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| Mr. R.H. MacBride | - | Polad (A) |
| Mr. H. Cleveland | - | A/VP, Economic Section |
| Brigadier J.K. Dunlop | - | RC, Venezia Region |
| Colonel E.R. McPhee | - | RC, Piemonte Region |
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| Colonel W.R. Jordan | - | RC, Liguria Region |
| Colonel W.A. Palek | - | Deputy RC, Lombardia Region |
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It was also recommended that a directive should be issued by the Italian Government to all Prefects on their relations with AC IO's. This should include a copy of the directive issued to IO's and Military Commanders. The Prefects

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should also be told of their reciprocal obligations to help IO's to accomplish their missions, in accordance with the general agreement between the Allied Commission and the Italian Government. They should also be reminded that IO's were not channels between Italian officials and the Italian Government.

5. Establishment of Liaison Groups. It was decided that Liaison Groups should consist of the following:

SICILY	-	2 officers	
BARI	-	1	
NAPLES	-	2	plus 2 Public Safety Officers
ENIHL.	-	2	" 2 "
IGUPLA	-	2	" 3 "
PIEMONTE	-	3	" 4 "
LOMBARDIA	-	2	" 3 "
VENEZIA	-	3	" 2 "
BOLZANO	-	4	" 2 "
LIVORNO	-	1	
FLORENCE	-	1	

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Executive Commissioner.

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1 Jul 45

SUBJECT: Socialisation of Industry and Works
Management Committee.

To : See Distribution Below.

- 1 I refer to the Minutes of the Regional Commissioners' Meeting of 27 June 45, para 9, in which a misunderstanding has arisen over the action to be taken.
- 2 As I understand it, it was the desire of Regional Commissioners to persuade the Government to pass the proposed legislation in the form of a decree and I am ~~in favour of~~ ^{now in} negotiation with a view to that end.
- 3 Will you please, therefore, refrain from publishing this order until further direction is received from this Headquarters.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER,

G.R. Upton
G.R. UPTON, Brig.,
VP CA Section.

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SCAO IV Corps
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LOMBARDIA Region
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Chief Commissioner/...

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ACTION

The Chief Commissioner stated that 1 September 1945 had been fixed as the probable date for the withdrawal of A.L.G. in ITALY except for VENEZIA GIULIA and possibly the BOLZANO area. Regional Commissioners agreed that it was a satisfactory date.

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The Chief Commissioner ruled that there should be no independent action by Ministries and that the move of offices and archives must be a planned operation.

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4. Italian Decrees.

Regional Commissioner, EMILIA Region, drew the attention of the meeting to the publication of a decree authorizing the establishment of the National Association of Patriots, to be supported by voluntary contributions.

He maintained that contributions would probably be made at the point of a gun. The Chief Commissioner directed that a memorandum be submitted to him on the subject.

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All Regional Commissioners

Economic Section

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ACTION

Discussion followed on the Coal Allocation Board set up in MILAN as a temporary measure. Executive Commissioner said that there seemed to be some divergence of opinion as to recent decisions of the Board and he instructed Colonel EVANS to see that a thorough overhaul was made of its composition.

Regional Commissioner, Lombardy Region, outlined a scheme which he thought should be adopted as an interim measure until the Industrial Coordination Board was set up. He said that in the North there were twenty-three committees which represented each of the main industries in the five Northern Regions. The Commissioner should be appointed as head of each of these committees and one official nominated to coordinate the work of the committees. The committees were composed of the best men available in the Northern industries and their functions were much the same as those of the proposed sub-boards of the Industrial Coordination Board. Regional Commissioner emphasized that they would work under the direction of MR/LC.

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The present unemployment insurance scheme was insufficient and the Italian Government had been pressed to make some improvement. Director, Labour Sub-Commission, gave in detail the improved rates of unemployment pay and family allowances. Unemployment pay would be 50 lire per day instead of 9 lire. Once surplus labour had been drained off industry it must not be allowed to return.

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ACTION

All Regional Commissioners

Regional Commissioner, LOMBARDIA Region, said that it had been strongly requested in the press that wage increases had been excessive, 150 lire per day or more on a basic wage of 95 lire and some were retrospective to 1 January 1945.

Executive Commissioner said that there must be no unilateral action and no notice of wage adjustments should be allowed to appear in the press without MG sanction. The question would be discussed in committee the following day.

All Regional Commissioners

Chief Financial Advisor asked how it was proposed to dispose of surplus workers with firms which had swollen pay rolls. Director, Labour Sub-Commission, said that the specialist officers concerned with alternative sources of employment should endeavour to get workers transferred.

Regional Commissioner VENEZIA Region

Executive Commissioner directed Regional Commissioner, VENEZIA Region, to submit a memorandum on his proposal that the limit of the amount to be approved by the Regional Commissioner for public works should be increased from 1,000,000 to 5,000,000 Lire.

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11. Police Officers for VENEZIA GIULIA.

Vice President, Civil Affairs Section and Director, Public Safety Sub-Commission, stressed the need for increasing the present strength of Police Officers in VENEZIA GIULIA. This brought up the question of unequal distribution generally among Regions and MGs Fifth Army and IV Corps.

Executive Commissioner ruled that adjustments must be made to produce an equitable result and he hoped that SCAGs would cooperate. Some trained officers would be assigned to VENEZIA GIULIA from other Regions, but an endeavour would be made to replace them with others who would however of necessity be untrained or semi-trained.

All Regional Commissioners

12. Release of British Officers.

The Executive Commissioner said that Regional Commissioners should not commit themselves to releasing British officers under the Release Scheme without consulting the appropriate Sub-Commissions.

All Regional Commissioners

13. Requisitioned Cars.

Executive Officer (A) warned Regional Commissioners that ceilings for requisitioned cars had evidently been exceeded and, following a tour of the North, G-4 AFHQ was demanding an explanation. He directed Regional Commissioners to investigate this.

14. Compassionate Leave.

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All Regional Commissioners

Executive Commissioner directed Regional Commissioner, VENEZUE Region, to submit a memorandum on his proposal that the limit of the amount to be approved by the Regional Commissioner for public works should be increased from 1,000,000 to 5,000,000 lire.

Regional Commissioner VENEZUE Region

11. Police Officers for VENEZUE GIULLA.

Vice President, Civil Affairs Section and Director, Public Safety Sub-Commission, stressed the need for increasing the present strength of Police Officers in VENEZUE GIULLA. This brought up the question of unequal distribution generally among Regions and AMG's Fifth Army and IV Corps.

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Executive Commissioner ruled that adjustments must be made to produce an equitable result and he hoped that SCAGs would cooperate. Some trained officers would be assigned to VENEZUE GIULLA from other Regions, but an endeavour would be made to replace them with others who would however of necessity be untrained or semi-trained.

12. Release of British Officers.

The Executive Commissioner said that Regional Commissioners should not commit themselves to releasing British officers under the Release Scheme without consulting the appropriate Sub-Commissions.

All Regional Commissioners

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The Executive Commissioner said he was prepared to leave it to the discretion of Regional Commissioners. The entitlement was 30 days per annum for American personnel and seven days every six months for British personnel.

All Regional Commissioners
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16. Promotions/...

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Regional Commissioner, LOBARDIA Region, raised the question of promotion.. Executive Officer (A) replied that all promotions on the American side were frozen by LHOUSA..

17. Entertainment of Members of CUN in Allied Messes.

Regional Commissioner, LCA-EAPDL Region, raised the problem of the entertainment of members of the CEN in Allied Provincial Messes and urged that an allowance be made. The Executive Commissioner said he would discuss this with the CFA.

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11 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Conference for Forward Regions.

TO : SCAO, AMF Fifth Army.
SCAO, AMF Eighth Army.
R.G.'s LAZIO-UMBRIA, ABRUZZI-MARCHE, TOSCANA, EMILIA,
LIGURIA, PIEMONTE, LOMBARDIA, VENEZIA Regions.
Economic Section.
Civil Affairs Section.
Establishment Section.
Political Section.
DCCMO, HQ AMI.
Pl. to Chief of Staff.

1. It has been decided that the next Conference will not be held until early January.
2. The location is not yet decided but it will probably take place in ROME instead of SIENA.
3. You will be advised of the date and place as soon as possible.

Brigadier
Chief of Staff

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTER OFFICE MEMO

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From: Office of the Chief of Staff

Tel: 735

SUBJECT: Use of Civilian Hospitals by
Italian Military.

FILE No. 818/16/COS

20 Nov. 1944.

TO: Civil Affairs Section.

1. With reference to Minute 16 (b) of the Conference at SIENA on
17 Nov 44.

2. This requires action by you and in this connection please also
refer to para 8 of the Regional Commissioner's October Monthly Report
for TOSCANA Region.

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Chief Staff Officer
To the Chief of Staff.

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19 November 1944.

MINUTES OF CONFERENCE HELD AT SIENA ON
FRIDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 1944.

The following were present:

Acting Chief of Staff.

DCOAC, HQ AAI.

DCOS, CA Section

A/Head, Economic Section.

SCAO, IAG 5 Army.

SCAC, IAG 8 Army.

EC's, LAZIO-UMBRIA, ABRUZZI-MARCHE, TOSCANA, EMILIA,

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Representatives from Econ and CA Secs.

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A/COS referred to an Italian Government decree regarding the return of land to the peasants and stated that this decree would not be implemented in the Army areas.

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ACTION BY. 2. Political. Mr. Henry Hopkinson reported that his predecessor, Mr. Harold Caccia, had recently left the Commission for employment in a special post in GREECE which it is hoped will be but temporary.

As regards foreign relations, the most important development since the last meeting was the announcement on 25 October of the assumption of direct relations between the Italian Government and the American and British Governments. The position was that Mr. Kirk would be Ambassador with full powers but that Sir Noel Charles, while holding the rank of Ambassador, did not at present have full powers. In the last analysis, however, their position would amount to the same thing.

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ACTION BY.

5. Civilian Movement. Colonel Young briefly outlined the present position and emphasized that Army interests were in conflict with AG interests. The difficulty at present was the town of FLORENCE. 5 Army wished free movement in the town of FLORENCE. Col. Gibson, CSI(b), HQ IAI, stated the case from the point of view of the Army and after discussion agreed to recommend to HQ IAI that free movement be allowed in the Province of FLORENCE South of the ARNO. This would also include free movement in the town of FLORENCE North of the ARNO. The Army Central Line would not be moved.

Brig. Upjohn asked whether it would be possible to do away with the restricted line or at any rate move it further North. After discussion Colonel Gibson agreed to recommend to IAI that the line be moved North so as to include the Province of VITERBO in the free zone.

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9. Hiring of Transport. Reference was made to a proposal some two months ago that transport should be hired instead of requisition. A scheme had been prepared for hiring transport in BOLOGNA by 5 Army and Region EMILIA. After discussion it was decided that the experiment of hiring should be carried out in BOLOGNA and that Eoon Sec would issue a control directive on the subject.

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UMBRIA
Regions.

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& LIGURIA.

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ACTION BY. 9. Food Situation. Mr. Antolini referred to the President's statement that 300 grams would be made available throughout all liberated Italy. He said that 300 grams could be given if the northern stockpiles were used and if a shipping programme to replenish these stockpiles could be arranged. He also stated that supplementary rations were practically exhausted. This was a point in favour of increasing the ration to 300 grams but he pointed out the danger in depleting the northern stockpiles to enable this increase to be made, if, when we got to the North, we found less grain than we counted on. RCs were asked whether they were in favour of increasing the ration to 300 grams or leaving it at the present figure of an equivalent of 225 grams and not touching the northern stockpiles. RCs were generally of the opinion that it was essential to increase the ration to 300 grams since the public announcement of the President, coupled with the failure to give the extra ration, was producing much dissatisfaction.

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8 Army had asked whether the Government of SAN MARINO could get permission to go to BARI to collect some wine which it had purchased. Pol Sec and Ecom Sec would look into the matter.

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ACTION BY. 11. AME Eighth Army (Cont'd)

- (b) Distribution of Grain in ARONA and PESARO Provinces. 8 Army had authorized the issue of one quintal of grain per head in these two provinces in order to save the grain from going bad. There was no storage available, and the grain was in such condition that the only means of saving it was by issue to individuals. They had received a strong letter from HQ and complained that the censure contained in the last paragraph was not justified. Mr. Antelini contained that in large quantities such as this were issued by 8 Army without clearance from HQ he could not possibly make proper plans. W/C. Beer said that he had written to the Food Sub-Com early in October reporting what was being done but he had had no reply either condemning or approving his action until the letter he had referred to from Econ Sec was received at the beginning of November. Major Hough of Agriculture Sub-Com confirmed that no other action was possible than that taken by SCALO 8 Army if any grain at all was to be saved. 8 Army wished to know whether they might have permission to pursue the same policy in RALLI. Econ Sec agreed and undertook to examine the position for other Provinces.

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- (b) Employment and Assignment of Officers. HQ emphasised that he wished his officers used as a team and not as individuals. He complained that his officers were still being assigned away from his Region without prior consultation with him and asked Est Sec that he should be consulted first.

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ACTION BY. 14. ABRUZZI-MARCHE Region.

CA Sec
Tytin S/C.

(a) Clothing and Boots for CC.RR. Lt.Col. Scholtz said that he was very short of clothing and footwear for CC.RR. Colonel Young said that these items were available in NAPLES and BARI and Transportation Sub-Com undertook to deliver to AQUILA.

(b) Disturbance at MICELETA. Lt.Col. Scholtz reported that there had been a disturbance in MICELETA and that the Prefect had fled to ROMA.

15. LAZIO-UMBRIA Region.

(a) Salt. RC enquired what was the position in regard to salt. RC also said that light schooners were ready loaded with salt from Sicily for discharge at CASTELLAMARE and CIVITAVECCHIA but were at present in the bound.

16. TOSCANA Region.

(a) Labour Officer - LIVORNO. RC wished Ecom Sec to clarify the position of the Labour Officer in LIVORNO. Was he under his command or directly under Labour Sub-Com? Ecom Sec said that he was under command of the RC and promised to confirm in writing.

Ecom Sec.

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Ecom Sec

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Est Sec

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(a) Disturbance at MCHENNA. Lt. Col. Scholtz reported that there had been a disturbance in MCHENNA and that the Prefect had fled to ROME.

15. LAZIO-UMBRIA Region.

(a) Salt. RC enquired what was the position in regard to salt. RC said that eight schooners were ready loaded with salt from Sicily for discharge at CASTELLAMARE and CIVITAVECCHIA but were at present within the bound.

16. TOSCANA Region.

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(c) officers. RC reported that he was still 20 officers short.

(b) Industry. EC said that he had not yet received any directive as to what industries should be continued. It was most important in an industrial region such as LOIRE-ARDELI that a most precise directive be issued. EC said that this would be taken care of by the Industrial Coordination Committee as mentioned in para 9. The question of industries in the North was at present under discussion with the Italian Government and EC said he would issue the coordinated instructions

Econ. Sec.

19. Civil Affairs Section, HM 141.

(a) Permits. Colonel Monfort asked that only requests for permits to enter Army areas should be submitted to him. Permits to go to places outside the Army areas were not his concern.

(m) Matters' to take up with A.I. He also asked that any question submitted to him to take up with A.I. should have been thoroughly explored with the local District, Area, etc. before being put up to him.

20. Next Meeting. Alternative sites for the next meeting were suggested as WOLF or PINEGLEN. This matter would be considered and no meeting would be held for at least three weeks.

GMS/JG.

Lt. Col,
Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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15 November 1944.

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CONFERENCE OF FORWARD REGIONS AND ARMY
AME's TO BE HELD AT THE PREFETTURA,
SIENA, ON 17 NOV 44 at 1000 hrs.

Refugee order
by P. McGill

AGENDA

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7. Any other business.

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meeting in Army Areas
Tyre manufacturing program

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Tel: 735

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15 November 1944.

SUBJECT: Forward Conference SIENA 17 Nov 44.

15 NOV. 1944

TO : Civil Affairs Section.
Economic Section.
Political Section.
Establishment Section.

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1. Lt.Col. Friend James advises by telephone that he has made the following accommodation arrangements :

Prefettura SIENA	-	Brig. Upjohn and P.A.
LOMBARDIA Region	-	Col. Young Maj. Magnus
PIEMONTE Region	-	Mr. Antolini Col. Adams Mr. Cleveland. Maj. Imrie Col. Denmore
LIGURIA Region	-	Col. Fiske Mr. Schott Mr. Hopkinson Mr. Taylor

2. The already limited accommodation at SIENA is further reduced due to the fact that there is another conference at the same time and it will be impossible to accommodate anyone else in that town.

3. Before leaving HQ the latest road report should be checked and Col. Friend James strongly recommends that arrangements should be made so that officers arrive at their destination before nightfall.

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Shorden
Chief Staff Officer
To the Chief of Staff.

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Tel : 735

15 Nov 1944

SUBJECT : Forward Conference SIENA 17 Nov 44.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.
Economic Section.
Political Section.
Establishment Section.

15 NOV. 1944

The following extract of letter dated 13 November 44 from Lt. Col. Friend James, Civil Affairs Section, HQ AAI, is forwarded for your information:

" The quickest road to Gianchiano is on Route 2 to Radicofani thence turn right. When I went this way last Friday, it was necessary to drive through a ford which was eight inches deep at W295820. Will officers who are proposing to stay at Chianciano please ascertain from Capt. Birch at the Dispatch Office, whether this ford is passable. A message will be sent by the courier from Liguria Region to Captain Birch on 15 Nov. If this shorter route is impracticable, the best way is to proceed on Route 2 to S. Quirico, thence turn right. "

E. H. Warden
Chief Staff Officer
to the Chief of Staff

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Civil affairs Sec
Advance copy

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Tel: 478201.

Ref: 512/83/CCS.

2 November 1944.

SUBJECT: Forward Conference.

TO : SCAC, AMG Fifth Army.
SCAC, AMG Eighth Army.
R.C.'s LAZIO-UMBRIA, ABRUZZI-MARCHE, TOSCANA, EMILIA,
LIGURIA, PIEMONTE, LOMBARDIA, VENEZIA Regions.
Economic Section.
Civil Affairs Section.
Establishment Section.
Political Section.
DCOAC, HQ AAI Main.
PA to Chief of Staff.

1. The postponed meeting for Forward Regional Commissioners and SCAC's Armies is now arranged for Friday, 17 November, at 1000 hours at the Prefettura, SIENA.
2. Only DCOAC's or their Chief Staff Officers are required to attend from this HQ.
3. Any additional items for the agenda or alteration to the names of those attending will be forwarded to me by 1200 hours on 15 November, 1944.
4. Those attending will make their own arrangements for accommodation and if it is required in SIENA should telephone Lt. Col. P. Friend Jones, Civil Affairs Section, HQ AAI Main, Tel: FILROT 132.
5. Above confirms signal of today's date (not to all).

ESM/JG.

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

REF : 4/6.4/CA

7 Nov 44

SUBJECT: Siena Conference.

TO : COS.

I should like the following items put on the Agenda for the Siena Conference.

1 Patriots

Review of functions of Information Division.
Position of Representatives.
Plans of INCP.

2 Implementation of decrees in forward areas.

3 Posting C.O.35 (Defascism) in forward areas.

4 Move of AME Control Line.
Abolition of restricted line.

G.R. URSONE Brig.
VP CA Section.

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Ref : 512/68/OCS.

19 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Forward Conference.

TO : SCAO Fifth Army.
" Eighth Army.
R.C.'s LAZIO-UMBRIA, ABRUZZI-MARCHE, TOSCANA, EMILIA, LIGURIA,
PIEMONTE, LOMBARDIA, VENEZIA Regions.
Economic Section.
Civil Affairs Section.
Establishment Section.
Political Section.
PA to Brig. Lush.
DCCAO AAI.

1. The next meeting for Forward Regional Commissioners and SCAO's Armies will be held at the Prefettura, SIENA, on Wednesday, 1 Nov 44 at 1100 hrs.
2. Items for the Agenda will be forwarded to me by 1200 hrs on 27 Oct 44, together with names of representatives attending.
3. Only DCS's or their Chief Staff Officers are required to attend from this HQ.
4. Those attending will make their own arrangements for accommodation.

for
Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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Civil Affairs Section

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Ref:- 14/6.14/AS

18 Oct. '44.

TO:- Economic Section (For attention Col. Densmore).

SUBJECT:- Food in Northern Regions.

1. Reference para. 15 Minutes of Conference held at Sienna
12 Oct '44. Deputy C.O.S. CA Section requests that he be furnished
with a draft of the plan referred to in the last sentence, for
perusal before submission to SCAGs and RCs.

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R.R.G.

MR. CRITCH. Col.
CSO CA Sec.

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Civil Affairs Section.

Ref:- 1/6.1/AS

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18 Oct '44

TO:- Public Safety sub-commission

SUBJECT:- Clothing for Police Forces.

1. At the meeting of the DCs in Forward Areas held at Sienna on 12 Oct '44 this matter was discussed and the attached minute was recorded.
2. Deputy C.C.S. CA Sec. directs me to request you to place before him the written statement referred to, before issue.

R.R.C.
R.R. CRIFTS. Col.
OSO CA Sec.

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REC/ymb.

Ref:- 511/COS

Minutes of conference held at Vienna
on 12 Oct '44

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12. LAZIO Region

C.A. Sec
(P.S. S/c)

(a) Clothing for Police Forces. Attention was drawn to the low morale of the police agencies due to the lack of clothing and boots. The meeting was informed that Army S/C had agreed to clothe the CC.RR. & that 10,000 new uniforms were now available. There was also a stockpile of 400,000 boots at Naples. The civil police and CC.FF. had been allotted a certain amount of material for making up and this could be requisitioned by the police agencies through their own channels. The material to be made up in their own workshops. No boots or shoes were available for either the civil police or the CC.FF. SCAC EIGHTH Army asked for a written statement of the position. Public Safety-Sub-Commission will issue.

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Ref: 511/003.

14 October 1944, 10:30
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MINUTES OF CONFERENCE HELD AT
SIENA ON 12 OCTOBER 1944.

The following were present :

Chief of Staff.
DCCAO, HQ AAI.
Head Economic Section.
SCAO, 1st FIFTH ARMY.
SCAO, 1st EIGHTH ARMY.
R.C.'s Regions LAZIO-UMBRIA, ABRUZZI-MARCHE,
TOSCANA, EMILIA, LIGURIA, PIEMONTE,
LOMBARDIA and VENEZIA.
Representatives from Civil Affairs Section.
Representatives from Econ. Section.

The Chief of Staff was in the chair.

ACTION

1. Opening Remarks.

Chief of Staff told the meeting that there had been no confirmation from official sources of any reports that had appeared in the press regarding the future of the Commission. Its official title was still Allied Central Commission and no change in its character or functions had yet been made.

He referred to the establishment of Civil Affairs Section at HQ AAI with Colonel Monfort as DCCAO. DCCAO was the representative of the Chief Commissioner at AAI and with a staff representing all Sections of the Commission would advise the C-in-C on all Civil Affairs matters and administer to the immediate needs of AMG Armies and forward Regions.

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ACTION

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The question of patriots had come under discussion since the last meeting. Briefly the decision reached at a meeting with ALI (EGS(Ops)) and FWE (Mr. Rayner) was that FWE would gradually reduce publicity for patriots on this side of the line and that the Italia Comitate programme for patriots on the enemy side of the line would, as far as possible, be of a purely military character.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting.

No comments.

4. Relations between Prefects and Comitati di Liberazione.

The Chief of Staff read a HQ directive dealing with the relationship between Prefects and the Comitato di Liberazione. It had been approved by ALI. Col. Spicer elaborated, stressing that the Comitato had no executive powers whatsoever and that the Prefect must be upheld at all times. It was reported that Ministers were visiting forward areas not so much for administrative reasons as to canvass for personal support. They spent more time with the Comitato than with the Prefect. Chief of Staff stressed that the Italian Government must comply with our policy in forward areas. The Prefect was the executive authority and must have the backing of both ALI and the Italian Government. SCAD's and R.C.'s were in agreement with the directive.

5. Visit of Ministers to Army Areas.

This question arose out of the preceding discussion. It was generally agreed that such visits were not desirable in Army areas and must be prohibited in future. Only in exceptional cases would permission be sought and then through Office of Chief of Staff. Ministers and Under Secretaries of State would be permitted to visit AMG territory south of Army areas but would be instructed to report first to the nearest Provincial Officer. Chief of Staff agreed to issue a directive covering these points.

It was requested that heads of Foreign Missions should be informed that they are not allowed to enter Army areas without permission. Political Section would take this up.

Pol. Sec.

It was agreed that passes issued to certain Government officials to circulate South of the Army boundary should remain in force.

6. Temporary re-assignment of Northern Regional Staffs.

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R.C.'s
Etab. Sec.7. Accommodation for Northern Regions.

DCCAO ALI was instructed to take up with HQ 71 Garrison (FLORENCE City Command) the move of TOSCANA Region to FLORENCE. LOIBARDIA Region was faced with a move at short notice and had great difficulty in finding an alternative location. R.C. was instructed to take the matter up with DCCAO who would get a decision from ALI.

DCCAO.
LOIBARDIA
Reg.

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ACTION8. THE EIGHTH ARMY.

(a) Transport for ANCONA. SIO EIGHTH ARMY asked about transport for ANCONA. Col. Densmore, Economic Section, reported that 1 CT Coy had been made available and would report about 16 October.

9. PIEMONTE Region.

(a) Italian Patriot Officers. R.C. said that there were now 16 Italian Patriot Officers at CHIANCIANO for whom no duty could be found at present and asked that they be recalled.

C.A.Sec.

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Estab. Sec.

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Toscana
Reg.

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Econ. Sec.

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Econ. Sec.

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Estab. Sec.
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Army S/C.

12. LIGURIA Region.

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16. Directives.

DCOS's were asked to ensure that when directives were issued sufficient copies were sent to allow of distribution down to Provincial Commissioners.

17. Disarming of Patriots.

All R.C.'s
& SCAD's
armies.

Chief of Staff stated that the Acting Chief Commissioner had asked him to raise the question of disarming patriots. Large numbers of patriots were known to be still in possession of arms and it was a matter which was causing great concern. He was aware of the difficulties but from the point of view of law and order it was a matter which must be pursued with the greatest vigour.

18. Next Meeting.

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place in three weeks time, probably at PERUGIA.

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REF : 511/1/GCS.

4 October 1944

SUBJECT : Forward Conference.

TO : SCAG Fifth Army
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Piemonte, Lombardia, Venezia.
Economic Section
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PA to Brig. LUSH
ACC. I.O. AAI, Adv.
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CCO for
5 OCT. 1944
Attention to
meeting today

1. The next meeting for Forward Regional Commissioners and SCAG's Armies will be held at SIENA on Thursday 12 Oct 44, at 1000 hrs.
2. Items for the Agenda will be forwarded to me by 1200 hrs on 10 October together with names of representatives attending.
3. Only DCS's and their Chief Staff Officers are required to attend from this HQ as with the limited time available for the Conference only items of major policy will be discussed.
4. Those attending will make their own arrangements for accommodation.
5. Copy of letter to LIGURIA, PIEMONTE, LOMBARDIA, and TOSCANA Regions is attached for your information.
6. The attention of SCAGs & RCs PIEMONTE, LIGURIA & LOMBARDIA Regions is drawn to a further Conference at 15.15 hrs. on the same date as advised direct by ACC Advanced HQ.

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R.C. & M.G. Section
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Ref/784/62/CA.

1 October 1944.

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2. Minutes of Last Meeting.

No comments.

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ACTION3. Political.

Mr. H. Crocin said that Carotte's lynching was significant in two ways as a reflection on the Italian Government. The arrangements for the trial were bad and it showed that the Carabinieri were unreliable in a crisis. The six parties which made up the Government were united on one score, that of frustration which they felt against the firm control maintained by the LCC. The change of name from Allied Control Commission to Allied Commission should convince them that it was intended they were to assume more responsibility.

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ACTION(b) ABRUZZI-MARCHE Region.

Storage of Grain: Major Scholtz said their big problem was storage space. 1 1/2 million quintals of grain of this year's crop could not be stored until last year's harvest had been moved out.

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Food S.C.

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(iii) It was stated that the issue of Proclamation No.1 had been delayed by alterations to the Preamble due to political reasons. General Order No.29 was at the printers and should be ready this week.

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11. Patriots.

Col. Mayne registered a strong protest against preferential treatment of Patriots. He said that comparatively few were honest fighters, and that they were a potential source of danger if favoured and treated as a special body. There was no objection to treating individual patriots better if they had deserved well, but this preferential treatment should not automatically be extended to the whole band. The important thing was to disarm, disband and turn them into good citizens. The Exec Com pointed out that this in fact was the basis of the main directive on Patriots. Col. Mayne suggested the broadcasts and pamphlets promised and publicised them too much. Mr. Caccia pointed out that in the North they were serious fighting units led by Allied Officers. Brig. Upjohn considered AAI should be asked to moderate its publicity in this respect. Col. McCarthy said he had asked AAI to put their views on paper. Lt. Col. Eys raised the point of feeding and caring for the Patriots between their disbandment and future employment. He said that he had arranged to house and feed them until work had been found. If it was refused he was not further concerned. He pointed out the strong political flavour of the patriot bands and said that few wanted to go back into ordinary employment. Several bands wanted to be absorbed into the Italian Army as communist divisions, but this was not acceptable to the Army. Mr. Caccia said there were two distinct views held by the Italian Government. They were anxious because of possible danger in the future from armed communist bands. They were proud of the prestige they had won. Brig. Dunlop stressed the future danger to Allied plans if the Italian Government tried to use the argument that Italian patriots had driven the Germans out of Italy.

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13. Administrative Section.

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ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & H.C. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/784/55 /GA.

25 September 1944

AGENDA FOR CONFERENCE OF FORWARD DELEGATIONS
AND ARMY AREA to be held at the Prefecture,
SIENA, on 27 September 1944, at 1100 hrs.

1. Opening Remarks
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Political Section
4. Points to be raised by SCAG and RCs.
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 - (a) ~~Liberty~~
 - (b) Directive for Patriots.
6. Points to be raised by Economic Section.
7. Points to be raised by Administrative Section :-
 - (a) Defensives in forward areas.
8. Public Relations for GA. - Visits of Italian journalist to Army areas.
9. Any other business.

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24 Sep 44

SUBJECT : Forward Conference - Sierra

TO : Regional Commissioner, Reg XII

1) It is requested that you have accommodation and lodging available for the following officers of the Admin Sec, Hq ACO, for Tuesday night 26 Sep 44, and also for Wednesday night, 27 Sep 44.

Brigadier G.S. Parkinson
Colonel W.E. Bohrens
Major P. Wilson

Public Health
Legal
Public Safety

2) It is also requested that accommodation and lodging for the night of Wednesday 27 Sep 44 be found for Brigadier G.R. Upjohn, VP Admin Sec.

W. H. Hume
R.A. PERKINS
Lt Col, INFANTRY
For VP Admin Sec.

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24 Sep 44

SUBJECT : Forward Conference.

TO : HQ & MS Sec.

- 1 Reference your 784/49/GA dated 21 Sep 44, subject above, the following officers of the Admin Sec will attend the conference at SIEUA on Wed. 27 Sep 44.

Brigadier G.R. URJOHN
Brigadier G.S. BARKINSON
Colonel W.H. HENNESSY
Major Frank J. WILSON

V.P. Admin Sec
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- 2 The proposed item for the agenda is :
Defascising in Forward Area.

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Lt. Col Inf
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REF : 784/49/CA.

21 September 44.

SUBJECT : Forward Conference

TO : SCAG Fifth Army.
" Eighth Army.
R.C.s Regions IV, V, VIII, IX, Piemonte, Liguria, XI, XII.
Political Section.
Economic Section.
Admin. Section.
Establishment Branch.
Refugee Branch.
Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.
Patriot Branch.
PA to Brig. Lush.
ACC. L.O. AAI. Adv. and Main.

1. The next meeting for Forward Regional Commissioners and A.M.G. Armies will be held at SIENA on Wednesday 27 September at 1100hrs.
2. Items for the Agenda must be forwarded to this Branch by 1200 hrs 25 September, together with names of representatives attending.
3. Those attending will make their own arrangements for accommodation. Those wishing to be accommodated at HQ. Region XII will give the Regional Commissioner 48 hours notice, and include the number of ORs/EM/Italian drivers to be billeted. Rations will be carried.

*Angelo Service off P.S.
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for
NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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8 SEP 1944

Regional Control and Military Government Section

Ref: 784/43/CA

16 September 1944

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A/Head Economic Section
SCAO, AMG 5 Army
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of vacuum. There was a representative here at the moment who was soon to return. In general R.C.'s were opposed to the recognition of the Milan Central Committee as being the representatives of the Italian Government in Rome since this might prejudice the work of AMG later and it was decided that no official sanction should be given.

Colonel Graffey-Smith said it had been suggested an Italian Minister should go in with first AMG teams to explain policy, personalities, etc., of the Government in Rome. Both SCACs stated that they saw no objection to the presence of an Italian Minister in newly occupied areas, provided it was clearly explained to him that SCACs were in complete control.

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RC/MG Sec.

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Comm. S/C

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Econ.Sec.

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Colonel Mayne asked that special attention might be given to promotions as delay was causing much discontent. Colonel Fiske explained that NATOUSA had frozen promotions from Field Rank and were awaiting a policy from Washington. He said HQ had done everything possible on American side. It was now in hands of G-5, AFHQ. Colonel Farren said British promotions were coming through slowly. Establishment Branch told to check with 5 Army on its promotion list.

Est. Br.

ACTION 7. Slaughtering of Cattle

Colonel Kirkwood also raised question of slaughter of work cattle which was being carried on by order of Patriots and orders from Vatican. Patriots were operating old Fascist laws. It was agreed that orders should be issued in Army areas prohibiting, either by General Order or in some other way, the slaughter of work cattle.

Econ.Sec.

8. Appointment of Officials in Forward Areas

Colonel Kirkwood stated that there appeared to be some difference in the manner in which Italian officials are appointed in forward areas. Both Army AMG's, however, pointed out that it was the policy for only Prefects Reggenti to be appointed by the SCAG and that other officials were appointed by Provincial Commissioners and approved by the SCAG.

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13. Food and Supplies for Northern RegionsACTION

Mr. Antolini stated that the food and transport situation was very critical, and that the HQ would keep as close as possible to the forward areas in this matter. He pointed out that the import programme for the area beyond the Rimini-Pisa Line was not phased until November and that we must make do what we had until these imports arrived. Plans for the supply of the forward areas had been made with 5 Army and an Economic Section team would be visiting 8 Army to tie up arrangements in their area.

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16. Confiscation of Retention Allowances of Grain

Colonel Poletti asked if HQ would let him confiscate retention allowances or whether he could borrow them in an emergency, repaying in kind or such. Economic Section agreed to give HQ's guidance on this.

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Transportation

Lt. Col. Bordass, Transportation Subcommittee, gave particulars of an organization named E.N.A.C. which is in force in Italian Government territory for the control of road haulage transport. He said that it was desirable to get this machinery working in AMG territory and particulars would be handed to R.Cs.

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ACTION21. Local Government

Captain Temple of the Interior Subcommission said that Prefects had already been nominated for towns in the present path of the armies. The reserve of Prefects was now reduced to a few Prefects and these, together with a few reliable Prefects from the south, would have to be used for the Northern Regions. The Italian Government had notified the Interior Subcommission that there were 28 Prefects thought to be in hiding in German occupied territory. Particulars were known and steps were already being taken so that initial screening could be put in hand. The main difficulty was in getting names from the Ministries and the time taken in screening. Regions would be asked to do the screening on the spot where possible. He asked RC's to see that Prefects in AMG territory use AMG channels of communications when asking for officials as these are quicker than Italian Government channels. He also asked that Provincial Commissioners should supply the Interior Subcommission with particulars of the present staffs and that Provincial Commissioners should stress to Prefects that the work must be done on a short staff basis. Captain Temple assured Colonel Marshall that the question of Prefects for PIEDMONTE was being dealt with.

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RC's

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AMG 5 Army

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ACTION

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Patriots

Colonel McCarthy told the meeting that a new Italian Committee had been formed to deal with the whole of the patriots south of the line. He gave particulars of four publications which had been prepared and passed by AAI, viz. a revision of the existing poster signed by General Alexander, a poster to be used in any vacuum period which may arise, a small memorandum on patriots for use by officers in forward areas, and a pamphlet issued by PWB. These publications would shortly be in the press and available for issue.

26.

Displaced Persons

Colonel Findlay stated that he had agreed with the Director, Italian Refugee Branch on 23 September as a suitable date for the amalgamation of Displaced Persons Subcommittee and Italian Refugee Branch. Colonel Findlay asked R.Cs and SCAs to ensure that there was no discrimination in the treatment of Allied Nationals.

27.

Labour

The Executive Commissioner explained that there was a shortage of labour in Livorno. Livorno was in Regional territory and Pisa, where there was a surplus of labour, was in Army area. Executive Commissioner asked AMG 5 Army to ensure that no rigid line was drawn between the two areas and thus prevent labour moving between the two cities. AMG 5 Army foresaw no difficulty in this respect.

AMG 5 Army

28.

Establishment Branch

Colonel Farren gave particulars of officers at present available for the Northern Regions. Executive Commissioner told S.C.A.s that they might be called upon to produce officers and asked them to supply Establishment Branch with the names of officers who they could release from Army AMCs.

SCAs
Armies

29.

Next Meeting.

It was decided that the next meeting of forward Regions and Army AMCs would be held at SIENA on Wednesday, 27th September at 1100 hours.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION

Ref/784/h3/CA

10 September 1944.

AGENDA FOR MEETING AT THE PREFETTURA, SIENA.
to be held on 13 September, 1100 hrs.

1. Opening Remarks.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Political situation.
4. Planning.
5. Points to be raised by SCAGs & RCs.
 - (a) Personnel.
 - (b) W.D. Transport.
6. Points to be raised by Economic Section.
7. Points to be raised by Administrative Section.
 - (a) Tentative arrangements for Prefectorial appointments in Northern Provinces.
 - (b) C.C.R.R. for Northern Provinces.
8. Points to be raised by R.C. & M.G. Section.
 - (a) Movement of Security personnel in Army Areas.
9. Any other business.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

9 September 1944.

Ref/784/42/CA.

SUBJECT: Forward Conference 13 Sept 44.

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TO : Administrative Section

As requested by you accommodation
has been reserved as below for nights 12 and
13 Sept 44 at HQ Region XII ORLANCIANO (W20).

All concerned should be warned that
ORLANCIANO is without electricity and that rations
should be carried.

Three Officers, one OR/EM.

E. Horden
NORMAN E. FISKE
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Deputy Executive
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. Section
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Ref/784/23/CA.

30 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Forward Conference.

TO : SOAO Fifth Army
" Eighth Army
R.Cs. Regions IV, V, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII.
Political Section.
Economic Section.
Admin. Section.
Establishment Branch
Refugee Branch.
Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.
Patriot Branch
PA to Brig. Lush.
ACC L.O. AAI, Adv and Main.

1. The next meeting for forward Regional Commissioners and AMG Armies will be held on Wednesday, 13 September, in the Prefettura, SIENA, at 1100 hrs.
2. Arrangements for billeting will be on previous lines under the coordination of PA to Executive Commissioner.
3. (a) Items for the Agenda should be forwarded to this Branch by 1200 hrs 10 September.
(b) Names of representatives attending the Conference by 8 September.

for Norman E. Fiske
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Yes. mention of meeting on line

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Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: 784/19/Ct.

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(b) Atrocities. It had been laid down by AFHQ that the JAG's Dept. AAI was the competent authority to investigate enemy atrocities.

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ACTION:

AC/MC Sec

- (c) Communications. Stress was laid on the use of Air Courier Services between the Armies and MOE. Investigation was promised into the cause of continued delays.
- (a) Passes. These should be issued by one authority and one officer in ACC HQ. The promiscuous use of passes was again referred to.
- (e) Elba. It was proposed that ELBA should be administered by Region VIII as soon as AFHQ agreed.

It was confirmed that necessary action had been taken with regard to the remainder of the minutes.

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6.

Region VIII.

(a) Political matters. Colonel R. C. Kirkwood, Regional Commissioner, asked for a ruling that public meetings should not be used as occasions for political demonstrations. In reply the Executive Commissioner said that if any incidents occurred he should call the various political authorities together and explain that further public meetings would not be permitted if there were further demonstrations. The circumstances should be reported to HQ ACC in order that Political Section could take action with the party concerned.

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- ACTION.
- Econ Sec
- (b) Rations for Civilians employed by AMG. Economic Section agreed to take up at the highest level the suggestion that British Army rations should be purchased by ACC for civilians sent away from their homes on AMG/ACC work.
- Econ Sec
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Econ Sec.

A start had been made to repair the damage done to the Pontine Marshes. He warned the meeting that if similar damage occurred in the Po Valley it would mean a very serious situation in that area. Colonel McCarthy, Patriots Branch, undertook to consider the possibility of communicating with Patriots in order to save as much as possible of the machinery from German destruction.

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ACTION.

Region VIII

Finance
Sub-Com.

Food Sub-Com

Econ Sec.

RC/MG Sec.

Food Sub-Com

AMG 8 Army

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AMG 5 & 8
Armies.
Agric Sub-Com.

Mr. Antolini said that it would be necessary for the 300 gm ration scale in EMIA to be brought down to the mainland scale of 200 gms. Col. Kirkwood will take action when the Island is handed over to Region VIII.

Mr. Antolini asked R.C.'s to report if they found any undue delay in payment to the farmers for grain after collection. Lt. Col. Hartman, Agriculture Sub-Commission, explained that one of the reasons for this delay was the shortage of money in the banks. Finance Sub-Commission to take up.

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(b) Pools of Italian Officials.

Some difficulty is being experienced in finding medical and agriculture officials but it is hoped to obtain enough to form a small pool.

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<u>ACTION.</u>	(c) <u>Medical Supplies.</u> Brigadier Parkinson warned SCAG's and PC's that there will be a shortage of medical supplies up to the end of this month, but the situation will probably be eased after that date.
RC/MG Sec.	Civil Affairs Branch will take up the question of the reopening of a factory at ANCONA for the manufacture of medical supplies.
Pub. Safety Sub-Com.	(d) <u>Public Safety.</u> (1) <u>GG.FF.</u> Fifth Army asked for replacements for 11 GG.FF who have reached the age limit for retirement. Public Safety Sub-Commission will take up.
RC/MG Sec.	(ii) <u>Movement.</u> Civil Affairs Branch to take up again with AIF the question of having the Army Control Line clearly marked by notices.
Adm Sec.	(iii) <u>CC.RR.</u> Both SCAG's expressed satisfaction at the way the Public Safety Sub-Commission have dealt with their requests for CC.RR. More, however, would be required and Adm Sec will take up with AIF the question of raising the CC.RR ceiling. Colonel Meany asked Eighth Army to try to prevent the occupation by the Army of the CC.RR barracks in FLORENCE.
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(ii) Movement. Civil Affairs Branch to take up again with IAI the question of having the Army Control Line clearly marked by notices.

(iii) CC.RR. Both SCAO's expressed satisfaction at the way the Public Safety Sub-Commission have dealt with their requests for CC.RR. More, however, would be required and Adm Sec will take up with IAI the question of raising the CC.RR ceiling. Colonel Mooney asked Eighth Army to try to prevent the occupation by the Army of the CC.RR barracks in FLORENCE.

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(ii) Movement of Refugee Camps to Army Areas. AVERSA Refugee Camp was to be moved forward to Fifth Army area and the necessary transportation arranged through Transportation Sub-Commission as soon as possible.

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(iii) Movement of Refugees from ANCONA. Eighth Army AMG asked whether arrangements had been made for the movement of refugees from ANCONA. Lt. Col. Brister affirmed that evacuation from that port had already commenced.

(iv) Repatriation of Refugees. The Executive Commissioner again stressed upon RC's the necessity of impressing upon their provincial officers that they must refrain from granting movement certificates to all and sundry to get back to their homes. The matter was reaching serious proportions. It was hoped to get a scheme going in a short time for the repatriation of those people in conjunction with the Italian Government. Lt. Col. Bonham Carter, Region IV, suggested that something should be done to let these people know that such a scheme was contemplated. Italian Refugee Branch and Civil Affairs Branch will take up.

Regions IV, V,
VIII & IX.
RC/MC Seco.
It. Ref. Branch

Italian Refugee Branch agreed to supply Regions V and VIII with particulars of 6198 stores required for refugee camps if the RC's concerned would inform them of the size of the camps for which the stores were required.

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Italian Refugee Branch	(1)
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Displaced Persons S/C.	(1)
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L. Opening Remarks.

The Executive Commissioner, Brig. M.S. Lush, opened the meeting at 1115 hrs. He gave a brief outline of future planning. Colonel Pennyquick was taking over Region VI from Brig. Carr; Brigadier Carr was replacing Col. Hancock in Region I; Colonel Hancock was coming North to organise a Northern Region; some Region and Region IV were now one Region under Col. Poletti known as Region IV; Brig. Dunlop was at present planning for Region "Z" and would run a short course for officers. It was anticipated that in the latter stages of the formation of the Northern Regions it would be necessary to withdraw officers from Army AMGs.

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A conference would be held at Naples on 14th August to consider a proposal for the amalgamation of Regions II, III, VII, CAMPORASSO and TOGOLA Provinces, into one Region with Provincial teams in the main ports and towns where military garrisons remained.

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- (iii) Patriots. This problem was becoming more difficult and they objected to being disarmed. A directive had been issued and should be followed.

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(iv) Requests by Economic Section. AMG 5 Army had not the time nor the personnel to deal with these requests. Col. Todd pointed out that such requests were made to give information of the existence of valuable raw materials, plant facilities, machinery etc., and to prevent their waste and misuse. He instanced the use of sulphate rock, which is vital to the economic life of the country, being used as road material. SCAD AMG 5 Army asked that an officer be sent by HQ to investigate such matters and it was agreed that this would be done. The SCAD stated that AMG 5 Army would be of assistance when possible and would pass on to the Armed Forces such information as the Industry Sub-Commission forwarded as being of interest to them.

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(iii) Region VIII HQ was now located at SIENA.

(d) Region IV.

(i) Lt. Col. Bonham Carter reported that the Region POL allocation had been cut below 50% and would greatly affect the collection of grain.

(ii) Assisi Railhead. It was suggested that if 8 Army handed over Assisi railhead it should be taken over by ACC. This would greatly assist Region IV's supply problem. Transportation Sub-Com. to take up.

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(e) Region IX.

(i) Provincial teams for FORLI, BOLOGNA and MODENA or PARMA have been formed. This used up all available officers but it was decided that this would be sufficient for the present.

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- (iii) SCAOs were asked to report promptly the location of all supplies of leather which was in short supply everywhere.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION.

- (a) Review of Sentences. It was approved that the review of all cases in MG Courts in the Army areas should be done by RLOs of the Regions following up. Papers to be sent direct between Armies and Regions. A proposal was under consideration that Prov. L.Os. should be authorised to review sentences under two months.

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7. R.C. & M.G. SECTION.

- (a) Displaced Persons. Col. Findley wished to open a camp at ANCOMA to clear displaced persons he expected to find further north. So far he had been unsuccessful.

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R.C.'s.

(c) Patriots.

- (i) Arms. The meeting felt that it was not possible to estimate the number of arms not yet handed in. R.C. & M.G. Section to take up the question of clearing of Army dumps of hand grenades and ammunition which are found along the roadside in recent battle areas.

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- (ii) Publicity. It was agreed that publicity should be given to stress the difference between patriots and refugees. It was also agreed that the Prime Minister should be requested to make a broadcast to partisans behind the lines telling them exactly what was being done for them.

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P.R.O.

- (iii) Exco. Commissioner asked SCAOs and ECs to submit on paper to R.C. & M.G. Section before the next meeting their ideas as to the best way of handling these patriots once they were on our side of the line.

SCAO's & R.C.'s.

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- (b) Refugees. The question of the movement of people from the Southern areas to their homes in the North was causing much concern. It was the policy of ACC to get these people back to their homes as soon as possible but that moment had not yet arrived. R.C.'s must take every step to stop this unauthorised and irregular movement.

(c) Patriots.

- (i) Arms. The meeting felt that it was not possible to estimate the number of arms not yet handed in. R.C. & M.G. Section to take up the question of clearing of Army dumps of hand grenades and ammunition which are found along the roadside in recent battle areas.

- (ii) Publicity. It was agreed that publicity should be given to stress the difference between patriots and refugees. It was also agreed that the Prime Minister should be requested to make a broadcast to partisans behind the lines telling them exactly what was being done for them.

- (iii) Exec. Commissioner asked SCAGs and RCs to submit on paper to R.C. & M.G. Section before the next meeting their ideas as to the best way of handling these patriots once they were on our side of the line.

- (d) Civil Affairs Branch. Communications are slow and irregular. Delay sometimes up to six days was experienced in the receipt of letters and sitreps. It was confirmed that the same delay exists over correspondence from HQ. ACC to Armies and Regions. There was supposed to be a daily air courier service to each Army. Army Executive Officers to look into this matter and C.A. Branch would also take up with the Adjutant at HQ. ACC.

- (e) Establishment Branch. Shortage of transport officers was acute, and RCs were requested to keep a strict eye on M.T. maintenance. Maintenance has now been placed under the Transportation Sub-Commission.

R.C.'s.

C.A. Br.

Patriot Br.
P.R.O.

SCAG's & R.C.'s.

MT 5 & 8
Armies.
C.A. Br.

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ACTION

8. CLOSING REMARKS.

- (a) Exec. Commissioner stated that the next full E.Cs. meeting would be held in ROME on 22/23 August 1944.
- (b) The next meeting of AMGs, Armies, and forward Regions would be held in the Prefettura Building, SIENA, on 16 August 1944 at 1100 hrs.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION

Ref/784/5/CA

1st August 1944

AGENDA FOR MEETING AT H.Q., A.A.I. Advance.
to be held on 2nd August 1944

1. Opening Remarks.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Points raised by:-
 - (a) S.C.A.O's Armies.
 - (b) Regional Commissioners.
4. Points to be raised by ECONOMIC SECTION.
5. Points to be raised by Administrative Section.
 - (a) Review of sentences of AMG Courts in Army areas.
 - (b) Any further points. [Review of 2nd Aug. P.M. / P.M. / P.M.]
6. Points to be raised by R.C. & M.G. SECTION.
 - (a) Guarding of dumps in forward areas.
7. Any other business.

HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: 784/3/QA

25 July 1946

SUBJECT: Meeting at Advance Hq. AAI

TO : R.C., Region IV.
R.C., Region V.
R.C., Region VIII.
R.C., Region IX.
SCAO, AM 5 Army.
SCAO, AM 8 Army.
Adm Section.
Economic Section.
Political Section.

1. As decided at previous meeting on 19th July, there will be another meeting on Wednesday, 2nd August, at 1100 hours, at Advance Hq AAI. Will addressees please attend or send senior representatives who can answer for them.

2. Sandwich lunches should be taken and the meeting will be held in a tent. Will Sections and Branches of this Hq please advise me by 1200 hours, Monday, 31st July, of the number of representatives whom they propose to send.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
AFO 394

22 JUL 1944

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20 July 1944

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Econ. Sec.

4. Political Section.

They asked for every support to be shown by CAO's in forward areas and Provinces to the present Italian Government. Need was felt for bigger and stronger teams of Italian officials. After discussion it was thought that certain suitable Italians might be found in the towns when they were captured who could be employed and that there was it would be more suitable to have a pool of officials rather than a team. Admin Section listed the officials required, and would take action.

Adm. Sec.

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ACTION5. Patriots.

(a) Col. McCarthy handed out copies of the new memorandum giving a general directive on Patriots and the terms of reference of the Patriots Branch. He explained briefly this document to Armies and Regions, who had no comments. 2,000 of the new Patriot Certificates were also distributed to each Army. This would be enough for immediate needs and further supplies were being printed.

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P.R.O.

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R.C. & M.G.
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C.A.Br.

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ACTION

Measures taken at present consist in the employment of two mine lifting Coys of the Italian Army, one in Region IV and one in Region V. There is none to spare at present for Region VIII. These Coys are training two Italian Army Inf Coys who will eventually replace them. It was suggested that a school to train young volunteer Partisans in these duties was started. It was hoped that the Army might loan instructors and equipment. Executive Commissioner said he would talk to General Browning on this point.

R.C. & M.G.
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(c) ANCONA. Here POL is the problem. There is not enough transport in this Province. Col. French of Region V asked whether schooners could be made available. POL is chiefly required for the collection of the harvest. No.2 District are prepared to help over this and supply all requirements of Region V in POL if AAI approved. Col. French to take up with Col. Adams in ROME.

Econ. Sec.
Col. French

ACTION

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(d) Misc. Supplies. The need for these was stressed. They were actually required at present more urgently than flour. A fair quantity had arrived at PIOMINO but there was no transportation for distribution. Food Sub-Commission stated that these supplies were still all arriving at NAPLES and had to be re-shipped or railed up to forward areas.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
AFC 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

4/6.4/45

15 Jul 44

SUBJECT : Weekly Meetings at HQ AAC

TO : Executive Commissioner.

Reference your statement at A/CC's conference yesterday as to weekly meetings with 5 and 8 AM at HQ AAC.

I suggest it will be a good plan (if it proves possible in practice) for 5 and 8 AM to send in a day or so beforehand any points they wish specially discussed so that the representative from each Section may be appropriately briefed beforehand.

G. R. Hyslop
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V.P. Admin Sec

I should like this. But they are a good
distance away, are very busy with ops, cannot be
executed - the object of the meeting 1/2 way

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is to advise necessity of cotton tds etc. I am
afraid we must be untidy and feel minded
about it.

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