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TO: H.Q. Allied Commission - Labour Sub-Commission.

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c. Lucca: No unrest reported. There is a general feeling in favor of the "Caro-vita".

3. SOCIAL SECURITY:

a. Florence: Operations have been hampered to some extent by lack of transportation and mail facilities notwithstanding this Divisions attempt at assistance with transportation whenever possible.

Otherwise proceeding satisfactorily.

b. Pistoia: The 3 Social Insurance agencies have some minor problems such as repairs to premises, fuel, and ousting of refugees from premises. These are being taken care of as they come up. The Cassa Malattie reports some financial difficulty in that a major part of industry is out of action. The few that are still in operation do not make contributions. We are, in conjunction with the Statistical Division of the Provincial office, compiling a list of delinquent industries and citing them to make payments. Some few companies are up to date but, due to the fact that Post Offices are not in operation payments by money order cannot be made. The Cassa has asked that employers pay directly to employees whenever benefits are due and then credits the sums to their accounts. Payments are made under the supervision of Cassa functionaries.

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5. GENERAL STATISTICS: LABOR SUPPLY

Fifty one offices are in operation in this area. Following are statistics on the number of persons referred to work through these offices:

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	Women;..... 633
	Total2234
Pistoia : 22 offices	Men;..... 215
	Women;..... ---
	Total 215
Lucca : 11 offices	Men;.....4712
	Women;..... ---
	Total4712
Total number of offices 51	

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(This figure does not include some outlying offices from which reports are not available.)

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SUBJECT : Monthly Report of Labor Division.

TO : HQ. Allied Commission. ✓
(Labor Sub-Commission).

The report of the Labor Division for the month of October
is forwarded herewith.

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Colonel, U.S.
Chief of Staff.
A.M.G. 5th Army.

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November 1, 1944

To : CHIEF OF STAFF
 AMC - 5th Army

From : Chief Labor Division

Subject : October Report.

GENERAL- The Temporary Wage Increase Order and the Order on Labor Relations were signed by Gen. HUSE and have been published. The effective date of wage increase was October 1.

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LABOR RELATIONS- Satisfactory except for stoppage involving 200 Ordinance laborers because of dispute over food (see special report dated November 1).

Railroad Labor - Several conferences were held with Officers of the Military Railroad Service and the Italian State Railroads. When we entered the area the railroads were not functioning but about 9000 railroad workers were on the payrolls. The Italian State Railroad Officials issued orders discharging all female employees and a number of male employees. This resulted in strong protest from the workers. The discharge orders have been modified and as the MRS has begun to repair the line it is believed that instead of discharging workers the

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Officials at Naples, Rome and now Florence and has always caused labor unrest.

PUBLIC UTILITY WORKERS- This group of workers have been under special observation by this Division. Some dissatisfaction appeared in Telephone and Electric Light because it was alleged that fascists were continued in office. Mr. Agosti the new Director of the Telephone Company of Rome solved the problem after conferring with this office and with Major Ayres Communication Officer. A co-operative mess has been organized by the Public Utility workers Teti, Valdarno etc. It is believed that this mess will have very beneficial effect in keeping the Public Utility Workers of Florence on the job.

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LABOR ORGANIZATION- A branch of the General Confederation of Labor for Tuscany has been organized at Florence with a secretariate of three, one socialist, one demo-christian, one communist. The Confederation has been generally co-operative and was used as a source of Labor Supply before the establishment of Labor Supply Offices. The Camera Confederale del Lavoro has ordered all its subordinate bodies to refrain from displaying party flags or emblems. However the Communist Party is reported to have provided funds for various purposes and is very active within the

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PROVINCIAL LABOR OFFICES- A Provincial Labor Office has been organized

and is functioning in the Province of Florence. Budgets were prepared and approved for Province of Florence, Pistoia, Lucca, Pisa and Apuanis. Temporary Labor Offices are functioning in Pistoia and Lucca. The Labor Office at Pisa is functioning in connection with the Office at Livorno. Capt. Robertson has visited and conferred with the Provincial Commissioners at Livorno, Pisa, Lucca and Pistoia. Conferences have also been held with ACC and PBS Officers at Livorno and at Florence.

LABOR CONFERENCE - A Labor Conference was held at Florence on October 27 of all Labor of Officers in the forward areas. Ministers Togliatti and Gronchi - Mr. Togliatti appeared in 5th Army Area and addressed Mass Meetings composed mostly of workers in Florence and in the Provinces. Mr. Gronchi has also been in the 5th Army Area. His contacts here were mostly political. He is reported to have addressed a small group of the Industriali at Florence. He made no official contact with the Provincial Labor Office or with Social Security Offices.

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