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SUBJECT: Provisional Arrangements for Italian Army in ROME.

1. Set-up in ROME:

- a. Italian Military Authority in ROME (I.M.A.R.):
For organization see Appendix "A".
Gen. RENCIERGA in authority.
- b. Military and other personnel:
See Appendix "B".

2. Problems:

- a. The "take-over" between I.M.A.R. and LEGGE authorities.
- b. Action in connection with personnel shown in Appendix "B".
- c. Accommodation for M.M.I.A., M. of W., and S.M.R.E. when they come to ROME; and dates of move to ROME.
- d. The ration problem.
- e. Channels of control.

3. As regards 2a:

- a. Chief Commissioner, A.C.C., and American C.G. ROME area approve provisional continuance of Gen. RENCIERGA as Italian Military Authority in ROME pending the arrival and take-over by M. of W. Justice and consideration must be given to RENCIERGA in view of his good work. There must be no ruthless or aggressive assumption of power by M. of W. The business is a matter of careful, tactful handling and wholehearted cooperation between the existing Italian Army authorities and the temporary "ROME military authority", for the good of ITALY.
- b. Advance parties from M. of W. and S.M.R.E. in ROME will work under the command of RENCIERGA in the closest liaison with M.M.I.A., who will be the agency for issuing the policy approved by the Allied C. in C.
- c. Later, when (it is hoped) M. of W. and S.M.R.E. move to ROME officially, a date will be fixed on which command of the whole Italian Army will be unified, and M. of W. and S.M.R.E. will assume executive control of the Italian ROME garrison and responsibilities.

4. As regards 2b - see Appendix "B":

- a. G.G. PT. and CC. MR. to be enrolled officially as such. Enough vacancies exist within provisional ceiling of 60,000. These can then be issued with Army scale of rations.
- b. Agents of Public Security Corps--civilians and a matter for A.C.C. as regards organization, feeding on civilian scale, etc.
- c. Sick in hospital--are A.C.C. responsibility for care and feeding.
- d. Members of partisan bands whose families are NOT in ROME--these count as civilians for feeding until "screened", and where desirable, enrolled officially into the Army.

In addition, it is understood that there are a further 2500 partisans who are living with their families in ROME. These to be dealt with similarly to the other partisans.

- e. Garrison forces--until "screened", and where desirable officially enrolled into effective Italian Army controlled by M. of W. and S.M.R.E.; these to be counted as civilians for feeding, but to continue their work under RENCIERGA and M.M.I.A.

f. Navy personnel--to be counted as civilians for feeding until "screened", and where desirable, officially enrolled into existing Navy controlled by

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- b. Action in connection with personnel shown in Appendix "B".
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3. As regards 2a:

- a. Chief Commissioner, A.G.O., and American C.G. ROME area approve provisional continuance of Gen. HENCIVENGA as Italian Military Authority in ROME pending the arrival and take-over by M. of W. Justice and consideration must be given to HENCIVENGA in view of his good work. There must be no ruthless or aggressive assumption of power by M. of W. The business is a matter of careful, tactful handling and wholehearted cooperation between the existing Italian Army authorities and the temporary "ROME military authority", for the good of ITALY.
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- a. CG. FF. and CC. RR. to be enrolled officially as such. Though vacancies exist within provisional ceiling of 60,000. These can then be issued with Army scale of rations.
- b. Agents of Public Security Corps--civilians and a matter for A.G.O. as regards organization, feeding on civilian scale, etc.
- c. Sick in hospital--are A.G.O. responsibility for care and feeding.
- d. Members of partisan bands whose families are NOT in ROME--these count as civilians for feeding until "screened", and where desirable, enrolled officially into the Army.
- In addition, it is understood that there are a further 2500 partisans who are living with their families in ROME. These to be dealt with similarly to the other partisans.
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- f. Navy personnel--to be counted as civilians for feeding until "screened", and where desirable, officially enrolled into existing Navy controlled by Minister of Marine.
- g. Air Force personnel--as for (f), mutatis mutandis.
- h. Central Mess--M.M.I.A. have secured permission to retain this--feeding a civil matter for A.G.O.
- i. P.A.I.--M.M.I.A. not concerned; a civil matter.

ACTION REQUIRED NOW ON ABOVE:

- j. M. of W. and S.M.R.E. to send advance parties now, each of up to 15

officers plus small number of clerks and administrative personnel. S.M.R.E. party under Gen. ONILIA. To be located in M. of W. building, Rome. See also paragraphs 3b and 5e.

k. M.M.I.A. to send advance party, as detailed, including wireless for link with LEQUITE, to arrive Rome by Friday evening, 23 June.

l. M. of W. to set up forthwith a further "screening" agency in Rome to screen personnel other than officers as in 4a, d and e. This personnel to be dealt with in accordance with M.M.I.A. G/19, dated 3 June, in conjunction with Carabinieri, as regards tracing individuals, etc.

m. The numbers of officers in existing Italian Army have been reduced, but are still overstrength. Several thousand more have been found in Rome. More will undoubtedly be found as we advance North. The total strength of the Italian Army has not yet been decided by COS, so it is not possible to give a firm figure of the eventual total number of officers which will be authorized. Nevertheless, it is essential to act now to reduce the numbers of surplus officers, selection for retention being on the basis of past record combined with future potentiality.

n. To examine the cases of Majors and below, boards will be constituted and set up under the direction of M. of W., who will take action on the boards' recommendation, reporting to M.M.I.A. on the list of each month the totals retained or discharged, by rank.

For Lt. Cols. and Colonels, a central board will be constituted and set up by M. of W. in M. of W. building. An M.M.I.A. officer will attend as representing the Allied C. in C.

For General's recommendations agreed by Comando Supremo will be submitted by M. of W. to M.M.I.A. for approval by Allied C. in C.

Figures to work to in the first instance will be:

~~as follows~~ and below ~ 14,700

Lt. Cols. and Colonels ~ 300

Generals ~ 70

This will permit of the addition of a number of officers who will become available as we advance further.

i. M.M.A.R. will be represented on the board for Majors and below in Rome area, and on central board, so that these may know of the I.M.A.R. officers' recent activities and conduct.

z. Examination by M.M.I.A. and A.A.I. of the matter of the development of the Italian Armed Forces' supply system for the whole area North of the original line prior to the present advance. This plan should envisage the whole of Italy.

5. As regards 2c:

a. The permission and date for M.M.I.A., Comando Supremo, M. of W., and S.M.R.E. to move to Rome completely has not yet been given. Meanwhile, preparations will be made.

b. M.M.I.A. offices will be located in the Ministry of Corporations building, alongside remainder of A.C.C.

c. M.M.I.A. officers and OA's will be housed in hotels already designated.

d. All the offices of the Italian Military Authorities (including temporarily I.M.A.R.) will be in the M. of W. building. Housing of these officers and men will be the responsibility of the Italian authorities, with assistance (if necessary) of M.M.I.A.

e. Advance party of M.M.I.A. will arrive in Rome as per paragraph 4k,

and of M. of W. and S.M.R.E. as per paragraph 4j. Remainder will move when further orders are received from A.A.I. (see paragraph 5a above).

f. "M.M.I.A. Advanced" representative in Rome will be Colonel PIDSLEY,

who will deal direct with I.M.A.R.

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to examine the bases of M. of W., who will take action on the boards and set up under the direction of M. of W., on the 1st of each month the totals recommended, reporting to M.M.I.A. on the 1st of each month the totals retained or discharged, by rank.

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f. M.M.I.A. Advanced representative in ROME will be Colonel PIDELEY, who will deal direct with I.M.A.R.

g. A decision has been secured by M.M.I.A. that NO War Ministry real estate in ROME will be requisitioned without reference to "M.M.I.A. Advanced".

6. As regards 2d:

As specified in paragraphs 4a to 4i, the principle to be followed is that until military personnel are officially enrolled in the Italian Army under Allied command, they count as civilians for ration purposes.

The policy is laid down in Hq. M.M.I.A. G/19, dated 3 June, in order to obviate issue of rations on Army scale above the provisional ceiling of Italian Army personnel.

7. As regards 2e:

a. For "Italian Military Authority in Rome", see paragraph 3a.
 b. An advanced echelon ("M.M.I.A. Advanced") has been set up in the Ministry of Corporations building in Rome under Colonel W. FISLEY. All matters of relevant local importance will be referred to and dealt with by him, direct with F.M.A. and "M.M.I.A. Rear" at LEQUIE. He is also authorized to deal direct with A.A.I. where necessary.

(Signed.) *L. Browning.*

Major General
 Director, Army Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

W. Fisher
Colonel

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TABLE SHOWING TEMPORARY ITALIAN MILITARY COMMAND IN ROMEGeneral RENCIVENGA ©

General TAMASSIA ©
Commander of ROME Garrison
(Depots, hospitals, etc.)

Legal Governor of ROME for interim period between withdrawal of the Germans and entry of Allies. (Approved by Fifth Army.) Now recognized by agreement BERARDI-PIDSELY as temporary Military Commander of Italian Armed Forces in ROME (not under command of Allies) until position systemized by arrival of Ministry of War and S.M.R.E.

General ODDONE ©
Semi-representative of S.M.R.E., and carrying out task of examining records of all Army personnel remaining in ROME during German occupation.

Col. PACINOTTI ©
Chief of Staff and Liaison RENCIVENGA-ODDONE.

General GIROTTI ©
At disposal of ODDONE for examination of p'nel.

General CARATTI ©
Artillery Services & salvaging of War materiel.

General CORTELLI ©
Engineer Services & Communications, radio etc.

Lt. Col. DE PIERO ©
Capo della Segreteria.

Col. BALZAN
LEOCE representative of Ministero della Guerra.

Col. SAN PO
LEOCE representative of S.M.R.E.

© Officers engaged in clandestine front movement in ROME prior to arrival of Allies.

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APPENDIX "A"

APPENDIX "B"MILITARY COMMAND OF ROME

No. 5/55 di prot.

Rome, 16 June 1944

Pro memoria for Colonel Howard

A problem of the utmost importance is that of feeding the numerous personnel sick in hospital, forming part of the Public Safety forces, or belonging to military units whose existence is essential for calling in of the partisan bands and individuals without units.

The following sets out the numbers in each category:

Internal Security Forces.

1. R. Guardia di Finanza.....	3,000
2. Carabinieri (excl. those brought by 5th Army)	7,000
3. Agents of Public Security Corps.....	10,000
4. Sick in hospital.....	1,500
5. Members of partisan bands whose families are not in Rome.....	2,500
6. Garrison Forces (personnel from the Distretti Militari, Carabinieri, 2 Reorganization Camps providing for the concentration and re-forming of military personnel not living in Rome, hospital personnel, and personnel of demobilization offices).....	6,000
7. Navy personnel of the same categories.....	1,000
8. Air Force personnel of the same categories...	1,000
9. Central mess for penniless officers and the families of officers who are prisoners in Poland or Germany, providing 2,000 meals a day.....	2,000
10. F.A.I.--Italian Colonial Police now being disbanded and concerning which orders are awaited.....	1,500
TOTAL.....	35,500

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As from the 20 June, the problem to be faced is either:

- a. to furnish rations from Allied sources, or
- b. to authorize "GENERAL" to provide the rations needed from those authorized for the City of Rome.

d'ordine
Il Capo di Stato Maggiore
(Col. G. FAGINOTTI)

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