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Ministry of Foreign Affairs
The Secretary General

15/20173/54

Rome, 27 September 1945

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My dear Admiral,

among the numerous requests for us to take an interest in the fate of the Italian citizens residing in Venezia Giulia and deported by the Yugoslav authorities last May, an anxious and moving appeal sent to M. X. De Gasperi by a group of wives, mothers and sisters of the Trieste P.S. agents, about whom nothing is known, deserves particular attention.

I enclose the text of the above mentioned appeal, so that you may fully realize the painful state of mind of the women who signed it, and the necessity of taking action without delay to put an end as soon as possible to this serious and painful situation.

What is more, the request is perfectly legitimate, for, as you know, according to art. 6 of the 1945 Agreement, the Yugoslav Government is obliged to hand over all Italian citizens residing in the parts of Venezia Giulia at present under Allied control, who were arrested or deported.

Knowing your humanitarian feelings and your spirit of comprehension, I trust that you will support in the most efficacious way the request of all these unfortunate women.

Will you kindly let me know what action has been taken on this matter to enable this Ministry to send a few words of encouragement to these poor women, assuring them that the Allied authorities are taking action to have their relatives returned.

Believe me, my dear Admiral,

Truly yours,

S. R. Prunas

Admiral Ellery Stone
Chief Commissioner - Allied Commission
Rome

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10 R. XX. De Gasperi, Minister of Foreign Affairs

Rome

Excellency,

In our despair, we appeal to you and ask for help. You are our last anchor of salvation and we put all our trust in your feelings as an Italian.

We are the wives, mothers, sisters of P.S. agents and live in anxiety because of our fate during the sad days in Trieste, only because we happened to be Italian. It was then an offense to be Italian, and we were ill treated and scorned in our own land, because of the masterfulness of a foreigner that had nothing to do there. In a mad thirst for vengeance, the Yugoslav partisans then deported our men and we haven't had any news about their fate ever since. We vainly looked for them in the nearest Yugoslav concentration camps, we made endless researches, but all for nothing.

You may well understand how we are feeling.

We have been forsaken by everyone. Even the chiefs of the Questura do nothing, and when we think that those of the Guardia di Finanza managed so well that they obtained the repatriation of their dependents, it is enough to drive one mad, through sheer despair.

We speak to you openly, Excellency, for we feel as if you were our chief listening to us in a fatherly and understanding way.

For what concerns the financial question, we had the obvious proof of the interest of our superiors. However, how is it possible to think of depriving us of financial help, in the conditions in which we find ourselves, considering that besides the high cost of living, we have to spend a lot to travel in Yugoslavia, where we often go in the hope of finding our men.

You must understand us, Excellency, and God will reward you for the kindness you show us. You represent Italy abroad; please intervene with the Yugoslav Government about the fate of our relatives, and have them sent home before the Trieste problem is solved. If they don't come back before that, the hatred and vengeance of the Yugoslavs will be let loose on our men who are innocent. They are innocent; the task consisted in maintaining public order in the town; they were mistaken for criminals during these days of confusion and hatred towards Italy; however, it isn't fair that they should have to pay for those who are really guilty.

Our empty houses are dismal; our children are asking for their father and cry when they hear their mother's sobs.

Don't forsake us, Excellency, as everyone else did. Please get us back our men, help our children and support our rights - unfortunately, we are also in great need of financial help and we must also ask you for this.

Your kindness will never be rewarded enough, but we pray that all you do for us be for the good of our Country.

We thank you and put our trust in you.

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THE WIVES, MOTHERS AND SISTERS OF THE P.S. AGENTS

Trieste, 1 September 1945

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25 SEP 1945

ATTN: 13 DEPT. LABOR
ALLIED COMMISSION FOR LABOR SUBCOMMISSION

UNCLASSIFIED.

1. Ultimatum presented Sunday setting midnight deadline for compliance with three demands or strike on Monday.
2. General strike started throughout THINSA. STRIKE started yesterday continues. Estimated about 100,000 workers out.
3. Principal cause is suspension of surplus workers especially in shipyards estimated at 1500 on Saturday. Principal demand for order to prohibit suspension of surplus workers until like work could be found. Shipyards 15000 unemployed registered to date by Labor Office. Other points are for formation of Joint Economic Committee to expedite placement of unemployed and surplus workers. Also for workers management committees in plants.
4. Joint Economic Committee agreed upon last week and first meeting scheduled for today. Other two demands rejected. Possibility both unions will refuse representation as committee pending acceptance of demands and end of strike.
5. Most industries and shops closed. Efforts made to also stop farmers. Public Utilities except trams functioning in THINSA. Stevedores not reporting for unloading ships today will be replaced by POW. Continuation of unloading necessary. No demonstrations so far.

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MAIN 13 CORPS

FREEDOM CITY PHOTO PHOTO RESUME INFO NMIA ALCON CITY AGREE

SECRET.

Reference ALCON 5862 of 22 September not to NMIA and our I 98 of 17 September. Agreed that 500 racial SLOVAKS are Italian subjects but are known to be PRO TITO. Their return has therefore been demanded not by Italians but by JUGOSLAVS who rightly regard them as potential supporters of JUGOSLAV claims to VENETIA GIULIA.

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Ref your 0235 not to ALCOM.

1. We have been instructed by the Combined Chiefs of Staff to make this report in regard to VENEZIA GIULIA.
2. Responsibility for compiling the report has been laid on ALCOM.
3. Your Hq and all your subordinates including AMG should make available to ALCOM all relevant facts which are in your possession and should in every way assist ALCOM representatives to obtain the factual information they require.
4. No statement of opinion is required either by you or ALCOM.

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ROUTINE

SUPREME ALLIED COMMAND IN ITALY ROMA

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The members of the "VENETIA GIULIA Writers Union" met together in a special assembly, denounced underground dealings by some foreign emissaries aiming to get Venetian people to sign for the annexation of VENETIA GIULIA Region to YUGOSLAVIA. The members of the union request the Allied authorities to report to the big three their resolute determination to remain under the Italian Government Administration.

The President of the union MARINI.

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HQ AMB 13 CORPS

G-5 AFHQ, HQ ALCON ATTN PUBLIC SAFETY SC

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Subject is clothing police force VENEZIA GIULIA. Situation American shoes service class B2 and socks cotton class X received from Quartermaster FBS. State of shoes and socks most unsatisfactory. 20% shoes US on receipt and consider remainder US after 2 months wear. Shoes are odd and therefore good fitting impossible. Majority of socks in bad condition and unwearable owing to extensive repairs. Propose holding court of inquiry on American clothing already received. Suggest new boots of British Army pattern be provided immediately. 3500 pairs required to equip force with 1 pair per man. Letter follows.

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ACTION: ALCOM ROME

INFO: REAR XIII CORPS

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1. Early report required as to action taken to provide personnel for VENEZIA GIULIA police force as requested para 2 and 3 XIII CORPS signal A 24 of 12 August.
2. Understands o 3 CA revenue required to organize guardia finanzia at present non existant that area and be responsible in finance matters to CPO VENEZIA GIULIA. Task requires full time officer and cannot be performed by existing finance staff. Major US finance for staff of assistant chief of police civil required to organize and supervise internal finances of newly created special police civil police force.
3. Believe you are not in a position to furnish us provost major from your resources. No action by you at present time.
4. Expedite of you recommendations as to pay and terms of service etc were urgently requested our F 34000

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REAR 13 CORPS

AMHQ CITE HQAB INFO HQ AC. CHIEF OF POLICE VENEZIA GIULIA, AMG 13 CORPS

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Subject is VENEZIA GIULIA police force.

1. Recruiting is likely to be jeopardised if conditions of service pay rations compensation for injury etc are not issued in immediate future. Request early publication.

2. Reference your GI(BR)1154/A1 SER 2714 of 25 July. Following officers not yet posted but required urgently. SO 3 CA revenue SO 3 CA "M. Both for staff of asst chief of police (CIVI). Following clerks required urgently 1 senior NCO and 5 L/Cpls or Ptes. Balance of clerks will be found from civilians.

3. Following US officers also urgently required. Major PRO for Staff of Asst Chief of Police military. SO 2 CA FAINANCE for Staff of Asst Chief of Police civil.

4. Grateful for your assistance in above mentioned matters which at present are hampering activation of police force.

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PLEASE PASS QUICKLY

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1730 hrs 24/7.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 805/EC.23 July 1945.SUBJECT: Notes on visit to TRIESTE by
Executive Commissioner.

TO : Distribution below.

VENEZIA GIULIA AMG is settling down from the initial difficulties and there is no doubt that the stabilising effect of military government is being felt and is becoming apparent. There are many difficulties ahead but I am much impressed by the manner in which they are being tackled and the excellent team spirit shown in the Region. I was able to visit the whole of the area including POLA and to attend the SCAG's first Staff Conference with his Area Commissioners and Heads of Divisions. I also discussed problems with the Corps Commander, his BGS and other staff officers. The following notes are the results thereof:

1. Organisation. HQ 13 Corps definitely consider AMG VENEZIA GIULIA as part of 13 Corps organisation. The Corps Commander has no objection to the title SCAG, VENEZIA GIULIA in order to distinguish him from the Provincial Commissioners of the three Provinces of VENEZIA proper who will shortly come under the military jurisdiction of 13 Corps. 13 Corps also recognise the arrangement by which technical direction is given by Sub-Commissions to specialist officers in the area on technical points. They feel, however, that on any matter of policy 13 Corps should seek direction from AFHQ: this includes certain matters of personnel such as the appointment of a new SCAG, or Chief of Police (see below). The SCAG himself is fully alive to the value of remaining under the technical control of the Allied Commission and so long as care is exercised both from this HQ and by the SCAG, I think a satisfactory method of working can be achieved. I have made it quite clear to the SCAG that neither he nor his staff are entitled to correspond with AFHQ and if they receive instructions direct from AFHQ, they should refer them to 13 Corps.
2. War Establishment. 13 Corps HQ have submitted direct to AFHQ, without, so far as I know, any reference to this HQ, two WE's, one for AMG in general, and the other for the police force. I have pointed out the difficulty of adapting a British WE to an integrated organisation and of the experiences the Commission has had in trying to run WE's on a Regional basis. BGS, 13 Corps agreed that the WE should be regarded more as a target than as a definite WE. This will need further discussion with AFHQ. For the Police WE see below.

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3. VENEZIA GIULIA Police Force. The CAO, AFHQ at a recent meeting in VENEZIA GIULIA, agreed that a special VENEZIA GIULIA Police Force should be formed comprised of military police with the Provost Staff and the civil police with AMG staff. This was the result of a report made by an AFHQ Provost Officer together with 13 Corps Provost and has been accepted by the SCIO and also, I understand, by Colonel Chapman, Public Safety Sub-Commission, although he was not present at the final meeting. The main difficulty of the scheme is that it has been laid down in the submission to the Corps Commander that the head of this

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police force (a British officer) should be directly responsible to the Commander, 13 Corps and that the Police Superintendents in the areas would be responsible to the Head of the police force. I pointed out the administrative impracticability of this ruling to BGS, 13 Corps and the SCAO, who both agreed that the Area Commissioners and the SCAO must have full operational authority over the police force in the areas. There would be no objection to the head of the police force being in charge of the administration and organisation. This matter will want careful watching by the SCAO and Public Safety Sub-Commission with whom I should like to discuss the matter.

4. Local Government. The Area Commissioners are setting up quite reasonable local governments. The plan is to have Presidents of Committees in place of Prefects and Sindaci. There is at the present moment some confusion as to whether the Committees are really advisory or executive although the Area Commissioners stoutly affirm that they are advisory. The Area Commissioners will undoubtedly be compelled to give them certain powers in the future which will have to be covered by legislation. The point was fully discussed at the meeting and I am content to leave it at that but CM Section should watch this carefully.
5. The Regional Committee functioning in TRIESTE is suffering slow dissolution which the SCAO seems to be handling extremely well.
5. Official Gazette for V.GIULIA. The SCAO and his Legal Advisor wish to introduce an official gazette for VENEZIA GIULIA in which all the proclamations and orders will appear. A proclamation setting up this gazette should, in their opinion, be signed by SACMED, unless, or until, he delegates his powers as Military Governor, VENEZIA GIULIA, to Commander 13 Corps.
6. Personnel. I stated at the Area meeting that it was the Chief Commissioner's intention to produce parity as between British and American officers and to improve the quality by drafting officers from the Northern Regions beginning with EMILIA Region. 13 Corps are in entire agreement and I have brought back with me a list of officers, and EM, chiefly American, whose transfer from EMILIA Region the SCAO desires. Unless there are any vital objections, I should be grateful if VP's would discuss with me, these transfers should take place at the earliest possible moment. This includes EM.

SCAO requested that Major TURNER, Communications Sub-Com, should be posted to VENEZIA GIULIA.

An Industry officer is badly needed.

I have already telegraphed regarding the appointment of Lieut. Colonel TOSCANI as chief of the Economic Division.

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7. Education. Lieut. Colonel WASHBURN's education plan has been warmly welcomed in the area and the SCAO is prepared to adopt the bulk of his recommendations. Colonel BOWMAN requests that all surplus Italian teachers in VENEZIA GIULIA should be removed from VENEZIA GIULIA to some other part of Italy and that any Slovene-speaking teachers now in Italy should be transferred to VENEZIA GIULIA.

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8. Economic and Industrial Committees. The participation of ENEZIA GIULLA in the discussions of the Economic and Industrial Committees of Northern Italy was discussed and rejected. It was, however, decided that close touch should be kept by means of Allied officers with these Committees and the minutes or records of the meetings should be sent to ENEZIA GIULLA.
 9. Bishop of GORIZIA. The Bishop of GORIZIA, an Italian, is said to be antagonistic to the Slovenes and it was suggested that he might be replaced by someone with broader imagination.
 10. Deportees. It was mentioned that 138 Italians previously deported by the Yugoslavs have been returned and that two American Red Cross members who have been working in Italy have been transferred to YUGOSLAVIA for work there.
 11. Wages. A rise in wages to bring them parallel with those settled at the MILAN meeting will probably come into force after the next area meeting, say by 1st August. The general strike on 26th July delayed the application of this rise. The SCAO and his advisers agreed that the economic price of bread should be imposed at the same time. This is a matter that should be referred to 13 Corps as affecting policy.
 12. Ration. I discussed privately with the SCAO the possibility of raising the ration in ENEZIA GIULLA from 200 to 300 grams, while maintaining the supplementary workers' ration. This would bring them 100 grams above the rest of Italy and much above the food that is being distributed, or not distributed East of the Morgan Line. We both think that it is proper policy to do all that is possible to make the administration in ENEZIA GIULLA a success and so making a sharp comparison between East and West of the Morgan Line, even to the extent of giving them more food than the rest of Italy. Again a policy matter in which the Corps Commander will make his recommendations.
 13. Food Supplies. It was reported with some exasperation that the food supplies billed for July 5 - 14th, and which are urgently needed for hospitals, prisons, etc., have not yet arrived. They apparently have been bid for by 8 Army and, it is suspected, Allied Commission. There appears to be some confusion but the fact is that the food has not arrived and that its absence is causing a very bad impression. It is absolutely essential that food should be brought in regularly and without fail to ENEZIA GIULLA. I suspect that part of the confusion is due to direct communication between 13 Corps AMG and AFHQ, initiated by AFHQ.
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16. Transport. Together with personnel from EMILIA Region the WD vehicles should be assigned from this Region to VENEZIA GIULIA. There is the usual criticism that the majority of vehicles assigned from other Regions arrive at the new Region unservicable. This must be avoided.

Other points for Establishment Section are covered in separate memoranda.

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
VENEZIE REGION
Allied Military Government
APO 394

Dear Gerald,

5 July, 1945

This letter is in the first instance in confirmation of my telephone message to your office last night telling you that I had received the two Top Secret telegrams from the Chief Commissioner.

I also received last evening from Jr. Commander Proby your letter of the 2nd July which I have carefully studied.

I sent down by the hand of Dick Cripps a copy of an important message which had been received by Lt. Col. Bright from 13 Corps. I have today written a reply to Bright which is in itself based upon such information as I have been able to obtain. I feel that it might be useful to you if I send attached herewith two copies for your information. I am proceeding this evening to Udine to spend the night there before going on to the conference at Trieste tomorrow. I know that Bright has further information for me on the present situation in the Slovene villages, San Leonardo, etc., which lie to the northeast of Cividale.

Yours sincerely,



Brigadier Gerald Upjohn
Vice President, Civil Affairs Section
Headquarters
Allied Commission

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~~Present Province of Udine~~ 9B
See on the possible Jugoslav claim to territory within the
Present Province of Udine

1. Scope of Claim: It is understood that Jugoslav claims in the Province of Udine take two forms:

- (a) An extremist claim to all that part of the Province which lies east of the Tagliamento. This would include the cities of Udine, Palmanova, and Cividale. This claim is possibly intended as a bargaining counter.
- (b) A much more strongly pressed claim for a line which would include the communes of Cividale, Torgiano, Secana, Post-saba and Tarvisio.

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14. Recommendations: There appear to be no good grounds for disturbing the present frontier except in the Val Canale (Post-Valle-Carvisio).

The six Slovene communes northeast of Trieste have a reasonable claim to be considered Jugoslav, but there would be a disadvantage in upsetting a present natural frontier.

In the Val Canale, there is the added complication that Austria and Jugoslavia would in justice have claims if the valley goes with Carinthia, and the future holder of Carinthia should be the beneficiary of any change in the status of the Val Canale.

From the legal standpoint the position of the Val Canale is somewhat similar to that of Bolzano, concerns which discussions are taking place.

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

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SUBJECT : Legislation in Venezia Giulia.

TO : SC40 AMB. XIII Corps.

1. In order to avoid the appearance of introducing into Venezia Giulia current legislation passed by the Italian Government, the policy of implementing Italian Governmental and Ministerial Decrees will not be adopted in this region.

Effective legislation will therefore consist of the Proclamations of the Supreme Allied Commander and Military Governor, supplemented by such Regional or Provincial Orders as may be required.

The General Orders issued by AMG, either before or after the date of this directive will not be put into operation in Venezia Giulia as General Orders, but where applicable should be reissued as Regional Orders.

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5. Finance. The undermentioned 11 decrees require reissue as Regional Orders. The first eight can conveniently form the subject matter of one Order. It may be necessary at a later stage to reissue a large number of revenue decrees. If so details will be supplied.

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NOTE ON CIVIL ADMINISTRATION OF ZONE OF VENEZIA GIULIA
OCCUPIED UNDER ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

1. With reference to Article 3 of the agreement signed in BELGRADE on 9th June 1945, a Memorandum was submitted by the Yugoslav Delegation setting out proposals with regard to the civil administration of the territory coming under Allied Military Government.
2. The Delegation representing the Supreme Allied Commander were unable to accept these proposals and presented the Yugoslav Delegation with an Aide Memoire showing how it was intended that Allied Military Government should operate.
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Comments on Draft Paper on "Civil Administration"

16 June 1945

The draft paper on civil administration which you submitted yesterday raised several important points of principle which we discussed quite fully. In order that there may be no misunderstanding, however, I wish to comment briefly on the four important questions presented.

First, you stress again the fact that this territory is liberated in character, in part through the struggle of the civilian population itself over a long period. The liberated character of the area is fully recognized. In friendly territory, which we consider this to be, AMG will conduct its relations with the civilian population accordingly and anticipates close cooperation with those elements which have proved their sympathy for and support of the Allied cause during the war.

Second, you ask adoption of the principle of equality as between persons of Italian and Slovene origin, particularly as regards language. As we have made clear to you all persons, of whatever national origin, enjoy equality before AMG. As to language, we have already taken measures to have proclamations and other papers published in the Slovene language where appropriate, that is, in areas in which the Slovene population is concentrated in numbers sufficient to warrant it.

Third, you have asked us to give you assurance that the Italian Government will have no influence on the civil administration of this area. I do not think it necessary, in this connection, to lay down any principles beyond those which ordinarily govern our military administration of occupied territory. I call your attention to the fact that Article No. 1 of Proclamation No. 1 states that all powers of government and jurisdiction in those parts of VENEZIA GIULIA occupied by the Allied Forces and over its inhabitants, and final administrative responsibility are vested solely in the Supreme Allied Commander as Military Governor. This formally denies to the Italian Government, as it does to all other authorities other than the Allied Military Command, any power in our military administration.

In connection with the general question of relations with the Italians, you should have in mind two points. As set forth in the proclamations, the laws applicable in the territory during our period of trusteeship will be Italian laws, purged of all fascist measures and supplemented by our AMG proclamations and orders. This follows inevitably from the fact that the territory belongs legally to Italy unless and until it is transferred to another power under the orderly procedures of international law. If, as you indicated yesterday, you interpret this fact as implying the reintroduction of fascism in any form, you show very little understanding of the intentions of Britain and the United States with regard to this area and, in fact, of their objectives and accomplishments during this war. Both Britain and the United States have fought a long, bitter and costly war to destroy fascism and it would be as intolerable to us as to you to permit its rebirth in any area for which we are responsible.

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You must also bear in mind that there are large numbers of Italians in the territory which we will administer. It will be our duty to protect their rights as vigorously as we shall the rights of Slovenes or any other groups who may be subject to our orders.

Finally, in your draft you ask us, in effect, to recognise certain committees of liberation as the sole agencies through which we will conduct the civil administration. This we cannot do. In the proper discharge

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of his responsibilities to the two governments, the Supreme Allied Commander cannot so limit his authority. You, as a soldier, should understand this principle. Even if he were free to do so, the Supreme Allied Commander would not now agree to accept any person or group of persons as the instruments through which he will govern the territory without satisfying himself as to their efficiency and loyalty to the purposes of his administration. You have the undertaking of our two governments in the BELGRADE agreement. I am not empowered to add to or further define that undertaking.

In closing this subject, I should like to venture a final suggestion. The degree to which Allied Military Government and the groups whose interests you have been representing will be able to cooperate will depend, I believe, in large measure upon the willingness and ability of these groups to assist us in maintaining order and conducting civil administration in this area during a difficult period. I trust you will make this clear to all concerned. If you and they will have confidence in our desire and ability to insure a just and impartial regime you will make a great contribution toward the solution of the problem.

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AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER
MEDITERRANEAN THEATRE OF OPERATIONS
AND
THE SUPREME COMMANDER OF THE JUGOSLAV ARMY

1. The purpose of this agreement is to determine certain detailed matters arising out of the agreement signed by the Yugoslav Foreign Minister and the United States and British Ambassadors, in BELGRADE on 9 June 1945.
2. The term VENEZIA GIULIA will be considered throughout this agreement to mean the 1939 Italian provinces of GORIZIA, TRIESTE, FIUME (CARNIERO) and POLA (ISTRIA).
3. The areas of the territory of VENEZIA GIULIA which will be under the command and control of the Supreme Allied Commander and the Yugoslav High Command respectively will conform to the boundaries now marked accurately on the maps at Appendices 4 and 5.
4. The Yugoslav detachment, remaining in the area under the command and control of the Supreme Allied Commander, will initially concentrate in accordance with the instructions attached at Appendix C.
5. For liaison duty in connection with Yugoslav troops a Yugoslav mission will be attached to Headquarters, Eighth Army, or to the most appropriate Allied Headquarters. The detailed composition and functions of this mission will be as set out at Appendix D.
6. The Yugoslav authorities will facilitate the occupation of the area around POLA by troops of the Supreme Allied Commander in accordance with details set out at Appendix E.
7. Yugoslav rights regarding war booty will be as set out at Appendix F.
8. Arrangements in respect of command and control of anchorages on the west coast of ISTRIA will be as set out at Appendix G.
9. Control of movement in VENEZIA GIULIA will be in accordance with Appendix H.
10. Arrangements will be made for the control of railway traffic between the Allied and Yugoslav-occupied zones of VENEZIA GIULIA and for the settlement of matters affecting trade and commerce between these zones in accordance with Appendix I.
11. The Yugoslavs will have the right to use the ports of TRIESTE and POLA in accordance with Appendix J.
12. This agreement enters into force on being signed. Like that signed at BELGRADE on 9 June 1945, it in no way prejudices or affects the ultimate disposal of any part of VENEZIA GIULIA. The agreement prepared in the English and Serbo-Croat languages. In the event of

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APPENDIX 'C'

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE CONCENTRATION OF THE JUGOSLAV DETACHMENT
COMING UNDER COMMAND AND CONTROL OF THE SUPREME
ALLIED COMMANDER, MEDITERRANEAN THEATRE

1. The JUGOSLAV detachment will not exceed 2,000 all ranks including headquarters and administration troops.
2. The area designated for concentration of this force is the area bounded by the summit of Mt TERSTIL, (770964), exclusive SUTLA (7992), all inclusive VOISSIZZA (7492), NOVA VILLA (6794), OFACCHIASILLA (6795), COLLE GRANDE (7098) - Mt TERSTIL.
3. As the detachment is now split into several groups dispersed, mainly WEST of the MORGAN Line, action will be taken as follows to concentrate it:-

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- (1) to concentrate groups now NORTH of GORIZIA with the group at GORIZIA as soon as possible, informing local Allied commanders in advance of the time groups will move.

- (2) to ensure that the Detachment Commander, and group commanders at GORIZIA, MONFALCONE and TRIESTE understand that they are now under command EIGHTH ARMY and are instructed to accept orders from local commanders for movement to the concentration area.

- (3) to concentrate any additional troops, including administration units, required to complete the detachment at a convenient area EAST of the MORGAN Line, and to notify Headquarters EIGHTH ARMY so that a route and time can be given for this group to move across the line to join the Detachment.

- (b) EIGHTH ARMY through appropriate subordinate Headquarters will make all arrangements and issue instructions to Groups after they have concentrated under JUGOSLAV orders under sub para (a).

4. The JUGOSLAV Command will ensure that the Force has been provided with a scale of transport sufficient to distribute its daily requirements within a radius of five miles of a maintenance point.

5. The Anglo-American forces will provide rations, forage, petrol and other supplies of expendable material in issue in the British Army. Provision of clothing, equipment, arms and munitions and vehicles is the responsibility of the JUGOSLAV Command.

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6. The JUGOSLAV detachment will not communicate by wireless with the JUGOSLAV Command or any other station EAST of the MORGAN Line. Communication on administrative matters will be by mail or by officers on liaison visits as may be authorised by HQ EIGHTH ARMY from time to time. No other official communications will be made except through the Headquarters of the Anglo-American Commander under whose command the force is placed.

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APPENDIX "D"JUGOSLAV MISSION WITH EIGHTH ARMY

1. The strength of the JUGOSLAV mission with EIGHTH ARMY will be one Colonel and six less senior officers, including one expert in administration. They may bring such clerks, wireless personnel and servants as are agreed by Commander EIGHTH ARMY to be necessary for the efficient performance of their duties. The personnel must be acceptable to the Supreme Allied Commander. Their names will be submitted to Allied Force Headquarters as soon as possible. Motor transport and wireless equipment for the Mission will be provided by JUGOSLAV sources.
2. The Mission will be attached to the headquarters of Commander EIGHTH ARMY, who may at his discretion, require one or more officers to be detached to an appropriate subordinate Headquarters.
3. The functions of the Mission will be:-
 - (a) To advise the Commander EIGHTH ARMY and his staff, or a subordinate commander, on all matters pertaining to the JUGOSLAV detachment under command.
 - (b) To act as a channel of communication between EIGHTH ARMY, or the appropriate subordinate Headquarters and the JUGOSLAV detachment.
 - (c) To transmit messages, including messages on AMG matters, in either direction between HQ EIGHTH ARMY and the JUGOSLAV High Command.
4. Communications:
 - (a) The mission may use wireless communication between its headquarters and the JUGOSLAV High Command, in addition to telephone or other ordinary means available.
 - (b) Communication with the JUGOSLAV detachment will be by liaison officer or any available EIGHTH ARMY signals channels.
5. Officers of the Mission may circulate freely, in the course of their duties, between Headquarters EIGHTH ARMY, appropriate Corps Headquarters, the JUGOSLAV detachment and JUGOSLAV - controlled territory.

They will however obtain permission from Headquarters EIGHTH ARMY before visiting any subordinate ANGLO-AMERICAN Headquarters or unit, subordinate AMG headquarters or any office or establishment of the civil administration.

APPENDIX 'E'

OCCUPATION OF POLA BY ANGLO-AMERICAN FORCES

1. A combined road reconnaissance and advance party, including a detachment from the Royal Navy, troops of 13 CORPS and AMG representatives will move by road from TRIESTE to POLA on Saturday 16 June. The strength of the convoy will not exceed 50 motor vehicles.

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The party will proceed by Route 15, taking such diversions as are necessary to by-pass demolitions. The road reconnaissance party will inspect such demolitions with a view to estimating the military bridging commitments.

The road reconnaissance party will return on 17 June by an alternative route via PISINO.

3.

The JUGOSLAV Command will arrange for a small escort under an English speaking military officer to meet the party at 0730 B hours 16 June, at the MORGAN LINE road post on Route 15 and to accompany the party with written authority to ensure its safe passage to its destination without hold up by road blocks. In addition the JUGOSLAV Command will ensure that JUGOSLAV Commanders and road posts concerned are warned in advance.

In event of a vehicle breakdown the JUGOSLAV escort will leave a detachment to accompany the damaged vehicle on or back as necessary.

4.

The JUGOSLAV military commander in POLA will be warned in advance of the arrival of the 13 CORPS force and its mission. He will arrange to facilitate the reconnaissance and installation of the force in every way, and will be authorised to complete local arrangements for the handover with the commander of the Advance Party. He will complete the movement of all JUGOSLAV troops out of the demarcated area by the time the main body of the occupying force is due to arrive, namely, 1100 B hours Monday 18 June.

5.

The main body of the occupying force will move in two echelons, by the route selected as a result of the road reconnaissance, on Monday 18 June and Tuesday 19 June. It is notified for information of the JUGOSLAV Command that each column will consist of approximately 650 vehicles. The leading troops will pass the road post on the MORGAN LINE on the selected route (provisionally route 15) at 0730 B hours on each day.

6.

Returning convoys, each of 170 empty vehicles, will move from POLA to TRIESTE on Tuesday 19 June and Wednesday 20 June, passing the road post at the demarcation line on the selected route (provisionally route 15) at 0800 B hours.

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The JUGOSLAV commander will arrange for an officer with the necessary authority to escort each of the convoys mentioned in paragraph 5 and 6 to ensure that the road is open throughout the JUGOSLAV controlled area, as described for the advance party. (See paragraph 3).

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8. At all times after the installation of the occupational force as described above, the JUGOSLAV Command will accord to the Anglo-American forces unrestricted running rights over the selected route between TRIESTE and POLA.
9. A staging area will be fixed mid-way between TRIESTE and POLA, at which convoys will be permitted to make short halts. During the movement of large convoys the Anglo-American forces may establish small vehicle recovery posts, traffic control posts and medical first aid posts at intervals along the route as necessary.
10. Anglo-American vehicles of the Navy, Army, Air Force and MAG will be exempt from search or check of cargo while in transit across JUGOSLAV occupied territory between TRIESTE and POLA.
11. The JUGOSLAV command will maintain the selected route (provisionally route 15) in a good state of repair. Should it be necessary to construct military bridges quickly to open or improve the best road, the Anglo-American Army Engineers will build any bridges beyond the capacity of the JUGOSLAV authorities, and will be given a protective detachment and all possible assistance.
12. The JUGOSLAV authorities will ensure that the supply of electric power and of water to POLA over power lines and from wells in JUGOSLAV controlled territory is maintained at all times.

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APPENDIX 2

WAR BOOTY

1. It is agreed that enemy war material, captured by the Yugoslav forces in the area now coming under Allied military control, may be considered Yugoslav war booty, in accordance with the normal provisions of international law.
2. It is agreed that appropriate machinery must be set up to determine at the earliest possible moment Yugoslav claims respecting war booty. In view of the apparently complicated nature of the cases presented, the nature, constitution and powers of any commission or other tribunal which may be established to consider these matters will be reserved for later agreement upon fuller examination of the types of cases involved.
3. Meanwhile, officers representing Allied and Yugoslav Military Commands will dispose of as many cases as possible by mutual agreement locally. Names of officers designated to conduct these negotiations will be exchanged within one week of the signing of this agreement.
4. The Allied commanders will have the right to forbid the removal of equipment claimed to be war booty until agreement has been reached under paragraph 3, or a decision rendered in accordance with paragraph 2. The Allied forces agree not to evacuate any war material or equipment which is claimed by the Yugoslav Army as war booty, until such an agreement or decision has been reached.

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APPENDIX C

ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMMAND AND CONTROL OF ANCHAGES

1. In regards the command and control of the anchorages on the West coast of ISTRIA (other than PULA and TRIESTE) it is agreed that the Supreme Allied Commander will not assume administrative control of the ports in question by occupation provided :
 - (a) That unrestricted use of the ports and anchorages is afforded to Allied warships and shipping.
 - (b) That seaborne traffic is subject to control by patrol vessels under the operational control of the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.
 - (c) That the ports, anchorages and such navigational aids as the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean requires are maintained and operated at their cost by the Yugoslav Command, in accordance with the requirements of the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.
2. Allied Naval representatives will have the right to inspect ports and anchorages on the West coast within the borders of the Yugoslav held area.
3. No restrictions upon the use by Yugoslav vessels of the ports and anchorages in Yugoslav occupied territory on the West coast of ISTRIA or upon vessels fishing in waters off such territory shall be imposed by the Allied Naval Authorities except as necessary in furtherance of minesweeping operations and the security of shipping navigating in the area.
4. In the event of failure by the Yugoslav Command to fulfil the provisions of this Appendix, the Supreme Allied Commander reserves the right to occupy the relative port or anchorage on the West coast of ISTRIA, but before exercising this right shall endeavour by discussion with the Yugoslav Command to reach an agreed solution.

APPENDIX H

CONTROL OF MOVEMENT

1. A uniform system of movement control will be applied in VENEZIA GIULIA as a whole.
2. There will be no restrictions within VENEZIA GIULIA on the movement of persons of either Italian or Slovene origin normally resident in VENEZIA GIULIA (either Yugoslav or Allied-occupied) nor on the movement of such persons to and from across the demarcation lines shown at Appendices A and B.
3. (a) Identity cards will be issued by Allied Military Government for persons in the Allied-occupied area in three different styles, distinguishing:
 - (i) Residents of VENEZIA GIULIA.
 - (ii) Yugoslav citizens who are not residents of VENEZIA GIULIA.
 - (iii) Italian citizens who are not residents of VENEZIA GIULIA.(b) The Yugoslav military authorities will issue for persons in the Yugoslav-occupied area identity documents similar in type to those issued by Allied Military Government but distinguishable therefrom.
4. Civilians who are Yugoslav citizens or Italian citizens not resident in VENEZIA GIULIA may move freely throughout VENEZIA GIULIA subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) Neither of these categories of persons will be permitted to enter VENEZIA GIULIA unless their entry has been approved by the Allied authorities in the case of entry from the west and by the Yugoslav authorities in the case of entry from the east.
 - (b) Neither of these categories of persons will be permitted to cross the demarcation lines shown at Appendices A and B unless their movements across these lines has been approved by both the Allied and Yugoslav authorities.
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 - (ii) Such Allied or Yugoslav military personnel whose entry into the Yugoslav-occupied area is sanctioned by the Yugoslav military authorities. This prohibition does not apply to the movement of Allied military personnel and arms to POLA, which is covered by the terms of Appendix B.

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6. The movement of Yugoslav military personnel belonging to the Yugoslav force stationed within the Allied-held area will be subject to the same limitations as are normally imposed upon the movements of United States and British troops in any area.

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APPENDIX IECONOMIC AND TRAFFIC MEASURES

1. Since the line of demarcation cuts across existing areas of civil administration and economic activity, it is agreed that mutual arrangements should be arrived at which will ensure a minimum interference with the normal life of VELEZIL GULIL as a whole. The specific arrangements will have to be the subject of study and negotiation between experts of AMF and of the Yugoslav authorities. The more important subjects to be covered and the principles which it is proposed should govern these discussions are as follows:

- (a) Communications - Telephone and telegraph communications will be uncontrolled between the two areas. Mail facilities will be continued.
- (b) Transportation - Rail communication will be continued. In order to regulate traffic and ensure equitable utilization of equipment, a joint operating committee will be established.
- (c) Commerce and Industry - Normal economic movement across the line of demarcation is to continue subject only to control sufficient to prevent unauthorized movement of supplies. In order to work out the detailed arrangements for the interchange of power and of industrial, mineral and agricultural resources of both areas, a joint economic committee will be established.

All questions arising under the arrangements now existing between the Yugoslav authorities and industries in the AMF area, including question of the continuance of such arrangements and the terms thereof, will be brought before this committee for determination.

It will be the policy to continue all such arrangements as do not prejudice the interests of the territory for which AMF is responsible and to utilize all industrial facilities in the area to the fullest extent in order to meet the needs of Yugoslav and other claimants on these facilities.

No plant or industrial facility will be moved out of VELEZIL GULIL during the period of this agreement. **883**

2. To bring into effect the arrangements made in paragraph (b) and (c) above, it is agreed that the necessary technical personnel from both sides shall meet in TRISTE at a time and date to be mutually agreed, but not later than one week after the signing of the agreement. Within three days of the signing, there will be exchanged information as

1. Since the line of demarcation cuts across existing areas of civil administration and economic activity, it is agreed that mutual arrangements should be arrived at which will ensure a minimum interference with the normal life of VILZEL-GIULLI as a whole. The specific arrangements will have to be the subject of study and negotiation between experts of AMG and of the Yugoslav authorities. The more important subjects to be covered and the principles which it is proposed should govern these discussions are as follows :

- (a) Communications - Telephone and telegraph communications will be uncontrolled between the two areas. Mail facilities will be continued.
- (b) Transportation - Rail communication will be continued. In order to regulate traffic and ensure equitable utilization of equipment, a joint operating committee will be established.
- (c) Commerce and Industry - Normal economic movement across the line of demarcation is to continue subject only to control sufficient to prevent unauthorized movement of supplies. In order to work out the detailed arrangements for the interchange of power and of industrial, mineral and agricultural resources of both areas, a joint economic committee will be established.

All questions arising under the arrangements now existing between the Yugoslav authorities and industries in the IIP area, including question of the continuance of such arrangements and the terms thereof, will be brought before this committee for determination.

It will be the policy to continue all such arrangements as do not prejudice the interests of the territory for which AMG is responsible and to utilize all industrial facilities in the area to the fullest extent in order to meet the needs of Yugoslav and other claimants on these facilities.

No plant or industrial facility will be moved out of VILZEL-GIULLI during the period of this agreement.

- 2. To bring into effect the arrangements made in paragraph (b) and (c) above, it is agreed that the necessary technical personnel from both sides shall meet in TRIESTE at a time and date to be mutually agreed, but not later than one week after the signing of the agreement. Within three days of the signing, there will be exchanged information as to the numbers and functions of such experts.

APPENDIX "J"USE OF THE PORTS OF TRIESTE AND POLA1. Handling of Yugoslav Cargoes

There is no objection to use of port capacity at TRIESTE in excess of that required by the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theatre, but user must be subject to the Joint Economic Committee's approval. Cargoes would be handled as for any other importer, whether government or private.

Stocks would be held by the agents appointed by the Yugoslav authorities in warehouse inside the port and forwarded by the agents as and when called forward. Civilian representatives of the Yugoslav authorities would be free to arrange with the agents for supervision by civilian tally clerks of the discharge of cargo for which the agent would be financially responsible while it was in his custody, the dock police and watchmen being additional physical safeguard.

2. Repair of Merchant Ships

There is no objection to the Yugoslav authorities entering into freely negotiated contracts for repair of merchant ships with the ship-building and ship repairing firms in the area under Allied Military Government, subject to the fulfillment of the requirements of the Supreme Allied Commander in those respects and to the approval of such contracts by the Joint Economic Committee.

3. Supplies of Bunkers, etc

Supplies of bunkers and ship chandlery stores must be arranged by Joint Economic Committee in accordance with the accepted principles of the United Maritime Authority.

4. New Construction of Shipping

The Yugoslav delegation reserve, on behalf of their government, the right to raise the question of new construction of ships in this area with the Allied governments.

5. POLA

The principles applicable to TRIESTE also apply generally to POLA, but as POLA is not a commercial port detailed arrangements must be worked out on the spot subject to agreement by the Joint Economic Committee.

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14 June 1945.

VENEZIA GIULIA.

1. Those parts of VENEZIA GIULIA in which AMG has been set up are to be known as AMG XIII Corps and are under the operational command of the Commanding General of that Corps. They are not part of VENETIAN Region.
2. Colonel Nelson W. MONTFORT (A) has been appointed SCAO XIII Corps and Lt. Colonel H.P.P. ROBERTSON (B) has been appointed his deputy.
3. All correspondence for VENEZIA GIULIA will be addressed to XIII Corps with a copy, when the correspondence deals with matters of high policy, to AMG Eighth Army.

E. Talbot
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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SPOTTORD. For your information following G-5 points arising today reported as promised conversation General MORGAN - General LEHNITZER. Consider no action required by you on these matters at present.

1. General IVANOVIC raised question of western boundary of AMG area. Referring to predominantly Slovene population in eastern FRIULI and acts of terrorism under the Italian administration he stated for these reasons and because JUGOSLAVIA would make additional claims at Peace Conference it was desired that the special AMG regime established for VENEZIA GIULIA should extend westward to a line commencing at the south with the boundary of VENEZIA GIULIA and including CIVIDALE ATTINIS FREDI TARCENTO GEMONA CHIUSAFORTE PONTEBBA DNF thence continuing north to the Austrian frontier. This area would thus include TARVISIO. This proposal contemplated that AMG would remain in this area until the Peace Conference. We made it clear that we were wholly without instrs as to any special arrangements with respect to this area and could only put the matter to higher authority. Authorization from the governments would certainly be required for any commitment to keep AMG in the area until the peace. As to special measure to protect the Slovene minority we stated the usual AMG policies were adequate protection.

2. As a basis for working out economic and administrative questions, we presented a 5-point memorandum suggesting mutual arrangements which would ensure that demarcation line resulted in minimum of interference with normal life of

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VENEZIA GIULIA as a whole. The points are as follows:

- A. Telephone and telegram communications to be continued uncontrolled between the 2 areas. Mail facilities to be continued.
- B. Rail communications to be continued. A joint operating control agency to be set up to regulate traffic and ensure an equitable utilization of equipment.
- C. Commerce and industry. Normal movement across line to be continued subject to control preventing unauthorized movement of supplies. Joint economic agency proposed to work out arrangements for interchange of power and industrial mineral and agricultural resources of both areas.
- D. Principal banks west of line to provide funds to communes post offices and branch banks east of line subject to normal financial pensions to continue throughout area.
- E. Administrative records. Representative of government departments public and private enterprises would have access to records both sides of line. Jugoslavs accepted A B and C. Stated after discussion D and E would be referred to BELGRADE. In addition they raised following economic points:
 - F. They desire contracts which they have entered into with TRIESTE industries to be carried out. We stated this could come before proposed economic agency. They agreed.
 - G. They wished commitment that factories now in NG area would be permitted to move west. We agreed.
3. General IVANOVIC finally raised question of disposal of booty. In his view booty consists of all military equipment including fixed installation such as

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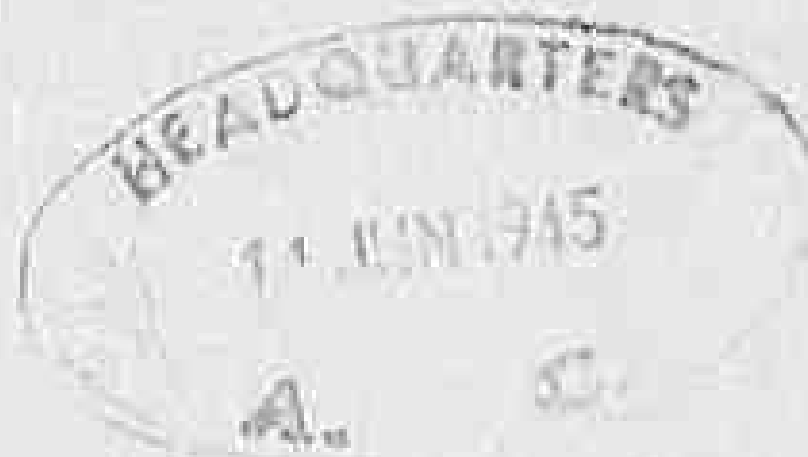
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coast defence artillery also all industrial plants which have been owned or operated by "The Fascists" and have furnished supplies used against JUGOSLAVIA. He indicated this might include textile factories. On question of warlike stores and movable military equipment we agreed that they were entitled to material which they had captured. Question of removal of fixed equipment would have to be given further study. We also reserved for consideration disposition of factories and equipment suggesting that he was confusing reparations with booty. We will propose a joint military committee to examine specific cases presented by Jugoslava provided that matters remaining in dispute shall be subject to final decision by SAC.

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TRANSLATION

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Text of the agreement for Venezia Giulia, as published by the British Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Demarcation line: 1) The part of the territory of Venezia Giulia, West of the line as from the enclosed map, area which includes Trieste, the railroads and roads from Trieste to Austria, Gorizia, Caporetto, Tarvisio, as well as Pola and the installations on the Western coast of Istria will be placed under the command and control of the Supreme Allied Commander.

2) All naval, military and air forces West of the line as from the enclosed map will be placed under Allied command from the moment the agreement becomes in force. The Yugoslav forces in this zone will have to be limited to a detachment of regular troops not exceeding 2,000 men of all ranks. These troops will depend from the administrative services of the Supreme Allied Commander. They will control a zone allotted to them by the Supreme Allied Commander West of the line and will not be allowed to proceed to other places.

3) By means of the Military Government, the Supreme Allied Commander will govern the zone West of the line, as from the enclosed map, Pola, and what other zones he will deem necessary on the Western coast of Istria. A small Yugoslav mission may be attached to the Headquarters of the VIII Army as observer.

Any Yugoslav civilian administration, which is already formed and which the Supreme Allied Commander will judge to be functioning in a satisfactory way, will be made use of. Besides, the Allied Military Government will have the power to make use of any civilian authority it will think best, in any place whatever, and to change at will the administrative personnel.

Demonstrations in Trieste: 4) Before eight o'clock on June 12th, 1945, Marshal Tito will withdraw the Yugoslav regular troops from the region of Venezia Giulia which lays West of the line as from the enclosed map, and those which are scattered in the town of Pola and its surroundings. The agreements for the keeping of the Yugoslav detachment as from para 2 will be drafted by the Supreme Allied Commander and the Yugoslav High Command.

5) In any case, all irregular forces in this zone will either hand over their arms to the Allied Military Authorities and dissolve, or withdraw from the area according to the decision of the Supreme Allied Commander.

6) The Yugoslav Government will repatriate all the residents of the zone which have been arrested or deported except for those who had Yugoslav citizenship in 1939, and will give back whatever property had been confiscated or taken away.

7) This agreement neither prejudices nor has any influence on the definitive allotment of the regions of Venezia Giulia West of the line drawn on the map enclosed with the agreement. In the same way, the military occupation and the administration by Yugoslavia of zones of Venezia Giulia East of the said line neither prejudice nor have any influence over the definitive allotment of these zones.

Risorgimento Libero, June 10th, 1945.

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HEADQUARTERS
XII CORPS
APO STATION

3 June 1945

SUBJECT: Organization XII Corps.

TO: SCAG,
English Army.

1. After 48 hours of intensive study of the situation on the ground I wish to report that there is no evidence of a military government organization in XII Corps (formerly Venezia Giulia Sub-region) except to function. The so-called organization is completely chaotic and it has been necessary to work on its reorganization in my opinion could not have functioned even to a minimum degree. After months of so-called planning, there is, so far as I know, no plan of operation in existence and none of the officers at present have been even briefed as to their duties and responsibilities.

2. In the opinion of me, the territory involved in the present log of Barago. The Corps Commander feels, and I entirely agree, that we shall be judged by what we do in the first 48 hours and that what we do in the early stages will have an important bearing on military government in other parts of Europe as well. He feels that the best personnel available in the Allied Command should be set out at least in the early stages of occupation and Admiral Stone, Chief Commander of the Allied Command, has agreed with me in principle to send such personnel if it is at all possible to make them available.

3. I shall prepare as quickly as possible an Organizational Chart, together with a skeleton directive, but I must advise you that the speed with which I can put it into effect depends entirely upon adequate personnel and transportation being made available at once. Will you, therefore, send an immediate signal to the Allied Command asking for personnel and equipment as follows:

HEADQUARTERS, SCAG.

a. Lt Col JOHN D. STILES, Deputy Regional Commissioner for Venezia Giulia is not being here. He would like to return to the United States on compassionate grounds which he himself will explain. I recommend that he be relieved from his present assignment and that his request to return to the United States be granted. In his place I request that you send me immediately an experienced and able Executive Officer capable of organizing and, in my opinion, carrying out the duties of the SCAG.

b. Supply. If, as I believe, Fifth Army has about finished its mission, I request that Col JOHN STILES be assigned as Supply Officer to this Corps. In any case, I request an immediate replacement for Major LORENZO-LETTA who has already proved that he is not up to the job. What I require is a lively and energetic officer who knows what is going on and is able to meet and solve difficult situations as they arise.

c. Finance. Four additional officers are required as follows:

- 1 Property Control Officer
- 1 Budget Officer
- 1 Accountant

1. After 48 hours of intensive study of the situation on the ground I wish to report that there is no semblance of a military government organization in the Corps (namely Versala (Gullin sub-region) ready to function. The so-called organization is completely chaotic and if it has been necessary to embark on its mission in my opinion could not have functioned even to a minimum degree. After months of so-called planning, there is, so far as I know, no plan of operation in existence and none of the officers at present have ever been briefed as to their duties and responsibilities.

2. In the opinion of many, the territory involved in the ponder bog of Europe. The Corps Commander feels, and I entirely agree, that we shall be judged by what we do in the first 48 hours and that what we do in the early stages will have an important bearing on military government in other parts of Europe as well. He feels that the best personnel available in the Allied Commission should be at our disposal at least in the early stages of occupation and Admiral Stone, Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission, has agreed with me in principle to send such personnel if it is at all possible to make them available.

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RECOMMENDED STAFF

a. Lt Col JOHN D. BROWN, Deputy Regional Commissioner for Versala Gullin is not here. He would like to return to the United States on compassionate grounds which he himself will explain. I recommend that he be relieved from his present assignment and that his request to return to the United States be granted. In his place I request that you send me immediately an experienced and able Executive Officer capable of organizing and, in my absence, carrying out the duties of the SAC.

b. Supply. If, as I believe, Fifth Army HQ has about finished its mission, I request that Col HARRY MUMFORD be assigned as Supply Officer to this Corps. In any case, I request an immediate replacement for Major LORENCE TUMMAM who has already proved that he is not up to the job. That I require is a lively and ingenious officer who knows what is going on and is able to spot and solve difficult situations as they arise.

c. Finance. Four additional officers are required as follows:

- 1 Property Controller
- 1 Budget Officer
- 1 Accountant
- 1 Purchasing and Contracting Officer.

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I have been informed that the above officers have been promised "as soon as possible"; This is not good enough. They should report immediately.

If, as I believe, the area involved is in fact to be autonomous, it will be necessary to set up an office of the Allied Financial Agency with the necessary staff. In this case these officers too should report at once.

d. Labor. From information thus far obtainable, all unconfirmed, it would appear that we shall be presented with complex labor problems, especially in the part of Trieste. Accordingly, a labor officer should be assigned and should report immediately to study the situation. He should be extremely able and forceful.

e. Transportation. One efficient Transportation Officer is urgently required.

f. Displaced Persons. It is impossible to see what problems will arise, but certainly at least one officer, experienced in handling refugees and displaced persons, is required immediately. There are at present streams of Italians walking along all the main highways. The great majority of these people, I believe, are Italians from Fiume, Pola and other parts of the Istrian Peninsula who are hovering around the borders of Venezia Giulia waiting to see which way the "cat will jump". It is imperative that a camp be established into which these persons can be corralled and held pending dispersal, and if the numbers are not too great the camp can also be used to accommodate displaced persons who may subsequently have to be repatriated.

g. Legal. Lt. Col. L.P. DAWSON, Chief Legal Officer, has requested, and I strongly support his request, substitutions as follows:

Major A.C.J. GERMAN (B) in place of Lt Col TROXELL
Major ANIELI (A) in place of Capt CAZZANO
1st Lt CHARLES BAWO (A) in place of Capt WHITNEY

h. Public Safety. I request a substitute for Major REVELLY immediately. Again if the mission of Fifth Army APT is completed, I request that Lt Col HES be assigned here. In any case, I want a British policeman as Senior Police Officer and if Col HES is not immediately available, I shall leave the selection to Col DOHERTY with the understanding that he sends me the most efficient officer possible.

i. I consider that the future mission of AMT XIII Corps is primarily one of law and order and I must insist therefore that the legal officers and the Public Safety officers assigned here be outstanding.

j. Patriots. There are two Patriot Bands, whose combined strength is estimated at about 7,000, still armed. They are reputed to be well disciplined and for obvious reasons no attempt has as yet been made to disarm them. The disarming ceremony will be arranged as soon as possible after the area is occupied and two able Patriot Officers, are required to handle the rehabilitation of the dispersed bands.

HEADQUARTERS STAFF - FM/ORG.

a. The skeleton Headquarters Staff presently assigned here is unable to function because it lacks 26 FM/ORGs as follows:

WO II	Chief Clerk	1
S/Sgt		1
Sgt	Admin	1
Sgt Gordon PASO		1

e. Transportation. One efficient Transportation Officer is urgently required.

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Major AULISTI (A) in place of Capt GAZZIANO
1st Lt CHARLES BARNES(A) in place of Capt WHARTON

h. Public Safety. I request a substitute for Major REVELLY immediately. Again if the mission of Fifth Army AMF is completed, I request that Lt Col RYE be assigned here. In any case, I want a British policeman as Senior Police Officer and if Col RYE is not immediately available, I shall leave the substitution selection to Col DOWNEY with the understanding that he sends me the most efficient officer possible.

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HEADQUARTERS STAFF)-HQ/US.

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a. The skeleton Headquarters Staff presently assigned here is unable to function because it lacks 26 HQ/US as follows:

WO II	Chief Clerk	1
S/sgts		1
Sgt	Admin	1
Sgt		1
Sgt		1
Sgt		2
Cpl		3
Cpl	Transport	1

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Cpl	Rations	1
Cpl Clerk	Pay	1
Inv/ies	Transport	1
Cooking A.C.O.		2
Pvt Clerk	Pay	1
Pvt	Stations	1
Pvt Clerks	Typists	2
	Total	<u>26</u>

Unless the above bodies can be sent here at once it is obvious that it will be impossible for any organization to carry on.

b. The above demands do not include the clerical help that will be necessary when the officers requested above are not already assigned enroute. Additional demands therefore will be made at a later date.

PROVINCIAL BODIES

a. CEPULA PROVINCE.

The following officers and civilians are urgently required:

- 1 Executive Officer
- 1 Transportation Officer
- 6 Experienced, repeat experienced, CMOs.
- 1 S/Sgt Clerk to replace S/Sgt MURPHY
- 2 additional clerks
- 1 Cpl for Transport Section

b. SHANSHAN PROVINCE.

- 1 Executive Officer
- 3 Experienced, repeat Experienced, CMOs
- 1 Experienced Supply Officer
- 1 Transportation Officer
- 1 Medical Officer

TRANSPORT

a. As of today, transport assigned and on hand for the continued operations of ANG XIII Corps consists of:

- 6 Jeeps
- 1 CAR (USA)
- 4 3-ton trucks
- 4 15-cwt

All civilian supplies now being discharged at TIENTSIN are being loaded to military dumps by military transport and the military have agreed to continue to supply all transportation necessary to land civilian supplies from there within Corps area to distribution centers. If at a later date it is necessary to land civilian supplies from HONGKONG, it is recommended to ensure that the military will also supply the necessary transport.

Unless the above bodies can be sent here at once it is obvious that it will be impossible for any organization to carry on.

b. The above demands do not include the clerical help that will be necessary when the officers requested above not already assigned arrive. Additional demands therefore will be made at a later date.

PROVINCIAL STAFF

a. CORPSAL STAFFING

The following officers and W/Os are urgently required:

- 1 Executive Officer
- 1 Transportation Officer
- 6 Experienced, repeat experienced, W/Os.
- 1 S/Sgt Chief Clerk to replace S/Sgt HOSKIN
- 2 additional clerks
- 1 Cpl for Transport Section

b. WARRANT OFFICERS

- 1 Executive Officer
- 3 Experienced, repeat experienced, W/Os
- 1 Experienced Supply Officer
- 1 Transportation Officer
- 1 Medical Officer

TRAINING

a. As of today, transport assigned and on hand for the combined operations of ANG XIII Corps consists of:

- 6 Jeeps
- 1 CAB (CBA)
- 4 3-ton trucks
- 4 15-cvts

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All civilian supplies now being discharged at MARIANA are being hauled to military dumps by military transport and the military have agreed to continue to supply all transportation necessary to haul civilian supplies from dumps within Corps Area to distribution centers. If at a later date it is necessary to haul civilian supplies from MARIANA, it is reasonable to assume that the military will also supply the necessary transport.

b. You can readily see, however, that even with this commitment satisfied the transportation available for the work of ANG XIII Corps is entirely inadequate. Moreover, it is reasonable to suppose that the "Japs" will have removed everything with wheels before we enter the area and therefore no dependence can be placed on civilian transport.

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c. The jeeps mentioned above are all ready for the swamp-jeep and while they might be temporarily for use in GREEN and CHINA CITIES, I must insist that all CACs be mounted on reliable jeeps. Accordingly, 12 jeeps are required. I require in addition 3 small cars, either jeeps or CACs, which together with the 6 described above total 9, for use 3 at each of the Provisional Headquarters and 3 at Corps Headquarters.

d. All of the above is a hurried approximation of the AMB problem at this Headquarters. As I have time to go into the matter in greater detail is it possible that further demands for vehicles and M/Am and transportation will be made.

Copy to:

COO, XIII Corps
HQ Allied Command

(sgl) H. W. MEADOW

HERSCH W. MEADOW
Colonel, USA
SCMO, XIII Corps

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LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION

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8 June 1945.

AC/4188/1/L.

SUBJECT : Venezia Giulia.

TO : See distribution.

1. Replies have now been received to this sub-commission's letter AC/4188/1/L of 25 May 1945.

2. Attached hereto is a draft directive prepared on the basis of these replies which it is suggested should be issued for the guidance of RC, Venezia Giulia.

3. Sub-commissions will notice that some of their suggestions have not been incorporated. The reason for this is that, in some cases, the laws proposed for re-issue are out of date, while in others they are beyond the jurisdiction of an occupying power, e.g., there is no authority to require national courts to try new offences or award increased penalties. In some cases the suggestions do not refer to laws but to directives issued by sub-commissions. These will no doubt be modified by the sub-commissions themselves.

4. Will you please forward to this sub-commission by 13 June 1945 your comments on this draft.

By command of Rear Admiral STONE:

W. E. Behrens

W. E. BEHRENS,
Colonel,
Chief Legal Advisor.

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June 1945.

SUBJECT : Legislation in Venezia Giulia.

TO : Regional Commissioners, Venezia Giulia and Venetio Regions,
SOAO 8th Army.

1. In order to avoid the appearance of introducing into Venezia Giulia current legislation passed by the Italian Government it has been decided that the policy of implementing Italian Governmental and Ministerial Decrees will not be adopted in this Region.

The sole exception to this policy is that D.L. No. 142 of 22 April 1945, which constitutes the Special Courts of Assize, will be implemented in the usual way, since under international law an occupying power has no authority to constitute national courts which are contrary to the existing law of the occupied territory. To confer jurisdiction upon these courts it will be necessary also to implement portions of D.L. No. 159 of 27 July 1944. Arrangements are being made for the supply of the necessary documents for this purpose.

2. The absence of this Italian legislation leaves certain gaps in the legislation required for the administration of the Region, which are not filled by the current Proclamations or General Orders of HQ and which will necessitate the issue of separate Regional Orders. The Proclamations and General Orders will continue to be published in accordance with the general policy of this HQ and the following paragraphs of this directive indicate the special effects upon which Regional Orders are required. Nothing in this directive is intended to prohibit the normal issue by the Regional Commissioner of Regional Orders on particular regional problems as and when the need for such orders arises.

3. Agriculture. A Regional Order is required for the amassing of wool to incorporate the provisions of IM dated 21 April 1945 (C.U.No.49 of 24 April 1945).

4. Commerce. A Regional Order is required for the blocking of essential non-subsistence materials as listed in AC Manual on Materials, Section 3, categories 1, 3 and 4 as amended by Monthly Supplements for April and May 1945. This Order will replace Ministerial Decrees of 21 Oct 1944 (C.U.No.73 of 26 Oct 1944) and of 12 Dec 1944 (C.U.No.15 of 3 Feb 1945).

5. Communications. Current Italian decrees provide for Internal Postal Rates, Internal Telegraph Rates and Urban Telephone Rates (all in C.U.No.59 of 31 March 1945), Foreign Postage Rates (Ministerial Decree 31 March 1945 in C.U.No.56 of 9 May 1945), and Interurban Telephone Rates (D.L. No.247 of 5 April 1945 in C.U. No.65 of 30 May 1945). As and when these various services are available in the Region, Regional Orders should be issued so that the rates conform with the rest of Italy.

6. Finance. The undermentioned 11 decrees require reissue as Regional Orders. The first eight can conveniently form the subject matter of one Order. It will be necessary at a later stage to reissue a large number of revenue decrees, of which details will be supplied:

TO : Regional Commissioners, Venezia Giulia and Venezia Regions,
SCAO 8th Army.

1. In order to avoid the appearance of introducing into Venezia Giulia current legislation passed by the Italian Government it has been decided that the policy of implementing Italian Governmental and Ministerial Decrees will not be adopted in this Region.

The sole exception to this policy is that DML No. 142 of 22 April 1945, which constitutes the Special Courts of Assize, will be implemented in the usual way, since under international law an occupying power has no authority to constitute national courts which are contrary to the existing law of the occupied territory. To confer jurisdiction upon these courts it will be necessary also to implement portions of DML No. 159 of 27 July 1944. Arrangements are being made for the supply of the necessary documents for this purpose.

2. The absence of this Italian legislation leaves certain gaps in the legislation required for the administration of the Region, which are not filled by the current Proclamations or General Orders of AMG and which will necessitate the issue of separate Regional Orders. The Proclamations and General Orders will continue to be published in accordance with the general policy of this HQ and the following paragraphs of this directive indicate the special subjects upon which Regional Orders are required. Nothing in this directive is intended to prohibit the normal issue by the Regional Commissioner of Regional Orders on particular regional problems as and when the need for such orders arises.

3. Agriculture. A Regional Order is required for the amassing of wool to incorporate the provisions of LM dated 21 April 1945 (G.U.No.49 of 24 April 1945).

4. Commerce. A Regional Order is required for the blocking of essential non-subsistence materials as listed in AC Manual on Materials, Section 5, categories 1, 3 and 4 as amended by Monthly Supplements for April and May 1945. This Order will replace Ministerial Decrees of 21 Oct 1944 (G.U.No.73 of 26 Oct 1944) and of 12 Dec 1944 (G.U.No.15 of 3 Feb 1945).

5. Communications. Current Italian decrees provide for Internal Postal Rates, Internal Telegraph Rates and Urban Telephone Rates (all in G.U.No.58 of 31 March 1945), Foreign Postage Rates (Ministerial Decree 31 March 1945 in G.U.No.56 of 9 May 1945), and Interurban Telephone Rates (DML No.247 of 5 April 1945 in G.U.No.65 of 30 May 1945). As and when these various services are available in the Region, Regional Orders should be issued so that the rates conform with the rest of Italy.

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RDL No.12/3 of 2 Dec 1943, RDL No.18 of 24 Jan 1944, RDL No.74 of 2 Mar 1944, RDL No.84 of 10 Mar 1944, RDL No.108 of 6 April 1944 (all in Raccolta Ufficiale)
DML No.165 of 3 Aug 1944 (G.U.No.43 of 5 Aug 1944), RDL No.233 of 8 Sept 1944 (G.U.No.68 of 14 Oct 1944), RDL No.380 of 9 Nov 1944 (G.U.No.98 of 25 Dec 1944),
DML No.234 of 8 Sept 1944 (G.U.No.68 of 14 Oct 1944), DML No.301 of 19 Oct 1944 (G.U.No.81 of 14 Nov 1944), DML No.505 of 6 Dec 1944 (G.U.No.36 of 24 Mar 1945).

7. Food. If and when required, Regional Orders should be issued to control the amassing of olive oil, the slaughter of animals, the manufacture and sale of sweets and the operation of eating houses on the basis of the following

decrees :- DM 7 Sept 1944 (G.U.No. 54 of 12 Sept 1944), DM 19 Sept 1944 (G.U.No. 59 of 23 Sept 1944), DM 16 Oct 1944 (G.U.No. 71 of 20 Oct 1944), DM 3 Nov 1944 (G.U.No. 76 of 7 Nov 1944), DM 4 Jan 1945 (G.U.No. 1 of 16 Jan 1945), Decree of the High Commissioner for Alimentation of 20 March 1945 (G.U.No. 36 of 24 March 1945 P.367), DIL No. 345 of 12 Oct 1944 (G.U.No. 90 of 5 Dec 1944) and DIL No. 99 of 1 March 1945 (G.U.No. 41 of 5 April 1945).

Prices will be controlled under General Order No. 41 or further orders issued thereunder.

A Regional Order should bring into operation the official ration scales.

8. Labour DIL No. 505 of 6 Dec 1944 (G.U.No. 36 of 24 March 1945) extended Italian Social Insurance to Allied Force Employees. The Italian Government accepted this liability by reason of their armistice obligations to make labour available. A similar arrangement should be made locally and the appropriate Regional Order issued.

9. Legal. The policy of autonomy involves the suspension of appeal to the Court of Cassation in all cases, whether under the normal Italian law or under DIL No. 142 of 22 April 1945. A Regional Order is required.

10. In drafting Regional Orders in accordance with the above policy care must be taken to ensure that all references to and duties of Italian Central Governmental bodies are excluded.

