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5	10/11/43	Executive Council Meeting
6	11/11/43	The 18th Meeting Of The Executive Council
7	16/11/43	Executive Council Meeting
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Correction to Minutes of Executive Council
23rd Meeting, 4 February 44

1. At the request of Lieut. Col. Jenny, para.244 (c) of the Minutes of the 23rd Meeting of the Executive Council is corrected to read as follows:

> " The Public Works Ministry is not yet certain as to where the division will be in the functions between Public Works and the Industry and Commerce Ministry. Whatever that will be, it is quite apparent that there will have to be close co-operation between our Public Works and Industry and Commerce Sub-Commissions."

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23rd Meeting
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Major General S.S.Solodovonik	Soviet Rep. with A.C.C.
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Brigadier Gueterbock	Chief of Staff.
Brigadier Carr	R.C.A.O. Region IV.
Brigadier Dunlop	R.C.A.O. Region VI.
Mr. Henry Grady	Economic Section.
Mr. Ian Campbell	MEDBO.
Mr. Caccia	Political Section.
Mr. Reber	" "
Col. Whittley	R.C.A.O. Region V.
Col. Young	Security and Intelligence.
Col. Evans	Director, Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission.
Col. Adams	Chief Staff Officer, Econ.Sec.
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Col. Fiske	Deputy Exec. Commissioner.
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Col. Upjohn	Director Legal Sub-Commission.
Col. Grafftey-Smith	Director Finance Sub-Comm.
Col. Kirk	Director P.S. Sub-Comm.
Col. Fitch	Director Int.Transportation Sub-Commission.
Commodore Palmer	Chief, Naval Section.
Col. Adams	C.S.O. Econ. Section.
Col. Belser	Region 5.
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230. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 1430 hrs.

231. The Chairman stated that he wished the Director of each Sub-Commission to give a brief statement of the principal activities of that Sub-Commission during the past two weeks, so that all present both from H.Q. and the field would have a general idea what each Sub-Commission was doing and the chief problems which confronted it.

232. Interior Sub-Commission. (Lt.Col.Spicer)

(a) The chief activities of this Sub-Commission during the past two weeks was the translation of the text of various Italian laws and decrees relating to local government, and the checking of reports from the Italian Government relating to conditions in King's Italy .

(b) The Sub-Commission has also dealt with a number of applications for the appointment and removal of public officials. The Italians often desired the appointment of officials in unoccupied territory which A.M.G. had removed. In a few cases the Italians had tried to put forward men who were of poor calibre.

(c) Little had been done as yet on the ecclesiastical side and no difficulties had been encountered.

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(a) The activities of this Sub-Commission to-date had been advisory rather than operational.

(b) In connection with the police little direct contact was made at H.Q. because dealings with the Italian Police were largely handled by the Regions. The coordination of civilian internees had been worked out between the various Headquarters. It is believed that in the future this will largely be handled by the Army. Considerable effort has been made to procure arms, equipment and pay for the Carabinieri.

(c) Studies have been instituted of prisons in an effort to alleviate the congestion in Region 2. This could be done either by obtaining the release by the military of some of the prisons now used by them; by turning over to the Italian Government the problem of caring for prisoners sentenced by Allied Military Courts, and by the removal of any civilian internees that still might be incarcerated in prisons.

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(a) The typhus epidemic in Naples has been stayed for the moment. Cases have fallen from 35 to 40 down to 17 to 25 a day. However, there are still a substantial number of cases and the epidemic is far from over. Experiments were being made of the new disinfestation equipment. A Typhus Board has been set up on which representatives of the Army and Navy and A.C.C. sit. This Board will not exist permanently as the Army and Navy are anxious for A.C.C. to take over the problem as soon as possible.

(b) A survey had been made of the hospital situation. One of the chief problems is securing an adequate ration of food for hospital and institutional purposes, as the inmates were not able to supplement the regular ration with additional food from outside sources.

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(c) Contacts have been made with the various vetinerary sources and laboratories are being set up for the provision of serums.

(d) The Venereal Disease problem in Naples and in the 5th Army area is still tremendous. The authorities are trying to combat the evil by putting un-licensed houses out of bounds to troops, and by instituting hospital treatment for the cases found, but the figures are still high.

(e) Red Cross clothing has recently arrived and is being distributed.

(f) A Program has been undertaken for the control of malaria during the coming season which promises to be a sizable problem, as the irrigation ditches have been destroyed. Every effort must be made to restore adequate malarial controls.

The Chairman emphasised the necessity of each R.C.A.O. recognizing, treating and reporting every case of typhus in his area. A.C.C. will have to take over the typhus problem even in Naples as soon as possible, and the situation must be watched closely to prevent any spread.

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(a) The Minister of Justice was not very strong but could act on a low level as he had in Foggia when he set up a Court of Appeal there because the usual Court of Appeal operating from Bari was unable to function in Foggia.

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The Chairman emphasized the importance of the last two items mentioned by Col. Upjohn and also indicated that the decrees of the Italian Government should not be published in occupied territory unless separately promulgated or approved in some form.

236. Education Sub-Commission. (Major Washburn)

(a) The vetting of all personnel for previous Fascist activities continues. The higher officials are vetted by H.Q., and the lower officials by the Regions.

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(b) Some textbooks have been completed and are being printed in Palermo for use in Sicily and Calabria. Those intended for the balance of Italy would be printed in Naples as soon as paper became available.

(c) A Local Committee was being set up to handle youth problems, using Naples as a test ground.

(d) A survey was being made of the Italian School system, including the allocation of the various schools and statistics relating to their condition and capacity.

(e) Detailed instructions were given to all Directors of Education in the provinces indicating how they were to proceed in educating the youth.

The Chairman asked to what extent Italian youth had become saturated with Fascist doctrine. Major Washburn replied that he thought that they were not as badly affected as the German youth were by Nazism, and many of them in the south were thoroughly sick of the Fascist teachings.

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Mr. Grady said that Col. Koenig of the Public Works and Mines Sub-Commission had indicated that Sardinian coal was much better than the local people thought. If certain equipment is received as expected these mines will be able to produce a million tons annualy by June. The chief limiting factor was transportation.

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240. Electric Power Mission. (Major Barry)

The program for supplying power to Rome from the south in the event that the installations in Rome itself were destroyed by the retreating forces was explained. Power needed for operating the Vatican, which would probably not be cut off by the Germans, would not assist the population very much.

241. Labor Sub-Commission. (Col. Bain)

(a) The re-organisation of the employee exchanges in Sicily was being undertaken, as the present system of registration was found to be useless. In Catania reports of a black market in skilled labor had been received. An order mobilizing all labor was being prepared to prevent it.

(b) The Provincial Labor Offices were about to be placed under the Ministry of Labor rather than under the Prefects, because appointments had been influenced by politics.

(c) Orders had been issued recently permitting labor unions to organise freely. King's Italy had agreed to abolish the sindacal system of labor organisation. An officer has been assigned to keep in touch with newly formed labor organisations. He has talked to the leading members of the recent Bari Conference and believes that the political parties will not disturb the unions until they are formed, after which they will no doubt have some political connection. The people organising unions were for the most part groping in the dark and have received considerable advice from the Sub-Commission.

(d) The Italian social insurance system was extremely complicated. It was being studied and overhauled.

242. Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Sub-Commission. (Major Dickie)

(a) Every effort is being made to plant the seed for the coming season in time and to secure an equitable distribution of the available fertilizers and insecticides.

(b) A census is being taken of the present agricultural productive capacity, because the existing statistics were found to be so old as to be of no real value.

(c) Efforts are being made to organise more effective control of agricultural production, which program is being worked out with the Italian Government. The cooperation of the Italian Government including the Ministry of

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(c) Orders had been issued recently permitting labor unions to organise freely. King's Italy had agreed to abolish the sindacal system of labor organisation. An officer has been assigned to keep in touch with newly formed labor organisations. He has talked to the leading members of the recent Bari Conference and believes that the political parties will not disturb the unions until they are formed, after which they will no doubt have some political connection. The people organising unions were for the most part groping in the dark and have received considerable advice from the Sub-Commission.

(d) The Italian social insurance system was extremely complicated. It was being studied and overhauled.

242. Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Sub-Commission. (Major Dickie)

(a) Every effort is being made to plant the seed for the coming season in time and to secure an equitable distribution of the available fertilizers and insecticides.

(b) A census is being taken of the present agricultural productive capacity, because the existing statistics were found to be so old as to be of no real value.

(c) Efforts are being made to organise more effective control of agricultural production, which program is being worked out with the Italian Government. The cooperation of the Italian Government including the Ministry of Agriculture has been very satisfactory.

(d) A survey of forests and the creation of a system for their control is in progress.

(e) Efforts are being made to remove as many restrictions as possible from the fishing areas, and to find proper equipment for the fishing fleets.

The Chairman asked if any collective farming had existed in Italy. Major Dickie thought there had been some but that it was not very widespread. Owing to the fact that his staff in the Regions was limited, there had been little opportunity to go into this question thoroughly.

In response to a question by the Chairman, Major Dickie stated that it would probably be necessary to release on leave certain soldiers during the coming harvest. Already the calling up of young men had produced complaints in Foggia.

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243. Food Sub-Commission. (Lt.Col.Lee)

(a) It was explained that although this Sub-Commission was only two weeks old, efforts were already being made to secure an equitable distribution of the available sources of food. Close collaboration is being maintained with the Internal Transportation Sub-Commission, because the handling of bulk wheat from warehouse to consumer was chiefly a question of road transport.

(b) A conference is being held this weekend of all the Supply Officers. The chief problems are those relating to milling, the provision of sacks, and the allocation between maintenance and build-up. At the conference it would be ascertained how the Regions wanted the jobs done, and this H.Q. if possible would try to do it that way.

(c) One of the chief present problems is the existence of different ration scales in different areas. For instance in the 8th Army area 150 grams is allotted to light workers, and as much as 500 grams daily to heavy workers. Such rations could not be supplied. In other Regions a pasta ration had been set up even though it was not included in the basic standard ration. The standard ration scale should be adhered to until there was enough available to increase it for all. Heavy workers were entitled to more food that light workers, but that they should secure this additional quantity by the issuance of a supplementary ration over the standard ration, and not by fixing different scales.

(d) Additional warehouse space was necessary in order to provide for the bulk supplies which were being imported. An example of this was the expected receipt of 9,000 tons of sugar at Bari and Reggio to last for a considerable period of time. Owing to the exigencies of the shipping situation, this quantity was being received at once instead of over the period during which it was needed.

(e) Sufficient extra supplies existed to care for the needs of hospitals and institutions. If the Director of the Public Health Sub-Commission made recommendations for supplementary rations, they could in large part be granted.

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The Chairman then requested Brig. Lush to call in all R.C.A.Os. for a meeting with the Food Sub-Commission in order to work out the policy on the Subject.

244. Public Works and Mines Sub-Commission. (Lt.Col.Jenny)

(a) A.F.H.Q. has started a program for the maintenance of military highways in Regions II, III, and IV under the supervision of this Sub-Commission. There are 3,000 kilometres of highways now included in the program. Under this program the Army fixed priorities, the Italian Engineering authorities made a survey of the materials needed and of the local availability of these materials. The Army furnished those materials that were not locally available. The Sub-Commission supervised the execution of the work, and made certain that the money was properly spent and that the priorities were maintained. Most of these jobs were handled from H.Q. rather than from the Regions so that one group could deal with the reorganized Italian engineering authorities. It is impossible to provide food for workers on highways covering 3,000 kilometres.

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(b) The rationing of electricity is becoming increasingly important because of the shortage of power, and all users are being urged to cut down wherever that is possible.

(c) The Ministry of Public Works of the Italian Government covers the entire engineering field, including the re-habilitation of all industry. Therefore, it is not only this Sub-Commission but also the Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission will have to deal with that Ministry.

245. Finance Sub-Commission. (Lt.Col.Miller)

(a) One of the most serious existing problems is the failure of the present tax structure to provide the necessary revenue. Officers have been detailed to the field to stimulate the activity of the tax collecting agencies.

(b) The sale of Postal Savings Bonds is about to commence.

(c) Payments to refugees of the United Nations except those from the U.S. or U.K., have been made at the low relief scale paid to Italians. An increase in these payments is being arranged. Remittances to Sicily from the U.K. and U.S. are being authorised through the Combined Chiefs of Staff whereby restricted amounts may be sent from those places to relatives and friends in Sicily.

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246. Internal Transportation Sub-Commission. (Col.Fitch)

(a) He outlined the difficulties that were encountered in securing sufficient transport from the armies, particularly rail transport. Now that some passenger trains are being run a permit system will have to be worked out which can be operated by the Italian Government.

(b) Transport by ship has been impeded by the fact that most small ships which could be used for coastal work have been chartered by some branch of the Armed Forces.

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The Chairman emphasised the necessity of forming this organization within the next two months so that at the end of this period he could tell General Alexander that he was ready to accept the lorries.

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247. Shipping Sub-Commission (MEDEO). (Mr.Ian Campbell)

He said there was two classes of shipping, ocean going ships which had been taken over for military and naval uses, and coastal shipping. Efforts were being made to determine which schooners, if any, were available for coastal shipping, which goods had to be carried in them, and who was to operate them. MEDEO decides which ships ought to be used for essential coastal sea movements.

248. Political.

The Chairman then stated that the recent conference in Bari had indicated that these groups desired the King to abdicate, but beyond this they had no fixed program as to their future operation, or as to the form of Government which they desired to set up in Italy. There were a large number of political currents which were too complex for any brief description. The fact that the Government has not the full support of the people hampers A.C.C. because the Government is not confident enough of its position to press strongly for important action that should be taken. However, it is the job of A.C.C. to treat the existing Italian Government as an Administrative machine rather than as having any particular political complexion, and to work with it to produce as efficient a governmental organization as possible.

249. Regional Control and Military Government Section.(Brig. Lush).

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Brig. Lush emphasised that these groups, both because of the public interest manifested in their operations and because of the suffering which they could avoid, should be given every sort of cooperation in the regions.

250. Telecommunications and Postal Sub-Commission. (Col.Henderson)

(a) It had been very slow work securing the release of circuits by the Army for civilian use, and securing the necessary stores for the rehabilitation of such circuits.

(b) The Italian Government has been handicapped because, for military reasons, it has not been allowed to use the wireless. It is hoped that soon communications to Sicily and Sardinia can be sent by the Italian Government over Allied Military Circuits.

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(c) Civilian Postal Service has been started in Regions I and II, but not in Naples or abroad. The availability of the necessary censors is the limiting factor. It is hoped that foreign mails might start on a restricted basis by February 15.

(d) The maintenance of standard rates for such civilian telecommunication and postal services as did exist is most important.

251. ThemChairman stated that the Navy Section was operating at Taranto, with a representative in this area, that the Air Section was operating at Bari, and that the Military Section was in Lecce where it would have to stay for the present because the Italian War Ministry was remaining there. As soon as the Commando Supremo moved to Salerno, Brig. Duchesne would accompany it. As soon as Rome fell the H.Q. of these three services on the Italian side would be set up there and the A.C.C. representatives would also be there, although the Naval and Air operations would possibly continue to be directed from the south.

252. The meeting adjourned at 1655 hours.

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DAILY BULLETIN)
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NUMBER 1) O F F I C I A L

1. CHANGE IN DAILY BULLETIN HEADING: This bulletin is a continuation of the Hq AMG, series, last Bulletin # 26, dated 26 January 1944. (AG)

2. NIGHT STAFF DUTY OFFICER:

a. The Headquarters Night Staff Duty Officer will be Maj G. W. KNAUER and can be located in Room F, Provincia Building, Mezzanine Floor, telephone - - Vapor 8.

b. Night Staff Duty Clerk Pfc Tom Pappolardo, will eat supper at 1630 hours and report to the Duty Officer at 1730 hours. (AG)

3. HANDLING OF PHOTOGRAPHIC MATERIAL: The following is extracted from PBS Circular #13, dated 18 January 1944, for the information of all concerned.

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(b) After processing, film will be censored by Chief Base Censor, and then forwarded to addressee designated by soldier.

b. Color film and motion picture film, in which the cost of processing is included in the original cost of the film, will be forwarded direct to the Chief Base Censor for handling and disposition, and will not be handled through Army Exchnage Service. Such film will have attached thereto, name and address of addressee in the United States to whom processed film will be sent. Processed film of this class will not be returned to addressee in this theater by processing agency.

c. Undeveloped exposed film will not be sent out of this theater in personal mail except as in b above.

d. All negatives and prints not passed by the censor will be-

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4. OFFICIAL MAIL - REAR DETACHMENT, PALERMO: Effective Saturday, 29 Jan 1944, no further mail will be sent from this Headquarters to Rear Detachment, Palermo. (AG Misc)

5. CHANGES IN TELEPHONE DIRECTORY: The following changes are to be made in the telephone directory:

NAME	ROOM	FLOOR	TEL EXT
Economic Section Staff	30 & 31	3rd	17
Gen MacFARLANE'S personal Staff Officer (Lt Col Monfort)	11	2nd	34 (Com O)

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6. AMMENDANT - ADMIN ORDER NO. 5:

So much of par 1, Administrative Order # 5, Headquarters AMG, dated 25 January 1944, subject: Movement Instructions, as pertains to the following named officers, is hereby rescinded. All Sections concerned will make the appropriate changes.

Maj	HARRY P. CAIN,	0241587	Spec Res
Capt	MASON HAMMOND,	0918013	AC
Capt	HOWARD S. POTTER,	0362783	CAC (AG)

7. REGISTRATION OF INC MING PAPERS:

It is noted with regret the increasing practice of oddicers of sub-commissions handing documents direct to their opposite numbers in other sub-commissions.

It is essential that all documents are handed to Chief Clerks of Sub-Commission for registration and onward transmission through the correct channels, otherwise it is impossible to keep accurate records. (Ind & Com SC)

8. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING:

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25 January 1944

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

There will be a meeting of the Executive Council on Friday, January 28, 1944.

It is requested that all items for the Agenda be handed to the Secretary before 1100 hrs. on Thursday, January 27, 1944 at Room 8-C.

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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
22nd Meeting
21 January 1944

PRESENT

Lt. Gen. Sir F. N. Mason MacFarlane (Chairman)	Deputy President A.C.C.
Colonel Charles M. Spofford	D.C.C.A.O.
Brigadier E. Gueterbock	Chief of Staff
Rt. Hon. the Vis count Stansgate	Vice Pres. Econ & Adm. Sect.
Hon. H. Grady	Deputy Vice Pres. Econ & Adm. Sec.
Brigadier G. S. Parkinson	Director P. H. Subcommission
Colonel R. R. Rathbone	Executive Officer
Colonel P. G. Kirk	Director P. S. Subcommission
Colonel D. S. Adams	Chief Staff Officer Econ. Dir.
Colonel A. E. Young	Security and Intelligence
Colonel J. C. Todd	Deputy Dir. Ind. & Com. Subcom.
Colonel Fitch	Director Int. Transport. Subcom.
Colonel Upjohn	Director Legal Subcommission
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Lt. Col. L. A. Jenny	Director P.W. & Mines Subcom.
Lt. Col. J. R. Smith	Director Labor Subcommission
Lt. Col. E. L. Clough	Adjutant General
Lt. Col. R. H. Wilmer	Deputy Dir. Legal Subcommission
Lt. Col. Carl Miller	Deputy Dir. Finance Subcommission
Lt. Col. Gayre	Director Education Subcommission
Lt. Col. C. R. Harris	Director Prop. Control Subcom.
Lt. Col. Legg	Director Food Subcommission
Lt. Col. Charles Poletti	R.C.A.O. Region I
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223. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 1500 hrs.

224. The Chairman said that as from 0001 hrs. 25th January 1944, ACC and AMG would become one organization under his administration from this Headquarters, which would be known as HQ. ACC. He said that AMG 5th and 8th Armies will continue to function, controlled operationally by the tactical Commanders, but administered technically by HQ. A.C.C.

The Chairman emphasized the importance of the work that had to be done. General Maitland Wilson has appointed General Alexander Acting President of A.C.C. and the main task of this Headquarters was to relieve General Alexander of the necessity of ever looking over his shoulder, so that he could concentrate on operations. All members of the organization must pull together and previous misunderstandings must be buried.

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225. The Chairman referred to the abolition of C.E.C. whose functions would now be taken over by Mr. Grady's Section. The overriding question was feeding the population and the problem was divided as follows:

(a) Reception of goods at ports
(b) Distribution of goods to the consumers

Arrangements had been made for acquiring 1000 lorries and these would be organized into companies of 25 or 50 vehicles under Italian military units.

226. The Chairman said the restoration of Regions I and II to the Italian Government was again imminent. For the time being he would maintain the Regional organization and, after the turn over, would place the four lower provinces of Apulia under Region II. After the turn over officials in the Regions would have advisory instead of executive functions and Subcommissions must make contact with them so that they become tenacles of the Subcommissions.

227. Mr. Grady laid emphasis on the great importance of the food problem. The difficulties were many, among which were inadequate warehousing facilities, guarding of warehouses and the shortage of transport in spite of the 1000 lorries. He felt confident, however, that the problem can and will be tackled successfully.

228. The Chairman said it was his intention to make an organizational sign for A.C.C. which would appear on all A.C.C. vehicles, military and civilian, on armbands, warehouses, flags, etc. He considered this would raise morale and have the effect of emphasizing the importance of the work the organization had to perform.

229. The meeting was adjourned at 1545 hrs.

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difficulties were many, among which were inadequate warehousing facilities, guarding of warehouses and the shortage of transport in spite of the 1000 lorries. He felt confident, however, that the problem can and will be tackled successfully.

228. The Chairman said it was his intention to make an organizational sign for A.C.C. which would appear on all A.C.C. vehicles, military and civilian, on armbands, warehouses, flags, etc. He considered this would raise morale and have the effect of emphasizing the importance of the work the organization had to perform.

229. The meeting was adjourned at 1545 hrs.

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Captain
Acting Secretary

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MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
21st Meeting
14 January 1944

PRESENT

Col. Charles M. Spofford (Chairman)	D.C.C.A.O.
Brigadier E. Gueterbock	Chief of Staff
Rt. Hon the Viscount Lord Stansgate	Vice Pres. Eco. & Adm. Section
Mr. Grady	Deputy V.P. " " "
Brigadier G. S. Parkinson	Director P. H. Subcommission
Col. J. J. Albright	Executive Officer
Col. R. R. Rathbone	" "
Col. P. G. Kirk	Director P.S. Sub-Commission
Col. D. S. Adams	Chief Staff Officer Eco. Dir.
Col. J. M. Evans	Director, Ind. & Com, Subcom.
Col. A. E. Young	Security and Intelligence
Col. Fitch	Director, Internal Transp. Subcom.
Lt. Col. R. R. Cripps	Chief Staff Officer, Admin. Dir.
Lt. Col. F. M. Reiter	Chief, Ind. Planning Staff
Lt. Col. R. G. Spicer	Deputy Director, Interior Subcom.
Lt. Col. L. A. Jenny	" " Pub. Wks & Mining Sub-Commission
Lt. Col. W. J. Bentlett	Dep. Dir. Telecom. Sub-Commission
Lt. Col. J. R. Smith	" " Labor Sub-Commission
Lt. Col. E. L. Clough	Adjutant General
Lt. Col. R. H. Wilmer	Dep. Director, Legal Sub-Commission
Lt. Col. Carl Miller	" " Finance Sub-Com.
Major W. A. Hartman	Dir. Agri. For. & Fish Sub-Com.
Major Theo. Sizer	" Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives Sub-Commission n
Major R. W. Desmond	P. R. O.
Capt. M. Hay	Staff Officer, Communication Section
Capt. G. L. Cavanaugh	Asst. to Dep. Director, Property Control Sub-Commission.
Capt. Kerker	Aide, V.P. Eco & Adm. Section
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208. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 1500 hrs.

209. D.C.C.A.O. reported that many of the major difficulties which had been holding up the transfer of territory to the Italian Government have now apparently been met. Higher Headquarters have approved the proposed terms of transfer. It was now a question of securing their acceptance by the Italian Government. While no exact estimate on time is possible, the transfer might occur in a month's time. In the meantime the military government would continue to be conducted with a view to providing a smooth transition from AMG to ACC when the transfer was made.

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210. D.C.C.A.O. stated that an office memorandum would be issued shortly notifying all parties concerned that the Vice-President and Deputy Vice-President of the Economic and Administrative Section were on duty in Naples and that matters of policy in this field should be referred to them.

211. The Deputy Vice President of the Economic and Administrative Section, and the representative of this Headquarters on the Central Economic Committee, explained that it was essentially a coordinating and implementing Committee. He said that it had been decided that matters involving this Headquarters would be taken through channels and not directly to the Subcommission involved. All important communications between this Headquarters and the Central Economic Committee should channel through him. D.C.C.A.O. stated that this Headquarters had promptly answered the call for personnel for the Central Economic Committee in virtually all cases but that from now on it would be of great assistance to this office if personnel were not requested by name but rather that requests specify the qualifications desired. The Vice-President and Deputy Vice-President concurred.

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213. D.C.C.A.O. explained the AFHQ directive requiring monthly reports and emphasized the necessity of receiving the monthly reports from Subcommittees promptly. It was decided to circulate the weekly situation reports to the various Subcommissions.

214. The acting Chief of the Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives Subcommission reported on the work of the Commission of Enquiry, appointed to investigate the damage done to works of art and historical monuments in Italy.

215. The Vice President of the Economic Section stated that owing to the preparation of regular reports it would not be necessary for any special

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reports to be submitted by the Subcommissions to him in accordance with a recent request which he had made.

216. The Deputy Director of the Interior Subcommission asked which matters of policy could be brought up in the Executive Council more appropriately than directly through channels. The D.C.C.A.O. outlined the history of the Executive Council and stated that there was no answer to this question but that, if an important question of policy arose which members believed could profitably be discussed with the full council, such an item could appropriately be placed upon the agenda.

217. At the request of the Chief of the Public Works and Mining Subcommission, it was decided that the R.C.A.O., Region V should report to these Headquarters with a nominal roll of personnel as soon as he arrived in Italy, so that qualified personnel could be supplied to these Headquarters for special jobs from Region V.

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221. The Chief of Staff stated that the problem of servants and other equipage for small Officer's messes in the regions was under discussion. He hoped that a scheme would soon be worked out which would avoid undue expense and hardship.

222. Meeting adjourned at 1600 hours.

LEWIS H. VAN DUSEN, JR.
Major, Ord.
Secretary

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O F F I C I A L

1. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING: The weekly Executive Council Meeting will be held at 1500 hours today. (AG)

2. IMMEDIATE ACTION TAGS: Red Immediate action Tags are being distributed to various offices, this Hq, today. They will be used only in cases of real and extreme emergencies. Utmost discrimination will be exercised in their use. Common use of these tags will render their intended purpose ineffective. Any office found abusing this system will have these tags withdrawn.(AG)

3. GENERAL MESS MEETING: A general mess meeting will be held at 2030 hours, Friday, 14 January 1944, in the main dining room of the Toledo Regina, AMG Officers' Mess, to elect a mess council and deal with any other business. Important questions involving the mess and allied matters of importance will be discussed. (Hq Comdt)

4. STATIONERY SUPPLIES: Effective immediately, stationery supplies will be issued at Headquarters Company Supply Office, 61 Via Medina, at the following hours only:

Tuesdays and Fridays 0900 to 1200

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5. INSPECTION OF MOTOR POOL: There is going to be a formal inspection of the Motor Pool, 14 January 1944, between 1500 and 1700. It will be appreciated if officers, if possible, will use transportation at some other time than during the hours specified. The motor stables announced in Administrative Memorandum No 1, this Hq, for each Wednesday morning will not be held. (Hq Comdt)

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The Right Honourable The Viscount Stansgate
Vice President, Economic & Administrative Section
Allied Control Commission

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Mr Henry Grady
Deputy Vice President, Economic & Administrative Section
Allied Control Commission

Mr Henry Grady has been accorded the rank of Minister by the President of the United States.

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7. AMG/ACC CIVILIAN OFFICIALS: All civilian personnel officially associated with this Hq and ACC will submit in writing, to Capt L. W. STEARNS, Asst Adjutant General, Room D, Mezzanine Floor, their correct name and position title by 1200 hours, 16 January 1944.

By order of Colonel SPOFFORD:

L. W. STEARNS
Capt, AGD
Asst Adj Gen

OFFICIAL:

L. W. STEARNS
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AGENDA

21st Meeting

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The following items are included on the Agenda of the twenty-first meeting of the Executive Council to be held on Friday, January 14, 1944 at 1500 hrs. in the Conference Room:

1. Report on the present status of the proposed transfer of territory to the Italian Government. (D.C.C.A.O.)

2. The organization of the Economic and Administrative Section. (D.C.C.A.O.)

3. The relationship between these Headquarters and Central Economic Committee. (D.C.C.A.O.)

4. The relationship between the Local Resources (Italian) Board and the Engineering Materials Committee, and these Headquarters. (Mr. Grady)

5. The preparation and submission of SITREP and monthly reports. (D.C.C.A.O.)

6. The report of the Commission of Enquiry on damage to historic monuments by Allied Troops. (Major Siner)

LEWIS H. VAN DUSEN, JR.
Major, Crd.
Secretary

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~~23 November 1943.~~
4 Jan 1944

MEMORANDUM

TO : All Members of Executive Council

1. The Executive Council will include the following:

D.C.C.A.C.
~~Chief~~ Chief of Staff
Deputy Chief of Staff (Operations & Security Intelligence)
Executive Officers
Economic Director
Administrative Director
Adjutant General
Chief of Security Intelligence
Chief of Communications Section
Public Relations Officer
Chief of Each Sub-commission

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If any member is unable to attend any meeting he will send a representative.

3. Any item which it is desired to have placed on the Agenda of any meeting will be in the hands of the Secretary by 1100 hours on the Thursday before the meeting. Secretary: Maj L.H. Van Dusen Jr, Rm 9.

LEWIS H. VAN DUSEN, JR.,
~~Capt.~~ Maj, Ord.,
Secretary.

I think Exec. Sec. he must include the D.C.of S. (Admin).

F.W. Skerry
Capt. AGD
Asst Adj Gen

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Headquarters
Allied Allied Control Commission
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4 January 1944

MEMORANDUM

TO : All Members of Executive Council

1. The Executive Council will include the following:

D.C.D.A.C.
Acting Chief of Staff
Deputy Chief of Staff (Operations & Security Intelligence)
Executive Officers
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Administrative Director
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Capt., AGD
Asst Adj Gen.

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To sections concerned

Read letter attached & initial there

20 December 1943

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Col. Young

Sec Commission J/15

Semia Officers:

Finance Sub. Comm. AKB for Lt. Col. Bernstein

Food & Commerce Sub Com. JSD.

Labor Sub. Comm.

PH. Sub Commission Room 18 next not. floor above

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Subject:- Executive Council Meeting
To:- All concerned

Dec. 20, 1943

A meeting will be held at 1100 hours on Dec. 21 in the Conference Room on the 1st floor of the Provincial Building (Region III area). The senior member of each subcommission, the Executive Officer, the Adjutant General, G-1 and G-4 will attend, as well as Col. A. E. Young and the Headquarters Commandant.

By Order of Col. Charles Spofford,

Lewis K. Vandusen
Major Gd.
Secty. Executive Council.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission

AC/151/PWU 23 November 1943.

Subject: Meeting of Executive Council.

To: Acting Director Economic Sub-Section.

With reference to the minutes of 19th meeting of executive council held on 17th November 1943 the matter raised under minute 194 has been examined and I give my reply as follows:

194(a) It is considered that my letter to you dated 7th
194(b) October 1943, ref AC/130/PWU, adequately dealt with the points raised.

194(c) Subject to military necessity it is desirable that any work carried out shall anticipate later developments, such as may be required by A.C.C. It is therefore desirable that the closest co-operation shall exist between A.C.C. 15 Army Group and A.C.C. (As to this, it was understood today at the meeting of the Economic Directorate Sub-Commissio. that Brigadier Haulyn suggested waiting until the memo under preparation by Col. Sherford is circulated.

for L.A. JENNY,
Lt-Col. C.M.P.
Acting Director.

P.S. Refyour letter of 16 November, Lt-Col Jenny (now in Naples) noted in pencil "It makes no difference to us whether we act as ACC or AMG".

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19 November 1945

The 19th Meeting of the
Executive Council
17 November 1945

Present:

Brigadier E. Gusterbock (Chairman)		Vice Chief of Staff
Brigadier R. A. Hamlyn	-	Acting Economic Director
Brigadier G. S. Parkinson	-	Director of Public Health
Colonel P. G. Kirk	-	Chief of Public Safety
Colonel W. Evans	-	Deputy Director of Ind. & Comm.
Colonel J. R. Bain	-	Acting Director of Labor
Colonel Foley	-	Acting Finance Director
Colonel J. J. Albright	-	Acting Executive Officer
Colonel D. S. Adams	-	Economic Director
Colonel C. M. Spofford	-	Deputy Chief of Staff
Colonel D. Murphy	-	Director of Industry and Commerce
Colonel R. R. Rathbone	-	Executive Officer
Colonel G. R. Upjohn	-	Deputy Chief of Legal Division
Lt. Col. W. C. Chandler	-	Chief Legal Officer
Lt. Col. F. H. McFarland	-	Acting Director Displaced Persons
Lt. Col. L. D. Densmore	-	Acting Director Communications
Lt. Col. R. R. Cripps	-	Acting Administration Director
Lt. Col. E. L. Clough	-	Acting Adjutant General
Lt. Col. C. R. Harris	-	Director of Property Control
Lt. Col. G. R. Gayre	-	Acting Director of Education
Lt. Col. L. A. Jenny	-	Acting Director of Public Works
Lt. Col. Hammer	-	Deputy Director Displaced Persons
Major W. A. Hartman	-	Acting Director of Agriculture
Major P.K.Baillie-Reynolds	-	Deputy Director of Fine Arts
Major R. W. Desmond	-	Acting Chief of Information
Captain Charles Poore	-	Public Relations Officer
Captain L. H. Van Duson	-	Secretary

189. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 1500 hours.

190. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

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Lt. Col. L. A. Jenny	-	Acting Director of Public Works
Lt. Col. Horner	-	Deputy Director Displaced Persons
Major W. A. Hartman	-	Acting Director of Agriculture
Major P.K.Baillie-Reynolds	-	Deputy Director of Fine Arts
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191. The Chairman stated that action had been taken by D.C.C.A.O. on items 183 and 184. The order authorizing a wage increase for public servants had been signed by D.C.C.A.O.

192. The Chairman stated that all orders should be "By Order of Brigadier General McSherry," and that all communications should make it clear that this was Headquarters AMG and not Headquarters ACC. The officers now stationed at Brindisi constitute Headquarters A.C.C. These Headquarters would become A.C.C. at a future date when more territory was handed over to the Italian Government. At present these Headquarters could plan what they would do under those conditions.

193. The Chairman said that shortly a group of officers from MGS, A.F.H.Q. would come to work out the personnel situation as between HQ, AMG, AMG 15th Army Group, and ACC at Brindisi. It would be proposed that certain ACC records would be kept here as if ACC, Brindisi, were a detachment of these Headquarters, which was not the case. This arrangement was merely one of convenience.

C O N F I D E N T I A L

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194. The urgent requirement (Sub-heading C of Item 174) as regards directives is that under AMG conditions limiting the powers of regions or reserving certain powers to HQ, AMG. Statements on these points by Sub-Commissions are to reach Acting Chief of Staff not later than evening 18 November. Additional requirements from Sub-Commissions are as follows, and are to reach the Chief of Staff not later than Wednesday 24th November.

(a) (Subheading A of Item 174) Directives for Sub-Commissions under A.C.C. conditions; these are to be written by Sub-Commissions for the governance of their own activities.

(b) (Subheading B of Item 174) Technical instructions by Sub-Commissions governing the duties, powers and limitations of action of technical officers in regions, provinces, etc. under ACC conditions. These instructions will be edited by Deputy Chief of Staff (Operations and Intelligence) with a view to their becoming appendices to a draft order which he is to write. This draft order will explain in general terms to Senior ACC officers at Regional HQs their duties and powers under ACC conditions.

(c) (Subheading D of Item 174) Notes to form the basis of a letter to AFHQ 15 Army Group, requesting them to conform to ACC policy as far as the tactical situation permits.

In this connection Colonel Albright stated that the abstracts referred to in Item 185 were ready. He explained that they were not extracts but abstracts and that no language taken from the abstracts was to be quoted in the directive or elsewhere without first consulting the Legal Sub-Commission. He explained that even the abstracts contained secret information.

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The Chairman stated that these proposed assignments could be prepared without reference to any T/O or W/E.

196. The meeting adjourned at [illegible] hours.

/s/ Lewis H. Van Dusen, Jr.
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Colonel P. C. Kirk - Chief of Public Safety
Colonel Young - Security Intelligence
Colonel W. Evans - Actg. Director of Ind. & Comm.
Colonel [illegible] R. Bain - Actg. Director of Labour
Colonel Foley - Actg. Finance Director
Colonel L. J. Albright - Actg. Executive Officer, Admin.
Lt. Col. L.A.Jenny - Actg. Director of P.W. & Util.
Lt. Col L.D.Dunsmore - Actg. Chief of Communications
Lt. Col R.R.Calpps - Actg. Admin. Director
Lt. Col Harris, C.R. - Actg. Director of Prop. Control
Lt. Col. R.G.B.Spicer - Deputy Director of Interior
Lt. Col. G.R.Gayre - Actg. Director of Education
Lt. Col. C. Carter - Actg. Chief Fcal Officer
Major W.A.Hartman - Actg. Director of Agriculture
Major P.K.Baillie-Reynolds - Deputy Director of Fine Arts
Capt. Charles Poore - Public Relations Officer
Capt. L.H.VanDusen - Secretary - Staff O. Econ.
Col. D.S.Adams - Actg. Econ. Director
Lt.Col.E.L.Clough - Actg. Adj. Gen.
Col.P.B.Bathbone - Executive Officer Admin.
Major Desmond - Information

Col. Upjohn,
Deputy Chief of Legal
Lt.Col.Charles Poletti,
FCAO, Region 1
Maj. Hickingbotham
Dir. Shipping and
Ship building
Colonel Lindberg
Colonel Bentlett
Major S.H.Head, Director
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16 November 1943

SUBJECT: Executive Council Meeting

TO : Members of Executive Council

It is requested that items for the Agenda of the 19th Meeting of the Executive Council to be held at 1500 hrs on Friday 19th November 1943, be handed to the Secretary by 1100 hrs Thursday 18th November 1943.

LEWIS H. WALKER Jr.
Capt., Ord.
Secretary Executive Council.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

11 November 1943

The 18th Meeting of the
Executive Council
10 November 1943

Present

Brigadier E. Gueterbock (Chairman)	Vice Chief of Staff
Brigadier R. A. Hamlyn	- Acting Economic Director
Brigadier G. S. Parkinson	- Director of Public Health
Colonel P. G. Kirk	- Chief of Public Safety
Colonel W. Evans	- Acting Director of Ind. & Comm.
Colonel J. R. Bain	- Acting Director of Labor
Colonel Foley	- Acting Finance Director
Colonel J. J. Albright	- Acting Executive Officer
Colonel D. S. Adams	- Economic Director
Lt Col W. C. Chanler	- Chief Legal Officer
Lt Col F. H. McFarland	- Acting Director Displaced Persons
Lt Col L. D. Donsmore	- Acting Director Communications
Lt Col R. R. Cripps	- Acting Administration Director
Lt Col L. L. Clough	- Acting Chief of Secretariat
Lt Col C. R. Harris	- Director of Property Control
Lt Col R.G.B.Spicer	- Deputy Director of Interior
Lt Col G. R. Gayre	- Acting Director of Education
Lt Col C. Carter	- Acting Chief Fuel Officer
Lt Col J. R. Smith	- Acting Deputy Director of Labor
Lt Col Bentlet	- Actg Chief of Telecommunications
	Sub-Commission
Major W. A. Hartman	- Acting Director of Agriculture
Major P. K. Baily-Reynolds	- Deputy Director of Fine Arts
Major A. S. Brereton	- Actg Deputy Chief Fuel Officer
Major S. H. Head	- Actg Chief of Postal Services
Major R. W. Desmond	- Actg Chief of Information
Capt Charles Poore	- Public Relations Officer
Capt L. H. Van Dusen	- Secretary

177 The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 1500 hours.

178 The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

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Colonel W. Evans	-	Acting Director of Ind. & Comm.
Colonel J. R. Bain	-	Acting Director of Labor
Colonel Foley	-	Acting Finance Director
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Colonel D. S. Adams	-	Economic Director
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179 The Chairman stated that the meeting was of the Executive Council of AMG and not of ACC as the directive setting up ACC as an operating unit had not yet arrived.

180 The Chairman stated that at a recent staff conference it was decided to form a committee on the Black Market similar to the Committee on Food.

181 Lt Col Clough reported that in the near future he would have collected for the DCCAO all the reports on AMGOT operations which had been requested. He hoped this would be prior to the return of DCCAO to Palermo.

182 The Chairman promised that the basic directive on the functions of ACC would be circulated shortly, although no order formally putting ACC into operation had yet been received.

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183 Request for more flour. Brigadier Hamlyn stated that he had drafted a cable which he suggested be sent to Washington through AFHQ pointing out the absolute necessity of securing a substantial tonnage of wheat in the next four months in order to feed the occupied portions of Italy and Sicily. A copy of this draft cable is attached to the original minutes.
The draft was discussed in some detail.
Col. Foley pointed out that the facts had been secured from the various Sub-Commissions. Lt Col Chanler objected to the assertion that the currency in circulation had increased by 3 or 4 hundred million lire since July 1943, (the total amount pumped into circulation by AMGOT) as misleading. He thought large sums had been destroyed, removed to the mainland or otherwise withdrawn from circulation immediately prior to the occupation. As a result of the discussion which followed, Chief of Staff directed that the following words be placed in front of the fourth paragraph of the cable: "Recent rapid increase in currency situation illustration by....."
He also directed that the word "billion" be replaced by the appropriate number of "millions" so that there could be no misunderstanding of the number intended.
Lt. Col. Chanler suggested that a statement be included in the cable indicating the quantity of wheat requested and the quantity received to date. It was agreed that this change should be made. Col. Evans explained that at present there was only 3 or 4 weeks supply of wheat on the island at the existing ration of 200 grams. 30,000 tons per mo. were needed to feed the island. However, it was estimated that 25% of the people were producers, or the families of producers, entitled to retain grain for their own use. Therefore, there would be approximately 3,000,000 persons to feed which would require roughly 20,000 tons per month on the basis of the best estimates available. It was a compromise figure. As altered, the prompt dispatch of the draft cable for approval by the DCSC.O and Gen. Joyce was recommended by the Council.

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Col. Kirk, who was a member of the committee, emphasized the following points:
1. It was agreed by all that the 9196 C.C.R.R. in Sicily were grossly underfed and underpaid.
2. They were the agency designated by the Combined Chiefs of Staff to maintain law and order on the island.
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4. The Combined Chiefs of Staff had decided that there would be no Allied Military police available to maintain order among civilians in Sicily, or Italy.
5. The morale of the C.C.R.R. was low. There had recently been 40 cases of desertion in Palermo. Twenty-Five of the offenders had been caught and would be dealt with in accordance with the usual rules applicable to such offenses.
6. The C.C.R.R. were a part of the Italian Army and were entitled to the same rations as other Italian soldiers. Col. Chenler substantiated the validity of this assertion.

Col. Kirk stated that for the foregoing reasons it was imperative that both the rations and wages of the C.C.R.R. be increased at once.
Col. Dain and Lt. Col. Smith agreed that many public servants required wage increases, according to the formula previously submitted, in order to freeze wages at a place comparable to the place where prices had been fixed. However, they strongly opposed granting any group of public servants an increase and postponing action on an increase for the rest. They stated that all

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Italian Servants were equally essential to the operation of the Allied Military Government. They showed that some strikes had been called and others threatened. Each time a serious situation was averted by promises of action about to be taken on the proposed wage increases.
Brigadier Hamlyn stated that the crux of the difficult situation was food. If sufficient quantities of food could be brought in there would be some chance of controlling the Black Market and averting industrial and other disturbances. He did not oppose the increase in rations but he did oppose any general increase in wages to any or all groups at this time. He thought that the results produced by the proposed cable should be awaited before further action on wages was taken.
Col. Foley stated that a wage increase at the present time would render the task of securing authority from Washington for additional grain infinitely more difficult. Furthermore, if a wage increase was granted, it would have to be accompanied by a certain control of the black market or an inflation of considerable magnitude would result.
Col. Evans emphasized that, although food was the most important element in the situation, still the flour requested would only yield the present ration of 200 grams per day and would not raise the present standard of living. Either more flour or a wage increase to government employees was necessary to accomplish this result. He also pointed out that, to increase the ration of C.C.R.R. to 400 grams daily, would only take 18 tons of flour per day. This amounted to one day's supply in a month and was therefore, negligible.
The Council was then polled and agreed to recommend to D.C.C....C. that the ration of the C.C.R.R. be placed upon a par with that of the other Italian soldiers which was at present 400 grams per day. Lt. Col. Chanler was directed to prepare the necessary order increasing the ration so that it would be available in the event that D.C.C...C. decided to adopt the recommendation of the Committee.
Several members then expressed the opinion that an increase in wages to the public employees in the various fields in which they operated was imperative. Colonel Densmore pointed out that many employees had received a month's wages in advance which they had spent. This borrowing against the future had augmented the necessity for an increase.
The Labor Sub-Commission again emphasized the belief that, while a wage increase in accordance with the proposed formula was needed now, under no circumstances should any discrimination be shown by giving an increase to the C.C.R.R. or any other group without including the rest.
Colonel Foley stated that now was the time to hold the line pending action on the request forflour. If an increase was granted in wages, the former scale could never subsequently be restored.
The Chairman then directed that:
(a) Colonel Bain prepare a one page brief of his arguments in support of

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The Chairman then directed that:

(a) Colonel Bain prepare a one page brief of his arguments in support of the full proposed wage increase.

(b) Brigadier Hamlyn prepare a one page brief of his arguments opposing the increase at this time.

(c) Colonel Adams prepare a one page brief of his reasons for recommending an increase to the C.C.R.R. only at this time.

The Chairman announced that he would take these papers together with the whole problem to Brindisi to be dealt with there by the conference and the D.C.C.A.C.

185 The Chairman said that it was necessary for each Sub-Commission to have an extract of those parts of the long-term directive which were applicable to it in order to enable it to prepare its own directive. These abstracts could be secured from Colonel Albright.

186. Due to extreme shortage of clerks and typewriters, all notes between personnel in Headquarters should be written in long hand where a copy was not essential. Furthermore, action is being taken to distribute the existing facilities where they would do the most good.

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187 Lt Col Clough announced that a two minute silence would be observed at Headquarters at noon on November 11th.

188 The meeting adjourned at 1635 hours.

LEWIS H. VAN DUSEN,
Captain, Ord.,
Secretary

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

10 November 1943

SUBJECT: Executive Council Meeting

TO : Members of Executive Council

It is requested that items for the Agenda of the 18th Meeting of the Executive Council to be held at 1500 hrs on Friday 12th November 1943, be handed to the Secretary by 1100 hrs Thursday 11th November 1943.

LEWIS T. VAN DUZEN Jr.
Capt., Ord.
Secretary Executive Council.

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Public Works & Utilities "
Lt. Col. E.L. Clough
Colonel J.J.Albright
Lt. Col. Densmore
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

5 November 1943.

The 17th Meeting of the
Executive Council
5 November 1943

Present

Brigadier General McSherry (Chairman)	- D.C.C.A.O.
Brigadier E. Gusterbock	- Acting Chief of Staff
Brigadier R. A. Hamlyn	- Acting Economic Director
Brigadier G. S. Parkinson	- Director of Public Health
Colonel P. G. Kirk	- Chief of Public Safety
Colonel Young	- Deputy Chief of Public Safety
Colonel W. Evans	- Acting Director of Industry & Commerce
Colonel Foley	- Acting Finance Director
Colonel J. J. Albright	- Acting Executive Officer
Lt. Colonel Hammer	- Deputy Director of Displaced Persons
Lt. Colonel L. A. Jenny	- Acting Director P.W. & Utilities
Lt. Colonel W. C. Chanler	- Chief Legal Officer
Lt. Colonel F. H. McFarland	- Acting Director Displaced Persons
Lt. Colonel L. D. Densmore	- Acting Director Communications
Lt. Colonel Cripps	- Acting Administration Director
Lt. Colonel E. L. Clough	- Acting Chief of Secretariat
Lt. Colonel C. R. Harris	- Director of Property Control
Lt. Colonel Spicer	- Deputy Director of Interior
Lt. Colonel Gayre	- Acting Director of Education
Lt. Colonel C. Carter	- Acting Chief Fuel Officer
Major W. A. Hartman	- Acting Director of Agriculture
Major Reynolds	- Deputy Director of Fine Arts
Captain David Morse	- Deputy Director of Labor
Captain Charles Poore	- Acting Director of Information
Captain L. H. Van Dusen	- Secretary

171. The meeting was called to order at 1500 hours.

172. The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

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Brigadier General McSherry (Chairman)	- D.C.C.A.O.
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Brigadier R. A. Harlyn	- Acting Economic Director
Brigadier G. S. Parkinson	- Director of Public Health
Colonel P. G. Kirk	- Chief of Public Safety
Colonel Young	- Deputy Chief of Public Safety
Colonel W. Evans	- Acting Director of Industry & Commerce
Colonel Foley	- Acting Finance Director
Colonel J. J. Albright	- Acting Executive Officer
Lt. Colonel Harmer	- Deputy Director of Displaced Persons
Lt. Colonel L. A. Jenny	- Acting Director P.W. & Utilities
Lt. Colonel W. C. Chanler	- Chief Legal Officer
Lt. Colonel F. H. McFarland	- Acting Director Displaced Persons
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Lt. Colonel Cripps	- Acting Administration Director
Lt. Colonel E. L. Clough	- Acting Chief of Secretariat
Lt. Colonel C. R. Harris	- Director of Property Control
Lt. Colonel Spicer	- Deputy Director of Interior
Lt. Colonel Coyne	- Acting Director of Education
Lt. Colonel C. Carter	- Acting Chief Fuel Officer
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172. The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

173. The following reports were made on the items on which action was requested at the last meeting:

(a) 155 (a) and 164 (a) - Colonel Kirk reported that the suggested plan for stamping out the black market had been submitted to the Legal Division and that there was no legal objection to it. Acting will be taken to put the plan into effect.

(b) 155 (j) and 164 (b) - Colonel Kirk reported that steps had been taken to comply with the Geneva Convention and to remove any civilian internees from prison and to lodge them elsewhere. On November 3rd, 70 internees had been placed in a comfortable home. Four in Agrigento were soon to be transferred. Arrangements are being made with No. 1 District to remove eight or nine internees lodged in Siracusa. Colonel Kirk also reported that the JAG of 7th Army had relinquished all interest in civilian internees and the problem is now handled wholly by AMG. The Chief Staff Officer directed the Chief Legal Officer, the Chief Security Officer and the Director of Public Safety to cooperate in handling this problem.

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(c) 166 - 168 - D.C.C.A.O. directed Lt. Colonel Clough to follow up the various reports referred to in order to ensure their prompt preparation and proper distribution and handling.

174. Explanation of the New A.C.C. structure and functions.

The Acting C.O.S. outlined the substance of a directive which had been received by General Joyce from A.F.H.Q. He said that the directive would shortly be distributed to the members of the Council in the form of a basic directive from Major General Joyce. This directive set forth the purpose and functions of A.C.C. generally. The Acting C.O.S. emphasized the importance of not making any long term commitments of any kind without the approval of higher authority, as A.C.C. had no long term objectives. On this point he read extracts from the basic directive. He said that this directive should govern the objectives set forth in the various directives in process of preparation by the Sub-Commissions. The relations between A.C.C. and the Italian Government were also discussed.

D.C.C.A.O. stated that A.C.C. would operate with its new organization in about one week, but that it might have to carry on military government as AMG for some little time before it was handed over any territory for Allied Control. The Acting C.O.S. explained that four subjects should be covered on the directives being prepared by each Sub-Commission.

(a) An explanation of how the Sub-Commission proposes to operate.

(b) A statement of the relations between the Regions and the Sub-Commissions and the powers of the former, under A.C.C. conditions.

(c) A similar statement regarding the powers of Regions under Military Government conditions.

(d) A statement of the points of policy in which it was desired that AMG 15 Army Group should conform to H.Q., A.C.C. instructions. On this point Acting C.O.S. stated that Lt. Colonel Gerry of 15 Army Group had stated that he would cooperate to the full, where possible, in carrying out the policies formulated by A.C.C. In any case where this could not be done he would discuss the matter to work out a mutually satisfactory policy.

175. Proposed Wage Increase to Public Officials. 165 - The Acting Economic Director stated that he and Colonel Foley had prepared a rough draft of a document outlining their reasons for opposing the adoption of the Plan at once. He said that to avoid the inflation which was imminent it was essential not to raise any wages except as part of an integrated anti-inflation plan. The proposed plan involved the following points, which he believed should be considered, explored, and acting upon before any wage increase became effective:

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"(a) Facilitate increases in local agricultural and industrial production. In determining the goods and shipping space for local civilian supply, emphasis should be placed on those imports which will contribute most effectively to increasing local production.

(b) Reexamine the rationing system in order to determine what relation it bears to subsistence requirements and whether it is as liberal as supplies permit. Every effective increase in rations deprives the black market of customers, drives down black market prices and reduces the cost of living.

(c) Reexamine the AMGOT legal price list to ensure its being as realistic as possible. Prescribed prices may not be enforced if they bear no reasonable relationship to prevailing prices.

(d) Examine the operation of the black market to determine its extent, main sources of supply, organization, and the factors giving rise to it. It is also necessary to determine the actual extent of the black market in individual commodities.

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(e) Pursue with energy the enforcement of price, rationing, and anti-black market regulations. The various devices, including posting of price lists, closing of shops of violators, imposition of severe fines and imprisonment, and confiscation of stocks must be employed energetically.

(f) Increase the supply of transportation available to the civilian economy.

(g) Eliminate unnecessary governmental expenditures, increase governmental revenues by taxation and borrowing from the public, and stimulate private savings in all forms.

(h) Keep to a practical minimum the local purchases of civilian goods and services for our military operations and the personal expenditures of the members of our armed forces."

D.C.C.A.O. pointed out, for the benefit of those present who had recently arrived in Sicily, that AMG officers in varying numbers had been working to the best of their ability in this territory since July 10. He stated that he thought they had recognized the importance of each of the points raised and had exerted their best efforts to handle them. D.C.C.A.O. then reiterated his belief that, in the case of a matter as urgent as this one, it might be wise for those desiring to postpone action to review what had been done in the past four months by AMGOT. Each point brought forward was then discussed, D.C.C.A.O. explaining the steps which had been taken with regard to that point. He pointed out that it was, in his opinion, unlikely that much more could be accomplished and that it was a question of very serious import the answer to which had been long delayed. An immediate decision of some kind was required. If the increases were not given disturbances would probably result.

Colonel Evans presented the following figures on the grain situation which was agreed by all to be serious:

REGION I

Total called forward to date	14,893	tons of flour
Total delivered to date	5,724	" " "
	9,169	" " "
Called forward for December	7,000	" " "
Due before January 1, 1943	16,169	" " "
Stocks on hand	1,150	" " "

REGION II

Total amount called forward to date	12,000	tons
" " delivered " "	8,100	"
Balance due	3,900	"

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best of their ability in this territory since July 10. He stated that he thought they had recognized the importance of each of the points raised and had exerted their best efforts to handle them. D.C.C.A.O. then reiterated his belief that, in the case of a matter as urgent as this one, it might be wise for those desiring to postpone action to review what had been done in the past four months by AMGOT. Each point brought forward was then discussed, D.C.C.A.O. explaining the steps which had been taken with regard to that point. He pointed out that it was, in his opinion, unlikely that much more could be accomplished and that it was a question of very serious import the answer to which had been long delayed. An immediate decision of some kind was required. If the increases were not given disturbances would probably result.

Colonel Evans presented the following figures on the grain situation which was agreed by all to be serious:

REGION I

Total called forward to date	14,893	tons of	flour
Total delivered to date	5,724	" "	"
	9,169	" "	"
Called forward for December	7,000	" "	"
Due before January 1, 1945	16,169	" "	"
Stocks on hand	1,150	" "	"

REGION II

Total amount called forward to date	12,000	tons
" " delivered " "	8,100	"
Balance due	3,900	"
Stocks on hand about	5,000	"

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The heads of many Sub-Commissions stated that the public officials with whom they dealt were grossly underpaid particular emphasis being laid upon the C.C.R.R., the school teachers, the employees of the courts, and the employees of public utilities.

D.C.C.A.O. said that his AMGOT staff was fully alive to the possibilities of inflation and that all practicable steps have been taken by AMGOT to head it off.

It was decided to let the matter be decided after a conference between D.C.C.A.O., the Acting Economic Director, and Colonel Foley.

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176. The meeting adjourned at 1645 hours.

LEWIS VAN DUSEN,
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Secretary Executive Council.

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HEAD UARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

A G E N D A

17th meeting of the Executive Council to be held at 1500 hours 5th November, 1943, in the Conference Room.

1. Minutes of the last meeting.
2. Explanation of new A.C.C. structure and functions. (Acting C.S.O.)

LEWIS H. Van DUSEN,
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

3 November 1943

SUBJECT: Executive Council Meeting

TO : Members of Executive Council

It is requested that items for the Agenda of the 17th Meeting of the Executive Council to be held at 1500 hrs on Friday 5th November 1943, be handed to the Secretary by 1100 hrs Thursday 4th November 1943.

LEWIS H. VAN DUSEN, Jr.
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Secretary Executive
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Brigadier General McSherry

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001. Meetings

Minutes of
The 16th Meeting of the Executive Council
29th October 1943

PRESENT

Brigadier General McSherry (Chairman)	D.C.C.A.O.
Colonel Evans	Acting Director of Industry & Commerce.
Colonel Young	Deputy Chief of Public Safety.
Lt.Colonel Carter	Acting Chief Fuel Officer.
Lt.Colonel Chanler	Chief Legal Officer.
Lt.Colonel Cripps	Acting Administration Director.
Lt.Colonel Hammer	Deputy of Acting Director of Displaced Persons.
Lt.Colonel Harris	Director of Property Control.
Lt.Colonel Jenry	Acting Director Public Works and Util.
Lt.Colonel Menapace	Deputy of Acting Finance Officer.
Lt.Colonel Farley Smith	Acting Administration Director.
Lt. Colonel T.V.Smith	Acting Director of Education.
Lt.Colonel Smith	Deputy of Acting Director of Labour.
Lt.Colonel Spicer	Deputy of Acting Director of Interior.
Major Hartman	Acting Director of Agriculture.
Major Martin	Deputy of Acting Director of Foreign Trade.
Major Reynolds	Deputy of Acting Director of Fine Arts.
Major Schoolo	Deputy of Director of Public Health.
Captain Morso	Labour Sub-Commission
Captain Poore	Acting Director of information.

162. The meeting was called to order by the chairman at 1500 hours.

163. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

164. The following reports were made in the items on which action was directed at the last meeting;

(a) 155(a) Deputy Chief of Public Safety said that owing to the change-over no action had been taken. D.C.C.A.O. directed that action be taken before the next meeting (Action Public Safety)

(b) 155 (j) - Deputy Chief of Public Safety said that owing to the change over no action had been taken. D.C.C.A.O. directed that action be taken before the next meeting. (Action Public Safety)

(c) 155 (k) Chief Legal Officer said he had discussed the Black-market plan with the Chief Police Officer and said that there was no objection to the plan from the legal point of view. D.C.C.A.O. directed that Chief

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Lt.Colonel Harris	Displaced Persons.
Lt.Colonel Jenny	Director of Property Control.
Lt.Colonel Menapace	Acting Director Public Works and Util.
Lt.Colonel Perley Smith	Deputy of Acting Finance Officer.
Lt. Colonel T.W.Smith	Acting Administration Director.
Lt.Colonel Smith	Acting Director of Education.
Lt.Colonel Spicer	Deputy of Acting Director of Labour.
Major Hartman	Deputy of Acting Director of Interior.
Major Martin	Acting Director of Agriculture.
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Major Schoole	Deputy of Acting Director of Fine Arts.
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165. Lt. Colonel Smith, deputizing for the Acting Director of Labour, addressed the meeting in the subject of a proposed increase of wages and salaries of government employees. He pointed out that the last increase of salaries to government employees was on December 1st 1942 and since that date the legal food prices had risen at least 76%. The prices for clothing had also risen consistently and he argued that the present Salary Scale was insufficient to support life and that the proposed increases were quite essential. In the discussion that followed the point was made that the raising of salaries might have the effect of merely causing a rise in Black Market prices and that nobody would be better off at all except the "Black Marketeers". D.C.C.A.C. emphasized the emergency nature of the proposed increase. The increase was necessary to catch up with an existing situation. It was pointed out that 60% of private employees have already had their wages raised to a level equal to the proposed salary increase. Lt.Colonel Menapace (Finance) said that the proposal was of course, the start of the old vicious spiral of inflation but he supported it as an emergency measure and believed that as

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such it was necessary. Finally the Council agreed to the proposal, but D.C.C.A.C. directed that the concurrance of Brigadier Hanlyn must first be obtained. In the meantime the Legal Sub-Commission and the Labour Sub-Commission were to consult together as to the measures necessary for putting the proposal into effect if approved.

(Action Chief Legal Officer and Acting Director of Labour)

166. D.C.C.A.C. ordered each Sub-Commission to prepare, as soon as possible, a directive setting out its functions and aims, and details of organization and method. These directives to be submitted to D.C.C.A.C. who would submit them to General Joyce. When finally approved by General Joyce they would become the official directives of each Sub-Commission. D.C.C.A.C. emphasized to members of the Council that the work of A.C.C. was supervisory whereas AMG's work had been to direct. Sub-Commissions were to remember this when preparing their directives.

(Action all Sub-Commission Heads)

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(Action Heads of AMGOT Divisions)

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(Action all Sub-commission Heads)

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170. The meeting adjourned at 1600 hours.

E. TALBOT, Capt.,
Actg. Secretary of Executive Council.

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Capt. Van Deusen

Col Politis Report of Jul. 15.

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File	31	/	72-8	"
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
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9th February, 1944

Correction to Minutes of Executive Council
23rd Meeting, 4 February 44

1. At the request of Lieut. Col. Jenny, para.244 (c) of the Minutes of the 23rd Meeting of the Executive Council is corrected to read as follows:

> " The Public Works Ministry is not yet certain as to where the division will be in the functions between Public Works and the Industry and Commerce Ministry. Whatever that will be, it is quite apparent that there will have to be close co-operation between our Public Works and Industry and Commerce Sub-Commissions."

Lewis H. Van Dusen

LEWIS H. VAN DUSEN, Jr.,
Major, Ord.,
Secretary.

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Subject: Executive Council Meeting. AMGOT/31/HQ

To : Members of Executive Council AMGOT HQ SICILY

20 October 1943

It is requested that items for the Agenda of the 15th Meeting of the Executive Council to be held at 1500 hrs on Friday 22nd October 1943, be handed to the Secretary by 1100 hrs Thursday 21 October, 1943.

Lewis H. Van Dusen

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Secretary Executive Council

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Ref/44/5/Ci. 6 February 1944.

MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
23rd Meeting
4 February 1944

PRESENT

Lt.General Sir Noel F.N.Mason MacFarlane (Chairman)	Chief Commissioner.
Major General S.S.Solodovonik	Soviet Rep. with A.C.C.
Brig.General Erskine E. Hume	S.C.O. 5th Army.
Brigadier M.S. Lush	R.C. & M.G.S., Exec.Comm.
Brigadier Parkinson	Director P.H.Sub-Commission.
Brigadier Gueterbock	Chief of Staff.
Brigadier Carr	R.C.A.O. Region IV.
Brigadier Dunlop	R.C.A.O. Region VI.
Mr. Henry Grady	Economic Section
Mr. Ian Campbell	MEDBO.
Mr. Caccia	Political Section.
Mr. Reber	" "
Col. Whittley	R.C.A.O. Region V.
Col. Young	Security and Intelligence.
Col. Evans	Director, Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission.
Col. Adams	Chief Staff Officer, Econ.Sec.
Col. Spofford	D.C.C.A.O.
Col. Fiske	Deputy Exec. Commissioner.
Col. Bain	Director Labor Sub-Commission.
Col. Upjohn	Director Legal Sub-Commission.
Col. Grafftey-Smith	Director Finance Sub-Comm.
Col. Kirk	Director P.S. Sub-Comm.
Col. Fitch	Director Int.Transportation Sub-Commission.
Commodore Palmer	Chief, Naval Section.
Col. Adams	C.S.O. Econ. Section.
Col. Belser	Region 5.
Col. Henderson	Director,Telecommunications & Postal Sub-Comm.
Lt.Col.MacCaffery	R.C.A.O. Region II.
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Lt.Col.Carl Miller	D/Director Finance Sub-Comm.
Lt.Col.French	Liaison Officer.
Lt.Col.Jenny	Director P.W. & Mining Sub-Commission.
Lt.Col.Harris	Director Prop.Control Sub-Com.
Lt.Col.Reiter	Chief Industrial Planning Staff.
Lt.Col.Monfort	D/S.C.A.O. 8 Army.
Lt.Col.The Lord Forrester	D/R.C.A.O. Region III.
Lt.Col.Hancock	D/R.C.A.O. Region I.
Lt.Col.Cripps	S.O. Admin. Section.
Lt.Col.Spicer	Director Int. Sub-Comm.
Lt.Col.Legg	Director Food Sub-Comm.
Lt.Col.Feasey	Chief of Staff, Region 5.
Major Dickie	D/Director Ag., For., & Fish.
Major John Ames	Executive Officer SCAO 5 Army
Major Sir P. Magnus	Conductor to Gen. Sokolovsky
Major Friend James	A.C.C. Liaison, HQ. ACMF.
Major Washburn	Education Sub-Commission.
Major Barry	Electric Power Mission.
Major Van Dusen	Secretary.

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230. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 1430 hrs.

231. The Chairman stated that he wished the Director of each Sub-Commission to give a brief statement of the principal activities of that Sub-Commission during the past two weeks, so that all present both from H.Q. and the field would have a general idea what each Sub-Commission was doing and the chief problems which confronted it.

232. Interior Sub-Commission. (Lt.Col.Sticer)

(a) The chief activities of this Sub-Commission during the past two weeks was the translation of the text of various Italian laws and decrees relating to local government, and the checking of reports from the Italian Government relating to conditions in King's Italy .

(b) The Sub-Commission has also dealt with a number of applications for the appointment and removal of public officials. The Italians often desired the appointment of officials in unoccupied territory which A.M.G. had removed. In a few cases the Italians had tried to put forward men who were of poor calibre.

(c) Little had been done as yet on the ecclesiastical side and no difficulties had been encountered.

233. Public Safety Sub-Commission. (Col. Kirk)

(a) The activities of this Sub-Commission to-date had been advisory rather than operational.

(b) In connection with the police little direct contact was made at H.Q. because dealings with the Italian Police were largely handled by the Regions. The coordination of civilian internees had been worked out between the various Headquarters. It is believed that in the future this will largely be handled by the Army. Considerable effort has been made to procure arms, equipment and pay for the Carabinieri.

(c) Studies have been instituted of prisons in an effort to alleviate the congestion in Region 2. This could be done either by obtaining the release by the military of some of the prisons now used by them; by turning over to the Italian Government the problem of caring for prisoners sentenced by Allied Military Courts, and by the removal of any civilian internees that still might be incarcerated in prisons.

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234. Public Health Sub-Commission. (Brig. Parkinson)

(a) The typhus epidemic in Naples has been stayed for the moment. Cases have fallen from 35 to 40 down to 17 to 25 a day. However, there are still a substantial number of cases and the epidemic is far from over. Experiments were being made of the new disinfestation equipment. A Typhus Board has been set up on which representatives of the Army and Navy and A.C.C. sit. This Board will not exist permanently as the Army and Navy are anxious for A.C.C. to take over the problem as soon as possible.

(b) A survey had been made of the hospital situation. One of the chief problems is securing an adequate ration of food for hospital and institutional purposes, as the inmates were not able to supplement the regular ration with additional food from outside sources.

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(c) Contacts have been made with the various vetinerary sources and laboratories are being set up for the provision of serums.

(d) The Venereal Disease problem in Naples and in the 5th Army area is still tremendous. The authorities are trying to combat the evil by putting un-licensed houses out of bounds to troops, and by instituting hospital treatment for the cases found, but the figures are still high.

(e) Red Cross clothing has recently arrived and is being distributed.

(f) A Program has been undertaken for the control of malaria during the coming season which promises to be a sizable problem, as the irrigation ditches have been destroyed. Every effort must be made to restore adequate malarial controls.

The Chairman emphasised the necessity of each R.C.A.O. recognizing, treating and reporting every case of typhus in his area. A.C.C. will have to take over the typhus problem even in Naples as soon as possible, and the situation must be watched closely to prevent any spread.

235. Legal Sub-Commission. (Col. Upjohn)

(a) The Minister of Justice was not very strong but could act on a low level as he had in Foggia when he set up a Court of Appeal there because the usual Court of Appeal operating from Bari was unable to function in Foggia.

(b) The publication of decrees originating in King's Italy was frequently desirable in occupied territory, as it would mean fewer general orders and a more unified system. A program has been instituted for making such decrees effective in occupied territory. Each Sub-Commission should submit any decrees promulgated in Italian territory which it thought should be made effective in occupied territory.

(c) The Italian Government has been very cooperative in connection with the suggestions of this Sub-Commission for the appointment and promotion of Judicial officials. He seldom allowed men to leave posts in occupied territory, as they had been trying to do in Region 2, and then secure Judicial appointments in Italian territory. No recommendations of this nature were made or approved except after careful vetting, in an effort to see that they were in the interest of all concerned.

(d) At present as in the past many cases were unnecessarily tried in the Allied Courts, particularly in Sicily. Many of these cases could be handed over to the Italian Judicial system. The Allied Courts should try only cases in which Allied interests were directly involved, after the Italian Courts began to function in any area.

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(e) All R.C.A.Os. should notify the Legal Sub-Commission at once if any Legal personnel were placed in office so that the Legal Sub-Commission could be kept informed of the work being done by their personnel.

The Chairman emphasized the importance of the last two items mentioned by Col. Upjohn and also indicated that the decrees of the Italian Government should not be published in occupied territory unless separately promulgated or approved in some form.

236. Education Sub-Commission. (Major Washburn)

(a) The vetting of all personnel for previous Fascist activities continues. The higher officials are vetted by H.Q., and the lower officials by the Regions.

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(b) Some textbooks have been completed and are being printed in Palermo for use in Sicily and Calabria. Those intended for the balance of Italy would be printed in Naples as soon as paper became available.

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(e) Detailed instructions were given to all Directors of Education in the provinces indicating how they were to proceed in educating the youth.

The Chairman asked to what extent Italian youth had become saturated with Fascist doctrine. Major Washburn replied that he thought that they were not as badly affected as the German youth were by Nazism, and many of them in the south were thoroughly sick of the Fascist teachings.

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Mr. Grady said that Col. Koenig of the Public Works and Mines Sub-Commission had indicated that Sardinian coal was much better than the local people thought. If certain equipment is received as expected these mines will be able to produce a million tons annualy by June. The chief limiting factor was transportation.

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240. Electric Power Mission. (Major Barry)

The program for supplying power to Rome from the south in the event that the installations in Rome itself were destroyed by the retreating forces was explained Power needed for operating the Vatican, which would probably not be cut off by the Germans, would not assist the population very much.

241. Labor Sub-Commission. (Col. Bain)

(a) The re-organisation of the employee exchanges in Sicily was being undertaken, as the present system of registration was found to be useless. In Catania reports of a black market in skilled labor had been received. An order mobilizing all labor was being prepared to prevent it.

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(d) A survey of forests and the creation of a system for their control is in progress.

(e) Efforts are being made to remove as many restrictions as possible from the fishing areas, and to find proper equipment for the fishing fleets.

The Chairman asked if any collective farming had existed in Italy. Major Dickie thought there had been some but that it was not very widespread. Owing to the fact that his staff in the Regions was limited, there had been little opportunity to go into this question thoroughly.

In response to a question by the Chairman, Major Dickie stated that it would probably be necessary to release on leave certain soldiers during the coming harvest. Already the calling up of young men had produced complaints in Foggia.

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243. Food Sub-Commission. (Lt.Col.Lang)

(a) It was explained that although this Sub-Commission was only two weeks old, efforts were already being made to secure an equitable distribution of the available sources of food. Close collaboration is being maintained with the Internal Transportation Sub-Commission, because the handling of bulk wheat from warehouse to consumer was chiefly a question of road transport.

(b) A conference is being held this weekend of all the Supply Officers. The chief problems are those relating to milling, the provision of sacks, and the allocation between maintenance and build-up. At the conference it would be ascertained how the Regions wanted the jobs done, and this H.Q. if possible would try to do it that way.

(c) One of the chief present problems is the existence of different ration scales in different areas. For instance in the 8th Army area 150 grams is allotted to light workers, and as much as 500 grams daily to heavy workers. Such rations could not be supplied. In other Regions a pasta ration had been set up even though it was not included in the basic standard ration. The standard ration scale should be adhered to until there was enough available to increase it for all. Heavy workers were entitled to more food that light workers, but that they should secure this additional quantity by the issuance of a supplementary ration over the standard ration, and not by fixing different scales.

(d) Additional warehouse space was necessary in order to provide for the bulk supplies which were being imported. An example of this was the expected receipt of 9,000 tons of sugar at Bari and Reggio to last for a considerable period of time. Owing to the exigencies of the shipping situation, this quantity was being received at once instead of over the period during which it was needed.

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The Chairman then requested Brig. Lush to call in all R.C.A.Os. for a meeting with the Food Sub-Commission in order to work out the policy on the Subject.

24. Public Works and Mines Sub-Commission. (Lt.Col.Jenny)

(a) A.F.H.Q. has started a program for the maintenance of military highways in Regions II, III, and IV under the supervision of this Sub-Commission. There are 3,000 kilometres of highways now included in the program. Under this program the Army fixed priorities, the Italian Engineering authorities made a survey of the materials needed and of the local availability of these materials. The Army furnished those materials that were not locally available. The Sub-Commission supervised the execution of the work, and made certain that the money was properly spent and that the priorities were maintained. Most of these jobs were handled from H.Q. rather than from the Regions so that one group could deal with the reorganized Italian engineering authorities. It is impossible to provide food for workers on highways covering 3,000 kilometres.

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(b) The rationing of electricity is becoming increasingly important because of the shortage of power, and all users are being urged to cut down wherever that is possible.

(c) The Ministry of Public Works of the Italian Government covers the entire engineering field, including the re-habilitation of all industry. Therefore, it is not only this Sub-Commission but also the Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission will have to deal with that Ministry.

245. Finance Sub-Commission. (Lt.Col.Miller)

(a) One of the most serious existing problems is the failure of the present tax structure to provide the necessary revenue. Officers have been detailed to the field to stimulate the activity of the tax collecting agencies.

(b) The sale of Postal Savings Bonds is about to commence.

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The Chairman emphasised the necessity of forming this organization within the next two months so that at the end of this period he could tell General Alexander that he was ready to accept the lorries.

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247. Shipping Sub-Commission (MEDSO). (Mr.Ian Campbell)

He said there was two classes of shipping, ocean going ships which had been taken over for military and naval uses, and coastal shipping. Efforts were being made to determine which schooners, if any, were available for coastal shipping, which goods had to be carried in them, and who was to operate them. MEDSO decides which ships ought to be used for essential coastal sea movements.

248. Political.

The Chairman then stated that the recent conference in Bari had indicated that these groups desired the King to abdicate, but beyond this they had no fixed program as to their future operation, or as to the form of Government which they desired to set up in Italy. There were a large number of political currents which were too complex for any brief description. The fact that the Government has not the full support of the people hampers A.C.C. because the Government is not confident enough of its position to press strongly for important action that should be taken. However, it is the job of A.C.C. to treat the existing Italian Government as an Administrative machine rather than as having any particular political complexion, and to work with it to produce as efficient a governmental organization as possible.

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250. Telecommunications and Postal Sub-Commission. (Col.Henderson)

(a) It had been very slow work securing the release of circuits by the Army for civilian use, and securing the necessary stores for the rehabilitation of such circuits.

(b) The Italian Government has been handicapped because, for military reasons, it has not been allowed to use the wireless. It is hoped that soon communications to Sicily and Sardinia can be sent by the Italian Government over Allied Military Circuits.

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(c) Civilian Postal Service has been started in Regions I and II, but not in Naples or abroad. The availability of the necessary censors is the limiting factor. It is hoped that foreign mails might start on a restricted basis by February 15.

(d) The maintenance of standard rates for such civilian telecommunication and postal services as did exist is most important.

251. ThenChairman stated that the Navy Section was operating at Taranto, with a representative in this area, that the Air Section was operating at Bari, and that the Military Section was in Lecce where it would have to stay for the present because the Italian War Ministry was remaining there. As soon as the Commando Supremo moved to Salerno, Brig. Duchesne would accompany it. As soon as Rome fell the H.Q. of these three services on the Italian side would be set up there and the A.C.C. representatives would also be there, although the Naval and Air operations would possibly continue to be directed from the south.

252. The meeting adjourned at 1655 hours.

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208. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 1500 hrs.

209. D.C.C.A.O. reported that many of the major difficulties which had been holding up the transfer of territory to the Italian Government have now apparently been met. Higher Headquarters have approved the proposed terms of transfer. It was now a question of securing their acceptance by the Italian Government. While no exact estimate on time is possible, the transfer might occur in a month's time. In the meantime the military government would continue to be conducted with a view to providing a smooth transition from AMG to ACC when the transfer was made.

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210. D.C.C.A.O. stated that an office memorandum would be issued shortly notifying all parties concerned that the Vice-President and Deputy Vice-President of the Economic and Administrative Section were on duty in Naples and that matters of policy in this field should be referred to them.

211. The Deputy Vice President of the Economic and Administrative Section, and the representative of this Headquarters on the Central Economic Committee, explained that it was essentially a coordinating and implementing Committee. He said that it had been decided that matters involving this Headquarters would be taken through channels and not directly to the Subcommission involved. All important communications between this Headquarters and the Central Economic Committee should channel through him. D.C.C.A.O. stated that this Headquarters had promptly answered the call for personnel for the Central Economic Committee in virtually all cases but that from now on it would be of great assistance to this office if personnel were not requested by name but rather that requests specify the qualifications desired. The Vice-President and Deputy Vice-President concurred.

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213. D.C.C.A.O. explained the AFHQ directive requiring monthly reports and emphasized the necessity of receiving the monthly reports from Subcommittees promptly. It was decided to circulate the weekly situation reports to the various Subcommissions.

214. The acting Chief of the Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives Subcommission reported on the work of the Commission of Enquiry, appointed to investigate the damage done to works of art and historical monuments in Italy.

215. The Vice President of the Economic Section stated that owing to the preparation of regular reports it would not be necessary for any special

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reports to be submitted by the Subcommissions to him in accordance with a recent request which he had made.

216. The Deputy Director of the Interior Subcommission asked which matters of policy could be brought up in the Executive Council more appropriately than directly through channels. The D.C.C.A.O. outlined the history of the Executive Council and stated that there was no answer to this question but that, if an important question of policy arose which members believed could profitably be discussed with the full council, such an item could appropriately be placed upon the agenda.

217. At the request of the Chief of the Public Works and Mining Subcommission, it was decided that the R.C.A.O., Region V should report to these Headquarters with a nominal roll of personnel as soon as he arrived in Italy, so that qualified personnel could be supplied to these Headquarters for special jobs from Region V.

218. The Director of the Public Works and Mining Subcommission requested that some program be worked out so that Italian officers who repeatedly came to see him at this office could more readily be furnished with passes in order to avoid delay. Col. Young was instructed to work out a system of permanent passes to cover any Italian governmental or other officials who were frequently authorized to visit the office.

219. The Chief of Staff stated that the American Regimental and British Headquarters could not come to Naples at this time because the building intended for them had been taken over as a typhus hospital. Efforts were being made to secure accommodations for these Headquarters further south.

220. The Chief of Staff stated that an Archivist had arrived to keep an accurate

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218. The Director of the Public Works and Mining Subcommission requested that some program be worked out so that Italian officers who repeatedly came to see him at this office could more readily be furnished with passes in order to avoid delay. Col. Young was instructed to work out a system of permanent passes to cover any Italian governmental or other officials who were frequently authorized to visit the office.

219. The Chief of Staff stated that the American Regimental and British Headquarters could not come to Naples at this time because the building intended for them had been taken over as a typhus hospital. Efforts were being made to secure accomodations for these Headquarters further south.

220. The Chief of Staff stated that an Archivist had arrived to keep an accurate record of the Allied Control Commission. He requested all Senior Officers to cooperate with him as much as possible.

221. The Chief of Staff stated that the problem of servants and other equipage for small Officer's messes in the regions was under discussion. He hoped that a scheme would soon be worked out which would avoid undue expense and hardship.

222. Meeting adjourned at 1600 hours.

LEWIS H. VAN DUSEN, JR.
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 512

19 November 1945.

The 20th Meeting of the
Executive Council
19 November 1945

Present

Brigadier E. Gueterbock (Chairman)	- Vice Chief of Staff
Brigadier R.A.Hamlyn	- Acting Economic Director
Brigadier G.S.Parkinson	- Director of Public Health
Colonel P.G.Kirk	- Chief of Public Safety
Colonel C.M.Spofford	- Deputy Chief of Staff
Colonel R.R.Rathbone	- Executive Officer
Colonel G.R.Upjohn	- Deputy Chief of Legal Division
Colonel Young	- Intelligence Officer
Lt.Colonel Lindbergh	- Deputy Director of Internal Transport.
Lt.Colonel L.D.Densmore	- Acting Director Communications
Lt.Colonel R.R.Cripps	- Acting Administration Director
Lt.Colonel E.L.Clough	- Acting Adjutant General
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Lt.Colonel G.R.Cayre	- Acting Director of Education
Major P.K.Baillie-Reynolds	- Deputy Director of Fine Arts
Major Knauer	- Deputy Dir. of Telecommunications
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Captain Charles Poore	- Public Relations Officer
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197. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 1500 hours.

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200. The Chairman stated that the assignments of officers requested in Item 195 should be submitted by each Sub-Commission to the Acting Chief of Staff personally. (Action all members)

201. The Chairman stated that the directive called for in Item 194 (c) could be submitted at a later date which would be specified.

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202. The Chief Legal Officer then stated that when territory was handed over to the Italian government, immediately all AMG Proclamations and Orders became null and void. Therefore, it was necessary to prepare, in advance, orders and decrees to be put into effect at that time by the Italian Government, wherever it was necessary or desirable to continue the regulations established by AMG. Each member was urged to submit to the Chief Legal Officer the orders or decrees which he wished carried over in this manner in the field in which he was operating. (Action all members)

203. The Chairman then stated that when more territory was turned over to the Italian Government it would have to establish itself near Naples and these Headquarters would have to be established in the same vicinity. However, there was no single location sufficiently large to house the Italian Government and all of A.C.C. Headquarters. Therefore, it would probably be necessary to split these Headquarters so that between ½ and 2/3's of the officers would be stationed 30 miles from the Italian Government. All members should consider how this split up was to be effected with regard to their personnel and should take the matter up with the Deputy Chief of Staff (Operations and Intelligence).

204. The Chairman advised the meeting that General Patton had held a meeting to inform himself about the existing unrest in Sicily arising out of the food shortage. As a result of the conference General Patton had agreed to cable AFHQ requesting 10,000 tons of flour at once. These Headquarters had sent a similar cable.

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Captain, Ord.,
Secretary

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Maj.P.K.Baillie-Reynolds - Dep.Dir. of F.Arts
Capt.C.Poore - Public Relations Officer
Capt.L.H.VanDusen- Secretary - Staff O.Econ.

Col. Upjohn - Dep. Chief of Legal
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Colonel Bentlett
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SUBJECT: General Wage and Salary Increase.
To : Executive Council

29 Oct. 43.

1. In accordance with your instruction, the following wage proposal is submitted as a temporary measure to be applied Island Wide pending conclusion of a more exhaustive study and analysis now under consideration:

a. Government Agencies. Employees of permanent and temporary status of the State, Provinces, Communes, Enti Para-Statale, and Public Institutions and Agencies (Aziende) which are administered by any of the foregoing governmental units shall receive a "temporary cost of living bonus" which shall be calculated on the base of present total salaries (base plus ordinary and extraordinary indemnities which normally represent an integral part of their total salary) as indicated in the attached table. Increases shall become effective 1 November 43.

b. Private Employers. Private employers are permitted to grant increases in both salaries and wages which shall not exceed the percentages indicated in the attached table. The table increases shall be applied to salaries and wages fixed by Collective Labor Contracts effective as of 1 Sept. 42. However, in the case of the cities of Palermo, Catania and Messina the percentage increases shall be based upon the contract wage plus the indemnity of Presenza. The above increases shall in no way affect or be affected by the Assegni Famigliari.

(1) Increases in salaries and wages received by employees since 1 Sept. 42 shall be deducted from any increase granted as a result of this proposal.

(2) Increases in salaries and wages received by employees since 1 Sept. 42 which exceed the amount of increase granted by this proposal shall not be effected thereby.

2. The increases authorised under 1 (a) above shall be granted to persons now receiving pensions in accordance with the schedule in attached table.

3. Any disputes which arise between employer and employee or employees under Section 1 (b) above shall be adjusted in accordance with the machinery provided in A:M:G: General Order No. 8.

4. This proposal does not apply to persons directly employed by branches of the Allied Armed Forces or by contractors rendering service to said forces.

Junius R. Smith

JUNIUS R. SMITH,
Lt. Col., Q.M.C.,
Labor Sub-Commission of
Allied Commission.

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On 1st L. 1,000 (or fraction thereof) -
" 2nd " " " " " -
" 3rd " " " " " -
" 4th " " " " " -
" 5th " " " " " -

NOTE: Increases are authorised v.s.:

TABLE - A

WAGE	AMOUNT OF INCREASE	POSSIBLE MAXIMUM TOTAL
1 - 1000	Up to 800	800
1001 - 2000	1st 1,000 = 800 2nd 1,000 = 600	1,400
2001 - 3000	1st 1,000 = 800 2nd 1,000 = 600 3rd 1,000 = 300	1,700
3001 - 4000	1st 1,000 = 800 2nd 1,000 = 600 3rd 1,000 = 300 4th 1,000 = 200	1,900
4001 - 5000	1st 1,000 = 800 2nd 1,000 = 600 3rd 1,000 = 300 4th 1,000 = 200 5th 1,000 = 100	2,000
Over 5000	One max. Indemnity of	2,000 TOTAL

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	On 1st L. 1,000 (or fraction thereof)	- 80%
	" 2nd " " " " "	- 60%
Authorised v.c.:	" 3rd " " " " "	- 30%
	" 4th " " " " "	- 20%
	" 5th " " " " "	-10%

TABLE - A

AMOUNT OF INCREASE	POSSIBLE MAXIMUM TOTAL	AVERAGE TOTAL PER CENT INCREASE
Up to 800	800	80
1st 1,000 = 800 2nd 1,000 = 600	1,400	70
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One max. Indemnity of	2,000 TOTAL	40

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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

AGENDA

16th Meeting of the Executive Council to be held at 1500 hours 29 October 1943 in the Conference Room at 8 Via Bari.

1. Minutes of the last meeting.

E. TALBOT,
Captain,
Acting Secretary to
Executive Council.

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N.B. Heads or Acting Heads of the old AMG Divisions are NOT required to attend.

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MEMO.

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AMGOT. H.Q. Sicily.
29. OCT. 43.

SUBJECT. Executive Council Meeting. No. 16.

TO. : Secretary G. Executive Council.

This directorate has NO. item on the agenda of the 16th Meeting of the Executive Council.

R.R. Cripps Lt/Col.
for. Admin Director.

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SUBJECT: Executive Council Meeting

TO : Members of Executive Council

AMGOT/31/HQ

AMGOT HQ SICILY

27 October 1943

It is requested that items for the Agenda of the 16th Meeting of the Executive Council to be held at 1500 hrs on Friday 29th October 1943, be handed to the Secretary by 1100 hrs Thursday 28 October, 1943.

LEWIS VAN DUSEN
Capt., Ord.
Secretary Executive
Council.

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C.C.A.O.

Subject of Executive Council.

1. At the next meeting all Heads or Acting Heads of Sub-Commissions should attend? yes
2. Should the Heads or Acting Heads of the old A176 Divisions also attend? No unless presenting paper they prepared.
3. Will you please indicate who else should attend.
4. This information is required in order to get out the notices for items for the agenda. DCSO7 Copy
5. Capt. Van Dusen is away on a Military Court — shall Capt. Talbot act as Secretary if Capt. Van Dusen is not back? yes

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2. Should the Heads or Acting Heads of the old A17G Divisions also attend? No unless presenting paper they prepare.

3. Will you please indicate who else should attend.

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Capt L. H. Van Ilusen	DLD
Sec, EXCO	

FOR:

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23 October 1943

AMGOT HEADQUARTERS

Minutes of

The 15th Meeting of the Executive Council
15 October 1943

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PRESENT

Brigadier General McSherry (Chairman)	- D.C.C.A.O.
Colonel Todd	- D.E.S.
Colonel Zellars	- D.D.E.S. (Acting)
Colonel Bolles	- C.P.S.
Lt. Col. Farley Smith	- D.C.S.O.
Lt. Col. Charler	- C.L.O.
Lt. Col. Harris	- C.P.
Lt. Col. Menapace	- D.C.F.O.
Lt. Col. Densmore	- D.T.C.U.
Major Chayton	- D.A.D.
Major Scheele	- D.D.P.H.
Captain Morse	- D.L.D.
Captain Van Duser	- Secretary

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(b) 148 (c) and 136 - D.C.S.O. reported that the required action had been taken.

(c) 148 (d) and 137 - D.L.D. reported that the survey of wages paid by governmental agencies had been completed and was available.

(d) 148 (g) and 139 - C.L.O. stated that he had conferred with Major Chayton on the preparation of a general order covering the proposed Agricultural Re-Organization, but that he thought it was unwise at this time to set up an entirely new Agricultural system in view of the probability of the Badoglio Government coming into the picture shortly. D.C.C.A.O. stated that the new Agricultural Commission, when formed, would prepare recommendations which could later be taken up with the Italian Government.

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(e) 148 (h) and 140 - The issuance of this general order was postponed for the same reasons as those stated in the last paragraph.

(f) 148 (i) and 142 - C.P.S. reported that all Questori have been instructed to insist upon the possession and use of all licenses required under Italian Law before the occupation.

(g) 148 (p) and 142 - D.C.F.C. reported that, since there was no officer available to replace Lt. Comdr. Southard, he would rely on the Price Index now in process of preparation by D.L.D.

(h) 148 (r) and 144 - D.C.S.O. reported that the required action had been taken.

(i) 149 - D.L.D. reported that a telegram had been sent to AFHQ as directed. D.C.C.A.O. stated that further action would be postponed until a reply to this message was received.

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156. Delegation of authority by Division Chiefs to R.C.A.O.s. Owing to the uncertainty of events, D.C.C.A.O. stated that this matter should be dropped for the present, except in any special cases where some further delegation was imperative in order to enable the Regional Program to operate.

157. Labor Plans. D.L.D. asked whether these plans should be extended to Regions II and III. D.C.C.A.O. stated that the matter should be left in abeyance pending further clarification of the method of operation for the future.

158. Presentation of Wage Studies. D.C.C.A.O. directed that D.L.D. submit these studies to each Division. After agreement had been reached with the various Divisions then the studies should be presented to D.C.C.A.O. (Action D.L.D.)

159. Proposed Amalgamation in Provincial Administration. D.C.C.A.O. stated that in Region II all Provincial Administration was eliminated except S.C.A.O.s

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and S.C.A.P.O.s. Larger areas formed the operating units to conserve staffs. However, no amalgamation would take place in Region I until the new S.C.A.O.s had become familiar with their present assignments.

160. D.C.C.A.O. told the meeting that Headquarters should be prepared to hand over the administration of Sicily to Region I very quickly. He explained that new personnel were coming to combine with these Headquarters and that every assistance should be given to these men to enable them to learn quickly that which they needed to know concerning the present organization.

161. The meeting adjourned at 1620 hours.

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D.C.L.O.	Secretary (2)	
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D.D.E.S. (Acting)		
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15th meeting of the Executive Council to be held at 1500 hours 22nd October, 1943, in the Conference Room.

1. Minutes of the last meeting.
2. Delegation of authority by Division Chiefs to R.C.A.O.s. (C.L.O.)
3. Proposed Labor Plan No. 3 (D.L.D.).
4. Presentation of Wage Studies (D.L.D.).
5. Proposed amalgamation in Provincial Administration. (D.C.C.A.O.)

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BASIS FOR DISCUSSION OF ITEM 2
ON THE AGENDA FOR

EXCO MEETING OF OCTOBER 22, 1943

1. The powers of specific AMGOT officers designated by position appear in the AMGOT Plan and Administrative Instruction 35 (May 1, 1943), the Proclamations, General Orders, and Administrative Instructions pertaining generally or to particular Divisions and directives issued to S.C.A.O.s.

2. No effort has been made to consider the directives issued to S.C.A.O.s (as they are not collected in one place) or the administrative instructions not appearing in the Manual.

3. The delegation of some of the following powers assigned to the C.C.A.O. in Proclamations and General Orders might be considered. (Plan included)

(a) Proclamation 7 - Article I - V. C.C.A.O. to determine what Fascist laws are to be abolished.

(b) Proclamation 5 - Moratorium to be lifted by C.C.A.O.

(c) Article IV, Section 3 of Para. 4 - C.C.A.O. makes rules of Procedure for Courts.

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(e) Article IX of Proclamation 4 - C.C.A.O. may make orders and rules.

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(b) Article IV Section 2 (B) - C.L.O. or any court may prohibit a lawyer from practicing before the Allied Courts.

(c) Proclamation 4, Article VII - Petitions for review of offences must be filed with court or C.L.O.; All records transmitted to C.L.O.; Records under 2 yrs or 50,000 lire fine are reviewed by C.C.A.C. on recommendation of C.L.O.

(d) Article III of Proclamation 6 - Comptroller may issue notices in writing for production of papers etc. Several of the sections and articles speak of "Controller" or "such person as may be designated by him" but Article VII gives him full powers of delegation to assistants.

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(e) Proclamation 4 Article III speaks of "senior Civil Police Officer in his territory" as the person to whom report should be made when an identity card is lost.

(f) Proclamation 11, Article V, Section 1(b) speaks of privileged character of meetings of Courts authorized by C.L.O.

(g) Permits for meetings issued by or on authority of Commissioner of Civil Police thru C.P.O. of locality. (Proc. VII, Art. 5 (2))

(h) General Order No. 2 - offence to disobey orders of C.F.O. or officer authorized by him.

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General Mc Sherry:

1. This is considered a matter for Exec.

2. See File #27

3. Request your comments.

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Yes

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15 September 1943

SUBJECT: Executive Council Meeting

TO : Members of Executive Council

1. It is requested that items for the Agenda of the 11th meeting of the Executive Council to be held at 1500 hours on Friday 17 Sept. 1943 be handed to the Secretary by 1200 hours Thursday, 16 Sept. 1943.

Chairman Executive Council

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Secretary Executive Council

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Minutes of
The 14th Meeting of the Executive Council
15 October 1943

PRESENT

Brigadier General McSherry (Chairman)	- D.C.C.A.O.
Colonel Zellars	- D.E.S. (Acting)
Colonel Bolles	- C.P.S.
Lt. Col. Farley Smith	- D.C.S.O.
Lt. Col. Rowe	- D.C.L.O.
Lt. Col. Harris	- C.P.
Lt. Col. Menapace	- D.C.F.O.
Lt. Col. Densmore	- D.C.T.U.
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Major Scheele	- D.D.P.H.
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(d) 137-The D.L.D. reported that the survey of wages paid by governmental agencies would be completed by the end of the week. The survey relating to wages paid by private employers would follow shortly thereafter. (Action D.L.D.)

(e) 138-D.C.C.A.C. stated that in order to conserve personnel some of the provinces would have to be temporarily consolidated. The suggested consolidation is as follows:

Ragusa to be combined with Siracusa
Agrigento to be combined with Caltanissetta
Catania to be combined with Enna

D.C.C.A.C. stated that this subject would be brought up for discussion and final decision at the next meeting.

(f) 138-D.C.C.A.C. agreed that stronger control over S.C.A.C.s should be exercised in the future.

(g) 139-D.C.L.C. stated that he could report at the next meeting with a draft of a general order covering the proposed Agricultural Re-organization. (Action D.C.L.C.)

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(h) 140-D.A.D. reported that a general order had been prepared and submitted to C.C.A.O. (Action D.C.C.A.O.)

(i) 142-(Par. 4a) D.C.F.O. and C.P.S. stated that they would report at the next meeting on the question of the revenue to be derived from licenses. (Action D.C.F.O. and C.P.S.)
D.C.F.O. reported that (under Par. 4a (2)) the new Italian Budget had greatly increased the tax rates and that he was preparing data on the basis of which to make recommendations. D.C.C.A.O. wanted it clearly understood that no duty was to be levied on any imports for military use, including all AMGOT imports, whether for resale to civilians or not.

(j) 142-Postal Savings - D.C.F.O. reported that Washington had authorised the treatment of Postal Savings Deposits on the same basis as bank deposits. Therefore, the Postal Savings Departments would be opened in the near future. D.C.F.O. thought that the withdrawals would not necessitate much help from AFHQ as the banks had generally been able to finance themselves to date, with deposits exceeding withdrawals.

(k) 142-D.C.F.O. reported that the Italian Post offices were now open.

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149. Proposed Labor Plan No. 3.

D.L.D. read the letter attached to Labor Plan No. 3 and explained the Plan. D.C.C.A.O. pointed out the inconsistency of prohibiting all political meetings and yet authorizing meetings of labor organizations which might easily become political. D.A.D. reported that in Enna and Ragusa labor syndicates had been formed and a Chamber of Commerce in Palermo. D.C.C.A.O. directed D.L.D. to take the plan up with the Legal Division and bring up an agreed proposal at a later meeting. (Action D.L.D. and D.C.L.O.) D.C.C.A.O. also directed D.L.D. to confer with him concerning the preparation of a letter to the Combined Chiefs of Staff in Washington notifying them of the preparation of the Plan and asking for authority to make it effective when circumstances permitted. (D.L.D.)

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150. Interprovincial Movement of Foodstuffs

D.A.D. outlined his proposal (Exhibit A to the Agenda). He emphasized the failure of some S.C.A.O.s to adhere to the price ceilings and to cooperate in preventing movements of foodstuffs about the island. This action was not only inflationary but tended to absorb much transport taking food from places where it was already needed. Palermo was alleged to be a chief offender. D.C.C.A.O. directed D.A.D. to prepare a memorandum of any specific price violations so that he could talk the matter over with the S.C.A.O.s involved. (Action D.A.D.) With specific reference to the plan D.C.C.A.O. stated that there was a real inconsistency between the free trade referred to in Par. 3(b) and the price fixing authorized in Par. 3(c). D.A.D. stated that he favored removing all controls but he did not believe that the risk involved in so doing could be run. D.C.C.A.O. stated that he desired to discuss the proposal with various S.C.A.O.s before expressing his opinion on it. (Action D.C.C.A.O.)

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D.C.C.A.O. stated that he was not in favor of transporting grain from Provinces with a present surplus to Provinces with a present deficit, if the former Provinces had not sufficient grain to last until the next harvest. Otherwise, unnecessary duplication in transportation would result.

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D.C.C.A.O. directed that D.A.D. and C.P.S. should confer to agree upon a program for attacking the Black Market. D.C.C.A.O. stated that he thought well of the plan to use the miller as the channel of enforcement. (Action D.A.D. and C.P.S.)

D.T.C.U. stated that he thought further transport for the distribution of existing grain stocks could be secured through the island-wide reissue of permits contemplated.

152. The meeting adjourned at 1725 hours.

LEWIS Van DUSEN, Capt.,
Secretary to EXCO

Distribution:

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D.E.S. (Acting)	D.A.D.		
C.P.S.	D.D.P.H.		
D.C.S.O.	D.L.D.		
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2. Proposed Labor Plan No.3 (D.L.D.) (Plan attached).
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4. Action to deal with Serious Grain Problem (DAD) (Appendix B).

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SUBJECT: Labor Plan No. 3

S E C R E T

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AMGOT/9001/LAB
AMGOT HQ SICILY
10 October 43

TO : Executive Council
~~Chief Staff Officer~~

1. The attached proposal is submitted for consideration and approval. If approved, certain of the provisions should issue from AMGOT by Amendment to General Order No. 8; others by Rule and Regulation. However, they are submitted in one proposal at this time so that they can be observed in relation to each other and expedite consideration.

2. Labor Plans 1 and 2 resulted in issuance of General Order No. 8. The Order has been well received by the public at large as a measure consistent with their views and the social and economic requirements of the day. The purpose of establishing governmental machinery in the labor field, operated by native civilians, is being accomplished so that if AMG were to remove its influence and supervision tomorrow, a civilian organization would be left to function with hope of stability and success.

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LABOR PLAN NO. 5

LABOR ORGANIZATION

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I. RIGHT OF ORGANIZATION.

Employees shall have the right to select representatives of their own choosing without interference, restraint, or coercion, by employers for the purpose of collective bargaining in matters concerning hours, wages and working conditions; adjusting grievances and disputes; and for mutual social and economic assistance.

II. INTERNAL ORGANIZATION.

Employees shall have the right to organize and function in accordance with constitutions, by-laws and such other fundamental documents as may be necessary or required, ~~but in each instance~~ the constitutions, by-laws and other documents must be approved and ratified by free and secret majority vote of the membership.

III. COLLECTIVE CONTRACTS.

Contracts shall specify hours, wages, working conditions, grievance machinery, and termination provisions.

IV. REGISTRATION AND FILING.

A. A certified copy of all collective contracts and arbitration decisions must be filed by both parties to the said contracts and decisions with the Regional Labor Office and the Provincial Labor Office of the Province in which the employer is physically engaged within ten days after completion. If the contract or decision includes operations within more than one province, then said contract or decision must be filed with the Provincial Labor Office of each Province.

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APPENDIX. A.

Subject:- Price Control.

AMGOT H.Q. SICILY.

AMGOT/12002/AG.

13 October, 1943.

1. In an attempt to bring order out of chaos the Civilian Supply Division after a careful study of the information available on the subject compiled and issued on 1st Sept. a very comprehensive retail price list for essential commodities. In order to allow for the flexibility necessary to deal with varying local conditons the following provisions were made.

a. The prices were island maxima and were to be used as a ceiling. Maximum prices in provinces could be fixed below these levels.

b. In cases where any particular scheduled price was regarded by an S.C.A.O. as too low, provisions was made for reconsideration in consultation with the Civilian Supply Division.

2. Cases have, however, arisen where the instruction has been ignored and prices have been paid above the scheduled limits without consultation. In some instances the differences are relatively important. This has created considerable difficulties and is tending to a price tug of war. It has also given rise to bad feeling between neighbouring provinces and trucks and produce have been seized in an attempt to prevent movements out of provinces. Other steps such as the posting of guards on roads to enforce embargoes on exports have also been taken.

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a. That movements must be agreed by the S.C.A.Os of both supplying and receiving provinces.

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c. That relative price levels should be amended as necessary to increase or diminish the flow as mutually agreed and desired.

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5. The obvious answer in defence was a price increase to prevent the movement. Fortunately the S.C.A.Os of the provinces effected realized the inflationary aspects of such a reply and attempted to prevent movement by physical means. This action, which should have been entirely unnecessary has not, however, solved the problem for those three provinces. The stock for slaughter is not now forthcoming as suppliers say they will not kill except at prices in line with those in Palermo.

6. Meat is not the only item nor is Palermo the only province involved. Cases are submitted with added frequency of similar problems which are arising as a result of non observance of the ceiling price list and of the agreed principles.

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7. It is considered that action should be taken immediately to control the situation and to facilitate the removal of obstacles to interprovincial trade and to prevent any further stimulation to an already existing inflationary movement.

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APPENDIX B.

AMGOT H.Q. SICILY.

Subject: Grain Supplies.

AMGOT/12003/AG.

15 October, 43.

1. The directive issued by AFHQ, MGS of 29 Sept. 1943 contains in paragraph 3 a very clear indication that the help which we can expect from imports in feeding the population of occupied territory will be very limited indeed. The remainder of the directive which refers to A.M.G. is a refreshing reminder of our duty to tackle the problems confronting us and is not entirely devoid of value.

2. The matter of grain supplies is one to which a considerable amount of thought has been given at this H.Q. and, lest we should lose sight of its pressing importance, vigorous prods are constantly being conveyed by the provinces in Region I. I have no doubt that as soon as communications are improved similar problems of Regions II and III will be repeatedly and vigorously presented to us.

3. During the last week the S.C.A.Os of three provinces have attended this H.Q., and conferences have been held to discuss the question of grain supplies. An urgent request for assistance has also been received from S.C.A.O. Catania.

4. Action has been taken to deal with the immediate problem but new and urgent action is necessary if the problem is to be dealt with on more than a day to day basis. If nothing more is contemplated than the generally ineffective and uncoordinated steps now being taken in various provinces, it will soon become impossible to deal with the situation even on a hand to mouth basis.

5. Before a report is sent to AFHQ on action taken on their directive, it is essential that we should be able to say that we have taken all possible measures to provide for the civil population from supplies locally available. We certainly cannot say this at present.

6. In considering what action can be taken, it is as well to set out in detail the fundamental facts governing the situation. They are as follows:

A. Immediate.

(i) Before the date of commencement of effective control, considerable quantities of wheat disappeared into hoards and particularly into the hands of the black market operators.

(ii) The quantities amassed since that date have been exceedingly disappointing. This is largely due to continued black market cornering and to withholding by producers.

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(iv) Plans for stepping up the rate of amassing are for various reasons, weak and ineffective.

(v) Distribution of such stocks that are available is exceedingly difficult owing to scarcity of trucks or of rail facilities and deterioration of roads following rains. The supply and distribution (transport) problems are such that days on which no bread at all has been available in certain localities are likely very soon to increase rapidly.

(vi) The prospect of substantial assistance by imports appears to have vanished with the issue of the directive from AFHQ referred to above.

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B. Long Term.

(i) The harvest has definitely been a poor one and total supplies of grain will in any event be insufficient to provide an adequate ration till the next harvest. Visible stocks in controlled channels indicate that these will be exhausted before the end of the year in Region I. There is nothing to show that the position in Regions II and III is very different.

(ii) The bulk of the important alternative cereals, maize (70%) and rice (95%) are produced in the Plain of Lombardy and are therefore inaccessible.

(iii) The enemy has almost certainly taken grain out of Regions II and III and is probably removing cereal crops from Regions now in his possession.

7. Considerations of the problems involved, having regard to the known facts, suggest that the following courses are open:

(i) Allow the public to continue to supply its bread and pasta needs from rations insofar as they are available, supplemented by recourse to Black Market.

(ii) Reduction of ration and/or substitution of other articles of food for bread and pasta.

(iii) Discover and collect supplies outside controlled channels to increase supplies available to these channels. Steps such as the decrease of the quantities allowed for retention by farmers and increase in grain prices are supplementary.

8. The first course appears at present, a simple way out. One may well ask the question, "If the people are in fact being fed, why worry about how it is being done?" This is in any case only a short term solution. To countenance this state of affairs and to allow it to continue would not only be politically unsound, but would tend to stimulate black market activities to such an extent as to make supplies available to the controlled channels nonexistent within a very short time. It still does not provide for the poor man and is a negation of control and a full admission of the failure of our administration.

9. The maximum daily ration in Region I is 300 grs. of bread plus 40 grs. of pasta. Even those receiving the full permitted ration say that as this is their main article of diet it is insufficient. This claim is substantiated by Annex II of the AFHQ directive which estimates that the minimum diet requires 2,000 calories per day, of which 66% is to be from grain. On this basis, the daily consumption of flour per head would [illegible]

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10. A case can however be made out for a levelling of maximum permitted rations to allow for a more equitable distribution of available supplies. The phychological effect on producing and supplying provinces must be considered. Reduction of the ration in these provinces will result in increased resort to the black market. The increase of demand in this channel will provide additional incentives for the accumulation of black market hoards and is likely to be an obstacle to any attempt to increase controlled stocks. For this reason, it might be considered that the reduction should be postponed till the end of the official period for collection. Against this, however, it seems unwise (a) to allow stocks to be exhausted unnecessarily and (b) to allow to continue the considerable difference in effective rations which exists.

11. The average maximum daily ration in Region I at present is, however, only 165 grs. of bread and 15 grs. of pasta, equivalent to 152 grs. of flour. This represents 40 of the minimum requirements! The question of substitution of non-cereal for cereal foods does not therefore arise. Nor, on the same basis can a reduction in average ration be contemplated. It is unlikely that the conditions in Regions II and III are any better than those in Region I.

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12. With regard to the question of the discovery and collection of supplies outside controlled channels, much remains to be done, and it is almost entirely to this sphere of action that attention must be directed. Some help can be obtained by the reduction in the quantity which farmers are allowed to retain. The main effort must, however, be directed against hoards in the hands of farmers and black market operators. This problem has been discussed at length, but, with the exception of sporadic efforts in various provinces, no positive general vigorous action has been initiated. The position indicates that the matter is now one of the gravest urgency. It is essentially a police matter and the choice of actions which ultimately rest with the Public Safety Division is whether they will now take action to deal with this present problem or face the eventual one of handling the grave and growing food disorders, which may certainly be otherwise anticipated.

13. My conclusion is that we are left with the one main possible line of action referred to in the previous paragraph. But that action is required immediately. To await declarations under General Order No.5 or the termination of the authorized period for grain collection merely puts off the evil day. Even if it were certain that we should then be in a considerably better position to take action, it is suggested that we cannot afford to wait. Our days are numbered. Every day which is lost now increases in marked measure the acuteness of the problem of feeding the population.

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136. Re-establishment of Prefedts Council and Provincial Giunta. (Item 3 of Agenda)
C.S.O. recommended that S.C.A.O.s be authorized to resurrect these bodies in cases where they considered it desirable. The C.S.O. stated that these organizations were a part of the Administrative set-up and might in some cases profitably be re-instated. The D.C.L.O. cautioned against requiring the approval of these bodies to communal orders and decrees as under the Italian law. The Council agreed. (Action C.S.O.)

137. Policy on revision of wages for employees of private employers. (Item 4 of Agenda).
The D.L.D. asked the Council's approval of the preparation of a survey of the prevailing wage scales being paid by private employers in Sicily. The survey would be accompanied by appropriate recommendations. The meeting agreed and recommended prompt action. (Action D.L.D.)

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138. Rotation of S.C.A.O.s (Item 5 of Agenda)

The D.E.S. (Acting) summarized the difficulties encountered in the distribution of food, and other supplies, throughout the Island. The problem of equitable distribution could be solved only by the institution of various remedial measures. He proposed that, since the S.C.A.O.s of the provinces having present surpluses had not, in his opinion, taken the necessary steps to assist those now in need, S.C.A.O.s be interchanged between the "have" and "have-not" provinces.

The D.A.D. mentioned, as an example of inequitable distribution, that one Province was now granting to its own inhabitants more than the maximum permitted ration of bread and pasta, which was in fact double the weighted average of the Island.

The D.E.S. strongly recommended that a greater control be exercised by this H.Q. over S.C.A.O.s.

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The Council approved the D.A.D's plan and the C.S.O. directed that steps be taken to issue a General Order to make it effective. (Action D.A.D.)

141. Public Safety Division Meetings. (Item 8 of Agenda).

Announcement was made of certain meetings planned by Public Safety Division, and the C.P.S. invited all Division Heads or their representatives who might be interested to attend these meetings.

142. Plan for Control of Inflation in Sicily. (Item 9 of Agenda).

Lt. Comdr. Southard was invited to review his Plan (Appendix A to the Agenda). He stated that he had drawn it with a view to the practicability of its enforcement by each division. Each division would be required to implement the details of that part of the program applicable to it. Lt. Comdr Southard stated that as the Seventh and Eighth Armies withdrew from Sicily, some of the factors contributing to inflation would be reduced. The Plan was analysed by the Council and necessary action noted as follows:-

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(Action D.L.D.)

Continued appeals to troops
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The C.P.S. reported that all steps authorized by the directives, Proclamations and General Orders issued thus far were now being taken by him.

Supervision of distribution channels for commodities (Par. 5 B). The C.P.S. reported that every effort was being exerted to accomplish the desired results.

Ration level policy. (Par 5 C). It was reported that every effort was being exerted to carry out this proposal.

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In reference Par. 5 G the Public Welfare Section was directed to report on the possibility of re-opening amusement centres. In this connection the D.T.C.U. reminded the Council of the electric power shortage.
(Action D.P.H.)

Price Index (Par. 6)
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(D.C.F.O. & D.L.D.)
Comdr. Southard's report was approved by the Council and all concerned were directed to have Action reports at the next meeting of the Council. Comdr. Southard was invited to attend the meeting.

243. The C.S.O. reported that Major Geyre, Educational Adviser, was ill and brought the outline (Appendix B to the Agenda) submitted by the Educational Adviser to the attention of the Council.

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144. In the course of discussion on Price and Rationing enforcement the C.P.S. recommended that one Division in this H.Q. be charged with the responsibility for delivering and posting of all Proclamations and General Orders.
(Action C.S.O.)

145. The meeting was adjourned at 1700 hours.

Carel van Heukelom,
1st Lt. A.C.,
Secretary, Executive Council
AMGOT.

Distribution:

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D.C.C.A.O.	D.A.D.
C.S.O	D.L.D.
C.P.S.	Secretary (2)
D.P.H.	File
C.F.O.	Float
D.E.S. Acting	War Diary
C.L.O.	Spares (10)
C.P.	

Yes: ht responsibility for posting & procurement must rest with S.C.A.O's -

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

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SUBJECT: Memorandum.

TO: Capt. Van Dusen.

FILE No. AMGOT/12045/AG

AMGOT HQ., SICILY

13 October 1943

Will you please have included in the Agenda for the meeting of EXCO on the 15th Oct., the following items:

1. Interprovincial movements of foodstuffs (Appendix to follow).
2. Action to deal with serious grain supply problem. (Appendix to follow).

JC/EDG.

J. CHAYTON
Major,
Director, Agricultural Division.

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SUBJECT: Grain

OT/12003/AG
AMGOT HQ SICILY
13 October 43

TO: Chief Staff Officer

1. Reference folios 28-32.

2. This Division is in agreement with Major Chayton's recommendations. It is considered that an island wide, concerted and whole-hearted effort should be made at once to combat the Black Market. It is confirmed that imports of grain and flour will be insufficient to maintain a minimum bread ration for the population of Sicily for the next eight months.

3. It is also strongly recommended that the producer's allowance of grain should be cut by 50 Kg.

CJH/jfl

JOHN H. ZELLERS
Colonel, Infantry
Acting Director, Economics
and Supply Division

This Black Market racket should have everything we can muster thrown at it.

Any comments?

See #27.

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Subject: Executive Council Meeting — AMGOT/31/HQ

To : Members of Executive Council — AMGOT HQ SICILY

13 October 1943

It is requested that items for the Agenda of the ~~15~~ 14th Meeting of the Executive Council to be held at 1500 hrs on Friday 15th October 1943, be handed to the Secretary by 1100 hrs Thursday 14 October, 1943.

LEWIS H. Van DUSEN
Capt., Ord.
Secretary Executive Council

Distribution:

C.C.A.O.	D.E.S.	
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C.P.S.	D.T.C.U.	Float
D.P.W.	D.A.D.	War Diary
C.F.O.	D.L.D.	Spares (10)

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Subject: Executive Council Meeting.

To : Members of Executive Council

AMGOT/31/HQ

AMGOT HQ SICILY

6 October 1943

It is requested that items for the Agenda of the 14th Meeting of the Executive Council to be held at 1500 hrs on Friday, 8th October 1943, be handed to the Secretary by 1100 hrs Thursday 7 October, 1943.

CAREL van HEUKELOM
1st Lt., A.C.
Secretary Executive Council

Distribution:-

C.C.A.O.	
D.C.C.A.O.	
C.S.O.	
C.P.S.	(Public Safety Div.)
D.P.H.	(Public Health and Welfare Div.)
C.F.O.	(Finance Div.)
D.E.S.	- Acting (Economics and Supply Div.)
C.L.O.	(Legal Division)
C.P.	(Property Control Division)
D.T.C.U.	(Trans. Comm. and Util. Div.)
D.A.D.	(Agriculture Division)
D.L.D.	(Labor Division)

Secretary
File
Float
War Diary
Spares (10)

No meeting took place on 8 October '43.

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AMGOT H.Q. 2 October 1943

Minutes of
the 13th Meeting of the Executive Council

1 October 1943

P R E S E N T

Col. Spofford (Chairman)	C.S.O.
Col. Bolles	C.P.S.
Col. Cheyne	D.P.H.
Col. Zellars	D.E.S. Acting
Lt. Col. Densmore	D.C.T.U.
Lt. Col. Harris	C.P.
Lt. Col. Menapace	D.C.F.C.
Lt. Col. Rowe	D.C.L.O.
Major Chayton	D.A.D.
Capt. Morse	D.L.D.
Capt. Van Dusen	
Lt. Van Heukelom	Secretary

133. The meeting was called to order by the C.S.O. at 1500 hours.

134. The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and approved.

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136. Re-establishment of Prefects Council and Provincial Giunta. (Item 3 of Agenda)
C.S.O. recommended that S.C.A.O.s be authorized to resurrect those bodies in cases where they considered it desirable. The C.S.O. stated that these organizations were a part of the Administrative set-up and might in some cases profitably be re-instated. The D.C.L.O. cautioned against requiring the approval of these bodies to communal orders and decrees as under the
X Italian law. The Council agreed. (Action C.S.O.)

137. Policy on revision of wages for employees of private employers. (Item 4 of Agenda).
The D.L.D. asked the Council's approval of the preparation of a survey of the prevailing wage scales being paid by private employers in Sicily. The survey would be accompanied by appropriate recommendations. The meeting agreed and recommended prompt action. (Action D.L.D.)

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138. Rotation of S.C.A.C.s (Item 5 of Agenda)

The D.E.S. (Acting) summarized the difficulties encountered in the distribution of food, and other supplies, throughout the Island. The problem of equitable distribution could be solved only by the institution of various remedial measures. He proposed that, since the S.C.A.C.s of the provinces having present surpluses had not, in his opinion, taken the necessary steps to assist those now in need, S.C.A.C.s be interchanged between the "have" and "have-not"provinces.

The D.A.D. mentioned, as an example of inequitable distribution, that one Province was now granting to its own inhabitants more than the maximum permitted ration of bread and pasta, which was in fact double the weighted average of the Island.

The D.E.S. strongly recommended t at a greater control be exercised by this H.Q. over S.C.A.C.s.

General discussion ensued on the supply situation with particular reference to the province of Messina and Trapani.

139. Reorganization of Agricultural Control. (Item 6 of Agenda).
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The C.S.O. stated that he believed the decision should be postponed until the further development of the plan with the Legal Division had been completed. The final plan should be brought up at the next EXCO meeting. (Action D.C.L.O. and D.A.D.)

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(Item 7 of Agenda)

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The Council approved the D.A.D's plan and the C.S.O. directed that steps be taken to issue a General Order to make it effective. (Action D.A.D.)

141. Public Safety Division Meetings. (Item 8 of Agenda).

Announcement was made of certain meetings planned by Public Safety Division, and the C.P.S. invited all Division Heads or their representatives who might be interested to attend these meetings.

142. Plan for Control of Inflation in Sicily. (Item 9 of Agenda).

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(D.C.F.O. & D.L.D.)
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143. The C.S.O. reported that Major Gayre, Educational Adviser, was ill and brought the outline (Appendix B to the Agenda) submitted by the Educational Adviser to the attention of the Council.

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(Action C.S.C.)

145. The meeting was adjourned at 1700 hours.

for John Semmes Jr
Carel van Heukelom,
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AMGOT.

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AMGOT HEADQUARTERS

30th September 1943

A G E N D A

13th Meeting of the Executive Council to be held at 1500 hrs 1st October, 1943, in the Conference Room.

1. Minutes of the last meeting.

2. Policy as to authority for release of persons taken into custody by Allied Forces or Military Government authorities. (C.S.O.)

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6. Reorganization of Agricultural Control. (D.A.D.) APPENDIX "C"

7. Release of control on certain agricultural products and foodstuffs. (D.A.D.) APPENDIX "D"

8. Public Safety Meetings - announcement.
   (i) Questori CC.RR. Barracks 1000 hrs 5th October 1943.
   (ii) S.C.A.P.O.s H.Q. Conference Room 1000 hrs 6th October 1943.
   (iii) Prison Directors, Palermo Prison, 1000 hrs 6th October 1943

9. Plan for control of inflation in Sicily. (Lt.Comdr Southard) APPENDIX 'A'.

10. Report by Educational Adviser. (C.S.O.) APPENDIX 'B'.

CAREL VAN HEUKELOM,
1st Lt A.C.
Secretary - Executive Council,
AMGOT.

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APPENDIX "A"

Program for Inflation Control in AMG Territory.

1. The following program is submitted in response to instructions given by PFOO on 13 September. It has been discussed with many AMG officers, and has been approved in its entirety by the CFO, the CLO, the DCLO, the DOCS, and the Superintendent of Police.

2. As much as by any other criterion, the AMG will be judged by the resoluteness, capacity, and energy with which it attacks the inflation situation in Sicily. No military government can escape introducing into the territory it occupies a considerable increase in money in circulation. But if, having done so, a military government is dilitory, unenergetic, and inexpert in its attack on inflation, it will receive harsh censure both at home and abroad. It does not appear that the AMG, on the basis of its record to date, will escape such censure.

3. The inflation danger in Sicily is a function of two factors:

(a) The very large and continuing increase in money in circulation, amounting possibly to 30 per cent per month, and the disruption of normal savings and tax channels.

(b) The critically-short supply, due to absolute scarcity, to withholding by producers, and possibly to hoarding by consumers.

An inflation-control program must attack both sides of the exchange equation: spending and supply.

4. The following program to reduce spending is either underway or is hereby recommended.

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(b) Restore savings channels.

(1) The banks are now open throughout the Island on a restricted basis, and it is likely that restrictions can shortly be lifted. Therefore the

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largest channel of saving has been restored.

(2) It is desirable to reopen the Postal Savings System as soon as feasible, although there are some difficulties in the way of imperfect records, and in addition the COS has not so far consented to the recognition of State debt which would be involved. This whole matter is under review and should be pushed.

(3) The social insurance deductions are being made. As to private insurance, it has not been very important in Sicily, and inasmuch as there are serious technical (but not, apparently, legal) difficulties to the operation of truncated insurance agencies, it is unlikely that this savings channel can be opened until the head offices of the companies are accessible.

(c) Resist pressure for wages increases.

The whole question of wage readjustments, inevitably raised during a period of rising living costs, is dependent for answer on the success with which price increases are resisted. If the official AMG price level can be maintained, wage increases can probably be held down to the readjustments made necessary by the fact that the AMG price level itself represents an increase over the Italian official level. This latter was not successfully enforced, but it was apparently a powerful factor in wage determination.

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(2) Consideration should be given to using the Guardia di Finanza as a price-enforcement agency, supported by "shoppers" or price checkers.

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(3) Stocks should be confiscated and/or shops closed in all cases of violations, and in the latter case bi-lingual signs in explanation should be prominently posted.

(4) Penalties imposed after guilt is determined should be severe no matter how unimportant the defendant. Street vendors in the aggregate can pull in tremendous sums of money and contribute very effectively to inflation. Nor is there any reason to allow hole-in-the-wall laundries, e.g. to victimize soldiers merely because they are regarded as "too small to worry about".

(5) Continue the systematic supervision of distribution channels for major commodities, notably wheat and olive oil.

The program now getting underway is excellently conceived and should yield results if it is prosecuted relentlessly. If the major leaks along the line from harvest to bakery, in the case of wheat, can be stopped up, the black market will be partly strangled. To a considerable extent - though not entirely - legal and black-market channels are identical. Therefore rigorous supervision of legal distribution of grain, flour, bread, and olive oil should simultaneously serve to detect blackmarket operators.

(c) Follow a policy of setting rations at as high a level as the available supplies permit.

As long as rations are below the amount normally consumed, there is obviously a strong incentive to patronize the black market. Rationing cannot, of course, be avoided as long as supplies are short. But the permitted rations should always be as liberal as available supplies make possible.

(d) Limit the number of dealers.

One enforcement difficulty arises from the fact that even in the breadstuffs industry there are numerous small and unreliable firms (bakeries, mills, etc.) Anything which can be done to channel the bulk of the trade into the hands of larger units will aid enforcement.

(e) Increase as much and as soon as possible the transport available to the civilian economy.

Transport shortage adversely affects the supply situation and consequently is a factor in price increases. As rapidly as military exigencies permit, motor transport should be returned to civilian use. There has apparently been a considerable amount of indiscriminate requisitioning and even seizure of private transport. Everything possible should be done to reduce such practices to a minimum.

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It is recognised that this action gives rise to serious policy problems. But there are two reasons why it would be helpful. Onace everyone knows, is that it will weaken the speculative forces now maintaining the black market. The second is that it will give farmers a greater incentive to sell their crops if they can buy some coveted article such as sugar with the money they obtain. In many countries under similar circumstances it has been the common experience that farmers prefer to hold commodities instead of money.

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(z) Direct consumption into less-scarce channels.

There may be little to choose from among the universally-scarce commodities in Sicily. But if, for example there is an ample supply of building stone, mortar, and tile, it might be desirable to encourage people to begin rebuilding their houses, or even give loans provided the property owner puts up at least half of the money. The inflationary effect of the resulting payroll increase will in large part be counteracted by the reduction in the relief rolls.

6. Construct and maintain a price index covering the Occupied Territory.

It will be possible to measure AMG's success in controlling inflation and in eliminating the black market only if a simple but accurate price index can be set up and maintained on at least a semi-monthly basis. It is entirely feasible to construct a 15 commodity index, with prices reported from, say, Palermo, Catania, Agrigento, Ragusa, and Trapani. This would yield both sectional and Island-wide indices. The indices should relate to effective prices, whether official or blackmarket. The reporting procedure could not be trusted to Civil Servants for obvious reasons. But it should be feasible for the FO's to find two or three dependable persons - preferably housewives - who would report to him what they must currently pay for 15 certain articles, according to a simple schedule which AMG would supply. This is urgently recommended. Preliminary work on such an index is well advanced.

Frank .. Southard, Jr.

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APPENDIX 'B'

30th September 1943

Brief outline of complete plans now being prepared by Major G.R. GAYRE, Educational Adviser.

1. Re-opening of Schools.
This is dependent upon
(a) clearing the schools of troops and refugees and rebuilding. A plan has been sent out for a survey by Educational Committees in each province.
(b) A complete investigation of all existing text books. Most of these will have to be recalled and new ones written and published as soon as possible.

2. Re-opening of Universities is being investigated, priority being given to medical and veterinary faculties.

3. Investigation of the antecedents of all teachers and professors is to take place with the cooperation of Major Raffa's questionnaire.

4. A system for controlling the financial demands of institutions has been evolved with the Financial Division, and these are now to be put into operation.

5. A letter has been sent out to S.C.A.O.s telling them that in the case of vacancies for higher educational appointments (Provveditori agli Studi, Rectors of Universities and University Professors) they are to notify the Educational Adviser. He will then be able to look into these matters and so relieve S.C.A.O.s of this task, which often raises questions of an educational and technical nature.

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APPENDIX "C"

Proposed Scheme For The Reorganization of Agricultural Control in Italy.

1. There will be appointed in each Province, a native Controller of Agriculture. He will answer to, and derive his authority from, the S.C.A.O.

2. The Provincial Controller of Agriculture will have a staff and organization for the purpose of directing all agricultural and food rationing activities in the Province. These activities will be divided between three organizations to be known as:

(a) Consorzio Agrario Provinciale.
(b) Cattedra Provinciale dell'Agricoltura.
(c) Ufficio Provinciale Approvigionamento.

These bodies will set up such provincial and communal organizations as are considered necessary for effective functioning.

3. All existing provincial agricultural and food rationing organizations will cease to exercise any of their former functions. These functions will be allocated to one of the three organizations referred to in the previous paragraph.

4. The Consorzio Agrario Provinciale will be organized so that its activities as a voluntary cooperative concern shall be allowed to continue. In addition it will exercise any necessary function for the control of the collection of and payment for such agricultural commodities as it is desired shall be subject to such control. To cover the expense of exercising these functions of control, it will be reimbursed by a levy on the price of wheat paid by the miller.

5. The Cattedra Provinciale dell'Agricoltura will take over the functions of the former Ispettorato Provinciale dell'Agricoltura. Its duties will be essentially technical and instructional, it will be responsible for the collection of statistical records and for the dissemination of data, information and technical advice for the improvement of methods of cultivation and of processing of agricultural commodities.

6. The Ufficio Provinciale Approvigionamento will take over at suitable points, control of foodstuffs subject to rationing. It will be responsible for the organization of the rationing system and of retail price control of food in the Province.

7. The functions of other organizations concerned with agriculture and rationing will be apportioned, in so far as it is considered necessary that the particular functions should be continued, to that one of the three bodies referred to in paragraph 2, best suited to absorb them.

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9. The organization of agriculture and food rationing above the Provincial level will be in the hands of the Director of Agriculture division at AMGOT H.Q. He will have under him, a native staff and organization for the purpose. This staff will be so arranged that it will have among its other officials, divisional heads corresponding to the three provincial bodies. Routine matters will be channeled directly between these divisional heads and the respective heads of the provincial organizations and the Italian language will normally be employed in communications.

10. All communications in connection with policy and matters not of a routine nature will be channeled through the S.C.A.O. and AMGOT HQ., in the normal manner.

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AMGOT HEADQUARTERS APPENDIX 'D'

30th September 1943.

CONTROL OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.

1. The imposition of a system of physical and price control of practically all agricultural commodities was not instituted in Italy till 1942. The hesitation shown by the Government in applying this control was in no small measure due to the recognition of the fact that Italians, particularly in the South and in the Islands, were not amenable to bureaucratic control. The attempt to make the scheme effective involved a number of organisations exercising numerous, varied, and complicated functions. At practically every stage in the control there was room for individual fraud and collusion between officials and others. The inherent ability of the Italian to find loopholes in the law gave rise to evasion on a considerable scale. The intricate system of control on paper failed to provide effective control in practice, and the existence of the black market came to be relied on universally as an essential source of supply. Measures taken for its suppression were ineffective and the general recognition of the failure of these measures was in itself a stimulant to the extension of black market activities.

2. The continued exercise of control under AMGOT will depend eventually on the native official. The greatest care exercised in his selection will probably be successful in filling the higher posts with honest, able and efficient men. Among the lower grades of officials, however, the qualities desired will not generally be available, and it was in the lower portion of the control system that the former administration was weakest. There is, it is submitted, no practicable means of strengthening it with the material available.

3. After inquiry, consultation, discussion and considerable reflection, one is forced to the conclusion that AMGOT is not likely to be more successful in effecting control than was the former administration. If that conclusion is sound, then it has to be decided what courses are open. They are:-

a. Accept the position that we must retain control and use methods of system existing previous to our occupation.

b. Attempt to obtain more effective control by amending or extending the system, by the imposition of severe exemplary punishment, by replacement of inefficient officials, and by other similar methods.

c. Abolish control except where absolutely necessary.

4. The course of action in 3(a) cannot, it is suggested, be continued. We should probably have to admit failure within a short time and this would be politically reprehensible. 3(b) may provide a remedy but certainly not a complete one. Further, it may necessitate considerable increase of AMGOT staff and may therefore be

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5. It is submitted that a control of the whole range of agricultural products is doomed to failure and that it may be possible to control reasonably effectively a limited number of products. Unfortunately, the supply position will not allow of a general release of all commodities from control, and it is therefore submitted that some control be retained, but only in the commodities and manner set out in the following paragraphs.

6. The only practical method of ensuring an equitable distribution of commodities in short supply is by rationing. It is, however, suggested that the list of rationed agricultural products and derivatives be strictly limited to absolutely essential articles of consumption. The list for the present should be confined to bread, flour, pasta, olive oil, and sugar. The maximum ration for each commodity for each province, depending on the supply position, should be advised confidentially to each S.C.A.O. who should be permitted to fix a ration within those limits which he feels could be honoured. The ration would be subject to periodical revision according to the supply position.

7. Wheat, bread, flour and pasta. We have already taken our stand on these, and it is suggested that the former system of physical control be retained. In view of experience gained since the issue of General Order No. 3, it is suggested that

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a subsidy common to the whole country be granted on wheat, but that the retail prices of bread, flour and pasta be fixed for various communes by the S.C.A.O. according to the different costs of production and distribution.

8. Olive Oil. It is unfortunate that this commodity can be hoarded and the risk in freeing such an important article of diet is too great to be taken. It is submitted that the former method of control should be continued. The price for the new crop should, however, be fixed sufficiently high to ensure the surrender of the crop. If necessary, it should be subsidised.

9. Meat. Prices should be fixed at the retail level only and free competition allowed up to that point. Retail price levels should be fixed so that the differential will attract requisite supplies to deficiency areas and should be subject to agreement by the S.C.A.O.s of adjoining provinces.

10. Sugar. Distribution and price should be controlled from factory (or port, if imported) to consumer by the Sezione D'Alimentazione (or its successor). It is anticipated that when the plain of Lombardy is occupied and subject to transport facilities being available, this commodity may be removed from all control.

11. Milk. No control should be exercised at the place of production and the farmer should be allowed to dispose of his supplies freely. Sales in bulk, however, for town supply, should be at fixed prices to farmers and the retail price should be fixed to allow the necessary margins for transport, etc. There should be no rationing, but provision should be made for preference for certain categories of consumers (e.g. children, nursing mothers, etc.) Compulsory pasteurisation for town supplies is recommended.

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12. Cotton. This commodity was grown on government instructions at an agreed price for the product. This agreement should be honoured preferably by purchase. The disposal of the crop can be left for future consideration.

13. All other agricultural commodities and derivatives, except those referred to above, should be released entirely from control.

14. The effect of creating a free market may, in some cases, result in price increases, but not as high as may be anticipated. The payment for risks taken in black market transactions formed a very considerable proprtion of the price differential and it is therefore expected that free market levels would, as a whole, be reasonable. There may, of course, be cases of hardship or unfairness, but generally speaking, the consumer will benefit. The cost of his goods on the free market will almost certainly be below the average cost of his former purchases in

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15. If the above suggestions are agreed in principle, details of administration can be worked out and immediate action taken to put the scheme into effect. In many cases the necessity for a decision has become one of urgency. The recommendations made are applicable to the mainland.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

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SUBJECT: Memorandum

FILE No.

TO: Lt. Van Henkelom

AMGOT HQ., SICILY

30 Sept. 1943

Suggested items for agenda for EXCO tomorrow are:

6 (1) Reorganization of Agricultural Control. (D.A.D.)

7 (2) Release of control on certain agricultural products and foodstuffs. (D.A.D.)

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J. CHAYTON
Major
Director, Agricultural
Division

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To Lt Van Heuklom.
Announce for agenda
following conference.
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D.C.A.F.O.'s - Conf. Room
1000 - 6/10/43
Prefin Directors
Palermo Prefin
1000 6/10/43.

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SUBJECT: Agenda, Executive Council Meeting

FILE No. AMGOT/5109/ES

TO: Secretary, Executive Council

AMGOT HQ. SICILY

30 Sept. 1943

1. Suggest the following for agenda for the 13th Meeting of Executive Council:

a. Change-over of S.C.A.O.'s. in done instances. ✓

CJH/jfl

JOHN T. ZELLARS
Colonel, Infantry
Acting Director, Economics
and Supply Division

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Subject: Agenda

To Lt. Carel van Heukelom.

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1. C.S.O. directs that the following be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting of EXCO.
   "Plan for the Control of Inflation in Sicily"

2. C.S.O. further directs that you instruct Lt Cmdr F.A. Southard to attend the next meeting of Exco and introduce this subject to the Council.

3. C.S.O. further directs that you have the plan hectographed

S. Talbot
for C.S.O.

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Subject: Executive Council Meeting.

To : Members of Executive Council

AMGOT/31/HQ

AMGOT HQ SICILY

29 Sept. 1943

It is requested that items for the Agenda of the 13th Meeting of the Executive Council to be held at 1500hrs on Friday, 1st October 1943, be handed to the Secretary by 1100 hrs Thursday, 30 September, 1943.

CAREL van HEUKELOM
1st Lt., A.C.
Secretary Executive Council

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D.E.S. - Acting (Economics and Supply Div.)
C.L.O. (Legal Division)
C.P. (Property Control Division)
D.T.C.& C. (Transportation Communications and Utilities Div.)
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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

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AMGOT/9202/L'B
FILE No.

SUBJECT: Executive Council Meeting.

TO: Secretary, Executive Council.

AMGOT HQ., SICILY

30 Sept 1943

1. It is requested that the following item be placed on the agenda of the Executive Council meeting to be held Friday, ~~1 October~~ 1 October 1943:

(a) Revision of wages for employees of private employers throughout the Island.

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DAVID A. MORSE
Captain, A.C.
Director, Labor Division

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AMGOT H.Q.

Minutes of
The 12th Meeting of the Executive Council
24. Sept. 1943.

MOST SECRET

26. Sept. 43

Present;

Major-General Lord Rennell.	C.C.A.O.
Colonel Bolles	C.P.S.
Colonel Cheyne	D.P.H.
Colonel Grafftey-Smith	C.F.O.
Colonel Spofford	C.S.O.
Colonel Zellars	D.C.S.R.
Lt. Col. Chanler	C.L.O.
Capt. Bovard	D.C.P.
Lieut. van Houkelom	Secretary.

126. The Meeting was called to order by the C.C.A.O. at 1500 hours.

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The minutes were discussed and it was agreed that EFCO's status was quite clearly understood by all members of EXCO as well as EFCO.

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The advisability of having "B" and "C" (Civilian Transport Division and Communications, Utilities and Public Works Division) merged as one Division was discussed. The C.C.A.O. was of the opinion that it would be advantageous to have the functions of these two proposed Divisions combined in one Division at least to begin with. With this change, the proposed order was approved by the Council. (See Appendix "A"). (Action C.S.O.)

130. Policy reference Fascists since Armistice. (Item No. 3 Agenda).
The C.P.S. asked whether there was any change in present policy in view of the Armistice. The C.C.A.O. replied in the negative.

The C.C.A.O. requested that a short memorandum on Internees showing the totals now held in each category be submitted to him. (Action C.P.S.)

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The advisability of having "B" and "C" (Civilian Transport Division and Communications, Utilities and Public Works Division) merged as one Division was discussed. The C.C.A.O. was of the opinion that it would be advantageous to have the functions of these two proposed Divisions combined in one Division at least to begin with. With this change, the proposed order was approved by the Council. (See Appendix "A"). (Action C.S.O.)

130. Policy reference Fascists since Armistice. (Item No. 3 Agenda).
The C.P.S. asked whether there was any change in present policy in view of the Armistice. The C.C.A.O. replied in the negative.

The C.C.A.O. requested that a short memorandum on Internees showing the totals now held in each category be submitted to him. (Action C.P.S.)

131. Authority for release of Civilian Internees.
The C.P.S. brought up as a matter of policy the question of responsibility for the release of such prisoners. The C.C.A.O. confirmed that it was his (the C.C.A.Os) responsibility.

The C.P.S. asked for confirmation of his understanding as to release of (i) Civilian criminals and persons confined for violation of Proclamations, (ii) Prisoners confined by Fascist regime, or those civilians interned by A.M. authority who may not be held for more than 3 months without formal charge, (iii) Persons taken into custody by Allied Forces or Military Government authorities.

The C.P.S's understanding that (i) could be released by the court having final jurisdiction, was confirmed by the C.C.A.O. as correct. The C.P.S's understanding that those prisoners in (ii) could be released after review by the C.M.O. was confirmed by the C.C.A.O. as correct, and the C.P.S's understanding that the prisoners in Category (iii) could only be released by authority of the C.C.A.O. was also confirmed by the C.C.A.O. as correct.

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132. The meeting was adjourned at 1600 hours.

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25. Sept. 43.

SUBJECT:- Reorganization of Civilian Supply Division.

TO :- All Concerned.

1. Effective immediately the civilian Supply Division will be reorganized. The previous functions of the Division will be divided among the following Divisions which are hereby established :

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(b) Transportation, Communication, and Utilities Division.
(c) Agriculture Division.
(d) Labor Division.

2. The particular functions of these Divisions will be as follows :-

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(d) Labor Division: This division shall be responsible for the supervision and control of all matters relating to labor supply, including the regulation of wage levels for both civilian and military labor; the supervision of regional and provincial labor offices and all other matters affecting labor in the territory.

3. The following are appointed chiefs of divisions :

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(b) Transportation, Communication, and Utilities; Lt.Col.Leonard D. Densmore.

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(c) Agriculture: Major J. Chayton.
(d) Labor : Captain David A.Morse.

By Order of the Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD,
Colonel, G. S. C.
Chief Staff Officer.

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#40. Maj. Payne just rec'd note re 100 kids for Exec agenda. I don't think it belongs there anyhow. The information will be of interest to you, however, and I will see that it is passed and actions are made known to the Pres.

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AMGOT HEADQUARTERS — MOST SECRET

AGENDA — 24th September 1943

12TH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TO BE HELD AT 1500 HRS 24TH SEPTEMBER 1943 IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM.

1. Minutes of the last Meeting.

2. Discussion of Reorganisation - Civilian Supply Division (C.S.O.) (Appendix A).

3. Policy with reference to Fascists since Armistice (C.P.S.)

4. Release of political prisoners. (C.P.S.)

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Secretary Executive Council
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APPENDIX "A".

SUBJECT: Reorganization of Civilian Supply Division. AMGOT H.Q. SICILY.

TO : All Concerned. 24. Sept. 43.

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(e) Labor Division.

Agreed subject to C.C.A.O. being joined for present. 24/9/43

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(d) Agriculture : Major Chayton.
(e) Labor : Captain Morse.

By Order of the Commanding General.

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD,
Colonel, G.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

SUBJECT: Executive Council Meeting.

TO: Secretary, Executive Council.

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1. If the fact that an Educational Adviser has been appointed has not been made known to the executive council, I think it ought to be now. In case a report of what has been started already is required, the following will provide a brief outline. It can be stated that complete plans are being got out for the following:-

i. Re-opening of schools. This is dependent upon: (a) clearing the schools of troops and refugees and re-building. A plan has been sent out for a survey by Educational Committees in each province. (b) A complete investigation of all existing text books. Most of these will have to be re-called and new ones written and published as soon as possible.

ii. Re-opening of Universities: is being investigated, priority being given to medical and veterinary facilities. facilities

iii. Investigation of the antecedents of all teachers and professors is to take place with the co-operation of Major Raffa's questionnaire

iv. A system for controlling the financial demands of institutions has been evolved with the Financial Division, and these are now to be put into operation.

v. A letter has been sent out to S.C.A.Os telling them that in the case of vacancies for higher educational appointments (Provveditor agli Studi, Rectors of Universities, and University Professors) they are to notify the Educational Adviser. He will then be able to look into these matters and so relieve S.C.A.Os. of this task, which often raises questions of an educational and technical nature.

Q.V. on next Ex. Co. agenda for int. Q. 24/9

G. R. GAYRE,
Major, A.E.C.
Educational Adviser.

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SUBJECT:- Executive Council Meeting.

TO:- Members of Executive Council.

It is requested that items for the Agenda of the 12th Meeting of the Executive Council to be held at 1500 hrs on Friday, 20 September 1945, be handed to the Secretary by 0930 hrs Friday, 24 September 1945.

Monday 10 September 1945.

CAREL van HEERDEN
1st Lt., A.C.
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AMGOT H.Q. 17 Sept. 43

AGENDA

11th Meeting of the Executive Council to be held at 1500 hrs. 17th Sept. 43, in the Conference Room

1. Minutes of the previous meeting.

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the 11th Meeting of the Executive Council
17 September 1943

PRESENT

Major General Lord Rennell	-	C.C.A.C.
Colonel Bolles	-	C.F.S.
Colonel Cheyne	-	D.P.H.
Colonel Graffety Smith	-	C.F.O.
Lt. Col. Farley Smith	-	D.C.S.O.
Lt. Col. Hayes	-	D.D.C.S.H.
Lt. Col. Rowe	-	D.C.L.O.
Captain Boyard	-	D.C.P.
Lt. Van Heukelom	-	Secretary

121. The meeting was called to order by the C.C.A.C. at 1505.

122. The minutes of the 10th Meeting of the Executive Council were reviewed.

123. EECO
There was a general discussion about EECO and the C.C.A.C. expressed his opinion that EECO could submit for discussion to EXCO problems specifically relating to economics and finance rather than problems of an administrative character.

124. The Labor Plan

Captain Horne presented his Labor Plan No. 2 for approval. There were a few changes to be made in the draft and the C.C.A.C. decided that as soon as all the Division Heads had given their approval, his own approval should be considered as having been given. (Action Captain Horne and Division Heads)

125. The meeting was adjourned at 1535.

CAREL van HEUKELOM
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HEADQUARTERS AMGOT

Minutes of
10th Meeting of Executive Council
10 September 1943

PRESENT

Lt. Col. Spofford (Chairman)	C.S.O.
Colonel Bolles	C.P.S.
Colonel Cheyne	D.P.H.
Col. Grafftey-Smith	C.F.O.
Lt. Col. Chanler	C.L.O.
Lt. Col. Harris	C.P.
Lt. Col. Hayes	D.D.C.S.R.
Lt. van Heukelom	Secretary

106. The meeting was called to order by the C.S.O. at 1510 hours.

107. The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. C.P.S. stated that item 103 of the minutes of the ninth meeting should have read to the effect that plans for raids on wheat be initiated and not the raids themselves. The C.S.O. agreed. The C.P.S. reported that he had plans ready to commence immediate enforcement of black market regulations, and these would be circulated after being submitted to all Divisions for immediate approval and comments to C.P.S. (Action Heads of Divisions) (See appendix "A.")

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C.S.O. discussed the plan which had been submitted by Capt. Morse to EFCO for approval. This plan had been approved by EFCO at a special meeting held on 7 September 1943, and EFCO had recommended adoption of this plan to the C.C.A.O. The C.S.O. asked the meeting for any comments and it was agreed that the plan attached as Appendix "A" to the Agenda be submitted to the C.C.A.O. or D.C.C.A.O. for final approval.

109. Raids on Black Market Violations (No. 3)

Discussion in number 107.

110. Meeting of C.A.P.O.

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110. Meeting of C.A.P.Os.

C.P.S. reported that a meeting of C.A.P.Os from each Province had been held at AMGOT HQ.

111. Arrests and Detention.

C.P.S. now has a report on the disposition of cases of persons arrested or detained by 7th Army and a report on the cases of 8th Army will shortly also be available. 6882

112. Military Discipline.

C.P.S. stated that all his C.A.P.Os are unanimous in their reports on breach of military discipline by the Allied Armies in Sicily. The M.Ps provided by the Armies had proved insufficient and whereas he felt that little good could come of attempting to take action with respect to past misconduct, plans should now be made for the future. The C.P.S. has submitted his recommendations to the C.C.A.O.

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113. Assignment of C.A.P.Os to other Duties.

In this connection the C.S.O. stated that a directive has been sent out to the effect that this should cease.

114. Fire-Arm Registration.

The C.P.S. reported that the fire arms situation was still unsatisfactory and a source of potential danger. A plan for a uniform registration system was now being prepared and would shortly be distributed to all concerned. (Action C.P.S.)

115. Ammunition Stores.

The question of responsibility for stores of ammunition, hand grenades, explosives and mines was brought up by the C.P.S. who stated that this should definitely be the responsibility of the Army and Navy. The C.S.O. agreed with this view and said that every effort should be made by AMGOT to have the Army or Navy bear this responsibility. The C.P.S. was requested to follow this through. (Action C.S.O.) ✓ DONE 2/H.

116. Curfew.

The question of lifting the early morning curfew for commuters was discussed. It was agreed that the C.P.S. should work this out "in principle" with the authorities. (Action C.P.S.)

117. Political Intelligence Questionnaire (No. 4)

The C.S.O. explained the purposes and reasons for using this Questionnaire. The advantages of making people put their personal and political history in writing were stressed. The Questionnaire and its immediate use were approved by the meeting.

118. Correspondence from Provinces.

The C.P. raised the point that correspondence was not coming to him through correct channels. The C.S.O. said that a further directive on this would be issued. (Action C.S.O.) ✓ DONE 1/H

119. A request was made that AMGOT obtain from the Armies for circulation at AMGOT HQ copies of 8th Army G.R.Os, 7th Army Daily Bulletins, Memoranda, Circulars and any other notices that they might issue. (Action C.S.O.) ✓ DONE 2/H

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Appendix A"

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AMGOT H.Q. SICILY.

11. Sept. 43.

BLACK MARKET PLAN.

1. Basis of Operations.

(a) Directive of the C.C.A.O. - The Directive issued by the C.C.A.O. at Council Meeting on 3.Sept. required the Public Safety Division to submit a plan to prevent black market operations. The directive provided that attention should be given primarily to wheat and wheat products.

(b) The following form the legal basis of action by the police :

(i) General Order No.3.
(ii) General Order No.5.
(iii) Italian Penal Code.

2. Responsibilities of Divisions.

(a) The responsibility of Divisions will be as follows :-

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The General Plan for survey of stocks, transportation, storage and distribution.

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1. Plan for uniform prosecution of defaulters and offenders.
2. Supervise Prosecutions.
3. Central record of results and convictions.

(iii) Finance Division.
1. Provide fund for purchase of stocks at controlled prices.
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3. Responsibilities of S.C.A.Os.

(a) The posting of proclamations and notices.
(b) The maintenance of the Central Provincial records of supplies.
(c) Providing warehouses and storage.
(d) Arranging the transportation and the movement of all supplies.
(e) Direction of the employment of the Civil Police on the Provincial level.
(f) The supervision of the investigation and charging of offenders on the provincial level.
(g) The forwarding of all police activities within the Province through the Carabinieri Group Commander.

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4. Employment of Civil Police.

(a) The Civil Police organizations will be employed as follows :

(i) Carabinieri.
The Carabinieri is designated as the principal civil police agency employed under the control of their own superior Commander for the island of Sicily, General Ernesto Sannino.

(ii) Agents of Public Security.
The Questore and Agents of Public Security are at the disposal of the S.C.A.Os.

(iii) Guardia di Finanza.
This organization employed in accordance with existing instructions.

(iv) Guardia Municipale.
The Guardia Municipale, or local police, normally under the Sindaco will be employed locally.

(b) The activities of all police within the Province will be reported to the Group Commander of the Carabinieri in the manner prescribed herein.

5. Detailed Police Plan.

(a) The activities of the Police will be directed against violations of the system of supply from production to consumption.

(i) Particular attention will be given to the following products : wheat and wheat products (flour and pasta), sugar and olive oil.

(ii) Civil Police activities will be under the supervision of the Civil Police Section, Division of Public Safety.

(b) Action against consumers based on General Order No.5. Searches will be made on and after September 16 of premises other than those of producers and growers. Undeclared supplies in excess of the authorized amounts will be confiscated. Each case where undeclared supplies in excess of the authorized amounts are found, will be followed up with the necessary police investigation.

6. Action at the sources of supply.

(a) The S.C.A.O. of each Province, acting in accordance with the Civil Supply plan, will check as follows on the supplies in the possession of growers :

(i) List of growers and estimated yield.

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(ii) Check on the amounts turned in to Amassi, and/or, Storehouses.
(iii) Check on the amounts which have been declared by the respective growers.
(iv) Determine from (i), (ii), and (iii) what discrepancies exist. These will be furnished to the police for investigation.

(b) On receipt of this information from the S.C.A.O., or representative, the police will conduct searches of premises and make the necessary investigations in accordance with the facts disclosed. When making searches the police will be accompanied by persons who have the necessary technical knowledge to make estimates of the quantity and kinds of supplies.

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7. Action against Distributors.

(a) All vehicles transporting the products named herein will be required to carry a manifest containing the following information :

(i) Name, address and thumb print of owner.
(ii) The product and amount.
(iii) Destination.
(iv) Authority for moving.
(v) Agency from whom procured.

The S.C.A.O. will designate the representatives who are authorized to issue manifests and advise the police within the Province the form of the manifest. The S.C.A.O. will require all manifests to be surrendered and cancelled when the products, which they covered, have been delivered to the destination.

(b) The police will check the vehicles carrying products on the roads, and those which are not covered by manifests will be confiscated and turned in to the designated warehouse. Loads carried on Military vehicles must likewise be covered by a manifest. As the police cannot confiscate these vehicles, they will be required to make a report of same. Civilian vehicles carrying loads accompanied by military personnel must also carry the necessary manifest. Each investigation or irregularity discovered by the police will be followed by the necessary investigation.

8. Action against Production.

(a) By authority of General Order No.3 all grain, except certain authorized amounts, must be turned in before Oct.31. After that date searches will be conducted and confiscations made.

(b) Each confiscation or irregularity discovered by the police will be followed by the necessary investigation.

9. Action against Distributors.

The S.C.A.O. acting through the available agencies within the Province, will check on the quality and quantity of flour and bread from the mills and bakers. Irregularities and discrepancies will be followed by investigations.

10. Action against the Black Market.

The action outlined in the foregoing is directed at the control of supplies from source to consumer. Supplies which have been, or will be, diverted from this stream naturally come into circulation at prices in excess of the provisions of General Order No.3. This is the Black Market. The details of the investigation of the black market itself will be contained in future orders. The action outlined herein is directed at the sources, and in the course of this action leads will be discovered, each one of which will be

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11. Police Coordination.

(a) The central office of the Civil Police Section, Division of Public Safety, will perform the following functions :

(i) Maintain the necessary contact with other Divisions --- Legal, Finance, and Civilian Supply.

(ii) Correlate all information received, analize same and distribute it to those concerned.

(iii) Compile reports and maintain statistics repecting enforcement activities throughout the island.

The organization of the Central Office will consist of specialized personnel drawn from the Civil Police Agencies.

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11. Police Coordinatio (Cont'd).

(b) The Central Office will compile statistics for the whole island. Each Province will maintain a consolidated record within the Province. These records will be maintained under the following headings :-

(i) Total cases referred to the Police.
(ii) Number of cases unfounded.
(iii) Number of cases closed as undetected cases.
(iv) Number of cases awaiting trial.
(v) Number of cases under investigation.
(vi) Number of persons convicted.
(vii) Number of persons acquitted.
(viii) Number of searches.
(ix) Number of confiscations.
(x) Value and quantities of confiscated property.

Each case and/or investigation will be supported by the necessary basic report.

(c) All police activities will be reported to the Group Commander of the Carabinieri in the Province, who will submit each week from Sunday to Saturday inclusive, consolidated reports containing the information shown in foregoing to the S.C.A.P.O. The Group Commander will, in addition, submit to his higher Commander reports required.

(d) The S.C.A.O. will coordinate the activities of all police within the Province . The Carabinieri is the principal or responsible agency.

(e) The S.C.A.Os. will maintain within the Province consolidated reports of police activities and supplies. The General summary of results for the period Sept.16 to Sept.30 inclusive will be submitted to the Public Safety Division. Future reports will be submitted as required.

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD.
Lt.Col. G.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer.

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Appendix 3

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GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO

N. B. - Penalità severissime, di prigione e di ammenda sono previste per chiunque facesse delle dichiarazioni false nella presente scheda.

SCHEDA PERSONALE

1. Nome e cognome .....

a) Luogo di nascita ..... *b)* Data di nascita .....

2. Indirizzo ..... *a)* Residenza permanente .....

3. Professione .....

4. Eravate iscritto al P. N. F.? ..... *a)* Da quando? .....

5. Appartenevate ad uno dei seguenti gruppi (**SI** o **NO**):

a) Sansepolcristi ..... *b)* Squadristi ..... *c)* M. V. S. N.? .....

d) Se eravate nella Milizia, in quale delle seguenti unità avete prestato servizio? (Indicate con un **SI** od un **NO** l'unità e la data negli spazi rispettivi):

	PERIODO DI SERVIZIO (Specificare se servizio effettivo o nel quadri)
Milizia ordinaria?	.....
Milizia Ferroviaria?	.....
Milizia Postale?	.....
Milizia Portuale?	.....
Milizia Forestale?	.....
Milizia Stradale?	.....
Milizia Confinaria?	.....
Milizia Universitaria?	

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b) Data di nascita .....

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Milizia Stradale?	.....
Milizia Confinaria?	.....
Milizia Universitaria?	.....
Milizia Antiaerea?	.....
Milizia Artiglieria Marittima?	.....
"Moschettieri del Duce"	.....
Battaglioni "M"?	.....

e) Se avete militato solo in tempo di guerra, siete entrato nella milizia da volontario o in seguito a regolare chiamata? .....

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6. Avete ricoperto una delle seguenti cariche nel Partito Fascista (rispondete **SI** o **NO** e indicate i periodi di servizio in ciascuna carica negli spazi rispondenti):

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PERIODO DI SERVIZIO

a) Segretario nel P. N. F.? .....

b) Membro del Direttorio Nazionale? .....

c) Segretario Federale? .....

d) Membro del Direttorio Federale? .....

e) Ispettore del Partito? .....

f) Ispettore Federale? .....

g) Segretario politico di un Fascio? .....

h) Fiduciario di un Gruppo Rionale? .....

i) Membro di un Gruppo Rionale? .....

j) Capo-settore? .....

k) Capo-nucleo? .....

l) Una posizione autorevole nella G. I. L.? .....

m) Una posizione autorevole nel G. U. F.? .....

n) Una posizione autorevole dei Fasci Femminili? .....

o) Qualche altra carica nel Partito? .....

Quale? .....

7 Siete stato in qualche periodo membro dell'OVRA? ..... Quando? .....

8. Avete fatto parte dell'ufficio politico dei CC. RR.? ..... Quando? .....

9. Avete fatto parte di un ufficio politico della P. S.? ..... Quando? .....

10. Siete stato in qualche periodo funzionario in una delle seguenti organizzazioni:

PERIODO DI SERVIZIO

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i) Membro di un Gruppo Rionale? .....

j) Capo-settore? .....

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	PERIODO DI SERVIZIO
a) In una Corporazione?	
Quale?	
Denominazione della carica	.....
b) In una unione sindacale?	
Quale?	
Denominazione della carica	.....
c) In un Consorzio Agrario?	
Quale?	
Denominazione della carica	.....

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PERIODO DI SERVIZIO

d) In qualche altra organizzazione corporativa o sindacale? .....

Quale? .....

Denominazione della carica .....

11. Indicate le cariche nazionali, provinciali o comunali - governative o parastatali - occupate da voi dal 1921, come segue:

NOME DELL'ISTITUTO	PERIODO DI SERVIZIO	MODO DI ASSUNZIONE

12. Indicate le principali fonti dei vostri introiti durante il regime Fascista:

FONTI	MEDIA ANNUALE	INTROITO DEL 1942

13. Avete prestato servizio militare? ..... *a)* In quale arma? .....

b) Quando? ..... *c)* Quale grado rivestivate ultimamente? .....

d) Dove avete prestato servizio? .....

e) Siete stato " volontario " nella guerra civile Spagnola? .....

f) Siete stato " volontario " nella campagna dell'Africa Orientale? ..... Del Nord Africa? .....

g) Avete goduto di qualche esonero dal servizio militare? .....

Per qual motivo? .....

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Periodo di appartenenza? .....

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Firma .....

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N. B. - Rileggete prima di consegnare la scheda, e se avete scritto il falso, correggete. Vi ricordiamo che le superiori dichiarazioni sono state fatte sotto giuramento e che pene severe sono stabilite per il falso giuramento.

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SUBJECT : Executive Council Meeting.

AMGOT H.Q. Sicily.

9 September, 1943.

TO : The Secretary,
Executive Council.

For Agenda - Executive Council Meeting 10 Sep 43

Report on # 103 - Item 4 Minutes last meeting - Black Market Violators.

Report on conference of C.C.A.P.O's.

Conduct of Allied Military personnel.

Policy in reference to employment of C.A.P.O's assigned under new T/O on appropriate Public Safety duties as such.

LEMUEL L. POLLES,
Colonel, Inf.
Commissioner of
Public Safety.

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ACCOMPLISHED
ABOT H. SIGLY
8 September 1943

SUBJECT: Executive Council Meeting

TO : Members of Executive Council

1. It is requested that items for the Agenda of the 10th meeting of the Executive Council to be held at 1500 hours on Friday, 10 Sept. 1943, be handed in to the Secretary by 1200 hours Thursday, 9 Sept. 1943.

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1st Lt., A.C.
Secretary Executive Council

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SUBJECT:- Executive Council Meeting. AMXT/2032/M.

Memo to: The Secretary, Executive Council. 2 Sept. 43.

At present I have several officers doing duties in various capacities in more than one Province and with further contemplated redistribution this number is likely to increase. It would appear to be a problem common to all Divisions. I should like the question of transport for these officers to be considered and instructions issued. It is obvious that the distances to be covered will inevitably increase. Perhaps this might be included on the Agenda for the next Council Meeting.

D. [illegible] MacNEIL.
Colonel.
Director of Public Health.

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MINUTES OF

NINTH MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

3RD SEPTEMBER 1943

PRESENT:

Major-General Lord Rennell	C.C.A.O.
Brigadier-General McCherry	D.C.C.A.O.
Colonel Bolles	C.P.S.
Colonel Cheyne	D.P.H.
Colonel Grafftey-Smith	C.F.C.
Lieut-Colonel Chanler	C.L.O.
Lieut-Colonel Harris	C.P.
Lieut-Colonel Seitz	D.C.S.R.
Lieut-Colonel Spofford	C.S.O.
Lieut van Heukelom	Secretary.

97. The meeting was called to order by C.C.A.O. at 1505 hours.

98. Action was reported on 91 as per submitted plan.

99. Action on EFCO (92) was reported on, and it was announced that its first meeting would be held at 1600 hours on 4th September 1945.

100. The C.P.S. reported that a plan had been prepared (94) and now required approval of the C.L.O. and D.C.S.R.

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102. Item 3. The D.C.S.R. reported that a survey for Island-wide control and registration of vehicles had been submitted. A suggestion was made that a charge of £50 be made for each four months period to cover printing expenses. The C.C.A.O. directed that this be done. (Action D.C.S.R.)

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104. Item 5. (i) The C.S.O. recommended that the Labor Plan be referred to EFCO. The C.C.A.O. directed that this be done. No Italians were to be initially invited. The C.C.A.O. directed that any reports or recommendations of EFCO to the Executive Council be circulated before the next Executive Council Meeting.

(ii) The D.C.S.R. reported that a second plan on agricultural organisation, based on information received from S.C.A.O.s, had now been sent to all S.C.A.O.s. The C.S.O. recommended that this be referred to EFCO. The C.C.A.O. directed that this be done, and any reports or recommendations of EFCO to the Executive Council be circulated before the next Executive Council Meeting.

105. After a review of the general situation, the C.C.A.O. adjourned the meeting at 1615 hours. 0875

CAREL VAN HEUKELOM,
1st Lt AC,
Secretary - Executive Council,
AMGOT.

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AMGOT H.Q.

AGENDA.

Ninth Meeting of the Executive Council
to be held at 1500 hrs.
3rd.Sept.1943, in the Conference Room.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting.

2. Question of transportation for Officers representing H.Q. Divisions (D.P.H.)

3. Report on plans made in connection with Registration of Vehicles. (D.P.S.)

4. Report on plans to deal with Black Market. (D.P.S.)

5. Matters to be referred to EFCO :

   (i) Labor plans.
   (ii) Plan for reorganization of Agricultural Control.

Carel van Heukelom.
1st Lt. A.C.
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AGENDA

Eighth Meeting of the Executive Council
to be held at 1500 hours
27 August, 1943 in the Conference Room

1. Minutes of previous meeting. Agreed.

2. Transportation facilities for local government officials.

3. Organization of Economic and Financial Council. See Appendix "A".

4. (a) Discussion by C.L.O. on trial of black market cases.

   (b) Question on policy regarding discovery of "higher ups."

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"APPENDIX A"

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27 August 1943

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Subject: Establishment of Economic and Financial Council (EFCO)

To : All Concerned

1. There is established within AMGOT the Economic and Financial Council (EFCO). The functions of EFCO will be advisory and not executive, and will be:

(a) To coordinate questions of economic and financial policy as between the various special divisions of the AMGOT staff.

(b) To survey and make recommendations with respect to such economic and financial questions as may be submitted to EFCO by the C.C.A.O. or the Executive Council.

(c) Through Italian advisory members of EFCO to make available to AMGOT the services of Italian experts in various economic and financial fields.

2. There shall initially be five members of EFCO, one each to be designated by the C.F.O., C.L.O., D.C.S.R., C.P., and the C.S.O. On questions affecting their respective fields the D.P.H. and C.P.S. shall also be entitled to name additional members to the Council

EFCO shall choose from among its own members a chairman and shall also appoint a Secretary who need not be a member of the Council.

3. EFCO shall select and, with the approval of the Executive Council, add to its membership not more than three Italian advisory members who shall participate in so much of the deliberations of EFCO as it may determine. It may also employ or retain other experts on special subjects or for special inquiries or studies as it may deem desirable.

4. EFCO shall be entitled to examine all books, accounts and records found within the occupied territory, governmental or private, if pertinent to the subject of any survey or study with which it is charged. If it seems expedient or desirable to hold formal hearings upon any subject, it is authorized, with the approval of the C.C.A.O., to do so and may summon witnesses to testify and call for the production of books, accounts and records in its discretion.

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By order of the Chief Civil Affairs Officer:

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CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
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HEADQUARTERS AMGOT

Minutes of

Seventh Meeting of Executive Council

20 August 1943

Present

Major General Lord Rennell	- C.C.A.O.
Brigadier General McSherry	- D.C.C.A.O.
Col. Cheyne	- D.P.H.
Col. Grafftey-Smith	- C.F.O.
Lt. Col. Chanler	- C.L.O.
Lt. Col. Harris	- C.P.
Lt. Col. Martin	- Acting D.P.S.
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84. Relation between Headquarters and Provinces (Item 3)

C.S.O. presented

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Mr. Brayley-Smith ✓	- C.F.O.
Lt. Col. Chanler ✓	- C.L.O.
Lt. Col. Harris ✓	- C.P.
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85. S.C.A.C. Meeting (Item 4)

C.C.A.C. discussed briefly the forthcoming meeting with S.C.A.C.s and stated it was to be divided into two sections. First: Reports from S.C.A.C.s and second; Points to be raised by Division Heads.

86. Powers of S.C.A.C.s re Local Legislation.

C.L.O. presented a memorandum defining the local ordinances which S.C.A.C.s would be authorized to issue. It was approved as amended and C.C.A.C. directed that it be circulated among Division Heads for comment. (action C.L.O.)

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87. Inter-Provincial Movements by Field Officers.

C.C.A.C. stated that in the case of Specialist Field Officers performing duties in more than one Province, it would first be necessary for them to obtain permission of S.C.A.C. before leaving any given province.

88. The Meeting was adjourned at 1225 hours.

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Secretary Executive Council

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AGENDA

Seventh Meeting of the Executive Council to be held at 1500 hours 20 Aug 43, in the Conference Room.

1. Minutes of previous meeting.
2. Statement by C.C.A.O. on the powers and use of the Executive Council.
3. Relation between AMGOT Headquarters and the Provinces.
4. Forthcoming meeting with S.C.A.Os.

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Major Croft

Proposals by C.F.O. for inclusion in the agenda of :-

1. EXCO meeting 20 August (Head of BEW? Resources Board?)

a) Propose the formation of a small committee on Price Control to consider how best to retard the rise in prices; and to co-ordinate the divergent lines now being followed as to the scale of wages and relief

b) I would like to discuss the possibility of making transport available to certain selected Italian officials such as the heads of the various branches of Government service eg. Judges, Railways, P.O., Inspectorate of Fine Arts and Monuments, etc. ~~and Back Inspectors~~ in order that they may ~~co-ordinate~~ examine certain activities and report on their on the Island.

2. S.C.A.O.'s meeting 21 August

I would like to discuss the scale of wages and relief now being paid in the provinces.

18th Aug. 1943

A.P. Scrabster-Mudge
Col.
C.F.O.

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Dear P.O.
C.S.O.
I want this Meeting to be confined to relations between Army & Pol. matters & I want to make general statement about the parent Ex. Co.
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Check your name -
Lt. Col. Hayes
Lt. Col. Dunmore
Maj Clayton
Maj Volen
Capt Moses

All Sections:
Indicate on the attached sheet any items you want discussed at Executive Council and Return to Col. Seitz.
By order of DCSR.

C. F. A.

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N. B. — Per ogni voce allegare regolare elenco con l'indicazione del destinatario e la data di spedizione.

1. Question of a mail service between SCAEF and HQ.
2. Question of allotting Army vehicles to Heads of Divisions
3. Control of inter-provincial grain movement
4. The reconstruction of the agricultural system.
5. Discussion later plan which will be typed & submitted by Wednesday 18 August. Allen.

6. Granting to Caribbean Supply Council, a limited veto control over certain commodities & supplies which are located only in a few spots. Examples cement, coal, petrol and
7. Explanation of method of turning certain Signal communication functions in Sicily over to AFHQ SOS for supervision.

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Sixth Meeting of Executive Council

15 August 1943

Present

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Col. Grafftey-Smith	- C.F.C.
Col. Cheyne	- D.P.H.
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No. 51 - C.L.O. reported that arrangements had been concluded for meeting the costs of restoring buildings housing higher Italian Courts and that instructions to S.C.A.O.s re lower courts would be sent out. D.C.C.A.O. asked C.L.O. to investigate the alleged mistreatment of political prisoners at Ustica. (Action C.L.O.)

No. 52 - C.L.O. reported that instructions re appointments to military courts had been sent to S.C.A.O.s.

No. 53 - C.P. reported that instructions to post Proclamation No. 6 had been sent out.

No. 54 - C.L.O. reported that he was drafting memorandum limiting powers of S.C.A.O.s.

No. 55 - D.C.S.R. stated that Capt. Morse was working out scale of higher level salaries of civilian personnel. Until such scale is established it was decided to pay such personnel at rates paid to interpreters.

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No. 56 - First sentence of minute amended to read, "D.C.C.A.O. asked D.C.S.R. to make a study and propose a plan whereby the Ammassi could be abolished if it was deemed advisable to do so." D.C.S.R. reported that he was studying the subject. (Action D.C.S.R.)

No. 57 & 58. - D.C.S.R. reported that drafts of orders re prices and declaration of commodities had been completed and were awaiting D.C.C.A.O.'s approval.

No. 60 - C.P. stated that he had drafted cable re sequestrated property.

No. 62 - C.F.O. stated that he did not feel that he had sufficient information at hand as yet to justify dispatching a cable on reopening of lotteries.

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(b) It was agreed that advances should be made to private cement companies provided their selling price would not exceed actual costs plus 6%. (Action C.F.O. and D.C.S.R.) 0869

(c) It was decided that the question of aid to private industries should be the subject of a study and report having regard to the various basic factors involved - i.e. which products essential for military or civil needs, production methods and costs, number of employees, relation to general price structure, etc.

72. Sale of Essential Food to Army (Item 3 (b))

D.C.S.R. reported that Army had requested flour to feed P.O.W.s. D.C.C.A.O. stated that AMGOT would not furnish Army with food unless they are in urgent need. (Action D.C.S.R.)

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73. Reports from Field Officers (Item 4)

D.C.C.A.O. asked that all field officers submit reports on "lessons learned" for editing by C.S.O. and Divisions concerned. (Action C.S.O.)

74. Authority of S.C.A.O.s over Specialist Officers (Item 5 (b))

D.C.C.A.O. stated that S.C.A.O.s are not authorized to change the duties of specialist officers. In case S.C.A.O.s wanted them for other services, the matter would be decided by C.S.O.

75. Housing for Homeless (Item 6)

Report of D.P.H. was approved as submitted and C.S.O. was asked to send information forms recommended in Item 6 (a) of Agenda to S.C.A.O.s. (Action C.S.O.)

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77. Travel Orders

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In response to a question D.C.C.A.O. stated that captured material should be considered the same as any other Army property and could be sold or given away as the situation warranted.

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TO. ~~C.M.S.~~ Sec'y Executive Council

I have the following subjects for the agenda of the next meeting

1) ~~payment~~ Allied property requisitioned or occupied by the Armed Forces.

2) A. G. I. P.

3) Ente di Colonizzazione Latifondo Siciliano.

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27 August 1943

SUBJECT: Agenda for meeting with S.O.A.C.'s

TO: Heads of All Divisions

1. All Division Heads are requested to submit any items to the C.C.S. for the Agenda of the U.S. Staff and U.S.A.C. meeting to be held at 0930 hours Saturday, 28 August 1943 by 1200 hours Thursday, 29 August 1943.

for

CHARLES H. STONER,
Lt. Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief Staff Officer.

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Memorandum to: Major Croft

1. Please put on the Agenda for the Executive Council Meeting the following:

(a) Policy on lifting of restrictions by S.C.A.O.'s on circulation.

(b) Policy on lifting curfew by S.C.A.O.s.

CHARLES W. SCOTT
Lt. Col., G.S.C.
C. S. C.

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Sixth Meeting of Executive Council to be held at 1500 hours 15 August 43 in the Conference Room.

1. Minutes of previous meeting.

2. C.S.O. to submit for discussion and decision:

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   (b) Sale of essential foods in short supply to Army.

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   (b) Degree to which authority of S.C.A.O.s extends with respect to assigning field officers of various divisions to duties.

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7. D.P.H. to raise following points for discussion:

(a) The position of Island problems vis a vis the Province in which they arise to be defined. For example, such public health problems as the following should be considered central responsibilities.

(1) Distribution of medical personnel
(2) Distribution of all medical and welfare supplies
(3) Certain epidemiological investigations affecting several provinces
(4) Supervision of Island Reformatory for juveniles
(5) Machinery for locating lost personnel, especially children
(6) The reopening of Social Insurances, reorganization or suspension

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(7) Utilization of property of Fascist Youth and Leisure time organizations.

(b) Expediting communication between HQ AMGOT and the provinces.

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APPENDIX "A"

MEMORANDUM ON PROVISION OF HOUSING FOR THE HOMELESS

1. It is recommended that the question of providing accommodation for those rendered homeless on account of aerial and other forms of bombardment should be considered now.

2. This is forced upon the Military Government by the following facts:

(a) The majority of towns and villages have been damaged to a greater or lesser extent, e.g. in Palermo it is estimated that 33⅓% of houses have been rendered uninhabitable.

(b) Winter conditions in many parts of Sicily are severe and the form of alfresco existence in mountain caves and the like, now general in many parts, could be perpetrated in winter only with very serious consequences to the health of the people.

(c) The danger to the Military as well as the civilian population of an organization as at present where sanitation is practically non-existant increases everyday.

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(b) Present population.

(c) Normal number of habitations with average number accommodated in each.

(d) Number of houses uninhabitable with number of persons there rendered homeless.

(e) Number of houses in (d) which could be repaired with a month's normal work from material actually available (e.g. from damaged property). Is labour locally available?

(f) Number of habitable houses in which there are rooms at present "spare" but which could accommodate additional persons. (N.B. a census on these lines was made in every town and village in U.K. and occupiers had to take refugees on short notice to fill such rooms.)

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(g) Number of buildings which could accommodate refugees, e.g. offices, schools, theatres, with numbers of persons who could there be accommodated.

(h) Number on some definite date for whom there will be no suitable accommodation.

(i) Are communal feeding centres in existence and are these adequate. If not what proposals are being submitted to cover this, water supplies and provision of an adequate sanitary organization.

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These are arranged in order of possible priorities.

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15 Army Group
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AMGOT/31/HQ.

Major Croft.

The only suggestion which I have for the agenda for the EXCO meeting on Sunday is "Payment of railway employees".

A.P. Chaworth-Musters

COLONEL.
Chief Finance Officer.

AMGOT HQ.
15 Army Group.
13 Aug. 43.

This will come up automatically in discussion of minutes of previous meeting.

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12 August 1943

Memorandum to: Major Croft

1. Please put on the Agenda for the Executive Council Meeting the following:

(a) Policy on lifting of restrictions by S.C.A.O.s on circulation.

(b) Policy on lefting curfew by S.C.A.O.s.

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Lt. Col., G.S.C.
C. S. O.

AMGOT HQ
15 Army Group

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10 August 1943

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Major Croft.
I have nothing to submit for the Agenda from the Public Safety Division
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Lt. Col
11/8/43 D.C.P.S.

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ANNEX/ENCL 4

11 August 1943

Subject: Executive Council Meeting

To: Members Executive Council

The Sixth Meeting of the Executive Council has been postponed from Friday, 13 August, until 1500 hours Sunday, 15 August.

RICHARD C. CROFT
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Subject:- Executive Council Meetings.

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10 August 43.

M.A.
C.O.C.in-C.
15 Army Group.

I am directed by the C.C.A.C. to forward copy of the 5th Meeting of the Executive Council of AMGOT. These Minutes are forwarded for General Alexander's information, and it is not proposed to send a copy to M.G.S.

Executive Council Meetings are held on Fridays and are attended by C.C.A.C., D.C.C.A.C., C.S.O., and the six Heads of Services only.

Lord Rennell would be very pleased if G.C.C.in-C. would attend the ~~next~~ a Ex-Co ~~Co~~-Meeting when he is next in Palermo.

[signature]
Major.
Staff Officer.

AMGOT H.Q.
15 ARMY GROUP.

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MINUTES OF

FIFTH MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

6 August 1943

PRESENT

Brigadier General McSherry	- D.C.C.A.O.
Col. Grafftey Smith	- C.F.O.
Col. Cheyne	- D.P.H.
Col. Bolles	- D.P.S.
Lt. Col. Spofford	- C.S.O.
Lt. Col. Seitz	- D.C.S.R.
Lt. Col. Harris	- P.C.
Lt. Col. Jordan	- Acting C.L.O.
Major Croft	- Secretary

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In reference to a question D.C.C.A.O. stated that civilian personnel could be employed subject to Col. Belles and Col. Seitz coordinating all such employment with G-2. (Action Col. Belles and Col. Seitz)

48. Relations of S.C.A.C.s to Divisions (Item 3(a))

It was decided that:

(a) The S.C.A.O. should be in charge of all personnel in his province. (Action C.S.C.)

(b) All communications to and from HQ should channel through S.C.A.O. with certain exceptions, which C.S.O. and Heads of Divisions will determine. (Action C.S.O. and Heads of Divs.)

(c) All communications from HQ relating to policy and orders should be signed by C.S.O., other by Division Chiefs.

(d) Weekly reports should be submitted by S.C.A.O.s covering general situation. (Action C.S.O. to advise)

To SLE
LT Col FINLEY SMITH
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49. Tactical Commanders (Item 3(b))

C.S.C. reported that Gen. Alexander's letter of 31 July released the following Provinces from the tactical command: Agrigento, Caltanissetta, Trapani, Siracusa, Ragusa, Palermo (west of Cefalu-Santa Caterina-Villarosa line), Catania (south of Scordia-Mirabella line).

50. Administrative and Financial Assistance to Railroads (Item 4)

Col. Seitz was asked to take up with Col. Davidson the question of 7th Army responsibility of maintaining railroads until civil affairs takes over. D.C.C.A.O. asked that a check be made to determine if any railroad employees had not been paid by 7th and 8th Armies for the month 27 June - 27 July and to make such payments where they had not previously been made. (Action Col. Seitz)

51. Reopening Italian Courts (Item 5(a))

Acting C.L.O. stated criminal courts had technically opened 2 Aug. D.C.C.A.O. asked Acting C.L.O. to discuss cost of restoring buildings housing higher courts with C.F.O., to instruct S.C.A.O.s to open lower courts and to continue payments made by the State. (Action Col. Jordan)

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57. Proclamation Classifying Prices (Item 6 (b))

It was agreed that local orders should be published and prices posted and that they should be sufficiently elastic to provide for different price scales in different communities. (Action Col. Seitz)

58. Declaration of Vehicles and Commodities (Item 6 (c))

The declaration of certain important articles and commodities, including a registration of motor vehicles, was approved. (Action Col. Bollos and Col. Seitz)

59. Uninhabitable Houses (Item 7 (c))

D.P.H. was requested to make a report at the next meeting. (Action Col. Cheyne)

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60. Sequestrated Property (Item 8 (a))

D.C.C.A.C. asked Col. Harris to draft a cable to C.C.S. informing them that we were holding Italian sequestrators of French property responsible to P.C. and asking for further instructions as to sequestrated property of nationals of United Nations.

61. Opening of Banks.

Col. Grafftey Smith stated banks could not be opened until additional shipments of money had been received but that he believed they would be opened by 31 Aug. at the latest.

62. Lotteries

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