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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETINGS & MINUTES
JUNE-SEPT. 1944

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6 August 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Colonel Charles H. Spofford,
A. C. of S. G-5 Section,
Allied Force Headquarters.

Yesterday copies of the minutes of Vice-Presidents' meeting, ACC, were sent under cover of a letter inadvertently addressed simply "G-5 Section, A.F.H.Q." without your name appearing. These minutes were intended for you personally. Would you be good enough to let me know when they reach you?

ROBERT E. DOE
Major, A.C.D.
Secretary General

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5 August 1944

Subject: Minutes of Vice Presidents' Meetings, ACC

To: G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters

Enclosed are Minutes of the ACC Vice Presidents' Meetings held on and since 13 Jul 44. Before that date minutes of these meetings were not recorded. Your section will be included on the distribution of the minutes of all future meetings.

ROBERT E. DOE
Major, A.G.D.
Secretary General

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Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner
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15 July 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: All Vice Presidents

Vice presidents' meetings will be held regularly on Mondays and Thursdays at 1000 hours commencing Monday, 17 July, and at any other time when the situation demands discussion either at the request of any Vice President or at the direction of the Acting Chief Commissioner.

All proposals affecting policy should be brought up for discussion at such meetings.

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

Distribution:

Mr. Grady
Brig. Lusk
Mr. Caccia
Mr. Reber
Col. Upjohn
Major Magnus

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25 September 1944

MEMORANDUM:

SUBJECT: Amendment to Vice Presidents' Meeting, 21 September 1944.

Paragraph 4 should be amended to read as follows:

"4. Brigadier Upjohn:

The Brigadier stated that Dr. Umberto Borgatti had been appointed Procuratore Generale Militare vice General Traina. Although a civilian, he was expected to be quite satisfactory."

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Major, R. A.
Chief Staff Officer

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Mr. Antolini
Brigadier Upjohn
General de Sevin
General Susloparov
Mr. Gaois
Mr. Schott
Hon. Alexander Kirk
Sir Noel Charles
Colonel Spofford
Colonel Densmore
Colonel Monfort
Major Quayle

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Colonel Bensmore
Colonel Bonfert
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9 October 1944

MINUTES

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1030 hours, 9 October 1944, Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner, HQ ACC, Rome.

Present: Commodore Ellery W. Stone, Brigadier Ugo John, Mr. Caccia, Mr. Schott, Mr. Antolini, General Sueloparev, Colonel Fiske, Colonel Cripps, Colonel Morfort, Major Quayle (Secretary).

1. Acting Chief Commissioner:

a. Commodore Stone referred to various points from the Minutes of the last conference:

(1) Reference para 1b, Minutes of Meeting, 3 Oct 44, what was the status of the proposal to establish a mid-day soup meal for civilian employees in ACC Headquarters? Colonel Fiske said that this was done, but under-took to clarify the question of price.

(2) Reference para c, Minutes of Meeting, 3 Oct 44, what steps had been taken to increase the ration for the Public Safety bodies to the level of that of the Italian Army and Carabinieri?

Brigadier Ugo John undertook to see that the Italian Government were informed of the measure as well as our own Regional Commissioners.

(3) Reference para 1c, Minutes of Meeting, 3 Oct 44, what progress had been made with attaching the recently arrived Russian officers as observers to various sub-commissions?

General Sueloparev said that he had submitted proposals for their employment to the Liaison Officer, but had as yet received no answer. Colonel Fiske said he would check with Lt Col Brown on this point.

(4) Reference para 1f, Minutes of Meeting, 3 Oct 44, Commodore Stone said that he had held a conversation with the Prime Minister on the subject of AFHQ's Administrative Memorandum No. 31.

The Prime Minister and his Minister of Finance had received the news of the proposal with dismay. The Prime Minister had stated that the political effect on his Government would be "disastrous." Commodore Stone said that he had represented their point of view to AFHQ and that he expected the implementation of the Memorandum to be indefinitely deferred.

Col. Fiske

Brig. Ugo John

Col. Fiske

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(5) Reference para 2b, Minutes of Meeting, 3 Oct 44, Commodore Stone said that he would inform G-5, AFHQ of AFHQ's action in instructing the Army to keep requisitioning and billeting in San Marino to the barest essential minimum.

b. The Acting Chief Commissioner instructed Mr. Antolini to make sure that Regional Commissioners had advance advice of the itinerary of the Russian Trades' Union Delegation, and also requested General Susloparov to pass the word to the Chief of the Delegation that he should choose non-working hours for holding meetings at works, dockyards, etc., so that important war-work was not dislocated. He explained that the reason for this request was the serious delay caused by the recent American and British delegation which held a meeting at Taranto in the middle of a work-shift.

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c. As a result of a general discussion it was agreed that, while allowing greater freedom to the Italian Government, it was necessary to clarify the ACC's position as regards its authority and jurisdictional level in approving appointments. This matter was to be discussed at COS meeting.

d. The Acting Chief Commissioner informed the meeting that SACRED had posed certain specific questions to the Combined Chiefs of Staff regarding the implementation of the recent statements on Italy made by the President and the Prime Minister.

General Wilson has given orders that pending the receipt of a reply the name and functions of the ACC would not be altered.

2. Mr. Caccia:

Mr. Caccia stated that the authentic text of the statement recently made by the British Foreign Secretary on the subject of the Italian colonies was not at hand, but that it had been asked for by Sir Noel Charles.

3. Mr. Antolini:

a. Mr. Antolini requested clarification of the Commission's position vis a vis the Italian Government in issuance of decrees. He drew attention to two which had been passed without the receipt of the Commission's concurrence or comment. It was decided that the whole policy must be immediately reviewed and recommendations would be made by Civil Affairs Section.

b. Mr. Antolini reported that General Hume had called saying that there had been a food demonstration in Florence, and that the Florentines should be given an extra pasta allowance. It was decided that a decision on this point should be made. Mr. Antolini's visit to Florence. It was further decided that this brought up the whole crucial food problem and that a further conference on the food situation must be held forthwith before giving any decision on the immediate Florence question.

c. Mr. Antolini produced the latest massing figures. The Acting Chief Commissioner suggested that there should be a column showing comparison with the preceding week.

4. Brigadier Upjohn:

a. The Brigadier said that the Salvation Army wished to send two additional representatives to Italy to look into their interests. He would go into the matter further before giving a reply.

b. AFHQ, in setting up an organization to deal with the distribution of medical supplies throughout the Mediterranean, had proposed Colonel Griffin, the Chief of the Medical Supply Branch, as its head. The Brigadier doubted the wisdom of imposing on Colonel Griffin this double duty and said that he would raise it at the next COS conference.

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5. Colonel Fiske:

Colonel Fiske reported that a new truck company composed of American and Italian personnel had been attached to 2675th Regiment.

Next Vice President's Meeting - 1030 hours, Friday, 13 October 1944.

DISTRIBUTION:

Commodore Stone	Mr. Schott	
Brigadier Lush	Hon. Alexander Kirk	
Mr. Antolini	Sir Noel Charles	
Brigadier Upjohn	General Spafford	Colonel Monfort
General de Sevin	Colonel Densmore	
General Susloparov		
Mr. Caccia		

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Subject : Weekly Wheat Amassing Report.

Region	Average dates of reports	Collected at latest report (q1)	Agriculture S/G estimate (12 Sept 44) (q1)	Percent of total estimate collected	Percent 31 Aug
Calabria	30/9	171,263	280,000	61	72
Lucania	30/9	713,873	950,000	75	61
Puglia	30/9	1,507,674	2,170,000	73	89
Campania	30/9	194,652	250,000	78	62
Canipobasso	30/9	212,909	300,000	70	64
SOUTHERN		2,895,576	3,950,000	73	76
1	29/9	1,152,376	2,000,000	57	67
4	29/9	1,431,537	1,600,000	89	33
5	30/9	1,513,734	2,250,000	67	85
6	23/9	227,601	300,000	75	67
8	30/9	1,221,262	1,500,000	81	77
TOTAL		8,442,236	11,600,000	72	77

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Assessing Report.

Page of reports	Collected at latest report (q1)	Agriculture S/C estimate (12 Sept 44) (q1)	Percent of total estimate collected	Percentage of 1942 total amounting conferred to	
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	212,909	300,000	70	64	79
	2,895,576	3,950,000	73	76	88
	1,152,376	2,000,000	57	67	87
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	1,221,262	1,500,000	81	77	92
	8,442,236	11,600,000	72	79	90

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner

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29 September 1944

MINUTES

Vice Presidents' meeting, 1000 hours, 29 September 1944, Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner, Rome.

Present: Captain Ellery W. Stone, Brigadier Lush, Brigadier Upjohn, Mr. Cecchi, Mr. Antolini, General de Sevin, Lt. Gen. Grishchinsky (for General Saksoparov), Colonel Fiske, Colonel Monfort, and Major Quayle.

1. Acting Chief Commissioner:

a. Captain Stone read aloud the full communique on Italy released by the President and the Prime Minister as a result of the Casablanca Conference. He pointed out that although Sir Noel Charles had acquired ambassadorial status, thus placing him on the same footing as Mr. Kirk, it was not clear if he was in fact to function as an ambassador. As to the announced change of name of the Allied Control Commission, he had telegraphed to find out if this was to take place forthwith, and similarly if there was to be any change in the function or structure of the Commission. The Acting Chief Commissioner said that he would have copies of the communique distributed to members, and also to the field. Of all these matters, the Acting Chief Commissioner stated, we knew no more than had already been made known to the general public.

b. In speaking of the future working possibilities of UNRRA in this country, the Acting Chief Commissioner pointed out that the degree to which UNRRA would be able to implement the relief programs depended crucially on the quantity of tonnage they could obtain from the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

c. The Acting Chief Commissioner stated that the internal re-organization plan had been approved by AFHQ, and that it was to go into effect as from Monday next (October 2).

d. Both AFHQ and AAI had indicated their willingness to see more territory transferred to the Italian Government. This matter would be submitted to the Advisory Council with a view to discussion at its next meeting.

e. Captain Stone referred to para 4 (1) of the minutes of the meeting on 18 September, which dealt with the accommodation and feeding of civilian employees. He said that Colonel Fiske had made recommendations which would now have to be referred to Heads of Sections for their final approval.

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g. There were reports of bad conditions from the areas of Chieti and Pescara. Brigadier Upjohn told the meeting that this was the subject of a special enquiry now proceeding, and that nine clearance schools were being set up to teach local civilians how to clear mines from their own areas.

Those civilians were at present using the old "prodding" method of mine detecting. Brigadier Upjohn undertook to find out if it was not possible to produce a more scientific means with the help of Italian Army and Navy engineers.

Brigadier
Upjohn

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Brigadier Lush here asked if MHA were co-operating by providing mine-clearance units, or if they were regarding these as outside their scope. Brigadier Upjohn replied that the latter was the case. Brigadier Lush then requested that a letter be sent immediately to AFHQ requesting that MHA be instructed to lend all possible help at once in this most urgent matter. Brigadier Upjohn undertook to draft the letter.

Brigadier Upjohn

Brigadier Upjohn also stated that a representative of the Public Health Sub-Commission was or is in the devastated area now to make recommendations for the health and welfare of the inhabitants during the winter.

2. Mr. Caccia:

a. Though the Government's declaration of party solidarity had been announced in the papers, it would be a mistake to suppose that this meant that there would be no more changes in the Government, which itself expects a re-shuffle when the North is liberated.

b. As to the restoration to the Italian Government of Teramo, Aquila, Pescara, Chieti, Rieti and Viterbo, Mr. Caccia proposed that Monday October 16th should be suggested to the Advisory Council as the date for the handover.

c. Mr. Caccia raised the point that the Ministry for Foreign Affairs was the only Ministry without light, and that they complained of this.

It was generally felt that the government should be induced to alter its working hours so as to use daylight hours and dispense with a siesta - and that feeding problems thereby occasioned must be overcome by the organization of communal restaurants.

d. Mr. Caccia called attention to the fact that the Italian Government had repudiated its participation in the Munich agreement of 1938.

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Mr. Caccia

Mr. Caccia said that he would draft a letter to PMB requesting them to help a close watch on such erroneous statements.

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b. Mr. Antolini gave the latest "amassing" figures, with which he said, he was very pleased. If the hoped-for imports were implemented and present rate of amassing continued it might be possible to raise the bread ration to 300 grams universally.

A general discussion followed on the extreme gravity of the food situation, but it was agreed that the result of Colonel Buttworth's visit to Washington must be awaited before taking decisions.

Brigadier Lush requested that a short memorandum be sent to officers in the field making clear to them the gravity of the situation and the urgent need to collect and conserve all wheat and grain found in newly liberated areas.

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4. General de Sevin:

General de Sevin could throw no light on the rumored intention of using Italian POW's behind forward French units in the battle in France.

5. Colonel Piske:

Colonel Piske reported that the formation of forward Regions was progressing well.

6. Brigadier Lush:

a. Brigadier Lush raised the problem of Internal Security. The removal, or threatened removal, without reference to AGC, of Italian Army formations from Sicily raised an important question of principle - namely, where did the responsibility for internal security lie? The Brigadier sought a precise definition, and said he would draft a letter to AFHQ.

Brigadier Lush

b. The Brigadier reported that the commander of the Military District designated for N.W. Italy would shortly hold a meeting with AMG 5th Army and Colonel Monfort for the co-ordination of plans.

c. The Northern Regional Commissioners, at their recent meeting, had expressed a desire to see the region equalized. The difficulties had been pointed out to them.

d. The removal of the 30,000 refugees (the bulk of them from Rimini) now in San Marino was likely to be a problem. Colonel Findlay had gone up to deal with it.

Colonel Findlay

Next Vice Presidents' meeting - 1000 Hrs. Tuesday, 3 October. 46.

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Mr. Antolini
Brigadier Upjohn
General De Sevin
General Susloparov
Mr. Caccia

J. A. QUAYLE

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c. The Northern Regional Commissioners, at their recent meeting, had expressed a desire to see the region canalized. The difficulties had been pointed out to them.

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Colonel
Findlay

Next Vice Presidents' meeting - 1001 Hrs. Tuesday, 3 October 44.

T.F. Quayle
J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R.A.
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Colonel Dunmore
Colonel Mumford
Major Quayle

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SUBJECT: Wheat Amassing

Herewith latest information available to Economic Section on amassing of wheat:

REGION	AVERAGE DATES OF REPORTS	COLLECTED AT LATEST REPORT (q1)	AGRICULTURE S/C ESTIMATE (12 Sept 44) (q1)	PERCENT OF TOTAL ESTIMATE COLLECTED	PERCENTAGE OF 31 AUG.
Calabria	20/9	165.668	280,000	59	72
Lucania	23/9	700.377	950,000	73	61
Puglie	23/9	1.575.532	2,170,000	72	89
Campania	23/9	175.306	250,000	70	62
Campobasso	23/9	203.550	300,000	67	64
SOUTHERN		2.820.433	3,950,000	71	76
1	21/9	1.124.269	2,000,000	56	67
4	15/9	1.265.217	1,600,000	79	83
5	20/9	1.200.511	2,250,000	53	89
6	16/9	222.918	300,000	74	64
8	15/9	999.698	1,500,000	66	71
TOTAL		7.633.046	11,600,000	65	79

29 September 44

W.A. HARTMAN

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APPENDIX "A"

Amassing

with latest information available to Economic Section on amassing of wheat:

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W.A. HARTMAN, Lt. Col., Director

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The President and the Prime Minister held further discussions Monday and Tuesday, September 18th and 19th at Hyde Park on subjects dealing with postwar policies in Europe. The result of these discussions cannot be disclosed at this time for strategic military reasons and pending their consideration by our other Allies. The present problems in Italy also came under discussion and on this subject the President and the Prime Minister issued the following statement: "The Italian people freed of their Fascist and Nazi overlordship have in these last twelve months demonstrated their will to be free to fight on the side of the democracies and to take a place among the United Nations devoted to principles of peace and justice. We believe we should give encouragement to those Italians who are standing for a political rebirth in Italy and are completing the destruction of the evil Fascist system. We wish to afford the Italians a greater opportunity to aid in the defeat of our common enemies. The American and the British people are of course horrified by the recent mob action in Rome but feel that a greater responsibility placed on the Italian people and on their own government will most readily prevent a recurrence of such acts. An increasing measure of control will be gradually handed over to the Italian administration subject of course to that administration's proving that it can maintain law and order and the regular administration of justice. To mark this change the Allied Control Commission will be renamed the Allied Commission. The British High Commissioner in Italy will assume the additional title of Ambassador. The United States Representative in Rome already holds that rank. The Italian Government will be invited to appoint direct representatives to Washington and London. First and immediate considerations in Italy are the relief of hunger and sickness and fear. To this end we instructed our representatives at the UNRRA conference to declare for the sending of medical aids and other essential supplies to Italy. We are happy to know that this view commanded itself to other members of the United Council. At the same time first steps should be taken toward the reconstruction of an Italian economy. An economy laid low under the years of the misrule of Mussolini and ravished by the German policy of vengeful destruction. These steps should be taken primarily as military aims to put the full resources of Italy and the Italian people into the struggle to defeat Germany and Japan. For military reasons we should assist the Italians in the restoration of such power systems, their railways, sewer transport roads and other communications as enter into the war situation and for a short time send engineers, technicians and industrial experts into Italy to help them in their own rehabilitation. The application to Italy of the Trading With The Enemy Acts should be modified so as to enable business contacts between Italy and the outside world to be resumed for the benefit of the Italian people. We all wish to speed the day when the last vestiges of fascism in Italy will have been wiped out and when the last German will have left Italian soil and when there will be no need of any Allied troops to remain, the day when free elections can be held throughout Italy and when Italy can earn her proper place in the great family of free nations."

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21 September 1944

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Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 21 September 1944, Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner, Rome.

Present: Captain Ellery W. Stone, Brigadier Lush, Brigadier Upjohn, Mr. Caccia, Mr. Schott, General Susloparov, General de Sovin, Colonel Denemore, Colonel Monfort, Major Quayle.

1. Acting Chief Commissioner:

a. Captain Stone gave the August figures for infant mortality and tuberculosis in the Rome Area. Though still high, these showed a gratifying drop, and he hoped that they would be reduced still further by the expected arrival of relief supplies (powdered milk, etc.) from the United States.

b. Captain Stone spoke of the necessity for raising the ceiling of Italian soldiers allotted specifically to ADC (see Minutes of VP Meeting, 18 Sept, para 5a), and questioned whether it might not be possible at this time to raise the ceiling of the CC.RR.

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Brigadier Upjohn declared that the question of improving the morale and status of the CC.RR. and Guardia di Finanza was under consideration, that a conference was being held that evening, and that Brig. Upjohn's findings would be made known to the Acting Chief Commissioner.

c. The scheme was approved whereby Regions would be known by geographical names rather than numerical designations.

d. Captain Stone, referring to the Caruso trial, said he had conferred with General Brown and Colonel Poletti and that they had decided that the situation had at no time warranted the calling out of Allied troops. (See Admin. Instruction 45, para 7, 8 Aug 44, ref AAI/3064/A(0).)

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2. Mr. Gaccia:

a. Mr. Gaccia asked if any light could be thrown on a statement which had appeared in the press to the effect that Italian financiers had been invited to take part in a Monetary Conference in Washington. Captain Stone said that he would have the matter looked into, but that he believed it to be a misunderstanding arising from a reply given to a question of Sig. Boroni's about Lomb-Lense, where it was stated that the United States Government were prepared to discuss certain matters with Italian technicians.

b. Mr. Gaccia explained that the Italian Government was recalling the men in foreign posts who in the past had represented Fascism. These representatives were being instructed to stand down pending the arrival of new men to take their place. There would thus be a short period when the country affected would have to be represented by junior officials. This was especially the case in Spain and Portugal. Mr. Gaccia presumed that the AGO had no objection to this. It was agreed that there was none.

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SECRET3. Mr. Schott:

a. Mr. Schott quoted from what he called an unofficial and preliminary message from American sources whereby AFHQ had approved the transportation in Allied ships of certain relief commodities despatched from the Argentine, with the proviso that the Allied authorities would reduce those supplies entering the Vatican from their own resources to an extent commensurate with the amount of supplies brought in from Argentine resources.

The committee felt that this proposal must have been based on a misunderstanding. Colonel Danabere suggested that it might have arisen from an erroneous belief that these relief stores were actually intended for consumption in the Vatican itself, whereas they are actually for relief of the population of Rome. Mr. Schott undertook to investigate the proposal further.

Mr. Schott

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- iv) Evacuation was proceeding slowly as the provincial committees had not been set up. (Brigadier Urquhart pointed out that this was due to the delay in expediting the prefects - whose task it was in turn to form the committees.)
- v) In the cutting down of Allied personnel he was inclined to recommend that specialist officers should go first, leaving C.A.O.'s till later. (Brigadier Lush pointed out that this was in contradiction to the recommendations received from Sicily.)

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b. Brigadier Lush told the meeting that the teams for the following Northern regions were in process of being formed: - Liguria, Piedmont, Lombardy, and Venetia. He urged that sub-committees do not cling to officers doing duty with them pending their posting to forward regions.

6. Colonel Monfort:

Colonel Monfort reported that the group representing A.O. at R.Q. A.A.I. would be ready to move early in the coming week, and that a draft directive had been prepared.

7. Colonel Dainore:

Colonel Dainore reported that the High Commissioner in Sicily

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had made an alteration in the price of wheat by way of granting a tripartite bonus, and the Italian Government was not seeking the approval of AOC on this measure. The matter was under discussion between Economic and Administrative Sections.

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Captain Stone directed that reference be made to the original correspondence which passed on this subject between the Government and General Mason MacFarlane.

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11 September 1944

NOTES

Vice President's Meeting, 1000 hours, 11 September 1944, Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner, Rome.

Present: Acting Chief Commissioner Captain Ellery W. Stone, General Suslonov, General De Sevin, Brigadier Lush, Colonel Cripps (for Admin. Sec.), Mr. Caccia, Mr. Schott, Colonel Densmore (for Economic Sec.)

1. Acting Chief Commissioner:

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2. Mr. Caccia:

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a. Review of political situation. Discussed question of local and provincial elections in Italy. Question of plans of Italian Government. Mr. Caccia obtain Government views.

3. Col. Crinas:

a. With respect to question of turning over to Government certain AMG functions at Naples. No changes to be made at present.

4. Col. Densmore:

a. Wheat Assessing - Presented reports as of 11 September 44. Copy attached hereto Appendix "A".

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b. Economic Section directed to check into matter of intensifying bridge construction and replacement of temporary bridges on Adriatic side. Possibility of moving construction facilities from Southern and Central Italy to North-East sector.

5. Brig. Lush:

- a. Reported on Northern Regions.
- b. Discussed need of personnel.
- c. Discussed need of transport - 400 vehicles short.
- d. All Vice Presidents to check assignment of transport to their Sections and Sub-Commissions and report any that can be released.

All V.P.'s

L. D. DENSMORE
Colonel, Sig C
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SUBJECT: Wheat Amassing

Herewith latest information available to Economic Section on amassing of wheat

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1	2,210,000	943,010	1 Sep	43	62
2	1,530,000	932,073	4 Sep	61	54
FOGGIA	1,590,000	1,134,032	6 Sep	71	54
3	350,000	142,900	29 Aug	41	54
4	1,400,000	967,018	28 Aug	69	78
5	2,550,000	945,048	31 Aug	37	78
6	430,000	214,760	3 Sep	50	63
7	280,000	158,000	29 Aug	57	54
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28 August 1944

NOTES

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 28 August 1944, Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner, Rome.

Present: Acting Chief Commissioner Captain Ellery W. Stone, General O'Dwyer, Brigadier Lush, Brigadier Upjohn, Mr. Caccia, Mr. Schott, Mr. Antolini, and Colonel Densmore.

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Capt. Stone

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e. Discussion had with respect to AFHQ message F 88080, dated 26 August 44, relative to Soviet Representative with the Allied Control Commission. The Acting Chief Commissioner to take up with Soviet Representative, pending further instructions from AFHQ.

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h. Proposed creation of Ministry of Supply - Italian Government. General O'Dwyer to follow through as matter is now in hands of Economic Section.

i. Question of restriction of import of unrationed and rationed goods discussed. Mr. Antolini reported matter under control of Italian Government in turned-over territory, and is being handled through committee of three ministries.

2. Mr. Caccia:

a. Reported that General De Sevin is ill.

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b. Reported that both Mr. Atlee and Sir James Grigg are in Rome.

c. Gave brief report on political developments.

d. Delivered list of Consuls to Brigadier Lush for publication.

Brig. Lush

e. Question as to regulations and requirements for people who want to leave Italy, discussed. Mr. Caccia to handle with AFHQ. Mr. Caccia - See Executive Memo. No. 61, of 25 May 44, Ref/328/23/CA. Hq. ACC.

Mr. Caccia

f. Italian officials desiring to know regulations for travel in Italy, to see Security Branch, RC & MG Section.

3. Mr. Schott:

a. Reported on recent visit to AFHQ.

4. General O'Dwyer:

a. Wheat amassing report dated 28 August 44 discussed. Copy attached as Appendix "A".

Gen. O'Dwyer

b. General questions affecting wages, price of bread, and rations are under review by Economic Section.

Gen. O'Dwyer

c. Brigadier Upjohn brought up question of low wages for Italian judiciary. Economic Section to consider matter.

d. Question of personnel for the Labor Sub-Commission discussed. Brigadier Lush to take up with British officials.

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b. Recommendation has been made to G-5 that under certain circumstances armies be directed to place at the disposal and under the command of SCAO Army or the Regional Commissioner complete units with officers and E/OR's, who can provide and maintain the following minimum trucks:

Region X (less Liguria)	360
Liguria Province	120
Region XI	360
Region XII (less Istria)	360
Istria	120
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Brig. Lush

c. Discussion had on additional turn over of territory to Italian government. Brigadier Lush to start work on matter.

Next Vice Presidents' meeting - 1000 hours, Thursday, 31 August 1944.

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00	557,044	15 Aug	22	78	91
00	167,788	19 Aug	39	63	87
00	136,000	21 Aug	48	54	85
00	293,953	17 Aug	29	78	91
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1. Acting Chief Commissioner:

Brig. Lush

a. Item 1 d. of notes on VP's meeting of 18 August 44, reference transport permit for Vatican. Brigadier Lush to follow through.

Gen. O'Dwyer

b. Reference item 3 a of notes on VP's meeting of 18 August 44, Colonel Upjohn reported that in the opinion of the Chief Legal Officer no action appropriate with respect to Lt. Col. Hill, former H.G. officer.

Captain Stone

c. Acting Chief Commissioner stated that he had been informed by the Office of the British High Commissioner in Italy that Mr. Mosworthy had been reappointed to Rome with the rank of Minister to organize the Economic Wing of the British Embassy; that Mr. Mosworthy desires to cooperate more closely than has heretofore been possible with the Economic Section of the Allied Control Commission. The Acting Chief Commissioner requested General O'Dwyer to contact Mr. Mosworthy and Mr. Charles Livengood of the American Embassy and arrange for cooperation between these two gentlemen and the Economic Section.

Sol. Upjohn

d. The question of permitting "The March of Time" to take moving pictures of the Regional Commissioners meeting discussed. It was considered that the Commission should in every way cooperate with the suggestion, but it was felt nothing should be done which will interfere with or distract from the meeting. The Acting Chief Commissioner to clear with P.R.O.

Gen. O'Dwyer

e. The Acting Chief Commissioner brought up the matter of a proposed decree by the Italian government relative to entrusting to a Commissioner the administration of those private enterprises which involve the public services or which engage in an activity recognized to be of general interest under certain conditions. Col. Upjohn to follow through and obtain report from Finance Sub-Commission as soon as possible.

f. Memorandum 1/285 dated 19 August 44 from Minister of

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Brig. Lush

1. Acting Chief Commissioner:

a. Item 1 d. of notes on VP's meeting of 18 August 44, reference transport permit for Vatican. Brigadier Lush to follow through.

b. Reference item 3 a of notes on VP's meeting of 18 August 44, Colonel Upjohn reported that in the opinion of the Chief Legal Officer no action appropriate with respect to Lt. Col. Hill, former AIG officer.

Gen. O'Dwyer

c. Acting Chief Commissioner stated that he had been informed by the Office of the British High Commissioner in Italy that Mr. Nesworthy had been reappointed to Rome with the rank of Minister to organize the Economic Wing of the British Embassy; that Mr. Nesworthy desires to cooperate more closely than has heretofore been possible with the Economic Section of the Allied Control Commission. The Acting Chief Commissioner requested General O'Dwyer to contact Mr. Nesworthy and Mr. Charles Livengood of the American Embassy and arrange for cooperation between these two gentlemen and the Economic Section.

Captain Stone

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f. Memorandum 1/255 dated 19 August 44 from Minister of Foreign Affairs together with translation of proposed "Legislative Decree on the Constitution of Regional Bodies for the Most Urgent Repairs and Reconstruction Works" referred to Economic Section appropriate action in coordination with Administrative Section.

2. Mr. Caccia:

a. Gave review of current political situation.

b. Called attention to statement which will be made by Patriot Branch at Regional Commissioners' meeting with respect to Allied and Italian Government activities with reference to Patriots on the liberated side of the combat line.

Brig. Lush

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c. Mentioned P.R.O. is having some difficulty in connection with publishing "Trend of Copy Filed by Correspondents" Acting Chief Commissioner to discuss with P.R.O.

d. Discussion had on providing Italian press with more information as to efforts being made by the Allied Control Commission to solve critical Italian problems.

3. Colonel Urquhart:

a. Question of payment by Italian Government to employees who were suspended. It was announced that they will continue to be paid, unless they are within one of the three accepted classifications. Colonel Urquhart to follow through.

4. General Q'Dever:

a. Reported on program with respect to feeding of Rome.

b. Called attention to the large tonnage of food being provided by the Italians to Allied Forces as one of their contribution to the war efforts. It was agreed that specific information as to the extent of food furnished by the Italians should be brought to the attention of the Allied Forces.

c. Economic Section will follow through on the question of disposing of ten buses for lease by the Rome Allied Area Command.

d. Mr. Antolini reported, that in line of authorizing the importation of rationed goods that the limit be increased from 10 to 15 kilos on rationed goods. Mr. Antolini to follow through.

e. General Q'Dever again mentioned the fact that the contractor who is clearing the mouth of the Tiber river was exceedingly slow. Brigadier Lush to follow through on the matter with Region IV.

f. Fleet emergency report dated 21 August 44 discussed. Copy attached as Appendix "A".

5. Brigadier Lush:

a. Called attention to message Q 3958 from AAI dated 19 August 44 which follows: "Distress signal forwarded to you for information on request of ACC. Difficulties arising in and around Naples Central Station from considerable numbers of refugees from southern Italy unable proceed further by train. No action appears to have been taken through ACC transportation Sub-Commission for provision of trains for removal from Naples and request that orders issued NOWIT to provide stock. ACC concerned possibility outbreak epidemic further to request ACC be asked to take urgent action to

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4. General Order:

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- e. General O'Dwyer again mentioned the fact that the tractor who is clearing the mouth of the Tiber river was exceedingly slow. Brigadier Lush to follow through on the matter with Region IV.
- f. Wheat amassing report dated 21 August 44 discussed. Copy attached as appendix "A".

5. Brigadier Lush:

- a. Called attention to message Q 3950 from AA1 dated 19 August 44 which follows: "Distress signal forwarded to you for information on request of ABC. Difficulties arising in and around Naples Central Station from considerable numbers of refugees from southern Italy unable proceed further by train. No action appears to have been taken through ABC transportation Sub-Commission for provision of trains for removal from Naples and request that orders issued HOWIT to provide stock. ABC concerned possibility outbreak epidemic further to request ABC be asked to take urgent action to prevent unauthorized travel to Naples." In connection with this immigration problem the Acting Chief Commissioner suggested that consideration be given to permitting of Special Police Force to handle the matter and in the interim to obtain 1000 carabinieri on loan. Brigadier Lush to discuss the entire matter with General Brooking, with intention of having ABC issue definite orders on immigration.
- b. Problem of manufacturing places of great economic importance in the Po Valley by partisans was discussed. Brigadier Lush to discuss with Colonel McCarthy and Brigadier Weinberger, and bring forth a recommendation for the Acting Chief Commissioner to put up.

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APPENDIX "A"

SUBJECT: Wheat Amassing

Herewith latest information available to Economic Section on amassing of wheat:

Region	Amassing in Quintals Agric. S/C total estimate Aug 44	Reports from Regions	Date of Report	Percentage of total estimate
1	2,210,000	553,000	17 Aug	25
2	1,530,000	597,371	15 Aug	39
Foggia	1,590,000	915,421	12 Aug	58
3	350,000	65,161	15 Aug	18
4	1,400,000	450,765	10 Aug	32
5	2,550,000	579,940	12 Aug	23
6	430,000	167,788	19 Aug	39
7	280,000	111,900	12 Aug	40
8	1,000,000	251,000	16 Aug	25
	11,340,000	3,692,326		33

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21 August 1944

Information available to Economic Section on amassing of wheat:

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1,000,000	251,000	16 Aug	25	32	78
11,340,000	3,692,346		33	24	60

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Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 18 August 1944, Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner, Rome.

Present: Acting Chief Commissioner Captain Ellery W. Stone, General O'Dwyer, Brigadier Lush, Colonel Upjohn, Mr. Caccia, Mr. Schott, Mr. Antolini, and Colonel Densmore,

1. Acting Chief Commissioner:

a. Relative necessary changes in Administrative Instructions No. 36 (1061 Q1 HQ AAI) dated 28 June 44, subject "Establishment of Rome Allied Area Command, etc" occasioned by transfer of territory to Italian government. Brigadier Lush reported that conference has been had on the matter and that it is in hand.

Captain Stone

b. Acting Chief Commissioner reported that Soviet Representative to the Allied Advisory Council for Italy had on 16 August written a letter to Rome Allied Area Command with copy to the Allied Control Commission protesting relative to "Polish Anti-Soviet Propaganda", complaining particularly about a poster shown at a Polish exhibit. The Acting Chief Commissioner also reported Soviet Representative had made oral protest to him. Exhibit has been closed and Soviet Representative will be informed.

Brig. Lush

c. With reference to item 1 d. notes of Vice Presidents' meeting of 14 August, relative to channels for dealing with Vatican, Brigadier Lush reported that AAI had issued a new directive on the matter. Brigadier Lush will follow through on this.

Brig. Lush

d. Matter of transport permits for Vatican discussed. Brigadier Lush will prepare letter for Acting Chief Commissioner's signature to Mgr. Corbell.

Brigadier Lush

e. Marchese Parace to be attached to Political Section for liaison work, and not to Gk Branch. Brigadier Lush to clear.

General O'Dwyer

f. Publicity on "Transportation". General O'Dwyer is working on this.

Mr. Antolini

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h. Colonel Upjohn to report on question of continuing to give rations to the R. Guardia di Finanza--see para 1 j. of 2995 VP's meeting of 14 August.

i. Question of strength of Carabinieri. Colonel Upjohn to follow through.

j. The Acting Chief Commissioner pointed out that as a result of the fall of Rome and other cities, and the consequent increase in Italian (and neutral) journalistic and literary activities, the following points, which concern all officers, should be stressed:

(1) Pursuant to Executive Memorandum 47 of 1 April 1944, the Public Relations Branch AGO is the sole channel through which information relating to AGO/AGG may be given

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to the Press. No officer is entitled to give information, on or off the record, to press correspondents, unless such interviews have been arranged through the Public Relations Branch.

(2) The PRB (Psychological Warfare Branch) of AFHQ controls the dissemination of Allied propaganda; it is not a part of ACC and its agents are not authorized to publish information concerning ACC/AMG operations without first checking with Public Relations Branch.

(3) All matters concerning the Italian Press are dealt with by the Allied Publications Board on which ACC is represented. Any questions from ACC/AMG sub-commissions or regions concerning the Italian Press should be referred to the PRB through PRB, ACC.

Attention of all officers to the above is essential in view of leakages of information which have become increasingly serious during recent weeks. In speaking to correspondents whether Allied, neutral or Italian, officers must avoid discussion or speculation on ACC/AMG operational matters.

Mr. Caccia

k. Matter of activation of French Military Police. Brigadier Lush reported that there is a directive from AI on the subject. Letter from Italian government given to Mr. Caccia.

Captain Stone

1. Discussion of question of whether or not representatives of Italian press should be invited to attend 1st day meeting of Regional Commissioners. The Acting Chief Commissioner to confer with P.R.O.

Captain Stone

m. Reorganization and administration of I.R.I. (Istituto per la Ricostruzione Industriale) discussed. The Acting Chief Commissioner to have conference with Mr. Antolini and Colonel Crafty-Smith, and clear matter with General O'Dwyer.

Mr. Caccia

2. Mr. Caccia:

a. Mr. Caccia to prepare notes on political situation to be delivered at coming RO's meeting by the Acting Chief Commissioner.

Mr. Caccia

b. Question of broadcast on POW by Marshall Messer. Mr. Caccia to handle.

Mr. Caccia

c. Question raised as to new name of former Comando Supremo. The new name is "Stato Maggiore Generale" (Italian General Staff), effective 10 August 1944.

Colonel Linton

d. Question of PWB operation. Mr. Caccia to discuss with the Acting Chief Commissioner.

3. Colonel Linton:

e. Reference articles in U. S. press, criticism of AMG by Lt. Col. Hill former AMG officer. The Acting Chief Commissioner

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3. Colonel Urjohn:

a. Reference articles in U. S. press, criticism of AMG by Lt. Col. Hill former AMG officer. The Acting Chief Commissioner requested Colonel Urjohn to have Legal look up U. S. Federal Statute and report.

4. General O'Dwyer:

a. Reference to Labour decrees being held up by Legal. Colonel Urjohn to clear.

b. Reported plan in cooperation with Italians for survey of general conditions in Italy. It was understood that in making the survey the facts relative to matters handled by Administrative Section would be secured.

c. Gave report of progress of the Rome situation and stated that first 1-1/2 hour per day was would be available about 28 or 29 August.

Mr. Caccia

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d. Also reported working arrangements with Region IV now very satisfactory.

Brig. Lush

e. Question of clearing sunken ships from mouth of Tiber river. Brigadier Lush will look into the matter.

5. Brigadier Lush:

Brig. Lush

a. HQ not getting full requirements from Regional Commissioners. Will be taken up at RC's meeting, also ACC not giving AAI full information and details on requirements.

Brig. Lush

b. Necessity for more frequent visits of Regional Commissioners to HQ and contact with section heads. Brigadier Lush to handle.

Brig. Lush

c. As of today Province of Florence under Region VIII. Communication via AAI Adv.

d. Brigadier Lush to draft letter for the Acting Chief Commissioner's signature relative channels Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees. Brigadier Lush to give the Acting Chief Commissioner terms of reference of I.G.C.R.

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14 August 1944

NOTE

Vice President's Meeting, 1000 hours, 14 August 1944, Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner, Rome.

Present: Acting Chief Commissioner Captain Wilfrid W. Stone, Brigadier Lush, Colonel Upjohn, Mr. Gaccia, Mr. Schott, Mr. Antolini, and Colonel Denmore.

1. Acting Chief Commissioner:

a. The Italian government has requested publication of Armistice terms and application of Lend Lease. Acting Chief Commissioner referring matter to AFHQ (N. 1/203--Aug 10).

b. Acting Chief Commissioner announced that he had had a conference with Major Keyes of the International Aid Division, War Department, who with Major Ellis, Mr. Dallas Dort, and Mr. Workman have completed their visit to Allied Control Commission to obtain information from and exchange views with Allied Control Commission concerning problems involved in gradual shifting of ultimate responsibility for civilian supply in Sicily, Sardinia, and Southern Italy from military to civilian hands. The purpose of the mission was to obtain Allied Control Commission views as basis for report and recommendation by AFHQ. It is understood report will be submitted to Allied Control Commission for final review and comment.

c. With additional territory, including Rome, to be transferred to Italian government as of 0001 hours 15 August 1944, Brigadier Lush to check Administrative Instructions No. 36 (1961 21 12 44) dated 28 June 44, subject "Establishment of Rome Allied Command with RAAC and AAI for necessary changes".

d. The matter of channels for dealings with the Vatican discussed. Colonel Upjohn will, in coordination with the other sections, work out something on this matter. Allied Control Commission, Rome Allied Area Command and Region IV all affected.

e. Mr. Antolini to follow through with respect to publicity on transportation.

f. Brigadier Lush to follow through with respect to requisitioning of buses.

g. Discussion was had on the question of emigration out of Rome.

h. Mr. Antolini to provide information with respect to

Captain Stone

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permission to import. The question being "can limit of 10 kilos
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i. Colonel Wojahn to look into question of how Italian
doctors and drug stores obtain medical supplies.

j. Question of continuing to give rations to the R. Guar-
dia di Finanza. Letter P 2124/A-2, from H. E. Boroni, 9 August,
to be referred to Administrative Section, who will draft reply for
Acting Chief Commissioner's signature.

k. Two memoranda dated 13 August, "Food for Rome" and
"Cooking Gas for Rome" from General O'Dwyer. Acting Chief Commis-
sioner to discuss with Mr. Antolini.

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2. Mr. Caccia:

- a. Give review of current political developments. Political Section to prepare memorandum for AFHQ.
- b. Draft with respect to AMG relations San Marino now in hands of Political Section to be coordinated with Legal, Finance, and HC & MG.
- c. Question of Italian Military Mission to Tito's Forces, being handled by Army Sub-Commission, who will coordinate with Political Section.

3. Mr. Schott:

- a. Announced establishment of additional recognized consulates. Political Section to provide list of all recognized Consuls and notify AFHQ on new changes.

4. Colonel Brighm:

- a. Reports indicate monuments in Florence not destroyed.
- b. Mil East has requested assistance with respect to "text books". Request to be made that Lieutenant Colonel Smith, Education Sub-Commission, be sent to Near East for 10 days or 2 weeks. Allied Control Commission has no objection.

- c. AFHQ direction with respect to release of Count Pellegrini carried out. Allied Control Commission to send HQ LAX copies of correspondence.

5. Mr. Antolini:

- a. Wheat shipping report dated 14 August 44 discussed. Copy attached as Appendix "A".

6. Brigadier Bush:

- a. Brigadier Carr has taken over Region I. Colonel Hancock will be here in a few days to take up his new assignment.
- b. New Regional Commissioner Southern Region will take over 22 August. Turn over period 15-21 August.
- c. Island of Elba to be for the present administered as a part of Region VIII. Brigadier Bush will clear with AAI.
- d. Rumors of possible trouble in Rome on turn over to Italian government. Police alerted.

Brig. Bush

Not Vice Presidential matter - 1000 hours, Friday, 18 August 1944.

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APPENDIX "A"

SUBJECT: Wheat Amassing

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5	2,550,000	37,093	5 Aug	1.5	
6	430,000	147,458	12 Aug	34	
7	280,000	111,900	12 Aug	40	
8	1,000,000	42,127	7 Aug	4	
	11,340,000	2,238,773		20	

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Information available to Economic Section on assessing of wheat:

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2,238,778		20	24	60

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10 August 1944

NOTES

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 10 August 1944, Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner, Rome.

Present: Acting Chief Commissioner Captain Ellery W. Stone, Brigadier Lush, Colonel O'Dwyer, Mr. Caccia, Mr. Schott, Colonel Upjohn, Mr. Antolini, and Colonel Densmore.

1. Acting Chief Commissioner:

a. Announced that Colonel Monfort was in 73 Station Hospital --broken arm.

Col. Upjohn

b. Message No. F-81103 has been received from AFHQ relative to the arrest of Count Pellegrini. Colonel Upjohn to obtain facts and call G-5.

c. Name of "Comando Supremo" changed to "Stato Maggiore Generale" (Italian General Staff). Evacuations matters of the services are to be handled by the three service ministries.

2. Mr. Caccia (Political Section):

a. Gave report on present political developments.

b. Asked for clarification of notes Vice-Presidents' meeting of 7 August 1944. Note para 3 c which indicated that Mr. Caccia in co-ordination with Brigadier Lush and Colonel O'Dwyer to prepare memorandum for AFHQ. Clarified with understanding Brigadier Lush and Col. O'Dwyer will draft material to be co-ordinated by Political Section.

Brig. Lush
Col. Upjohn
Mr. Caccia

c. Called Economic Section's attention to PAB/RLO HQ ACC, 6 August, "Trend of Copy Filed by Correspondents", which follows:

"Representatives of the General Confederation of Italian Labour called on Gronchi, Minister of Industry, Commerce and Labour, and made strong appeals for urgent measures to be taken to relieve unemployment in liberated Italy. The delegates said that the real solution of the problem lay in sponsoring public and private works of reconstruction of devastated villages, towns and cities, but that if the Government delayed beginning works on a large scale their organization would be forced to demand exceptional provisions 'to guarantee the unemployed the elementary right to existence'.

Col. O'Dwyer

"Gronchi replied that he recognized the gravity of the situation for the working masses especially in Rome and Lazio Provinces and that

Antolini, and Colonel Densmore.

1. Acting Chief Commissioner:

a. Announced that Colonel Manfort was in 73 Station Hospital --broken arm.

b. Message No. F-81103 has been received from AFHQ relative to the arrest of Count Pellegrini. Colonel Upjohn to obtain facts and call G-5.

Col. Upjohn

c. Name of "Comando Supremo" changed to "Stato Maggiore Generale" (Italian General Staff). Evolutions matters of the services are to be handled by the three service ministries.

2. Mr. Caccia (Political Section):

a. Gave report on present political developments.

b. Asked for clarification of notes Vice-Presidents' meeting of 7 August 1944. Note para 3 g which indicated that Mr. Caccia in co-ordination with Brigadier Lush and Colonel O'Dwyer to prepare memorandum for AFHQ. Clarified with understanding Brigadier Lush and Col. O'Dwyer will draft material to be co-ordinated by Political Section.

Brig. Lush
Col. Upjohn
Mr. Caccia

c. Called Economic Section's attention to PhB/R10 Hq ACC, 6 August, "Trend of Copy Filed by Correspondents", which follows:

"Representatives of the General Confederation of Italian Labour called on Gronchi, Minister of Industry, Commerce and Labour, and made strong appeals for urgent measures to be taken to relieve unemployment in liberated Italy. The delegates said that the real solution of the problem lay in sponsoring public and private works of reconstruction of devastated villages, towns and cities, but that if the Government delayed beginning works on a large scale their organization would be forced to demand exceptional provisions 'to guarantee the unemployed the elementary right to existence'.

Col. O'Dwyer

"Gronchi replied that he recognized the gravity of the situation for the working masses especially in Rome and Lazio Provinces and declared that his Ministry is planning to reactivate those industries which it would at least be possible to operate on a reduced scale.

"At the same time the Italian Cabinet announced the setting up of an emergency Committee to work on the problem of reconstruction. Headed by Bonomi, the Committee had already started work on housing but owing to shortage of raw materials and transport this can probably only mean emergency provisions for sheltering the homeless before winter comes.

"The representatives also mentioned that salaried workers in Rome were in a deplorable condition because of the rising prices. Wages did not suffice to buy even rationed goods."

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3. Colonel Upjohn (Administrative Section):

a. Reference made to correspondence between Acting Chief Commissioner and H.E. Bonomi relative transfer of administrative functions to Italian Government Naples--Colonel Upjohn to draft further reply to H.E. Bonomi for Acting Chief Commissioner's signature.

4. Brigadier Lush (AC & MG Section):

a. Requested correction of note para 1 a of Vice-Presidents' meeting of 7 August 1944, stating that medical supplies referred to had to do with Alcona.

b. The matter of atrocities covered by AFHQ Directive. No action required--see note para 4 h of Vice-Presidents' meeting of 7 August 1944.

c. Reviewed latest report on situation in Florence.

d. Reported Manpower Committee now at work.

e. Conveyed appreciation from the Pope for work being done by ACC.

5. Colonel O'Dwyer (Economic Section):

a. Reported that Commission's policy to deal with organized labor through Italian Government and not direct had been laid down, also that situation with respect to labor legislation was being clarified with Italian Government and that a further examination would be made of General Orders No. 28.

b. Reported the establishment of a Statistical Branch in the Finance Sub-Commission. Cooperation of other sections requested. All sections indicated full cooperation.

c. Gave a most encouraging report on progress being made with respect to food, fish, gas and coke affecting home. Discussed a constructive program.

d. Progress report on amassing to be given at Monday Vice-Presidents' meeting.

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7 August 1944

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Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 7 August 1944, Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner, Rome.

Present: Acting Chief Commissioner Captain Ellery W. Stone, Brigadier Lush, Colonel O'Dwyer, Mr. Caccia, Mr. Schott, Colonel Upjohn, Mr. Antolini, Colonel Monfort, and Colonel Densmore.

1. Acting Chief Commissioner:

a. Florence situation and latest reports discussed. Colonel Upjohn reported Region VIII had sufficient medical supplies to cover. Sections Heads requested to follow through, especially with respect to food and medical supplies.

b. Medical supplies general - Brigadier Lush to clear with A.A.I.

c. Labor - General discussion with respect to Commission's overall policy affecting labor legislation. Colonel O'Dwyer to correct present situation with Minister of Labor and establish working policy whereby legislation will be initiated by the government. Allied Control Commission's contact with Italian Labor organizations to be through the Italian government agencies, and to encourage the government to repeal existing fascist labor laws and to bring forth appropriate labor legislation.

The Acting Chief Commissioner suggests that the Economic Section reviews Executive Memorandum No. 69 of 17 July which contains General Orders No. 26 - Labor Relations. Mr. Caccia reported that a request had been received that the Allied Control Commission provide a conducting officer for labor representatives who will soon arrive from U.K. Mr. Caccia to clear with Colonel O'Dwyer.

d. Colonel Densmore directed to review correspondence had with Allied Force Headquarters with respect to notice and approval of visiting delegations, missions, etc and to report to Acting Chief Commissioner.

e. In line with decision taken at last Vice-Presidents' meeting the Acting Chief Commissioner made the following announcement with respect to the Manpower and Reorganization Committee:

"A Committee will be formed as follows:

Brigadier M. S. Lush	- Chairman
Colonel C. Upjohn	- Member
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Lieut. Colonel J. L. Jones - Secretary

with the following terms of reference:

"To consider the reorganization of Hq Allied Control Commission with the mission of making the greatest possible number of officers and EM/GRs available for field assignments and with a view to securing optimum efficiency with the most economic employment of available manpower. Consideration will be given to effecting the elimination of all activities not absolutely required for the accomplishment of the mission of the Allied Control Commission and also to the consolidation of offices and sub-commissions where possible consistent with the present situation."

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f. Rations for employees of Italian government raised by letter 10508/10720 of July 25 from Prime Minister Bonomi, which was referred to the RG & AG and Economic Sections, came up for discussion. Both Brigadier Lush and Colonel O'Dwyer stated that the matter had had careful consideration and that it was their recommendation that the Commission should not request A.A.I. for the issue of any rations for officials or employees of the Italian government.

g. The question of travel rations for Italian officials and employees who had been detailed to assist with AGU work in the forward areas was referred to Brigadier Lush to handle with Hq. Commandant. SCAG's Articles will cover the ration situation for such people while working in their areas.

2. Colonel Delich:

a. Passes for civilians to travel. Brigadier Lush explained the situation and present requirements. He stated that through regular channels landowners not living on their farms can arrange for the transport of wheat and food and to travel, if the travel was relative to food and grain, but that general inspection visits would not be permitted at this time.

b. The question of placing certain purely civil administrative functions of the Comune of Naples under the Italian services was referred to Colonel O'Dwyer to discuss with other section heads.

3. Mr. Garcia:

a. The question of more frequent contacts between ministers and officials of the Italian government and provincial officers and local government officials was stressed. Example of favorable effect of speeches made by the Minister of Agriculture as an aid to the Assessing Program. All agreed that the Italian government should be urged to carry out an aggressive program of visits by ministers and others to all parts of the country now under Italian government control. The Acting Chief Commissioner will discuss with the Prime Minister.

b. Mr. Garcia reported that the proposed suspension of the newspaper "IL TIPO", which is being considered by the Allied Publications Board today. It was suggested that newspapers should not be suspended without the approval of the Acting Chief Commissioner. Mr. Garcia to meet with Publications Board today and follow through on this matter.

c. The matter of providing ACC officers with a statement with regard to ACC's policy toward the Italian government discussed. Mr. Garcia in co-ordination with Brigadier Lush and Colonel O'Dwyer to prepare memorandum for A.F.H.Q.

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b. It has been decided for operational reasons to activate teams for Regions X, XI, and XII. Officers for these regions will be drawn from existing regions, ACC Hq. and from other sources extraneous to the Allied Control Commission. In planning the final lay-out for regional control in this territory parity will be maintained as far as it is possible between British and American Regional Commissioners. Provincial arrangements at present are as follows:-

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Regions I, VI, Southern Region, and XII - British
Regional Commissioners

Regions IV, V, VII, IX, and XI - American
Regional Commissioners

c. Brigadier Lush gave a general report with respect to situation in each region.

d. Attention was called to the fact that AMG officers in Army areas had been under heavy duty and strain for three months and that reports from SCAG's Armies indicate possible health problem. Brigadier Lush was instructed to look into the matter of establishing a rest camp for AMG officers.

e. Reference was made to A.F.H.Q. message 24 July 1944. This proposes that to relieve unemployment in Britain a number of Italians, not exceeding 5000, should be repatriated. It is added that the proposal could not be implemented for some months. AMG views requested as to ability of Italian government to cope with these repatriates. Political Section agreed and pointed out that "in some months" Italian government may have to be prepared to absorb a million or more returned PW's, and that 5000 is small number in comparison. Economic Section opposed as the repatriates would be unlikely to find employment unless skilled technicians, also additional food problem. Administrative Section agreed but suggested as a condition that only those able and willing to work be repatriated. Matter left to the decision of Acting Chief Commissioner.

f. Brigadier Lush mentioned a case at Civita Vecchia of conflicting interest with the Vatican. Each such case to be handled with Mr. Titmarsh.

g. Brigadier Lush reported that he had discussed the matter of schooners for the ~~Italian~~ Commissioner's use at A.F.H.Q. Mr. Gibson Ordine requested he be given requirements. Colonel O'Dwyer to provide.

h. Matter of the Allied Control Commission functions in connection with atrocities committed by Germans. Brigadier Lush to draft letter to G-5, A.F.H.Q. for Acting Chief Commissioner's signature.

i. Regional Commissioners meeting on August 22 to be open to press. Same form as other meetings. Section heads to require Sub-Commissions and R.C.'s. to submit full text of remarks to be made, which will be checked before delivery.

j. A.A.I. will issue new directive with respect to territory turned over to Italian government.

k. Report from Region VI indicates that if the "grain del popolo" meets with average success, the producers (approximately 35% of the population) should have sufficient wheat flour to carry them through to the next harvest. The "grain del popolo" may be able to produce wheat flour for the non-producers 55% of the population, to last until December 1944. (November a safer date) (If

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5. Colonel O'Dwyer

a. Wheat Annexed (see appendix "A" attached).

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Acting Chief Counsel: MRC

Urged all section heads to read HBA/PS, Public Relations Branch
"Daily Digest of News Press" and HBA/PS Public Relations Branch "Trend of
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APPENDIX "A"**SUBJECT: Wheat Amassing**

Herewith latest information available to Economic Section on amassing of wheat:

<u>Amassing in Quintals</u>				
Region	Agric. S/C total estimate Jun 44	Reports from Regions	Date of Report	Percentage of total estimate
1	2,210,000	311,490	6 Aug.	14
2	1,530,000	354,532	31 Jul	23
Foggia	1,590,000	648,783	29 Jul	41
3	350,000	26,831	2 Aug	8
4	1,400,000	110,487	4 Aug	8
5	2,550,000	20,497	22 Jul	1
6	430,000	108,757	5 Aug	24
7	280,000	83,500	5 Aug	30
8	1,000,000	20,289	22 Jul	2
	11,340,000	1,685,166		15

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APPENDIX "A"

7 August 1944

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31 July 1944

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1. Vice President's Meeting, 1000 hours, 31 July 1944, Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner, Rome.
2. Present: Acting Chief Commissioner Captain Ellery M. Stone, Col. O'Dwyer, Brigadier Lush, Mr. Cassia, Mr. Schott, Col. Upjohn, Mr. Antolini, Col. Bonfort, and Col. Bensmore.
3. Acting Chief Commissioner:
 - a. Italian Espionage law has been passed. Instructions to be given AMB. Col. Upjohn to arrange meeting Col. Chapman and Col. Peletti today so instructions will be *an arm*. Political Section to coordinate press release with PMO.
 - b. Section Heads asked to follow through on officers visiting Army areas without prior permission from SEAO, Armes, also failing to report to SEAO's upon arrival.
 - c. Effective with the July report, monthly reports to AFM to include complete reports of Sub-Commissions with covering letter. Special reports to be made as required. Brigadier Lush to issue instructions and cause reports previously made to be resubmitted, including Sub-Commissions' reports.
 - d. Italian Government (10908/10720 - 1/3.1) on 25 July (received 28 July) submitted the question of rations for Italian Government personnel and suggested six or seven thousand rations required. Brigadier Lush, Col. O'Dwyer and Col. Bensmore to confer and make recommendations to Acting Chief Commissioner.
4. Mr. Cassia:
 - a. Letter 8633/2/MB, Rq div AAI, 27 July, received, same being instructions to 8th Army relative neutrality of Republic of San Marino. Brig. Lush reported AMB instructions have been issued. A repeat has been made to AAI that Consul General be permitted to go to San Marino as soon as possible.
 - b. The question of status and entry into Italy of Red Cross officials and/or representatives of Nations other than U.S. and United Kingdom, to be discussed by Mr. Cassia and Brig. Lush with American Red Cross and taken up with AFM.
 - c. Political Section reported having received a letter from 9th Army relative to disposition of certain fine arts, etc. Political Section to confer with PEB and PMO relative to the matter.

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2. Presents Acting Chief Commissioner Captain Willy W. Stone, Col. O'Dwyer, Brigadier Lush, Mr. Casella, Mr. Schott, Col. Upjohn, Mr. Antolini, Col. Konfort, and Col. Denmore.

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d. Letter from Italian Foreign Office relative to question of exempting from requisition privately owned cars of officials of Foreign Office. Matter referred to Brig. Lush to handle along with letter 10899/7.2 of July 25 from Prime Minister Bonomi which was referred to Executive Commissioner for action per A/CC JAG.S, 25 July.

e. Mr. Casella to follow up with PNO relative to story of June 5th on equipment, etc., property of the King of Italy.

5. Colonel Bolchini:

a. Regional Commissioners' Meeting - Brig. Lush instructed to give

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Regional Commissioners warning notice that August 22, 1944, is probable date of next meeting in Rome.

6. Brigadier Lush

a. Brig. Lush requested approval for a change to be made in Office Memorandum No. 14, July 29th, "Billeting - AOC Officers - Officials", by permitting officers of grade of Commander (Navy) Lieut. Colonel (Army) to assume the responsibility for Villas or Apartments under present regulations except that authorized military bases for less than 20 officers will not be established for Villas or Apartments over which Commanders (Navy) Lt. Colonels (Army) assume responsibility. Approved.

b. San Francisco Committee appointed by Acting Chief Commissioner consisting of Brigadier Lush as Chairman, Mr. Antolini representing Economic Section, and 1 member from Administrative Section and 1 from A.C. & M.B. Section to be named by Sections Heads. Committee to study and make reports with respect to possible reduction in personnel, officers, N/A's and Italian civilians, and possible consolidation of Sub-Commissions, Offices and Branches.

c. Vice Presidents asked to carry through with officers of their sections with respect to reporting requisitioned cars.

d. Reports from Region III indicate military units do not understand position of Italian Government in newly transferred territory. Brig. Lush to have instructions go out.

e. Improvement in housing program in Sicily.

7. Colonel O'Dwyer

a. Question of method of distribution of gasoline discussed. Col. O'Dwyer to follow up.

b. Italian Labor Legislation - Acting Chief Commissioner stressed necessity for completion and establishing policy.

c. Following report on electric supply given:

"Electricity north of Naples is in extremely short supply and the following gives an approximate picture of the position between a line north of Naples/Voglia and the fighting area at the present time.

Item 1. Plants totally destroyed	603,000 KW	2980
" 2. Plants which can be repaired in 2 to 3 months	6,500 KW	
" 3. Plants which can be repaired in 3 to 6 months	29,000 KW	
" 4. Plants which can be repaired		

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b. War Power Committee appointed by Acting Chief Commissioner consisting of Brigadier Lush as Chairman, Mr. Antolini representing Economic Section, and 1 member from Administrative Section and 1 from A.C. & E.S. Section to be named by Sections Heads. Committee to study and make reports with respect to possible reduction in personnel, officers, NCOs and Italian civilians, and possible consolidation of Sub-Commissions, Offices and Branches.

c. Vice Presidents asked to carry through with officers of their sections with respect to reporting requisitioned cars.

d. Reports from Region VII indicate military units do not understand position of Italian Government in newly transferred territory. Brig. Lush to have instructions go out.

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" 3. Plants which can be repaired in 3 to 6 months 29,000 KW

" 4. Plants which can be repaired in over 6 months 35,000 KW

" 5. Present Available Capacity 56,000 KW"

See ACC/OSL/PWS, 14 July 1944, Report.

d. Following amassing report given:

What assessed on late indicated

Region	Quantity (cans)	Intuitive Total Fuel	Date Reported
Sicily	99,640	2,970,000	20 July
Calabria	52,000	278,900	27 "

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Report on Wheat Harvest (Continued)

Series	Quantity (quintals)	Representative Total Yield	Date Reported
Iranian	65,400	1,170,000	15 July
Spain	501,203	2,800,000	22 "
Spain	11,940	704,000	25 "
Spain	54,750	545,700	27 "
Spain	61,150	931,000	23 "
Spain	6,520	931,000	23 "
Spain	3,200	1,051,000	15 "
Total reported	655,803		
1	99,640	2,970,000	20 "
2	78,544	2,030,400	15 "
3	650,000	1,230,000	22 "
4	11,940	704,000	25 "
5	67,670	931,000	23 "
6	No report	2,470,000	27 "
7	54,750	545,700	27 "
8	52,000	278,900	15 "
	3,200	1,051,000	

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Vice Presidents' Meeting 1000 hours, 27 July 1944, Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner.

Present: Acting Chief Commissioner Captain Ellery W. Stone, Colonel O'Dwyer, Mr. Ceccia, Mr. Schott, Brigadier Lush, Colonel Upjohn, Mr. Antolini, Colonel Denmore.

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a. Introduction and welcome to Mr. Schott, who has reported as relief for Mr. Reber, Joint VP, Political Section, during his absence.

b. Consolidation Rome Region with Region IV agreed to by AAI. Consolidation will be made.

c. Question of noon meal for HQ ACC - Italian employees and pick-up transportation service for employees discussed. Brigadier Lush and Colonel O'Dwyer to look into both matters and report next VP meeting.

d. Meal tickets for troops visiting Rome. Brigadier Lush to check with General Johnson.

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- b. Clearance of mine fields in Region IV. Brigadier Lush 2483 follow up.
- c. Brigadier Lush will report on Regions next meeting.

3. Colonel O'Dwyer:

- a. Amassing program - system of reporting - set up.
- b. Electric Program (see lf.) - Committee Program not yet approved by AAI - will be clear this week.
- c. Report of survey on requisitioned plants sent to General Robertson through Acting Chief Commissioner.

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d. ACC representation on Local Resources Board to be strengthened.

4. Colonel Upjohn:

a. Reports action of Sicilian judges with respect to enforcement of amassing laws satisfactory.

b. The question of permanent passes to enter ACC HQ - for Italian Ministers and Under-Secretaries and other key government personnel discussed. Brigadier Lush to issue instructions to Security Branch.

c. It was agreed that the Commission would not consider requesting that Sicilian civil prisoners be transferred to North Africa to release crowded conditions in civil jails.

d. Question of Policy as to C.V.R.A. personnel. Colonel Upjohn to write memo and discuss with Italian Government.

5. Mr. Caccia:

a. Discussion of Majors Keyes, Ellis - Fort & Workman Committee on question of transfer of ACC activity to civilian agency. This Committee to have further meeting with Acting Chief Commissioner and Political Section.

b. General situation on amassing program. Mr. Antolini to give information to Mr. Caccia.

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25 JUL 1944

Members of Vice Presidential Meeting, 1200 hours, 24 July 1944.

Present: Acting Chief Commissioner Captain William H. Stone,
Brigadier Lush, Colonel O'Dwyer, Colonel Upjohn, Col Monfort
Mr. Antolini (for certain items). The meeting
was also attended by Major General Stedman.

1. The Acting Chief Commissioner

- a. Absence of the representatives of the Political Section.
- b. No particular political developments in Italian Government. The
Executive Decree, finally approved in a form which, so far as is known, is
acceptable to us, now awaits Lieutenant's signature.
- c. Conversations have been held with Mr. Dolan (U.S. State
Department) and Mr. Morgan (British Ministry of Supply).

The AGC point of view had been one of unwillingness to see control
delegated entirely to civilians at this stage, but approval of the intro-
duction of civilians into sub-committees so that a nucleus of experienced
civilians was built up against the day of transfer.

Captain Stone believed this had been agreed to in general.

- d. Requisitioning. Captain Stone drew attention to the ambiguity of
AAI's recent directive. Although our right to requisition was clear he hoped
the directive would be interpreted with restraint, and that touch would
always be kept in such matters with Prince David.

- e. Grain Collection. This seemed to be going well, particularly at
Poggia. A report on progress should be prepared for all VPA meetings. It
was hoped that transport difficulties with 5th Army could soon be solved.

- f. Captain Stone called attention to the letter he had despatched
asking for comments on the proposed Economic Council for Italy and General
Robinson's counter-proposal.

2. Brigadier Lush.

- a. In Adams Regional Commissioners would get daily reports of progress
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- b. Colonel Hancock reported half a day's food supply being amassed per
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- c. Colonel Bellamy reported good progress with Amal, Progress 2987
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2. Requisitioning.

a. In future Regional Commissions would get daily reports of progress in grain collection and forward a weekly report to HQ AGO.

b. Colonel Hancock reported half a day's work supply being assured per diem - less than half that should come in. Many of Colonel Hancock's difficulties were those of transport, which was handicapped by lack of motor trucks and batteries.

c. Colonel Sellers reported good progress with horses, Foglia had 2987 50% better than expected.

d. In the North there was transport difficulty but Region 5 and 8 reported wheat coming in well.

For future meetings he would have a table showing target and achievement in requisitioning.

e. The American coal-mining strike had been due to the bad distribution of the eastern food ration. It was now rectified.

f. From now on HQ Region V would be AQUILA.

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3. Colonel Uniohn.

- a. Had overcrowding in Sicilian prisons. It could only be relieved by solution of military prisoner problem. He was waiting for General Browning's return to speak with him on this.
- b. A plan was in preparation for the distribution of personnel in rear areas. He believed it preferable to have a concentration at important points rather than a thin, and perhaps ineffective spread over the ground.

A discussion on this followed in which Brigadier Lush hoped it would be possible to get extra 200 officers--though the balance between British and American would be thrown out.

4. Colonel O'Dwyer.

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He undertook to call on A/CE's office for help in the matter if needed.

- b. Mr. Antolini would look into mal-distribution of signals within the section, and would produce a weekly report on the Amessi from July 26 onwards.

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Finally, Brigadier Lush and Colonel O'Dwyer were to investigate jointly the possibility of recovering from the army big cratings which contained valuable plant, and which the Germans had left behind.

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1. Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 13 July 1944, Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner, same.
2. Present: Acting Chief Commissioner Captain Ellery E. Stone; Mr. H. Grady, Brigadier Lush, Mr. H. Caccia, Mr. S. Weber, Colonel Upjohn, Colonel Macfort, and Colonel Denmore.
3. Acting Chief Commissioner:
 - a. Publication of long term armistice provisions discussed. Political Section to prepare for Acting Chief Commissioner's approval message to AFHQ et al.
 - b. Transfer of additional territory to Italian Government to be made subject to AAX and Advisory Council.
 - c. Partisans - Publication of matters pertaining to Partisans. Col. Macfort directed to follow thru and see that steps now under way for wide publicity are carried out. Brigadier Lush reported Partisan Committee (part of local Government) will assist in obtaining employment for Partisans.
 - d. Acting Chief Commissioner announced that he had approved, subject to concurrence of Political Section, publicity with respect to Gen. Benicivenga. Publicity handled by Colonel Pidsley.
 - e. The question of the Swiss Government, acting on behalf of the Italian Government, seeking to establish relations with certain South American Governments was brought up and Political Section was directed to obtain a memorandum from the Italian Government relative to this matter.
 - f. Message No. H-12314 of 10 July from Regional Commissioner Kanceck, relative to replacement of Italian High Commissioner of Sicily, was undertaken. Political Section will check the matter with U.S. Orlando when he returns from Sicily.
 - g. Wheat price and price of bread discussed. Brigadier Lush suggested it might be helpful to obtain the reactions of Regional Commissioners.
 - h. Message No. FA 7049 of 10 July from AFHQ, relative to

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- i. The following changes with respect to Russian representation on ABC was announced:
 - (1) Ambassador N. Andrei Vishinsky, the Vice-President of the Council of the People's Commissars of the U.S.S.R., and the Deputy of the People's Commissar for Foreign Affairs of the U.S.S.R., is relieved from the duties of the Plenipotentiary Representative of the U.S.S.R. to the Advisory Council for Italy.

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(2) Ambassador M. Alexander N. Logunov is appointed the Plenipotentiary Representative of the U.S.S.R. to the Advisory Council for Italy.

(3) Major General A. F. Vasiliev, the Expert for Military Affairs of the Plenipotentiary Representation of the U.S.S.R. to the Advisory Council for Italy, is appointed the Deputy of the Plenipotentiary Representative of the U.S.S.R. on the Advisory Council for Italy.

(4) Major General Golodovnik N. S. is relieved from the duties of the Soviet representative on the Allied Control Commission.

(5) Major General Lunin is appointed the Representative of the U.S.S.R. on the Allied Control Commission.

3. The question of defascistization was discussed, particularly with reference to activities in the relative to officers of national institutions such as the University of Rome, etc. The Acting Chief Commissioner will continue discussion with Colonel Upjohn.

4. Mr. Weber:

a. Mr. Weber announced that there is an unreasonable delay of two or three days in incoming messages from AF. Brigadier Lush to check from housekeeping standpoint. Acting Chief Commissioner to discuss with Col. Henderson from the signal standpoint.

5. Mr. Gavala:

a. Mr. Gavala discussed the matter of freedom of the press and stated that a determined effort was being made to permit freedom of expression and thought in the press. Political Section to prepare a memorandum on subject to 3-5 AFHQ.

6. Mr. Grady:

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7. Brigadier Lush:

a. Announcement in connection with transfer of Foggia Province to Region II after training program complete.

b. It was agreed that in accordance with message 8-1120 from 4th Army that ACC Sections would send representatives to weekly meetings with AD administration and regional commissioners of forward

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c. Next regional commissioners' meeting will be in June, tentatively between 10 August and 15 August.

d. AFHQ to be established in Italy shortly.

e. Overstrength American officers must be reduced. Brigadier Lush through Establishment Branch to prepare letter laying the matter before G-5 AFHQ.

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3. Colonel Upjohn

- a. Defascistization matter to be handled in conference with Acting Chief Commissioner.
- b. Carabinieri 2800 overstrength in Sicily to be discussed in meeting General Browning and Colonel Upjohn.
- c. Overcrowding of civilian jails due to military prisoners to be discussed with General Browning by Colonel Upjohn and Colonel Kirk.

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