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Copy of the President's letter of June 3rd to the Secretary of State was furnished by ROYCE of NAAB. A copy of his letter to the Lend Lease Administrator of July 29th has now been received as well. (Reference previous telegrams concerning employment civilian agencies in occupied territory.)

The following represents our ideas on this general subject:

Military Government takes over occupied territory immediately and must face the problem of reestablishing law and order, maintaining security of communications, suppressing elements in the population that might interfere with current or future operations, restoring facilities, such as water, electric power, transportation and communications seeing that food is supplied to the civil population, if necessary, supplemented by supplies brought in, taking adequate public health measures and winning the friendly acceptance and cooperation of the local population by just and humane treatment. Of necessity during this phase of military occupation, Military Government also must deal with other economic and financial and to some extent political problems that inevitably arise, such as the supply of currency, the reopening of banks, payment of salaries of retained public officials, police and other services, payment of relief to the needy, maintenance of some of the existing subsidies to keep down the cost of living,

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continuance of collection of taxes and other revenue, control of funds and property belonging to obnoxious elements and institutions. However, as soon as the Military situation permits, the responsibility for dealing with fundamental long term economic, financial, social and political problems of occupied territory should shift to the appropriate agencies of government acting under the control of the Theater Commander pursuant to Directives and policies established, in the case of an Allied Theater, by the two governments. Our experience indicates that among the problems that require immediate study by the governments, not only for SICILY, but looking toward occupation of other Italian territory are the following:

1. The corporative system and employer and employee relationships.
2. Price, subsidy and ration system.
3. The punishment in various ways of Fascist officials as well as their position in the economic and social life of the Nation.
4. The elimination of Fascist cultural and propaganda institutions.
5. The reorganization of the social insurance and social welfare system so as to eliminate the Fascist job - providing, overlapping organizational set up and to do away with the Fascist political aspects of the Italian social security system.
6. The public debt, currency and tax systems.
7. The central bank, commercial banking and private insurance systems.
8. Provision of long-term relief and other assistance, particularly to those whose homes have been bombed. (Emergency repairs to provide shelter are being undertaken by AMG in SICILY)
9. The development of agricultural production and trade, including import and export aspects.
10. The conversion of industry to peace time production except in so far as it can help the Allied war effort. Important problems will arise of importing coal and other raw materials.
11. The nature of the present and preceding national governments and the form that a permanent government for ITALY should take.

These questions will require consideration either under Military Government or following an Armistice.

It is believed that the present state of operations will shortly permit civilian agencies to go into SICILY. It is, therefore,

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proposed that Mister STURGES, who has been designated Area Director by the Secretary of State, should accompany Governor LEHMAN at the time of his visit to SICILY and that upon their return to ALGERIA a plan be submitted to the Combined Chiefs of Staff. STURGES is in agreement with this suggestion. Although communications thus far received deal only with American Civilian Agencies, it is presumed that these activities would be on a combined basis. As the Military Government of SICILY is an integrated Allied Organization, it is presumed that activities of civilian agencies will be likewise Allied in character.

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