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ALLIED FORCE RECORDS ADMINISTRATION
JOINT PROGRAM ADVISOR

300/3/9

18 January 1947

SUBJECT: Organization of Archives Division.

TO : Executive Counselor,
Allied Commission,
APO 954.

1. Referance your L/A, dated "January 1947" subject as above.

2. Receipt is acknowledged of the proposed organiza-
tional and functional charts of the Archives Division of
the Allied Commission.

FOR THE ALLIED FORCE RECORDS ADMINISTRATOR:

Ken Menden
KEN MENDEN,
1st Lt., APO,
Joint Program Advisor (A)

SECRET

Ref. 1/AB

January 1947

SUBJECT: Organisation AG Archives Division.

TO : Allied Force Records Administration.

1. In accordance with the agreement at Conference of above Administration held on 4 Nov. 1946, herewith please receive proposed organisational and functional charts of Archives Division of this Commission.

2. Acknowledgement is requested at your convenience.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

M. Haxellson
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

A P O 794

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref. 1/AB.

4 January 1947

Subject: Organizational and Functional Charts of
Allied Commission Archives.

To : Allied Force Record Administration.

1. Reference letter dated 18 December 1946 from Joint Program Advisers Allied Force Record Administration, to Director Archives, Allied Commission.

2. With reference to para 2 and 3 of the letter under reference, it is not considered possible to prepare any proposals sufficiently basic to be called "final" at this juncture. In general however the present organization in the Allied Commission Archives will remain intact until the closure of the Commission. Also it is desired that the present organization and personnel be carried over into the new set up, subject to any reduction of the civilian staff considered feasible by the Director of Archives providing this will not interfere with the present output of documents for Micro filming. It is felt that the Military personnel possibly in a civilian capacity now employed by the Archives Division will be needed for the proposed organization.

3. With your agreement, therefore, it is proposed that any policy beyond that outlined in para 2 above should be deferred for the time being, especially in view of Polad (B)'s opinion, recorded in the Minutes of the Conference held on 4th November 1946, to the effect that it will not be possible to appreciate the whole personnel picture until the responsibility of AFRA (to include the Microfilm Depot) is considered at the same time and on the same basis as that of A.C. Archives.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner

Copy to : G-5 AFHQ
Polad (A)
Polad (B).

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FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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Trigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: G-5 AFHQ
Polad (A).
Polad (B).

3. With your agreement, therefore, it is proposed that any policy beyond that outlined in para 2 above should be deferred for the time being, especially in view of Polad (B)'s opinion, recorded in the Minutes of the Conference held on 4th November 1940, to the effect that it will not be possible to appreciate the whole personnel picture until the responsibility of AFMA (to include the Microfilm Depot) is considered at the same time and on the same basis as that of A.C. Archives.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

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Brigadier.
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to G-5 AFHQ
Polad (A)
Polad (B)

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December 1946

Subject: Organizational and Functional Charts of
Allied Commission Archives.

To : Allied Force Record Administration.

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for reference to para 2 of above
2. ~~Confirming the statement in para 2 of above, it is not~~ considered possible to prepare any proposals sufficiently basic to be called "final" ~~until a date nearer the end of the military period.~~ *at this juncture.*

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FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Archives, Allied Commission.

2. *but retaining 13 pages - out of 14. Also under 4/1/51*
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Copy to: G-5 AFHQ
Polad (A)
Polad (B).

ALLIED FORCE RECORDS ADMINISTRATION
JOINT PROGRAM ADVISERS

18 December 1946

SUBJECT: Organizational and Functional Chart of Allied
Commission Archives.

TO : The Director,
Archives Division,
Allied Commission.

1. Further to our recent discussion and with reference to "Minutes of Records Administration Conference Held at Allied Force Microfilming and Records Depot, Rome, Italy, 4 November 1946".

2. It is noted that the Allied Commission Archives Division organizational and coat chart, copies of which were handed to AFRA representatives on 10 December, are based on the present organization.

3. Inasmuch as the aforementioned minutes (page 7, para. 2a) indicate that Allied Commission will submit "proposed organizational and functional charts," may it please be clarified that you are proposing that the present organization remain and continue at the end of the military period? If not, what changes are proposed?

4. It is requested further that the final organizational and functional chart showing functions of each section and subsection of Archives Division, and duties of individuals within sections and subsections, be submitted to the Joint Program Adviser, through Dr. Wilson, as soon as possible, in order that AFRA may complete the overall picture of the combined organization. In this connection, please note the statement of the POLAD (B), in the aforementioned minutes, to the effect "that it will not be possible to appreciate the whole personnel picture until the responsibilities of AFRA (to include the microfilm depot) are considered at the same time and on the same basis as those of Allied Commission Archives."

FOR THE ALLIED FORCE RECORDS ADMINISTRATOR:

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Ken Munden

KEN MUNDEN
1st Lt., AGD
Program Adviser (A)

A. E. Baker

A. E. BAKER
Staff Capt., AFRA
Program Adviser (B)

Copies to:

AFRA
Dr. Wilson, Chief, Liaison Sec.,
Archives Div., AFM&R Depot.

Executive Commissioner

Draft reply to Program Adviser (APRA) is submitted for your approval.

1; To prepare a final chart of the future staff of Archives before agreement of CJS and London is received is considered by Major Maxfield and myself as premature, altho charts are in preparation.

2 It is considered also to reply to an AFHQ Directive of somewhat high policy at the level requested-(Capt (B) and Lieut (A) Program Advisers)- incorrect.

3 Do you agree, please, that copies be sent to Folada (A/B) and to G-5 ?

M. Maxfield
Dr. Arthur

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*M. H. ...
Dr. Arthur.*

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December 1946

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4. With your agreement, therefore, and further in view of the statement of Polad (B) mentioned in the last paragraph of your letter, it is proposed that any policy beyond that outlined in para 3 above shall be deferred for the time being.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: G-5 AFHQ
Polad (A)
Polad (B).

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Visit by Lt Col WHITE G-5 to Archives Division 30/12/46
Present Major Harrison and Major Maxfield

After examining the minutes of the AFRA Meeting of 4/11/46 Lt Col White said he did not see any reason to think that the plan for the future of Archives AC and their staff did not include the transfer of that staff to the Embassies, under the AFRA plan shown on page 3 of those minutes.

The original plan, before the ^{one} plan submitted to CCS by AFRA was for Archives AC to prepare the records for filming, and receive these again after photography and to instal and catalogue these in the new building.

It had always been agreed that the Alcom Archives as such could not be incorporated with any military records or administered as Allied Force records partly since these were NOT military records and also since no one outside Allied Commission could judge what should and what not be retained and how the final cataloguing should be prepared.

He added that since a considerable time would elapse after the closure of AC before all the files were prepared and filmed, it would necessitate that Microfilm Depot and the staff of AFRA engaged on their part of the work remain for a longer than 90 days after "S" day without the added time required to film AFHQ records but after that had been done, he could see no reason for AFRA to be required since ~~the~~ the military documents were NOT going to be housed in Italy, whereas ALCOM Archives would be.

The same thing applied to the RUK files, although these were not Army records at all.

their Governments

However until the Embassies confirm that they are prepared to take over personnel and equipment at end of military period (p.5 par.4 and until CCS reply to the proposal of SAC (Annex "A") of Minutes above quoted, matters would have to remain as they are at present. The preparation of the Staff plan of Archives Alcom for submission to AFRA as agreed under para 2.a of page 7 of Conclusions should be made as soon and as briefly as possible.

30/12/46

Handwritten signature

Archives
14 NOV 1946

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Executive Commissioner
APO 734

13 December 1946

Ref. : 2622/10/35

SUBJECT: Liquidation of AC/LAC Functions.

- TO : Executive Commissioner 1
- Executive Officer A. 4
- Executive Officer B. 4
- Economic Division 6
- Disper Division 1
- Legal Division 1
- Public Safety Division 1
- Communications Division 1
- Archives Division 1
- PSO 1
- Navy S/O 2
- Land Forces S/O 2
- Air Forces S/O 2

1. There is attached:

- (a) Copy of Executive Order no. 39 of 13 Dec. 46
- (b) Copy of AFHQ letter 5-5-46 O.13-3P of 5th December 1946.

As regards para 4 of the above quoted letter, instructions have been received from AFHQ and passed to LPSO for action.

2. All Sub-Commissions and Divisions will give immediate consideration to the gradual termination of their functions and will be prepared to give their views on this matter to the Committee when notified at an early date.

All Sub-Commissions and Divisions will be responsible, using normal procedure, for initiating action as regards any matters which require raising with higher authority or permanent Civil Authorities or for pursuit via previously outstanding matters connected with the termination or transfer of responsibilities.

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3. All Sub-Commissions and Divisions will keep in close contact with Archives Division as regards the preparation of files, documents etc., for Archives and their eventual transfer to Archive custody.

BY ORSANTO OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE:

Department of AC/ASG Functions.

- 1 Executive Commissioner
- 4 Executive Officer A.
- 4 Executive Officer B.
- 6 Economic Division
- 1 Dispersal Division
- 1 Legal Division
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BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE:

R. Stone
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

- Copies to: G.C.
- Point A
- Point B
- PLC
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFC 794

15 December 1946.

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS
:
MEMBER 39)

Appointment of Co-ordinating Committee for the Liquidation of W/A-G Functions.

With regard to the termination of the functions of the Allied Commission, the following Committee is hereby set up with terms of reference as given below:

CHAIRMAN: Brigadier A. C.M.D., CBE, MC.

MEMBERS : Director, Economic Division.
 Financial Advisor.
 Director, Legal Division.
 Executive Officer (A)
 Executive Officer (B)
 Chief Staff Officer to Executive Commissioner.

SECRETARY: Captain A.W. KILBURN.

The above Committee will co-opt as members, representatives of the Services Subcommittees or of other Divisions of the Allied Commission as appropriate.

The Chairman will consult Poland as required.

TERMS OF REFERENCE:

"To make and keep up to date recommendations in regard to the termination of the functions of the Allied Commission, or to their transfer to permanent civil authorities prior to or coincident with the ratification of the Peace Treaty, and to submit such recommendations to the Chief Commissioner for consent of approval."

APPROPRIATION:

Executive Officers (A) and (B) will be responsible for the details of the run down of military and civilian personnel, stores, vehicles etc., and of office equipment. The Committee will keep this matter under review.

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Appointment of Co-ordinating Committee for the Liquidation of AG/AG Functions.

With regard to the termination of the functions of the Allied Commission, the following Committee is hereby set up with terms of reference as given below:

CHAIRMAN: Brigadier M. CARR, CBE, MC.

MEMBERS: Director, Economic Division,
Financial Adviser,
Director, Legal Division,
Executive Officer (A)
Executive Officer (B)
Chief Staff Officer to Executive Commissioner.

SECRETARY: Captain A.W. GIBBY.

The above Committee will co-opt as members, representatives of the Services Subcommittees or of other Divisions of the Allied Commission as appropriate.

The Chairman will consult Plans as required.

TERMS OF REFERENCE:

"To make and keep up to date recommendations in regard to the termination of the functions of the Allied Commission, or to their transfer to permanent civil authorities prior to or coincident with the ratification of the Peace Treaty, and to submit such recommendations to the Chief Commissioner for comment or approval."

ADMINISTRATION:

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Major General W. STONE
Senior Admiral, USIA
Chief Commissioner

EXEMPTION:

- Gp I less Ser. 60.
- Gp II less Ser. 64 and 65.
- Gp. III less Ser. 77.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 542

G-5 : 910.13-3 P

5 December 1946

SUBJECT: Post Treaty Liquidation of ALLOM/ANG Privileges.

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 79, U.S. Army.

Senior Civil Affairs Officer,
Yemenia Gailis,
APO 68, U.S. Army.

Allied Supply Accounting Agency,
c/o Allied Commission.

Allied Finance Agency,
c/o Allied Commission.

1. With the ratification of the Peace Treaty, all rights, duties, privileges, and responsibilities of the Allied Forces will cease. Active steps are being taken to secure sufficient rights for the Allied Forces so that evacuation may be completed during the ninety days subsequent to the Peace Treaty ratification.
2. All functions now being performed by the Allied Commission including the Service Sub-Commissions; by ASAs, by AF, and by JG must either be terminated or transferred to permanent Civil Authorities prior to the completion of evacuation. It is probable that the full extent and complexity of terminating and transferring of these functions may not be fully known or appreciated at this time. It is therefore desired that each addressee analyze the problems to be solved before his organization may be finally deactivated, and make prompt recommendations to hasten the procedure. It is regretted that no information as to the governmental set-up for Trieste Free State can be given. It will be assumed, however, that the French line will become the international boundaries. When further assumptions are made by addressees in submitting their plans, such assumptions will be clearly stated. When recommendations are made that either the British and United States Embassies, in Rome, assume duties previously performed by the Military Authorities, the views of the respective Embassies will be secured. When such views are not readily available, however, the recommendations will not be delayed beyond the limiting date. All plans and recommendations will be addressed to G-5 (AM) and will be despatched not later than 25 December 1946.
3. There is attached hereto an entirely incomplete list detailing a few of the more obvious problems.

Senior Civil Affairs Officer,
Yoneda Gaglio,
APO 88, U.S. Army.

Allied Supply Accounting Agency,
c/o Allied Commission.

Allied Finance Agency,
c/o Allied Commission.

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2. All functions now being performed by the Allied Commission including the Service Sub-Commissions; by A.S.S., by F.F., and by A.E. must either be terminated or transferred to permanent Civil Authorities prior to the completion of evacuation. It is probable that the full extent and complexity of terminating and transferring of these functions may not be fully known or appreciated at APO. It is therefore desired that each addressee analyze the problems to be solved before his organization may be finally deactivated, and make prompt recommendations to hasten the procedures. It is regretted that no information as to the governmental set-up for Trieste Free State can be given. It will be assumed, however, that the French line will become the international boundaries. When further assumptions are made by addressees in submitting their plans, such assumptions will be clearly stated. When recommendations are made that either the British and United States Embassies, in Rome, assume duties previously performed by the Military Authorities, the views of the respective Embassies will be secured. When such views are not readily available, however, the recommendations will not be delayed beyond the limiting date. All plans and recommendations will be addressed to G-5 AFHQ and will be despatched not later than 25 December 1945.

3. There is attached hereto an entirely incomplete list detailing a few of the more obvious problems.

4. Certain special instructions on the subject of planning for the run-down of M.L. are being issued separately.

BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEO:

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/s/ A.L. HUBBLEN
Colonel, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff. G-5

Copy to: G-5, G-6.

List of obvious problems connected with the
liquidation of AGNY/AG Functions.....

1. Disposal of funds, records, and effects held by Allied Financial Agency.
2. Maintenance of present AG Territory. When should shipment of OCAG supplies cease? Also handles those arriving after "E" (Ratification) day, keeping in mind that territory now maintained will be Italian, Yugoslav, and Free States.
3. Local. What becomes of records of trials of those undersentences, especially that those undersentences will be in Italian, Yugoslav, and Free Territories? What undertaken, if any, will be taken by Italy, Yugoslavia, and Free States to carry out sentences imposed by present courts including AG Courts?
4. Funds in Verona, Giulio. What disposition made of funds now in AG (so called State Treasury) custody? Presumably the right of AG to collect or disburse funds, to hire and purchase, and to cover payrolls ceases on R Day, except from national funds provided by the Allies. Therefore, all employees, including public servants, paid from Allied (AG) funds must be discharged or their pay otherwise obtained.
5. Service Sub-Commissions. You will work on the assumption that these will cease functioning on R day.
6. Liaison with Italian Government. Presumably this will no longer be an Allied function, and each military high command will have direct liaison with the Italian Government only in connection with the rights which may be granted in national agreements, somewhat on the order of the previous Military and Civil Affairs agreements.
7. Displaced Persons. This subject is under active consideration at all levels and no recommendations need to be made in this respect at this time.
8. Allied Supply Accounting Agency. Close down or transfer of duties.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A P O 794
Office of the Executive Commissioner
ARCHIVES DIVISION

Ref. : 1/AB. 3 December 1946
Subject: Functional & Organisational data.
To : Allied Forces Records Administrator.

In accordance with para 2 (a) of conclusions agreed at Records Administration Conference on 4th November 46, enclosed please find two copies of charts showing functional and organizational costs of Archives Division of this Commission, at the present time.

Please acknowledge receipt.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

M.C.
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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*Handed to Lt Mendenhall (Capt Baker)
19-12-46*

INCOMING MESSAGE
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

V/AB

Originator's Reference: (NAF 1233) FX 73210

Message Centre No: H/7915

Date/Time of Origin: NOV 15 NPT

Date Time Rec'd: NOV 16 1045

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: APHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHAGR

TO: ALCOM ROME, TO AGWAR WASH. FOR COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF FOR ACTION,
TO CABINET OFFICES WHITEHALL FOR BCS, AGWAR FOR WDSCA FOR INFO

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Subject is "Reproduction and Disposition of Combined British and American Records.

1. Fan 672 authorized Supreme Allied Commanders to make necessary arrangements with United States and British Embassy for transfer of responsibility for Allied Commission Archives and for transfer of necessary personnel and equipment to complete Microfilming Project at end of military period.

2. Allied Forces Microfilming and Records Depot, operated by Allied Forces Records Administration has just begun the Microfilming of Allied Commission Records. This project alone will require over two years for completion with present equipment and does not take into account other Allied Forces Records Administration commitments, which cannot be entirely discharged prior to the end of the military period.

3. It therefore appears desirable to transfer also to the British and American Embassies, at the end of the military period, all other undischarged responsibilities pertaining to the duplication of records of a combined British American character, and the appropriate disposition of such records per your directives in Fan 630. Included in these additional responsibilities would be the Microfilming of certain active commands that cannot be release for Microfilming until those headquarters are inactivated.

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4. United States and British Embassies in Rome have agreed subject to concurrence by proper authorities in Washington and London, to the under mentioned proposals to become effective upon dissolution of Allied Forces Headquarters and withdrawal of Military Forces in Italy.

(A) The respective Military Attaches of the British and American Embassies would assume responsibility for the completion of the ~~entire~~ entire Allied Forces Records Administration program including the Allied Commission Records, and would maintain direct contact with the Combined Chiefs of Staff in order to complete the program, with the reservation that major policies affecting the use and ultimate disposition of Allied Commission Archives would be formulated by the Embassies on a separate basis.

(B) The Contemplated organization would be completely self sufficient and would comprise the present Microfilming Unit and one Archives Unit, both of which would operate under the immediate control of the Allied Technical Administrative group responsible to the respective Military Attaches of the British and American Embassies, This Group would take on present function of Allied Forces Records Administration and would be composed of technical and administrative personnel ~~through~~ thoroughly familiar with all the aspects of this program.

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(C) The cost of the whole undertaking would be borne by such departments of the United States and UK Govt and determined by those governments.

5. This headquarters is now preparing detailed plan of organization and cost analysis as a basis for early discussion with embassies. Inasmuch as no final decision can be reached pending approval of plans described here in, request decision at earliest possible date.

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Action: Archives Div

Info: Chief Commissioner

Executive Commissioner

Polad (A)

Polad (B)

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Tel No: DDM 42204 Ext 210

Subject: Archives - Reestablishment under
Emergency Control

Disparities
Allied Certification (ADOLY)
CRP

Ref: Q-1(1)/200A
30 October 1946

Q-5 section AMR

1. Reference telephone conversation Major BRUNNEN-
LA and HED-SONN of 29 Oct 46, on above named subject. The establishment
suggested for Archives Division is 6 Officers and 10 N/A's, priority being
maintained between British and American personnel.
2. The present strength of Archives Division is given
in Appendix 'A' and it is notified that all personnel are willing to continue
service under Emergency control, subject to the terms and conditions offered
being satisfactory to each individual.

FOR THE CHIEF OF ARCHIVES

Chubiney
E. WILSON
Lt Colonel
Executive Officer (A)

for
Copy to : His Section

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FOR THE CHIEF OF THE DIVISION

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M. CHUBB
14 Colonel
Executive Officer (B)

/s/

Copy to : His Section.

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ARMED & DANGEROUS

<u>Name and Rank</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Nationality</u>	<u>Due for Release</u>
Major HARRISON H.M.	12382A	IR	1 (DPOD)
Major CHAPMAN D.M.	0290399	AM	15 Dec 46
Capt CAMPBELL L.G.	311655	IR	15 (DPOD)
Capt WOOD P.G.	01301751	AM	
Capt BOSTON J.E.	0405757	AM	
Sgt FARMER S.	12066643	AM	15 Dec 46 (482)
Sgt BLANK H.	S/2661977	IR	26 (DPOD)
Cpl HOOP G.	33972790	AM	27 Apr 47
Cpl FARMER T.	44121624	AM	15 Dec 46
Cpl MASON J.	S/1275033	IR	43 (DPOD)
Cpl FLEMING L.	57814271	AM	26 Dec 46
Cpl JAMES P.	30587098	AM	11 Dec 45
Pte CHEVILLER G.	14800814	IR	A/S Op 62
Pte TAYLOR E.	14785050	IR	A/S Op 61
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Capt	DAVIS J.R.	0405757	AM	15 Dec 46
Sjt	WARKLEY S.	12066643	AM	26 (1971)
Sjt	KIRK R.	8/2661977	IF	27 Apr 47
Opl	MOFF G.	53972790	AM	15 Dec 46
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Opl	MORSE J.	5/11275033	IF	26 Dec 46
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Pto	SMITH G.	14756004	IF	

ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM
ARCHIVES DIVISION

SUBJECT: _____ FILE No. 1/AB.
TO : Lt.Col. Wilbe Jones. G-1(B). 30 October 1946

Reference conversation draft for your approval
is attached.

At the movement there are two additional EMe
working in Archives but they are now nearly due for
release and in any case are not considered suitable
for our future programme.

L.G. Canning
L.G. CANNINGS,
Capt. RASC.
Archives Division.

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WAR A P T

To : G-5 AFHQ

29 October 1946

Reference telephone conversation Major Trousan - Lt.Col. Hind Smith - Capt. Cannings of 29 Oct. 46. After consultation with Lt.Col. Wilbe Jones the following information is confirmed. The establishment for Archives Division is 3 Officers British; 3 Officers American, 5 ORs, 5 EMs, and the present strength exclusive of civilian employees is as follows;

<u>Name and Rank</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Nationality</u>	<u>due for release.</u>
Major Harrison N.M.	123824	Br.	
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Capt. Cannings L.B.	311655	Br.	Gen.Demob.
Capt. Weden F.G.	01311751	Am.	
Capt. Durst J.E.	0405757	Am.	
Sgt. Parrelly S.	12066646	Am.	15 Dec.46
Sgt. Birkin R.	S/2661977	Br.	D.V.1 Gp.26
Cpl. Houp C.	33972790	Am.	27 Apr.47
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Cpl. Luna F.	36587098	Am.	11 Dec.46
Cpl. Fleming L.	37814271	Am.	26 Dec.45
Pte. Greville G.	14800814	Br.	A/S Gp.62
Pte. Taylor F.	14785850	Br.	A/S Gp.61
Pte. Saul G.	14755084	Br.	A/S Gp.60

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

A P O 794

Office of the Executive Commissioner

18 October 1946

Archives Branch.

AFHQ, G-5, Col. Parsons, rang me up today.

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Please investigate and then speak to me.

M. Carr

M. CARR,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Clerks } or Bilingual Italians
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23 civ (Ital)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

A P O 794

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref. : 1/AB.

22 October 1946

SUBJECT: Disposal of Archives.

TO : A.F.H.Q. Attn. G-5 Section.

1. Reference is made to your G-5:900.24 of 18 June 1946 and to your F 72750 of 18 October 1946. The present position is as follows.

2. Following many discussions with British and American Embassies a tentative procedure for the transfer of Archives Division to the Embassies at the end of the Military period has been submitted, by the Embassies, to the Foreign Office and State Department.

3. The salient points are:-

(a) The Embassies are willing to accept the responsibility for the continuance of Archives Division at the end of the Military period, subject to receipt of authority to do so from Foreign Office and State Department.

(b) The question of staff and terms of service to be investigated by a representative from London in conjunction with a representative of the State Department, Washington.

(c) No definite proposal regarding Microfilm Depot has at present been submitted. It is anticipated that the expense of this Depot will be much higher than that of Archives Division, and its future policy is entirely controlled by A.F.R.A.

4. The personnel required for Archives Division upon transfer to the Embassies will be at least-

- 6 Officers or civilians of Officer Status
- 10 EM/ORs or civilians of equal Status
- 34 Italian Civilians.

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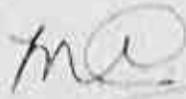
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

A P O 794

Office of the Executive Commissioner

5. It is proposed that Allied personnel should be 50% American 50% British. The Wage cost is at present estimated at 36,000 lire per day, exclusive of allowances for accomodation and feeding. This does not include any Microfilming staff, film, equipment, or provision for maintenance.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER


Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copies to: Chief Commissioner.
POLAD (A).
POLAD (B).

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21 OCT 1946

AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE PHGEG
ALCOM ROME

RESTRICTED

Please submit urgently for war office recommendations requested
LAT.
This Headquarters letter G-5900 point 24 of 18 June, including number of
personnel.

AC DIST

ACTION : ARCHIVES 2
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M. GARR,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A P O 794
Office of the Executive Commissioner
ARCHIVES BRANCH

1/AB

26 September 1946

TO: Mr. Hilary Jenkinson
Public Records Office,
Chancery Lane, LONDON. W.C.2.

Dear Mr. Jenkinson

Thank you for the receipt for the Lorna Catalogue
and your note, the former has been sent to the authorities.

I hope to be in Town about the second week in October
when J shall be very pleased to call you on the telephone and
perhaps see you if convenient.

*Yours, v.s. sincerely
JRM H*

Reference

6471 HJ.
Ref: 1/AB.

PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE

Chancery Lane, W.C.2.

Telephone
HOLBORN 3741

10 September, 1946.

Dear Colonel Harrison,

Thank you for your letter which duly reached me with the Laoca Catalogue, formally acknowledged herewith.

I shall certainly like to see you when you are in town: do let me have a message if possible beforehand.

Yours sincerely
Helen Johnson

Col. Norman M. Harrison,
Headquarters Allied Commission.

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File 1A/B

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Political Adviser (A)

September 19, 1946.

CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM TO: Chief Archives Officer (Maj. H.M. Harrison)
SUBJECT : ALCOM and RUK Archives

Thank you for your memorandum of September 14 (File 28/
AB-1/AB) with which you sent me a copy of a Confidential
Report on present situation regarding ALCOM and RUK Archives.

Joseph N. Greene, Jr.
Joseph N. Greene, Jr.
Assistant Political Adviser (A)

ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM
ARCHIVES BRANCH

CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT:

FILE NO. 28/ab - 1/AB.

TO Political Advisor (B),
(for attention of Mr. HANKEY).

14 September 1946

In response to your telephone enquiry I am enclosing
copy of Confidential report of the present situation regarding
the Archives (AIDOM ~~SECRET~~) submitted to Lt.Col. Thompson at his
request on Aug. 30th.

Will you please acknowledge at your convenience.

N.M. HANESSON,
Major,
Chief Archives Officer.

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ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

CONFIDENTIAL

FILE No. 28/AR.-1/AR.

SUBJECT:

TO Political Adviser (A).
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Major,
Chief Archives Officer.

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ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM
ARCHIVES BRANCH

SUBJECT: Letter APRA/B/007

File No. 4063/80

TO : Executive Commissioner
~~for attention Mister Thompson.~~
File 4063/EE

29 August 1946¹⁹⁴

These records have nothing to do with AG. Archives.
They are the personal responsibility of Capt. BUCK (Micro
Film Unit) and will be housed in AG. Building ANNEXE.

A.F.R.A. confirm that the security of these Army
Records does NOT rest with Allied Commission.

N.M. HARRISON,
Major,
Chief Archives Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 734
ARCHIVES SECTION

TASK OVER

1. The Archives Section was taken over by the present O I/O in November 1945 and comprised a staff of 1 Officer, 1 S/Sgt and one BX.

The work consisted of receiving, checking, listing and storing the bundles of files from Regions and Headquarters, AC.

ALSO

2. In February 1946 OCS decided that ALOM Records were to be microfilmed, target date was set for September 1946 with a total of 2,500,000, duplicates extracted.

ARCHIVES

3. To prepare documents for this and in order that the continuity of the work of receiving and listing incoming records should not be disturbed, AC Archives Committee authorized a total staff of Army/Civilian personnel as follows.....

(British/American) Officers	R/Os	Civilians (Ital.)
6	10	20

It was pointed out at the time that an estimated period of work would be well over 300 MANH and it was agreed that the Subansiri would take over responsibility for this after the closing of the military period.

ARCHIVES SECTION

4. Letter (June 1946) OCS agreed to our suggestion that a further out-out of enormous matter would justify an increase of staff provided this did not exceed the cost of microfilm, this increase meant 10 Italian civilians. A new Section ('Y') was added and by month the work proceeded, with an average demand of surplus number - (over and above duplicates already abstracted by 'Y') - of FIFTEEN per cent. Staff of Archives was then approved by AC as follows.....

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6	10	34

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5. A signal was received from OCS through AFHQ in August stating that until examples of the material discussed by 'Y' Section was finally approved by them, work in this Section should be suspended.

The reason for suspension was not on account of POLICY but in order that Washington could be sure that the matter abstracted is in accord with the Schedule approved by them in June. Microfilmed copies have been sent to OCS and their decision is awaited.

hold up "Y" SECTION

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NOTE

It should be noted here that Microfilming becomes easier under two entirely separate operations!

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It was pointed out at the time that an estimated period of work would be well over TWO YEARS and it was agreed that the Submarine would take over responsibility for this after the closing of the military period.

4. Later (June 1946) OCS agreed to our suggestion that a further cut-out of extraneous matter would justify an increase of staff provided this did not exceed the cost of microfilm, this increase meant 16 Italian civilians. A new Section ('Y') was added and two months the work proceeded, with an average discard of surplus matter - (over and above duplicates already abstracted by 'X') - of FIFTY per cent. Staff of Archives was then approved by AG as follows.....

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Archives AG Staff is concerned under (a) firstly in 'cloning' files (called 'Y' Section) and later 'acquiring' documents in files (called 'X' Section). ARCHIVES AG has NOTHING to do with the administration, payment and cost of microfilming documents (b) this is a military one at present and is expected will be taken over by Military Attache of Submarine when necessary arises.

The ultimate disposition of AG Records in Paris is under negotiation to acquire a lease of the new vacant premises of the GRAND HOTEL DE LA RUE DE LA PAIX for a period of say TWO YEARS, at the expense of the Italian Government, in consideration of their having access to the documents but only UNDER ARMED FORCE SUPERVISION. The Government have signified their approval pending final arrangements with the Trustees of the building.

There is insufficient room in this building for anything else than administration and cataloguing and USE for microfilming.

Period 1.

ALCOH TOTAL 6. The total of ALCOH records is considerable. The original estimate of THREE MILLION (gross) has risen to nearer TWELVE as the Regions close and the files come in and when it is remembered that some series (Fifth Army/15 Army Group etc.) will not be available for months, no true estimate can be given.

OUTPUT 7. Twenty thousand documents will be the output necessary to keep Microfilm busy daily. If "cleaning" only is decided by OCS, there is a total of two and a Half Million in hand which is Six months supply. If "servicing" is also approved, sufficient material is in hand to have a "back-log" of nearly half a Million documents ready, should "P" systems go on.

TIME TO COMPLETE FILMING 8. Upon the assumption that there are Twelve Million documents the preparation for and the actual filming of AC files will require 18 months to complete. If "servicing" also is approved it will need the other 18 extra civilians (para.4) but NO saving of time except in the time and cost of Microfilming.

SAVING by "P" SYSTEM 9. This, it is estimated will be reduced by 108 working days or Five months. The working wage cost of microfilming is twice that of Archives.

Period 2.

CATALOG 10. The documents having been filmed and placed in their new Library for access and information, the AC staff can be reduced by nearly 50% per cent. A trained staff will however still be necessary to catalogue and re-archive the documents in their final form.

CROSS REFERENCE 11. Many little "bits and pieces" which arriving during the two year period, must of necessity be attached to their proper Groups and a card index system installed for reference to the original microfilm.

TIME PLAN FOR THIS 12. The actual staff necessary for this work cannot be fairly estimated at this stage but it is estimated that Five Seniors Five Second Grade and say five Italian Civilians would be needed. The probable time will be three years.

Period 3.

FINAL COSTING 13. Custodianship, maintenance and searching for files will probably be the responsibility of a trained staff and can be left to the staff then employed to give an idea of the work and time required before the ALCOH Archives are housed in their final depository outside Rome.

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31 August 1946

AMH
M.H. HARRISON, Major, Chief Archives Officer.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A P O 794
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref. : 1/AB.

29 August 1946

SUBJECT: Transmission of printing.

TO : Hilary JENKINSON Esq.
Public Records Office,
Chancery Lane
LONDON W.C.

Dear Mr Jenkins

I am enclosing herewith the Index Catalogue which arrived last week for you, & has been acknowledged

I hope that you are keeping well and am hoping to be able to call and have a chat about Archives with you, in town next month if all goes well.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

A P O 794

Office of the Executive Commissioner

ARCHIVES BRANCH

Ref. : 1/AB.

29 August 1946

SUBJECT: Transmission of Printing.

TO : Ministero degli Interni
Ufficio Centrale degli Archivi di Stato.

Receipt is acknowledged of the catalogue of the
"Show of Relation between Lucca and England" with thanks.

It has been forwarded to Dr. JENKINSON.

N.M. Harrison

N.M. HARRISON,
Major,
Chief Archives Officer.

TRANSLATION

Accusiamo ricevuta del catalogo della Mostra
delle Relazioni fra Lucca e Inghilterra, il quale e' stato
spedito al Dr. JENKINSON.

N.M. HARRISON,
Major,
Chief Archives Officer.

TRANSLATION

SUBJECT: Transmission of printing.

Dr. Jenkinson, Director of Public Record Office, has applied to the Direction of Lucca State Archives in order to obtain, as a gift, copy of the catalogue of the "Show of Relation between Lucca and England" exposed in that Archives.

The above mentioned Direction has accepted willingly his request and, through this Ministry begs this Subcommission to have the attached printing forwarded to Dr. Jenkinson.

Please acknowledge receipt.

s/ For the Minister

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Off. 368

Roma 14 100 1948 196

Ministero dell'Interno
UFFICIO CENTRALE DEGLI ARCHIVI DI STATO

Ala Sottocommissione
Alleata per i Monumenti
e Belle Arti e Archivi
ROMA

Numero 60975 | *Lu*
Rel. N° 8943.1 | *Allegato*

Risposta al N° 1
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Oggetto: Invio di pubblicazione.

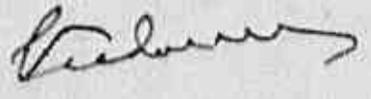
Il Direttore del Public Record Office, Mr. Doct. Jenkinson, si è rivolto alla Direzione dell'Archivio di Stato di Lucca per ottenere, in omaggio, un esemplare del catalogo della Mostra delle Relazioni fra Lucca e Inghilterra, già esposta presso quell'Archivio di Stato.

Ben volentieri la predetta Direzione ha aderito al desiderio manifestato e, tramite questo Ministero, prega codesta On.le Sottocommissione di voler far pervenire al Doct. Jenkinson la pubblicazione suddetta che si allega alla presente lettera.

Si gradirà un cortese cenno di ricevuta.

PEL MINISTRO

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HEADQUARTS ALLIED COMMISSION
ARCHIVES BRANCH
MINUTE SLIP

DATE... 16 AUG 1945

FROM Major H.M. Harrison TO

~~Capt. T. Rowland~~ MAJ. CHAPMAN *dup*

~~Chief Clerk~~ COPT. EANNING *g*

Folio (s) referred COPT. WEDEA *(b)*
A TAYLOR

~~FOR Action~~
~~Information~~
~~Remarks~~
~~Signature~~

16 AUG 1945

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 912

Allied Force Records Administration,
AG Section,
Allied Force Headquarters.

Ref. : AFRA/1/115.

16 August 46

Subject : AFRA Representative with Headquarters Allied Commission.

To : Executive Commissioner,
Headquarters Allied Commission,
APO 794.

1. Reference telephone conversation Major Harrison - Capt. Duman
of 10 August 46.

2. It is confirmed that the request made by Dr. Wilson for twenty
examples of each class of eliminated material, as detailed in para 2 of
MAP 1103, to be withdrawn from the discard files for microfilming was made
on the instruction of this Administration.

3. Future requests of a similar nature will be made by Dr. Wilson
in writing, and such requests should please be regarded as having the backing
of this Administration.

PAUL M. MORRILL
Lt. Col. Inf.
Allied Force Records Administrator.

Copy to: Dr. Dwight H. Wilson
AFRA Representative to Headquarters Allied Commission.

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ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM
ARCHIVES BRANCH

SUBJECT: ALGM Records.
TO :

F.I.E. No. 28/AB
15 August 1946

Telephone conversation with Capt. Duman A.F.R.A.

A letter was coming from AFRA requesting 20 copies of "F" Section examples.

The S.A.F.R.A. (Major Russel is in Rome and will be probable coming on ALGM to-day).

M.H.
H.M. HARRISON,
Major,
Chief Archives Officer.

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FILED: 150018Z
PRIORITY
PARAPHRASE UNNECESSARY
SECRET
FROM: ACHAR FROM OAS
TO : AFHQ FOR MORGAN DEPTO: CABINET OFFICES FOR COMBINED
CHIEFS OF STAFF
REF :NO THIS MESSAGE: W 91381
APSC: M294/15
(BOOK MESSAGE)
15 June 1946

This is PAN 672.

1. Recommendations contained in paragraph 3, MAP 1128 are approved subject to the following provisions.

(A) In reducing the files to archive form the segregation of documents that under no circumstances can be shown to the Italian Government must be considered. This segregation would make it possible eventually, to turn over the remaining archive to the possession of the Italian authorities if circumstances should so direct.

(B) Regarding screening of files, it is our impression that the major reduction will consist of elimination of duplicates, which is considered satisfactory as long as the cost of screening is NOT more than the saving on the cost of microfilming. If elimination of blocks of material other than duplicates is proposed, an inventory of this material will be furnished to Combined Chiefs of Staff for review prior to elimination or destruction. Screening should be held to a minimum because of the difficulty of finding personnel skilled in archival techniques or with Allied Military Government experience and because of limitations on number of persons who can be transferred to the embassies at the end of the military period.

(C) Microfilm will be forwarded periodically to the UNITED STATES War Department (Attention: the Adjutant General) and to the British Cabinet Offices (Attention: Historical Section) for review to assure adequate standards of arrangement, indexing and film processing as at present provided for other combined records.

HC IN 1459
PARAPHRASE UNNECESSARY
SECRET

REF NO THIS MESSAGE: W-91381

2. You are authorized to make the necessary arrangements with UNITED STATES and British Embassies for transfer of responsibility for the archive and for transfer of necessary personnel and equipment to complete the microfilm project at the end of the military period. You will keep the Combined Chiefs of Staff advised of arrangements made.

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(A) In reducing the files to archive from the segregation of documents that under MC circumstances can be shown to the Italian Government must be considered. This segregation would make it possible eventually, to turn over the remaining archive to the possession of the Italian authorities if circumstances should so direct.

(B) Regarding screening of files, it is our impression that the major reduction will consist of elimination of duplicates, which is considered satisfactory as long as the cost of screening is NOT more than the saving on the cost of microfilming. If elimination of blocks of material other than duplicates is proposed, an inventory of this material will be furnished to Combined Chiefs of Staff for review prior to elimination or destruction. Screening should be held to a minimum because of the difficulty of finding personnel skilled in archival techniques or with Allied Military Government experience and because of limitations on number of persons who can be transferred to the embassies at the end of the military period.

(C) Microfilm will be forwarded periodically to the UNITED STATES War Department (Attention: the Adjutant General) and to the British Cabinet Offices (Attention: Historical Section) for review to assure adequate standards of arrangement, indexing and film processing as at present provided for other combined records.

MC IN 1459 PARAPHRASE UNNECESSARY
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NOTE: MAP-1128 IS FI-64393 MC OUT 328 2/4/46 G-5
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INFORMATION: O/S NTO SACS US POLAD
MLO AG BRIT POLAD

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MC IN 1459 15 June 46

15458 REF NO: W-91383

2 August 1946

Mr. Waddington please deliver this confidential message to Dr. Dwight Wilson Allied Force Records Administration Representative to Allied Commission:

Subject screening of records of Allied Commission, re FAN 672 which outlines policy with ref to screening. AGWAR in W96237 has just advised that our NAF 1183 appears at variance with CCS policy especially para (A) (4) and (5) and 2 (B) (2) and (3). We are required to ship by fastest means to us WD attn historical Rec Sect, Ago, at least 20 Microfilm Examples of each of the classes of materials which Alcom proposes to eliminate as defined in para 2 NAF 1183. Furthermore screening instruction mentioned in para 3, 5. NAF 1183 should accompany shipment for study by CCS. We assume you have copies of FAN 672 and NAF 1183. However copies being mailed you. The effect of AGWAR signal W96237 is to corroborate original AFRA viewpoint that FAN 672 authorized removal of duplicates only. Bring this to immediate attention of Major Harrison and in cooperation with him take immediate action to select 20 examples of each class of material proposed for elimination as defined in paragraph 2 NAF 1183. This selection to be made not later than noon Tuesday 5 August in order to permit inspection by Capt. Duncan who will arrive Alcom Tuesday afternoon. You personally should assist in selecting examples to insure fair representation is achieved. Also insure availability of screening instructions to accompany shipment of Microfilm examples.

Have depot stand by for Microfilming examples on Wednesday 7 Aug. As alternative measure please propose to Harrison as possible alternative that all plans for screening beyond removing duplicates be abandoned and that FAN 672 be observed to the letter. If this procedure is adopted following advantages would result: (1) simplification of processing before microfilming, (2) insurance that all files not destroyed are actually filmed, (3) full adherence to FAN 672 (4) obviation of necessity of selecting examples of material proposed for elimination.

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AFRA signed KEN MUNDEN I Lt. Confidential.

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Encl. : 1/1

7 August 1946.

My dear Mr. Alcide Nicoletti,

It would be appreciated if a reply could be made to my letter 1/1 dated 6 July 1946 on the subject of sending of certain articles of the Allied Commission in the previous recently visited by the German Archaeological Institute, Via Salaria.

Yours very truly,

M. S. LUSH
Signature
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Alcide De Gasperi
President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome

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AFHQ, SIGNED SACRED CITE FRAGHT

ROUTINE

AGWAR WASHINGTON FH COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF; CABINET OFFICE LONDON FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF; INFOF ALCOM ROME;

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THIS IS NAF 1189. SUBJECT IS SCREENING OF RECORDS OF ALLIED COMMISSION.

1. NO ELIMINATION WILL BE MADE OF BLOCKS OF MATERIAL (IF INDEPENDENT OR RELATIVELY INDEPENDENT SERIES OF DOCUMENTS).
2. PRESENT SCREENING PROCESS ELIMINATES EXACT DUPLICATES WITHIN THE SAME FILE FOLDER, BUT MAJOR REDUCTION RESULTS FROM (A) ELIMINATION OF FOLLOWING PRESCRIBED CLASSES OF MATERIAL (1) ROUTINE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF RECEIPT OF COMMUNICATIONS, REMINDERS AND THE LIKE, (2) REPRODUCED DOCUMENTS ORIGINATED WITHIN HIGHER HEADQUARTERS, PROVIDED NO NOTATIONS ARE MADE THEREON, (3) LETTERS OF TRANSMITTAL, (4) ROUTINE CARRIER NOTES, (5) IMPROPERLY CLASSIFIED MATERIAL THAT IS OF INSUFFICIENT VALUE TO RECLASSIFY, (B) A SAMPLING TECHNIQUE INVOLVING THE RETENTION OF EXAMPLES ONLY OF UNIFORM COMPLETED FORMS OR ROUTINE PERIODIC REPORTS PROVIDED THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE MATERIAL DISCARDED IS AVAILABLE IN ANOTHER FORM. EXAMPLES OF SUCH MATERIAL ARE (1) ROUTINE PROPERTY RECORDS WHEN OTHER REVEAL TOTAL PROPERTY ACCOUNTABILITY (2) ROUTINE RECORDS OF ARRESTS AND TRIAL IN MISDEMEANOUR CASES WHEN CONSOLIDATED COURT RECORDS ESSENTIALLY REFLECT DISCARDED INFORMATION (3) PERIODICAL NARRATIVE OR STATISTICAL REPORTS WHEN INFORMATION IS CONSOLIDATED ELSEWHERE.
3. THIS SCREENING PROCESS IS HIGHLY DEFINED AND IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACCEPTED ARCHIVAL PROCEDURES. BY ITS USE THE MICROFILMING COMMITMENT IS REDUCED AND THE INTELLIGIBILITY OF THE FILM RECORD FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES WILL BE INCREASED, THE COST OF THIS SCREENING PROCESS IS LESS THAN THE COST OF MICROFILMING. THE NUMBERS OF PERSONNEL WITH ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE IS NOW AT ITS MAXIMUM. (CONTINUED ON PAGE 2.)

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4. NO MATERIAL HITHERTO DISCARDED HAS BEEN DESTROYED BUT DISCARDED MATERIALS WILL BE DESTROYED EVENTUALLY.

5. UNLESS CONTRARY INSTRUCTIONS ARE RECEIVED IT WILL BE PRESUMED THAT THE EXISTING PRACTICE IS IN CONFORMITY WITH YOUR POLICY.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
ARCHIVES BRANCH

18 July 1946

TO : POLAD (B)
REF. : 28/AB, 1/AB

Herewith please receive draft of reply to G-5 in respect
to the Investigation Programme of the RuK Files.

Will you please forward any comments as soon as possible.

H.M. Harrison
H.M. HARRISON
MAJOR
O.I/c ARCHIVES BRANCH

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
ARCHIVES BRANCH

17 July 1946

TO : POLAD (D)

SUBJECT : British Staff to Embassy.

REF : 1/AB.

Further to our letter of 5th July 46, Ref. 1/AB.

1. Continuing conversation (Mr. PAVITT - Major HARRISON) yesterday it is understood that the treasury is concerned by the number of personnel which are required for transfer to British Embassy (3 E.O.'s, 5 B.O.M., 10 civilians).

2. Mr. Pavitt stated that a report had been sent to the Ministry explaining that either it will need this number to complete the work within the scheduled time or for a longer period with less staff.

3. Major Harrison explained that the increase of 10 civilians over the 20 originally estimated will reduce the work of the 100 Microfilm operators by nearly 30%, although owing to a great increase in the files arriving from various regions, the original estimate of 8 million will be nearer 10 million before everything is in.

4. It was agreed that the matter was difficult to explain in writing. Major Harrison suggested that either he or Capt. Gourdeux should - during the next fortnight - go to England and explain the Archives situation to the Historical Section of the F.O. in collaboration with Mr. Hilary Jenkinson.

5. At a discussion this morning, the Executive Commissioner stated that if it is the wish of the British Embassy that a British Archives Officer shall go to England to explain the situation, a letter through Polad (B) to him upon the matter would receive careful consideration.

H.M. Harrison
H.M. HARRISON *may*
MAJOR
O.I/c ARCHIVES BRANCH

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Ref. : W/AD

6 July 1946

My Dear Dr. De Gasperi,

Permission has been received from the Allied Chiefs of Staff for certain of the ARCHIVES of ALLIED COMMISSION to be eventually made available for reference by the Ministries of the Italian Government under the joint direction of the U.S. and British Embassies.

In view of the possibility of the present offices being vacated at some later date, a depository has been found in the premises recently vacated by the GERMAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE, Via Sardegna.

The building is considered ideal both in accessibility, security and in central position and the living accommodation it contains would preclude the necessity of applying guards for its protection.

Since the acquisition of the building requires a payment of rent, it is requested that steps be taken to procure a lease for say 10 years, in return for the access to and the free provision of expert staff for protecting and cataloguing these documents.

Yours Very Truly,

Wm. H. Starnes
WILLIAM H. STARNES
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Doctor Alcide De Gasperi,
Italian Government,
Rome.

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SACQUAINTANCE ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
ARCHIVES BRANCH

Ref :- *1/AD* 5 July 1946
SUBJECT :- Staff Archives 1946-1951
TO :- POLAD (A) POLAD (B)

In accordance with Executive Commissioner's instructions (para (2) of Archives Meeting July 1st, refers) careful consideration has been given to STAFF STUDY attached herewith.

The original total submitted was as shown on the attached list but the increase in the number of civilian is on account of the extra screening required by AFHQ to reduce Microfilm.

May I have your remarks please.

J.M.H.
~~N.P. HARRISON,~~
Major,
Chief Archives Officer.

Original Staff Study }
 in RED to Polads A/B } 25 June 1946

	Officers	ORA/MI	Civilians
Admin.	1 (B)	-	1
"F" SECTION	1 (A)	1	18
"R" SECTION	-	1	-
"S" SECTION		1	-
"M" SECTION	1(B) 1(A)	4 3	14
CAREER	1(A)	-	4
Total	5	6 4	37

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Number of staff estimated
 as being required for the
 continuance of "Preparation for
 Microfilming" when Embassies
 take over, from ALCOM
the Archives Branch
 25 June 1946

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref. 9265/30

July 1946

Minutes of Conference (Archives - Microfilm) held in the office of Executive Commissioner at 15.00 hrs on Monday July 1st.

PRESENT:

Brigadier Lush (Chairman)
Lt. Col. S.H. White
Maj. Reynolds
Mr. Wesley Jones
Mr. Pavitt
Lt. Col. Wilbe Jones
Major N.M. Harrison
Major Savill
Lieut. Murden
Maj. Reynolds deputized for

Ex. Commissioner
AG-5 AFHQ
AG Records AFHQ
Polad (A)
Polad (B)
Ex.O. (E)
Archives ALCOM
G 1 (B)
AG Records AFHQ
Microfilm Depot.

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Archives stated that at the informal talks this morning, it was accepted that as the number of documents NOT for access would be relatively small, these could be dealt with at the end of the ARCHIVES program, in probably eighteen months time.

It was agreed that to ODS should be informed accordingly.

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- Major Reynolds (AFRA) agreed that blocks of material should not be eliminated but that a list of such materials for elimination should be examined.

Cost of Screening.

Archives stated that the cost of Screening was necessarily lower than that of Microfilm since the staff was considerably less and no machine costs involved.

It was agreed that present set-up for Microfilm preparation should continue, AFRA agreeing to make periodical reports to COS upon those items deemed unnecessary to film.

C) Review of Microfilm.

It was agreed Microfilm would be forwarded periodically by the Sections concerned to Mr Dept. Washington and British Cabinet Office in accordance with instructions.

2. Transfer of Archives Staff to Embassies.

Ex.C. said this matter could now be discussed in some detail. Polad (A) stated that a suggested staff for archives had already been put forward to the Ministries but that up to now no reply had been received.

Ex.C. instructed Archives should now prepare a firm plan showing:

- (a) personnel required for the period before microfilming,
- (b) staff necessary during the period of cross indexing and cataloguing after microfilming and
- (c) the number of suggested personnel for librarian duties.

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Ex.C. (B) said that this was being borne in mind and suggested that a special case be placed before OZB for 5 clerks to be obtained for Archives until the end of the military period. Ex.C. agreed that this should be done.

RUK Files.

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The Meeting closed at 15.45 hrs.

N. H. Harrison
 N.H. HARRISON
 Major
 Archives Branch

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1 June 1946

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

PROVISION OF ORIGINAL RECORDS BY THE ALLIED COMMISSION
INVESTIGATION OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT

Report by the Combined Administrative Committee

THE PROBLEM

1. To draft a reply to a message (Appendix "A") from the Supreme Allied Command, Mediterranean (SACMED) submitting a plan for the disposition of the original records of the Allied Commission, Italy.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. See Appendix "A".

CONCLUSIONS

1. The records of SACMED for dissemination of the records of the Allied

Commission should be reviewed, subject to the following provisions:

a. Records of records should be reviewed by the Italian Government concerning
records which should be appraised at this time in order that transfer
of the records should be appraised in the Italian Government can be accomplished
in the future if deemed desirable.

b. Records of records should be held for a review to determine all
records which are available for dissemination of records of records
of records of records. No material, except those records, should be
destroyed without permission of the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

c. Records of the records should be furnished periodically to the

Report by the DeLiaison Administrative Committee

MEMORANDUM

1. To draft a reply to a message (appendix "a") from the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean (SACM) submitting a plan for the disposition of the original records of the Allied Commission, Italy.

SUBJECT MATTER: ITALY

2. See appendix "b".

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3. The contents of SACM's plan for disposition of the records of the Allied Commission should be reviewed, subject to the following:
 - a. Retention of records to which the Italian Government cannot be granted access should be accomplished at this time in order that transfer of the remaining archive to the Italian Government can be accomplished in the future if deemed desirable.
 - b. Contents of records should be held to a minimum to consist of:
 - summed and to extent possible transcription of material of administrative or historical value, the material, except for the above, should be destroyed without permission of the DeLiaison Staff.
 - c. Microfilm of the records should be forwarded periodically to the United States War Department (Attention: The Adjutant General) and to the British Cabinet Offices (Attention: Historical Section) for review to ensure adequate statistics of arrangement, indexing and film processing at present provided for similar combined records.

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4. SACEED is the only Agency capable of making the necessary arrangements for transfer of personnel, equipment, and the facilities to the United States and British Bahrains. The Commanding Officers of Staff should be kept informed of such arrangements.

COMMENT

5. That the message in Appendix "A" be dispatched to the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean.

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5. That the message in Appendix "A" be dispatched to the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean.

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APPENDIX "A"

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MESSAGE TO THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDING HEADQUARTERS

1. Recommendations contained in para. 214 J, MAP 1128 are approved subject to the following provisions:
 - a. In reducing the files to archive form the segregation of documents that under no circumstances can be shown to the Italian Government must be considered. This segregation would make it possible eventually to turn over the remaining archive to the possession of the Italian authorities if circumstances should so dictate.
 - b. Regarding screening of files, it is our impression that the major reduction will consist of elimination of duplicates, which is considered satisfactory as long as the cost of screening is not more than the saving in the cost of microfilming. If elimination of copies of material other than duplicates is proposed, an inventory of this material will be furnished to Combined Chiefs of Staff for review prior to elimination or destruction. Screening should be held to a minimum because of the difficulty of finding personnel skilled in archival techniques or with allied military government experience and because of limitations on number of persons who can be transferred to the Subarea at the end of the military period.
 - c. Microfilm will be forwarded periodically to the United States War Department (Attention: The Adjutant General) and to the British Cabinet Offices (Attention: Historical Section) for review to secure adequate standards of arrangement, indexing and file processing as at present

1. In regarding the files to archive from the segregation of documents that under no circumstances can be shown to the Italian Government must be considered. This segregation would make it possible eventually to turn over the remaining archive to the possession of the Italian authorities in circumstances which would be dictated.

2. Regarding purging of files, it is our impression that the major reduction will consist of elimination of duplicates, which is considered satisfactory as long as the cost of so doing is not more than the saving on the cost of microfilming. If elimination of copies of material other than duplicates is proposed, an inventory of this material will be furnished to Combined Chiefs of Staff for review prior to elimination or destruction. Personnel should be held to a minimum because of the difficulty of finding personnel skilled in archival techniques or with allied military government experience and because of limitations on number of personnel who can be transferred to the States at the end of the military period.

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4. You are authorized to make necessary arrangements with United States and British authorities for transfer of responsibility for the archive and for transfer of necessary personnel and equipment to complete the microfilm project at the end of the military period. You will keep the Combined Chiefs of Staff advised of arrangements made.

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APPENDIX #2

PLAN DRAWING ON THE FRONTIER

1. Present directives require that duplicate records of the type in question be duplicated, provided a suitable case for each government, and that the original records then be allocated to one government for final custody.

2. The records of the Allied Commission represent a special case, since they are the administrative files of a large part of the Government of Italy for an extended period. They must be retained in Italy for a period of years, and it is at least a possibility that a portion of the files may eventually be turned over to the Italian Government for custody. Certain material, to which the Italian Government should never be claimed access, would have to be withdrawn, if the basic archive were turned over to them for custody.

3. The objectives to be achieved by the disposition of these records are as follows:

- a. To maintain in Italy for the use of the United States and British War Reliefs an archive for current reference on the Government of Italy.
- b. To produce for the use of the United States and British Government a scientific copy of the archive for study of military government and as a record of administrative and fiscal procedures exercised in the occupation.

4. The achievement of these objectives is complicated by the fact that the present military headquarters and personnel will not remain in Italy long enough to complete the scientific project and to maintain and supervise the archive for the necessary period of use. The United States will

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- a. To maintain in Italy for the use of the United States and British Embassies an archive for current reference on the Government of Italy.
- b. To provide for the use of the United States and British Government a microfilm copy of the archive for needs of military operations and as a record of administrative and fiscal procedures concerned in the occupation.

4. The achievement of these objectives is complicated by the fact that the present military headquarters and personnel will not remain in Italy long enough to complete the microfilming project and to maintain and supervise the archive for the necessary period of use. The United States and British Embassies are vitally concerned in the retention and use of the archive.

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5. SACDWD recommended (JUN 1128, appendix VII) that these records be placed in a central depository in Rome, an initial share of the United States and British Embassies. The files screened to reduce the bulk and also microfilmed. It was estimated that 17 officers and 60 local civilians would be required as a staff. Upon being queried, SACDWD further stated (JUN 1128, appendix VII) that the Embassies were willing to assume responsibility for administration

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ing and supervising the archive. On the problem of microfilming, the Embassy were willing to assume responsibility for completing the unduplicated work at the end of the military period, provided that adequate classification requirements and staff were assigned at that time.

6. The United States Department of State (Mr. Lowell) stated that they were familiar with the personnel and task arrangements worked out by the United States Embassy in Rome which would be satisfactory. He recommended restrictions in the number of people involved, because of personnel stringencies. After conversations with the British representative (under memo, it appears that a similar attitude prevails as regards the British Embassy's personnel) arrangements arrived at by the Embassy will be workable, as long as strict economy in personnel is exercised.

7. The task of screening the records will require the services of highly skilled archivists or personnel familiar with the activities of the Allied Commission. It has been found by records administrators that screening of files to remove duplicates prior to microfilming is usually unworkable. Therefore, the major tasks involved with the archive will be the production of records which cannot be shown to the Italian Government and a survey to determine the classes of material which should not be retained as part of the archive. No blocks of material except duplicates should be destroyed without permission of the Debarred Chiefs of Staff.

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APPENDIX 207

From: SAC/DE
To: War Department
Info: C230 JHE
Ref: FE 66214

14 May 1946

Reur W 85805 dated 26th April 1946.

American and British Embassies are asked to assume responsibility for administering and supervising the central advisory for Allied Comandant's inquiries upon the abolition of Allied Comandant.

It is not intended to imply that the Embassies shall assume responsibility for maintaining but provided that adequate staffing apparatus and staff are assigned, they will have no objection to assuming responsibility for completing work uncompleted at the end of the advisory period.

End

CR-13-5278

(15 May 46)

14 May 1946

Dear W 05005 dated 25th April 1946.

American and British Brigades are willing to assume responsibility for administering and supervising the central cemetery for Allied Commission's records upon the abolition of Allied Commission.

It is not intended to imply that the American shall assume responsibility for maintaining but provided that adequate administrative apparatus and staff are assigned, they will have no objection to assuming responsibility for operating with facilities at the end of the military period.

End

CM-TH-1270

(15 May 46)

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Approved: [Signature]

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From: Allied Force Headquarters, Cassino Italy
To: Combined Chiefs of Staff
Ref: FX 64393 MAP 1108 8 April 1946

Reference: MAP 605 (Appendix B) to C.S.S. 701/5), MAP 630 (Reference
to C.S.S. 701/14), and MAP 1015 (Appendix B) to C.S.S. 701/5).

1. Subject is designation of original records of the Allied Commission.
After long discussions and detailed examination of the records of the
Allied Commission it is the considered opinion here that that should not
be treated in the same category as records of purely military nature. The
records are being currently used extensively by the U.S. and British historians.
It is our opinion that they must remain active for period of five or more
years for continued use by the historians, USSR, the Italian Government and
other authorized agencies. As records of an initial effort in Allied milit-
ary operations, they will be of permanent primary interest for historical
(general) and particularly social, political and economic fields rather
than of strictly military interest.

2. It is estimated that the records of the Allied Commission amount to
approximately one-half the total records of the Allied Area in the theater.
The files now containing approximately 5,000,000 pages cover a substantial
period of 15 months as reduced by more than a quarter when a survey of 17
officers and one and a half million pages. In connection with production
would be most important and in the records efforts.

78" to O.C.S. 7/1/50, and WAF 1615 (Appendix B) to O.C.S. 7/1/50.

1. Subject in disposition of original records of the Allied Commission. After long discussions and detailed examination of the records of the Allied Commission it is the considered opinion here that that should not be treated in the same category as records of purely military nature. The records are being currently used extensively by the U.S. and British Embassies. It is our opinion that they must remain active for period of five or more years for continued use by the Embassy, U.S.S.R., the Italian Government and other authorized agencies. In records of an initial effort in Allied Military Government, they will be of permanent primary interest for historical (purposes) and research in social, political and economic fields rather than of strictly military interest.

2. It is estimated that the records of the Allied Commission amount to approximately one-half the total records of the Allied files in the theater. The files are containing approximately 5,000,000 pages over a retention period of 16 months to be reduced by more than a quarter using a force of 17 officers and men and 20 local employees. No materials without reduction would be sent unprocessed and inside research offices.

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- 3. In view of the above it is recommended that:
 - A. The original documents on properly arranged archives be placed in a central depository and that materials copies be sent to the War Department and War Office.
 - B. Same be declassified on the location of the central depository.

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Appendix B

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C. The depository be in charge of a well staff under direct control of the U.S. and British Ambassadors.

D. The identification be undertaken as a separate project to commence when the reduction to archive form is under way and to continue, if necessary, after the end of the military period.

End

NOTE: MAP 1015 is 24-III-10357 (20 Jun 45).
RUE 630 is MAP 10357 (1 Dec 45).
RUE 605 is 01-071-11385 (31 Jul 45).

01-111-1779

(5 Apr 46)

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Appendix 13

End

NOTE: MAR 1015 is OI-L-18397 (20 Jan 45).
MAR 530 is OI-L-18397 (1 Dec 45).
MAR 605 is OI-L-18397 (21 Jul 45).

OS-138-1779 (2 APR 46)

OS 704/00

Executive Commissioner.

This morning, Microfilm Depot Caserta telephoned me to intercept letter from G-5 No. 500.24 which had been sent to Chief Commissioner and to ask that no action be taken as certain instructions on page 2. (para 3-4) are being revised jointly by A-Rec-ords and AG-5 and new directions issued under Brigdr. Hamblin's signature.

They would also like to call a conference (possibly on Saturday 29th June 5 when Maj. Reynolds returns from Greece) under your direction to revise their present directive (No:8) in connection with Archives Alcom. B

Before that conference, would you allow me a few moments informal discussion on para I (E) of FAN 572 and the question of Staff in Para 2 of G-5 letter. I should greatly appreciate your personal advice upon such matters as the probable future of the Archives (British) Staff, Home-leave for IO/BOR's etc. in order that I can prepare some sort of concrete statement on these points for your conference in the interim.

20. 6. 46

Tom Harrison
N.M. Harrison Major.

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Be seen to have seen the bundle at CCS

Let. Now we must see that A.C. can give us good direction. Please speak about (A H B) (C). The

Staff & clean question is one for G. B.

H.V. 20/6

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Meeting - 17. 1500 hrs. *H.V. 25/6*

Conference held July 1st. See File 2/AB *H.V.*

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direction. Please speak about (A) & (B) & (C) The

staff & leave question in case for G. B.

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Meeting - 17. 1500 hrs. MS/2576

Conference held July 1st. See File 2/AB
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 513

18 June 1946

G-5: 900.24

SUBJECT: Archives.

TO : Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
APO 794.

1. The following is the text of FAN 672:

"This is FAN 672.

1. Recommendations contained in paragraph 3, WAF 1128 are approved subject to the following provisions:

(A) In reducing the files to archive form the segregation of documents that under NO circumstances can be shown to the Italian Government must be considered. This segregation would make it possible eventually, to turn over the remaining archive to the possession of the Italian authorities if circumstances should so dictate.

(B) Regarding screening of files, it is our impression that the major reduction will consist of elimination of duplicates, which is considered satisfactory as long as the cost of screening is NOT more than the saving on the cost of microfilming. If elimination of blocks of material other than duplicates is proposed, an inventory of this material will be furnished to Combined Chiefs of Staff for review prior to elimination or destruction. Screening should be held to a minimum because of the difficulty of finding personnel skilled in archival techniques or with Allied Military Government experience and because of limitations on number of persons who can be transferred to the embassies at the end of the military period.

(C) Microfilm will be forwarded periodically to the UNITED STATES War Department (Attention: the Adjutant General) and to the British Cabinet Offices, (Attention: Historical Section) for review to assure adequate standards of arrangement, indexing and film processing as at present provided for other combined records.

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2. You are authorized to make necessary arrangements with UNITED STATES and British Embassies for transfer of responsibility for the archive and for transfer of necessary personnel and equipment to complete the microfilm project at the end of the military period. You will keep the Combined Chiefs of Staff advised of arrangements made. End of FAN 672.

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2. The instruction in paragraph 1 (B) as to the elimination of "blocks of material" will apply whenever any particular class or category of material is proposed to be destroyed. No inventory will be required of documents individually considered redundant. So long as you continue to retain personnel with archival and I&M experience your present procedure may continue, but, in compiling the degree of reduction, regard must be had not only to the skill and knowledge of the present staff but to the time that skilled staff will be available, the staff that the embassies may be prepared to take over, the question of time and the relative expense of screwing or filming.

3. You will please segregate those documents that it is considered should under NO circumstances be shown to the Italian Government. Segregation may be by individual documents or by files as may be appropriate. Subject to the over-riding requirement, for removal of documents which under NO circumstances should be so seen, the archives should be as complete and as intelligible as possible.

4. Documents segregated will be photographed in normal manner but specially stored. Instructions as to their disposal will be issued at a later date. Can you supply an estimate of any probable volume of such records.

5. Request you consult with the U.S. and British Embassies relative to the provisions of para 3 of FAK 672 and make pertinent recommendations in connection therewith.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:



A.L. HANSEN
Brigadier General, GSO
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

Copy to: AG (Records)
U.S. Polad
Brit Polad

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REVISED DRAFT CABLE

TO : AGWAR WASHINGTON
INFO : CINC MED

American and British Embassies are willing to assume responsibility for administering and supervising the central depository for ALCOM's records upon the abolition of ALCOM. It is not intended to imply that the Embassies shall assume responsibility for microfilming but with adequate microfilming apparatus and staff assigned they will have no objection to assuming responsibility for completing work unfinished at the end of the military period.

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File YAB
This copy has been approved
by POLADS (A) + (B)
today + final draft
sent to G-5 AFHQ
10-5/46
NNSK

Monsieur,

Je regrette que, l'autre jour, vous m'avez manqué. J'étais absent dans les camps des prisonniers de guerre britanniques. Mais maintenant rentré à Rome, je suis entièrement à votre disposition! De ma part, je voudrais bien traiter notre affaire avec vous, car les archéologues, comme on me dit, s'empressent de rétablir l'institut.

Veillez agréer, Monsieur, l'expression de mes sentiments très dévoués et chrétiens.

Giulio
Pastore

Rome, Via Toscana 7
16 mai 1946

Sir,

I am sorry we did not meet the other day. I was out in British PoW-Camps, but having returned to Rome I am now fully at your disposal. On my part, I would like very much to discuss the subject with you, as the archeologists are said to be anxious to reestablish the institute.

Yours sincerely

(signed)

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Rome,
Via Toscana 7

16 May 46.

Christine
Please type
translation 1/AB

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Monsieur le Commandant Harrison
Hôtel de Flora

Exp: Le Pasteur de l'Eglise Luthérienne
Via Toscana 7 Rome

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A P O 794
Office of the Executive Commissioner
ARCHIVES BRANCH

Ref :- 1/AB. 13 May 1946
SUBJECT:- Archives.
TO :- G-5 Section, AFHQ.

Reference your 900.24 P of 10 May
reply was despatched on 11th May by Courier.

For Executive Commissioner
N.M. Harrison
N.M. HARRISSON, ^{Major}
O i/o Major,
ARCHIVES BRANCH.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 900.24 P

10 May 1946

SUBJECT: Archives

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394

An early reply to this Headquarters letter G-5: 900.24 of
29 April 1946 is requested please.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

A. L. HARTEN
A. L. HARTEN
Brigadier General, GSC
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Office of the Executive Commissioner

ARCHIVES BRANCH

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Ref :- 1/AB.

10 May 1946

SUBJECT :- Care and Custody of A.G. Records.

TO :- G-5 AFHQ.

Reference your G-5 : 900.24 P.

After consultation with both Embassies, your proposed reply to signal W 85385 of 26 April from OCS has been slightly amended as Draft Cable herewith.

J. M. Harrison
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

REVISED DRAFT CASES

TO : AGUAR WASHINGTON
INFO : CHIS MSD

American and British Embassies are willing to assume responsibility for administering and supervising the central depository for ALOCM's records upon the abolition of ALOCM. It is not intended to imply that the Embassies shall assume responsibility for microfilming but with adequate microfilming apparatus and staff assigned they will have no objection to assuming responsibility for completing work unfinished at the end of the military period.

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- G-5
- AG BUREAU.

TO :- Executive Commissioner.

① At a meeting with Polads (A) and (B) today, the Draft Cable reply suggested by AG-5 has been amended, as by this it would appear that the Embassies are prepared to accept responsibility immediately the building and staff have been approved. Whereas they wish to only assume this when AICM closes down.

May I have your comment please PM Harrison
ARCHIVES Branch

2.5.46

Surely the A.C. Archives will not assume
 the form of "properly arranged archives" until
 long after A.C. has passed over, Discussed

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TO :- Executive Commissioner.

At a further meeting with Polads (A) and (B) last week, your minute 2/5 was discussed. After examining their original instructions under letter of 7 Aug 1945 from Mr. Angus MALCOLM to you (X), they have today agreed to the Revised Draft Cable (Y) omitting the allusion to "properly arranged Archives".

May I have your further comments, please.

PM Harrison
ARCHIVES Branch

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REVISED DRAFT CABLE

TO : AGWAR WASHINGTON
INFO : CINC MED

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Copy of statement of informal views of British Embassy. Received
9 Aug 45.

475/1/45.

- (1) The Allied Commission Archivist should see that each section's archives are brought up to a uniform level of indexing and general tidiness before the section is disbanded.
- (2) The Commission's archives should remain in Rome for the present as the British and American Embassies and the Italian Government will probably have to consult them now and then for the next few years.
- (3) The archives are, presumably, the property of the United Nations since the Allied Commission is an emanation of the Combined Chiefs of Staff who operate on the United Nation's behalf. In practice however it is for the British and American Governments to agree on their disposal, consulting such other Allied Government as they may think fit.
- (4) For two reasons it is probably necessary that the indexing and weeding out of the Commission's archives should be taken to a further point than can be reached by the Commission itself before its dissolution; viz:
 - (a) To facilitate reference to the archives for practical purposes during the next few years.
 - (b) to facilitate the work of the historians seeking to write the history of this first experiment in integrated government.
- (5) For these two reasons the British and American Governments ought to appoint a small joint commission to take charge of the Archives after the Allied Commission's demise. The personnel of this joint commission could be attached for administrative purposes to the British and American Embassies. Its size and length of its tenure would simply depend on the degree of perfection which the two Governments desired to reach in the arranging of the archives. At a hazard it is thought that ten men working for five years might do the job.
- (6) The archives should be kept in some suitable premises to be provided by the Italian Government. Suitable security arrangements would have to be made since the Commission's archives contain material which will be political dynamite for quite a few years to come. For the same reason the Italian Government's access to the archives should be jointly controlled by the judgement of the British and American Ambassadors. It will probably be necessary that the premises where they are stored should be given extra-territorial status unless there is room to house them in the British and/or American Embassies.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 900.24 P

30 April 1946

SUBJECT: Archives.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

Attached are copies of a signal received from GCS
on the subject of Archives and of the proposed reply upon
which your comments are requested after consultation with
both Embassies.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

A. L. Hamblen

A. L. HAMBLEN
Brigadier General, GCS
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

Encls: as above.
(Cable W 85885 of 25 April '46)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 900.24 P

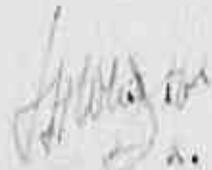
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Brigadier General, GCS
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

Encls: as above,
(Cable W 85885 of 28 April '46)

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AFHQ MESSAGE CENTER
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FROM: AGWAR SIGNED WARHIS
TO : AFHQ

REF NO THIS MESSAGE: W 85885 26 April 1946.

For SACMED.

Reference your radio NAF 1128.

Can your message be interpreted to imply that American and British Embassies have concurred in assumption of responsibility for the archive and for microfilming project ?

NOTE: NAF 1128 is FX 64393 MC OUT 338 8/4/46 G-5.
Has been relayed to CINC MED.

ACTION: G-5

INFORMATION: SACS C/S MTO US POLAD BRIT POLAD AG
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MC IN 3407 27 April 46 PARAPHRASE UNNECESSARY 1016B Ref No W 85885 wa/11
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DRAFT CABLE

TO : ADMAR WASHINGTON

INFO : CINC MED

American and British Embassies are willing to assume responsibility for administering and supervising the central depository for ALCOM's records on the assumption that a suitable building and staff will be provided. It was not intended to imply that they should assume responsibility for microfilming but ^{with adequate} ~~if~~ microfilming apparatus and staff ^{assigned} ~~be made available~~ they would have no objection to assuming responsibility for completing work unfinished at the end of the military period.

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Message Centre No: H/1803
Date Time Recd: APR 091000
Precedence: ROUTINE
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REF I 605 F 630 AND NAF 1015. THIS IS NAF 1126.

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1. SUBJECT IS DISPOSITION OF ORIGINAL RECORDS OF THE ALLIED COMMISSION. AFTER LONG DISCUSSION AND DETAILED EXAMINATION OF THE RECORDS OF THE ALLIED COMMISSION IT IS THE CONSIDERED OPINION HERE THAT THIS SHOULD NOT BE DELETED IN THE SAME CATEGORY AS RECORDS OF PURELY MILITARY NATURE. THE RECORDS ARE BEING CURRENTLY USED EXTENSIVELY BY THE U.S. AND BRITISH EMBASSIES. IT IS OUR OPINION THAT THEY MUST REMAIN ACTIVE FOR PERIOD OF FIVE OR MORE YEARS FOR CONTINUED USE BY THE EMBASSIES UNDER THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AND OTHER AUTHORIZED AGENCIES. AS RECORDS OF AN INITIAL EFFORT IN ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT THEY WILL BE OF PERMANENT PRIMARY INTEREST FOR HISTORICAL AND RESEARCH IN SOCIAL POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC FIELD RATHER THAN OF STRICTLY MILITARY INTEREST.

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 - B. RULES BE DRAFTED AS THE LOCATION OF THE CENTRAL DEPOSITORY.
 - C. THE DEPOSITORY BE IN CHARGE OF A BRITISH STAFF UNDER JOINT CONTROL OF THE U.S. AND

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Date/Time of Origin: APR 08 1946

Date Time Rec'd APR 09 1946

ADQUA/LE Precedence ROUTINE

9 APR 1946

FROM: FREEDOM SIGNALS SACRED

TO: ACTION ACPHAR WASHINGTON FOR COS

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TO ARCHIVE FUND IS UNDER WAY AND TO CONTINUE IF NECESSARY AFTER THE END OF THE MILITARY PERIOD.

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TO: DIRECTOR, NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY
FROM: [Redacted]

COLLECTING
HANDLING UNITED COMMERCIAL

INCOMING MESSAGE

DATE: [Redacted]
TIME: [Redacted]

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Acting Chief Commissioner.

Further to Min. 1 of 30/3/46, since the acquisition and moving of Archives to new premises may take some months, both in negotiating and the fitting of shelving etc., is it considered too premature to commence making tentative enquiries for suitable accommodation?

If action is approved is it a matter for discussion with the American and British POLADs, please?

M.M. Harrison

M.M. Harrison Major
Archives Branch

8-April 1946.

Immediate action should be taken in consultation with POLADs.

M.S.L. 9 - 4 - 46

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Archives Branch.

8-April 1946.

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M.S.I. 9 - 4 - 46

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Executive Commissioner.

Thank you for the ruling and I will certainly go into this during the interim period. The conditions of reduction as outlined in AFSA Circulars Nos. 8-9 cannot apply but some information from the Archive authorities would be most useful.

I have appended the acknowledgement for Lt. Col. White herewith for your signature,

M. Harrison
M. M. Harrison, Major,
Archives Branch.

16-3-46

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Executive Commissioner. 8.

Herewith is STAFF STUDY from G 5 received this morning from your Office. I have a duplicate copy which however does not carry Lt. Col. JACKMAN's Concurrence on their letter of 05 (20 March) which is an important item.

Will you please confirm that copies should be forwarded under covering letter to POLAD (A) and (B) for Embassies agreement to (2) and (3) of G-5 313.3 -1.

28/3/46

M. Harrison
M. M. Harrison, Major,
Archives Branch.

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In order to save time please see Phase

to obtain their early concurrence

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Executive Commissioner

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I have seen both Polad (A) & (B) and they are communicating with their respective Departments and will inform ~~us~~ immediately an answer is received. A copy of the Staff Study is with Mr. Deby Jones

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M.M. Harrison, Major
Archives Branch.

28/3/46

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Executive Commissioner

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29/3/46

M. (8/3)

Executive Commissioner

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G 5 have telephoned asking for review of the Staff Letter. I have contacted Polad (A) & (B) who agree to the course proposed in para 2 of G5:313.3-1. Will you please initial your concurrence.

Concurred M.H. (2/4)

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner
ARCHIVES BRANCH

2/a

2 May, 1946

REF. 1- 1/AF
SUBJECT 1- Care and custody of AC Records.
TO 1- Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.

Reference your DER/12/AM of 8 April 1946.

1. It has been ruled by AFHQ that Art. III (1) of SACRED/UNRRA agreement relates only to non-Italian displaced persons, and that all other documents will be dealt with strictly in accordance with my Exec.Memo. 7 of 5 January 1946.

2. The policy laid down under para 8 of that Memo will therefore continue, UNRRA undertaking to return all AIDGM papers in due course.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner
ARCHIVES BRANCH

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Ref :- 1/AB.

12 April 1946

SUBJECT:- Care and custody of A.C. Records.

TO :- G- (5) A P H Q

1. Reference copy of DPR/12/ADM of 8th April 1946 enclosed herewith, in order that the conditions of ALCOM's Memorandum No.7 may be maintained, it is requested that an additional clause be added to Para. 1 Article III of SACMED/UNRRA agreement as follows:-

" Any documents relating to ALCOM shall be deemed the property of Allied Commission and shall be returned to Archives ALCOM when no longer required by UNRRA in accordance with the Memorandum No.7 issued by that Commission."

2. Copy of Memorandum No.7 enclosed for reference.

M S LUSH

Brigadier.
Acting Chief Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB-COMMISSION

DPR/12/ADM

Tel. 489081 Ext. 414

8 April 1946

SUBJECT : Archives - Care and custody of A.C. Records.
TO : Archives Branch, A.C. —

1. In connection with the hand-over to UNRRA of D.P.R.S.C. functions your attention is drawn to a serious conflict in the instructions issued in your memorandum No. 7 and the provisions of the SACMED/UNRRA agreement now awaiting approval of the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

2. The relevant portion of the a/q agreement is quoted below :-

Article III - Transfer of property

Para 1. " The transfer of Camps and other installations by SACMED to UNRRA includes all movable and immovable property, including premises, stores and supplies, vehicles and other equipment surplus to military requirements as UNRRA, in its opinion requires. Military records, classified or otherwise, pertaining to non-Italian displaced persons in Italy, are transferred to UNRRA. Such records, including necessary enquiry and statistical services, will be maintained by UNRRA after the transfer. Moreover, UNRRA will be kept informed and given access to subsequent military documents, directives and information, including classified material, which are relevant to the responsibility assumed by UNRRA."

3. Please inform this Sub-Commission what action is proposed.

For the Director:

B. Woodcock

B. WOODCOCK
Major,
O. i/c ADM.

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To Acting Chief Commissioner.

Reference D.F. and R. S/C letter of 9 April 1946, there does not appear any "serious conflict" between Executive Memorandum No. 7 and the SACRED Agreement, as any allusion to records in para 2 refers to Military documents and not A.C. Archives. UNHRA hold some 2000 Case Files on loan at present.

Suggested reply in enclosed for your signature.

J.M. Harrison
W.M. HARRISON,
Major,
Archivist.

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But in so far as the A.C. - Murra agreement is concerned A.C. documents are military documents (as opposed to Murra & civil documents). There is a conflict due to lack of freedom of which relates in drawing up the agreement. It would better submit the case to A.C. & advise to ensure that Murra should hand back the documents

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AFM Harrison Major
Maj. HARRISON,
Major,
Archivist.

But in so far as the AFHQ - Harris agreement
is concerned A.C. documents are military
documents (as opposed to Harris - credit
documents). There is a conflict due to
lack of definition of credits values in
drawing up the agreement. We had better
submit the case to AFHQ & advise to believe
that Harris should hand back the documents
to A.C. in due course - i.e. extend the 3
month period of loan.

MS (10/4)

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Acting Chief Commissioner.
Suggests draft to G.S. AFHQ is attached
AFM Harrison
Major

11. 4. 46

7 June 1946

LC's file 1946 volume. Copy to go to Major SL

Signature. Copy reply is enclosed for your

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To Executive Commissioner.

Herewith reply from G-5 re the UNORA agreement. Will you please approve the enclosed draft to be sent to D.P. S/C under your signature.

Issue Mr [unclear]

N.M. Harrison
N.M. HARRISSON,
Major. *Archives Branch*

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB-COMMISSION

DPR/12/ADM

8 April 1946

SUBJECT : Archives - Care and custody of A.C. Records.

TO : Archives Branch, A.C.

1. In connection with the hand-over to UNRRA of D.P.R.S.C. functions your attention is drawn to a serious conflict in the instructions issued in your memorandum No. 7 and the provisions of the SACHED/UNRRA agreement now awaiting approval of the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

2. The relevant portion of the a/q agreement is quoted below :-

Article III - Transfer of property

Para 1. " The transfer of Camps and other installations by SACHED to UNRRA includes all moveable and immovable property, including premises, stores, and supplies, vehicles and other equipment surplus to military requirements as UNRRA, in its opinion requires. Military records, classified or otherwise, pertaining to non-Italian displaced persons in Italy, are transferred to UNRRA; Such records, including necessary enquiry and statistical services, will be maintained by UNRRA after the transfer. Moreover; UNRRA will be kept informed and given access to subsequent military documents, directives and information, including classified material, which are relevant to the responsibility assumed by UNRRA"

3. Please inform this Sub-Commission what action is proposed.

For the Director:

B. WOODCOCK
Major,
C. I/C ADM.

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3. Please inform this Sub-Commission what action is proposed.

For the Director:

B. WOODCOCK
Major,
O. I/C ADM.

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Archives Box
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 900.24 R

27 April 1946

SUBJECT: Care and custody of AC Records.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

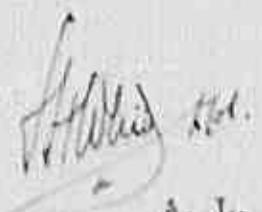
Reference your 1/AB of 12 April 1946.

1. It is not considered that any amendment to the UNRRA agreement is necessary to safeguard Alcom's Archives. Art III (1) refers only to Records relating to non-Italian displaced persons and this expression does not include documents relating to Alcom which you ask should be expressly excluded.

2. The signing of the agreement would be at least delayed if a proposal was made to change the wording and the agreement might even be jeopardised.

3. There is no objection to your instructing all A.C. personnel that Art III (1) refers only to documents relating to non-Italian displaced persons and that all other documents will be dealt with strictly in accordance with your Exec Memo 7 of 5 January and that if UNRRA desires the use of any other papers they can only be lent on UNRRA's undertaking to return them in accordance with para 8 of that Memo.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:



A. L. HAMBLEY
Brigadier General, GSC
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner
ARCHIVES BRANCH

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Ref :- 1/AB. 15 April 1946
SUBJECT :- Archives - Care and custody of A.C. Records.
TO :- Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.

Reference DPR/12/ADM of 8 April 1946.

1. Your letter of above date is acknowledged and the matter is being raised with AFHQ for a ruling that in due course disposition of all such documents shall be with Archives, Allied Commission.

M. Harrison
for & on behalf of
Executive Commissioner

M.M. HARRISON,
Major,
Archivist.

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Ref : 1/ AB
SUBJECT : Care and custody of A.C.Records.
To : G-(5) A F H Q

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2. Copy of Memorandum No.7 is enclosed for reference.

MSL
Acting Chief Commissioner

Major Hanson,
Archives Branch.

I am seeking the
views of the Foreign Office
on the point raised
at flag A in the draft
cable - will communicate
with you again.

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[Signature]
M. Ad (for)

State Dept. agrees
with (B) & (C) at flag A.
Laps. 9- *[Signature]*
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M. Ad (for)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 313.3-1

27 March 1946

SUBJECT: Aloom Archives

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
(Attn: Archives Branch for Major Harrison)
APO 394

Copy of the Staff Study herewith as requested.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

[Handwritten signature]

A. L. HAMLEN
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

Encls:
G-5 ltr dtd 21 Mar,
G-5 Staff Study dtd 20 Mar,
Draft cable

*Original mislaid
by ExCom office
& since found
Now filed with
ExCom*

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 313.3-1

21 March 1946

SUBJECT: Archives.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

1. Enclosed is a Staff Study for your concurrence.
2. You will note that para 3 c. of the draft signal proposes that the Archives should ultimately come under the joint administrative control of the two Embassies. Before concurring you will please satisfy yourself that the Embassies have no objection to the course proposed.
3. You may consider it desirable to ask the Embassies to communicate respectively with the State Department and the Foreign Office so that these departments may be prepared when the CCS refers the matter to them.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

A. I. HAMBLEY
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

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as above.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

20 March 1946

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SUBJECT: ALCOM's Archives

TO : Chief of Staff

I. Discussion

1. Normally military records of a campaign are filed in the Archives of the Government concerned but in the case of an integrated Headquarters the records do not belong to either nation separately. To meet this difficulty it was proposed that records of integrated formations of this Theater should be microfilmed in duplicate one copy to go to U.S. Records and one to British Records. This Headquarters proposals were contained in MAP 1015 (TAB A) which was approved by FAM 605 (TAB B). Instructions as to the disposal of the original copies of the records were contained in FAM 630 (TAB C) but this signal did not deal with ALCOM's records, which constitute a special problem.

2. ALCOM's records while produced under military auspices and in connection with military operations are in essence records of civil government. They will be required for reference in Italy for at least five and possibly ten years by the British and U.S. Embassies, the Italian Government, UNRRA and others. A substantial part is already in extensive use by both Embassies.

3. The records will be required for research not only in connection with current problems; but, in the future, more reference is likely to be made to them in connection with social, political and economic matters than on purely military questions. They should be located in a depository where they will be conveniently accessible for these purposes.

4. ALCOM's records in bulk almost equal in volume the aggregate of all the records of the whole of the theater and it is proper that they should receive special treatment if that is otherwise merited.

II Action Recommended

1. That a MAP signal as at TAB B be despatched to the C.C.S.

III Concurrences

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ALSCM _____

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A. L. HAMBLEY
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

Incls:
Tabs as above

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THIS IS NAF _____

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Reference FAN 605, FAN 630 and NAF 1015.

1. Subject is disposition of original records of the Allied Commission. After long discussions and detailed examination of the records of the Allied Commission it is the considered opinion here that they should not be treated in the same category as records of purely military nature. The records are being currently used extensively by the U.S. and British Embassies. It is our opinion that they must remain active for period of five or more years for continued use by the Embassies, UNRRA, the Italian Government and other authorized agencies. As records of an initial effort in Allied military government they will be of permanent primary interest for historical and research in social, political and economic field rather than of strictly military interest.

2. It is estimated that the records of the Allied Commission amount to approximately one half the total records of the Allied files in the theater. The files now containing approximately eight million papers can over a reduction period of sixteen months be reduced by more than a quarter using a force of seventeen officers and men and twenty local employees. To microfilm without reduction would be most uneconomical and impede research efforts.

3. In view of the above it is recommended that:

- a. The original documents as properly arranged archives be placed in a central depository and that microfilm copies be sent to the

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War Department and War Office.

- b. Rome be designated as the location of the central depository.
- c. The depository be in charge of a small staff under joint control of the U.S. and British Embassies.
- d. The microfilming be undertaken as a separate project to commence when the reduction to archive form is under way and to continue, if necessary, after the end of the military period.

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G-5 Section
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G-5: 313.3-1

21 March 1946

SUBJECT: Archives.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
APO 394.

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BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

A. L. HAMBLEN
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

1 Encl:
As above.

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of 30A for
staff study

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
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II. Action Recommended

1. That a NAF signal as at TAB D be despatched to the C.C.S.

III. Concurrences

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"R.H.J."

(Initial)

"M.E.C."

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III. Concurrences

AG " R.H.J " (initial)
ALCOM " M.E.C " (initial)

A.L. HAMBLER
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

Incls: Tabs as above

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THIS IS MAP _____

Reference PAN 605, PAN 630 and MAP 1015.

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3. In view of the above it is recommended that:
 - (a) The original documents as properly arranged archives be placed in a central depository and that microfilm copies be sent to the War Department and War Office.
 - (b) Same be designated as the location of the central depository.
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- (d) The microfilming be undertaken as a separate project to commence when the reduction to archive form is under way and to continue, if necessary, after the end of the military period.

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Lt. Colonel. S.H. White,
G-5 Section,
A.P.H.C.
C.H.F.

G-5: 913.317

8 March 1946.

Dear *Jarrison*

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Herewith is the draft MAT air letter on Archives; you will appreciate that it has not yet been approved and may come out of the mill in some quite different form so we are not asking your comments yet. Will you please show it to Brigadier Lush.

Yours sincerely

Handwritten signature
Type writer copy is attached
Original of this sent to
Brig. Lush with a copy
of this P.O. today
11/3/46 *mmh*

Major M.W. Harrison,
Headquarters, Allied Commission,
ITALY.

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- 1. Subject is disposal of Allied Commission records.
- 2. Reference is made to our MAF 1015 and your PAN 605.
- 3. It is considered that Allied Commission records require different treatment to those of purely military organizations for the following reasons :

- (a) They are in essence record of civil government.
- (b) They will be required in Italy for at least five and possibly ten years for reference by British and U.S. Embassies and by Italian Government in connection with current work. Already over ten thousand Allied Commission files are in use by Embassies for essential reference.
- (c) As records of unique experiment in military Government they will be of permanent interest for historical and research purposes in social, political and economic rather than strictly military fields.

4. Your PAN 630 gives no specific instructions on the ultimate disposal of Allied Commission records. The following recommendations are therefore made :

- (a) That original documents in the form of properly arranged archives be placed in a central depository and that microfilm copies be sent to War Office and War Department as and when made. It is suggested that Rome would be convenient place for central depository which could be managed by a small staff under joint control of British and U.S. Embassies. At a later date depository could be opened to the public under suitable conditions.

- (b) That a microfilming unit be attached to Allied Commission or to whatever body ultimately assumes control of the records to carry out filming concurrently with the reduction of files to archive form. Allied Commission records amount to approximately half the total for the whole

ten years for reference by British and U.S. Embassies and by Italian Government in connection with current work. Already over ten thousand Allied Commission files are in use by Embassies for essential reference.

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(b) That a microfilming unit be attached to Allied Commission or to whatever body ultimately assumes control of the records to carry out filming concurrently with the reduction of files to archive form. Allied Commission records amount to approximately half the total for the whole theatre and are estimated to contain about 8 million papers which, on reduction by archivists, will probably be reduced by half. Process of reduction estimated to require 16 months. If microfilmed now before reduction to archive form microfilm will bear little relation to final form of archives and might be source of confusion and error.

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5. Clerical Staff required is estimated to be :

- (a) For reduction to archive form :
 - i. For first 16 months (400 working days):
 - 7 Officers 10 Enlisted Men 20 Italians
- (b) For subsequent work of indexing and cross indexing :
 - 3 Officers 4 Enlisted Men 8 Italians for three years
- (c) Thereafter custodian and two assistants.

6. Estimated requirements for filming 4 million documents in 200 working days is :

- (a) Staff required would be :

7. The microfilm unit employed on photographing other theatre record is expected to complete that work by 30 September. It's equipment is suitable and sufficient to complete microfilming by 16 months from now starting after conclusion of other theatre record.

8. Request :

- (a) Approval of the above proposals and the present retention of ALCON records in Rome.
- (b) That arrangements may be made for the provision of suitable equipment and for the provision of staff including provision of staff after the military phase ~~ix~~ has ended.
- (c) Decision as to ultimate permanent location of the records.
- (d) That the Italian Government be asked to provide accommodations free for the period the records are in Rome, permanently if that be the decision.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 594
ECONOMIC SECTION

Ref. : ES 1.08

CH/La

23 February 1946

SUBJECT : Filing Procedures

TO : Supply Group
Food & Agriculture Sub-Commission
Industry & Utilities Sub-Commission
Transportation & Shipping Sub-Commission

1. Further to previous oral instructions, each Sub-Commission or Branch whose work will eventually be carried out by UNRRA is requested to start and maintain parallel files on UNRRA matters and on joint UNRRA/AC matters handled by the Sub-Commission or Branch.

2. No specific instructions are considered necessary as to the method by which this will be accomplished since the Sub-Commissions and Branches are free to use their previous system subject to the provisions of para 3. However, for your guidance, the solution used by Economic Section has been to use registry books for the Bureau of Requirements and Distribution identical with those used by the Economic Section; to use the same system of file references, substituting "ED" for "ES"; and to cross-reference policy correspondence or combined AC/UNRRA correspondence so that copies of extracts thereof may be found in both sets of files.

3. It is desired that, whatever system of filing classification is adopted in each Sub-Commission/Sub-Bureau, an identifying symbol be used as integral part of the file reference, as follows :

- ED/ - Bureau of Requirements & Distribution
- SUP/ - Sub-Bureau of Supply Operations
- RESUP/ - Sub-Bureau of Relief Supply
- REHAB/ - Sub-Bureau of Industrial Rehabilitation.

The symbol will be inserted according to the assignment of the originator of a particular communication; for example, the Director of Ports & Shipping Division will prepare UNRRA letters under the "SUP/" file symbol, whether for his own signature or for that of any higher official.

4. It is the intention of this Section, under the provisions of para 8, Executive Memorandum No.7, reference 1/AB, Office of the Executive Commissioner, dated 5 January 1946, to accomplish a borrowing of files of units being turned for transfer to UNRRA. Consequently, it is the responsibility of the heads of these units to prepare now for the forthcoming transfer of files. It will be necessary to sort out immediately those files which will clearly not be required in the UNRRA operations. The balance should be carefully screened in order to determine whether they will be needed in toto for several months or whether a few documents can be abstracted or borrowed.

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- REHAB/ - Sub-Bureau of Industrial Rehabilitation.

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4. It is the intention of this Section, under the provisions of para 8, Executive Memorandum No. 7, reference 1/AB, Office of the Executive Commissioner, dated 5 January 1946, to accomplish a borrowing of files of units being formed for transfer to UNRRA. Consequently, it is the responsibility of the heads of these units to prepare now for the forthcoming transfer of files. It will be necessary to sort out immediately those files which will clearly not be required in the UNRRA operations. The balance should be carefully screened in order to determine whether they will be needed in toto for several months or whether a few documents can be abstracted or borrowed.

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