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- f. Maintaining close liaison with the Quartermaster, C.I.C., and Provost Marshal of the Army, with the objective of obtaining their co-operation in effecting the control program, of assisting them in safeguarding Army supplies from loss by theft, or otherwise and of co-operating in other matters of mutual interest.
- g. Investigation of black market activity.
- h. Development and prosecution of black market cases.

5. The initial efforts of the Unit will be directed toward control of critical and imported supplies, including grain, flour, bread, pasta, olive oil, milk, sugar, cheese, soap, petroleum products, and miscellaneous supplies which are imported, such as biscuits, soups, canned meats, etc. As soon as it is deemed feasible, control will be extended to include other essential items.

6. The fullest co-operation of all other divisions is essential to the success of the Control Program. Accordingly, all information of activity affecting the Control Program will be immediately brought to the attention of the Unit; and in all matters affecting black market activity, the other divisions will be guided by the policies established by the Unit.

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