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ALLIED FORCE RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

Minutes of Records Administration Conference
Held at Allied Force Microfilming and Records Depot, Rome, Italy
4 November 1946

The conference had been called by the Allied Force Records Administrator to consider certain basic problems in connection with the transfer to the United States and British Embassies, at the end of the military period, of responsibility for Allied Commission Archives, and of necessary personnel and equipment to complete the microfilming of ALCOM and other combined British-American records

The persons named below were present:

REPRESENTING ALLIED FORCE RECORDS ADMINISTRATION:

Lt. Col. R.H. Jackman, Allied Force Records Administrator. (A)
Major R.V. Russell (B)
Lieutenant Ken Munden (A)
Dr. Dwight E. Wilson (A)

REPRESENTING G 5, AFHQ:

Major A.D. Trounson (B)

REPRESENTING BRITISH AND UNITED STATES EMBASSIES:

Mr. H.A. Henkey, POLAD (B)
Mr. Joseph W. Greene Jr., POLAD (A)
Colonel J.M. Willoms, Military Attache, U.S. Embassy
Mr. La Vista, U.S. State Department

REPRESENTING ALLIED COMMISSION:

Brigadier W. Carr (B), Executive Commissioner, ALCOM
Major Donald M. Chapman, Sr. (A)
Captain L.G. Canning (B)

REPRESENTING ALLIED FORCE MICROFILMING AND RECORDS DEPOT:

Captain John G. Lee (A)
Captain W.G. Lewis (B)

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COLONEL JACKMAN opened the proceedings by reviewing the history of Allied Force Records Administration, which is charged with the responsibility of:

- (1) Assembling all combined British-American records created in the theatre.
- (2) Reproducing such records by means of microphotography.
- (3) Maintaining such records, after microfilming, to ensure availability for answering enquiries pertaining thereto.
- (4) Transferring such records, at the proper time, to designated agencies of the governments of the United Kingdom or the United States, in accordance with the directives of the Combined Chiefs of Staff

These responsibilities, COLONEL JACKMAN pointed out, include, but are not confined to, Allied Commission Archives.

It was recalled that on the basis of proposals submitted in HAF 1128 by Allied Force Headquarters to the Combined Chiefs of Staff, the latter, in FAN 672, had authorized the Supreme Allied Commander to make necessary arrangements with the British and American Embassies in Rome for the transfer to the Embassies, at the end of the military period, of responsibility for Allied Commission Archives, and for transfer of necessary personnel and equipment to complete the microfilming project. In so far as the microfilming project is concerned, Allied Force Microfilming and Records Depot could not be transferred to the control of the Embassies unless provisions are made for the completion of its commitments, other than those pertaining to Allied Commission Archives, after the transfer takes place.

COLONEL JACKMAN at this point referred to AGWAR Cable W 34414, dated 31 October 1946, to CONGENMED, which is quoted as follows:

"Disposition ALCOM archives refer FAI 672 is subject.

"1. State advises that while it concurs in proposal to transfer ALCOM archives to joint custody of US and UK Embassies at ROME, it can NOT provide personnel for arrangement and microfilming of documents and incidental custody during completion this work. State assumes that US military personnel and equipment now utilized in this work under direction ALCOM will continue in some capacity after dissolution ALCOM until completion.

"2. CCS authorize SACMED to arrange transfer responsibility for archives and of necessary personnel and equipment to complete microfilming to US and UK Embassies at end of military period.

"3. Present plan for transfer residual ALCOM functions contemplates that maintenance and disposition of ALCOM will be responsibility of G-3, AFHQ.

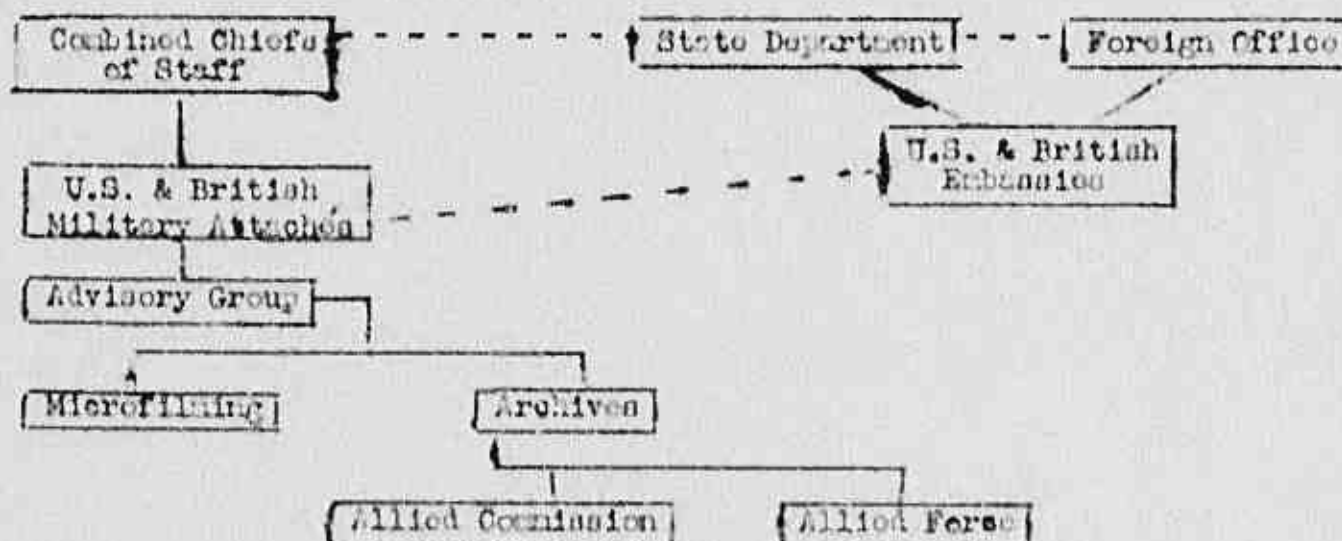
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"4. War plans reply to state referring to FAN 672 and giving assurance that US personnel and equipment now utilized in arranging and microfilming archives will continue to be employed on project until completion.

"5. Your comments requested together with views regarding appropriate administration provisions which should be made to maintain such personnel after dissolution ALCOM and approximate time to complete project for use on a basis for reply."

It was stated by COLONEL JACKMAN that reply could not be made to this cable until agreement had been reached among the present conferees on the question of the future of Allied Force Records Administration itself and the Allied Force Microfilming and Records Depot. At this point a simple chart was produced to show AFRA's conception of the organization that would be placed under the control of the two Embassies at the end of the military period. This chart is reproduced below:



It was emphasized by COLONEL JACKMAN that a completely self-sufficient organization, under this plan, would be transferred to the Embassies at the proper time, and that the respective military attachés would not need to be concerned about administrative and technical details. The military character of the records (other than those of Allied Commission), and the fact that Allied Commission records (although generally non-military in content) are the creation of a military establishment, constitute a strong argument for the establishment of direct contact between the military attachés and the Combined Chiefs of Staff, on all aspects of this program.

BRIGADIER CARR raised a question on the expectation of life of Combined Chiefs of Staff, and COLONEL JACKMAN indicated that they are a permanent body as far as is known at the moment. MR. GREENE and MR. HANLEY both confirmed the fact that the military attaché is a member of the Ambassador's diplomatic staff,

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in either case, but indicated that there would be no objection to direct contact with Combined Chiefs of Staff as had been proposed.

LIEUTENANT MUNDEN commented on the proposed organization, mentioning that it had received the informal sanction of G-5, AFHQ, and of the British and American political advisers at AFHQ. It had been agreed by all these that provisions should be made to complete the work of Allied Force Records Administration following the end of the military period. The Advisory Group (referring to the chart) would take over, at the proper time, all undischarged responsibilities, and would carry on AFRA's present functions. The microfilming unit would continue the present work of Allied Force Microfilming and Records Depot, minus its custodial or archival functions, which would be combined with corresponding functions of Allied Commission to form the Archives Unit.

LIEUTENANT MUNDEN also stated that the organization, once it passed to the control of the Embassies, would complete the filming and proper disposition of such AFHQ and other combined records as cannot be released for microfilming until the end of the military period. MR. HANKEY asked how long it would take to complete the microfilming of the combined records (including those of Allied Commission) after the end of the military period, and COLONEL JACKMAN stated that with the present equipment 2 1/2 years would be required to complete the filming of Allied Commission records alone, and that from 6 to 8 months would be required to complete the filming of the other combined records. CAPTAIN LEE commented, and CAPTAIN LEWIS confirmed, that practically no AFHQ records for the years 1945 and 1946 have been filmed. LIEUTENANT MUNDEN added that other large groups of combined records are yet to be accessioned, such as those of 13 Corps, Rome Area Allied Command, and Allied Screening Commission.

Referring to the proposed organizational chart, MR. HANKEY stated that the British Embassy would not have a military attaché until the Peace Treaty with Italy is signed, but COLONEL JACKMAN repeated that the proposed organization would not become effective until the end of the military period. However, AFRA's contention was that the success of the programme as proposed would rest on the existence of military attaché offices in the two Embassies. MAJOR KUSHEML stated that he felt strongly that matters affecting these combined records should be kept in military channels, and that the British and American military attachés should be able to go to the Combined Chiefs of Staff without going through diplomatic channels. COLONEL WILLIAMS then stated that he considered that the organization could not be set up in any other way. He considered that in the United States Embassy there would be no difficulties in the matter of channels of communication, but added that he hoped that the whole project would come to the embassies as an organization already complete and self-sufficient. COLONEL JACKMAN agreed that the organization should be complete in respect to qualified and experienced personnel, supplies, equipment and funds when it goes to the Embassies.

MR. HANKEY gave his opinion that the British Ambassador would have no objections if a member of his staff (the military attaché) should be directly responsible to the Combined Chiefs of Staff, in so far as this project is concerned;

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and MR. GREENE stated that he did not foresee any difficulties in that connection on the part of the American Embassy. COLONEL JACKMAN suggested that the whole picture would be clarified if the Combined Chiefs of Staff would delegate the proper authority to the military attachés, and COLONEL WILLIAMS assented to this view.

LIEUTENANT MUNDEN now referred to the agenda and suggested that an agreement be reached at this point to the most important matter under consideration. This could be most simply expressed as follows: SAC has been authorized, by FAN 672, to make the necessary arrangements with United States and British Embassies for transfer of responsibility for Allied Commission Archives and for transfer of necessary personnel and equipment to complete the microfilm project at the end of the military period. It now remains to secure authorization from the Combined Chiefs of Staff to transfer to the Embassies, at the end of the military period, all other undischarged responsibilities pertaining to records of a combined British-American character.

MAJOR TROUNSON then commented that the object of the proposal, then, would be to sell the Embassies something not previously contemplated, but COLONEL JACKMAN stated that on the contrary it was proposed to set up a completely self-sufficient organization that would relieve the Embassies of administrative and technical details. LIEUTENANT MUNDEN added that it might be said that the idea is not as new as it appears to be; that AFRA had always recognized the fact that the microfilming depot must complete all its commitments; and that the present discussion seemed to indicate that both the British and American Embassies have assumed that they might be called on to take over the whole programme along lines now proposed. Few, if any, additional personnel would be required to handle all the work, as now proposed, and in any event the present technical equipment plus the equipment now being requisitioned, would be sufficient to see the whole project through. COLONEL JACKMAN confirmed this statement, and added that AFRA is now making an estimate of supplies and equipment and spare parts to run this programme for its entire life.

COLONEL JACKMAN at this point asked whether the conference would endorse the proposal, to be submitted by SAC to Combined Chiefs of Staff, that all undischarged responsibilities of Allied Force Records Administration be transferred to the Embassies at the end of the military period. BRIGADIER CAIR (for Allied Commission), MAJOR CHAPMAN and CAPTAIN CANNINGS (for Allied Commission Archives), COLONEL WILLIAMS and MR. GREENE (for the U.S. Embassy), MR. HANLEY (for the British Embassy), and MAJOR TROUNSON (for G-5, AFHQ) all agreed to this proposition, and indicated their approval of the organization proposed, to operate under the supervision of the military attachés of the two Embassies. (MR. HANLEY, toward the end of the proceedings, made it clear that the agreement of the British Embassy was subject to the approval of the proper authorities in London; and MR. GREENE, speaking for the United States Embassy, stated that the position of the United States Embassy was contingent upon the approval of the proper authorities in Washington.)

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On the question of responsibility for the personnel and maintenance costs of the project, after the end of the military period, COLONEL JACKMAN stated that AFRA will draw up a detailed organisational and functional chart to lay before the Embassies at the earliest possible date. MR. HANKEY suggested that he would like to know all these details, but agreed with COLONEL JACKMAN 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.

COLONEL WILLEMS stated that he considered that the people in the programme at the end of the military period should be in a civilian status, and the conference seemed agreed on this point, except, as MAJOR RUSSELL stated, there should be a minimum number of military officers at the advisory level, because the records in question are military records and the commitments affecting these records are military commitments.

The conference agreed unanimously that the costs of the whole undertaking, once it passes to the control of the Embassies, should be borne by such departments of the United States and United Kingdom Governments as should be determined by those governments. All were agreed, however, that these departments should be the War Department and War Office, in view of the military character of the records.

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CONCLUSIONS

As the results of the discussion, the conference agreed upon the following points:

1. At the end of the military period all undischarged responsibilities of Allied Force Records Administration should be transferred to the United States and British Embassies.

- a. These responsibilities should include, in addition to those pertaining to Allied Commission Archives, the reproduction and proper disposition of certain other combined records (including principally the still-active records of Allied Force Headquarters that cannot be released until the headquarters is inactivated).
- b. The respective military attaches of the British and American Embassies would assume responsibility for the completion of the entire programme, 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.
- c. The contemplated organisation 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 an allied administrative and technical group responsible to the respective military attaches of the British and American Embassies. This group would take on present functions of Allied Force Records Administration and would be composed of administrative and technical persons thoroughly familiar with all aspects of this programme.

2. The costs of the whole undertaking, after the end of the military period, should be borne by such departments of the United States and United Kingdom Governments as determined by those governments. As all of the records concerned have been created by military organisations, it should be recommended that these departments be the War Department and the War Office.

- a. Allied Commission and Allied Force Microfilming and Records Depot should submit to Allied Force Records Administration, through DR. WILSON (AFRA representative to ALCOM), at the earliest possible date, proposed organisational and functional charts.
- b. Allied Force Records Administration should prepare detailed plans of overall organisation and cost analyses, as a basis for further discussions with the Embassies.

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With reference to these agreements, action as follows was subsequently taken:

1. AFRA drafted signal for despatch to the Combined Chiefs of Staff, subject to the approval of SAC. This draft was approved by BRIGADIER CARR, COLONEL WILLEMS, MR. GREENE and MR. HANKEY. The final version incorporating changes desired by these individuals and by G-5, AFHQ, is attached hereto (Annex "A").

2. AFRA drafted signal (replying to AGWAR W 84414) for despatch to AGWAR, subject to approval of SAC. This draft was approved by BRIGADIER CARR, COLONEL WILLEMS, MR. GREENE, and MR. HANKEY. The final version incorporating changes desired by these individuals and by G-5, AFHQ, is attached hereto (Annex "B").

R. H. Sackman
R.H. SACKMAN,
Lieutenant Colonel, AGD,
Allied Force Records Administrator.

DISTRIBUTION:

- 10 - Allied Commission
- 5 - U.S. Embassy, Rome
- 5 - British Embassy, Rome
- 2 - G-5, AFHQ
- 2 - SACS
- 2 - C/S MTO
- 2 - POLAD (A), AFHQ
- 2 - POLAD (B), AFHQ
- 2 - AFMR Depot
- 4 - AFRA representative to ALCCM
- 20 - AFRA

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ANNEX "A"

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TO FOR ACTION : AGWAR WASHINGTON FOR OCS
TO FOR INFO : CABINET OFFICES WHITEHALL FOR BCS,
ALCOM ROME,
AGWAR FOR WISCA.
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1. Subject is reproduction and disposition of combined British-American records.

FAN 672 authorized Supreme Allied Commander to make necessary arrangements with United States and British Embassies for transfer of responsibility for Allied Commission Archives and for transfer of necessary personnel and equipment to complete microfilm project at end of military period.

2. Allied Force Microfilming and Records Depot, operated by Allied Force 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 Force 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 year directives in FAN 630. Included in these additional responsibilities would be the microfilming of certain active records of Allied Force Headquarters and subordinate allied commands that cannot be released for microfilming until those headquarters are inactivated.

4. United States and British Embassies in Rome, have agreed, subject to concurrence by proper authorities in Washington and London, to the undermentioned proposals to become effective upon dissolution of AFHQ and withdrawal of military forces in Italy.

a. The respective military attachés of the British and American Embassies would assume responsibility for the completion of the entire Allied Force Records Administration programme including the Allied Commission records, and would maintain direct contact with the Combined Chiefs of Staff in order to complete the programme, 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.

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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 an allied technical and administrative group responsible to the respective military attachés of the British and American Embassies. This group would take on present functions of Allied Force Records Administration and would be composed of technical and administrative persons thoroughly familiar with all the aspects of this program.

c. The cost of the whole undertaking would be borne by such departments of the United States and United Kingdom Governments as determined by those governments. As all these records were created by military organizations, recommend these departments be the War Department and War Office.

5. This Headquarters is now preparing detailed plans of organization and cost analyses as a basis for early discussion with the Embassies. In as much as no final decisions can be reached pending your approval of plans described herein, request your decision at earliest possible date.

ORIGINATOR : AG (AFRA)

INFORMATION: SACS : C/S MTO : G-5 : U.S. POLAD : BRIT POLAD.

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TO FOR ACTION : AOWAR FOR WISCA

TO FOR INFO : CABINET OFFICES WHITEHALL FOR RCS,
ALCOM ROME.

SIGNED : CONGENMED

Disposition of ALCOM Archives refer your W 84414 of 31 October in
subject.

1. Present plans now tentatively approved by United States and British Embassies in Rome and submitted November in for approval of Combined Chiefs of Staff envision future organization to discharge, after the end of the military period, all remaining commitments of Allied Force Records Administration. These responsibilities would include, in addition to those pertaining to Allied Commission Archives, the reproduction and proper disposition of certain combined British-American records other than those of Allied Commission, including principally still active records of Allied Force Headquarters that can not be released until the Headquarters is inactivated. It is not believed that the personnel and equipment requirements would be appreciably increased to provide for the discharge of these additional responsibilities. The contemplated organization would be complete and self-sufficient and would operate under the supervision of the military attaché.

2. You are assured that substantially the same key United States personnel would continue to be employed on this project until its completion some three years hence, but plans now afoot will recommend change to civilian status of all except a few officers whom it is desired to retain in military status at top level provided that present War Department redeployment requirements could be waived.

3. The estimate of approximately three years to complete this project is based upon quantity of present microfilming equipment and considers the fact that over two years will be required to microfilm Allied Commission records alone.

4. In order to clarify administrative picture for your information herewith are presented essential details. Allied Force Records Administration formulates all procedures and directs all microfilming and records disposition work under policies established by Combined Chiefs of Staff. These functions include but are not confined to the Allied Commission project. Allied Force Microfilming and Records Depot reproduces combined records for the entire theater and houses and services and ultimately disposes of such records. These administrative provisions would not be affected by dissolution of ALCOM but would disappear at the end of the military period unless provisions are made for their continuation.

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5. Should Combined Chiefs of Staff approve plans for transfer to the Embassies at the end of the military period of the undischarged Allied Force Records Administration responsibilities completely new organizational cost tables will be prepared in consultation with the Embassies. It is therefore requested that State Department be so informed with a view towards withholding final action until these plans are approved.

ORIGINATOR : AG (AFRA)

INFORMATION: SACS : G-5 ; BRIT POLAD : U.S. POLAD.

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2 July 1946

MEMORANDUM: TO MAJOR REYNOLDS.

SUBJECT : Screening of ALOM Records and the Records of Subordinate Provinces and Regions.

1. Basic Assumptions.

- A) Documents are discarded because they lack permanent value for administrative, historical, or legal research.
- b) In as much as the microcopy in each instance must be a faithful reproduction of the file series, the discarded material must be destroyed when its useful reference period is ended.
- c) The effect of (a) and (b): documents not worth filming are not worth keeping.
- d) No document is discarded that sets a precedent, that establishes or defines a policy, that directs or outlines a procedure, or that possesses importance in so far as the mission, responsibility, organization, and functions of the agency are concerned.
- e) With the exception of classes of material that may be discarded, as enumerated in paragraphs 2 and 3 below, no document covering any transaction of ALOM or of its subordinate agencies is discarded. "Transactions" in this sense may bear upon matters of: -

Legal affairs
Mining
Postal affairs
Public Health
Public Safety
Public works and utilities
Monuments and fine arts
Agriculture
Communications
Economics
Education
Engineering
Finance
Labor
Transportation

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2. Material to be discarded.

- a) Duplicates found in the same folder (destroyed forthwith)

- b) Routine acknowledgments of receipt of communications.
- c) Mimeographed or otherwise processed (included printed) documents originating with higher headquarters, provided no notes are made thereon to change the character of the document from "nonrecord" to "record".
- d) Letters of transmittal.
- e) Carrier notes of routine or perfunctory character.
- f) Improperly classified material that, upon investigation, does not appear to be of sufficient value to reclassify.

3. "Typical" representation of material otherwise discarded.

Files consisting entirely of periodic reports in series (whether statistical or narrative), of routine special reports or memoranda all of which are uniform in appearance and content, and of completed forms maintained for bookkeeping or accounting purposes, are discarded provided that: -

- a) No damage results to the structure of the file series of which material so discarded is a part.
- b) The information contained in the material so discarded has been consolidated elsewhere in the files of the same agency, or exists in the form of more final and more usable papers or reports.

Files eliminated or discarded in this manner are represented by a typical selection, for purposes of the microcopy. The samples chosen for filming are introduced by the following remarks:

The attached _____ documents are presented as "TYPICAL" of the contents of this folder and sufficient for filming for historical research reasons. The balance of the documents from this folder are filed in the companion "discard" folder.

Specific examples of this technique:

- a) Property issue receipts, tally-ins and tally-outs, and other routine property records, when evidence exists elsewhere in the files of property clearance, or when other records reveal total property accountability.
- b) Certain documents in legal files concerning apprehension, trial, and disposition of all types of misdemeanor cases, if and when consolidated court records reflect all this information (exception being made of exceptional cases

requiring special judicial procedure, such as murder,
rape, and other major felonies).

KEN MUNDEN
1st Lt. AGD

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Office of the Executive Commissioner

ARCHIVES BRANCH

Ref. : 2/AB.

2 August 1946

SUBJECT : Minutes of Meeting.

TO : G-5 AMHQ.

Herewith copy of Minutes of Archives Meeting held at 1530 hrs, 11 June 1946, in Executive Commissioner's Office for your information.

The non distribution to your Branch is regretted.

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

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 794

Office of the Executive Commissioner

LR. : 9205/EO

13 July 46

Subject : Correction to Minutes of Conference (Archives - Microfilm) of Monday July 1st.

N.L. HARRISON,

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS Chief Archives Officer.

G-5 Section

APO 512

G-5: 900.242

9 July 1946

SUBJECT : Minutes of Conference.

TO : Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
APO 794.

Reference minutes of conference of 1 July:

It is considered that paragraph 18 of the minutes does not accurately represent the views of Lt. Col. White and that the following should be substituted for sub paras (i) to (iii).

- (i) That each sentence should be read independently
- (ii) That the use of the words "major reduction" in the first sentence recommended an "allowance" the substantial use of other methods of recording such as the elimination of redundancies, acknowledgment, and minute sheets.
- (iii) That a "block of material" meant a series of papers dealing with a particular matter and such should not be eliminated as a block.

BY COMMAND OF HONORARY GENERAL COMMANDER:

A. I. HARRISON, Colonel, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

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G-5 Section
APO 512

9 July 1946

G-5: 900.242

SUBJECT : Minutes of Conference.

TO : Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
APO 794.

Reference minutes of conference of 1 July:

It is considered that paragraph (ii) of the minutes does not accurately represent the views of Lt. Col. Wilson and that the following should be substituted for sub paras (i) to (iii).

(i) That each sentence should be read independently

(ii) That the use of the words "major reduction" in the first sentence recognized and allowed the substantial use of other methods of recording such as the elimination of redundancies, acknowledgements, and minute sheets.

(iii) That a "block of material" meant a series of papers dealing with a particular matter and such should not be eliminated as a block.

BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL COMMAN:

A. L. H. HEN, Colonel, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

DISCUSSION:
Brigadier Lush
Lt. Col. J. H. White
Mr. Fleming
Mr. Stanley Jones
Mr. Pivitt
Lt. Col. Wilson Jones
Mr. Harrison
Mr. Brill
Mr. Lush
Mr. Reynolds
Mr. Reynolds Captained for

- Lt. Commissioner
- AG-5 AFHQ
- AG Records AFHQ
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- Ex. O.
- Archives AFHQ
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- AG Records AFHQ
- Microfilm AFHQ

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TO BE ATTACHED TO MINUTES OF CONFERENCE OF JULY 1st.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
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9 July 1946

SUBJECT: Minutes of Conference.

TO : Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
APO 794

Reference minutes of conference of 1 July:

It is considered that paragraph 1B of the minutes does not accurately represent the views of Lt Col White and that the following should be substituted for sub paras (i) to (iii).

(i) That each sentence should be read independantly

(ii) That the use of the words "major reduction" in the first sentence recognised and allowed the substantial use of other methods of screening such as the elimination of reminders, acknowledgements, and minute sheets.

(iii) That a "block of material" meant a series of papers dealing with a particular matter and such should not be eliminated as a block.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

A. L. Hamblen
A. L. HAMBIEN
Colonel, C.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
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Allied Force Records Administration,
AG Section,
Allied Force Headquarters,
C.M.F.

8 July 1946

Ref : AFRA/I/109

Subject : Minutes of Meetings

To : Allied Commission - Archives Branch,

Receipt is acknowledged of the following documents:

1. Preliminary notes on Conference 1000 hrs 1 Jul.
2. Minutes Executive Commissioner's Conference 1500 hrs
1 Jul.
3. Notes on Meeting 2 Jul, Microfilming/Archives.



(P.A. REYNOLDS, Maj., Hamps),
D/ Allied Force Records Administrator.

ALLIED ~~CONTROL~~ COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM
ARCHIVES BRANCH

SUBJECT: Minute Of Meetings.

FILE NO. 2/AB

TO : Major REYNOLDS

5 July

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Herewith

1. Preliminary notes on Conference 10.00 hrs
1 July.
2. ~~Exec~~ Minutes Executive Commissioner's Conference 15.00 hrs, 1 July.
3. Notes on Meeting July 2nd, Microfilming/Archives.

Please acknowledge

N.M.H. 011
N.M. HARRISON,
Major,
Chief Archives Officer.

Notes on meeting between Major Reynolds - Capt. Buck -
Micro-Film Section AND.
Capt. Cannings Archives A.C. July 2-1946.

1. Micro-film Section will make separate contents slip for each case and our practice of enclosing file lists in cases is quite satisfactory to them.
2. Micro-film system of cataloguing is British Catalogue system using four figure indicator and sub-indicators for Region H.Q. Provinces, functions etc.
3. Micro-film would like a chart giving all Regions, Sub-Division into Provinces and a list of all functional headings. I agreed to prepare this in 2/3 days, and they in their turn agreed to send us a pro-forma index of indicator numbers and sub-indicators to be used. N.B. I suggest this be used as a basic for ultimate cataloguing of Archives.
4. Major Reynolds requested a copy of the chart mentioned, a copy of minutes of yesterday's two conferences, be sent to him at A.F.H.Q.
5. The upper time limit between a case leaving Archives for micro-filming and its return will be 7 days. A search stop of one week only will therefore be necessary.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref. 9265/EC

July 1946

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

PRESENT:

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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 machinery costs involved.

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

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C) Review of Microfilm.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APC 794
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER
ARCHIVES BRANCH

26 June 1946

Ref. 9265/EC

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A G E N D A

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FOREIGN OFFICE ITALIAN ARCHIVES SECTION
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ALLIED COMMISSION
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Ref. 9255/10

June 1946

ARCHIVES MEETING HELD AT 1530 HRS. 11 JUNE 1946, IN EXECUTIVE
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

In the chair:

Brigadier Lush, Executive Commissioner.

Present:

Mr. Angus Malcolm, British Embassy.

Mr. Wesley Jones, Political Adviser (A)

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Lt.Col. Graham, HQ. Commandant

Lt.Col. Cameron Garry, RM

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There was some discussion on the pros and cons of moving the Section. Major Harrison said it was desirable for Archives Branch to remain in HQ building until a permanent home was found elsewhere. It was proposed to begin.

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microfilming on 1 July and he would like to see the new building taken on charge on that date. He outlined the accommodation that was available in the new premises. The ownership of the building had presented some difficulty, but it was established that it was not German State, but Church property. The Executive Commissioner pointed out that it was the obligation of the Italian Government to find a permanent home for the Archives.

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Mr. Malcolm said that he would not press the case for moving this Section; Mr. Wesley Jones stated he could not consider the question until the RPK files had been settled. Mr. Malcolm agreed.

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5. RUK Files.

The Executive Commissioner said that RUK files were considered on the same level as the files at present being handled by the Joint Diplomatic Research Section. He suggested that they should be handled by that section with AC staff and all work in the same building. Lt. Col. Cameron Curry stated that accommodation was already limited and the addition of more files would be a handicap. Mr. Malcolm pointed out the desirability of centralising all Archives work. Another objection raised was that German personnel were employed on RUK files but it was stressed that these men would work solely on RUK files and not be used for any other section.

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The Executive Commissioner said the RUK files would remain with GEM Branch until 1 July when they would be transferred to Archives Branch to await the decision of the State Department.

Microfilming of RUK files would commence on 1 July and microfilming on AC files on 1 September.

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7. Summary.

Executive Commissioner summed up action as follows:

- (a) Archives AG. Major Harrison to approach Italian Govt. (ref. I para. 3).
- (b) Joint Diplomatic Research Section to remain in present premises.
- (c) RAJ files under J D R S administration, both Embassies applying for German speaking officials.

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Chief Archives Officer.

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12 June 1946

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 11 JUNE 1946.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

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2. Exposition by Brig. Gen. Hamblen. Ex C announced that Brig. Gen. Hamblen was preparing an exposition on the work of G-5 on the occasion of the visit by Field Marshal Montgomery to ARHQ. He had asked VPs and Heads of Sections for a short memorandum and would like to have this by 15 June so that he could brief Brig. Gen. Hamblen.

3. Future of AC. Ex C stated that although there had been a full conference on the subject, the actual future of AC was still undecided. A staff study on the subject was being prepared by AMHQ.
4. Transport for Zone Sec Officers. Col. Walton said that two of his officers had to make many trips around Rome and were having great difficulty in obtaining transport. Ex O (B) said these officers could have a car assigned to them on a daily basis provided the vehicle was needed for essential and official business. Ex C stated he would give a ruling later on this matter.
5. Responsibility for Displaced Persons. In answer to Col. Findlay (Disper S/C) Ex C said that the future of displaced persons was covered by the Civil Affairs agreements. There was some discussion on this and the needs of the Civil Affairs agreements were examined. Ex C said that in fixing future responsibility, the financial commitments of the Italian Government must be taken into account. He would discuss further with Col. Findlay.
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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 4 JUNE 1946.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

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College No. 2, CUNEO, ALESSANDRIA, ASTI.	Christian Democrat Socialist Communist	128,000. 74,000. 46,000.
College No. 3, GENOA, IMPERIA, SAVONA, SPALLA.	Christian Democrat Socialist Communist	160,000. 127,000. 135,000.
College No. 5, GOND, VARESE.	Christian Democrat Socialist Communist	179,000. 139,000. 57,000.
College No. 6, VERONA, TRENTO.	Christian Democrat Socialist Communist	182,000. 90,000. 53,000.

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College No. 6, VERSCIA, PERUGIA.	Christian Democrat Socialist Communist	182,000. 90,000. 53,000.
ROME	Christian Democrat Socialist Communist	49,000. 17,000. 22,000.
College No. 26, SILENO, AVELLINO.	Christian Democrat Socialist Communist Democrat del Lavoro.	30,000. 6,000. 4,000. 8,000.

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CATANIA,) MESSINA,) RAGUSA,)	Christian Democrat Socialist Uomo Qualunque Communist	76,000 24,000 17,000 15,000
College No. 30, SALERNO	Christian Democrat Unione Democratica Nazionale Communist Uomo Qualunque	38,000 17,000 9,000 9,000
SARDINIA	Christian Democrat Uomo Qualunque Communist Socialist	56,000 27,000 22,000 14,000

Reports had been received from AC LOs. Public order generally had been excellent, with practically no incidents. In the North the percentage of voting was much higher than in the South.

Ex C said the LOs' reports coincided with reports received from the Ministry of the Interior. He had sent a short telegram to AMI yesterday and would send another to-day emphasizing the good order that had prevailed and the speed with which results were being received. Regarding the referendum, Major Temple said it was the intention of the authorities not to publish sporadic returns but to wait until the complete result was available. Ex C thanked Major Temple for the report and for the excellent work he had done and directed him to telephone the figures received to CC.

(c) - 1 (c). Coal Situation. Col. Walton reported no significant change. Deliveries of approximately 300,000 tons of coal were still expected. There was no news of coal having left the United States since the termination of the coal strike.

(d) - 3. Allied Sweden. In answer to Ex C, Brig. Carr said he had held a meeting recently. At this meeting it was decided that a letter should be sent to AMI after further information had been received. Ex C suggested that this matter might be settled by reason of the changes in the armistice terms and a signal might be sent to AMI. Brig. Carr would follow up.

(e) - 4. C.I.P. Col. Walton said stocks of POL were improving. There was a possibility of another C.I.P. strike but it had been agreed there would be no cessation of work until after 15 June. The Government had made a statement that in the event of a strike interfering essential services would be operated by CC.M.

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(g) - 9. Telephones. Col. Scudder (Communications S/C) said there had been a marked improvement in the service following the recent drive on illicit use of telephones by Italian civilians. A watch was being maintained on calls.

2. Whitsun Holiday. Ex C said he would obtain a ruling from CC as to what holiday, if any, would be given at Whitsun.

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3. Revised Amnesty Terms. Ex C said that as reported in the press he had delivered the draft of the revised amnesty terms to the Italian Prime Minister. A summary of the document had appeared in the London "Times." The draft was not being published and would not be circulated until the next step had been reached, i.e. negotiation of the Civil Affairs agreements.
4. Derequisitioning of Hotels. In answer to Poland (...), Ex C stated that a letter was being sent to ... today. He said that Brig. Low, ... was pressing for the derequisitioning of the Colonna Hotel and directed Ex C (...) to take action.
5. Reinstatement of Insurance Company Officials. Ex C said the two men concerned were directors of leading insurance companies. They were in Rome when the occupation of TRIESTE occurred and were suspended by order of CGS for espionage and later set free. The U.S. Embassy maintained that it was still undesirable that they should be reinstated and Poland (...) said both men had had records of cooperation with the enemy. He said the decision regarding them was the responsibility of the Italians but they had asked ... permission to return and resume business. If that permission was granted it would possibly lead to strong criticism of U.S. Embassy and ...
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Co. "J", 2675th Regiment had been disbanded and personnel transferred to 88 Division.
7. HQ Building. Ex C said that in order to retain the building it was the wish of CG that other organizations be invited to share accommodation. As far as possible they should be self-contained on a separate floor or annex and be made responsible for the cleaning and maintenance of their portion of the building.
8. VERONA, GIULIA Press Reports. ... stated that he had written to Italian editors reminding them that there was an ... HQ in the North.

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31 May 1946.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 28 MAY 1946.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1 (a). Food Situation. Ex C stated that Mr. Keeny and Mr. Lege of UNRRA had visited him and asked for the loan of 25,000 tons of flour from military stocks. Because they had been unable to persuade the Italian Government to reduce the bread ration, supplies would run out completely in certain regions between 31 May and 14 June. The massi and imports might tide them over for about eight days from the latter date, but distribution would present difficulties. AFHQ had been informed by signal.

Mr. Lege had approached the British Ambassador asking for assistance and had been promised that a recommendation would be made to LANKA.

Ex C said it would be interesting to see if political parties made capital out of the food situation and future events might disclose the truth or otherwise of reports that ITALY had hidden and undiminished food reserves. Ex C had sent a DC letter to AC LIA explaining the situation to date.

Col. Walton (Don Sec) stated that crop prospects were excellent and the Government had increased its estimates of the harvest. In view of the grain it was anticipated there would be a two million tons increase over last year's harvest.

The grasshopper blight was a handicap in SARDINIA. Steps to combat it were being taken.

(b) - 1 (c). National Elections. Ex C said the CC would like to have an AC representative in every province to give an overall picture. This was reported for Land Forces S/C and Liaison Officers in the R. ... would borrow from Areas. Officers were available at HQ.

(c) - 1 (e). Coal Situation. Col. Walton said there was no significant change. Deliveries of about 300,000 tons of coal were expected from various sources by the end of June.

(d) - 4. Conservation of Petrol. Ex C (B) stated he had discussed with Ex O (A) the question of instituting a "car-less" day and they were of the opinion that it would not be a great help. Tightening up on present regulations could achieve economy and at the present time there was no waste of

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(e) - 5. Refugee Centres. Col. Piddley (Dispers S/C) stated that skeleton military organizations could be provided for the camps taken over, with the exception of AMZSA, where it was hoped to provide permanent housing. He stressed the shortage of Allied radical personnel, none being available for the corps. Ex C suggested that UNRRA could help in this matter and directed Dispers S/C to draft a signal to AFHQ.

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2. Situation in MILAN. Ex C had received a report from AG CLO LOMBARDO of a large Monarchist meeting in MILAN on 26 May, which passed off quietly. A report had been received of a plot by neo-fascists to make trouble by assassinating a British Military Policeman. The Military Commander had taken all necessary precautions.
3. Allied Seamen. Polad (A) said he was being pressed by the State Department for a decision on jurisdiction over Allied seamen. Ex C had written a DO letter to Brig. Low, RAAF, on Allied nationals not subject to military law, but was uncertain how this affected Allied seamen. His personal opinion, with which Polad (A) concurred, was that all Allied nationals not subject to military law should be subject to Italian jurisdiction. Ex C directed that a meeting be arranged with Polads on the return of Lt.Col. Hannaford.
4. C.I.P. Col. Walton stated that discussions had been taking place on the reorganization of CIP. AC had persuaded the Embassy's representative to acknowledge that this was an Embassy responsibility but AC were willing to help.
5. Italian Foreign Trade. Col. Walton said that the newly formed committee had held several meetings. As a result of discussions the Italian Government had disclosed the organization for foreign trade and the procedures adopted. An application to send a mission to sell fruit and vegetables to the American zone in GERMANY had been referred to the American Embassy.
6. Civilian Restaurants. Ex C stated that a General Routine Order had been published placing civilian restaurants out of bounds to all Marks. This would be repeated in the Daily Bulletin and the CC had ordered strict observance by all concerned.
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8. Italian Civilian Employees. Ex C (B) said a cut had been made in the number of cleaners at H. and employees at the Super Garage. The number of clerks was being reduced. Arrangements were being made to clear one floor of HQ building and Ex C said that IOCR, UNRRA and associated bodies should be put on one floor and make their own arrangements for office cleaning. Dispers S/C were in need of personnel and Land Forces S/C were short of translators.
9. Telephones. Col. Souther (Communications S/C) stressed the need for a further reduction of outside telephone lines and a continued drive on the part of Italians using the telephones. A considerable number of unauthorized calls were made on the reception desk telephones and Ex C directed that HQ Commandant be informed.

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10. Memorial Day, 30 May. Ex C ruled that this would be a holiday for all American personnel, and directed Heads of Sections and Sub-Sections to release their American employees on that day. The normal work would be carried on by British and civilian personnel.

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

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NOTES ON CONFERENCE AT ANTIOLI - Sunday 24 Feb 46

Present : Brig. Lush
Lt. Col. White
Major Harrison

1. Lt. Col. White presented a copy of the draft he had prepared for Brig. Parsons giving the complete history of Phase "3" (Micro-filing) as it applied to Alox Records. This was completely agreed by Brig. Lush.

2. Lt. Col. White also stated that he had received a telephoned agreement from Lt. Col. Jackson to set up a section of the Micro Unit in Rome.

3. The figures as presented to Brig. Lush on Saturday (Offs 12, MOs 6, ORs 10, CIVs 37) were considered by him to be too ambitious and referred back for reduction.

Major Harrison revised these to ORs 10 - S.MOs 5 - ORs 5 - CIVs 27 by transferring the duties of Cardex Officers/MOs to a later date in the operations.

4. Major Harrison suggested that reductions could be made by either reducing the amount of files to be screened - i.e. to only clean Regions but to clean and screen Headquarters files (this was not generally favoured) or on the other hand to include the O i/c and Admin Officer in the number of Screening officials.

After discussion it was finally ordered by Brig. Lush that :

a) Major Harrison should telephone to-morrow Morley, if possible, the "all-round" figure required for Archive micro-filing preparation to Lt. Col. White and should attend on Tuesday 26th at his Executive Meeting and inform Polads (A) and (B) upon the whole matter, in order to obtain their concurrence.

b) That he should review the total staff, not as a chain, but in the light of getting everything up to "micro-film level", so that the MP Unit would have no complaint that Alox were not ready to begin as soon as they had installed the Rome Unit.

c) That every effort should be made to prepare matter for filing, and the Cardex should be done at a much later date.

d) That both he and Lt. Col. White were of the opinion that not more than a total of THIRTY (15 Civilian Italians) would be permitted and that we must work out our operations accordingly.

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e) That micro-filming should not be expected to take more than 8-10 months to complete (without Property Control) from the date agreed by the OMs. (Based upon MP Unit only doing 12,000 per day, it will take 540 days to do six million).

f) He asked Lt. Col. White to ask in his cable for approval of Archives to continue to function after the Peace Treaty as well as the closure of Alcom. Simultaneously for the Embassy to support the cable by sending copies to their Governments at the same time.

g) Also to add permission for suitable premises in Rome for Archives should present offices be vacated.

h) In both their opinions, the total staff should not exceed 30, half of which to be Italian Civilians.

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5. It was also noted that should American Officers available for the new Establishment not be sufficient, steps should be taken to approach AFHQ for permission to retain British Officers to carry out the work of micro-film preparations and recording.

6. It should be recorded that there was a possibility of R U X files being placed in the custody of HQ Alcon. If these are able to be micro-filmed first, it would permit Alcon more time to bring their files up to K F level.

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Foreign Office Italian Archives Section (of which he was CO.)
 latter Section had for many months worked alone, and was still so
 working on the selection etc. of documents and papers held in the
 name of the Joint Section. Part of FOIAS staff was engaged in
 examining the very large quantity of files of the former Ministry of
 Popular Culture that were arranged in certain order in multi-
 partitioned large wall cabinets.

He further explained that the Italian Undersecretariat of
 the Press etc., (formerly Ministry of Popular Culture), to which belong
 a large proportion of documents and other material of interest both
 to the Joint Diplomatic and Foreign Office Sections, is domiciled in
 the same building as that of these Sections; that part of such
 documents and material was gradually being returned to the
 Undersecretariat and that the balance would remain on the same
 premises when the Sections' activities had ceased.

Major Squair also explained that arrangements had only
 recently been completed by FOIAS regarding the installation on
 the same premises, for security and other reasons, of the Air
 Ministry Microfilm Unit attached to FOIAS, which arrangement it
 would be unwise to disturb.

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20 June 1946.

Ex Cons' Comment

"NO. The minutes are too expensive already"

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Advised Major Squair accordingly & filed cons

John H. Fisher, Officer.

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