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SUBJECT: British and American Red Cross.

TO : All Regional Commissioners & S.C.A.Os. 5 and 8 Armies.

1. For the guidance and direction of all officers of the Allied Control Commission, this directive sets forth the relationship between ACC and the American and British Red Cross Societies.

2. The assistance of the American and British Red Cross Societies is on a voluntary basis. Both groups are distributing clothing through indigenous welfare agencies, with the aid of the Italian Red Cross. The Red Cross Societies have accepted the responsibility of supervising distribution and performing such welfare activities among the needy populace as ACC may direct. Red Cross participation is of a temporary nature, since it is desired to have local agencies ready to assume the responsibility of caring for themselves in a very short time.

3. Red Cross personnel, assigned to assist ACC in the discharge of their responsibilities are not to be placed in charge of any act program. Red Cross personnel are under the direction of the Allied officers to whom they are assigned and will take orders within the framework of Red Cross policy, reporting regularly to the officer responsible for their work as to the progress or completion of the assignment.

4. One member of the Red Cross staff in each Region will be designated by the Red Cross Director as Regional Supervisor. Through him submissions of reports to Red Cross office will be made. It is understood that the contents of such reports will have been discussed with ACC officers before the Supervisor submits them to Red Cross Headquarters. The Supervisor will also have the responsibility for clearing with ACC officers the details of service in his Region. A member of the Red Cross staff attached to the Italian Refugee Branch, or to the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, will be designated by the Red Cross Director to undertake similar duties to those of the Regional Supervisors.

5. Red Cross workers will participate in the following :

(a) Joint preliminary planning, for present and future relief operations, in cooperation with ACC.

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(c) Assisting and advising with ACC on specialized relief projects, particularly with women and children and civilian hospital service, in cooperation with the other activities of ACC.

(d) Supplying advisory services to ACC on matters pertaining to relief and Red Cross activities which may be of value to the overal administration of the territory under occupation.

(e) Liaison with the Italian Red Cross and/or other indigenous local agencies in the planning for use of their personnel, facilities, and supplies in present and future operations.

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6. For the Red Cross to exercise properly these functions, ACC accepts the responsibility for :

(a) Billeting and messing ARC and R&C War Relief Staff on assignment.

(b) Transportation and travel orders of Red Cross Staff, if necessary.

(c) Office space, clerical aid and other assistance as necessary for the proper prosecution of their duties to the extent it is possible for ACC to provide.

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