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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Education Subcommittee
APO 394

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Tel. 489081-236

TO : General McKinley,
V.P. Economic Section.

25 April, 1945

Dear General:

When you remarked at the meeting Tuesday that the Education Subcommittee had requested enough microscopes to set up all school and university laboratories, and, later, said something about our asking for swivel chairs, I assumed of course, that you were being facetious and I did not attempt to deny the allegation. It now occurs to me that Mr. Antolini and some of the Subcommittee representatives present might have taken you seriously, and that, although it scarcely seems possible, you might really have had such a misconception.

May I, therefore, assure you that the Education Subcommittee has never ordered even one microscope - or chair, swivel or otherwise?

Our requisitions have been confined to two groups of articles: Paper, ink, etc., for printing school text books; and the commonest school supplies (pens, pencils, erasers, paper, etc.) and school office supplies (paper, typewriter ribbons, mimeograph ink, etc.). The same is true of the requisitions now in process - we have scrupulously confined ourselves to the minimum supplies necessary to let schools function on a scarcity basis.

Will you send the enclosed copy of this letter to Mr. Antolini?

CARLETON W. WASHBURN
Lt. Col., A. U. S.
Director of Education.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Education Subcommittee
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26 March, 1945

SUBJECT : French Institute in Florence.

Tel. 489081-236

TO : Liaison Division, AC
(Att: Capt. A.B. ARNOLDY).

Reference 103/104/EC(L) of 5 March.

1. In regard to application for authority for Andre, Tony and Pierre RONZY to travel to Italy to resume their work at the French Institute in Florence, this Subcommittee, with the concurrence of the Fifth Army Liaison Officer of Florence City and the Regional Education Officer in behalf of the Regional Commissioner of Toscana, hereby approves the application.

CARLETON W. WASHBURN
Lt. Colonel, AUS.
Director of Education.

Subject: French Institute in Florence
To: Regional Commissioner
Toscana Region.

- 1) The question of the reopening of the French Institute has been taken up with Florence Command who have no objection to it. It is not being used for any other purpose at present. ~~There would therefore be no objection to~~
- 2) There is therefore no objection to allowing the men mentioned in basic communications to come to Florence.

Julius Walker Major
Liaison Officer O.M.C.
Florence City.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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Liaison Division
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Tel: No. 478001

Ref: 108/104/EC(L)

5 March 1945

SUBJECT: French Institute in Florence.

TO : Regional Commissioner
Toscana Region
(Attn: Capt. Sam Noe)
Regional Education Officer.

Dear Sam:

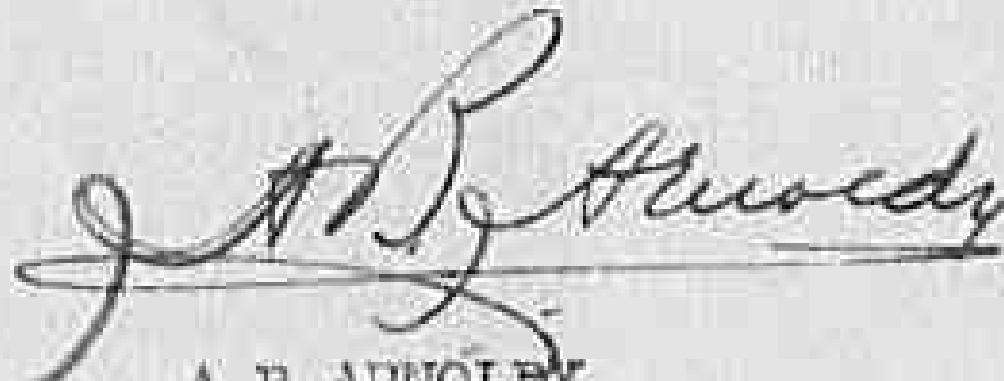
I refer to our conversation regarding the above subject.

A.F.H.Q. G-5 Section has written and telephoned me that an application has been made by SHAEF for authority for ANDRE, TONY and PIERRE RONZY, Secretary General and Director respectively of the French Institute in Florence, to travel to Italy.

This matter was referred to the French Representative on A.C. for comment, and I enclose a copy of his reply.

I would appreciate it if you would inform me whether their visit to Florence would be approved by the military authorities there.

Sincerely yours,



A.B. ARNOLEY
Capt. Sp. Res. AUS

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Approved
By the Regional Commissioner
Sam U. Noe
Capt AUS
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Reg. Education Officer

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE
APO 394

Rome February 27th 1945
JN/SM No. 202

TO : Liaison Division

SUBJECT: French Institute in Florence

The French Institute in Florence, 2 Piazza d'ognisanti, branch of the University of Grenoble, has been founded in order to enable its students (about 300 in 1939) to initiate a thorough study of French language and of French civilization. Its Dean is Mr. RONZY.

The Institute made available an advanced course (of two years) a first degree intermediate course, a second degree elementary course, and delivered Degrees in French Studies.

The French Government has been contemplating the reopening of the French Institute in Florence * which seems to be the wish of a great many Allied Officers who expressed the desire of improving their knowledge of French. This reopening, of course, would be subject to military operations; however, the French Institute having greatly suffered from the liberation of Florence, it would be highly desirable if Mr. RONZY, Dean of the Institute, and Mr. Tony Andre, Secretary General, could be allowed to come to Italy in order to recognize this important French center.

The French Delegation to the Advisory Council and the French Section in A.C. both are in favour of granting requests made by Tony Andre and Ronzy.

/s/ Jehan de Noue Lt.
Assistant to French Representative

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Education Subcommission
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Tel. 489081-236

30 January 1945

SUBJECT : Collegio IV Novembre, Lido di Roma

TO : Real Estate Section, RMAC
(Attention Major Petre)

Ref. HQ/945 of 15 Jan.

1. The proposition contained in the a/m letter has been discussed with the Regional Education Officer and the Minister of Public Instruction.
2. The Regional Education Officer assents.
3. The Minister of Public Instruction states that this Collegio is not in his jurisdiction, depends on the National Institute; but the Minister obtained from the Director of the National Institute a statement accepting your proposition.
4. The Director of the Institute states, however, that the requisitioning of this property renders indispensable the derequisition of an apartment in the adjoining building for the Director of the College. Can this be arranged?

CARLETON W. WASHBURN
Major, AUS
A/Director of Education

Ref. RM/915 of 15 Jun.

1. The proposition contained in the a/m letter has been discussed with the Regional Education Officer and the Minister of Public Instruction.
2. The Regional Education Officer assents.
3. The Minister of Public Instruction states that this Collegio is not in his jurisdiction, depends on the National Institute; but the Minister obtained from the Director of the National Institute a statement accepting your proposition.
4. The Director of the Institute states, however, that the requisitioning of this property renders indispensable the derequisition of an apartment in the adjoining building for the Director of the College. Can this be arranged?

CARLETON W. WACHENBERG
Major, AUS
A/Director of Education

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Education Subcommission
APO 394

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ED/ 2D/M

27 January 1945

SUBJECT : Transmittal of funds from MEF
TO : Finance Subcommission, (Attention Commander Lawler)

Reference our telephone conversation, 25 Jan.

1. The Civil Affairs Branch, C.H.Q.M.E.F., requested the Education Subcommission to buy a few books and send them last August. They are sent, with a bill from the bookseller.
2. Eventually we were told that the money for them was placed to our credit there but that means for transmitting it would have to be worked out.
3. On 1 december we called attention to the fact that the money was not received and that we were embarrassed by the unpaid bill of the bookseller.
4. On 21 December they wrote : "Arrangements were made on 21 December to remit to you the sum of £ 1.1.3 sterling (equivalent £25 Italian Lire) through Pay Office Channels, to cover the cost of the Mathematics and Engineering Text Books obtained for this Branch in August of this year (your letter No. ED/CHE/AOC of 12 August refers). It is regretted that the procedure of crediting the sum to your account at this Branch was not found satisfactory. A copy of this Branch's letter No. 11896/409/CA of 21 December addressed to O.I/c & CPO (Base) Cairo, is enclosed for your information".
5. The letter enclosed read as follows :

Civil Affairs Branch
C.H.Q., M.E.F.

21st December, 1944

O.I/c & C.P.O. (Base)
CAIRO. (2 copies)

Transfer of funds to A.M. H.Q., A.C.C. C.M.F.

I am directed to request your cooperation in crediting the sum of £ 1-1-3 Sterling (Egyptian Equiv. £1.036) to C.M.F. to be paid to :-

Headquarters Allied Commission
Civil Affairs Section,
A.P.O. 394
C.M.F.

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Cash to the value of ££1.036 is enclosed herewith.
Please acknowledge receipt
on the duplicate copy of this letter.

(C.W. Baker)
Captain

for CONTROLLER OF FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS.

Copy to :- Chief Administrator,
H.Q., B.M.A.,
ERITREA. (This H.Q. letter No. 110996/328/CA of 18/3/1944 refers)

Enclosure

6. The money has been received. The bill is still unpaid. What do we do?

CARLTON W. VASHEKINE
Major, AME
A/Director of Education

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Education Subcommittee
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ED/CWT/tjr

24 January 1945

ED/2D/AC

SUBJECT: Printing Equipment.

TO : Public Works Subcommittee.

1. A leading publisher of school text books (Torani) has consulted me in regard to the possibility of getting machines or spare parts for a British-make press, to reestablish his bombed-out printing establishment.
2. He states that he understands that priorities are being worked out for the importation of such rehabilitation equipment, and he requests that a high priority be given to printing equipment for printers who concentrate on school text books.
3. I endorse the request and will appreciate your taking whatever action is necessary on it.
4. What, if any, means exist whereby such a publisher can import from England necessary parts for his machines at his own expense?

CARLETON W. WASHBURN
Major, A.U.S.
A/Director of Education

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CONSUL GENERAL OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK REPUBLIC.

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No. 304/44.

Rome, 30th December, 1944. (B)

Education Sub. Commission.*For any action that may be possible*

The Czechoslovak Consul General presents his compliments to the Political Section of the Allied Commission and begs to express his thanks for the Commission's prompt intervention in the matter concerning the passage on the Czechoslovak State in the Italian text-book in question.

Owing to the fact, however, that copies of this rectification have already been distributed to the schools and among the pupils in a considerable number, the Consul General fears that what instruction on Czechoslovakia Italian pupils will receive will continue to be based on a fallacy for some time to come. He would be most grateful, therefore, if the Italian authorities could be requested to take the following steps:

V.P. Pol. Sec. Dec 31.

- a/ Prepare a new text for the next edition without further delay and submit it to this Consulate for perusal.
- b/ Have this text inserted in the present edition in lieu of the text on Slovakia.
- c/ The Italian Ministry of Public Instruction should draw the attention of all elementary schools to the error in the reader and furnish the schools with the correct text for teaching purposes.

The Consul General deeply regrets having to trouble once again with this request the Allied Commission and the authorities, but he finds himself unable to do otherwise than insist on the above rectifications being made as such a fundamental matter as teaching about the existence of the Czechoslovak State in the schools is for us too serious a point to be overlooked.

Headquarters Allied Commission,
Political Section, Apt 394,
ROME.

Wlad. Wawrz

CONSUL GENERAL OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK REPUBLIC.

No. 704/44.

Rome, 18th December, 1944

The Czechoslovak Consul General presents his compliments to the Allied Commission /Political Section/ and, enclosing herewith a school text-book entitled "Il libro della V Classe Elementare" now published by the Ministry of Public Instruction for the year 1944-45, begs to point out that on page 158 there is an article on the so-called "Slovak state" while no mention is made of the Allied state of Czechoslovakia although all the other European states are mentioned. Instead the book contains this article wherein it is stated that Czechoslovakia no longer exists and that the state of Slovakia has sprung up in its place.

The Czechoslovak Consul General, on behalf of his Government, would greatly appreciate it if the Allied Commission would draw the Italian Government's attention to the matter and request them to take the necessary steps in order to have the matter revised and corrected.

The Italian Government, by their declaration of September 26th, 1944, annulled the Munich Agreement and its consequences. In so doing they recognised the integrity of Czechoslovak territory as they recognise that of other Allied nations. It is inadmissible, therefore, that, when other European nations are mentioned in Italian text-books, Czechoslovakia should be omitted while mentioned in its stead is a state which has sprung into being as an ally of Germany and whose existence is not recognised by the Allies.

Encl. 1.

/s/ V.V.

The Political Section,
Allied Commission,
Rome.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Education Subcommittee

ED/HTR/tjr

ED/3.10/ACC

13 September 1944

SUBJECT: Report for Regional Commissioners.

TO : Administrative Section.

1. Action on the following matters through the normal channels was agreed upon with the Minister of Public Instruction in a meeting which took place on 12 September:

a) To appoint a new Pro-Rector for the University of Perugia who would be instructed to form a Committee of Professors to continue the work of epuration begun by AMG. 22 members of the University have already been suspended.

b) To confirm the appointment by the Prefect of Perugia of the Commissioner for the University for Foreigners.

c) To appoint a Pro-Rector for the University of Pisa who would begin epuration in the usual manner. The same person also to be appointed Director of the Normal School which is closely connected with the University.

d) To confirm the Provveditore of Florence in his office. He had been installed by the Partisans.

e) To hold an election of the Rector of Catania University when the incumbent moves to his new Chair at Naples.

f) To attempt to obtain from the military authorities who have requisitioned it a release of part of the printing facilities of the firm of La Tessa in Bari in order that its normal activities may be resumed if only on a reduced scale.

g) To initiate the printing of school books at Florence, where adequate facilities exist, for Regions VIII and IX.

h) To accelerate the task of epuration within the Ministry itself.

HENRY T. ROWELL
Lt. Col., CMP
A/Director of Education

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Education Subcommittee

ED/HR/tjr

9 September 1944

ED/2.15/ACU

SUBJECT: Evacuation in the Field of Education.
TO : Vice President, Administrative Section.

1. The following information is transmitted to you in compliance with your verbal request of 2 September 1944.

2. The methods of Evacuation adopted by the Education Subcommittee for Army and AMG territory are based on practical experience in the field. They have been approved by the Minister of Public Instruction and constitute first steps which lead logically to the methods established by the Italian Government for carrying on the work when Italian territory is restored to its jurisdiction.

3. The method of dealing with personnel belonging to Universities and other institutions of higher learning including Academies is incorporated in an R.C. & M.G. Section Executive Memorandum Number 76, issued on 2 September 1944. A copy thereof is attached hereto as Annex A. This method was first followed in dealing with the University of Rome and the results both in the opinion of the Subcommittee and of the Minister of Public Instruction recommended its adoption as standard procedure.

4. The method which has been adopted for dealing with the personnel of secondary and elementary schools has not been incorporated as yet into an Executive Memorandum. It is contained, however, in an education directive which is handed to the Provveditore agli Studi of each Province by the Education Officer in the field. Its basis of authority is R.C. & M.G. Section Executive Memorandum Number 48, dated 31 of March 1944. The Education Officer is charged with seeing that the provisions of the directive are carried out promptly and thoroughly so far as the Provveditore's authority is concerned and that the appropriate recommendations for action are made to the Provincial and Regional Commissioners. A copy of this directive is attached as Annex B.

HENRY T. ROWELL
Lt. Col., GMP
A/Director of Education

Enclosures:
Annex A (Memo No. 76)
Annex B (Dir. to Prov.)

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ALBUM (B)Directive to Provveditori agli Studi.Defascistization.

1. You will submit within 15 days Schede Personali for all inspectors, presidi and directors in the province along with recommendations concerning their retention or suspension. For those who do not submit Schede you will submit a list of such persons who should be suspended or confirmed and give reasons for your recommendation in each case.
2. Within thirty days you will submit Schede Personali for all teachers about whose retention you may have some doubt. You will be responsible for all other teachers for whom no Schede are submitted.
3. You will be notified in writing by the Provincial Commissioner of those who are to be suspended or retained. Following such notice you will transmit this information to the individuals concerned, notifying them of their right to appeal before a Hearing Commission within a period of thirty days.
4. You will recommend for approval of the Regional Education Officer names of five trustworthy individuals who will serve as members of the Hearing Commission. Results of the findings of this Commission will be forwarded to you and transmitted with your recommendations to the Regional Education Officer. On the basis of these findings, retention or continuation of suspension will be determined.
5. A file for each person investigated will be maintained in both the office of the Regional Education Officer and the office of the Provveditore agli Studi.
6. Such persons as are suspended must be replaced, "incaricati", by persons whom the Provveditore agli Studi considers to be trustworthy, non-fascist and competent. The names and positions of such persons must be submitted at once to the Provincial Commissioner for transmission to the Education Officer and approved by him. Until such approval is obtained, all appointments shall be regarded as provisional.
7. All new appointments as presidi, inspectors or directors shall be "incaricati" subject to the disposition of the Minister of Public Instruction at the close of the current school year.
8. In accord with a recent decree of the Italian Government the following persons shall be suspended from service:
 - a) Any person, particularly one in high office, who has participated actively in the political life of fascism or by showing himself as a consistent apologist of fascism, shows that he is unworthy of serving the state; any person who has obtained an appointment or promotion through favoritism of the party or of fascist officials of high rank shall be suspended.

b) Any employee who has been guilty of fascist bias, incompetence or corrupt practices such as have been introduced by fascism into public administration, shall be likewise suspended.

c) Any person who has held the position of "Squadrista", or "Sannepolista", or "Antemarcia", "Marcia su Roma", "Sciara Littorio" or who has been officer in the Fascist partisanship or improper conduct shall be suspended from his office or employment.

d) Any person who has received undue promotion or any preference in any competitive examination because of his fascist position shall be suspended.

e) Any employee who, after 8 September 1943, moved to northern Italy or has pledged allegiance to or has in any way collaborated with the (Republican) Fascist government shall be suspended.

H.B. Any person who has after 8 September 1943 distinguished himself in the struggle against the Germans may be excused from suspension.

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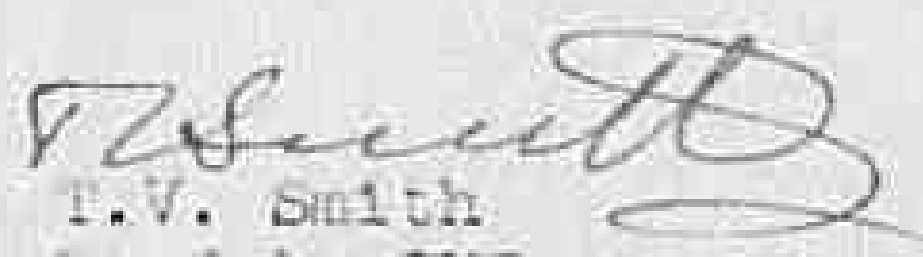
23 Aug 44

TO : ACTING HEAD, ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION.
SUBJECT : LATE MINISTRY OF POPULAR CULTURE

1. With reference to the question of a wider distribution of the functions of the late Ministry of Popular Culture among the ministries, I find that the assignment to Education of the theatre and the cinema was not by decree but through inter-ministerial agreement.

2. The decree itself (Gazzetta Ufficiale, No. 42, dated 1 August 44) only suppresses the previous Ministry of Popular Culture and assigns its functions to the Undersecretary for Press and Information.

3. The question remains as to the wisdom of keeping all propagandistic functions so concentrated and the further question of propriety: how far should we concern ourselves with such internescine matters.


T.V. Smith
Lt. Col. AUS
Director of Education

25 Aug 44. After conference with Col Upjohn (and Major Fielding, who is concerned especially about the drift of the Cinema), I leave the matter, having accomplished my mission, i.e. of raising the question as a matter of policy for ACC.

T.V.S.

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FOR ADVISORY COUNCIL (through Administrative Section,
20 August 1944)

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**FUNCTION AND CONTACTS OF
THE EDUCATION SUBCOMMISSION**

EDUCATION SUBCOMMISSION functions are: (1) to purge textbooks and personnel of the virus of fascism, (2) to restore schools and academies to routine operation, and (3) to return them as normal as possible to the Italian Government. The Contacts concern: (1) spuration, (2) appointments and transfers, (3) revision and printing of books for the schools.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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10 July 1944

REF : ED/310
TO : Acting Vice President, Administrative Section
SUBJECT : Release of American Major for Replacement
in Education Subcommittee.

1. This subcommittee is asked to make way for Major Murphy by nomination an American Major for Release from this Subcommittee.

2. Major C. W. Washburne, AUS, O-518832, is hereby nominated.

3. Since Major Murphy is not expected before 1 August 1944 and since Major Washburne is in the midst of getting schools opened through Region IV (so that through the summer children deprived of schooling for oftentimes a year by the fortunes of war may rejoin their grades in the autumn), urgent request is made that Major Washburne be allowed to continue as Education Officer Region IV until Major Murphy arrives, say, 1 to 10 August 44.

T.V. Smith
Lt. Col. AUS
Director Education Subcommittee

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May, Washington

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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Education Subcommission

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ED/3-10/100

15 May 1944

SUBJECT: Request from Marshal Badoglio.

TO : Administrative Section.

1. Reference Letter 2/3.1/43, dated 11 May 1944.

2. In regard to paragraph 9a - Unity of Direction:

The Education Sub-Commission is in full accord with the need of assuring unity of direction in school services and is in frequent contact with the Minister of Education. All matters of policy, time tables, calendars, programs, examinations, etc., for occupied Italy are presented to him for comment and counsel and, up to the present, nothing has been done contrary to his advice. It is the policy of the Education Sub-Commission to advise all Regional Education Officers in occupied Italy to incorporate in their Region the policies, programs, etc., which are from time to time agreed upon between the Minister of Education and the Education Sub-Commission, insofar as military and local situations permit. As of the present date no disagreement or conflict of policy has appeared.

3. In regard to paragraph 9b - Aid to Students:

The Education Sub-Commission has organized in Naples a Youth Commission of which the present Minister of Education has been the Chairman. This Youth Commission has prepared a statute for submission to the Minister providing for a reorganized Patronato Scolastico to give aid to needy students. The Minister is, of course, fully acquainted with this work and is in hearty agreement with it. The full report will be submitted to him this week.

A committee of the Youth Commission has worked out a comprehensive plan for hot school lunches in Naples, has secured the approval and promise of assignment of dedicated soup from the Food Sub-Commission, has analyzed the practical problems of distribution, etc., all in the hope of demonstrating in Naples what can be done in all large cities. This program has, however, been halted by the Regional Commissioner of Region III who disapproves, for the present, any plan for serving school lunches.

4. In regard to paragraph 7 - Institutions of Technical-Professional Instruction:

The Education Sub-Commission is in full agreement with the Italian Government regarding the necessity of releasing buildings and reconstructing scientific and technical institutions. Through its Regional Officers it is taking such steps as can be taken locally, but the practical difficulties have in most cases been temporarily insurmountable. The Education Sub-Commission will welcome suggestions from the Italian Government as to concrete ways in which it can be of assistance in this highly important work.

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CARLETON F. WASHBURN
Major, A.E.F.
Director

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 334
Education Subcommittee

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27 April 1944

SUBJECT: Establishing Ministry of Education in or near Naples.

TO : The Administrative Director.

1. The new Minister of National Education has requested and received from the Head of his Government permission to establish his Ministry in or near Naples.
2. Since the territory involved is occupied, the Minister has requested of us permission for the move to Naples.
3. On certain grounds the move appears justified and fruitful. These grounds are:

- (1) It would constitute a certain relief on over-crowding at Salerno.
- (2) It would facilitate the gathering of an adequate staff for the Ministry of National Education, since not a few technicians whom the new Minister wishes to use reside in Naples, where the Minister's own residence and retinue are already established.
- (3) It would put the Minister in more direct contact with the technicians in our own Education Subcommittee (who have remained in Naples), at a time when more and more of our collaboration is well within policies already agreed upon.
- (4) His under-Secretary may, if necessary, establish an office in Salerno.
- (5) It need not disturb immediately or greatly the present distribution of the Education Subcommittee Staff.

4. It is recommended that the move be authorized.

F. V. SMITH
Lt. Col., AUS
Director of Education

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12 April 1944

SUBJECT: Report on Youth Activities.

TO : Deputy Chief Commissioner.

THRU : Vice President, Administrative Section.

The Education Sub-Commission has the honor to submit a brief report on its initial efforts to restore on proper foundations certain youth activities in AMG territory. We have approached this matter cautiously and with limited objectives. We have wished to see what initiative there is of the "grass roots" type and what use may be made of it in the educational enterprise. Education Officers of Regions III and IV have pooled their ingenuity under Sub-Commission encouragement to see what may be discovered in Naples worthy of further development in Rome and of eventual recommendation to the Ministry of National Education for the whole of Italy.

The general Commission has been divided into five subcommissions to benefit the youth of various ages. To date these subcommissions have considered the following problems:

1. The University subcommission has arranged a political forum for university students. It is considering plans for the re-establishment of the university printing house. It is attempting to set up a student mess.
2. The Scuola Media Superiore Subcommission has proposed a plan for the establishment of clubs in the secondary schools and the publication of a school newspaper. The first club has been started with great enthusiasm.
3. The Scuola Media Inferiore Subcommission has developed a plan for inaugurating groups akin to the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. A request has been made of the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America for help in rebuilding this organization.
4. The Scuola Elementare Subcommission has presented a detailed plan for furnishing lunches to school children. If this plan is not in early operation, it will not be from any lack of enthusiasm and practicality on the part of the youths who have promoted it.
5. The Asili Infantili Subcommission has proposed plans for re-opening of kindergartens and day nurseries for children of working mothers.
6. The coordinating committee of these five subcommissions has

worked out a general plan for student aid (patronato scolastico) equally applicable in all regions.

We have employed a full time civilian secretary, a gifted and enthusiastic Italian teacher, who brings much energy to the direction of this work and radiates enthusiasm. All reports, from that of the Rector of the Naples University to the humblest student, indicate a genuine passion for independence and a fertility of suggestion which together show that here is a well-spring for the kind of self-management that underlies democratic government.

As a case in point, students below the University level recently gave a concert in a Naples theatre to raise money for their future enterprises. On two days' notice they filled the theatre and gave a creditable performance managed throughout by themselves.

T.V. SMITH
Lt. Col., AUS
Director of Education

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4 April 1944

SUBJECT: Appointment of Italian Officials.

TO : Vice President, Administrative Section.

1. Lacking in personal and commission experience with the matter here in hand, I am thrown back on general principles.
2. The case presented by the Italian Government seems right in general. So much so that I have said to my Minister that I would welcome any evidence that may come to him of mistakes we have made in removals or appointments and would consider them with an open mind.
3. We could hardly surrender the right at this stage to be the final judges as to individual cases of importance; but, in exercising judgment, I think we should lean toward their side of the case. As for education, I know that I shall not straighten the Leaning Tower of Learning by springing leaks in its legal foundation (of administrative law and well established customs of precedence).

T. V. SMITH
Lt. Col., A.U.S.
Director of Education.

To: *Edwards* Sub-Commission

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Near Echelon
Finance Sub-Commission
A.P.O. 394

15 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Financing of School and Monuments and Fine Arts
expenditures in areas outside "King's Italy".

TO : Vice President, Administration Section,
A. C. C., Salerno.

1. Reference is made to Major Washburne's letter to you of 11 March 1944 and to Major Perkin's letter to you of 11 March 1944 concerning the above subject.

2. Such expenditures are to be financed through the Regional Finance Officer, as suggested.

3. A draft instruction outlining the procedure to be followed by all Sub-Commissions was submitted to the Executive Commission for circulation on 13 March 1944.

J. J. LAWLER,
Lt-Cmdr., USCGR,
Finance Sub-Commission,
Salerno Det.

JJL/jbh

10-20 Feb
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TO ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION:

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REPORT ON CONFERENCE WITH MINISTER OF EDUCATION

1. In a long friendly pre-inaugural interview with the new Minister of National Education, formerly Rector Onofrio of Naples University, he broached the question of his establishing his Ministry in or near Naples rather than at Salerno. For this he had received permission from the Head of his Government, and he wished permission from us to move into occupied territory. The permission has been recommended on general grounds of (1) convenience to him and the staff he wishes to gather, (2) access to the technical aspects of this Subcommissions own staff in Naples, and (3) relief to the overcrowding at Salerno.

2. We in our turn sought from him light upon our most pressing problem, defascistization, especially in the portion of Region II which has never been occupied. He urged upon him the necessity for prompt and even action so as to brighten that territory in line with other A.C.C. and A.M.G. practice. He assured us of his willingness and desire to proceed energetically as soon as his office is established. He cited his own record at Naples University in this regard, and bespoke from our experience together there both collaboration and expedition.

3. He is a man not without energy and perhaps with ideas, and we may expect a growing efficiency in the management of education. We have already achieved with him at Naples a rather nice balance of collaboration and independence, and the prospectives with him as national Minister are not bad. He appears less anti-clerical than certain clerics had suggested of him. There is a kind of sharpness about his temperament heightened rather than relieved by a high-tensional seriousness. But what is 'stubbornness' in enemies is often called 'character' among friends.

T.V. Smith,
Lt. Col. AUS
Director of Education, A.C.C.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Education Subcommittee

TO : The Right Hon., the Viscount Stanagate
Vice-President Economic and Administrative Section
Allied Control Commission

FROM : Education Subcommittee

SUBJECT : Academic Honors to Allied Officers

REF : ED/3

DATE : 24 February 1944

- of deference
1. In the honeymoon of Military Government in Italy, particularly in Sicily, universities and cultural societies offered honorary degrees and other evidences to allied officers and particularly to allied educational officers. This was done in part from gratitude.
 2. As gratitude passes through stress into wont, emulation of precedent mixes with premonitions of prudence to extend this practice. The rich field for harvesting "honors" lies just ahead of us.
 3. The present time, with the practice not yet deeply rooted on the Italian mainland, is a proper and opportune moment courteously to institute a policy consistent with Allied disinterestedness and dignity.
 4. Our policy should be as scrupulous in competition for deference as in the acquisition of wealth. Our power is compromised, however subtly, in accepting honors from those who could not deny us them, as it would be overtly corrupted if we took money from them. That they, as conquered men are not free to withhold, we as free men are not privileged to accept, not as honors.
 5. I recommend, therefore, as from the educational frontier, itself peculiarly exposed in this matter, that Allied officers be forbidden to accept academic honors from institutions under the direct control of Allied Military Government.

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Administrative Directorate -

Please see W. Caccia reply -

~~W. Caccia~~
Political Section

15-2-44

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Copy of Letter dated 8 February from Education Sub-Committee to Administrative Directorate

1. Notification has been received from the Rector of Naples University that a number of students of the University wish to enlist in British or American combat units, rather than in the Italian Army -
2. May a statement of policy please be given in this regard?

(Sd) G. R. GAYRE
Lt Col: AEC
Chief in Charge

W. Ceccia -

1. This is forwarded to you for comment. Perhaps a policy has already been laid down.
2. I have seen an Opinion by the Legal Sub-Committee, which in short indicates that the consent of the Secretary for War is necessary for the enlistment of an alien in the British Army, and then in proportions of not more than one alien to fifty British in any unit and without hope of promotion higher than Warrant Officer: similarly in U.S. Army the Secretary of State's consent is required for each enlistment.

3. In any case I suggest that British and American armies would hesitate to use Italian soldiers in Italy: which is probably what these students desire. But you will no doubt like to discuss the point with Colonel Gayre.

4. May I please have an early reply for the Administrative Director?

After speaking to

Big Lush, we saw Col Gayre this morning

and told him that we were to no

question of Italian students enlisting in British or U.S. combat units

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H. Pearson
Capt

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units. This is a political maneuver for which we and
Lt Gayne think Prof Omader is mainly responsible.
Let's own names.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Education Subcommittee

TO : The Right Hon., the Viscount Stansgate.
Vice-President Economic and Administrative Section
Allied Control Commission

FROM : Education Subcommittee

SUBJECT : Improper interference by Cuomo.

REF : ED.3.10

DATE : 15 February 1944

1. A new instance of the interference by the Sub-Secretary of Education of the Italian Government with territory under A.M.G. has just been brought to our attention by the Chief of the Education Division of Region 3. While the incident itself is trivial, the principle involved is not - Cuomo apparently still is trying to exercise direct control or influence over Italian School officials in A.M.G. territory.
2. The incident in question is as follows: the sub-secretary of Education dismissed Cafiero Concetta and Zaniboni Leny, teachers of German in the R. Ginasio Tasso and R. Liceo Scientifico, respectively, both in Salerno, and sent them to the Provveditore agli Studi in Naples with an order or strong recommendation that he employ them, which he did. There was no clearance through the Chief of the Education Division in Region 3.
3. Obviously direct pressure by Cuomo on a Provveditore agli Studi in A.M.G. territory for whatever purpose, is improper interference.

For Lt.Col. G.R.GAYNE

*Carleton W. Washburne*CARLETON W. WASHBURN
Major, A.U.S.
Acting Deputy, Educational Advisor

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To V.P.

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1. This is another outbreak by Education.
2. Suggest that after some be instructed to see this area and clearly define the territory over which he has jurisdiction, and let him to report for fault ^{indication} ~~indication~~ of the soil.

J.H. Lapps
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Ch. Smith through Al Cooper

Yes. This matter be taken up
with the General case he is making
with Sgo Cuomo. I have already
written to the CC asking that Cuomo
might be warned.
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Education Subcommittee

TO : The Right Hon., the Viscount Stansgate
Vice-President Economic and Administrative Section
Allied Control Commission

FROM : Education Subcommittee

SUBJECT: Movement of Commission to Salerno

REF : ED/3.10

DATE : 11 February 1944

1. Major Sherwood tells me that you have changed the arrangement which he made with you during his visit to you in January permitting the Sub-commission to remain in Naples.
2. In view of the fact that I am daily expecting to leave and therefore working at high pressure to finish the work of the University in order to get it open by the end of the month. I hope that this order is not immediately effective. When it was arranged that I should remain here I was granted a month to 6 weeks, and to countermand this now would be unfortunate.
3. Furthermore, this Sub-commission has always been so understaffed owing to the shortsightedness of the planners that it has had to operate on a largely civilian staff. At the moment we have 6 civilian employees all of whom are specialists. If this Sub-commission moves the staff must be disbanded, and a new one found in Salerno - which is no easy matter - or else that number of officers added to the staff. Alternatively the work stops.
4. In addition, as it is quite impracticable for the Rector and Deans or Faculty of the University or other officials to come daily to Salerno, daily travel to Naples would be required which is both a waste of time and petrol.
5. It is therefore suggested that the original arrangement be adhered to as far as I am concerned while I am here. But as soon as Lt. Col. Smith arrives and the files with the chief clerk from Palermo that they should be centered in Salerno. This ought to be any day now as Col. Smith was seen in Algiers last week on his way here. I suggest Major Sherwood should be left here after I have gone to carry on the work with the University and when this is completed he can gradually reduce the civilian staff here.

G. R. BAYNE
Lt. Col. A.E.C.
Educational Advisor

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Ref: 271/2/CA.

11th February 1944.

Subject: Educational Control in Advanced Areas.

To : Vice President, Administrative Section.

1. I refer to memorandum ED/3 of 8th February addressed to you by your Education Adviser.

2. I wish to keep the advanced Rome party belonging to 5 Army AMG to a minimum of officers and this party must, of course, contain those responsible for the immediate administration and preservation of law and order. I should have no objection to the attachment of Capt. Dollard to 5 Army AMG and I suggest that your Education Adviser should discuss this matter with S.C.A.O., 5 Army AMG.

3. While there will be no objection to the Education Officer, 5 Army AMG moving to Rome as soon as possible after the initial stages of occupation, I should feel very dubious about the wisdom of moving the whole of the Sub-Commission to Rome before the general move of the Italian Government with the Allied Control Commission. The arguments put forward by your Education Adviser are no different from any arguments which might be submitted by other Heads of Sub-Commissions and I hope that he can be convinced.

MSL/jg

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M. S. LUSH,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

*We can make our own
tentative plans & try again
when Rome is captured. Failing the move of the S/C
we can send a rep. WJ*

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*Put this in Col Smith's
file for his record*

WJ (also 10/3/44)

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Education Sub-commission

To : The Right Hon., the Viscount Stansgate
Vice-President Economic and Administrative Section
Allied Control Commission

FROM : Education Subcommission

SUBJECT: Educational Control in Advanced Areas

REF : ED/3

DATE : 8 February 1944

A. REGIONAL DIRECTION

1. Experience has shown the necessity of instant control in the educational field, as soon as territory is occupied by the armies, in order to prevent ill advised action in conflict with the Allied policies by the local Italian education officials.
2. It is therefore considered essential that a regional director of education, preferably one who would be persona grata with the Vatican, be appointed to the staff of AMG, 5th Army, to take immediate action in the forward areas, in accordance with the directions of the Educational Sub-commission. A most suitable officer, if available would be Captain Dollard.

B. ADVANCE OF SUB-COMMISSION

1. On the occupation of Rome it is considered of paramount importance that the Educational Sub-commission should move there at the earliest possible moment, for the following reasons:
 - a. The great importance of the University of Rome and the large number of Scholastic Academies and learned Societies there.
 - b. The proximity of the Vatican and the tendency shown by the Cardinal Secretary of State to a strongly critical attitude towards AMG/AC, however unjustified, in the field of education. In this regard it may be remarked that the representative of the Cardinal Secretary of State who visited this Subcommission in Sicily was convinced that his criticisms were based on inaccurate information.
 - c. The fact that University circles in Rome may be expected to contain much stronger fascist elements than have hitherto been encountered.
2. It would be appreciated if authority might be given for this Sub-commission to plan on the basis of a move to Rome immediately entrance is possible in order to take control of what will undoubtedly be a key situation in the Italian educational field.

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Copy to Exec. Com. EC and MG Section ACC
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G.R. GAYRE
Lt. COL. A.E.C.
Education Advisor

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Education Subcommittee

22 January 1944

TO : Administrative Directorate.
SUBJECT : Distribution of Personnel.

- 1) ^A ^L I arising from the conference in Lord Stangate's room this morning it seems the only way this sub-commission can operate, is:
- a) To have Capt. Criven come from Palermo to Salerno immediately.
 - b) To bring Lt. Coker back from Brindisi to Salerno at an early date.
 - c) To bring Major Sherwood from Palermo with the sub-commission, the files and staff to Salerno. ²
 - d) As soon as the 4 officers arrive from Timi Ousu (their nominal roll was received by me at Palermo before I left there) to send one to Salerno to complete the office staff there. (The other 3 will be sent to regions.) ^o
- 2) As soon as the Italian Government moved to Salerno, Major Bergen, Deputy Director, will move into Salerno.
- 3) I require about one month in Naples to get texts and University matters in order.
Therefore, for billeting purposes I really require a billet in Salerno which another of my staff will occupy until I can relieve him.
For information I am attaching a chart of my complete personnel. Sardinia is an unknown field. I need a good director there if there is not one already.

G.R. GAYRE
Lt. Col. A.E.C.
Educational Adviser

DISTRIBUTION OF TOTAL EDUCATIONAL STAFF (Officers)HQ (Naples)

1. Director.....Lt. Col. G.R.GAYRE, A.B.C.

HQ (rear - Palermo)

- To be moved to 2. Administrative Office
Salerno and Adult Education....Major T.H.SHERWOOD,
RE.

3. Schools.....Capt. Criven

4. Educational
Personnel.....Lt. Coker (at present
at Brindisi on special
duty with Displaced
Persons).

Region I

5. Director.....Major G.R. Koopman
6. Lt. Beard
7. Lt. Crichton

Region II

8. Director.....Capt. A. Vesselo

Region III

9. Director.....Capt. G. Geyer

Region IV

10. Director.....Major C.W. Washburne

4 officers posted from Fizzi-Ouzi:

1 will be posted to Hq. Salerno and 1 each to
Regions II, III, and IV.

Sardinia

No known staff - at least one first class Major is re-
quired for this appointment as liaison will be difficult.

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Education Subcommittee

TO : Administrative Directorate
FROM : Education
SUBJECT: Personnel
DATE : 18 January 1944.

1. This subcommittee is in urgent need of additional personnel, particularly on HQ staff.

2. Its position is as follows to date:

HQ. Staff, Naples.....Lt. Col. G.R. Gayre
HQ. Staff, Palermo.....Major W.H. Sherwood
HQ. Staff, Brindisi.....Major T. Bergen
Regional Staff, Region 1.....Major G.R. Keopman
Lt. Crichton
Lt. Beard
Regional Staff, Region 2.....Capt. Vassello
(Col. Mc Caffrey has promised Capt. Vassello the loan of
12 officers shortly).
Regional Staff, Region 3.....Capt. G. Gayer
Regional Staff, Region 4.....Major Washburne

3. SCAG, Messina (Lt. Col. Storey) recommends Capt. Criven (British) for transfer. General Mc Sherry told Lt. Col. Nevin that he would be transferred from Property Control to Education and this has Col. Nevin's support also. Application was made for the transfer but it was not effected. If it could be it would be a great assistance.

4. Four officers are on their way from Tisi-Guzi with these at Hq. The subcommittee, with the addition of Capt. Criven above, will be able to function effectively.

5. There is also a serious shortage of HM/OR personnel. At present there are 2 clerks at Palermo and one here in Naples. (But one of them is down for transfer). The work was only carried on in Palermo with the aid of a quite large civilian staff which had to be trained. It will be necessary to employ more civilians again but it is not desirable to be so reliant upon them - and at least 2 more HM/OR's are needed.

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G.R. GAYRE
Lt. Col. A.S.C. - Educational

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Education Subcommittee

20 January 1944.

SUBJECT: Representation at the Seat of the Italian Government.

TO : Administrative Directorate (for information Vice-President and Deputy Vice President---Section)

1. Major T. Bergen, AUS., Deputy Director of this Subcommittee is our representative at Brindisi in the place of Lt. Colonel Smith and will continue to represent us at the seat of the Italian Government.

2. Fine Arts and Monuments have requested that he should be their liaison officer as well and this is agreeable to us.

G.R. GAYRE
Lt. Col. A.E.C.
Educational Adviser

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ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION
Education Subcommittee

TO : Administrative Directorate

FROM : Education

SUBJECT: Personnel

DATE : 18 January 1944.

1. This subcommission is in urgent need of additional personnel, particularly on HQ staff.

2. Its position is as follows to date:

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HO. Staff, Palermo.....Major W.H. Sherwood

HQ. Staff, Brindisi.....Major T. Bergen

Regional Staff, Region 1.....Major G.R. Keenman

Lt. Orlinton

It. Heard

Regional Staff, Region 2.....Capt. Vesselo

(Col. Mc Caffrey has promised Capt. Vasselo the loan of 12 officers shortly).

Regional Staff, Region 3.....Capt. G. Geyer

Regional Staff, Region 4.....Major Washburne

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4. Four officers are on their way from Tizi-Ouzu. With these at Hq. the subcommission, with the addition of Capt. Criven above, will be able to function effectively.

5. There is also a serious shortage of EM/OR personnel. At present there are 2 clerks at Palermo and one here in Naples. (But one of them is down for transfer). The work was only carried on in Palermo with the aid of a quite large civilian staff which had to be trained. It will be necessary to employ more civilians again but it is not desirable to be so reliant upon them. And at least 2 more EM/OR's are needed.

G. E. GAYLES

Lt. Col. A.S.C. - Educational

