



MEMORANDUM

August 28, 1943

For: S.

From: D.

Referring to your note which I received yesterday evening. The request for names did not, as far as I know, come from AMGOT. although, of course, it might eventually be useful to them. I believe that the idea was that if our people took over any particular area it would be helpful for them to know, in the strictest confidence, who they could view as particularly trustworthy and to whom they could turn for advice and guidance as to the local situation.

Having received this request I felt it was desirable that among those whom our people should consult should be friends of yours. If, however, you consider it unwise at this stage to give names I shall have to turn elsewhere.

I don't know where you get your information about AMGOT. It does not accord with mine, but I am asking for a full report and I hope we can soon have something more detailed to give you.
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With regard to the two numbers of the Radio Bulletin which were passed to you, I wish to add the following: my friend *Bartle* to whom you addressed yourself, replied that he felt that the clearest answer to your inquiry was contained in the two statements of the President, which he cited and asked us to bring to your attention. These two statements, which you have already noted, were:- (1) "That at the end of German domination of Italy and when the Fascist Regime is thrown out we can well assure the Italian people of their freedom to choose the kind of non-Fascist and non-Nazi form of government they wish to establish", and (2) "Eventually Italy will reconstitute herself. It will be the people of Italy who will do that, choosing their own government in accordance with the basic democratic principles of liberty and equality". Frankly, I don't know how our position could be made more clear, or how the question you propose could be more adequately answered.

I don't know to what you refer in mentioning "affirmations en faveur de la monarchie italienne" as being the most recent indications of the intentions of the Allies. I know of no such declarations.

I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you soon, as it is difficult to deal with these matters in this fashion.

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