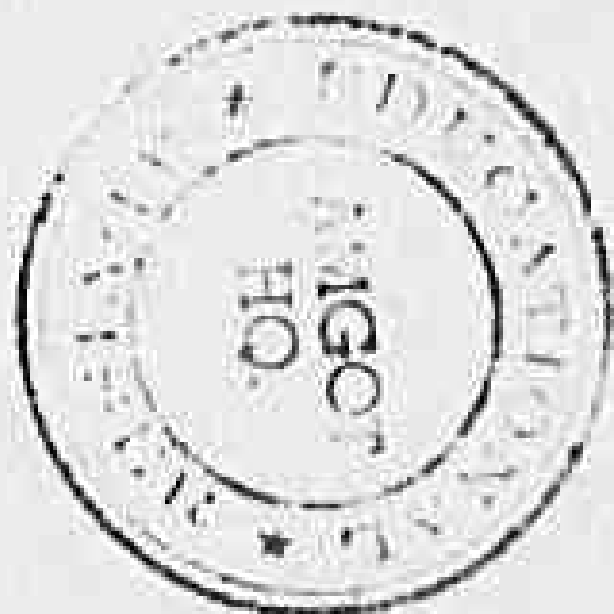
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Pol. Magg. G. F. ACCIARI
Chief, Education Division
Sicily Region

Carlton W. Washburne

Carlton W. WASHBURN
Acting Deputy
Education Adviser
AMS - AGO

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after receiving the correct pages.*



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G. V. V. 10/10/44

Robert M. Smith

OGGETTO: Pubblicazione di libri di Testo.

TO : Sigg. Stab. I.R.E.S. - BELLIOTTI- ANDO'

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Ref. Lt. Col. G.R. GAYRE
Education Adviser AMG/ACO

c: Ref. Maj. G.A. KOOPMAN
Chief Education Division
Sicily Region

Carleton R. WASHBURN
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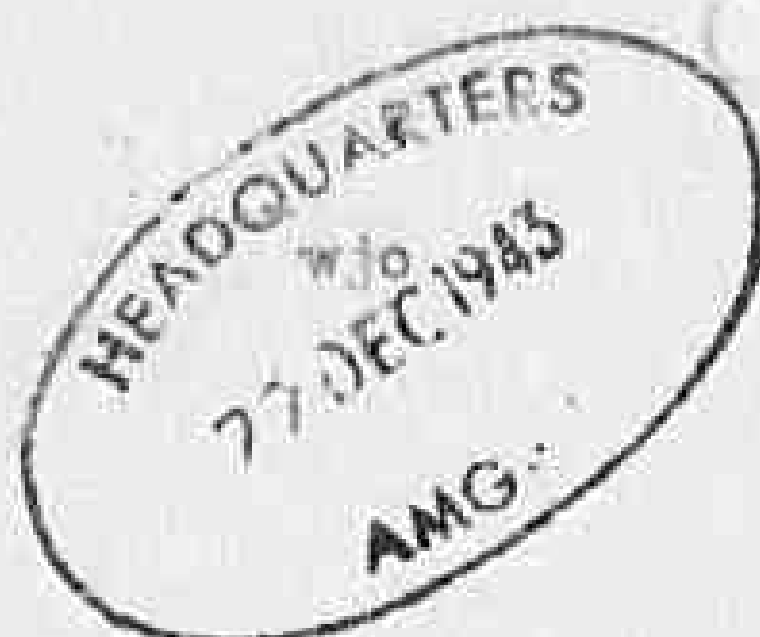
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INCOMING MESSAGE

NR: 1563

SECRET

Maj. *Therwood*
(Education)

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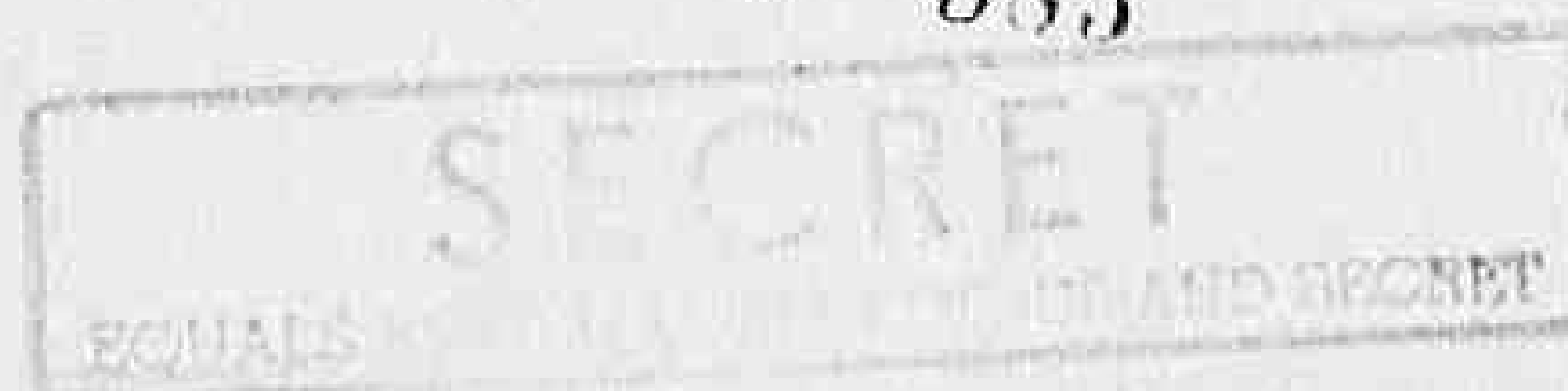
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MEMO FOR MR. TOLSON

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
Capt. INF
Actg. Asst. Adj. Gen.

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Origin: Major E. H. HENRYWOOD, Education Sub-Commission

Subject: Text-books

To: H.Q., ACC-AMG
Palermo

(for attention of Mr. Col. Gaynor,
Educational Adviser)

to from: HQ, REGION 2
E-CA/42-138 (1)
Nov 27 '43

Further to my E-CA/42-36 of 24 Nov., I am now informed, after certain inquiries, that the quantity of text-books available for the schools is in any case far insufficient for the needs of every single pupil. May I therefore repeat my suggestion that perhaps the ultimate solution of the problem is to issue the text-books, in whatever form may prove necessary, to the teachers only, leaving their pupils without any?

Please forgive me for meddling with the excellent work that you and Major Washburne have done in the matter: it is only that the whole problem is a very difficult one and has exercised me considerably.

I await your instructions.

A. V. Smith

Capt. AEC.

Adm. Dir. of Education, Reg 2.

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Capt. REC.

Atty. Gen. of Education, Reg. 2.

W.S.

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Obtaining Major Italian Prisoner

ASAC/1000/10

Capt. G.M. In Detention
Camp Commandant
ASAC 15 to Army Group, 012

Palermo 21 Oct.

This office is very sorry that it has
no copies of Major Italian prisoner and to the best
of our knowledge none is obtainable from the
files of the unit.

cc

S. L. Galt
ASAC/1000/10
ASAC 15 to Army Group, 012

Text Books.

Captain COSGRAVE, PW.

Palermo 25 Oct.

I have received secret cipher message sent to you from Hazelton Terren, dated 19/X/43.

Actually no new Text books are yet in use. Preparations for them are well ahead and in about a week the first drafts will be ready. Meanwhile, as we know there will be delays in getting the books into the schools (printing difficulties, etc.) the attached directive has been issued. This will enable the Teachers to commence Teaching during those weeks when Text books are not immediately available.

More information can be given to you step by step as we finish the Texts.

C. B. GAYLE
Lt. Col., AEC
Educational Advisor.

Subject:- Text oks

File

MGOT/2102/F

MGOT HQ, SICILY

To:- Lt-Col G.R. Gayre,
Educational Adviser.

22 Oct 43

Reference your memorandum of 15 Oct 43, 8600/B1/ED.

The plan outlined by you is a proper expense and is approved
in so far as this Division is concerned.

R B
R.B. MENAPACE,
Lieut-Colonel,
Deputy Chief Finance Officer.

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Preparation of text books

Col. Charles Pollett

S.C. AGO, Palermo

Confirming our conversation of the date, the Educational Advisor, U.S. AGO, assumes responsibility for the examination of existing text books and approval or disapproval of existing text books for use in the schools, please for making certain to books after the removal of objectionable pages, the preparation of temporary text books and the initiation of a program for general revision of text books and curriculum on a national basis. Furthermore, take office assumes responsibility for the preparation of instructions to all teachers as to the curriculum to be used in the schools when they open.

U.S. AGO

U.S. AGO, AGO

Educational Advisor

U.S. AGO

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AMGOT/3600/H1/ED

Books for Major Rowell

Chief Staff Officer

19 October 3

Professor Grasso of this office has on my directions searched for the two books you mentioned in your letter dated 17/10/43 File No. 246/AQ.

He has failed to get them. The first is sold out and the second not available as it was banned under Fascism and the copies confiscated.

964-
G. B. GAY JR.,
Major, A.E.C.,
Educational Advisor

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"Libri di Stato giacenti nelle sottindicate librerie" 10

N. ordine	Libreria	Classi					Annotazioni	
		I	II	III	IV	V		
		Pubb.	Letter.	Letter.	Letter.	Letter.	Letter.	
1	Agate	1165	509	431	770	210	325	565
2	Guini	10					70	75
3	Domino		10	10				30
4	Ferro							Regime in fine
5	Fleccorio		4	1			2	3
6	Chiambretti	98					61	11
7	Chino	70	18	10			11	5
8	Quararato							Niente
9	Reber	520		100	150	300		90
10	Camminelli							Chino

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Oct 20, 1943

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

SUBJECT: Library in Casa Profana
TO: Captain Mason Hammond

FILE No. *AMGOT/8000/64*
AMGOT HQ. SICILY
18 October, 194

Mr. Hester of the U.S. State Department tells us that there is a library of 50 to 60 thousand books requiring attention in the above church. Do we treat this as Education or Fine Arts and Monuments? I do not mind which we do. Please let me have your views.

1st sent 17 Oct.
There is no library in the church. The Orthodox Community in the adjacent convent have furnished throughout the occupation and have used and are now using the church for a museum.

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[Signature]
Major, U.S.A.,
Educational Advisor.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT *8*

SUBJECT: Books for Major Rowell
TO: Educational Advisor

FILE No. 216/HQ
AMGOT HQ. SICILY
17 October 1943

1. Efforts have been made without success to locate the following two books which Major Rowell requested be sent to A.F.H.Q. at once:

1. Chi E (1943 Edition preferably) If not available, then 1942 Edition.
2. Storia del Socialismo Italiano by Michels.

2. It is requested that you make every effort to locate the books and turn them over to this office.

Charles M. Stottford
CHARLES M. STOTTORD,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief Staff Officer.

AMCOT HQ., SICILY
5 October 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: Advisor on Education

SUBJECT : Lipparini, "Aprile", Italian Anthology for middle grades. Milan, Signorelli, 1941.

1. This is a rather miscellaneous collection of poems, excerpts from short stories, bits of speeches and miscellaneous items on history, travel, war, etc. Outside of the references given below, it strikes me that ~~this anthology could be used profitably~~ and by suppressing the questionable references this anthology could be put to good use.

2. I have attempted to spot every questionable item; there are perhaps some which could very well be overlooked. My guide rule has been: Fascism, Nationalism, glorification of war, "Greater Italy" in its several forms, and horror tales, all of which can be safely considered unsuitable for children, particularly in the lower grades.

3. Questionable references:

Page 7 - Story by Mussolini.

" 10 - "Italy ... which still has ... new glory to conquer".

" 110 - Mussolini's memories of childhood.

" 122 - (Footnote- Bitelli, author of a volume on Mussolini)

" 239 - A horrible story of the death of a child.

" 274 - Longfellow - (The Village Blacksmith). I consider this indirectly a slur on United States literature. (!)

" 302 - Mussolini riding in an electric train to Forlì.

" 349 - "Castua ... a village which iniquitous and stupid treaties have assigned to Yugoslavia".

" 368) - Papini: Glorification of Italy at war.
374)

" 398 - Footnote on Francesco Chiesa, the Swiss poet, "one of our best poets and narrators".

" 405 - Note No. 5 "then our relations with England were good".

" 409 - Note on Oriani, "Precursor of Fascism".

" 563 - Excerpt by Walt Whitman: A pathetic scene of a dying soldier.

" 616 - "Soldiers Heart" - on the mobility of war.

- Page 621 - "Italy, Italy" ^{by} (Corradini, founder of Italian Nationalism.
- " 626 - Corradini again.
- " 631 - "To Italy" (D'Annunzio. - The last stanza is a sample: "Thus you shall see one day the Latin sea covered with slaughter in your war" etc.
- " 634 - Poem on the Italian campaign in Libya in 1911.
- " 634 - A rather stupid war story.
- " 636 - "Gli Arditi"
- " 640 - Discourse by Mussolini in honor of Oriani, "anticipator of Fascism".
- " 643 - Last will and testament of the Duke of Aosta: "Our fatherland, under the eluminated guidance of the King and the wise government of the Duce".
- " 644 - Balilla, Poem by Bertacchi.
- " 646 - Death of a Fascist "Martyr" at the hands of "Communists", by Chiurco.
- " 646 - Oriani's glorification of Greater Italy.
- " 647 - Mussolini on Rome.
- " 648 - Fascist Imperial Rome by Corradini.
- " 650 - Corradini again.
- " 653 - Mussolini's "The March of the New Italy".
- " 654 - Mussolini on a rampage.
- " 654 - Carlo Delcroix, "We ^{shall} ~~will~~ move forward towards our destiny bound tightly in a Roman will, like the rods of the Fascio".

4. Beginning with page 640 a complete excission to the end of the book would cut out the bulk of the objectionable material. The black roller can probably handle the rest.

Barnes
H. M. BARNES, Jr.
Lieut.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
(Base Detachment)
APO 394

ED/HS/JK/tjr

26 January 1944

AMG 8600/B1/KD

SUBJECT: Text Books.

TO: A.P.HQ
(Military Government Section)

1. Reference your 74885 PHGMS, dated 6th January 1944.
2. Two copies of the first text book to be published (Lettura per la terza Classe Elementare) are forwarded herewith.

For the Commanding Officer:

JOHN KRUPA
Capt., INF
Asst Adj Gen.

Inclosure.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
(Rear Detachment)
APO 394

ED/MS/JE/tjr
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26 January 1944

AMG 8600/B1/HD

SUBJECT: Text Books.

TO: Colonel Robert W. LINS
6th Sherist Antikana
Cairo.

1. As requested by M.C.S., A.P.H. two copies of "Letture per la Terza Classe Elementare" are forwarded herewith.

2. Copies of subsequent books will be forwarded as they come from the press.

For the Commanding Officer:

JOHN KRUPA
Capt., INF
Asst Adj Gen.

Inclosure.

30 September 1943

TO : Advisor on Education

SUBJECT: Currado-Larozzi, "Roma-Italia", Volume III

1. This volume which covers the period of the "Risorgimento" and the "New Italy" is intended for the third class in the lower gymnasium. It was printed at Turin in 1939 and bears a sticker which states that this volume has been purified in accordance with the racial decrees. The publishers are G. B. Paravia and Co.

2. The first 119 pages cover the various revolutions leading to the establishment of United Italy in 1870. Twenty-three pages cover the period from 1870 to 1915. The remaining 102 pages are concerned with "the New Italy".

3. The tone throughout is essentially militaristic. Each individual encounter, battle, plot and counter-plot is celebrated in true Fascist grandiloquence. Very little is said concerning the economy of the country. A cult of martyrs of the fatherland, with all that that implies in the way of religious invocations, is definitely cultivated.

4. By page 108 there is a first mention of Fascism and its leader, and by page 129 in the history of Queen Margherita the writers state that "she was able to see, with great admiration, the grandiose work which Fascism was accomplishing under the all-seeing guidance of its marvelous head."

5. Tunisia appears as a source of controversy between Italy and France on page 127. After discussing the African campaign of the 1880's the Libyan campaign brought out the "warlike nature" of Italy. This was obviously considered a step forward for Italy which was suffering from "the incipient decadence of parliamentarianism". The second half of the book appears completely hopeless.

6. I recommend that this book be entirely condemned: the sections which might be salvaged are so hopelessly militaristic that it would be ~~useless~~ for our purposes.

Edwards
Lieut,
P.A. to D.C. C.A.O.

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ROUTINE

TO: CG 7TH ARMY

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MSGR

29 SEPT 43

Amgot

FELT HERE SUGGESTION RATHER PREMATURE IN VIEW
HIS GREAT AGE. POSSIBLY MORE USEFUL MAINLAND LATER.

FROM EISENHOWER

TIME SIGNED 281336A

(TO 7TH ARMY RPT FILPOT FOR AMG FOR SPOFFORD SIGNED EISENHOWER
CITE FIMGS REFERENCE BENEDETTO CROCE)

*C/S
AMGOT (action)*

SECRET

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Rf Amgot 297 dated 25 Sep

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25 September 1943

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ABOUT 15 ARMY GROUP

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IMPRESS THAT BRIGADES GROUP IS AN ALLIED CONTROLLED TERRITORY
 (PARTIAL FROM ARMY SERVICE ARMY FOR ARMS FOR HIS FOR HIS FROM ISOPHORE
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 COME TO RICHIE IF POSSIBLE.

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To make suggestion of Tel. to AFHQ
to get word of Croce. He should
now be released in view of the
new political situation: but not
employed by us for the present. But
I would like to have him in Sicily

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SUBJECT: Texts.

TO : C.S.O.

AMCOT/8600/B/EA.

22. Sept. 43.

When we spoke about the Italian Education Committee I mentioned several names, including Croce. At that time I had not any immediate hope that we could get hold of him. This morning's paper states that he is in our hands. I should like to press for him to be brought to Palermo as fast as possible to head this Committee. He is the greatest living Italian scholar of whose democratic views there is no doubt. Before I left England, both Sir Alfred Zimmern (head of the Research Dept. of the Foreign Office) and Sir Percy Lorraine both made a strong point of bringing Croce in as soon as possible. Here now is our opportunity. Can we have him telegraphed for to the 5th Army as soon as possible?

It will make a sensation in America and England if we can announce that he is going to head the Committee, and we shall bring powerful support to our work from all quarters if we do this.

My Gags:

I don't want to let this slip. I agree that it is a great opportunity. However, I don't think it would be wise to take this step until the political situation is clarified. i.e. line to be taken towards (over)

G.R. CHURCH.
Major, A.E.C.
Educational Adviser.

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Italian on his line, role of Auker as
such (etc) is known. Gen. Rennie and
presumably have something interesting on the
when he returns tonight or tomorrow. Will
you bring up on his return?

JS

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

SUBJECT: Texts, Recall of Fascist.

FILE No. AMGOT/...../HQ.

TO: C.C.A.O. and C.S.O.

AMGOT HQ. SICILY

21 Sep. 1943.

1. With your authority, I propose to order the Provveditori agli Studi to call in all text books, so that we withdraw completely this aggressive Fascist propaganda from the hands of the Italian population.
2. As a result of my talk with the C.S.O. I am preparing a list of the books by name. When this list is completed the order would be given. This will avoid destroying any books which might be unexceptionable.
3. When the books have been recalled they can be pulped and that will help to ease the paper situation in due course.

G. H. Gayre
G. H. GAYRE,
Major, A.E.C.
Educational Adviser.

*Paras 1 & 2 are approved, except that
until we are certain of exact texts that
are to be destroyed we should not move
them around any more. The necessity*

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