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785016 Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. ther need for an Education Subcommission. The foundations, prosumably, will have been laid and it will be a purely Italian matter to build up a new structure upon them. (e) Major CARLETON W. WASHBURNE is my logical successor as Director of the Education Subcommission. Major WASHBURNE is not only the senior member of the Subcommission after me but has had the widest and longest experience in Italian Education. He has accomplished a prodigious amount of work, most of it of a high quality, and can be relied upon to get things done quickly and well. To avoid any possible friction with the Church, it could be made clear to Major WASHBURNE that it was the wish of the Commanding Officer, Allied Control Commission, that he should consult Major JOSEPH M. MURPHY on all matters in which the Church was concerned and that in the event of disagreement the matter should be referred to higher authority if Major MURPHY considered if of sufficient importance. (f) The logical place for Major MURPHY, is that of Education Officer, Ragion IV. His headquarters would be in Rome where religious institutions of learning are concentrated and where the policy governing those in other parts of Italy is formulated. In Rome, Major MURPHY would be in a position to advise Major WASHEURNE on Church matters and to attend to the mission which was given to him in Washington. (g) I would appreciate the early appointment of my successor. There are many matters which I would like to discuss with him in order to leave no loose ends trailing. Also after a year and five months overseas, a few days of relative freedom would be welcome. HENRY T. ROWELL Lt. Col., CMP A/Director of Education # 3444

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Edwarion, Sub-Con RESIBICIED HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION APO 394 5 September 1944. SPECIAL ORDERS) BITRACI 217) NUMBER 25. So much of par 16, SO #215, this Hq, dtd 3 Sept 44, pertaining to asgmt of Lt Col HENRY T. ROWELL, 0505537, CMP (A), to Education Sub-Com, this Hq, as reads: "(Acting Director)" is hereby deleted. By order of Captain STORE (USER): NICHOLAS PIOMBINO, CHO, USA, Asst Adjutant. OFFICIAL: NICHOLAS PIOMBINO, CWO, USA, Asst Adjutant. DISTRIBUTION: 2 - 0 coned 1 - Files 3443 RESTRICTED

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APO 394 ED/HTR/tjr Education Subcommission ED/3.8/8/ACC 13 September 1944 SUBJECT: Education, Florence. : Captain WILLIS E. PRATT, Education Officer, AMG 5th Army, Florence City. Dear Captain PRATT. Many thanks for the reports. I saw the Minister today and he was delighted by the appointment of Calamandroi to be Pro-Rector. We was loss enthusiastic about beginning examinations on 2 October, raising the question of bridges, sanitary conditions, etc. I am certain that you have taken all these factors into consideration and that you are not trying to stort something which cannot be finished satisfactorily. About Pertisan appointments, there is little to be done but to use test and common sense. When obvious wisfits or incompetents have been put in office, there should be no difficulty in justifying their issediate substitution by abler men before the Partisans themselves. But when reasonably good men are found on the job, it would be wise, I think to leave them there for a while until someone can be found who is obviously so superior that no objections can be made to a change. The policy of the S.C.A.O. will, of course, be the governing factor, but within its scope, you will have to use your own good sense. I understand from Captain TILNOE that the Fartisans appointed a Provveditore for Florence and that you are investigating other candidates. If the Partisan Provveditors is Seechi, the Minister approves highly of the choice and I would go a bit slow in recommending a substitution to General HUME unless you are convinced that you have found a far better men. But again, you are on the spot and can best judge what should be dome. I learn from Captain TILROE that you are planning to return to Region IX Headquarters on Saturday, 16 September. The one thing which I particularly wish to avoid is to leave Florence destitute of an Education Officer. Although I am certain that you have pushed your work forward with skill and energy, my experience in Rose has thught me that a good start is not enough: Momentum is lacking in local officials and constant pressure must be applied to achieve the best results. I therefore ask you to do one of two things; either to stay on yourself if General HUME desires your services until you can actually move on to your duties with Region IX or to request Ceneral Hills and Calenel KIRKWOOD to allow Captain NOE to operate at least part time in the Florence Ares under Conoral BIRE'S command according to the predefeats which you

785016 Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. have established under General RUME's orders. I would prefer the first alternative as we cannot afford to have an Education Officer - especially one of your ability - in the state of suspended animation known suphemistically as "planning" at the present time. But be that as it may semeone, either you or NOE, must be in Florence to push the printing of the text books. A scheme has been worked out here with the Ministry and Vallachi and Captain BEARD is informing you and NOE of it under separate cover. Subject to General HUME's approval, you or NOE or both must see that the mork is carried out. Arrange the details between yourselves. Kindly show this letter to General HUME, if you see fit. At any rate, I want him assured that as a member emeritus of his 5th Army G-5 Staff, I have but one intention: to do what I can in this Headquarters to facilitate his mission. I send him my layal best wishes. In closing let me thank you for the excellent work you have done with 5th Army. If you should or when you do come back to Headquarters Ragion IX, do come down here for a few hours for a personal visit. Sincerely yours, HENRY T. ROWELL Lt. Col., OMP A/Director of Education

785016 Declaratied 8.0. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. ED/HER/nos HEADQ ARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION APO 394 Education Subcommission 4 September 1944 TO : Brigadier General Edgar Ershino Hume SCAO, AMG 5th Army. Dear General Humes I wish to thanks you for the commendation with which you honored me recently. It was a privilege and a pleasure to serve an your staff and I would like you to know that I shall always look back upon my duties in Caserta and Naples under your Command as one of the finest parts of my service overseas. Kindly accept my warm personal wishes for your continued success. Sincerely yours, HENRY T. ROWELL Lt. Col. C.M.P. A/Director of Education

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. ED/HTR/th ALLIED COMPROL COMMISSION APO 394 Education Subcommission 13 September 1944 SUBJECT: Education, Region VIII. : Captain SARFEL V. NOR. 20 Education Officer, Ho, Region VIII, AND. Dear Captain HOE, I am availing agaelf of Captain THROE's return to send you a few words quickly and directly. Many thanks for the messages. The snawers to your requests and questions follow. I have talked to the Minister about the Universities which are or will be under your jurisdiction. If Russo is acting as Rector at Pisa, he should be confirmed in the position of Pro-Rector and should also be appointed Acting Director of the Normal School. The Minister did not seem to have any other codidates so if Russo is not there you will have to make an appointment in the light of your own good judgment. At any rate, ANG must appoint someone properly qualified to these positions in order that epiration may begin according to our established mystem. The Minister was pleased by the appointment of Cloogna to be Pro-Rector at Siena. I am disturbed by the name that part of the University has been occupied by Allied Forces. Please let me have the facts regarding the coupying unit, buildings occurried, presumble length of occupation and authority for competion so I can make representations to higher authorities. In the meantime do your best to protect the essential equipment such as laboratories, libraries, etc. I am glad that you have arranged with 5th and 8th Armes to operate in the provinces of Liverno, Pisa and Aresso as well as that of Siens, FRAIT speaks of leaving Florence next Saturday, 16 September for Headquarters Region IX. I have asked him to arrange to stay on if possible for I do not want a lucuma in Florence. If he wast go however, I have asked him to request deneral HUME and Colonel Kliswood to allow you to take over his duties in Florence. It is of particular importance that you operate there because of the printing of text books about which BRAND is writing you under severate cover. If you do take over from PRAIT, be sure to see him before he leaves in order that continuity will be maintained to the maximum extent. The Minister suggested Professor Glussope del Free, Preside of the Liceo at Castiglion Fiorentino (near Aresso) as a good candidate for the position of Provveditore. § 3439

785016 Declaratied E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. Finally, it is my intention to have Captain TILEON reassigned to a northern Region when the time comes. I can assure you, however, that he will not be taken from your staff until he is actually needed. When that will be, I do not know. I simply wanted to warn you that it will happen. Carry on the good work and let me imow what you and PRATT have devised. The essential thing is to get the job done. Sincerely yours, HENEY T. ROWELL Lt. Col., CIP A/Director of Education \$ 3435

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785016 Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. RESTRICTED HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMPROL COMMESSION APO 394 13 September 1944 SPECIAL ORDERS) 225) STUMBER EXTRACT 47. It Gol HEMRY T. ROWELL. 0505537. CMP. (A), Education Sub-Com, this Hi, accompanied by Umberto Bruni. (Italian civilian driver) atchd. WP Maples and Benevento, Italy o/a 15 Sept 44 on temp dy for a period of approximately four (4) days in connection with activities of the above-mentioned Sub-dom and upon completion thereof will ret to proper ste. Rat will be provided for o and driver for four (h) days. Travel by govt Mr is atta and with be freen by-missont-horsemberson. By order of Captain STONE (USNR): NICHOLAS PIOMBINO CHO. USA Asst Adjutant OFFICIAL: MECHOLAS PICHEL O OWO . USA Asst Adjutant DISTRIBUTION: 2 - 0 coned 1 - Driver 1 - M Supply 1 - Filos £ 3436 RESTRICTED