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THE COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF

AFTER WILSON FOR ACTION, SHAFT VERMILION FOR EISENHOWER, TO CENTRAL DISTRICT

UK BASE SECTION LONDON. TO BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF FOR INFORMATION

SECRET.

MAN 455.

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THE COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF

AFHQ WILSON FOR ACTION, GRAVE VERSAILLES FOR KISSEHOVEN, TO CENTRAL DISTRICT

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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Office of the Chief of Staff
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Ref : 501/4/COS.

7 October 44,

SUBJECT : Anglo-American Declaration - ACC Policy.

TO : Political Section
Civil Affairs Section
Economic Section
Establishment Section
Naval Sub-Commission
Army Sub-Commission
Air Forces Sub-Commission
Communications Sub-Commission
War Materials Disposal & I POW Sub-Cpm.
Public Relations Branch
Adv. HQ. ACC.

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8 OCT 1944

1. Attached for your information is copy of the reply received from AMHQ to an enquiry from the Acting Chief Commissioner concerning the policy to be followed by ACC following the recent joint Anglo-American declaration.
2. Kindly inform the Sub-Commissions in your Section accordingly.

Ulekyev Radulovic
for Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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SECRET . Instructions are being sought from combined Chiefs of Staff on action to be taken arising out of joint Anglo-American declaration and on points raised by you. Refer your 9347 of 23 Sept. We are asking for opportunity to comment on any contemplated change in light of experience of AFHQ and AOC. Pending receipt of instructions AOC will make no change in title and take no action on the basis of the declaration.

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ROUTINE

FROM: AGWAR FROM CCS

TO : WILSON REPEATED USFOR INFORMATION BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF

REF. NO. THIS MESSAGE: 2197, 15 March 1944

For FHGS.

Cite CCAO.

TAM 155.

Questions covered by article 28-long surrender terms. Questions covered by article 28 of the long surrender terms should be dealt with as follows:

1. The Military, Naval, and Air personnel and the civilian Nationals of friendly countries now occupied by the enemy such as BELGIUM, NETHERLANDS, FRANCE, POLAND, LUXEMBOURG, NORWAY, GREECE, YUGOSLAVIA, et cetera, should not be interned or prevented from leaving ITALY solely on account of their nationality.

2. Persons mentioned in paragraph 1 above should be accorded the same treatment in this respect as the Nationals of the United Nations not occupied by the Axis except that those who have or are suspected of having pro Axis tendencies or who are known or suspected of having aided the enemy should be investigated and depending upon the seriousness of their offense should either be interned or prevented from leaving ITALY.

3. All property in Italian territory belonging to the government of any of the Nations referred to in paragraph 1 should be released from custody upon receipt of proper evidence of ownership from the accredited and recognized government of such country.

4. Where a National of any country contemplated in paragraph 1 above is actually residing outside enemy or enemy occupied territory and is the owner of any property in Italian territory, as a general rule it should be released from custody to such National or his accredited agent, upon receipt of proper evidence of ownership, provided, however, that the term ownership as used herein shall be subject to construction or further definition by the Theater commander in any particular case. In no event should the benefits of this paragraph be accorded to individuals known or suspected of pro Axis tendencies.

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5. The transmission to points outside of ITALY of any funds or property so released from custody will, of course, be subject to such transfer and exchange regulations as are generally in effect.

6. Appropriate instructions in conformity with this message should be given to the Italian Government. The Italian Government shall be responsible for notifying the Allied Control Commission of the names and particulars of persons referred to in paragraph 1 above. The Allied Control Commission shall determine which of the mentioned individuals are embraced within the exception contained in paragraph 2 above.

7. It is not the purpose of these instructions to afford the Governments or Nationals contemplated herein rights superior to those of the other United Nations or their Nationals.

8. These instructions apply only to property that was in ITALY at outbreak of hostilities with that country or when the territory concerned was occupied by the enemy as the case may be and further instructions will be given regarding looted property (that is, property imported since that date by the enemy).

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 394

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SUBJECT: Prime Minister's Speech

TO : Regional Commissioners
Heads of Sub Commissions
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Herewith the correct text of that portion of the Prime Minister's speech which deals with Italy.

Handwritten: *Copy to Mr. D.S.*
NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel, Cavalry
Deputy Executive Commissioner

EXTRACT FROM PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH IN THE HOUSE ON JUNE 22nd
1944

ITALY.

It is hard enough to understand the politics of one's own country. It is almost impossible to understand those of foreign countries. The nearest and safest course for us to follow is to judge all parties and factions dispassionately by the test of their readiness and ability to fight the Germans, and thus lighten the burden of the Allied troops. This is no time for ideological preference for one side or the other and certainly not, His Majesty's Government, have not indulged ourselves in this way at all. Thus in Italy we are working for the present through the Government of the King and Badoglio. In Yugoslavia we give our aid to Marshal Tito. In Greece it is quite clear that a British officer was murdered by the guerrilla organization called ELAS, we are doing our best to bring about a reconciliation or at least a working agreement between the opposing forces.

I will say a word if the House will permit me about each of these unhappy countries and the principle which should govern us and which we are certainly following. We signed the Italian Armistice on the basis of unconditional surrender with King Victor Emmanuel and Marshal Badoglio who were, and up to the present are, the legitimate Government of Italy. On their authority the Italian Navy, not without some risk and loss, surrendered to us and practically all Italian troops and airmen who were not dominated by the Germans also obeyed the orders they received from the Crown. Since then those Italian Forces have cooperated with us to the best of their ability and nearly 100 Italian ships of war are discharging valuable services in the Mediterranean and the Atlantic. Italian troops have entered the front line in Italy. Although on one occasion they suffered severe casualties, they continue to fight alongside our men and very much larger numbers are engaged in indispensable services to the Allied Armies behind the front. Italian airmen are also fighting

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That a Government that for and will be so helpful to the Allies as the present
 Government cannot tell, it might of course be a Government which would try
 to make the nation look with the Italian people by resisting as much as it da-
 red to resist on what in the interests of the Allied cause. I should be
 sorry, however, to see an unwilling change made at a time when the battle is at
 the climax. I say to you that you are sure that you will get another, o-
 not to break the handle off until you are sure that you will get another, o-
 cally convenient and serviceable, or at any rate until there is a dis-
 bled. The representatives of the various Italian parties, who encountered a
 fortnight ago at Bari, are of course eager to return the Government of Italy.
 They will certainly have an effective authority and certainly no constitutional
 authority either until the present circumstances of until he or his successor
 invites them to take office. It is, however, certain that they would have any
 effective authority over the Italian and Italian forces now fighting with us. Italy
 lives protective under his influence and direction, and is, in fact, slipping to
 bring it in voluntarily absorbed by our ever expanding military operations.
 I think we have about 12,000,000 tons this year increase to the allies not the
 therefore continuing because our great operations absorb every ship as it comes
 and the movement of food is difficult. It would be a mistake to suppose that the
 kind of political conditions or forces exist in Italy such as to work so heartily
 in unbroken lands or countries which have not been battered by war or stifled
 by a long period of fascist rule. We shall see such more elderly how to pre-
 sent and have much more varied resources at our disposal if and when we are in
 possession of the capital city. The policy therefore which this country's
 Government have agreed provisionally with the Government of the United States
 is to win the battle for now and take a new view when we are time.

