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SICILIA REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394**

**OFFICE: REGIONAL COMMISSIONER
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3 Feb 1945

FILE: ED/350

SUBJECT: Statistical Reports

TO : Headquarters Allied Commission
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(Att: A/DIRECTOR, Education Subcommittee)

1. Reference your ED/6A/3.0/AC of 10 JAN 45 and attached note.
2. I have made copies of the forms for the statistical Reports and forwarded them to all the Provveditori agli Studi of Sicily.
3. Knowing their slowness in making a monthly report, which usually arrives 20 days late, I am certain that at least 3 months will be needed to have such forms completed and returned.
4. The forms with the statistical data will be returned to your Headquarters as soon as the Report is complete.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Education Subcommittee

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8 September 1944

SUBJECT: Education in Region I.

TO : Director of Education, Education Subcommittee.

1. On my recent trip I was able to spend two days in Palermo, to visit Caltanissetta province, to visit the Scuola di Ceramica of Santo Stefano and to spend one day in Catania.

2. A few secondary text books are being printed. No elementary textbooks were being printed. I did what I could to release electricity for printers who were ready to print. Paper releases had been blocked by FWB (Mr. Frantz). Since he was away I went over the paper situation with the Regional Commissioner, his executive officer and Major DRING, Chief, economics and supply. They promised to do all possible to release paper for each book as it was ready for the press. The situation looked depressing, however, since there were 52 tons in the pool and 80 tons is normal consumption. The price of elementary textbooks has not yet been set by the Minister. This should be done at once. I acted on all requests for paper that had come in.

3. Brigadier CARR felt that he could get along without regular help. He appointed Lt. DE BELLIS as education and press officer. He authorized the continuance of the education office.

4. Central Inspector Barbato is still in the office. Matarella stated that the High Commissioner would be given power in the field of education and that Barbato would advise the High Commissioner. I raised no objection.

5. Matarella asked my advice on the retirement of Provveditore Cassara of Catania and the appointment of Preside Palumbo of Liceo Umberto I in his stead. I stated that I considered Palumbo very strong preside and that I thought Cassara should be retired on the basis of age.

6. The Scuola di Ceramica at Santo Stefano has not yet been regified. This excellent school is entirely destitute and should be aided.

7. Defascistization was discussed by Chief, public safety, the Regional Commissioner and his executive. We were agreed that it would be a huge task for Italian authorities. ACC will provide information only. At this point may I stress Matarella's point that provincial commissions should be appointed at once. To postpone provincial commissions until after higher commissions have acted would be fatal in my opinion.

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8. My visit to Caltanissetta reassured me. Reports of irregularities there are quite unfounded insofar as they affect Provveditore Russo.

9. I have already explained the University of Catania situation orally. Lt. Colonel GILES is in charge of the eastern part of the island. A report should be made to him as to the reaction of AAI to the failure of the area command to vacate the buildings of the University of Catania.

For the A/Director of Education:

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Education Subcommittee

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1 August 1944

SUBJECT: Field trip to Region I.

TO : Director of Education,
Education Subcommittee,
Hq., Allied Control Commission.

1. Left Bari at 1230 hours on 22 July by plane but was unable to land at Palermo with the result that I spent the night in Algiers and returned to Palermo on Sunday 23 July 1944.
2. Conferred with Colonel JORDAN, Executive Officer on Sunday.
3. Monday morning I went to the office but after assigning some work to staff members I went to bed and stayed in for 3 days with sand fly fever.
4. Thursday, 27 July, was spent in office work.
5. Textbook publishing was pressing. Local publishers were out of work for their staffs. The sussidario for the IVth class was ready for printing but was being held up because of a shortage of electricity. Uncertainty about price may have been the real cause. I estimated that the price should be 23 lire. However, the problem was left for the Ministry. The sillabario has not been started because of a shortage of ink. I did collect a check to pay for the twine needed for the sillabario and delivered the check to Captain HEILMAN at Naples.
6. I refused to approve any secondary books but accepted some manuscripts to be delivered to the commission in Rome.
7. On 28 July I consulted with the Regional Legal Officer and the Regional Public Safety Officer on defascistization and with Materella, subsecretary of education.
8. La Barbera, of Gonzaga Institute was appointed to handle elementary text books for the Ministry on the authority of Materella.
9. I discussed the work of Barbato with Materella who felt that Barbato should assist the High Commissioner in that office. Barbato awaits instructions.
10. On July 29 I went over all problems connected with elementary textbooks with La Barbera. Later we met with the publishers and the wholesaler and distributor. Among other outcomes we agreed upon the number of books to be published and I certified this number to Captain HUNTER of Economics and Supply who agreed to care for the release of paper for them.

11. I found that Colonel FISKE had asked for a further report on Pugliatti of Messina University. I referred this matter to the Regional Public Safety Officer. You will remember that I suggested to the Minister that Pugliatti be investigated. Could that request be renewed?

12. My sickness made it impossible to visit Enna and Caltanissetta as planned.

13. Provveditore Monti asked to be permitted to resume a post. I have given you his petition with my reactions.

14. I interviewed the Directress of the secondary school at Lipari.

15. I left Palermo by air at 1245 hours on 30 July, spent the night in Naples and arrived in Rome at 1130 hours 31 July 1944.

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