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CONSIDERED DESIRABLE INFORM GOVERNMENTS DISPOSITION OF SENIOR OFFICERS WHO DO NOT APPEAR IN YOUR REORGANIZATION LETTER OF 26TH JAN. AMONG THEM BRIGADIERS GUETERBOCK HAMLYN. GRATEFUL IF YOU WILL SUPPLY MATERIAL TO ENABLE US TO INFORM THEM.

NEW SUBJECT:

BELIEVE APPRECIABLE PERSONNEL SAVINGS POSSIBLE IN PRESENT ORGANIZATION FOR ADMINISTRATION OF PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT ON BOTH AMERICAN AND BRITISH SIDES. WILL APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS ON THIS, INCLUDING WHAT DISPOSITION YOU WOULD PROPOSE FOR BRITISH AND AMERICAN ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS NOW AT TIXI.

NEW SUBJECT:

IN LIGHT OF EXISTING DIRECTIVE THAT ACC FUNCTION IS "TO INSURE THAT CONDUCT OF ITALIAN GOVERNMENT CONFORMS TO REQUIREMENTS OF AND ALLIED BASE OF OPERATIONS", HAVE YOU CONSIDERED VARIOUS PENDING

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PROPOSALS FOR CREATION OF CENTRAL POWER DIRECTORATE. WE NOTE NO SPECIFIC MENTION OF POWER OR UTILITIES IN PROPOSED REORGANIZATION NOR OF COLONEL GROWDEN, ACC ELECTRIC POWER ENGINEER OF HIGH STANDING AND ABILITY.

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CG PBS FOR FARGO-TATIMA REAR-FAHLE-RELAY FAIRBANES

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PHMGS (CITING JJOS SVC 907) THIS IS A PERAPHRASE BY CRYPTO FREEDOM.

MEMORANDUM ADMINISTRATIVE, AFHQ, WILL BE ISSUED ON 31 JANUARY MAKING HQ ACC DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR CIVIL AFFAIRS IN SARDINIA AND ACCORDINGLY PLACING ALLIED REGIONAL COMMISSIONER (SARDINIA) UNDER COMMAND OF HQ, ACC. IN YOUR MESSAGE PBS 424 OF 26 JANUARY CITE FARGO 590 WITH YOUR REQUEST WE ARE IN COMPLIANCE.

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(INFO) GEN MAC FARLANE
BRIG GUETERBOCK
COL SPOFFORD
EX OFFERS
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CD Spofford

This should now issue. I should like distribution to include ACDI & other high military functions.

I should like to have enough copies to take with me for heads of Administrative Sub Commissions tomorrow (ready this evening).

~~The~~ I propose to divide the section into 4 Branches.

(a) ~~Confidential~~ Regional Control Military Government Section

- (i) Vth & VIIIth Armies
- (ii) Regions under AMG
- (iii) Advisory Regions
- (iv) Liaison with Military functions.

(b) Establishment i.e. ASD & GC & G & plus Welfare, Transport & Internal Administration of H & Acc

(c) Security

(d) Displaced Persons & Refugees

I wish the establishment of the Section to include at least four officers who will spend their time visiting the Army ADGs and the Regions on all subjects (except Security).

The Establishment Branch is at present understaffed and needs strengthening.

My very tentative ideas of officers are
Ex Com + 2 Personal Staff.

Civil Affairs. ~~Ex Com~~ + Deputy Ex Com + 8

Establishment. 8 excluding Adj Gen, Comd,
Commandants etc.

Security. 4

Displaced Person 4.

Would you & Col Rattbone prefer a plan for me?

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

31 January 1944

MEMORANDUM

TO : ALL CONCERNED

1. At a very early date "that portion of Italy south of the northern boundaries of the Province of Salerno, Potenza, and Bari, and Sicily and adjacent Islands" will be handed over to the Italian Government and jurisdiction subject to the guidance and instructions of the Allied Control Commission under the Chief Commissioner.

2. North of this line Allied Military Government will continue under the direction of the Chief Commissioner acting for the Military Governor (G.O.C.-in-C. A.C.M.F.).

3. AMG 5th and 8th Armies and Regions III and IV will therefore continue their present functions. Region V will shortly be added. Regions I and II will thenceforth assume an advisory capacity only, as described in para 8 of the Chief Commissioner's memorandum of 23 January.

4. Thus both Military Government in the forward areas and the advisory functions of A.C.C. in territory administered by the Italian Government will be carried on by one organization.

5. The Administrative and Economic Sections and the Subcommissions coming under their direction will extend their advisory functions to cover the whole of liberated Italy and will advise the Chief Commissioner in their respective spheres on matters both north and south of the dividing line.

6. It is the wish of the Chief Commissioner that the Regional organization should continue both in the areas under Military Government and those under advisory control. The S.C.A.Os, 5th and 8th Armies, the R.C.A.Os of Regions III, IV and V, and the Regional Control Commissioners of Sardinia and Regions I and II will maintain their organizations (on a reduced scale in the two latter cases) and all specialist officers in the Regions as well as the C.A.Os and C.A.P.Os and C.Cs will be under their command.

7. In order to centralize control of the Regional organizations (including 5th and 8th Armies AMG) and to ensure compliance by the Italian Government with the advice rendered to them and the execution of the Chief Commissioner's orders, as advised by the Economic and Administrative Sections, a third Section has been set up to be called the Regional Control and Military Government Section headed by an Executive Commissioner having the status of a Vice President

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 8. On all matters of policy the Chief Commissioner's orders and directives (as advised by the Subcommissions) will be passed to the R.C.A.Os and R.C.Cs by this Section. Heads of Subcommissions will correspond with their representatives in the Regions (but not with representatives of other Subcommissions) on routine technical matters only. R.C.A.Os and R.C.Cs will address themselves on all matters to the V.P. of the R.C. and M.G. Section, which will also carry out (in the Establishment Branch), the MS, A & Q, G-1 and G-4 duties for all personnel of the A.C.C. All postings and assignments to Regions and to HQ will be made by the Section and no transfers of personnel from Region to Region will be carried out except by this Section.

9. This Section will also be responsible for Displaced Persons, Security and for proper liaison between A.C.C. and Regions and all Allied military (all services) formations.

10. It is important to maintain the channel of communication to Regions and Army AMGs through this Section in order that coordination of policy, continuity in administration and close liaison with military formations and units may be ensured, so far as is possible, both in the areas administered by Allied Military Government and in the territory in which the Allied officers act in an advisory capacity only.

11. It is therefore the Chief Commissioner's wish that Subcommissions should err on the side of passing too much through this Section, especially during the early stage, rather than of dealing direct with their representatives in the field.

By command of Lieut. General MacFARLANE:

M. S. LUSH
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner
Allied Control Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

29 January 1944

MEMORANDUM: Records and History, ACC-AMG.

TO : All R.C.A.O.s,
Regional Control Commission, Region VI, ACC,
AMG 5th Army,
AMG 8th Army.

1. Captain R. M. Ellis has been appointed archivist to the Allied Control Commission under the Adjutant General. He has begun compiling the history of the Commission and kindred organisations in Italy, Sicily, and Sardinia. This work will require reference to past files and other records.

2. No files or records will therefore be destroyed until the necessary extracts have been made by Captain Ellis.

3. When a subordinate headquarters closes down, all documents will be forwarded to the Regional Headquarters concerned for retention until Capt. Ellis completes his examination.

4. Files from any regional headquarters which closes down will be forwarded to Hq. A.C.C.

5. Further orders will be issued as to the final disposal of files.

By command of Lt. Gen. MACFARLANE:

L. W. Stearns
L. W. STEARNS
Capt., AGD
Asst Adj Gen

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 374

MEMORANDUM

TO : ALL CONCERNED

23 January 1944

1. Effective on a date to be announced, probably in the near future, the Allied Military Government will turn over to the Italian Government certain portions of the territory now occupied by the Allied Forces. At that time Allied Military Government will cease and the Italian administration will assume full responsibility for civil government in such territory.

This will involve the withdrawal of a part of the Allied Military Government personnel from the territory. The balance will continue as representatives of the Allied Control Commission.

This memorandum is to outline certain general principles which will guide A.C.C. personnel in the territories administered by the Italian Government.

Present Status - Co-Belligerency

2. Effective September 3, 1943 the Italian Government concluded an Armistice with the Governments of the United States and Great-Britain acting in the interests of the United Nations. Subsequently the Italian Government signed an instrument of surrender governing the relations between the United Nations and Italy, which instrument contained various provisions designed to protect the interests of the Allies and to promote the war effort, and called for the appointment of a Control Commission to enforce and implement those provisions.

3. Following the declaration of war on Germany, Italy was accorded the status of co-belligerent. According to the tripartite statement of 13 October 1943 announcing this new status,

"The relationship of co-belligerency between the Government of Italy and the United Nations' Governments cannot of itself affect the terms (of the Instrument of Surrender) recently signed, which retain their full force and can only be adjusted by agreement between the Allied Governments in the light of the assistance which the Italian Government may be able to afford to the United Nations' cause."

The situation of a co-belligerent does not mean that Italy is recognized as one of the United Nations or is admitted as an ally. It means that the Italian Government is fighting the same enemy and in this respect has the support of the United Nations.

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General Functions Allied Control Commission

4. The general functions of the Allied Control Commission, as laid down in the directive of the Combined Chiefs of Staff, are as follows:

- (a) To enforce and execute the instrument of surrender under the orders and general directives of the Allied Commander-in-Chief.
- (b) To insure that the conduct of the Italian Government conforms to the requirements of an Allied Base of Operations, especially transportation and communications.
- (c) To be the organ through which the policy of the United Nations towards the Italian Government is conducted and the relations between the United Nations and the Italian Government are handled.

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Organization of the Allied Control Commission

5. The Allied Commander-in-Chief will be ex officio President of the Commission. The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Allied Central Mediterranean Forces, will be acting President. The acting senior officer of the Commission will be Chief Commissioner who will serve as Deputy President of the Commission.
6. The Commission will be divided into five Sections: Economic, Administrative, Military, Political, and Communications. Sections will be in charge of Vice Presidents or Directors and, in each case, will comprise one or more Subcommissions. The tentative organization of the Commission into its various Sections and Subcommissions is set forth in Appendix A hereto.
7. Each Section or Subcommission will maintain a headquarters staff. Some will also have representatives in the field. The existing regional organizations will be continued initially to correspond to such regional authority as may be set up by the Italian Government, or otherwise as administrative convenience may dictate.
8. A.C.C. personnel in the field will be known as Control Commissioners with designation of their particular specialist category where appropriate. For example, Control Commissioner (Legal), Control Commissioner (Public Health). The Chief Control Officer in the Region will be known as the Regional Control Commissioner (RCC).

Functions and General Duties of A.C.C. Officers in the Field

9. Particulars as to the nature of the duties of A.C.C. field officers will be specified by the Subcommissions to which they are assigned. However, the following guides are applicable to all:

- (a) The primary function of A.C.C. officers in the field will be to give assistance and guidance to and to supervise the local Italian officials and to convey such instructions to them as may be authorized either in specific instances or generally under this and further directives.
- (b) Each A.C.C. officer will also carefully observe the operation of the Italian Government in the area or administrative field of his responsibility in order to determine whether the terms of the surrender are being vigorously and effectively enforced. The results of such observations will be the subject of periodic or special reports to higher headquarters.
- (c) A.C.C. field personnel will have no power to command or direct Italian officials in connection with the performance of their duties. In this respect their powers and duties are to be contrasted with those of officers of AMG.
- (d) Particularly during the transition stage and until the authority of the Italian Government is fully established and the administrative machine is functioning smoothly, the Italian officials will probably require considerable advice, information and assistance from A.C.C. officers. It is

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- (d) Particularly during the transition stage and until the authority of the Italian Government is fully established and the administrative machine is functioning smoothly, the Italian officials will probably require considerable advice, information and assistance from A.C.C. officers. It is entirely proper in this way to support the authority of the Italian officials. Care should be taken, however, not to interfere directly or to give the appearance of interfering directly in or with the local administration except in real emergency.
- (e) A.C.C. personnel must also take great care to avoid becoming involved in political disputes or conflicts. A.C.C. officers will deal only with the officials selected by the Italian Government. The competency of these officials and the quality of their administration will be the responsibility of the Italian Government. However, when officials behave in a manner likely to prejudice the position of the Allied forces by violation of the terms of surrender or otherwise, A.C.C. personnel will take any action that may be authorized and promptly submit a report with recommendations to higher headquarters.

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(f) Close coordination will be necessary between A.C.C. and tactical and administrative forces in the area. Certain committees have already been established (i.e. Local Resources Boards). Information as to these committees and other inter-service agencies will be communicated to field personnel where necessary. It is essential in order that confusion be avoided that the channels of communication with the Italian authorities remain as few as possible as simple as possible.

10. The disposition of A.C.C. personnel and their operations will be communicated by Regional Commissioners or by A.C.C. HQ. The following general rules, will, however, apply:

(a) Generally there will be no A.C.C. field officers in the communes or in a position comparable to that of the C.A.O. or C.A.P.O. under AMG. General administration will, therefore, be subject to A.C.C. control at the provincial level. Such local inspection as may be required will be worked out from A.C.C. regional or provincial HQ.

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Regional Organization

11. It is understood that the Italian Government intends to appoint Italian Regional Commissioners in certain areas to function until the Italian Government can effectively communicate with and maintain control of the provinces. In other areas to be turned over, the Italian Government may communicate directly with the provincial officials. In either case, A.C.C. will initially appoint a Regional Control Commissioner. In regions in which there is an Italian Regional Commissioner the R.C.C. will, under directives of A.C.C. headquarters, establish control at the regional level and work with his Italian counterpart. In regions where there is no Italian commissioner the R.C.C. will serve as channel for communication with A.C.C. personnel in the field and as a regional representative of A.C.C. HQ.

Attitude toward Italian Officials

12. The members of the Commission, whether acting officially or otherwise, should maintain a correct attitude toward members of the Italian Government, neither autocratic on the one hand nor familiar on the other.

It must be emphasized that the Allied Control Commission occupies a position in relation to the Italian Government which is quite different from that of Allied Military Government. The Commission advises and supervises.

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If basic differences arise between officers of this Commission and the corresponding representatives of the Italian Government, the matter at issue will be submitted to the Chief Commissioner for adjustment with the Head of the Italian Government.

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/s/ Charles Spofford Col, GSC for
NOEL MASON MacFARLANE
Lieutenant General
Chief Commissioner
Allied Control Commission

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APPENDIX "A"

SECTIONS AND SUBCOMMISSIONS OF A.C.C.

(Tentative)

ECONOMIC SECTION

Finance
Industry and Commerce
Labor
Food
Public Works & Mines
Agriculture, Forests, and Fisheries

ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

Legal
Property Control
Interior
Public Safety
Public Health
Education
Monuments & Fine Arts

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

Internal Transportation
Shipping
Telecommunications and Postal

MILITARY SECTION

Naval Forces
Land Forces
Air Forces
War Material Disposal

POLITICAL SECTION

Foreign and Internal
Internees and Displaced Persons and Refugees

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APC 394

22 January 1944

MEMORANDUM: To those concerned.

1. a. Attached is the outline plan for the organization of HQACC as at present contemplated. It is published for planning purposes and later may be changed in some respects.

b. Personnel strengths shown indicate numbers who are to be at HQ and for whom office and living accommodation must be provided. No additional office accommodation is likely to be available for some time, but living accommodation for visitors in reasonable numbers will be available.

2. The Economic Half Section and the Administrative Half Section, from the point of view of procedure, correspond to the former Economic and Administrative Directorates which are abolished in their present form.

3. The first stage in the readjustment will be the movement of the Administrative Half Section to Salerno on 28 Jan 1944. The Executive Officers will issue all orders for the move as soon as informed by the Vice President Economic and Administrative Section the names of his officers concerned.

1 Encl. - Chart

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2 V P - Comm
2 V P - Political
2 D/V P - Econ & Adm
4 Executive Offrs
2 G-1
2 G-4
2 Hq. Comdt - Naples
2 Hq. Comdt - Salerno

For the Chief of Staff

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2	War Diary

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22 January 1944

LOCATION AND APPROXIMATE STRENGTH OF OFFICERS TO BE ACTUALLY AT HQ A.C.C.

REAR HQ
SALERNO

(a) Chief Commissioner)
(a) Deputy Chief Commissioner) 6
(a) Chief of Staff)
(a) A.D.C.s and P.A.s)

Staff Officers 2
Military Section
Navy 4)
Army 6) 16
Air 2)
War Materila Disposal 4)

Political Section
Deputy V.P.
Staff Officer) 2

(a) Administrative Half Section
V.P. and A.D.C. 2)
Staff 4)
(Inferior Group Director 2)
(Local Government 7)
(Public Safety 8)
(Public Health 10) 58
Legal 10)
Property Control 8)
Monuments & Fine Arts 3)
Education 4)

(a) Economic Half Section
D/V.P. and Staff 2)
Agriculture 1)
Finance 7)
Industry & Commerce 3)
Public Works & Util. 2) 18
Labor 1)
Visiting Officers of)
other Subcommissions) 2)

Communications Section
Staff Officer 1)
Telecommunications 1) 2
Liaison Section 10

MAIN HQ
NAPLES

(a) Chief Commissioner)
(a) Deputy Chief Commissioner) 6
(a) Chief of Staff)
(a) A.D.C.s and P.A.s)

Secretariat 3)
Security Intelligence 10)
Public Relations 2)
Staff Officers 5) 26

Political Section
Vice President 1)
Staff Officer 1)
Displaced Persons 5) 7

(a) Economic Half Section
D/V.P. & Civilian Staff 7)
Military Staff 4)
(Industrial Group Director 2)
(Industry & Commerce 20)
(Labour 8)
(War Factories 1) 112
Agriculture, etc. 12)
Food 5)
Public Works and Mines, incl. Electrical 13)
Finance 40)

(a) Administrative Half Section
V.P. and A.D.C. 2)
Legal 2)
Visiting Officers of)
Subcommissions) 4) 8

Communications Section
Vice President 1)
Staff Officer 2)
Telecommunications 3)
Internal Transportation
(Shipping) 6

Executive Officers 3966
Internal Administration 41

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(2) Minor variations in numbers are permissible, but must be coordinated with Executive Officers.

(3) Internal organization of Sections proposed is subject to amendment if Vice Presidents so desire.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESTORATION OF ITALIAN TERRITORY

(1) On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Forces I wish to make the following announcement.

2. On 1944 that part of the Italian peninsula which lies south of the Northern boundary of the Province of Salerno, ^{Sardinia} ~~Sardinia~~ and Bari, together with the Islands of ~~Sardinia~~ and Sardinia ~~will~~ be returned to the Italian Government. Without ~~the~~ prejudices to the rights which the United Nations enjoy under the Armistice and which are established in their behalf by the Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Forces and his representatives, including the Allied Control Commission, all powers of Government will henceforth belong to the Government of Italy. At the same time Allied Military Government which has been responsible for the control and administration of this territory will cease to function within its boundaries.

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4. The eradication of Fascism and the restoration of freedom of speech and of the press to the Italian people were established in the original plan as fundamental ^{of the} ~~the~~ Military Government. These aims emanated from the same belief that our war in Italy was being waged ^{the} ~~against~~ ^{against} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~Nazi~~ ^{Nazi} masters and that the Italian people should ^{be} ~~be~~ given the earliest opportunity after their liberation to enjoy a free institutions which are an inherent part of political democracy. In the field, Allied Military Government undertook to realize these ^{with} ~~to~~ aims to the fullest extent consistent to the military necessity.

5. Whenever the success of Allied arms made it possible, the vast majority of Italians repudiated Fascism in all its forms and manifestations. The Armistice of September 3 was not only an admission of military defeat; it was an official condemnation of a political group which had placed Italy in German hands. Italy's Declaration of War against Germany on October 13 marked the final break of the Italian people with German dominated Fascism.

6. On November 1 the Governments of the United States of America, the United Kingdom and the Soviet Union expressed the ¹basic policy in the Moscow Declaration of the respective Foreign Secretaries. The Declaration reiterated the fundamental principles that Fascism and all its evil influences and emanations will be utterly destroyed and after that the Italian people shall be given every opportunity to establish governmental and other institutions based upon democratic principles.

7. This statement was reflected in the formation of the Allied Control Commission which assumed its powers and duties on November 10. The principal duties assigned to it was the control, according to the terms of the Armistice, of Italy's economic resources and manpower, in order that Italy should be transformed into an effective instrument of war against Germany. But the Commission was also charged with planning for the gradual transfer of territory to the Italian Administration. The Italian Government was enjoined to strengthen its administrative structure in preparation for the transfer.

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That the Administration, (central and mobile) should be carried on by officials of proven good faith ~~and~~ (for Allied liberty) and that the transfer should involve no commitment to the present Government of Technicians after the capture of Rome.

9. These conditions are consistent with the larger principles which the Allied Governments have already Declared. Italians of honest democratic conviction must lay the foundation for their country's future. They must work out their future democracy according to the will of the Italian people when that will can be adequately expressed.

10. The Allied Control Commission will see that this is done, according to the terms of the Armistice. It will continue to ensure the effective use of Italian resources in the common war and to represent Allied Interests to the Italian National and Local Governments. At the same time it will see that opportunity is given to the people of Italy to develop their political activities in an atmosphere of fairness and freedom.

11. For the reasons given at the beginning of this announcement it will be necessary for the Allied Military Government to continue to function in combat zones. But it is also foreseen that as our armies advance and normal conditions are restored in the territory progressively occupied further transfers will be effected. The situation now in the making will make it possible for these forward transfers to be made to an Italy which has grown in strength and stature. We look to the Italian people to translate this possibility into a firm reality and to work together toward the common victory. Nothing must stand in its way for it is the indispensable condition of the freedom of all mankind.

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Request formal confirmation that GOC in C 15th Army Group approves all handing over documents for transfer of territory south of northern boundaries Provinces of Salerno, Potenza and Bari to Italian Government on date to be fixed by Allied CINC. Expect your normal reply.

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