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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 10 JULY.

Dep Ex C was in the Chair in the absence of Ex C on duty, and introduced Mr. W. Jones, Political Adviser (A) to the meeting.

1. Registration of Methane Gas Containers. Deputy Ex C stated that as Regions had issued or were just about to issue Regional Orders on this matter, a General Order was not necessary. A/Ex C agreed but stated that in most cases a General Order was advantageous, as it gave uniformity everywhere.

2. AC Liaison Officer with PBS. A/Ex C announced that the CC had appointed Col. Hemsley to be AC Liaison Officer with PBS. He explained that PBS were taking over certain work previously handled by Fifth Army. Col. Hemsley would be stationed at Livorno.

3. Accommodation in Milan. A/Ex C stated that the forward echelons of Industry and Commerce S/Cs had practically filled the small building allocated for AC and that he was going to ask for the IV Corps HQ building to be made available.
To solve the billeting problem, a telegram was being sent to-day asking that the Continental Hotel be reserved for AC when IV Corps moved out. He proposed that the Continental be run on similar lines to the Grand Hotel in Rome, i.e. for the use of AC and Italian divisions. Pol Adviser (B) strongly supported this. There would have to be double feeding arrangements, as in the Grand.

4. Regional Commissioners' Meeting. Deputy Sec reported that an RCs' meeting was being held on Friday, 13 July 45, at the request of the Italian Government. There was a very broad agenda on unemployment, wages and prices. RCs had been signalled and told the agenda and asked what staff they would bring to the meeting, so that hotel accommodation could be provided. Dist Secs were instructed to provide cars for RCs.
Although it was largely an economic meeting, Deputy Sec thought that CA Sec should be represented.

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A/Lx C stated that CC was concerned at the position and felt that before territory was turned over to the Italian Government a more serious effort should be made to get in arms. There was discussion on ways by which this could be done. Pol Adviser (B) suggested that an announcement from London and Washington that the continuation of acts of violence and the secreting of arms would affect the supply of goods to Italy might have a good effect.
A/Lx C directed CA Sec to take up the matter with Public Safety S/C and to raise the subject on 13 July with the RCs.

6. Move of Garibaldi Division. Land Forces S/C reported that the Garibaldi Division were moving to Brandi, near Susi, to-day.

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7. Appointment of Constabs for Newspapers in the North. CA Sec drew attention to a report in the Official Gazette and asked if appointments had been made. PRO had no knowledge of this and CA Sec said they would let PRO know details.

8. Coal for Italy. Pol Adviser (B) said the Polish Ambassador in Moscow had approached the Italian Ambassador there and opened negotiations for the supply of 80,000 tons of coal a month to Italy. Another offer to supply coal to Italy had been received from the Czechs.
Econ Sec said that the Coal Division were studying this.

9. Repatriation of IDCW. Dir EW S/C reported that as a result of his visit to London it was clear that no policy had been decided in regard to the repatriation of IDCW from England and the British Empire. The question of cooperators and non-cooperators was involved.
In France SHAEF were doing everything they could to clear Italians from Germany. 5/6,000 Germans a day were being repatriated to Germany and a corresponding number of Italians returned to Italy. It was considered this number was the maximum that could be expected.

10. Venezia Giulia. CA Sec drew attention to the shortage of AM/CR clerical personnel in AMG Venezia Giulia. No civilian staff would work there and the situation was critical. A/Ex C said we could get CM from AMG Fifth Army and probably most of Company "C", 2675th Regiment could be transferred to Venezia Giulia. Dist Sec were directed to take action.

11. Italian Red Cross. EW S/C reported that SHAEF had now agreed to accept four Italian Red Cross workers for Germany.

12. Hand-Back of Territory. A/Ex C said that CC had agreed that preliminary steps should be taken to hand back to the Italian Government on 31 July the following:- Emilia Region; Provinces of Forli, Ravenna, Massa and Lucca and the Communes of Naples and Ancona. Whether or not the hand-back takes place must depend on the public safety situation.

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28 June 943.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 26 JUNE.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(f). Balkans Situation. Brig. Anderson read a signal from Fifth Army regarding the allocation of material from dumps, the Army having preference over AMG. CMD S/S did not consider the situation satisfactory and Ex C directed that they get a full report from SC. Meanwhile Brig. Anderson would send a copy of the Fifth Army signal to AFHQ.

(b) - 1(g). POL in Venezia Region. Venezia Region were issuing an order on the registration of methane gas containers. Ex C said we must convince AFHQ that we were using methane gas to the greatest possible extent in order to get our allocation of POL and he directed Econ Sec to initiate a general order on the registration of methane gas containers on the lines of the Lombardie Region order, a copy of which CSO to Ex C would pass to Econ Sec.

(c) - 2. Regional Orders. Ex C stated that all Sections and Sub-Commissions should watch carefully to ensure that there is coordination in Regional orders.

(d) - 3. U.N.R.R.A. Film in Italy. Pol Adviser (B) stated that this film had not arrived in Italy yet.

(e) - 6. Applications for Civil Affairs. Brig. Anderson stated that twenty names had been selected from the list. Ex C directed Pat Sec to follow up.

(f) - 7. American Officers. Pat Sec were directed to put up a draft letter to CO. to sign giving the history of the reported failure to obtain personnel.

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2. Venezia Giulia. Ex C stated that he had attended a meeting at AFHQ on 25 June and an agreement had been reached in the directive for CMG in Venezia Giulia. Ex C said that Venezia Giulia is under the technical control of AFHQ, and under the operational control of Eighth Army.

3. Employment of Patriots in the North. CA Sec stated they were finding it difficult to get patriots to work in the North at the present rate of pay of 85 lire per day. Econ Sec said this matter was under discussion by Fifth Army.

4. Enemy Diplomats. It was ruled that the disposal of enemy diplomats was an AFHQ responsibility.

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5. AC Liaison Officers in Italian Government Territory. Ex C directed [illegible] to circulate the names and locations of all Liaison Officers.

6. Typhus. CA Sec reported three cases of typhus in Pisa Province - two of them endemic and one doubtful.

7. AC Weekly Bulletin. PRO said that he had received several requests from the Press for copies of the AC weekly bulletin. Ex C stated he would leave it to the discretion of PRO as to the giving of extracts from the bulletin, but the whole copy should not be supplied.

8. Display of Daily Papers. Ex C suggested that daily papers should be laid out for perusal on a table in the main Conference Room. PRO would arrange this.

9. Return of IPW. IPW S/C estimated that the number of Italian POW repatriated was in the region of 100,000. Press reaction was mostly directed at the prisoners returned from the Balkans and France, and there was some dissatisfaction at the treatment on arrival of returned prisoners. Ex C said that if the Italians were not doing all possible for their returned countrymen pressure should be put on them, through the medium of the press in the first instance.
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Ref: 210/135/20. 22 June 1945.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 22 JUN. 1945.

1. Minutes of last Meeting.

(a) - 1(a). Regional Commissioners Meeting. Ex C stated that CC wished HQ representation to be kept as small as possible, S/Cs only to be represented when their particular subjects were being discussed. CSO to Ex C was directed to arrange a meeting with representatives of Sections to discuss the Agenda. Asst Sec to get particulars of accommodation requirements from CSO to Ex C and to provide transport for RCs and their deputies.

(b) - 1(c). Hotel Colonna. It was agreed that the civilian employees could continue to live at this hotel, but no messing facilities would be available.

(c) - 2. Electoral Lists. Ex C stated that CC desired an informal discussion on progress with regard to elections and preparation of electoral lists in AMG territory, and also as to the possibility of shortening the time between the making of the lists and the elections. The meeting would take place tomorrow at 1030 hrs. Pol Advisers (A) and (B) were asked if they would be good enough to attend.

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(e) - 7. Reports of Murders and Outrages in the North. CA Sec said the situation seemed to have improved. Since 15 June there had been no incidents in Emilia Region. Prior to that there were two cases of jails being broken into and prisoners removed. In Lombardia Region there were only five incidents in the last fourteen days and Col. Poletti reported that the situation was quite good in Milan. There had been a lynching

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(f) - 10. Bolzano Situation. Brig. Anderson had taken this matter up and a signal had been sent to Fifth Army. Lt C expressed concern at the pilferage that was undoubtedly going on.

(g) - 13. POL in Venezia Region. Room Sec stated that instructions had been issued to Regions on the registration of motor cars and cycles and a full report was being prepared.

2. Regional Orders. Room Sec said concern had been expressed that RCs were acting independently. Lt C had sent out a memorandum on the necessity for cooperation and exchange of ideas between Regions. He agreed with CA Sec that a General Order should be issued from this HQ in respect to policy applying equally to all Regions. CA Sec should watch this point.

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3. M.O.I. Film on Italy. Lt C drew attention to an article in the London "Times" reviewing a film dealing largely with Southern Italy. Pol Advisor (S) thought that this film had been made in Naples some time ago. Lx C requested Pol Advisor (S) and PRC to get some information.

4. Situation in Trieste. Brig. Upjohn gave a brief report of his visit. He described the Appendices to the Venezia-Giulia agreement. Mr. Braine had arrived in Trieste. Loan Sec were instructed to inform AAC XIII Corps of the names of those officers they were serving forward. The personnel situation had become confused, and Lx C stated that Col. Ritchie would probably go to Trieste again. Brig. Upjohn considered that the police requests were justified. Dep Lx C was in Trieste and would report.

5. Bolzano - Displaced Persons. Lx C stated that Gen. Robertson was under the impression that AC were over-optimistic in its ability to handle 5,000 refugees per day through the Brenner Pass and 5,000 per day through Milan. CA Sec said we could handle the problem quite well provided we had the necessary staff and MT Operations. The local CLN had been very helpful and had been handling 2,000 people per day on the Brenner route.

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7. American Officers. Lst Sec reported that MTOUSA had written a letter assigning a number of AC American officers to the University Training Command as instructors. Lx C directed Lst Sec to give full details and he would draft a protest to AFHQ for consideration by CC.

8. Situation in Sardinia. Lx C had received a gloomy report from UNRRA Liaison Officer on Sardinia, which had also appeared in the "Stars and Stripes." CC was anxious to send two officers from Loan Sec to see what help could be given. Loan Sec said there was a dispute over shipping, which had not been used to the maximum extent.
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MINUTES OF ALLIED COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 19 JUNE.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(a). Regional Commissioners Meeting. Col. Pyke was asked to telegraph or telephone Fifth Army and IV Corps on behalf of CC to obtain their agreement to the proposed meeting.

(b) - 1(b). Venezia Giulia. Lt C stated that AMG XIII Corps had submitted another request for personnel and CC was anxious to meet the request as far as possible. Lt C told Lt Gen to let him know the exact personnel situation in AMG XIII Corps so that a decision could be made.
Lt C said that in view of the present state of public security in the North, public safety strength must be maintained in the Northern Provinces. To help to meet AMG XIII Corps requirements he suggested that S.C.(I) officers could be employed under police officers, thus releasing up to 6 Police Officers for Venezia Giulia.
CA Sec to get Public Safety S/C's opinion on this suggestion.

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(d) - 1(e). Alteration in Office Hours. Lt Sec put forward a proposal for office hours to be from 0830 to 1700 hrs daily, with a 1½ hrs lunch period. Lt C was absent at this point, having been called in to the CC, and CAO to Lt C pointed out that Lt C had ruled that any plan put forward should be based on an 8 hr working day.

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(f) - 3. Communications. Communications S/C said the private line from Rome to Milan had been assigned but was not yet working. They reported that there was considerable sabotage of signal wire and cable going on all over the country, but mostly in the centre between Naples and Florence. Ex C directed CA Sec to draw the attention of Public Safety S/C to this.

2. Electoral Lists. Ex C said he should set a target date for the elections and work to it. CA Sec stated that this date could not be before December. It was suggested that the Embassies should approach the new Italian Government with a view to getting them to change the 1915 law, which was unsatisfactory. A memorandum would be prepared by CA Sec and a meeting would be called at an early date.
CA Sec asked for assistance in transport in conveying electoral papers to Regions. MAC had given some assistance. Ex C directed Lieut Sec to give this very high priority, stating that the paper must be moved.

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flag was discussed. It was agreed that the taking down of flags was to be avoided. No instruction would, therefore, be given on this matter.

6. British Consul General. Pol Adviser (D) announced that the British Consul General had arrived and was moving into Milan. Lx C said that Lombardia Region would help us to accommodation. AFHQ had approved the opening of Consulates in the North.

7. Reports of Murders and Outrages in the North. Pol Adviser (D) read an article from the Italian press and expressed concern at the situation. CA Sec were directed by Lx C to make a full report and Lx C would raise at the Vth meeting.

8. Re-emergence of Italian Fascist Activ. Lx C said there was considerable confusion as to the status of Neo-Fascists. CA Sec were told to study and report.

9. Germans Deserted to the Partisans. Lx C confirmed that the Partisans had to hand over to the Allies the Germans who had been fighting with them. These men would be removed at the first opportunity and probably be returned to Germany. CA Sec to take action through Patriots Branch.

10. Bolzano Situation. MD S/C reported that Allied and Italian officials were to visit Bolzano had not been allowed by the Fifth Army authorities to examine the various and dumps and consequently had no control over the material, which was rapidly being moved away. Recommendation Sec would contact Brig. Anderson at AFHQ before to close the matter.

11. Italian POW. MD S/C stated that the Italian Government were complaining about French treatment of Italian POW. Italians who had escaped from Germany and found their way into France had been made POW by the French authorities. Col. Pisko (in absence of Lx C) suggested that MD S/C take up with AFHQ and the Joint Committee AFHQ/SHAEF.

12. German Transport. MD S/C reported the Italian Government had asked that up to 10,000 vehicles needing repair should be assigned to an Italian Industrial Group for repair, thus providing employment for their factories.

13. POL in Venezia Region. CA Sec reported that a representative of AFHQ Petroleum Division visited St Dalp. Dunlop's position that the supply of petrol for Venezia would be cut by 2,000 barrels on 1 July, and that an equivalent amount of mixture gas could be supplied. A transport breakdown would take place in the Region unless the containers necessary for the gas could be made available immediately. Recommendation Sec were instructed to take the matter up urgently.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 15 JUNE.

1. Minutes of last Meeting.

(a) - 1(a). Regional Commissioners' meeting. Ex C read a draft paper which gave the terms of reference and a proposed agenda for the RCs meeting 17/21 June. Ex C said he was visiting Milan and Turin over the weekend and could discuss the paper up there.
Ex DEP (S) was also going North and would discuss and explain to RCs the terms of reference of the meeting and would obtain their views as to what should be included in the agenda. He would also get particulars of the Italians whom RCs would bring down.

(b) - 1(b). Venezia Giulia. Pol Adviser (S) said that it was important to have a special report with names and particulars of all Italians deported by the Yugoslavs, with full information as to the circumstances of their deportation, the way they were treated, and the steps made for their reception when repatriated.
CCG so Ex C was instructed to obtain such a report.

(c) - 1(c). Captured enemy material. Econ Sec pointed out that there would not be sufficient POL in the North to run the trucks if they were obtained. Ex C stressed, however, that it was important to get the trucks under our control to avoid the wastage by cannibalisation etc.

(d) - 2. Closing of Hotel Columns. CA Sec said that the Italian civilians at this hotel would have difficulty in obtaining alternative accommodation. Lab Sec had received a report from HQ Commandant that RAAC were making a survey of all requisitioned hotels and they would undoubtedly require AC to close the Hotel Columns on 1 July. Ex C directed Lab Sec to take the matter up with the Italian Government with a view to the Italians requisitioning the hotel themselves.

(e) - 1. Alteration in Office Hours. Ex C ruled that we should maintain an eight hour working day, with holidays and time off to conform with 5 District and AF 2. Lab Sec were instructed to work out a plan on these lines and submit it to Ex C.

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4. Letter from MYCOA. Exec Sec had received a letter from MYCOA regarding the eventual cessation of military supplies to certain organizations, including AC, UNRRA, American Red Cross, etc. Ex C said that Sec should give careful study to the matter, not forgetting the problem of POL.

5. Communications. Communications S/C reported that teletype communication with the North had been set up. A private line from Rome to Milan would operate from Monday. AC would have the use of this line from 0830 to 1930 hrs, and the Italian Government would have the use of it during the night.

6. Deputy Executive Commissioner. It was announced that the Deputy Executive Commissioner's address in Milan was 7, Via Appiani, Telephone 17691-2-3-4.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 12 JUNE.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

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(b) - 5. Venezia Giulia. Ex C confirmed that Col. N. Monfort had been appointed SCAO 13 Corps and would be RC, Venezia Giulia Region. His deputy would be Lt. Col. Robertson (B).

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(d) - 9. Agricultural Policy for North. Econ Sec had this matter in hand and stated that the implementation of General Order No. 40 was one of the questions for discussion at the RCs meeting.

(e) - 10. Captured Enemy Material. Ex C said he had considerable doubt as to whether the AFHQ policy that AC should get any vehicles surplus to operational requirements was being implemented. He was of the opinion that vehicles were being put into dumps, being cannibalized and their spare parts looted. Econ Sec were instructed on the return of Mr. Taylor to consider the matter and if necessary to make approach to AFHQ so that AC got their rightful share of transport available. In the meantime, Econ Sec were instructed to ask Col. Fiske to approach local military commanders with a view to guarding the dumps.
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3. Use of Todt Organisation. Ex C agreed with Brigadier Anderson that the equipment only of the Todt organisation be handed over to the Italian Government.

4. Coal. Econ Sec raised the question of coal in Venezia Giulia. Ex C stated that the matter was being discussed by Brig. Gen. Spofford at an AFHQ meeting to-day and directed Econ Sec to contact Eighth Army and inform them of this.

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5. Labour Policy. Ex C stated that a PRB signal had gone out containing the statement that a CLN decree would remain in force. This was wrong as no CLN decree had any validity in law. Econ Sec to take up with Labour S/C and get the sentence deleted.

6. Labour Policy in the North. It was considered important that an attempt should be made to educate employers and employees in the North as to modern labour conditions and practices, and Ex C directed Econ Sec to ask Labour S/C to prepare some articles on these lines which could be submitted to Public Relations Branch with a view to being published in the press.

7. Offices in Milan. Dep Sec reported that office accommodation was available for officers visiting Milan but they would have to bring any clerical staff required. Ex C directed Dep Sec to issue a short memorandum indicating the arrangements that had been made. 20 cars had been requisitioned for the use of visiting officers.

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8. Closing of Hotel Colonna. Ent Sec reported that there were 31 Italian civilians in this hotel. They were eating British rations and HQ Commandant now wanted to close the hotel and stop the issue of rations. Ex C agreed but directed that the occupants should be given one month's notice.

9. Change of Status of Italian Cooperators. IPW S/C reported that the change of status had been agreed to take effect on 31 July.

10. 2675 Regiment Strength. It was stated that 2675 Regiment was over strength, and yet Sub-Commissions were mostly under strength in American officers. Ex C directed Ent Sec to look into this question and report where the over strength existed.

11. Port of Livorno. Ex C had received a report that AFHQ or PBS had closed the port of Livorno for civilian supplies. Leon Sec were directed to take up with Food S/C.

12. Alteration of Office Hours. It was suggested that during the hot weather the office hours should be altered so as to afford a two or three hours rest period in the middle of the day. Ent Sec were instructed to study this question and report at the next meeting.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 8 JUNE.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 6. Courier for the North. Ex C said that the air courier should take the place of the motor courier as far as possible.

(b) - 7. Requests for Transport. CA Sec stated that most of their applications for transport were classified Priority B.

(c) - 9. Hand Back of Territory. CA Sec stated that AFHQ had now agreed the hand over of territory as at 0001 hrs 19 June. Florence, Pistoia, Pisa and Livorno would be handed back, but the communes of Pisa and Livorno would not be handed back. Ex C stated that it was not necessary to have any AMG personnel in Pisa, and ruled that the provinces of Apuania and Lucca should become part of Liguria Region.

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5. Venezia Giulia. Ex C stated that Col. N. Monfort had been appointed Regional Commissioner, Venezia Giulia, which was a separate Region.

6. Repatriation of Italians and Germans. CA Sec said there was an important meeting being held at Bolzano and they had been asked to send representatives. Subject to CC's approval, Brig. Upjohn, Col. Pidsley, Col. Findley and Col. Campbell would attend the meeting. CSO to Ex C to submit these names for approval.

7. Bolzano Decree. CA Sec drew attention to a decree proposed by the Prefect of Bolzano that every German had got to leave Bolzano in three weeks. It was pointed out that this was impracticable, and Ex C directed that Fifth Army and MC should be informed. CA Sec to take action. Ex C agreed the suggestion that CC should write to the Prime Minister. CA Sec to draft.

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8. Tyres. CA Sec had asked for 2,000 tyres, f ily for malaria control work. They had received a letter from G-5 stating that this was an internal matter for AC and that AC had a great quantity of tyres available. CA Sec would take up with Econ Sec and WMD S/C.
Ex C asked the position on Michelin tyres, which had been frozen by AFHQ. Econ Sec would take up with AFHQ.

9. Agricultural Policy for North. CA Sec said there had been signals sent by Venezia Region asking for the Amassing Decree to be implemented. CA Sec pointed out that decrees could not be implemented in one AMG Region alone. Ex C said that what RCs wanted was an Agricultural policy - either General Order No. 40 or the implementation of the Italian Amassing decree.
Econ Sec to take action.

10. Captured Enemy Material. WMD S/C said a meeting had been held in Florence and the main question of interest to AC was transport. Ex C said that RCs were asking the policy on German vehicles and AC must take the initiative in getting them. Econ Sec to coordinate with WMD S/C.

11. PWB in the North. POC had attended a meeting regarding the turn over of PWB and control of the press in the North. A compromise was agreed that press officers would stay in the North in an advisory capacity to the RCs. A draft directive on control was being sent to AFHQ for approval. PWB would like to withdraw from Northern Italy by 15 July if possible.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 29 MAY.

Mr. Antolini presided in the absence of the Ex C on duty.

1. Salvaged Vehicles. Mr. Antolini said he had received a visit from a representative of an Italian syndicate of automobile manufacturers which had been formed to purchase Allied salvage equipment. This had the support of the Committee of Reconstruction and had been approved in principle by the Prime Minister. WMD S/C thought that the Italian Government should have first offer of salvaged materials and only goods rejected by them should be sold on the open market. Econ Sec would send the letter outlining the proposed plan to WMD S/C for action.

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7. Requests for Transport. Exc Sec complained that the priority system for transport was being abused. Practically every application was marked Priority A and Heads of Sections were requested to investigate.

8. Office Hours. Ex C had expressed concern at the general non-compliance with office hours by all personnel. Exc Sec wanted to retain the present office hours of 0830 to 1800 hrs with a lunch period from 1230 to 1600. Heads of Sections were instructed again to draw the attention of their staffs, military and civilian, to the official office hours.

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9. Hand Back of Territory. PWD asked if further territory had been turned back. CA Sec had not received a reply to the signal they had sent. On the recommendation of MG, Lucca Province would not be turned back and would become part of Ligurin Region.

10. Telephone Communications. Communications S/C reported that civil telephone communications were available to Bologna. It was expected to have military telephones to Milan by 7 June.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 25 MAY.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

1 (b). Civilianisation of AC. Exec Offr (B) stated that the situation did not seem to be clearly understood by British officers in the early release groups. Ex C would send a further note to Heads of Sections and RCs explaining the policy.

2. Transmission of Signals. It was pointed out that although hostilities were ended, signals from AFHQ, War Department and War Office were still subject to the old procedure. Ex C asked Brig. Gen. McKinley to discuss with Gen. Hamblen this afternoon.

3. Meeting at 15 Army Group. Ex C outlined the main points discussed at a meeting on Thursday at 15 Army Group.

(a) German Equipment. Fifth Army had requested that a strong team of industrialists and technical experts go to Bolzano to inspect the vast amount of German equipment there. Ex C understood this matter was in hand and directed Econ Sec to follow up.

(b) Surrendered German Army. Camps were now being formed around Rimini area. Only 1,000 Italians would have to be moved.

(c) Disarmament of Patriots. This was a major problem. An order had been made by Gen. Crittenberger that all patriots must be disarmed by 7 June. A number of nocturnal murders were still going on. Public Safety S/C must watch this situation carefully.

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2. Transmission of Signals. It was pointed out that although hostilities were ended, signals from AFHQ, War Department and War Office were still subject to the old procedure. Ex C asked Brig. Gen. McKinley to discuss with Gen. Hamblen this afternoon.

3. Meeting at 15 Army Group. Ex C outlined the main points discussed at a meeting on Thursday at 15 Army Group.

(a) German Equipment. Fifth Army had requested that a strong team of industrialists and technical experts go to Bolzano to inspect the vast amount of German equipment there. Ex C understood this matter was in hand and directed Econ Sec to follow up.

(b) Surrendered German Army. Camps were now being formed around Rimini area. Only 1,000 Italians would have to be moved.

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4. Political Situation in the North. Pol Adviser reported that agreement in principle had been reached in Milan with regard to the Italian Government but there was as yet no agreement on persons.

5. Officers Visiting the North. Ex C had received a request from Col. Marshall that officers going North should give notice in good time of their intended time of arrival.

6. Interviews with Ministers and Government Officials. Ex C stated that CC had directed that a short record be made of important interviews with Ministers and Italian Government officials.

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7. N.W. Italy. Ex C read a minute he had prepared for the CC as a result of the meeting in Florence yesterday. The consensus of opinion was that Fifth Army should remain in command until the situation was more settled. No. 2 District were concerned about frontiers and wanted Allied troops. Fifth Army and IV Corps expressed a desire to be free of civil responsibility as soon as practicable.
The possibility of control of Regions by CC as CCAO was mentioned.
Ex C had maintained that the frontier question of Piedmont be regarded as a separate problem.
As far as the start of Phase II was concerned we were no nearer a solution until the French situation was clear and until all Germans were rounded up.
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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 13 FEBRUARY

1. Minutes of last Meeting.

(a) - 1(b). Personnel. Econ Sec raised the question of the five officers at Civitavecchia and CCS agreed that these could come under the appropriate Sub-Commission.

(b) - 1(d). Stocks of Chlorine. Ct Sec reported that they had been informed by Public Health Sub Commission that a priority shipment of 160 tons of rock salt had been made

(c) - 9. Italian Army Trucks. Land Forces Sub-Commission felt that the breaking up of the trucks should proceed as it was the only means of obtaining spare parts. AFHQ Sub-Commission had discussed with MAIS and had agreed to withdraw their objection.

(d) - 12. Olive Oil Pressing. Econ Sec stated that since the last report the percentage of the desired target of olive oil collected had risen from 21% to 24% (20,000 tons). They were confident that the 'B' target figure of 50,000 tons would be reached, which would provide the ration for devastated areas and the Italian Army and towns up to 50,000 inhabitants. Econ Sec said they had good hopes of the full 80,000 tons being amassed.
CCS directed Econ Sec to tell the Italian Government that only 24% of the target figure had been collected in order to speed them up. CCS asked how AMG compared with other territory and directed Econ Sec to write to Toscana Region, who had only amassed 17% and draw the attention of this Region that they were behind other Regions.

(e) - 13. Demilitarization of AC. CCS had discussed this matter with Brig. Gen. Spofford, who had assured him that there was no cause for alarm as civilian recruitment in U.S. was going very slowly, and there would be no sudden demand from the War Department for a large number of officers to be substituted by civilians.
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DCS directed Econ Sec to tell the Italian Government that only 1/4 of the target figure had been collected in order to spur them up. DCS asked how Bari compared with other territory and directed Econ Sec to write to Tuscana Region, who had only amassed 17% and draw the attention of this Region that they were behind other Regions.

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(f) - 15. Hand-Book of Territory. CA Sec had heard from HQ that he considered Ancona and Macerata could be returned to the Italians as soon as the considerable number of troops had moved out. They had not yet had views on Grosseto and Terni. DCS considered it was better to keep Provinces under AMG until the Spring, say for another two months.

2. Food Situation and Basic Ration. DCS said we had received no reply from AFHQ and instructed Econ Sec to send a telegram stating that unless we received final decision on raising the ration to 300 grams by 16 February the ration could not be increased on 1 March.

3. Director of Public Relations Branch. Mr. Stewart Brown was welcomed by DCS who said that the Commission would give him all the help possible. Heads of Sections and Sub-Commissions would send copies of correspondence and reports on matters of current importance to PRO.

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4. Civilian Movement into Army Areas. CA Sec read a letter from 8 Army asking that civilian movement into Army areas be kept to a minimum and restricted to Allied civilians as far as possible. COS said that at the present moment military security in that part of the front was vital and we must restrict civilian movement even at the expense of UNRRA work. COS directed CA Sec to send a copy of 8 Army letter to Ent and Econ Secs.

5. Advance Information of Moves. CA Sec reported that they had received a request from Public Safety Sub-Commission for advance information of moves so that spearheads of CC.RR could be collected and transport arranged. COS directed CA Sec to write a letter to DCAO asking him to give a fine appreciation of the situation week by week. COS would go into the matter with DCAO on his next visit.

6. Transportation. COS stated that Transportation Sub-Commission must be quite definite about transportation for 5 Army, both for CC.RR., and civil supplies. Both 5 Army and 15 Army Group had the wrong impression of what Transportation Sub-Commission could do and we did not want a repetition of the previous situation south of Rome. Econ Sec were instructed to look into this situation carefully.

7. Italian Civilians held by French. CA Sec stated that Italian civilians were being seized by the French and cited the case of an Italian arrested on 1 November 1944 still in prison in Rome under French guard. Pol Sec said it was difficult to find out the charges preferred against such civilians. They had written letters on five occasions but had received no satisfaction. COS asked Pol Sec to put the case up again in stronger terms to AFHQ who must be made to give a ruling so that we could inform the Italian Government. Pol Sec should press for an interim reply from AFHQ.

8. Proposed Parade of Patriots. CA Sec reported that MLI had been approached by the Ministry of War to furnish Army clothing and arms for a parade of patriots on Sunday, 18 February. COS stated the Prime Minister had asked CD yesterday, who had told him there would be no objection to a political meeting (the Prime Minister had not said it was a parade). COS said that the matter was one for the Italians and that no clothing or arms would be supplied. CA Sec would take up with MLI on these lines.

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13. General Orders. CCS directed that Sections, when putting up General Orders for signature, must explain in a short minute the background - the reason for the General Order, who originated it and its effect.

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Chief Staff Officer,
to the Chief of Staff.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 18 MAY.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1 (n). Situation in the North. Ex C stated that all reports from the North showed the urgent necessity of getting to Phase II or Regional Control as quickly as possible. He pointed out the difficulties that confronted the Armies and said it was not easy for them to give up responsibility. The views of AFHQ and Fifth Army had been canvassed.
Brigadier ANDERSON had submitted an illuminating document on the coal situation, which would be sent to Econ Sec and VTA. Even after taking into account the present anticipated imports and local production of coal, the situation would be such that our unemployment figure could not be less than 2½ millions. This matter would have to be given the most careful consideration and an overall telegram had been sent off pointing out the grave implications of the coal shortage.
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Ex C expressed concern at the number of requests for personnel from Northern Regions. He said that Ast Sec must constantly review the officers in the North and ensure that every officer was fully employed. He had given instructions that no officer was to be withdrawn from the Northern Regions without his authority.
Fifth Army had been able to supply a number of agent officers, who had been allocated to Regions.
Ex C emphasised that EMILIA Region could not afford to lose any officer personnel, in view of the German POW concentrations and other commitments. CC had sent a policy telegram to AC EMILIA Region laying down that

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Colonel POLETTI had taken up his post.
Brigadier CARR was settled at LIGURIA.
Pol Adviser stated that the Prime Minister, with seven members of the Government and four party leaders, had left for the North and some had already arrived.
Attention was drawn to Italian press reports that BONOMI had originally indicated unofficially that he would resign when the North was liberated. Ex C pointed out that this was a long standing arrangement and the ROME Government had been set up as temporary until the whole of ITALY had been freed.

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(b) - 1 (h). Civilianization of AC. Executive Officer (3) stated that under the British Government release scheme 750 officers were due to go by 30 June. He (C-in-C) was putting out a letter today to the effect that in view of the AC situation the evacuation of all these officers was required until 31 July. Another 750 officers were due to go by August, but a certain number from both these [illegible] and volunteered to stay on.
Districts were issuing instructions to all officers in Release Group 1 to go by 30/6/45 and he (C-in-C) directed that these instructions did not apply to AC officers.
Very few American officers were due for release under the U.S. scheme, but the release of approximately 250 British officers would mean a gravity of British and American officers in the Pacific Theatre of War.
It was proposed to recommend to the Prime Minister that [illegible] to meet the position created by the release of AC whose services it was desired to retain for the Empire Air Training Scheme.

(c) - 1 (i). Control of Transport. It was suggested that this position was still obscure. Lieut General [illegible] was acting as U.S. Army Group Commander while Lieut General [illegible] was working on different instructions. He (C-in-C) felt that Lieut General [illegible] should coordinate with Service C/Ss in matters of this kind. CA Div had sent a signal to Fifth Army and were awaiting a reply. He (C-in-C) directed CA Div to instruct Delhi Detty [illegible] to speak to Fifth Army on the telephone, and also that one Army, to give widespread publicity to the fact that a Quarter pass was all that was required as authority to travel North.

(d) - 1 (j). Handbook on Further Training. Lieut Gen had not approved the proposed handbook but he had sent a telegram to U.S Army Group outlining the main views.

(e) - 1 (k). Policy Papers (C) 142 (Post War) and (Post War). Lieut Gen had prepared a draft policy for the Prime Minister. This would be submitted for C-in-C's approval and signature.

(f) - 2. Liaison Conference with the Navy. Considerations [illegible] whether this conference should take place from the South or the North would not be decided until the middle of June.
There was a considerable number of Britishers working locally in the Army.
In answer to [illegible] (C-in-C) stated there was very little [illegible] of AC officers.

(g) - 4. Health of Army. Lieut Gen pointed out that there was no health [illegible] AC and arranging information.

(h) - 5. Visits [illegible]. Lieut Gen had a telegram

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(e) - 4 (c). Control of Movement. CA Sec complained that this position was still obscure. Land Forces S/C were acting on 15 Army Group instructions while Navy S/C were working on different instructions. Ex C ruled that Land Forces S/C should coordinate with Service S/Cs in matters of this kind. CA Sec had sent a signal to Fifth Army and were awaiting a reply. Ex C directed CA Sec to instruct Public Safety S/C to speak to Fifth Army on the telephone, and when this was done, to give widespread publicity to the fact that a Questura pass was all that was required as authority to travel North.

(d) - 4 (e). Hand-Back of Further Territory. Econ Sec had approved the proposed hand-back and CA Sec had sent a telegram to 15 Army Group asking for their views.

(e) - 4 (f). Italian Decree DL 148 (Wage Control etc.) Econ Sec had prepared a draft letter for the Prime Minister. This would be submitted for CC's approval and signature.

(f) - 5. Telephone Communication with the North. Communications S/C reported that civilian telephone facilities from the South to the North would not be available until the middle of June. There are a considerable number of telephones working locally in the North.
In answer to CAO, Communications S/C stated that very little use could be made of radio facilities.

(g) - 6. Canvas for ZIAC. Econ Sec reported that this matter was in hand. Transportation S/C were obtaining information.

(h) - 10. Italian Army Personnel for Harvesting. Econ Sec had a telegram representing the views of the Ministries of War and Agriculture. Ex C stated that G-5 had suggested the use of German POW. Land Forces S/C were still awaiting instructions to provide personnel. Ex C considered that from administrative, national and Italian points of view, Italian soldiers should work their own harvest and he would recommend this to CC.
Ex C stated that the amount of wheat amassed was 94% of the target figure, which was very good.
Econ Sec said that Brig. Gen. McKINLEY had asked Labour and Agriculture S/Cs to put in their requirements on amassing after harvest. The question of Allied help was discussed at some length. Eventually, the services of 200 Italian officers was asked for. CA Sec suggested that Italian reserve officers could be used, which would not affect the strength of the Italian Army.
Ex C said it was not a question of shortage of personnel but of getting men of authority. He was very much opposed to the Italian Army being used to enforce civil law, and ruled that the POW's must leave the remaining [illegible] Italian Government territory entirely to the Italians, and do everything we could in AMG territory. Land Forces S/C agreed.

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(1) - 15. Postal Services to the North. Communications S/C had obtained four trucks from Econ Sec. Ex C suggested that the remaining four required could be obtained from the Print Works at TURIN. Econ Sec would follow up.

2. Increase in CC.RR. CA Sec pointed out the strength of the CC.RR had been increased to 65,000 but the ration situation wanted clarifying. Food S/C were being asked to work out an increased ration scale. Ex C directed Econ Sec to follow up. He said we had been given an assurance by CAO that 500 tons a day would be delivered at NAPLES and other places. This promise had not been implemented.

3. Tyres. CA Sec had been promised by Mr. KITCHING on 18 April that they would get 2,000 tyres for the anti-malarial teams. They had now been told that a Government organisation had been set up and the tyres would not be forthcoming for two or three months. Ex C directed CA Sec to send him a memorandum and he would issue an instruction. He suggested that German POW might be used for anti-malarial work.

4. Italian Army Vehicles. The question of the return to the Italian Army of the 102 vehicles repaired by private individuals was again raised by Econ Sec. WMD S/C said the vehicles had been reconditioned from scrap and the repairers were entitled to some compensation at least. Land Forces S/C said their view was that the vehicles should be returned to the Italian Army. There had been much negotiation during the last few months, including discussions between Ex C and General BROWNING. Ex C directed WMD S/C to put up the papers to him.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 15 MAY.
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Please note the following amendments:-

(1)
1. Minutes of last Meeting.

(a) - 1 (b). Situation in the North. Fifth line down.
Delete the sentence "Brigadier DUNLOP had also taken over as SCAO Eighth Army on the departure of Air Commodore HELSON."

(2)
8. Courier Service to the North. For "courier service" read "Air Courier Service" wherever shown.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 15 MAY.

Ex C welcomed Brigadier HENN, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-5, AFHQ, to the meeting.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

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Ex C stated that we could expect implementation of the U.S. and British Governments' policy on VENEZIE GIULIA quite soon and instructed Eat Sec to send a representative to review the personnel situation. Colonel SCHOLTZ was the Deputy RC but it was probable that Brigadier DUNLOP would go there himself.
A report had been received from Major MINORS dealing with refugees and the political situation in N.W. ITALY.
The CC had shown General DE SEVIN a memorandum on the situation and the General planned to go there. A telegram had been sent to Generals CLARK and HUME for necessary clearance.
The CLNAI representatives had returned North and permission had been obtained from 15 Army Group and Armies for a representative team of eight Government members and four party leaders, with Prime Minister BONOMI, to visit the North at the end of the week. They had been told that political meetings and industrial meetings inside factories would not be allowed.
VAL D'AOSTA. Brigadier HENN said the French did not take the situation very seriously and he considered it would die down gradually. It was being taken up at a high level. He would suggest that reports from MLOs be taken with a certain amount of reservation.
TRIESTE. Brigadier HENN did not consider that this situation was serious.
CA Sec raised the question of 11,000 Chetniks, who did not want to be treated as surrendered personnel, as proposed by TITO.

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Ex C stated that we could expect implementation of the U.S. and British Governments' policy on VENEZIE GIULIA quite soon and instructed Pat Sec to send a representative to review the personnel situation. Colonel SCHOLTZ was the Deputy RC but it was probable that Brigadier DUNLOP would go there himself.
A report had been received from Major MORRIS dealing with refugees and the political situation in N.W. ITALY.
The CC had shown General DE SEVIN a memorandum on the situation and the General planned to go there. A telegram had been sent to Generals CLARK and HUME for necessary clearance.
The CLNAI representatives had returned North and permission had been obtained from 15 Army Group and Armies for a representative team of eight Government members and four party leaders, with Prime Minister BONOMI, to visit the North at the end of the week. They had been told that political meetings and industrial meetings inside factories would not be allowed.
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TRIESTE. Brigadier HENN did not consider that this situation was serious.
CA Sec raised the question of 11,000 Chetniks, who did not want to be treated as surrendered personnel, as proposed by TITO.

(b) - 6. Civilianisation of AC. Brigadier HENN stated that British Release Groups 1 - 3 were due to concentrate for embarkation on 26 May. 111 AC officers were involved.
There was some discussion on the possibility of replacements, which was believed unlikely, and the future of AC.

(c) - 7. Control of Movement. CA Sec suggested that a statement be published as passes were no longer required for persons to travel North. There was discussion on the implementation of SAC's instructions that less restricted control of movement be effected. Econ Sec raised the question of the economic boundary which they desired to continue for some little time yet. Ex C considered that the Armies should be consulted and directed CA Sec to send a telegram on SAC's desire for freedom of movement to Fifth and Eighth Armies,

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Ex C pointed out that we could refuse individual requests for permission to travel North by saying that it was AMG territory and accordingly under Military control.

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Ex C said that when Regional Control functioned in the North, we should have a Liaison Officer with PBS at LEGHORN and in the North. Nat Sec to submit the name of a senior American officer for this position.

3. Telephone Communication with the North. Ex C pointed out that telephone facilities were available to all the large cities in the North and a considerable amount could be done by the increased use of this means of communication.

4. Situation in BOLZANO. Captain MONTANT reported on a recent visit. He stated that with effect from 12 May 15 Army Group had handed over liaison work to a Fifth Army detachment. BOLZANO had a 60% German speaking population. The Germans had six to eight divisions in the area, with HQs and offices throughout the city. Colonel FISKE had sent a telegram stressing the need for an Industry officer and a Finance officer for temporary duty to clear up problems. There was some dispute in connection with the Brenner railroad. Under the Armistice terms the Germans had to rebuild this, but the Italian workers refused to work under German direction any longer and the Germans were doing

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4. Situation in BOLZANO. (contd)
what work they could with the 6,000 German workers available, without active cooperation from the Italian railroad workers. There was some discussion on this at the meeting.
The refugee situation was in hand. VI Corps reported they had only 5,000 refugees. The German/Austrian and the Brenner Frontiers had been closed, in order to control refugee movement.
The CLN had been extremely cooperative in providing transport.
It had been arranged that all German MPs would be replaced by Americans in BOLZANO City by the end of the week and the situation should improve.
Colonel PISNE was concerned at the possibility of the Germans removing loot from this area to their new destination. Ex C directed Captain MONTANT to put up a memorandum on this.

5. Repatriation of Italians from FRANCE. Brigadier HINDS stated that a signal had come from SHAEF that 600 Italians would be sent from MARSEILLES. Ex C said that the Italian Government had asked permission to send small missions to FRANCE and other liberated Countries to look after the interests of Italian personnel. They had been told that questions of Italians in liberated countries were to be settled between the respective Governments. Brigadier HINDS confirmed that the Italians in FRANCE were a SHAEF responsibility.

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11. Ex-Italian Army Personnel. Land Forces S/C stated that the desertion rate had not been any higher than was anticipated. They had put up a paper to AFHQ some time ago, giving facts and figures and proposed measures to be taken, but had not had a reply. AFHQ had given approval for the demobilisation of approximately 50,000 personnel of the 1913 and first four months of 1914 class and older who were due, under Italian law, to be demobilised when their homes were reached but the problem of replacements is in hand.

12. Diaper Personnel. Ex C expressed thanks to Gen. BROWNING for putting eight officers at the disposal of Diaper. Executive Officer (B) would follow up.

13. Postal Services to the North. Communications S/C were anxious to get these into operation. Transport was the difficulty and they were in urgent need of eight trucks. There was discussion on the vehicle situation. Ex C pointed out that Q Truck Company No. 17 had been loaned to Colonel KIRKWOOD in FLORENCE for one month and Econ Sec would follow up to see if the eight trucks could be obtained from there.

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14. Classification of Telegrams. Communications S/C pointed out that the excessive use of cypher was handicapping transmission. Ex C directed Major STEAD'S to collaborate with Communications S/C in the preparation of a draft order on the classification of telegrams.

15. Hospital Accommodation in the North. WMD S/C reported there were ten Italian evacuation hospitals in the North, complete with 200 beds each. These were being applied for.

16. Refugee Camps. A camp was being opened in ROME tomorrow by the Italian Government, and another would be opened in FLORENCE shortly.

17. Clothing for PWW. There was some discussion on the arrangements made and Ex C directed DPW S/C to submit a note on the situation.

18. War Selection Board. Brigadier HEMS stated this was being set up in ITALY for the first time and was sitting next week in FLORENCE. Ex C directed Executive Officer (B) to draft a letter asking for top priorities for Commission replacement personnel.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 11 MAY.

1. Minutes of last Meeting.

(a) - 1(a). Office Space. Ist Sec were waiting for people not belonging to AC to move out of the building. The question of moving elaborate furniture from offices was raised by Room Sec. Ex C stated this problem should be settled as we came to it and furniture should be retained as far as possible.

(b) - 1(c). Situation in the North. Ex C briefly reviewed the situation in the North. This was fairly good on the administrative and economic sides, according to reports received. There was no doubt that murders and shootings were going on under the guise of operation, more in the areas outside the towns. Public Safety S/C must watch this.
Ex C detailed frontier problems which had been encountered and these were now being taken up on a Governmental level.
The principal problem would be Refugees.
Instructions had been received from AFHQ to call on military formations for help. CA Sec considered the problem would be lessened when camps were set up. Ex C stressed that every assistance must be given by all.

(c) - 4. Repatriation of Italians from Eritrea. CA Sec had a number of discussions with Brig. McCarthy and the Embassies. It had been agreed that at the present moment the Italian Government could not be asked to accept even the 5,000. The case was adjourned for a month until the position in the North could be seen. Large scale repatriation was a matter which would be handled through diplomatic channels and not through AC.

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5. Civilianisation of AC. Ex C stated that AFHQ had written to CC that in view of the present situation the civilianisation of AC should be speeded up and the reallocation of British and American military personnel started. Ext Sec were working on a plan accordingly.

7. Control of Movement. Ex C said that SAC desired less restricted control of movement up and down the country. Econ Sec raised objection on the point of the economic boundary and asked if the matter could be held over until they had received a report from AMG.
After discussion Ex C agreed the matter should be held over for forty-eight hours. CA Sec would study the telegram received and consult Econ Sec.

8. Liaison Officers. GOCs 1 and 2 Districts were now asking for implementation of the promise to have liaison officers attached to them. Ex C was sending one Lt. Colonel and one Staff Officer to each District. The Staff Officers would come from Econ Sec.

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16. Political Situation. Pol Adviser (Br) outlined the political situation. CLNAI representatives had come to Rome and consulted with members of the Government. Their former attitude to Bonomi and the Rome Government had been somewhat modified and it was now more of a party set-up than a clear cut division between North and South. Except for Bonomi, the most likely candidate for Prime Minister was Nenni. A meeting of CLNAI and Secretaries-General of Parties was being held to-day and an attempt would be made to get out a complete list of Ministers.

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16. Political Situation. (contd.)
Bonnard was of the opinion that he would get considerable support in the North on his visit.
They would be satisfied to have elections by the end of the year.
The CCAAI representatives were returning North tomorrow accompanied by Bonnard and eight members of the Government and four party leaders with approval of SAC. Ex C stated that CC had recognised that some modification of the no political meetings rule in the North was inevitable. MGs would be advised of the situation by Pol Advisers. As soon as approval was received from 15 Army Group a signal would be sent to MGs.

17. Coal. Econ Sec had received a telegram from IV Corps for an enormous tonnage of coal. There was discussion on the great need for coal everywhere and Ex C said we must endeavour to get priorities equalised.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 4 MAI.

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The Austrian Commission under General WINTERTON was now here and had loaned us some officers. They would be prepared to help further with personnel and Ex C directed Sections to keep in close touch with General WINTERTON and his staff.

(d) - 2. Adv HQ AC. Econ Sec asked if this office was functioning. Ex C stated the office would not open until MILAN came under Regional control. He had instructed HQ Commandant to make necessary preliminary arrangements when he visited the North.

(e) - 3. Situation in the North. Ex C stated a series of extremely interesting telegrams had been received from the American and British Pol Advisers in the North.

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(c) - 3. Situation in the North.(contd.)
which indicated that the situation was on the whole satisfactory. These telegrams had been sent to VPs, as would all future ones.

(f) - 7. Hand Back of Territory. Ex C stated that the handing back to the Italian Government of UMBRIA-MARCHE Region and GROSSETO, SIENA and AREZZO Provinces from TOSCANA Region would take place on 10 May. HCs would be here to-day and reallocation of officers would be worked out.

2. Personnel. Lt. Col. FLEWIN would be Liaison Officer at ANCONA. Lt. Col. MILLER was relieving Lt. Col. DAWSON as Liaison Officer at SIENA.

3. Italian Army Personnel for Harvesting. The present position was that the Ministry of Agriculture had put in a request to the Ministry for War which was being opposed by MCI., but Ex C considered there was a good case for it and when the request came through instructed Econ Sec to put it up for consideration of CC.

4. Repatriation of Italians from ERITREA. CA Sec stated that Brig. McCARTHY, from ERITREA, was here and wished to consult the Italian Government on the question of long term planning for the repatriation of Italians from ERITREA. There were between 30/40,000 and it was understood that the British Government wanted to get these Italians into ITALY to ease the situation in ERITREA.
Ex C stated that any conversations on the matter must take place through AC and CA Sec said that Brig. McCARTHY would see the Italian Government only on the question of the 5,000 whose repatriation had already been agreed. Ex C asked Econ Sec to consider the matter from the economic point of view.

5. Flora Hotel. Econ Sec requested revision of the policy of moving the female civilian employees of AC from the Flora Hotel. Since 15 April, when the move was made, there had been only 97 transient officers and 12 permanent officers had moved in. On 1 May, there were 60 beds available at the Flora Hotel. Ex C would consider the desirability of reopening the latter.

6. Visit of Econ Sec to the North. Mr. ANTOLINI was taking up an Econ Sec tour to review the economic and financial situation in the North. They would be accompanied by representatives of the British and American Embassies and the trip would take two weeks. Findings would be communicated to AFHQ.

7. Use of Line Troops. Brig. Gen. McKINLEY asked if extensive use could not now be made of line troops. Ex C said we had not asked for more than the 68 officers referred to in minute 1(a). The

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3. Italian Army Personnel for Harvesting. The present position was that the Ministry of Agriculture had put in a request to the Ministry for War which was being opposed by AMGOT, but Ex C considered there was a good case for it and when the request came through instructed Econ Sec to put it up for consideration of CC.

4. Repatriation of Italians from ERITREA. CA Sec stated that Brig. McCARTHY, from ERITREA, was here and wished to consult the Italian Government on the question of long term planning for the repatriation of Italians from ERITREA. There were between 30/40,000 and it was understood that the British Government wanted to get these Italians into ITALY to ease the situation in ERITREA.
Ex C stated that any conversations on the matter must take place through AC and CA Sec said that Brig. McCARTHY would see the Italian Government only on the question of the 5,000 whose repatriation had already been agreed. Ex C asked Econ Sec to consider the matter from the economic point of view.

5. Flora Hotel. Econ Sec requested revision of the policy of moving the female civilian employees of AC from the Flora Hotel. Since 15 April, when the move was made, there had been only 37 transient officers and 12 permanent officers had moved in. On 1 May, there were 60 beds available at the Flora Hotel. Ex C would consider the desirability of reopening the latter.

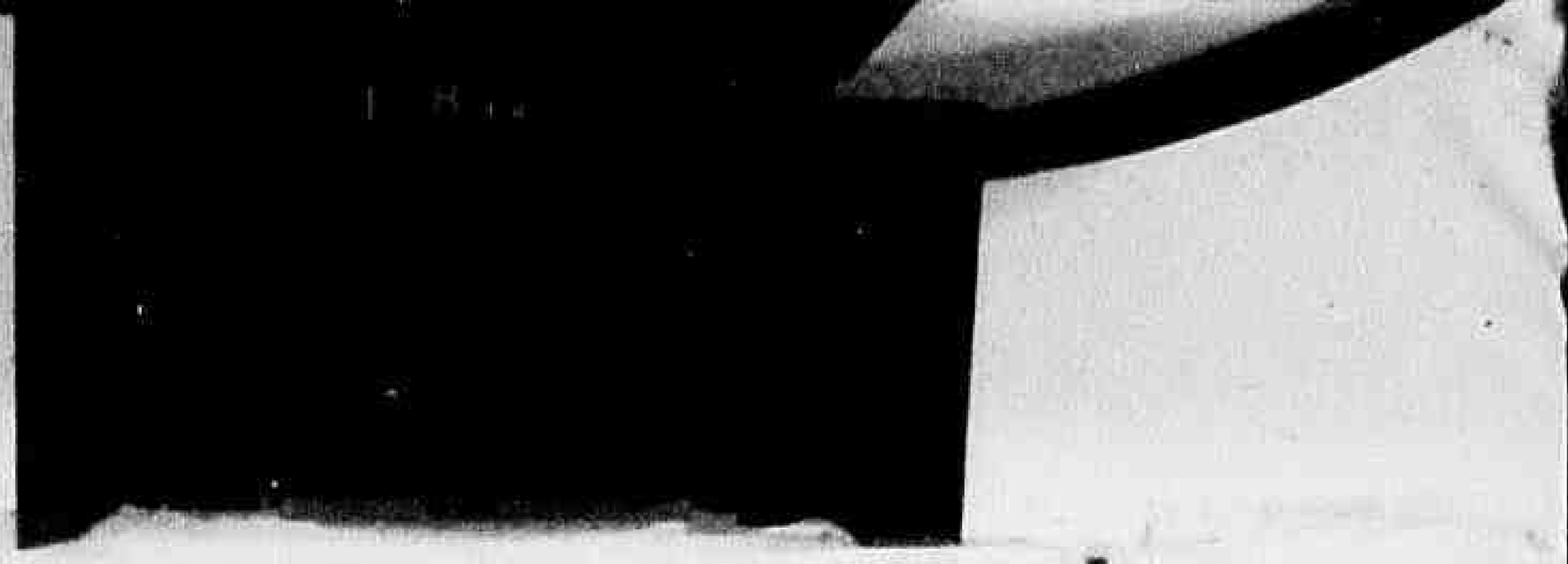
6. Visit of Econ Sec to the North. Mr. ANTOLINI was taking up an Econ Sec team to review the economic and financial situation in the North. They would be accompanied by representatives of the British and American Embassies and the trip would take two weeks. Findings would be communicated to AFHQ.

7. Use of Line Troops. Brig. Gen. McCURLEY asked if extensive use could not now be made of line troops. Ex C said we had not asked for more than the 68 officers referred to in minute 1(c). The Armies were concerned with occupation problems and allocation of troops to other theatres. Ex C would not approach with request for further personnel until the right moment, which he considered to be at the beginning of Phase II.

8. TOSCANA Region. Col. KIRKWOOD, RC TOSCANA Region, said it would be almost impossible to administer his territory on the withdrawal of British officers for AUSTRIA. He suggested a rearrangement of Provinces and Ex C instructed CA Sec to study the matter.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 27 APRIL.

1. Minutes of last Meeting.

(a) - 1 (a). Coal Mines in SARDINIA. Ex C had discussed this matter with Lt. Col. Ellis, of the War Office, who considered that the production of coal would gradually increase. He was of the opinion that forcible methods with the Italian Government would serve no useful purpose.

(b) - 1 (b). Office Space. Col Sec reported that the proposals of the Office Space Committee would be ready by 30 April. Ex C asked that they be on his desk on Sunday, 29 April.

(c) - 1 (c). Civilian Employees for the South. Ex C directed Col Sec to see that lists from RCs were submitted in accordance with instructions already issued. Ex C said he had spoken to Col. Selby, Deputy RC Pescara Region, who had promised to send a list. Col. Peacock should also be contacted.

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(e) - 3. Status of HQMG. FA S/S reported that the Italian Government had accepted officially the change of status as from 1 July 45. This did not affect the Italian prisoners of war who would be captured during the present operations.

2. ADV HQ AG. CA Sec asked if anything had been done on this question. Ex C said it would be wise to have an office in MILAN, with a nucleus of staff and accommodation for visiting officers from HQ. He had already told HQ Commandant to go into this matter.

3. Situation in N. North. This was discussed, particularly in reference to CASERTA and MILAN. Ex C stated we had to face up to entering N.W. Italy after an interim period of partisan rule. Pol Advisor (Ex) said that the CLN had taken complete charge in MILAN and had issued various ordinances, amongst which was one holding up socialization of industry. A/President and DC would stress to 15 Army Group the absolute necessity of getting the civ staffs into the big cities as soon as they were liberated by the Allied troops. Having Pol Advisers forward would also be very desirable.

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3. Situation in the North. (continued).
Instructions had gone out ordering all provincial teams to be collected and sent forward, except those attached to PWB/A Section. These officers had either arrived or were on the way.
Ex C stated that it was arranged that G-5 Section, 15 Army Group would telephone the latest news twice a day. This news would be passed to VTs.

4. Cumbrinder. CA Sec were instructed to pursue the matter of the calling of the CC.AC following the receipt of the letter from F.M. Bonomi on the matter.

5. Appointment of Prefects and Questori. CA Sec, with the approval of CC, had come to an agreement with the Prime Minister that the Government and the CLN would both nominate candidates but the final choice would be made by the AMG officer. Such choice would if possible be the Government's nominee but the candidate must be acceptable to the local population and due consideration must be given to the CLN nominee and the local ecclesiastical authorities should be consulted. Ex C said the Government should be urged to include amongst their nominees some of the CLN nominees. The matter would be further discussed with CC.

6. Situation in BOLOGNA. CA Sec read a telegram from 5 Army describing a mass demonstration in BOLOGNA at which a large number of arms were handed in. CSO to Ex C was instructed to tell MCs of this event and its success.

7. Hand Back of Territory. It was decided to recommend to CC to hand back to the Italian Government on 1 June 45 the Provinces of GROSSETO, SIENA and AREZZO, and the whole of UMBRIA-MARCHE Region less ANCONA Province. Ex C would also recommend that the Government be told that provinces now in the Army Zone would not be handed back in less than a month after they had passed under Regional administration.

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10. Press Plan for the North. PRO reported that this had been approved by AFHQ without change. Ex C directed that copies of the final plan be sent to VCs and ROs.

11. Activities of CLNAI and other news from the North. Ex C asked Public Relations to keep all at AC informed of news in the North. This should take the form of a special daily bulletin coordinated with the Ex C's office.

12. Use of BLOs after Liberation. CA Sec stated it had been agreed to lend BLOs to AMG for a liaison period after liberation of an area. CSO to Ex C to look up this instruction, and Ent Sec to follow up on the matter.

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13. Italian Army Vehicles. WSD S/C stated that MMIA were claiming all Italian Army vehicles, although a number had been repaired by private individuals and were operating on AC tyres. They cited a case of 102 lorries hauling grain under ENAC which MMIA claimed. Ex C pointed out that MMIA had the right to the vehicles; the mistake was in having had them repaired by private interests. He instructed WSD S/C to put up a minute to him, setting out the ruling on this, and he would ask Gen. Browning to make an exception in regard to these particular 102 vehicles and would tell Gen. Browning that in future the rules would be faithfully followed.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 24 APRIL.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(a). Coal Mines in SARDINIA. Brigadier Anderson reported that production of coal had now reached normal. His own opinion was that there might be a recurrence of trouble with the miners.

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3. Supply Policy. Brigadier General McKinley stated that a meeting was being held this afternoon at 1500 hrs to discuss the Economic directive arising out of FAN 497 which had been received from the CAO.

4. Status of IPOW. NEW S/C stated that this question had now been settled and the change in status would take place on 1 July 45. This would increase the ceiling of the Italian Army, and this had been agreed.

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5. Political Advisers. Pol Adviser stated that Mr. Hopkinson was due back to-day.

6. A/Ex C's visit to North. A/Ex C reported briefly on his visit to the North, giving an account of conditions and damage seen.

7. Liguria Region. A/Ex C had obtained agreement from IV Corps that Liguria Region should move to LUCCA and the staff would go forward immediately. Provincial teams would also move forward, ready to advance at the appropriate time.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 17 APRIL.

A/Ex C welcomed Brigadier ANDERSON to the meeting.

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(c) - 4. Flora Hotel. A meeting was being held with A/President this morning at 1030 hrs to discuss this matter.

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(f) - 7. V-E Day Celebration. A/Ex said a communication had been received from AFHQ directing that any celebrations must be soberly conducted and that no relaxation of discipline could be allowed. He would have to see A/President and CG ~n AC's arrangements.

2. Planning for the North. A/Ex C said Econ Sec had asked for a meeting with IV Corps and Armies to discuss plans for the North. He expected a telephone call from IV Corps this morning and would arrange the first of these meetings.

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3. Civilian Employees for the North. A/Ex C stated that CCG Northern Regions had been told that HQ was opposed to any civilians going North. In exceptional cases application could be made to HQ and the names submitted would be screened but no one would be allowed to go forward without authority from this HQ. The suggestion that Districts be asked to submit names of Italian clerical staff that they might take forward with them was thought to be impracticable. A/Ex C said that we should have to deal with these cases one by one.

4. Communications to Prefects from Italian Government. It was pointed out that all communications should go through AMG channels. In many cases the Minister of the Interior had sent telegrams direct to Prefects. It was considered this was undesirable and should cease. Communications S/C said it was impossible to impose a censorship on all Italian mail which assumed vast proportions. A/Ex C said the matter required further study and no decision was given.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING 13 APRIL

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 3. POs Meeting with General CLARK. A/Ex C stated that this meeting had been very satisfactory.

2. Coal Mines in SARDINIA. Lcon Sec reported on the present situation. At the time the coal mines were turned over to the Italian Government production was 40,000 tons a month and it was now down to 20,000 tons a month. The target was 100,000 tons a month. Lcon Sec said that production had not fallen due to any lack of labour but was purely a political slowdown. They had prepared a paper raising the question of the mines being returned to our control. This was being sent to CC through A/Ex C. There was considerable discussion on the question of taking over control of the coal mines. A/Ex C said this could not be done without the use of considerable numbers of military personnel. No coal was being imported into Italy until June or July and the country was depending upon Sardinian coal. Lcon Sec said that as a result of the decrease in production there would have to be a 50% cut in the Room ration.
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Econ Sec pointed out that extra personnel were coming in all the time and needed accommodation and CA Sec said this conflicted with instructions that AC personnel should be cut down. A/Sec C would try to get a clear cut decision from CC to end the inconsistency in the present policy.

4. Plaza Hotel. A/Sec C stated that he had visited the Bayeria Hotel yesterday with Col. Perkin. He thought the accommodation was adequate and would arrange to open bathrooms on each floor. Econ Sec criticised the accommodation provided for the female AC employees. They had certain obligations to their staff and did not consider they were getting fair treatment. All the rooms with baths at the Bayeria Hotel had been taken by UNRRA personnel. In any case, Econ Sec considered there would be far too much space left at the Plaza Hotel for transient officers.

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4. Flora Hotel.
(cont) A/Dir C and Ch Sec said there must be consistency and that all female staff should be moved from the Flora Hotel into the Imperial.
CSO to Dir C asked if it was necessary that any further moves be made out of the Flora Hotel and suggested that when the Northern Regions went forward there should be plenty of accommodation. Already as the result of UNRRA having moved out there was sufficient accommodation for transient officers. Econ Sec supported this view.
The matter was left undecided and would be further discussed.

5. Transport. Ch Sec reported that AFHQ had asked for a co-ordinated statement of increased requirements for AC transport and that individual statements should not be forwarded. Pol Sec would prepare a co-ordinated statement and forward to AFHQ.

6. Transport for the North. Econ Sec stated that Transportation S/C had agreed with 15 Army Group to make available 650 3-ton trucks during Phase I. This matter demanded careful handling because it was essential that only military transport which could be serviced in the Army area should go forward. The 1,700 trucks now arriving were not suitable since they were civilian trucks and the Armies could not service them.
A/Dir C would discuss with Econ Sec.

7. V-E Day Celebration. In answer to Pol Adviser A/Dir C stated that AFHQ had ruled that there would be no celebration in connection of work in this theatre on account of victory in Europe. He would take the matter up.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 6 APRIL.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 10. Employment of Italian State Employees in AMG Territory. CA Sec had discussed the Finance S/C circular with Communications S/C and thought that this circular should be withdrawn. The main point at issue was the provision for promotions of the higher grades of employees which took matters out of the hands of the RO and PC. Communications S/C suggested that it would be better to amend the first paragraph rather than to withdraw the whole document. A/Ex C directed CA Sec to give the matter further study and suggest a suitable amendment to the circular.

2. Proposed Visits to Army Areas. The question of visits to Army areas by members of the Italian Government was raised - in particular, the case of Sc ccicchetto. Pol Advisor thought that such visits should be discouraged and A/Ex C stated that Army Commanders were not in favour of them.

3. RCs Meeting with General CLARK. A/Ex C announced that it had been arranged for RCs to meet General CLARK at 1030 hrs on Tuesday with DC and A/Ex C. Cat Sec were instructed to make the necessary arrangements regarding aeroplane transport for the meeting with General CLARK. Soon Sec asked if a preliminary meeting with RCs could be arranged and this was set for 1430 hrs on Monday in the Conference Room. Brigadier GIBB, Colonel HENSLEY and Lt.Col SCHILT should attend as well as the other RCs of the North.

4. Telephone Calls to AFHQ. A/Ex C stated that a letter had been received from AFHQ complaining of difficulty in ringing AC officers at their telephones after they had placed telephone calls to AFHQ. There was discussion on this and Communications S/C explained that

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4. Telephone Calls to AFHQ. A/Dir C stated that a letter had been received from AFHQ complaining of difficulty in finding AG officers at their telephones after they had placed telephone calls to AFHQ. There was discussion on this and Communications S/C explained that delays in calls were unavoidable. A/Dir C directed Communications S/C to put up a small note on the use of the telephone for insertion in the Daily Bulletin.

5. Change of Status of IPWG in Italy. IPW S/C reported that the consensus of opinion at AFHQ was against the proposed change of status of IPWG in Italy. There was discussion on the use of IPWG labour. A/Dir C considered that most IPWG did not want to change their status at the expense of changed conditions of pay and maintenance as they were better off under present arrangements.

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6. Recruitment of Garibaldi Division into the Italian Army.
Land Forces S/C gave a short account of the activities of the Garibaldi Division and stated that the remnants of this Division wanted to join the Italian Army.
Land Forces S/C had asked AFHQ on 21 March for an increase in the combat ceiling strength of the Italian Army to absorb these men. No answer had yet been received.

Joseph C Healy
Brigadier
for Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 3 APRIL.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting:

(a) - 2. Appointment of Chrm. A/Ex C stated that the committee had been formed and the first meeting had been held.

2. New Deal for Italy. A/Ex C stated a letter had been received from AFHQ asking for an interim report on the New Deal plan up to 31 March. Heads of Sections should submit their comments as soon as possible in order that a full reply could be prepared for AFHQ. Office of Ex C to take up.

3. VENETIA CIVIL. The suggestion had been made of forming a separate Region of those Provinces. CC was not in favour of this as he considered it would emphasise the difficulties encountered. A/Ex C said the Provinces would be administered as a Sub-Region of VENETIA Region. The Sub-Regional Commissioner appointed would take up the matter direct with RC VENETIA Region as to questions raised in the memorandum put up by Brig. DUNLOP.

4. RSs - Northern Regions. A/Ex C reported that RSs Northern Regions were meeting the Prime Minister this afternoon in an official visit.

5. M.G. Italy. CCS IV Corps was coming to-day to discuss the occupation of N.W. Italy and the sending of Regional staffs to IV Corps HQ at LUCCA. A/Ex C stated that for operational reasons this might not be practicable at present but a small forward Region might be established and personnel could be infiltrated as conditions allowed.

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7. Medical Officer for Partisans. Lt Sec stated another request had been received for a medical officer. A/Ex C stated that a similar request had been turned down before as SAC had ruled that no military government personnel be infiltrated. Unless there were very urgent reasons the question should not be re-opened.

8. Distribution of Signals. Lt Sec raised the question of signals on personnel and said that sometimes 'other' copies were sent to Comm Sec. They stated that in one instance this resulted in conflicting replies being sent by two Sections. A/Ex C said the point should be noted but did not think it was a matter that occurred often as Message Centre were very efficient.

9. Conditions of AC Civilian Employment. Comm Sec reported progress in drafting a circular to go to U.S. missions with reference to civilian employment offered by PEX and by State Dept. A/Ex C directed Lt Sec to submit final draft.

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10. Employment of Italian State Employees in AMG Territory. Communications S/C had discussed with Ch Sec and a circular had been issued by Finance S/C. This circular was read by Communications S/C and it was pointed out that as it stood it affected the work of HQs. A/Ex C directed that the matter be passed to Ch Sec for study and comment.

11. Italian Army Ration Scale. Land Forces S/C reported that AFHQ had sent a letter to 15 Army Group and Army Commanders stating that G/C did not propose to recommend any increase in the Italian Army ration scale to the CCS as this was considered to be more than adequate.
The question of the increase in olive oil ration was settled in the negative inasfar as AC was concerned.

12. Indiscriminate Purchases by Italian Army. Land Forces S/C stated that the Italian Army allowed commanding officers to spend the sum of 20 lire per day per man on extra food to supplement the ration scale. This resulted in the indiscriminate buying of food in the forward areas to the detriment of would-be purchasers for hospitals. Land Forces S/C were working on this with a view to exercising some form of control.

13. PSB - AFHQ. PSB reported that PSB - AFHQ had stated their view AFHQ would move out fairly soon which raised the problem of the civilian correspondents they would leave behind. A/Ex C said this brought up the whole question of AMG and the various agencies that had been looked after for the sake of convenience. The eventual goal would be the establishment of these agencies on a civilian basis. He directed Ext Sec to take up with PAAC and possibly with the Embassies with a view to working out a scheme as to supply.

Joseph C. Reid,
Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

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Joseph C Rush
Chief Staff Officer,
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30 March 1945.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 30 MARCH.

1. Minutes of last Meeting.

(a) - 4. N.W. Italy Planning. In reply to Econ Sec, A/Ex C explained that specialists from each of the three N.W. Regions from any Sub-Commission would be welcomed by C.O., IV Corps for planning at HQ C.C. He would also welcome HQ officers.

2. Assignment of Cars. A/Ex C said that justification statements for daily assigned cars had been submitted to Est Sec. He ruled that a committee be set up to review these justifications, consisting of Est Sec (Col. Perkins) and representatives of Econ and Ch Secs. Col. Perkins suggested the first meeting should take place at 1500 hrs tomorrow, 31 March, in his office.

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J. Talbot-Major
Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

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22. Visits to Army Areas. Mr.Caccia complained that he had been incorrectly reported both at the Algiers Conference and at the last VC's meeting. He did not wish to circulate the Diplomatic Corps on travel to army areas as the Diplomatic Corps as a whole had behaved extremely well and only one unfortunate incident had been reported.

23. Scorched Earth Policy. Mr.Caccia said that secret service reports showed that scorched earth policy is probably going to be carried out drastically in Northern Italy. DCS said that AAI should be informed and asked if SOS could not do something to stop it. Col.Monfort undertook to mention this.

24. Russian Labour Observers. Mr.Antolini enquired as to the whereabouts of the Russian observers. Lt.Col.Shipp reported that they had gone to Brindisi, Bari and Naples. He undertook to keep DCOS informed of their movements from time to time, as far as was possible.

25. Devasted Areas. Brig.Upjohn reported that the Prime Minister had accepted an invitation to preside at the meeting on devasted areas which was to be held during next week. This had delayed matters a little but it meant that they would be taken up on a much higher level.

Lt. Col,
Chief Staff Officer,
to Chief of Staff.

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27 March 1945

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 27 MARCH.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(a). Withdrawal from the South. CSO to Ex C stated that Lt. Col. Jackman G-5, AFHQ, visited HQ and had been provided with the information he required to prepare a memorandum.
A/Ex C directed Ext Sec to take up with AFHQ the question of transport for the AC officers left behind being the responsibility of the local unit commander.

(b) - 1(c). UMBRIA-MARCHE Region. CSO to Ex C confirmed that on 16 March ABRUZZI-MARCHE Region became UMBRIA-MARCHE Region and absorbed the two Provinces of TERNI and PERUGIA. Orders had been prepared.

(c) - 5. Entertaining by AC. A/Ex C said the proposed rules should be as flexible as possible but at the same time exercise some measure of control. He read a suggested list of rules submitted by HQ Commandant. The main point was that entertaining facilities be confined to officers actually billeted in the hotel and that permission must first be obtained. A/Ex C passed the draft rules to Col. Densmore for consideration.

(d) - 8. Executive Commissioner's Meetings. A/Ex C ruled that the present arrangement of two meetings a week would continue. Endeavour must be made to shorten them as much as possible and not to raise matters which could be settled outside and which were not of general interest.

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3. Officers at HQ. A/Ex C reported that he had seen CC, who still considered that the personnel at HQ should be cut drastically. The question of the decisions of the Manpower Committee being considered as final was raised with CC and agreement was reached.

4. N.W. Italy Planning. A/Ex C had visited IV Corps, who had prepared a Staff Memorandum in which it was proposed to integrate the staff of IV Corps, Regions and No. 2 District during Phase I. A/Ex C thought this a good plan.
General CRITTENBERGER wanted to see RCs at an early date and would arrange a meeting. At the moment he did not want the Regions to move North, but was willing that specialist officers should move to LUCCA. A/Ex C was hopeful of persuading him to accept the full Regional Staffs up there.
A/Ex C directed that CSO IV Corps be on the distribution for all important matters.

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5. Staff Hours for Italian Civilian Employees. CA Sec stated that Sub-Commissions were asking for a ruling on office hours for Italian civilian employees. Est Sec stated that the working hours of 0830 to 1600 with 1½ hours for lunch had been published. A/Ex C directed that a reminder be issued.

6. Proposed Training Course for Officers. Est Sec gave list of officers required to attend a two weeks training course. It was agreed that it was difficult to release these officers.

7. Manual of the Activities of AC. PRO stated this was practically completed. A/Ex C directed that it should be passed to him and he would pass it to VPs.

S. Talbot Major
Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 23 MARCH.

Dep Ex C presided in the absence of Ex C on leave in ENGLAND.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(e). Withdrawal from the South. Dep Ex C said he had attended a meeting at AFHQ yesterday. There were no changes in the original arrangements except that it was agreed to leave three instead of two Public Works and Utility officers in the South until 15 May. It was also agreed that AC would not be responsible for interned diplomats at TAORMINA.
AFHQ were sending the minutes of the meeting and would issue a memorandum clarifying the withdrawal procedure so that Military Commanders would be informed. An officer from AFHQ would visit HQ tomorrow and would call on Heads of Sections to obtain details.
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(d) - 4. Employment of German POW. A telegram had been sent to AFHQ on this subject which referred to mine clearance. CSO to Ex C was instructed to investigate to see whether it was necessary to send a correction.

(e) - 5. UMBRIA-LIGURIA Region. CSO to Ex C stated that we were waiting for the firm date to be given for the absorption of the two Provinces of TERNI and PERUGIA before the orders were cut.

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(f) - 6. Repatriation of Italians from [illegible]. CA Sec reported that CC wanted to know the views of the Italian Government and action was being taken accordingly. AFHQ had stated that Brig. McCARTHY was already on his way.

(g) - 7. Enlistment of Patriots in the Italian Army. Dep Ex C had discussed with Gen. BROWNING, who stated that inaccurate information had been conveyed. Land Forces S/C stated that in Army areas patriots were being recruited and absorbed into the Gruppi. In addition they had received elements of the Garibaldi Division who were being kept together and Gen. BROWNING had recommended that they be formed into a new regiment, which would mean raising the ceiling of combat troops.

2. International Red Cross Vehicles. CA Sec had been told by the International Red Cross that their present function was to visit the camps of all prisoners of war now being taken by the Allies. Maintenance and servicing of vehicles and the supply of petrol and lubricants, was therefore an Allied responsibility. Dep Ex C directed Est Sec to take the matter up with AFHQ.

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7. UNRRA. CA Sec reported that UNRRA had a plan to assume the financial responsibility for Allied Nationals in ROME which they wanted to start on 1 April. This work had been done by Disper. Finance S/C had approved the UNRRA plan.
UNRRA had also asked to be allowed to extend the plan to AAC territory. There was discussion on this, especially in regard to FLORENCE. Dep Ex C ruled that permission could be given for the plan to be put into operation in ROME and depending on how it worked a decision could be made at a later date in regard to extending the plan to AAC territory.

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8. Executive Commissioner's Meetings. There was discussion as to whether one meeting per week would not be sufficient. Dep Ex C argued that it was preferable to have two shorter meetings a week than one long one. He stated that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday as usual and a decision as to future meetings would then be made.

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Chief Staff Officer,
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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 20 MARCH.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

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3. Wages Policy in Northern Italy. Ex C had a letter from Director, Labour S/C, attaching a memorandum on wages policy. It was agreed that this memorandum must be submitted to CC, and after it had been cleared by him Econ Sec were instructed to get out a directive for RCs.

4. Employment of German POW. The Italian labour aspect of this problem was discussed and Econ Sec were directed to draft a telegram to AFHQ giving the Commission's views.

5. UMBRIA-MARCHE Region. Ex C confirmed that the Provinces of TERNI and PERUGIA would be absorbed into the new Region to be known as "UMBRIA-MARCHE." CSO to Ex C said that those concerned had been informed of this and that Est Sec had been asked to cut the necessary orders.

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6. Repatriation of Italians from ERITREA. CA Sec said that AFHQ had agreed with the views of the Commission and had asked us to take the matter up with the Italian Government. CA Sec were opposed to approaching the Italian Government on this question. Ex C directed CA Sec to send an interim reply to the AFHQ letter, saying that the matter was being studied and adding that we did not think that the proposed visit by Brig. McCARTHY would serve any useful purpose.

7. Enlistment of Patriots in the Italian Army. CA Sec brought up the question of Italian patriots joining the Italian Army. Ex C reminded Land Forces S/C that SACMED had decided that as many patriots as possible were to be absorbed into the Italian Army, and told the S/C that any proposal to modify or delay this policy must be referred to CC.

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16 March 1945.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 16 MARCH.

Dep Ex C was in the Chair in the absence of Ex C.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(a). Allied Civilian Personnel. Dep Ex C asked what progress had been made. He ruled that UNRRA personnel came under the heading of (1) in the previous minute. HQ Commandant said that fifty-eight persons, including UNRRA personnel, would therefore be moved under the heading of (1) and he would report further at the next meeting.

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(c) - 2. Withdrawal from the South. Dep Ex C stated that RCs had been informed that they could go ahead on the basis of the directive of 7 March. The names of liaison officers had been sent to them. It was proposed that transport not needed for the North be turned over to the Italian Government, who would be responsible for supplying transport for the AC liaison officers left behind. A meeting of all RCs had been called for Monday, 19 March, at 1000 hrs, which would probably last all day, and Dep Ex C asked that Heads of Sections and Sub-Commissions make themselves available for consultation during the day.

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(d) - 6. Weekly Bulletin. Dep Ex C confirmed that the Weekly Bulletin would be re-classified "SECRET." It would therefore be mimeographed and not printed.

2. International Red Cross Vehicles. The International Red Cross owned two vehicles which bore AC markings, and therefore received AC maintenance, servicing, and petrol. Dep Ex C said he thought that this should not be an AC responsibility. He considered that the care and feeding of this organization, and the maintenance of its vehicles, was the responsibility of the Italian Government. This was agreed.
Ch Sec were directed to deal with the matter.

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3. Italian Clerical Staff in HQ AC. There was discussion on the direction that a cut of 25% be made in the number of Italian civilian personnel employed in this building. (See Minute No. 2 of Executive Commissioner's meeting of 2 March 1945). It was the opinion of Sections that while certain reductions should be made, a flat reduction of 25% was not possible without impeding the proper functioning of HQ.

4. Office Space. Econ Sec complained that their Section was being scattered all over the building. There was discussion on office space generally, and Dep Ex C stated that CC had definitely ruled that AC HQ must fit into one building. He pointed out that AFHQ were working under far more crowded conditions than AC. Dep Ex C ruled that a Committee on office space should be formed. This Committee to consist of representatives from the following:-

(1) Est Sec
(2) Econ Sec
(3) Cl. Sec
(4) Land Forces S/C

In addition, Col. Henderson was directed to approach the other Independent S/Cs to agree on an officer to represent them. The Committee would meet at the call of HQ Commandant and would consider the whole problem of reallocating the office space to ensure that Sections were not split up.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING 13 MARCH.

1. Minutes of last Meeting.

(a) - 1(a). Allied Civilian Personnel. Ex C ruled that the following would be moved from the FLORA Hotel:
(1) All personnel not members of the Allied Commission
(2) All female civilian Allied Commission personnel.
(3) All Allied Commission officers below field rank.
As regards (1), such non-Allied Commission personnel to be asked to find their own accommodation.
Where difficulties arise Est Sec to lend assistance.
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Ex C said the moves were not to take place until satisfactory arrangements had been made.
The space that would be made available at the FLORA Hotel as a result of these moves would be reserved for transient Allied Commission officers of field rank from outside this HQ.

(b) - 4. Wage Rates in AMG Territory. CA Sec reported they were still awaiting the memorandum from Labour S/C. Ex C stated that he would call CA Sec and Labour S/C to a meeting on this.

2. Withdrawal from the South. Ex C stated a letter had been received from AFHQ giving approval in principle to the A.C. plan for withdrawal from the South by 1 April 1945. AFHQ asked for certain officers to be left and it was agreed that most of these requests were satisfied by arrangements already made by A.C. It was also agreed that Communications S/C would have an officer attached to MAAC in ROME. Ex C instructed Est and CA Secs on the necessary adjustments.

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3. IV Corps Planning. SCAO IV Corps had asked for five officers for forward planning. CSO to Ex C to take action.

4. Personnel for AUSTRIA. VP Est Sec said that Brig.Gen. SHOFFORD had informed him that the Austrian lists were now firm. Est Sec expected to have completed work lists of all officers in the Commission in three days time.

5. PWB. PW S/C drew attention to inaccurate statements in Service newspapers. Ex C asked PRO to try and effect closer liaison between A.C. and the Service newspapers.

6. Weekly Bulletin. Ex C told PRO that the CC had decided to re-classify the Weekly Bulletin "SECRET". He said he would take the point up again with CC and give PRO news before the next issue.

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7. Allied Representatives under the New Directive. Political Advisers reported that a Belgian representative had been to see the Finance S/C about the sequestration of Belgian property, and had been told that under the new directive the Commission could not intervene. It was considered that we must not be too rigid in this respect and, while admitting that the policy should be to encourage direct relations between Allied representatives and the Italian Government, Sub-Commissions should also be prepared to help from time to time. It was a question of striking a balance. Ex C requested Political Advisers to prepare a short paper on this and to bring it up at a VPs meeting.

8. Italian Call Up. Land Forces S/C had written a letter to Public Safety S/C stating that the CC.RR could have 4% of the total call-up, provided call-up figures were maintained and the ceiling of the CC.RR was not exceeded. This, however, did not apply to SARDINIA.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 10 MARCH.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 4. Allied Civilian Personnel. CA Sec said there had been further complaints about accommodation at the Flora Hotel. Ex C stated this matter must be settled soon. He directed Est Sec to furnish him with particulars of alternative accommodation for people moved out of the Flora Hotel.

2. Political Adviser. Mr. Dowling, who would be taking over the duties formerly performed by Mr. Schott, was introduced to the meeting.

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Ex C ruled the vehicles could be purchased but as they were intended for use in distributing films, application should be made to PWB for petrol. Est Sec to explain this to Liaison Division.

6. Civil Telegraphs in Florence. Communications Sub-Commission said civil telegraphs in Florence opened to-day. This had been cleared with 15 Army Group.

7. New Deal for Italy. Econ Sec said they had no definite information to give to Sub-Commissions and asked if a memorandum could be issued. Ex C asked Heads of Sections to let him know the points they wanted clarified and he would prepare a memorandum for Sections.

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8. Prisoner Retainers. Econ Sec raised this matter again. CA Sec had suggested it be discussed at a WPB meeting, but Econ Sec considered it should be first discussed at Executive Commissioner's meeting. Ex C agreed.

9. Truck Brigade. Ex C ruled that for the time being the Truck Brigade must remain the responsibility of Econ Sec.

Joseph C Reid
for Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

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6 March 1945.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 6 MARCH

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(b) - 1(b). Decree of Ministry of Occupied Italy. Ex C stated this had been approved by SACMED. The Prime Minister had been informed. The draft was going through the Council of Ministers and the decree should be passed this morning.

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(g) - 9. Olive Oil Arranging. Econ Sec said that the total of olive oil collected to date was 32,500 tons. This was 36% of the target figure. Fairly satisfactory progress was being maintained. PWB stated that the olive oil film had been completed but there was difficulty in finding material to make prints. Econ Sec considered that although it was rather late in the campaign the film might have some effect.
Ex C considered another olive oil press campaign was due and instructed PWB to start on this.

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Econ Sec stated that the olive oil cases were not being brought to the law courts. Ex C said the matter should be referred to the Italian Government for prompt action. Application had been received for an increase in the olive oil ration to the Italian Army. Econ Sec had prepared a letter for AMMG protesting against this. Land Forces S/C stated that the application was not supported from the Italian Army point of view.

2. Regional Commissioners Meeting. Ex C stated that CC would not be well enough to be present, but did not wish the meeting to be postponed since RCs had already made arrangements to attend. The meeting would open with an address by the A/President and a message from CC would be read.

3. Inspection of Carabinieri. Ex C announced that Field Marshal ALEXANDER would be inspecting the Carabinieri in NAPLES on 12 March at 1030 hours. Ex C directed CA Sec to ensure that careful preparations were made and comprehensive orders issued.

4. Allied Civilian Personnel. Nat Sec raised the question of messing and accommodation facilities of civilian personnel and said the position needed clarification. The Flora Hotel had been set aside as a field officers hotel, but owing to the number of civilian personnel billeted there visiting officers could not always get rooms.
Ex C said the whole matter must be reviewed.

5. Smallpox. CA Sec said one case of smallpox had been reported in SICILY.

6. Diaper S/C Transport. Nat Sec asked for a ruling on whether Diaper transport was under HQ and Regional control. Ex C ruled that it was.

7. Next Meeting. Ex C announced that the next Executive Commissioner's Meeting would be held on Saturday, 10 March 1945 at 0900 hours.

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Chief Staff Officer,
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4. Allied Civilian Personnel. Est Sec raised the question of messing and accommodation facilities of civilian personnel and said the position needed clarification. The Flora Hotel had been set aside as a field officers hotel, but owing to the number of civilian personnel billeted there visiting officers could not always get rooms.
Ex C said the whole matter must be reviewed.

5. Smallpox. CA Sec said one case of smallpox had been reported in SICILY.

6. Diaper C/C Transport. Est Sec asked for a ruling on whether Diaper transport was under MG and Regional Control. Ex C ruled that it was.

7. Next Meeting. Ex C announced that the next Executive Commissioner's Meeting would be held on Saturday, 10 March 1945 at 0900 hours.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 2 MARCH.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

(a) - 1(b). Office Space. Ex C said it had been found that in spite of instructions several Sub-Commissions had exceeded their manpower ceilings. He stressed that the ceilings laid down by the Manpower Committee must be adhered to, and office space be related thereto.
Dat Sec stated that U.S. Shipping Board wanted to move out of the building and Econ Sec saw no reason why they should not. It was considered that Northern Region planning teams could be accommodated in another building, but that two rooms should be kept for them in the main building.

(b) - 9. Decree of Ministry of Occupied Italy. Ch Sec stated that a revised decree, after having been cleared with Sections, had been forwarded to SACMED with C's recommendations.

2. Italian Clerical Staff in HQ AC. During their survey of office accomodation Dat Sec had discovered there were 574 Italian civilian clerks employed in this building. One Sub-Commission alone had over 40. Ex C said this number was far too large and directed Dat Sec that an immediate cut of 25% be made. Heads of Sections would do this themselves and Dat Sec would then have an early Manpower Committee meeting when a further reduction up to 50% would be considered
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3. Price of Bread. Ex C said the Italian Government had already raised the price of bread to 18 lires per kilo in ROME and as a result there had been a demonstration. This was 2 lire per kilo above the price upon which the "Carpena" indemnity was based.
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4. Visit to BARI Region. Ex C had made a recent visit to Bari Region and found that the Administrative HQ with Eighth Army was working well.

(a) Schooners. Schooner traffic into BARI and VENEZIA would solve many regional problems. Ex C directed Econ Sec to study the schooner problem and report so that, after a decision had been taken regarding VENEZIA, the matter of Shipping Sub-Commission and ACCCI could be raised at a high level, perhaps at SHAEF's Political Meeting.

(b) 1000 G.T. Company. PB had expressed the hope that this Transport Company was going to be moved to his Region as promised.

(c) Sugar Beet. The question of sugar beet had been discussed and was a matter of some urgency as the beet had to be planted early in March. Bari Region wanted to know if coal would be made available to run the VENEZIA factory, which would need 4,000 tons

per annum to produce 7/8,000 tons of sugar beet. If the factory was not working the price of beet should be fixed and notified. There was some discussion as to whether it would be more advantage in planting corn instead of sugar beet and Ex C told Econ Sec that an early decision on this was essential.

(d) Implementation of Italian Decrees. There was a certain amount of delay in the implementation of decrees in forward areas. Ex C stated there should be a quick follow up on these decrees.

(e) Distribution of Drugs. Ex C had been informed that the distribution of drugs had failed completely in Emilia Region. One of the main troubles was that the basic drug prices had not been fixed. The Regional Public Health Officer wanted to know these as quickly as possible.

Ex C would send some notes on his tour to Heads of Sections.

5. Proposed Booklet on AC Activities. Dat Sec said that Public Relations had put forward a suggestion that a small booklet be issued briefly summarising the activities of AC since its inception. This was intended to be a guide to people who came in without any knowledge of AC. It was agreed that this was a good idea and Ex C directed that a simple booklet could be got out. It must be non-political. He would leave it to PRO to get the material from Sections and prepare the booklet.

6. Reallocation of Corn from the South. Dat Sec said it was proposed to bring all corn up from the South, overhaul and service them here and reallocate them to Regions. Econ Sec asked that corn should not be withdrawn from olive oil officers until the reassing was completed. Ex C directed Dat Sec to make sure that these corn would not be touched. Dat Sec asked if corn could be withdrawn from SARDINIA and SICILY now and Ex C agreed.
The question of using the garage now used by LAZIO UMBRIA Region was raised. Ex C said that ROMAGNOLA Region might require part of this garage for a time.
Ex C stated that a British Major and an OR had been interrogating drivers outside this building. Dat Sec should take up this matter. The officer, if discovered, should be brought before HQ Commandant to give an explanation of his activities.

7. Personnel for Northern Regions. Ex C stated that Dat Sec were getting out a list of personnel for Northern Regions, as well as lists of personnel for AUSTRIA and of Liaison Officers in the South.

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8. Civil Defence. Ct Sec said that Public Safety Sub-Commission had raised the question of post raid measures for long range projectiles. They considered the matter needed attention, especially in port areas. Ex C directed that Ct Sec should first get a G-2 appreciation from AFHQ. Ct Sec should then put up their recommendations.

9. Olive Oil - Assessing. Econ Sec said that 29,800 tons had been collected up to 7 February. Tuscany Region, although still behind other areas had shown some improvement.

10. Temporary Film Board. PRO had been trying to get this Board established. Italian Government were now ready with names, and wanted to increase the number on the Board.

The question was raised of an AC representative on the Board, and Ex C thought that a member of Commerce Sub-Commission would be the best choice. There was some discussion and Ex C directed PRO to send him the file for action.

11. State Employees. Communications Sub-Commission said there was considerable delay in the distribution of Ministerial Bulletins and practically every town had a different experience. They put forward the suggestion that State employees in AMG territory should come under the control of the Italian Government for pay and promotion. Ex C considered this was a good idea and directed Ch Sec to put up a plan on these lines.

12. Italian Truck Drivers. Land Forces Sub-Commission had trained 300 drivers, who would be available next week. They wanted to get these men away from the camps to make room for others coming in, but no orders had come through yet as to where they were to be sent.
Econ Sec and Land Forces Sub-Commission to get together on this.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 23 FEBRUARY.

1. Minutes of last Meeting.

(a) - 1(b). Regional Commissioners' Meeting. Ex C had prepared for submission to CC an Agenda for the Meeting on 8 March and read this to the meeting. He said there would be nearly 100 people at the RCs' Meeting and that it was very difficult to cut down this number. Ex C said that Generals MORGAN, PENDE and SPOFFORD should be invited to attend.
CC had said that he would like it to be a one-day meeting if possible and had asked Ex C to put the question of an Agenda before Heads of Sections. The general opinion was that a set agenda was not necessary. It was considered that after the A/President and CC had addressed the meeting on the New Deal it should be a purely business meeting. Ex C would put up to A/President, through CC, on these lines.

(b) - 2. Office Space. C Sec raised the question of accommodation for IOIB. Ex C said that they must move out of this building and that he would take the matter up with Sir C. HUGHOOTH SMITH.
Dpt Sec detailed the arrangements made for office accommodation and it was stated that Lab ur Sub-Commission were dissatisfied with the space allotted to them. Ex C would look at the offices allocated and make a decision.

(c) - 8. USSTA Visits to Army Area. Arising out of the invitation by AMG Eighth Army to an USSTA representative, it was re-emphasised that all correspondence in connection with any USSTA activity must channel through AC Hq for the attention of Major DOD.

(d) - 12. Repatriation of Italian PWs. [illegible] Sub-Commission had [illegible] whether it might

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4. Modern Hotel. Lt Sec asked the position of the Modern Hotel when Lazio-Umbria Region was abolished. Ex C explained that Lombardia Region would be in HQCA for planning and directed Lt Sec to find out from PC how much space he would want so that space rooms might be made available.

5. Passes to Civilians. Lt Sec reported that Public Safety were very concerned about the issuing of passes to Fifth and Eighth Army areas for Italian civilians. The position was dangerous in view of the number of agents that are known to be around. Ex C agreed with Lt Sec's recommendation that the matter of issuing passes should be handled only by Public Safety Sub-Commission and directed Lt Sec to get out a directive accordingly, setting out clearly the whole procedure of how passes should be obtained.

6. Communications from Italian Government. Lt Sec stated that their Section and Public Safety Sub-Commission had three clerks dealing with this. They had told Public Safety that police gazettes and similar publications could go through the post. Ex C agreed.

7. Olive Oil Retention. Ex C Lazio-Umbria Region had passed to Lt Sec a letter from PC ZURICH. Proviano in the question of the retention of olive oil. Lt Sec read this letter. Ex C stated there had evidently been some confusion and directed Lt Sec to handle the matter.

8. N.Y. Italy Planning Committee Meeting. Ex C said it was desirable to hold a meeting before the Regional Commissioners' meeting and fixed 1 March as the date for the next meeting.

9. Decree of Ministry of Occupied Italy. Lt Sec said this matter had been discussed and it had been suggested by Land Forces Sub-Commission that the Military Affairs Section was not necessary since the Ministry of War could perform its functions. Lt Sec pointed out that the Ministry of War would not be of any use in respect of patriots who were not absorbed into the Army and that they thought the Military Affairs Section was necessary. Ex C agreed and instructed Lt Sec to take the matter up with Gen. BROWNING.

10. Liaison Officers - MAAF. Lt Sec asked where the Liaison Officers to the Rear Allied Area Command would be located. Ex C said they would be located in the MAAF Office.

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8. M.G. Italy Planning Committee Meeting. Ex C said it was desirable to hold a meeting bef re the Regi nal Commissioners' Meeting and fixed 7 March as the date f r the next meeting.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 20 FEBRUARY

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 3. Newsprint. PAO said that the Italian Press Commission had been meeting all this week and had decided to suspend 6 newspapers. It was agreed that this was undesirable and Ex C directed that PAO draft a letter to the Prime Minister for signature of CC, asking him to make a careful investigation into the amount of wastage of newsprint and paper used for posters, and to tell the Prime Minister that unless he could show that considerable economies were going to be made no further imported newsprint could be expected.

(b) - 4. Regional Commissioners' Meeting. Ex C reported that there would be a Regional Commissioners' Meeting on 3 March. No reports were to be made, and an agenda of about 12 subjects would be drawn up. Sections were asked to submit points of high policy for discussion, and RCs should be notified of the meeting and asked for the agenda; this to be done by Ex C's office.

2. Office Space. VP Int Sec said CC was not anxious to expand the present office accomodation. HQ Commandant was instructed to survey existing space again and move officers into offices occupied only by one or two officers, wherever possible. Ex C directed that the Truck Battalion personnel should move into the UNRRA building.

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4. Liberated Italy. Ex C said that the phrase "occupied Italy" should not be used when referring to Italian Government territory and AMG territory. The correct phrase was "liberated Italy".

5. AC Messes. Pol Sec reported that an inspection had been made of the various AC Hotel Messes in Rome and that general conditions were found to be satisfactory. The "Ambra" was, however, considered unsatisfactory, and an alternative hotel was being found. Ex C suggested that the Messing Committee should appoint an officer whose job would be to inspect the kitchens etc. from time to time.

6. Differential in Wages of Male and Female Civilian Employees. VP Econ Sec said that AC had lost the battle in this matter. It was agreed that the matter should be taken up again with AFHQ.

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7. Italian Civilian Personnel for the North. VP CA Sec stressed the importance of proper screening for any Italian civilians whom it was proposed to take north. It was agreed that the screening should first be carried out by Security and then referred to the Italian authorities.
IPOW Sub-Comission mentioned the case of a Dutchman who, they understood, was still working in one of the Regions, who was suspected and whose case was being investigated some months ago. Ex C directed CA Sec to enquire into this.

8. UNRRA Visits to Army Area. CA Sec reported that 8 Army had invited UNRRA to come into the Army area. Ex C said that this was wrong, as their work lay in the South, and said that he would tell AMG 8 Army and instruct UNRRA that all their correspondence and requisitions must channel through this HQ (N.)or DOE).

9. Requisitioning of Cars in Sicily by UNRRA. VP CA Sec reported that he had been informed that UNRRA were trying to obtain cars in Sicily which had been used by AD officers. It was agreed that if these cars were good they should be taken north, if not they should be handed over to the Italian authorities.

10. Wages of Italian Civil Servants. CA Sec reported that AC Abruzzi-Marche had written about the sorry plight of the civil servants. Econ Sec said that Labour Sub-Comission were studying this problem.

11. Weekly Bulletin. PRO asked whether:
(1) the bulletin was useful
(2) it was not possibly too long
(3) it should be printed instead of mimeographed
(4) the classification "Secret" was not too high.
After discussion Ex C said that it was extremely useful, that it was possibly too long but that any shortening of it should not be at the expense of the "Odds and Ends" column, and that there was no objection to the printing of it. As regards classification, as an experiment Ex C directed that it be classified "Restricted". Econ Sec doubted the wisdom of this, but it was agreed to give it a trial. PR was instructed to overhaul the distribution of the Bulletin with a view to including the Area and District Commanders.

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14. Call Up. Land Forces Sub Commission reported that AFHQ had postponed the Sardinian Phase Ten call up from early March to early April. He said the reason for this was that the calls up were going so well and that they were obtaining 95% of the Italian estimate.

15. Patriot Meeting on 18/2/45. Ex C said that he had attended this meeting and was much impressed by the national spirit displayed. He suggested that Land Forces Sub-Commission might consider the question of putting the Italian Army entirely into a martime uniform, any battledress.
Land Forces Sub-Commission said that they had recently recommended to Count CARLI the holding of Man Management Courses and CARLI had agreed. AFHQ would instruct Area and District Commanders to keep a watch on these courses.

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16. Olive Oil. Econ Sec reported 26,000 tons as against 23,000 last week. This was a bit slow, but he still felt confident that the 30,000 tons would be reached. Dr O said that we would still keep to our target of 30,000.

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MINUTES OF [illegible] COMMISSION'S MEETING - 15 FEBRUARY.

1. Minutes of last Meeting.

(a) - 1(e). Demilitarisation of AG. Ex C said that Nat Sec must review the 1st November letter since it was largely out of date particularly from the Fr Sec point of view. Ex C stated that when the selection of officers for Austria was completed we should have a better knowledge of the number of civilian replacements required.

(b) - 9. Office Furniture. Nat Sec stated HQ Commandant had issued the circular restricting the number of chairs to be used in offices. Ex C said there had been a misunderstanding and instructed his office to clear the matter.

2. CVE. Fr Sec was directed to consider asking the Italian Government to issue a Press release on CVE, in order to clear up a number of misunderstandings in regard to this body.

3. Newsprint. Ex C said that newsprint had run out in Naples. He thought there was a considerable want of newsprint in Rome and that the whole question must be carefully studied. Econ Sec said that Rome supplied itself with newsprint whereas Naples used imported newsprint. Ex C said that the real point was that if less newsprint was consumed in Rome it would obviously be possible to import less and thereby save shipping space for other imports. He directed Industry Sub-Commission and Public Relations Branch to get together on the problem. It was not thought advisable to cut down the number of papers in Rome, but rather the number of copies.

4. Regional Commissioners' Meeting. Ch Sec said that they had an important matter to discuss concerning Displaced Persons Sub-Jurisdiction and as other Sections doubtless had outstanding problems asked if a Regional Commissioners' meeting could be arranged. Econ Sec said they would welcome such a meeting. It was agreed that it should take place in Rome.
Ex C stated he had been waiting for the A/President to return to meet RCs in a body and then have the conference. He would take up the

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Ex C stated he had been waiting for the A/President to return to meet RCs in a body and then have the conference. He would take up the matter with CC.

5. Ambulances. DC Sec had obtained eight tyres for Labor use for the Italian Red Cross from Commerce Sub-Commission.

6. Personnel for Austria. Dpt Sec stated this matter was progressing. They had earmarked thirty officers for Austria yesterday, and were now engaged in selecting officers who would be trained for that theatre

7. Italian Film Industry. PRO had some correspondence on the film situation and a number of other questions on which he would like some advice. Ex C said he would arrange a meeting with Major Fielden and participating Sub-Commission.

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8. Sicily Call-Up. Land Forces Sub-Commission stated that the Sicily call-up had been postponed from 1 March to 15 March at the request of the Prime Minister.
They raised the question of the role of communication in regard to call-up and suggested that it would have been better for the Italian Government to have put this request through the Ministry of War. Ex C agreed and said that the solution was for Land Forces Sub-Commission to tell Count Casati this and action could be taken within the Italian Government.

9. Accommodation for [illegible]. Land Forces Sub-Commission reported they had received further commitments from AFHQ in regard to the Italian Army which would involve an increase in their personnel of 18 Officers and 63 ORs. They asked if they could have the whole of the top floor for their own use and accommodation for Labour Sub-Commission be found elsewhere. Ex C asked them to put in an application in writing to Est Sec in the normal manner.

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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 15 FEBRUARY

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(b). Personnel. Econ Sec raised the question of the five officers at Civitavecchia and COS agreed that these could come under the appropriate Sub-Commission.

(b) - 1(d). Stocks of Chlorine. CA Sec reported that they had been informed by Public Health Sub-Commission that a priority shipment of 100 tons of rock salt had been made.

(c) - 9. Italian Army Trucks. Land Forces Sub-Commission felt that the breaking up of the trucks should proceed as it was the only means of obtaining spare parts. AFHQ Sub-Commission had discussed with USFA and had agreed to withdraw their objection.

(d) - 12. Olive Oil Assessing. Econ Sec stated that since the last report the percentage of the desired target of olive oil collected had risen from 21% to 24.4 (23,000 tons). They were confident that the 'B' target figure of 50,000 tons would be reached, which would provide the ration for devastated areas and the Italian Army and towns up to 50,000 inhabitants. Econ Sec said they had good hopes of the full 80,000 tons being amassed.
COS directed Econ Sec to tell the Italian Government that only 24% of the target figure had been collected in order to speed them up. COS asked how ANG compared with other territory and directed Econ Sec to write to Tuscany Region, who had only amassed 17% and draw the attention of this Region that they were behind other Regions.

(e) - 13. Demilitarization of AD. COS had discussed this matter with Brig. Gen. Spaatz, who had assured him that there was no cause for alarm as civilian recruitment in U.S. was going very slowly, and there would be no sudden demand from the War Department for a large number of officers to be substituted by civilians.
Econ Sec said they had submitted two draft telegrams to Nat Sec recently on the matter.
COS directed Nat Sec to obtain the 11 November letter and relevant correspondence and go through it with Sections to get the matter tidied up.

(f) - [illegible] Econ Sec had heard from HC that he

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4. Civilian Movement into Army Areas. CA Sec read a letter from 5 Army asking that civilian movement into Army areas be kept to a minimum and restricted to Allied civilians as far as possible. COS said that at the present moment military security in that part of the front was vital and we must restrict civilian movement even at the expense of AMG work. COS directed CA Sec to send a copy of 5 Army letter to Ent and Econ Secs.

5. Advance Information of Moves. CA Sec reported that they had received a request from Public Safety Sub-Commission for advance information of moves so that apprehends of CO.RR could be collected and transport arranged. COS directed CA Sec to write a letter to DCAO asking him to give a firm appreciation of the situation week by week. COS would go into the matter with DCAO on his next visit.

6. Transportation. COS stated that Transportation Sub-Commission must be quite definite to AFHQ transportation for 5 Army, both for CO.R., and civil supplies. Both 5 Army and 15 Army Group had the wrong impression of what Transportation Sub-Commission could do and we did not want a repetition of the previous situation south of Rome. Econ Sec were instructed to look into this situation carefully.

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9. Office Furniture. Communications Sub-Commission drew attention to the circular restricting the number of chairs to be used in offices. Ent Sec had not seen this and COS directed them to find out who had issued it.

10. Communications. COS agreed that a Communications Officer should be left for the South, operating from Naples.

11. Transport for Northern Italy. Communications Sub-Commission stated that transport for their personnel for N.W. Italy had not been approved. COS directed Ent Sec (G-4) to take action.

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13. General Orders. COS directed that Sections, when putting up General Orders for signature, must explain in a short minute the background - the reason for the General Order, who originated it and its effect.

for Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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10 February 1945.

MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 9 FEBRUARY

1. Minutes of last Meeting.

(a) - 1(a). Wages of Female Civilian Employees. Comm Sec stated that an AFHQ order was necessary to put the proposal into effect. The matter would be raised at the meeting of the Labour and Wages Committee of PWSB on 15 February. CCS directed that a top representative from Comm Sec be sent to that meeting.

(b) - 1(b). Personnel. CCS had got out a new paper on withdrawal from the South, which would leave 42 officers in Southern Italy, Sicily and Sardinia. Of these, 34 were CMF officers in Naples Command and 2 AMG officers in Pantelleria and Lampedusa. Some of the balance of 6 officers would only be there for a limited period.
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CCS said that the posting of officers for Northern Regions was nearly complete. There was a tendency for everyone to forget Tuscana, Emilia and Abruzzi-Marche Regions. We must avoid that.
He asked Ext Sec to examine the possibility of moving Piemonte Region HQ to Siena as Regional and Area HQs should be together. Lombardia Region should collect in Rome after Lazio-Umbria Region had gone on 1 March and this would leave only Liguria Region at Caserta. CCS directed his office to find out which Area was to be in Liguria.
As regards Austria, Ext Sec said we were definitely committed to 400 American officers. Austria must be treated as one of the Northern Regions in matters of personnel.

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(c) - 1(c). Typhus in Brindisi. CA Sec said no more cases had been reported. Extensive dusting around the area had been carried out as a precautionary measure.

(d) - 4. Stocks of Chlorine. CA Sec had sent a letter to Boon Sec and the matter was now most urgent. DCS directed Boon Sec to take immediate steps to get some rock salt up to Rome.

(e) - 5. Call-Up for Sardinia. Land Forces Sub-Commission explained the reasons for delaying the issue of clothing to recruits for the Italian Army until they reached their receiving stations. Many recruits deserted and it was not desirable that they should be in possession of Allied clothing. At the request of RC Sardinia clothing was being issued at call-up points in Sardinia, but owing to the scarcity of greatcoats these would be taken away from recruits at Naples and handed back at the receiving stations. DCS again stressed the great importance of good coordination between CA Sec and Land Forces Sub-Commission on all matters affecting call-ups.

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2. Visit to Emilia Region. DCOS Est Sec had visited Emilia Region and raised certain points.

(a) Commerce Sub-Commission. It was stated that an officer from Commerce Sub-Commission had been sent up to Emilia to do an urgent job, but RO had not asked for him and did not know the purpose of his visit. Econ Sec to investigate.

(b) C.C.RR. Regional Public Safety had reported that Carabinieri uniforms were available but there was no transport to collect them. CA Sec to investigate.

(c) Mine Clearance. Appreciation was expressed of the excellent work done by CA Sec.

(d) Public Works. A request had been made to DCOS Est Sec that a Public Works representative should visit Emilia Region. DCOS directed that this be arranged.

(e) Flooded Areas. Pumps had been obtained and good work had been done on the reclaiming of flooded areas.

3. Visits to Regions. COS wished to know at the next meeting how many Heads of Sub-Commissions had visited Regions in accordance with his instructions.

4. Patriots. CA Sec said the position was highly unsatisfactory and they had prepared a draft telegram to AFHQ. A new draft directive had been prepared by AFHQ which altered the whole position and returned us almost to where we had started.
COS asked CA Sec for a short note on the matter and he would take it up with Gen. Robertson.

5. Archives. CA Sec asked what was going to happen to all the archives coming in from Sicily and Sardinia. COS said that SC Southern Region considered that files in Naples should be treated as Regional files and be sent to HQ. He directed PRO to tell the Archives Section to get active on this.

6. Visits of HCs. COS said HCs Sicily and Sardinia were here and he would like Heads of Sections and Sub-Commissions to see them.

7. Escaped IPCW. IPW Sub-Commission reported that 52 Italian prisoners had escaped from North Africa from the hands of the French. Another 21 escaped prisoners were at Ragusa and had been handed over to Field Security police. The Italian Government wanted all these men handed over to them but the attitude of AFHQ was to send them back to the French authorities.
COS directed IPW Sub-Commission to telephone AFHQ pointing out the legal aspect involved and said the representation of the Italian Government should be passed to CA Sec for a legal opinion which could then be conveyed to AFHQ.

8. IPW Sub-Commission Personnel. IPW Sub-Commission reported that one of their officers had been posted to Lombardy Region and they were two officers short in this.

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8. IPW Sub-Commission Personnel. IPW Sub-Commission reported that one of their officers had been posted to Lombardy Region and they were two officers short in their Sub-Commission. COS directed Est Sec to look into this.

9. Italian Army Trucks. WSD Sub-Commission had received a report that 72 Italian Army trucks, which could not be repaired by the Italian Army, were being broken up on instructions from MMIA. WSD considered that if these trucks were handed over to a private repairer, about 60 could be made useable.
Land Forces Sub-Commission stated they were Italian Army vehicles and the combined resources of Italian Army and military could not repair them. Breaking them up would make other vehicles more serviceable. COS stated it was an Italian Army commitment and might be left to them but in view of WSD's report the matter should be investigated. Land Forces Sub-Commission promised to do this.

10. Requisitioning of Civilian Vehicles. Pol Sec had received a memorandum from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs that AOS were reported to be resuming the requisitioning of vehicles belonging to Italian civilians. CA Sec pointed out that this type of report without details was useless. COS directed Econ Sec to obtain details and take the necessary action.

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11. Increase in Wages for Blacksmiths Workers. Econ Sec had received a report from Labour Sub-Commission recommending the proposed increase. Econ Sec read this report. Econ Sec said AC's chief duty was to encourage the Italian machinery of negotiation between employer and employee. CCS agreed but also stressed that in A/C territory AC by using its experts, could influence the Italian Government by setting an example.

12. Olive Oil Amassing. Econ Sec read reports of the progress made in the collection of olive oil up to 5 February. In general the situation was fairly satisfactory. Plans for further publicity were being put into operation, a newspaper campaign by the Ministry of Agriculture and radio speeches.
The total amassed was 20,347 tons out of a target figure of 30,000 tons.

13. Demilitarisation of AC. This would be discussed by CCS with Brig. Gen. Spofford to-day.

14. Midday Meal for drivers at Super Gerture Pool. C. Sec raised this matter but it was stated that the employees did not want this service and preferred to continue as they were now doing.

15. Hand-back of Territory. Ch Sec suggested that in addition to Ascoli and Terni Provinces, Grosseto Province might be considered for handing back to the Italians. CCS agreed and directed Ch Sec to obtain the PC's views.

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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6 February 1945.

MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 6 FEBRUARY.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(d). Wages of Female Civilian Employees. Nat Sec had written a letter to Labour Sub-Commission on 3 February, to which there had been no reply. Room Sec would check up.

(b) - 1(e). Personnel. COS said that as a general rule officers from Sicily would go to Venezia Giulia, officers from Southern Region to Venezia, officers from Lazio-Umbria Region (less Terni and Perugia Provinces) to Lombardia Region. Extra officers required for Piemonte would be drawn from Abruzzi-Marche Region, and extra officers for Liguria from Toscana Region. By the end of this week it was hoped to have a complete picture of personnel for North Italy. COS said he would circulate the draft directive for the withdrawal of Allied officers from Italian Government Italy to those attending the special COS meeting being held this afternoon at 1700 hrs. He asked the DCOS and DC Southern Region to attend.
COS said that Nat Sec must use more imagination regarding personnel and must follow through with an order, since it was not enough simply to cut an order and leave the matter at that. He instructed Nat Sec to get out a list of all officers in the Commission showing by Region the location of all ADCs, and by Regions and Sub-Commissions the location of all other officers. Room Sec was still concerned with the personnel question and wanted to have the complete Austria list and Nat Sec reported that Col. Pasko would be back to-day or to-morrow with a complete list. COS reiterated that any officer earmarked for Austria must not be included in the numbers for Northern Region. Nat Sec requested that when an officer was recalled to USA, Nat Sec should notify the Sub-Commission concerned.
COS emphasised that the whole question of personnel for the North must be regularised and be completely tidied up at a very early date, and instructed Nat Sec to take immediate action.

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Will you please contact below re copies of relevant correspondence already in your possession.
NAT STEWART
J. RIVELY
CAPT MORGAN

(c) - 1(f). Civilian Drivers. Land Forces Sub-Commission reported that AFHQ could not train the forty Italian soldiers provided, as their commitments were full. Room Sec suggested that the soldiers be

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(d) - 1(g). Enlistment of Patriots into the Italian Army. CCS stated it had been found impossible to send an officer to France and he had asked Gen. de Sevin and his staff, who were sending an officer to Paris, to furnish us with a report. A questionnaire would be prepared in consultation with Pol Sec and Land Forces Sub-Commission.

(e) - 9. Typhus in Brindisi. Cdr Sec reported there was no typhus in the town itself and that the statement at the last meeting was not quite correct. There was known to be one case in the area and three recent deaths may have been due to typhus. The matter was being investigated.

(f) - 10. Italian Call-Up. Land Forces Sub-Commission stated that the new call-up directive had been modified to include Jews, who have been excluded from military service under the fascist regime.

Sir,
Will you please initial block—
copy & forward
Consul Gen. Chief of Mission
for comment
Italy
Copy to Washington

2. AF Shoulder Insignia. COS stated that AFHQ had permitted British AC military personnel to wear the AF shoulder insignia. COS said he would consider the matter before giving a decision on this.

3. 15 Army Group Appreciation - N.W. Italy. COS asked AFHQ to take this up with N.W. Italy Planning Committee in order to ensure that it did not conflict with what had been laid down by AFHQ.

4. Stocks of Chlorine. Q. Sec reported the Italian Government were getting short of chlorine for the purification of water. There were 600 tons of chlorine awaiting shipment in Sicily. If part of this could be got to Rome, there was a plant capable of manufacturing half a ton of chlorine daily. Q. Sec would send a letter to Econ Sec for action.

5. Report from No. 1 Special Force. Pol Sec said they had had another report from an officer of No. 1 Special Force that the French were planning to move into Valle d'Aosta when the Germans withdrew. The French Force on the frontier was not well organized, consisting mostly of Maquis.
COS asked Pol Sec to get No. 1 Special Force to put in a report so that the matter could, if necessary, be taken up with AFHQ.

6. Communications. Communications Sub-Commission asked if communications officer would be left behind when the Southern Regions were liquidated. This point would be raised at this afternoon's special CPC meeting.

7. Sicily Disturbances. Land Forces Sub-Commission had called a meeting for to-morrow afternoon, and suggested that the decisions reached should be passed on to Sardinia. COS agreed and said the main object of the meeting was to give advice to the C.C. and the Italian Army.

8. Call Up for Sardinia. Land Forces Sub-Commission reported that owing to special representations from HQ Sardinia, boots, greatcoats and hats would be issued to Italian Army recruits at call-up points in Sardinia.

9. G-5 Section of 15 Army Group. DC AG stated that in consultation with CO & G-5 Section of 15 Army Group had been set up. It consisted of four officers and clerical staff and its functions were to coordinate the activities of AMGs 5 and 8 Armies. COS stated that correspondence from AC should continue to be addressed to DCAO, 15 Army Group.

10. Hospitals. DCOS Q. Sec had inspected the largest Rome hospital with Director of Public Health Sub-Commission. It had been found that there were plenty of bandages, soap and food, the only difficulty being in serving the food hot. COS directed PRO to include a statement on this in the Weekly Bulletin.

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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6. Communications. Communications Sub-Commission asked if a communications officer would be left behind when the Southern Regions were liquidated. This point would be raised at this afternoon's special VPs meeting.

7. Sicily Disturbances. Land Forces Sub-Commission had called a meeting for tomorrow afternoon, and suggested that the decisions reached should be passed on to Sardinia. DCG agreed and said the main object of the meeting was to give advice to the C.C.S. and the Italian Army.

8. Call Up for Sardinia. Land Forces Sub-Commission reported that owing to special representations from PC Sardinia, boots, greatcoats and hats would be issued to Italian Army recruits at call-up points in Sardinia.

9. G-5 Section of 15 Army Group. DCG/AO stated that in consultation with CG a G-5 Section of 15 Army Group had been set up. It consisted of four officers and clerical staff and its functions were to coordinate the activities of AMGs 5 and 8 Armies. DCG stated that correspondence from AC should continue to be addressed to DCG/AO, 15 Army Group.

10. Hospitals. DCOS Cl. Sec had inspected the largest Axis hospital with Director of Public Health Sub-Commission. It had been found that there were plenty of bandages, soap and food, the only difficulty being in serving the food hot. DCS directed PRO to include a statement on this in the Weekly Bulletin.

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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 2 FEBRUARY.

1. Minutes of last Meeting

(a) - 1(a). Demilitarisation of AC. Pat Sec would submit information to COS to-day. COS read a draft letter from Econ Sec to G-5 AFHQ on civilian replacements for American officers. He would give the gist of this to Col. Fiske on the telephone to-day.

(b) - 3(b). UNRRA. COS had held a meeting with UNRRA at which all Sections were represented. We had got from UNRRA a very helpful idea of their intentions and commitments in dealing with the Italian Government.

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Room Sec raised the question of Commerce and Industry representatives for the North. CCS said 18 officers had been requested for Commerce and Industry for N.W. Italy and asked what the Sub-Commissions had done to recruit these officers. He said that Heads of Sections and Sub-Commissions must cooperate with G-1 in finding suitable personnel.
CA Sec asked the position of American officers earmarked for Austria. CCS stated Col. Fiske had taken a list to G-5 AFHQ and CCS had laid it down that not more than 106 American officers would be earmarked for Austria and that in any case no officers assigned to Northern Region would be touched.
CA Sec considered that Appendix C was now out of date. CCS agreed and proposed having a Manpower Committee meeting on Monday 5 February, at 0900 hrs.

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(f) - 13. Civilian Drivers. Land Forces Sub-Commission said they had provided 40 Italian soldiers who could be trained as drivers but Land Forces Sub-Commission had no training facilities available. CCS suggested that the drivers be attached to the training school AFHQ were setting up and instructed Pol Sec to contact Land Forces Sub-Commission on this.

2. Olive Oil in Perugia Province. CCS reported that the former PC of Perugia, in addition to issuing pasta, had released quantities of olive oil in the form of retrospective rations. Olive oil was not now being issued, with the consequence that the cmmaring was going badly and would continue to go badly so long as no olive oil was issued. CCS had discussed with PC and Col. Legg yesterday and decided that to avoid a very serious effect upon our olive oil amassing normal rations should be issued during January, February and March and the olive oil issued retrospectively by the PC must be written off.

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8. Devastated Areas. CA Sec reported that the Friends Ambulance Unit wanted to operate in a village in the devastated areas. DCS said there would be no objection provided the British and American Red Cross approved. CA Sec would clear the matter with Red Cross.

9. Typhus in Brindisi. CA Sec reported there had been four cases of typhus in Brindisi, resulting in three deaths. Further information would be obtained.

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10. Disciplin in Ravello. CA Sec asked if there was any objection to the conclusions on the behaviour of CC.RR found in the Howard Manley report being made known to the Italian Government. Land Forces Sub-Commission saw no objection and COS agreed. It was ruled that the report be reclassified "Secret".
COS asked Land Forces Sub-Commission to arrange a day for a conference between No. 3 District, Brig. Corr, CA Sec and themselves on the points made in this excellent report. Land Forces Sub-Commission suggested 7 February

11. Italian Call-Up. Land Forces Sub-Commission recommended extending the Lecce and Campania call-up period for a further ten days, i.e. till 16 February. COS agreed and Land Forces Sub-Commission would inform the Regions concerned.

12. Italian Barracks. Land Forces Sub-Commission reported that the Cosenza refugees would be moved on 9 February.

13. Trucks. Econ Sec stated that the trucks being supplied from U.S.A. were shipped in parts and it would need an assembly plant to put them together. They had a meeting with AFHQ and Ordnance had stated that they were not in a position to assemble the trucks but would lend us some tools and personnel. Econ Sec had argued that the assembling of the trucks was a military commitment.
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COS would discuss with Col. Astley and PRO.

16. Code Words in Signals. Office of COS had now received a list of the code words from No. 3 District, and would send it to G. Sec.

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31 January 1945.

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APBC had rejected the suggestion that the 300 gram ration should start from 15 February and their firm view now was that they would not make any addition to the ration until 1 March and only then if they could get assurance from COS of firm shipping commitments March through July. They would make no decision or announcement until they got a reply to the telegram sent off asking for such assurance.
COS stated the price of bread must be increased at the same time as the increase in ration and asked Econ Sec what progress had been made in deciding how much the price increase should be. Econ Sec said the Italian Government was not yet decided on this point, prices of 8, 10 and 12 lire having been discussed. COS said there was no objection to Econ Sec discussing with the Italian Government what the price would be if the ration was increased providing such discussion was kept secret.

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(e) - 3. Report from No. 1 Special Force. It was confirmed that this would be circulated to Sections.

(f) - 5. Enlistment of Patriots in the Italian Army. COS asked CA Sec to arrange to see Gen. Browning's memorandum.

(g) - 7. Situation in Sicily. COS directed that MO's DO letter and report on graft be sent to Soon and CA Secs.

(h) - 12. Archives. CA Sec drew attention to a report by the Archives Committee. COS proposed to take the Chair at their next meeting and said that the subject was important.

(i) - 14. Signals Communication. COS agreed that this minute was wrong and that routine signals should be sent by MLS at the discretion of Heads of Sub-Commissions.

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The patriots would be regarded as returned prisoners of war, not as part of the Italian Army. COS said we would be more likely to get what we wanted from the CCS on that basis.

(b) UNRRA. AFHQ wished AC to give UNRRA all the help possible. CA Sec had taken up the question of hotel accommodation and satisfactory arrangements had been made.

(c) Transportation. COS said that the telegram sent by CC regarding requisitioning and hiring of vehicles had gone through wrong channels at AFHQ and had been dealt with by G-4. The matter would be taken up at the proper level and reconsidered. COS would take up the matter again at the end of the week when Gen. Robertson visited AC.

(d) 'Bat' or 'Tap' Signals. There had been some discussion on this at AFHQ. COS asked Econ Sec to show him the aerials as soon as they received them.

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(c) Visit of DCOS Eat Sec. DCS stated AFHQ wanted Col. Pinks to go there on Thursday and Friday, and again on Monday, to discuss planning for Austria.

4. Wages of Female Civilian Employees. Econ Sec had received a report from Labour Sub-Commission on this matter. It was stated that the Italian Government imposed no differential in respect of professional and clerical grades but there was a differential in the lower grades, such as messengers, cooks and cleaners. If it was considered that the employees of AC could be regarded as on a similar footing to Italian Government employees then the differential could be removed for the appropriate grades.
DCS ruled that the differential should be removed in respect of Italian professional and clerical employees of AC, but would remain for the lower grades, to keep in line with the Italian Government.
DCS directed Eat Sec to go into the question of receptionists and messengers and give him a statement as to whether they were all fully employed and the number held was justified.

5. M.E. Italy - Planning. Econ Sec referred to the AFHQ planning letter and DCS said it was a very valuable document. He said AFHQ administration had got ahead of operations. 15 Army Group would be holding a meeting on this subject tomorrow and would report the results of their discussion to us. Econ Sec were instructed to consider sending a representative to the meeting.
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DCS stated correspondence relating to M.E. Italy could now be classified Secret, but all matters relating to M.E. Italy would remain TOP SECRET.

6. Export of Olive Oil. Econ Sec had received a report that no olive oil had been exported from last year's crop and no export was contemplated this year. PMG would consider how this might be handled in the press, but make no promise for the future.

7. HQ - N.W. Italy. CC was not in favour of a forward HQ or a Super Region but would like a small forward echelon at Milan. DCS would recommend that the question be discussed at the next CC meeting.
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8. Trade with Neutral Countries. DCS said that, in general terms, it was AC's function to be at such trade and the Embassies' function to screen it, though Econ Sec reminded the meeting that we had our armistice obligations and should sometimes have to refuse. Econ Sec considered they should have a meeting with their Sub-Commissions, Pol Sec, and commercial representatives of the Embassies. DCS agreed and said a paper should be prepared from this for discussion at, perhaps, Sacmed's Political Meeting.

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9. Visit of Brig. Gen. McKINNEY. Econ Sec reported this officer had been sent over by the War Department (MG). His exact functions were unknown but it was understood he would act as a liaison officer between G-5 and AC.

10. Representatives from British Ministries of Food and Supply. Econ Sec said representatives had been here for some time, working mainly in the field and asked their position. CCS had taken up the matter with the Ministries on his visit to London and had made it clear that any officials coming out were attached to AC and could not work without AC authority. CCS said he would look up the papers on this. Visitors of this sort must be attached to particular Sub-Commissions.

11. Italian Officials dismissed in AMG Territory. Econ Sec asked what our policy would be in regard to Italian officials removed by AMG in the North being employed by the Italian Government in the South. The general opinion was that we should take no action but Pol Sec thought we could put in a friendly word for officials who had done us good service. CCS thought we were in close enough touch with the Italian Government to enable this to be done, but otherwise our policy was that it was the responsibility of the Italian Government as to whom they employed.

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12. Payment for Transport by Italians and Members of Mission. R Sec stated that demands for payment for transport had been made from members of missions and cited the instance of an urgent request to despatch a member of a Yugoslav mission, who on arrival at the airport was asked to pay. COS directed Dat Sec to look into the matter.

13. Civilian Drivers. Dat Sec stated that two civilian drivers had refused to go on a trip last week because of inadequate allowance and rations and inability to obtain accommodation. The last point had been taken up with Regions, who had been asked to provide a list of billets. Little could be done about the food. The question of the maintenance allowance had been taken up but no reply had been received.
Dat Sec had asked for 40 Italian Army drivers and, if obtained, they would solve the problem. COS asked Land Forces Sub-Commission to look into this point.

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MINUTES OF CHIEFS OF STAFF'S MEETING - 26 JANUARY.

1. Minutes of last Meeting.

(a) - 8. Demilitarization of AC. There was discussion on the question of recruiting of civilians to take the place of any military officers that might be taken away. CCS directed Sat Sec to put up the number of American civilian officials of officer status who had arrived at this theatre during the last year, whether they had actually taken the place of officers and how many civilian officials AC would require to take the places of American officers (a)according to the list sent to AFHQ some two months ago and (b) to replace officers who would be withdrawn for Austria. CCS also wanted from Sat Sec a list of all American and British officers earmarked for Austria, detailed in divisions and showing the present assigned posts in AC and qualifications of officers. On the basis of the information provided it might be necessary to wire for replacements.

(b) - 9. Visits of Italian Journalists. PWB had prepared a memorandum on this matter which had been circulated to Members. This would be discussed at the next CCS meeting.

(c) - 11. Correspondence with Italian Government officials in AMG Territory. Since the last meeting the question of bypassing AMG channels for certain correspondence to Italian Government officials had been discussed at a Cs Sec meeting, and the general opinion of Sub-Commissions was strongly against the proposal. After discussion CCS ruled that, subject to the concurrence of ACs, direct communication between the Italian Government and their officials in AMG territory on postal and telegraph matters only could be made. He directed Communications Sub-Commission to write to ACs and get their reactions to this proposal. CCS said that on matters other than Posts and Telegraphs the normal AMG channels must always be used.

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3. Report from No. 1 Special Force. COS stated that VI Pol Sec had produced an excellent summary of a No. 1 Special Force appreciation of what the policy should be in regard to supplying arms and equipment to Italian partisans in the North. This would be circulated to Sections.

4. Press Agency Reports. COS observed that the local press agencies would produce sheets giving summaries of news and directed PWB to see if the scheme could be tried for a week for Heads of Sections.

5. Enlistment of patriots in the Italian Army. Gen. Browning had put forward a memorandum setting forth his views on the possibility of enlistment of patriots into combat groups of the Italian Army. CC had studied this and would like an exploration made as to how the French Maquis were absorbed into the French Army.
COS suggested that a representative from CA Sec and Land Forces Sub-Commission could go to SHAEF to look into this matter and directed CA Sec and Land Forces Sub-Commission to nominate officers.

6. Responsibility for IPWs. Land Forces Sub-Commission reported that Gen. Browning had heard from G-3(Org) AFHQ refusing to sanction the responsibility for IPWs being taken over by Land Forces Sub-Commission. COS said that the responsibility would therefore remain on the broad shoulders of the Director of the IPW Sub-Commission.

7. Situation in Sicily. COS had received a letter from AC Sicilia Region enclosing a report from an OSS agency in the Island which made sweeping allegations of graft mainly in respect of export permits for wine. The report made accusations against all and sundry, including AC officers. AC did not know the distribution of this report and COS would find out. Meanwhile the report and AC's letter would be circulated to Sections. AC had stated he was satisfied there were no irregularities on the part of his officers but criticised the fact that many doubtful characters came to the Island armed with AC credentials and authorisations. COS said Sec AC would take up this matter at once with their Sub-Commissions, get a restrictive plan laid down and send it out to RCs.

8. Irregular Travel Order. COS had given instructions to Nat Sec to send a disciplinary letter to Liberation Region. The letter which had gone out was not strong enough and COS directed that the AC should be brought before him also the officer who had signed the authorization.

9. Visits of Italian Officials to Army Areas. COS stated that Palermo had stopped at Florence on his way to Army and made trouble there. Enquiry would be made. It was directed that routes and duration of stay of Italian officials should be carefully checked.

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IPW Sub-Commission raised the question of clothing for PWs and Gen Sec agreed to ask Lt. Col. Andrews to include PWs in their appeal.

11. Coordination of Intelligence Agencies. In answer to Gen Sec, COS stated the papers had come out from CC, who had been informed that other VPs were in agreement. CC's first reaction was that the plan would not be approved by AFHQ but COS would take the matter up again.

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same connection. They would be referred to PRO.

14. Signals Communications. Pol Sec considered that the new signals went out. COS agreed and thought greater use could be made of letters by daily courier service. Heads of Sections should instruct Sub-Commissions to send all Routine signals by POS.

15. Reinforcements for Italian Army. Land Forces Sub-Commission reported that the Italian Army were worried about the training of reinforcements for their combat groups in the line. There were 1,200 refugees housed in an Italian barracks at Cesano and they would like to get them out. VP C. Sec said that he understood from Col. Hindley that the barracks would be cleared of refugees by 1 February but he had not discussed the matter for about three weeks. He said he would look into the matter.

16. Changes in Italian War Ministry. Land Forces Sub-Commission reported that Gen. Mariotti, the Corps Commander in Sicily, was to be uprooted, and that Gen. Berardi, up to now Chief of Staff, was to take his place. Announcement would be made in the press. This appointment would assist the reorganisation in the Italian War Ministry.

17. Italian Call-Up. Land Forces Sub-Commission had sent out arrangements of dates of call-up and C. Sec had sent out to RCs. It was suggested that Land Forces Sub-Commission should correspond direct with RCs on call-up matters and there was some discussion on procedure. Land Forces Sub-Commission would report to Gen. Browning and the matter would be brought up at the next COS meeting.

18. Sicily Disturbance. Land Forces Sub-Commission had received an excellent report from their Liaison Officer. Three copies would be sent to PRO. C. Sec said they had not received a final report from SC.

19. Rations for Carabinieri. Land Forces Sub-Commission reported that a reply had been received from ..PRO that pending further information we could not increase the ration strength for the Carabinieri over 55,000.

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23 January 1945.

MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 23 JANUARY.

1. Minutes of last Meeting.

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(d) - 1(h). Office Accommodation at HQ. HQ Commandant had pursued the matter of using all available space. Est Sec reported CC had ruled that Navy and Air Sub-Commissions should not move out of the building. COS stated the Manpower Committee had met and he wanted Heads of Sections to ensure that no Section or Sub-Commission was carrying officers or civilian personnel over the approved strength. When office space was allotted it would be checked against the Manpower Committee lists of personnel.

(e) - 3. Visits to Regions. COS reminded members of the Meeting that he wished Directors and Deputy-Directors of Sub-Commissions to visit every Region within the next two months. Transport would be arranged by HQ Commandant.

(f) - 4. "Siena" Conference. COS stated there was no definite date fixed for the proposed conference in Rome.

(g) - 5. Visits of NCs to HQ. HQ Commandant stated an office had been provided for visiting NCs and a letter had gone out to NCs setting out the arrangements.

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(h) - 9. Succession to Basic News. COS directed JIC to look into the possibility of News Agencies issuing special Summaries of News.

2. Operation Order for M.G. Italy. C/S had cleared this point with CinC, AFHQ, and would confirm by letter to Gen. Robertson.

3. Transportation. COS read a long telegram to AFHQ asking for powers of requisitioning which CC had approved for sending. This telegram pointed out how lack of transport was hampering the work of the Commission and cited instances to prove this.

4. Visit of COS to Tuscana Region. COS had visited all Provinces in Tuscana Region with the exception of Grosseto. In general, conditions were fairly good.

(a) Olive Oil - Dressing. Grave doubts had been expressed in Tuscana Region and elsewhere about the adequacy of the price. PCs in the North thought it should be round about 110 lire instead of 60 lire. Econ Sec said the matter had been carefully considered and the price of 60 lire had been decided upon after taking all aspects into account and in agreement with the Italian Government. COS told PEB that publicity should not be given to the fact that the Allies would not use olive oil. Econ Sec had set a goal of 80,000 tons and had shown where this would go and COS suggested that PEB might make use of this information in a publicity campaign. COS raised the question of officer personnel. HC Southern Region had reported 6 officers had arrived instead of 36. Sec Sec mentioned the difficulties that had been encountered and COS instructed these to ensure the officer personnel arrived.

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6. Female Civilian Employees. DCOS Cl. Sec considered that the 15% reduction in wages of women workers had been made under a misapprehension as this was not covered by Italian law. COS directed Cl. Sec to send the appropriate file to Econ Sec who would take up the matter with Labour Sub-Commission.

7. Outgoing Signals. C S acceded to Cl Sec's request that Heads of Sub-Commissions be allowed to use their own discretion as to whom they should show Confidential and Restricted telegrams. In the case of Secret telegrams, the CP should be responsible.

8. Demilitarisation of AC. There was discussion on the question of American civilianisation. COS directed that Nat Sec should telephone AFHQ asking the position and if nothing was available a wire should be sent to Brig. Gen. Spofford in Washington.

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9. Visits of Italian Journalists. Room Sec read a long list of questions which Italian newspapermen had asked Transportation and Labour Sub-Commission, and a report from Director, Labour Sub-Commission giving his reasons why the questions should not be answered. There was some discussion, and COS said that answers could be given to some of the questions in very general terms, and other questions left unanswered. Many of the matters were the responsibility of the Italian Government, and the newspapermen should be informed accordingly. COS would discuss the whole matter with PID.

10. Movement of Grain. Room Sec reported that part of two GT Company was engaged in the movement of grain from Ancona district to Rome and an average of 300 tons a day was being transported. More transport could be used as there was 70,000 tons of grain surplus to local needs. Another GT Company which was earmarked for sulphur was being moved over from the West and would be put on to moving this surplus grain. COS stated 15 Army Group would be arranging to move flour from Leghorn to Ancona to have a stockpile at Bologna. Room Sec had written a letter to DCCAO 15 Army Group to tie up with AFHQ plans.

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15. Land Forces Sub-Commission (LFSC) were not represented at the meeting and COS said that a representative should always attend.

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17 January 1945.

MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 16 JANUARY.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(b) Olive Oil - Smuggling. The provisions of the scheme was discussed. PWB C. Sec was disturbed by the wording of the Room Sec directive in respect of the powers of Allied officers. It directed that a short follow-up should be sent out defining exactly what Allied officers can and cannot do.
The publicity was starting off well and CMS directed them to give further publicity to the scheme.
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(e) - 1(j) Hotel accommodation. Pol See submitted to CCS details of the residents of the Flora Hotel. A letter had been drafted by AFHQ asking them to find their own accommodation.
CCS did not want a differentiation between civilians and officers in AC and ruled that the solution was that AFHQ should find accommodation elsewhere and AC Commandant should obtain the Flora Hotel. I am this AC chief.
This would ensure that space was in the Flora Hotel would be available for the use of officers in transit.

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AMENDMENT TO MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 9 JANUARY.

Please delete the whole of Minute 6 and substitute the following:-

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Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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File	-	1
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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 2 JANUARY.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(b). Clothing and Equipment. This matter was raised again and CCS stated his views on the functions of MAD Sub-Commission. This led to a lengthy discussion on the question of allocations and the set-up of the Priorities Board. CCS directed that Mr. Cleveland, Room S&C, and Col. Campbell, MAD Sub-Commission should discuss the matter with him after the meeting.

(b) - 1(d). Olive Oil - Greece. Room Sec reported there would be a meeting at Naples tomorrow with officials of the Italian Government, the PC and AC officers to work out in detail the plan of operation. There would be a high ranking Italian Government official in charge on behalf of the Government. He would be established at Naples, and AC would provide him with a car. Comprehensive details of the scheme would not be available until after the Naples meeting. CCS stated the Italian Government would form teams, comprising agricultural inspectors, other Government inspectors, and squads of Carabinieri. Allied officers would be attached to the teams, and the function of these officers was to ensure the teams kept working. It was apparent that they should keep in the background. In AMG territory, however, the Allied officers would take executive action. CCS added that the officers would be drawn from Fifth Army as far as possible.
Room Sec considered that the collection of olive oil in AMG territory would be satisfactory.

(c) - 7. Allied Screening Commission. Pol Sec raised the question of the prisoner of war rail fare charges. Pol Sec had seen the Minister of War. As the official was charged with disappropriation of funds, there was nothing he could do.

(d) - 9. UNRRA Directive. CCS stated that although the General Routine Order was not very satisfactory, it was based on an UNRRA order for the Balkans, and had been forwarded to G-5,

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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 5 JANUARY.

The following amendments were agreed to the Minutes of the Chief of Staff's Meeting of 3 January 1945.

1. Minute 1 (b). In paragraph commencing "It considered....." for "Patriot Representatives" read "Prefects."

2. Minute 10. Substitute "2655" for "2675" wherever shown.

1. Minutes of last Meeting.

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(b) - 1(d). Clothing and Equipment. C/S would make a decision on this matter to-day.

(c) - 6. Priorities Board. This Board had now been set up.

(d) - 7. Olive Oil - Yugoslav. COS announced that CC had directed that we should help the Italian Government, and instructions to Sections had been issued.
COS said a plan would have to be drawn up whereby the position of Allied officers was safeguarded, and to ensure that the fullest co-operation was forthcoming from the Italian side to make the scheme a success. Sections should discuss and submit a draft to COS.

(e) - 14. Allocation of Office Space. The arrangement authorised by COS had been carried out satisfactorily.

2. CCS in S Army Area. W/Cdr. Beer from S Army made a statement on the attitude of the CLC as experienced in S Army areas. He stated that the attitude of the CLC had changed on the formation of the new Romano Government, as a result of Bonomi's announcement that the CLC were to be recognised. Prior to that, in every town where it was in action, it

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2. CLN in 5 Army Area. AVM Dr. Beer from 5 Army made a statement on the attitude of the CLN as experienced in 5 Army areas. He stated that the attitude of the CLN had changed on the formation of the new Bonomi Government, as a result of Bonomi's announcement that the CLN were to be recognised. Prior to that, in every town where it was in action, it gave a list of names for local municipal posts and then retired into the background. Since the declaration of Bonomi, CLN had come up again, saying they wanted to take over control. This had naturally been opposed, and there had resulted from this considerable resentment. There had been a certain amount of resistance from unofficial organisations having CLN in the background, organising workers' demands and protesting against any rates of wages. There was a general feeling of underground political movement and a general stiffening of resistance of all leftist elements. The total effect was that one party, the Communist party, was getting itself organised rapidly.
The collecting of arms and shotguns was not successful, and had become more difficult recently.
Col Soo regarded a different situation arose in the Piemonte district, where the CLN had been in control and were overthrown by the Communists. CCS said that in the Po Valley there was a left wing force seeking to hinder Allied military movement.
There was some discussion on the control of CLN, and CCS stated the necessity arose for forward AMGs to know what had been done. It was

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the war cost. Their immediate requirements were 20 divers and technicians, but a minimum of 3,000 might be required later. CCS agreed that Pol Sec should go ahead and sound France on the 2L divers. He suggested that in order to avoid possible complaints the Admiralty should try to find labour in Crimea, where there was a surplus, or even from among POW in India.

7. Allied Screening Commission. Pol Sec said the functions of this Commission were to deal with claims from people who had helped Allied personnel. (They had 14,000 claims and had paid 2,500 in December). They now asked for help in the case of a prince, previously charged with offenses under the Quisling regime, in spite of the fact that he had sheltered Allied prisoners of war during the German occupation. The Ministry of War had refused to take this testimony into account. Pol Sec remarked that it was a difficult matter, and they had a similar case. CCS said that he would ask the Joint Staff Mission to take up the point afresh with the Ministry of War.

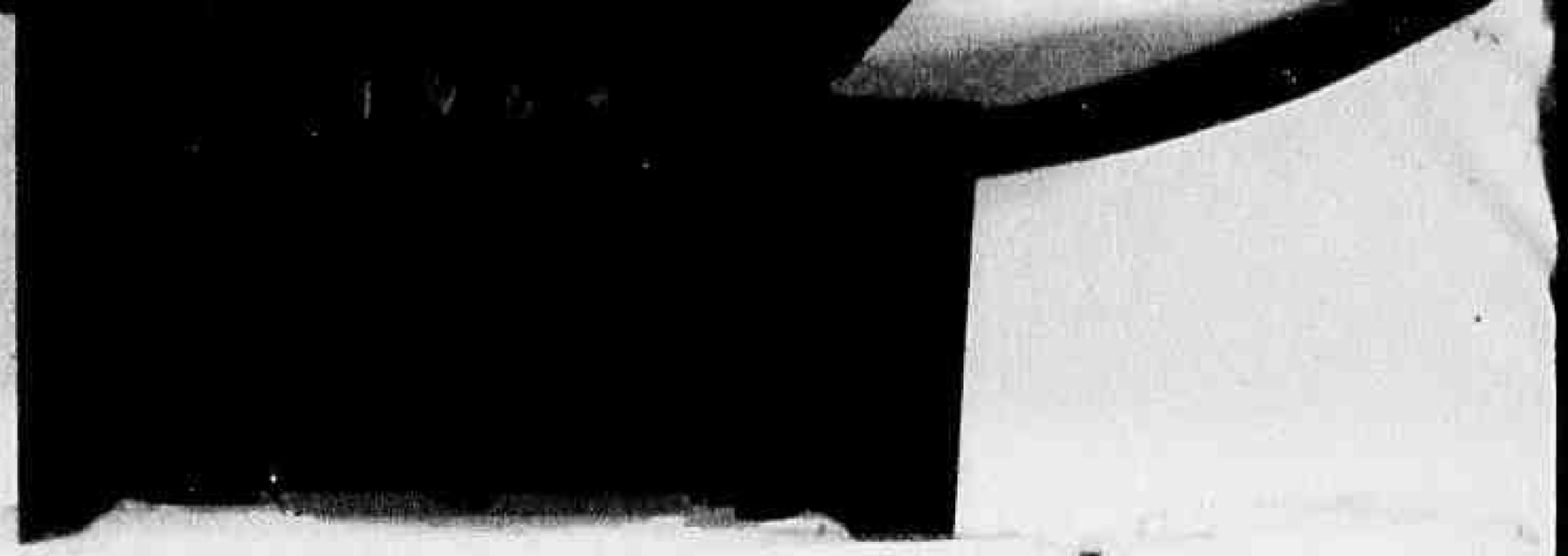
8. Return of Diplomatic Corps, &c to Hostile Powers. Pol Sec raised the question of property being handed back by the Swiss from the Greeks to the Italian Government. The matter had been dealt with satisfactorily.

9. PWE Directive. Ch Sec expressed criticism of the draft General Routine Order in respect of PWE's, and raised several points which had not been clearly defined. CCS directed that Ch Sec get out a memorandum to Major Doe, and the whole matter should be straightened out between the Sections, under the coordination of Major Doe.

10. Requisitioning of Buildings. CCS reported that the Italian Government were pressing for hotels to be returned. It was pointed out that they themselves were using schools for political parties, and unless the Italian Government took some steps themselves to derequisition buildings, we should take no notice.

11. POW Policy. Lt. Col. Shipp referred to a letter that had been sent to G-5, AFHQ asking who was going to deal with Italian POW. There were two things requested of AFHQ, the first, an alteration in the directive, and the second, an alteration in establishment. It was understood the matter was still under consideration.

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3 January 1945

MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 3 JANUARY.

1. Minutes of last Meeting.

(a) - 1(f). Study of the Italian Language. Ct Sec suggested it was not advisable to make promotion dependent upon a working knowledge of Italian; it would be better to try and arrange tuition on a voluntary basis. PRO had prepared a note on the matter. CCS agreed that study should be voluntary, and stated he would write to Headquarters and Regions on these lines after he had seen PRO's note.

(b) - 3. Adv HQ in N.W. Italy. Lt.Col. Shipp had discussed this matter with A/HC, Lazio-Umbria Region, who considered that Regional Commissioners already had sufficient powers under the existing Proclamations and Ordinances. He considered, however, that it was necessary to have some authority nearer than HQ AC to give an overall ruling on certain economic problems as, for example, the movement of food. In the past this had entailed constant reference to Headquarters, with consequent delay. There appeared to be a choice between an Executive HQ at No. 2 District to co ordinate the three Regions in N.W. Italy, or a large Regional HQ over the three Regions.
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CA Sec considered that greater power could be given to the RC in respect of certain details such as the appointment of Patriot Representatives.
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COS said we should consider the possibility of setting up a DCMAO and staff at No. 2 District, identical to that now at 15 Army Group, with a view to amalgamation of the Regions, say, two months afterwards.
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(c) - 4. Displaced Persons Sub-Commission - Vehicles. COS Sec had not yet got a report from the Sub-Commission, but would pursue the matter.

(d) - 9. Clothing and Equipment. This matter would be dealt with by COS at an early date.

2. Priorities Board. A Priorities Board was being set up in AC to deal with the allocation of all overall priorities and the meeting of all bids. Econ Sec had prepared a draft order, and explained the composition and functions of the Board. COS asked for comments and explained that the Board should be kept small, it being the duty of the Secretariat, and not the members of the Board, to find where the materials were. After discussion, COS approved the personnel of the Board as outlined by Econ Sec.

3. Meeting on N.W. Italy. COS stated that AFHQ had sent out the minutes of the meeting at which General [illegible] presided. These had been circulated to Heads of Sections.

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4. Acting President's Memorandum. The memorandum prepared by A/President would be circulated to VP's and Heads of Sections. COS emphasized that this document was Top Secret; it should not go out of offices, and circulation should not extend below Heads of Sub-Commissions. Under no circumstances should it be mentioned to the press, and a note should be kept of the officers to whom it was shown. Parts of this memorandum had been cabled to Washington and discussions were being held on that basis.

5. Patriots - Policy. A telegram had been received from AFHQ ruling that patriots coming through the lines would be entitled to Italian Army rations and clothing. CA Sec stated that Land Forces Sub-Commission had no clothing, and the matter was being taken up with them. Econ Sec had received a telephone request from G-5, AFHQ for clothing, and COS said that this should be confirmed by telegram. He agreed with CA Sec, who stated that clothing for Patriots should be a military commitment, and not a matter for the Priorities Board. The responsibility for allocation of clothing should belong to AC.
Pol Sec said two considerations were involved. The first was the danger of the clothing being issued having the semblance of military uniform. The importance of not allowing the patriots to look like Allied soldiers was stressed. The second point was whether the proposed issue of clothing clashed with Scoccimarro's decree on the new Ministry of the Interior in the Italian Government. DCOS, CA Sec said that he was not prepared to discuss this matter, which raised many important and difficult points of policy, but would give the matter careful study.

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8. Electoral Lists. A request had been received from the Italian Government for assistance to transport electoral papers. In view of the fact that the holding of municipal elections had been generally approved, COS agreed we should help the Italian Government to get the machinery working.

9. Inspection of Carabinieri. CA Sec raised the question of advance publicity from the security angle. DCOS said a brief announcement could be made that there would be a review and march past of the Carabinieri on Saturday, not disclosing names, and he would mention the point to CC.

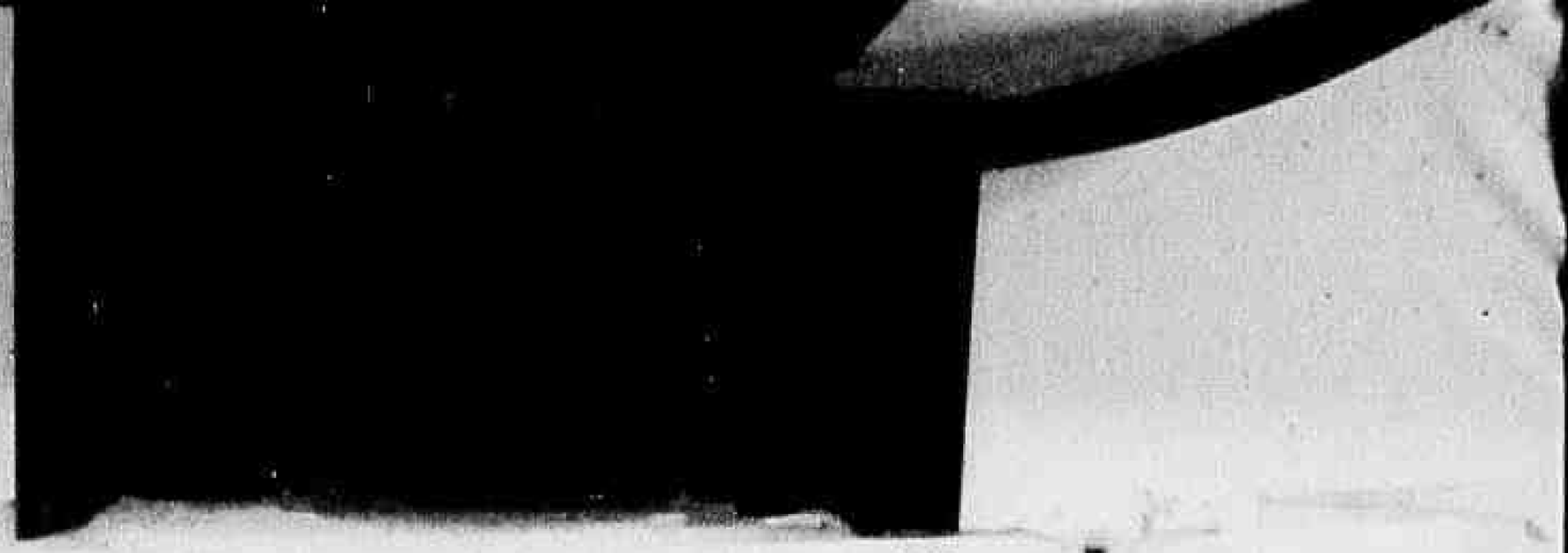
10. Formation of CCMD. DCOS CA Sec reported that the CCMD had now been constituted by MTOUSA as the 2675th Central Civilian Medical Depot. This organisation under MTOUSA would be responsible for the procurement and warehousing in Italy of all medical supplies. At present they had three warehouses at Naples, Bari and Florence respectively; probably a fourth would be necessary when the North of Italy was liberated. This organisation was responsible also for all accounting and for the distribution of supplies

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30 December 1944.

MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 29 DECEMBER.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(a) Plannin[illegible] Italy. Communications Sub-Commission stated that the communications position was satisfactory, although it was pointed out that Naples would not be able to depend upon military wireless.

(b) - 1(b) Relations with Italian Press. COS thought the Lazio-Umbria Region directive had gone a little too far, and instructed PRO to send a DO letter to the Executive Officer, Lazio-Umbria Region.

(c) - 2. Staff Procedure. The G-3 Staff Memorandum on Office Procedure had been suitably adapted by CAS for the use of the Commission and sent out as an Office Memorandum.

(d) - 3. Correspondence to Italian Government Departments through Regional Commissioners. A draft directive had been prepared by CA Sec. This was Approved by COS.

(e) - 5. Movement of Italian Consular Officials. Pol Sec stated that the last party had been escorted by a British officer provided by G-1 (B). COS said that Major Pearson should undertake this work.

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COS directed that Lt. Col. Shipp send out a memorandum, giving more details, to all Sections, and the matter would be brought up at the next meeting for further discussion.

4. Displaced Persons Sub-Commission - Vehicles. Dep Sec suggested that in view of the high proportion of lost and damaged vehicles in the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission transport pool the vehicles should be incorporated in the Headquarters transport pool. This would avoid further losses and would be better for the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission as well. Ch Sec asked if they could go into the matter with Displaced Persons Sub-Commission and COS agreed, but said he was in favour of Dep Sec's proposal. The matter had already been mentioned at the Manpower Committee meeting, and would be brought up at the next COS meeting for a decision.

5. Russian Delegation - Cars. Sat Sec stated the Russian Delegation had fourteen cars, all bearing AC markings, and all being fuelled and maintained by the Commission. Four more AC requisitioned. The establishment provided for one car only for the General. Of the four he had, the General had asked to be allowed to retain two. COS stated this request should be refused, and the question of the ten extra cars would be left for overall consideration. He did not consider that French and Russian delegations were entitled to preferential treatment, and would ask the CC to speak to the General on the matter.

6. Signing of Correspondence "For Chief Commissioner." Soon and Sat Secs raised this question again. After discussion, COS ruled that the arrangement made in Minute 1(b) of the COS meeting on 22 December would stand.

7. Waiting Time for Taxis. Ct Sec complained that taxis did not wait for officers who had called on Government officials and other places. The official waiting time was half an hour, but this was not always strictly observed. Even if it were observed, it was not long enough for many visits. The matter was discussed, and COS instructed Sat Sec to examine the possibility of increasing the waiting period to one hour.

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9. Clothing and Equipment. Ct Sec stated that correspondence had passed between Col. Campbell and Col. Dennison. The matter was,being brought up to COS and would be dealt with to-day.

10. Honours from Italian Institutions. The policy of the Commission had been laid down in Establishment Memorandum No. 26. Ct Sec read a letter in which the University of Rome recorded appreciation of several officers, including Major Washburne, who had asked for a ruling in the matter. The position was awkward, as no honour had actually been given, and the officer was confronted with a "fait accompli." After discussion, COS agreed to ask CC to see the Prime Minister with a view to avoiding recurrence of such incidents.

11. Chart of Allied Commission. Mr. Byron Taylor had asked Ct Sec for a Chart of Allied Commission. COS agreed that an official one could be sent.

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13. Extra Lighting for Professional Workers. Cl. Sec had received a request for more light for professional workers, doctors, and magistrates. DCS said the matter should be taken up by the SC representative on Allied Electricity Board, but suggested that magistrates should be able to go to the Ministry of Justice to work late, where there was already adequate lighting.

14. Red Cross Ambulances. The Italian Government had offered five completely equipped and manned Red Cross ambulances, with the suggestion that these be sent to Army areas. DCS pointed out that as Eighth Army had recently received six ambulances from Army sources they should not go there.

15. Proposed Visit of SC Southern Region to King Victor Emanuel. SC Southern Region had telephoned saying he expected to receive an invitation to visit King Victor Emanuel at Taranto. DCS ruled that this invitation should not be accepted.

16. Status of Mr. Bell. Soon Sec stated that Mr. Bell was the representative of the Shipping Sub-Commission. Pol Sec said he had been very useful and helpful to them.

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17. Civilian Situation at Livorno. Econ Sec stated soup kitchens had been set up. Although he considered the situation was still serious, the PC had matters under control. Econ Sec would keep careful watch on the situation.
In addition to the Allied soldiers, there were many Italian troops in the town, who were buying up local food resources. This would be discussed with Land Forces Sub-Commission.

18. Prison Rations. COS stated that this had been settled at the VP's meeting yesterday and that the endorsement put by Econ Sec would stand, with the exception of bread.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF ST FF'S MEETING - 26 DECEMBER.

1. Minutes of last Meeting.

(a) - 1(a) Planning for M.V. Italy. CCS announced that as a result of the meeting held on 23 December he would be given Operation Order and Administrative Instruction from AFHQ laying down the division of responsibility between the military and the Commission. CCS suggested that Navy Sub-Commission could help in opening the Port of Genoa, and directed that Mediterranean Sea Transportation Sub-Commission and Naval Sub-Commission to cooperate on this matter, after the Administrative Instruction had been received from AFHQ.

(b) - 4. Relations with Italian Press. PRO stated this matter was making progress, and said that Lt.Col. Bonham-Carter, of Levio-Liberia Region, had put out a letter to the Italian press representatives. CCS asked to see a copy of this letter.

(c) - 12. Casualties from Allied Action in Rome. PRO has discussed with A/HC, Lazio-Liberia Region, and action had been taken.

2. Staff Procedure in C-S, AFHQ. CCS read a C-S Staff memorandum on office procedure. He said this was a useful document, and could prepare something similar for the use of the Commission.

3. Questions sent to Italian Government Departments through Regional Commissioners. POLAD had raised the question of the security angle. It was pointed out that the translation and screening of correspondence would be a tremendous job. After discussion, CCS ruled that only correspondence passing to Allied would be translated, and that for Regions work went straight on, unless a security question was involved.

4. Situation in Sicily. CA Sec handed CCS a report on the latest situation in Sicily from the HC. This report stated the matter was in hand. CCS commented that the police were of little help at the time of the disturbance in Catania, and directed that C-in-C, Caserta be instructed to take the matter up with the Italian Government.

5. Payment of Italian Circular Officials. Pol Sec raised the question of transit accommodation for those officials when they proceeded to Naples. CCS thought the matter should not be a Commission responsibility at all, but said that if it was, it was the duty of Pol Sec to warn the Southern Section in advance that the

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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 22 DECEMBER.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(c) Planning for U.K. Italy. COS announced that a meeting would be held on 23 December at 1500 hrs. Secn Sec stated the supplies were there but the problem was getting them in. COS said it was essential that all should go to the meeting with full knowledge of what our demands would be, and wanted the documents ready for a briefing by this afternoon or tomorrow morning. He said those attending the meeting would be Brig. Parkinson, GS Sec; Col. Densmore and Mr. Cleveland, Econ Sec., with representatives of Transportation and Food Sub-Organisations; Mr. Hopkinson and Mr. Schott, Pol Sec.

(b) - 3. Signing of Correspondence "For Chief Commissioner." COS stated the CG wanted to ensure that Heads of Sections limited letters signed by Sub-Sections to those in "Group C" classification. Letters on policy must go through Secti ns, and Heads of Sections were requested to pay special attention to this. All correspondence from AC to a higher authority must be sent in the name of the CC, either signed by, or for him.

(c) - 4. Food for Hospitals. Econ Sec had a short report on the situation. 300 tons per day are required for hospitals, and this supply had been arranged. Hospital requirements had now increased to 485 tons per day, and supply had been reduced to 185 tons per day, making it necessary to obtain a further 300 tons per day. This would be forthcoming by the end of December, but there would be a shortage for two months, as the present supply of 1,000 tons would last for only 5½ days. Econ Sec had the matter in hand.

(d) - 7. Herod's Proclamation to the London Press. PRO submitted a paper prepared by GS Sec, but COS considered this did not contain enough concrete evidence to publish a document. PRO thought a parliamentary question might be asked. COS instructed GS Sec to get more facts ready in case this happened.

8. Allied Governments' Policy - Italy and Japan. Replying to Pol Sec,

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of Naval Command more willing to be content with a
posting to that of a specialist representative of a Sub-Commission.
No such cases had occurred and it appeared that this was an
isolated instance, which would be referred to Sir Sec.

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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 13 DECEMBER.

The meeting was presided over by DCOS Exten Sec in the absence of the COS.

1. Minutes of last meeting.

(a) - 1(e) Situation in N.W. Italy. DCOS said the new CinC at AFHQ would inform us of the military requirements and we would make our plans accordingly. Exten Sec would work on the basis of the log plan, and were planning to make the maximum civilian reserves possible available. Their study should be finished on 22 December. AFHQ would then call a meeting, which might be on 23 December.

(b) - 1(e) Use of Italian Troops in Support of Civil Power. CA Sec had received a telegram from PC Sicily Region asking for instructions in this matter. There were two directives, one issued by AFHQ and the other by No. 3 District, which did not agree.
Lt.Col. Shipp said the AFHQ order was in line with what we had suggested, but the No. 3 District order had gone beyond the terms stipulated by AFHQ. The matter was being taken up with No. 3 District by CA Sec.

(c) - 1(f) Requisitioning of Government Buildings. Pol Sec reported that PWAC had been communicating with the Italian Government through their liaison officer. DCOS directed that the matter should be taken up with PWAC.

2. Personnel. CC had approved the appointment of Lt. Col. Hemsley as Chief of Staff, AMG 5 Army.

3. Signing of Correspondence "For Chief Coordinator." CC had raised the question of the signing of correspondence on his behalf, and had suggested that this be restricted to Chief of Staff, Deputy Chiefs of Staff, Heads of Sections, and Heads of Independent Sub-Commissions. There was discussion on this, and it was agreed that Office Memorandum No. 17 should be appropriately amended, and brought [illegible] the next COS meeting for discussion. Instructions should also be drafted about correspondence with the Italian Government.

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4. Coal for Hospitals. CC had ruled that coal for hospitals be given a high priority. CA Sec stated dissatisfaction had been expressed that AC had handed over the coal distribution to an Italian organization, which had no lignite or fuel in stock. Econ Sec stated the supply of lignite was an AC responsibility. There was an allocation of lignite to Rome from forward areas and PCOD would take the matter up and let Econ Sec know the position.

5. Alleged Reprisals on AC Employees. CA Sec had heard reports that AC employees had been threatened with reprisals after leaving the employment of the Commission. CC S considered that this was not general, and that each case should be taken on its merits.

6. Christmas Holiday. Econ Sec drew attention to the recent notice about Christmas holiday which said that Christmas should be treated as a Sunday. The only official instruction about staff on Sundays was that not more than half the total staff should take Sunday as the day off.

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There was discussion on the advantages of making Sunday the day off for the majority of the staff. But Sec has already arranged that they would adopt this policy. It was agreed

(i) That Christmas Day should be treated as a complete holiday apart from Duty Officers, the number of whom was left to the discretion of Heads of Sections.

(ii) That Sections should consider the question of having only a Duty Officer in the Office on Sunday and be ready to discuss the matter at the next COS meeting.

7. Nenni's Declaration to the London Press. PAO stated that Nenni had said that out of 57 anti-Fascist Prefects nominated by the Italian Government, only 3 had been accepted by AC. DCOS stated the report was definitely misleading, and in no case had AC put in a Prefect unsuitable to the Italian Government. CA Sec had statistics and would put up a statement to COS so that PAO could, if necessary, refute the story.

8. Publication to AFHQ concerning Italian POW. G-5 AFHQ were getting similar enquiries on the same subject from four or five sources in AC and wanted correspondence to be coordinated. Lt.Col. Shipp thought the reason for this was that Italian officials wrote to every source in hopes of getting agreement finally from somewhere. DCOS directed that this should be carefully watched.

9. Translation of Italian Documents. DCOS stated SACMED HQ Army was receiving documents from Public Safety Sub-Commission in Italian, with no translation forwarded. Translations should be sent so that the documents could be checked for security. CA Sec were directed to take the matter up.

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15 December 1943.

MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 15 DECEMBER.

1. Minutes of last meeting.

(a) 1(a) - Situation in N. Italy. Econ Sec stated that all their Sub-Commission, except Transportation, would have their plan ready within a week. Transportation Sub-Commission asked for a further two weeks to submit a proper plan. ORS stated that AFHQ would probably want a U.K. Italy meeting about 23 December, and required plans ready by 21 December so that Gen. Robertson wanted a full meeting on 23 December so as all be ready for it. The matter could be discussed on Saturday, 21 December, and Regional Commissioners would be asked to submit their views at a meeting on or about 28 December.

(b) 1(b) - Municipal Elections. Pol Sec had put up a letter, which would be issued, together with a memorandum on the subject. Econ Sec stated that the matter was brought up at their staff meeting, the unanimous result was in favour of municipal elections. In Civ Aff Sec opinion was more divided.

(c) 1(d) - Italian ration. COS was told yesterday by AFHQ that G-5 did not concur with the draft telegram, and the matter was being raised again.
Civ Aff Sec asked to what degree the situation could be discussed with Heads of Sub-Commissions. COS ruled that as long as they were instructed that it was at Top Secret level, there would be no objection, but would prefer to wait until the final telegram had gone off.
Econ Sec remarked that UNRRA had a similar problem with shipping, which might result in a revision of their programme.

(d) 4 - Prison Rations. Ch Sec suggested that no action be taken until the date of the proposed new ration of 350 grammes per day was known. COS agreed and said it should then be decided whether to cut down the ration right away or [illegible]

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4. Catania Disorders. Pol Sec raised the question of certain disorders which were said to have taken place at Catania. No reports had come to this Headquarters.

5. Articles in Italian Newspapers. Pol Sec drew attention to an article appearing in 'L'Avanti' attacking the Prime Minister. There was considerable discussion as to whether and if so what pressure could be brought to bear to stop such articles and after hearing all views COS said he would put up a memorandum framing the points raised in the discussion to CC.

6. Relations with PWB. AMG had received a letter from Econ Sec complaining of inaccurate PWB reports. He raised the question of holding press conferences, including Italians and Italian newspapers, after we had cleared our position with PWB. COS asked PWD to put in a note about this so that it could be taken up with CC.

7. Italian Army Policy. The widespread impression that Italians might be sent to the Far East was having a detrimental effect on recruiting for the Italian Army. Pol Sec asked if we should try to get an announcement from Allied Governments on the policy of Italy and Japan. COS would take up with CC.

8. Repatriation of Yugoslavs. CA Sec said this had been started by Draper at the express wish of the General Commanding Yugoslav Partisans at Bari. It had gone on until 5 December at had now stopped because the Yugoslavs stated there was no food and accommodation available in Yugoslavia. COS considered that AMG(S) should have been in the picture and known enough to stop the repatriation at the outset and instructed CA Sec to send a letter to AFHQ setting out the present position.

9. Food in 5 Army Area. CA Sec reported that a Displaced Persons Camp in 5 Army area had issued 300 persons ration without authority. COS instructed Econ Sec to inform SCAD 5 Army of the facts.

10. Hospitals in 8 Army Area. CA Sec had been asked for an increase in the ration for hospitals in advanced areas. CA Sec considered the present ration was sufficient. COS asked Econ Sec to let him know the position.

11. Performances by Professional Artists in Allied Commission. Pol Sec stated certain members of the Commission who were professional artists had been invited by the Italians to give performances. COS stated there would be no objection provided
(a) the performers did not accept remuneration,
(b) that names should be referred to Pol Sec,
(c) that the giving of such performances would not interfere with work.

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12. Telephone Situation. Sot Soo raised the question of alleged excessive civilian telephone calls. Col. Hendersn said the reports were exaggerated and the number of calls was not excessive. There was a close checking system and the restriction was being enforced. CCS said that another public statement from the Italian Government should be issued, and Communications Sub-Commission should submit such a statement to PAC.

13. Olive Oil. Comm Soo had held a meeting with Regional Coordinator, Southern Region, on the olive oil situation. The position was that the Food Sub-Commission would make a statement of the amount needed to maintain the ration. This statement would be put up to the Minister of Agriculture, who would be told what he needed this amount, whether by imposing or purchasing.

14. Director of Labour Sub-Commission. The position with regard to Mr. Smyth was not settled. CCS stated the matter had been taken up in London by the /President, and a reply should shortly be received.

15. Land Reclamation in Northern Italy. Mr n Soo said the matter of flooded areas in the North had been considered, and it was proposed there should be one specialist officer to deal with the problem. This officer would be the Agricultural officer, working with the PH and PW & W officers. A memorandum was being drafted to Regional Commissioners and would be submitted to CCS for signature.

16. Munition Factories. It was agreed that there should be no munitions industry in this country, and we should make no effort to save such plants. There was discussion as to whether it was better to keep intact plants operating until they could be switched over to industrial work, thus keeping people employed.
CCS stated the question of raw materials was also involved and that FAO Sub-Commission should be brought into the discussion. He directed that Comm Soo should put in an agreed memorandum on the situation to him.

17. Newsprint. PAO said there was a guaranteed import of 1,000 tons per month, and the Italians were producing 450 tons per month. Of the total of 1,350 tons per month, PWB used 300 tons and the Italian Government 350 tons. Out of the surplus, 420 tons a month was being stocked for the North. CCS directed that Comm Soo, in consultation with CA Soo should study requirements and see if imports could be cut down.

18. Italian Navy. CA Soo had received a request that Commanders of ships should be allowed to visit POW camps. This had not been put up to AFHQ and CCS considered no action was necessary.

19. Italians in the South of France. Comments had been received on the situation of Italian PW in France. CCS directed the matter should be referred to AFHQ in a letter.

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12 December 1943.

MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 12 DECEMBER.

1. Minutes of last Meeting.

(a) 2. - Situation in N. Italy. CCS asked that Joint Sec prepare daily report on this matter.

(b) 4.- Municipal Elections. The point was raised whether Regional Commissioners should be consulted on the desirability of municipal elections. AC considered they should be. CCS informed AC that reports of CCS meetings should not be included in the Weekly Bulletin with at his direction.

(c) 7. - Security in AC Buildings. CCS asked what action had been taken. CS Sec stated that attention had been drawn to Security Orders.

(d)24. - 300 grammes ration. A memorandum had been directed for S.A.C.M.D. This memorandum included the suggestion that Sicily be put on parity with the rest of Italy if the ration was fixed at 350 grammes. The MC should be kept informed of the situation.

2. Withdrawal of Staff from Sicily. CS Sec stated this matter had been discussed at the last CS meeting, and the opinion was that it would be unwise to withdraw Public Safety and Legal personnel at the present time. CCS agreed and stated that no withdrawals at all should take place before 1 January 1944.

3. Supply of Clothing for Evacuated Areas. This situation was well in hand. 100 truck loads had been made available for Rome and Livorno.

4. Prison Rations. It was stated that 500 grammes per day was the ration for inmates of these prisons, compared with 300 grammes for prisoners in other areas. It had been suggested that a ration of 350 grammes per day be made available for all prisons, including Rome. CCS directed CS Sec to discuss with A/MC, Land-Liberia Region with a view to reducing the ration gradually, over a period of three months, to 350 grammes per day.

5. Prefect at Palermo. CS Sec reported that another and more suitable Prefect had been appointed by Mr. U.S. Full details were not yet available, but CCS concurred with the action taken.

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9. Radio Telephone Service to U.S. This service, which was a commercial concern, would be allowed to open by the State Department, Washington. It would be used for official business only, and there were many restrictions. Col. Henderson asked for a ruling as to the members of the Control who could use the service. In view of the many restrictions imposed, POS expressed the opinion that the service was not of much value, but he would put the matter up to the CC, suggesting that all PCs be allowed to use it.

10. Italians in Eritrea. Brig. McCARTHY, who had come over from General Staff, C-in-C, MEF, raised the question of the repatriation of Italians in Eritrea. There were 60,000 Italians now in Eritrea, and the maximum number that could be employed at any time was 40,000. Of the balance of 20,000, 5,000 were on relief and a large number were only working part time. The savings accumulated during the long period were being exhausted, which would mean the numbers depending on relief would increase.
It had been stated that a request must be received from the Italian Government to repatriate Italians from Eritrea. Brig. McCARTHY had discussed the matter with the Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs, and it would be raised with the Prime Minister.
POS queried the channel of approach to the Italian Government, as he considered it should be initiated by the British Embassy.
Pol Sec confirmed that the British Government was in favour of the scheme. POS said that anything to do with former Italian colonies should be done on an Inter-Ad basis and at the proper time UNRRA should be consulted.
Discussion followed on the types of Italians to receive preference. Brig. McCARTHY further suggested that the best method was to send them back in a steady stream, starting after the end of March, grouping them into classified trades.
Pol Sec pointed out that the proposed repatriation might raise other problems, viz. Italians from the South of France, extra strain on the food situation, that many of them belonged to the North of Italy, and their political viewpoint.
POS drew attention to the fact that there were 1,200 drivers on the list and there were as important as agriculturalists who had been considered a priority.
POS stated the matter would be left for Brig. McCARTHY to discuss with the Italian Foreign Minister, and to contact Sir Noel Charles at the British Embassy.
In his closing remarks, Brig. McCARTHY pointed out that the Italian Government wanted to repatriate certain classes useful to the economic life and rehabilitation of Italy, but the Italians themselves in Eritrea had not been consulted in the matter. POS stated that certain aspects should be made clear to them, in particular that the bread ration was not 300 grammes per day.

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SUBJECT: Chief of Staff Meeting 5 Dec 44.

TO : Distribution as below.

1. At the Meeting on 5 Dec 44 the Regional Commissioner Southern Region will be present and will be given an opportunity to raise some Regional problems.

2. Attached for your consideration is a brief agenda received from the Regional Commissioner.

3. I would like all addressees to attend this Meeting.

Brigadier,
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1. Brief report on present position in Southern Region.

2. Proposals for further rationalisation in Southern Region as and when necessary.

3. Proposals for transfer of mechanical transport to Italian Government.

4. Proposals for possible supply of timber.

5. Further transfer of administrative powers to Italian Authorities of Naples Commune.

6. Activation of factories capable of producing spare parts for civilian vehicles.

7. A simplification of the procedure for providing lunches for school-children.

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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 1 DECEMBER.

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting:

(a) No. 1 - Vehicle Situation. The memorandum had gone out and this had retained the original ration for trips, as it was considered by Col. Parfit that cutting the 48-hour time limit to 24 hours imposed too great a restriction. COS stated that this would be adjusted in a personal letter he proposed to send out, and he would take the matter up with the HQ Commandant. With reference to the end of paragraph 1 of the minute of the last meeting, COS stated that the cars would be allotted to the Heads of Sub-Commissions, but could not be regarded as extra vehicles.

(b) No. 3 - Wage Rates in AMG and Italian Territory. The Labour Sub-Commission had prepared a report for COS as directed.

(c) No. 5 - History of HQ. COS stated that he had prevented the History being taken to the U.S. until re-edited. AFHQ considered that the History, in its present form, would not serve the purpose of answering Lord Halifax's telegram, and General Clark had written a memorandum on this subject. Something would be written to answer the telegram, and it was considered that after suitable revision the History might serve that purpose.

(d) No. 10 - San Marino. A telegram had been despatched to Gp. Capt. Benson, but the liaison officer had already left San Marino, and Gp.Capt. Benson was now in negotiations with San Marino. COS had intimated that the telegram was O.K., and that an officer should be at San Marino within 48 hours.

(e) No. 11 - Devastated Areas. Civ Aff Sec questioned whether it was too late to send for a representative from the U.K., and there was considerable discussion on the aspects of housing in Italy. It was suggested that when the Italian Government passed the decree giving subsidy, the Italians would take more action in repairing their houses. It was decided that a telegram should be sent to London asking for an

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(b) No. 6 - Jews Taken in U/G and Italian Territory. The Labour Sub-Commission has prepared a report for C/S as directed.

(c) No. 9 - History of AC. C/S stated that he had prevented the History being taken to the U.S. until re-edited. AFHQ considered that the History, in its present form, would not serve the purpose of answering Lord Halifax's telegram, as General Clark had written a memorandum on this subject. Something would be written to answer the telegram, and it was considered that after suitable revision the History might serve that purpose.

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(f) No. 12 - UNRRA. A telegram would be sent to AFW, stating that Mr. Jackson had been here. The Chief Commissioner had advised UNRRA not to go into business with borrowed goods, but that when they had assurance that their requisitions had gone through and that shipping was available, AC would loan 2,000 tons or go on a prepayment basis, with the proviso that this loan would be refund proportionately if shipping losses occurred.

(g) No. 15 - Chaplains. C/S stated that accommodation in Sicily would be available for one of the Allandale personnel.

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F. Visit to AFHQ by C/S.

(a) Transportation Sub-Commission. Agreement had been reached with regard to the set-up. The Chief Commissioner had been asked for his approval, which it was hoped would be forthcoming.

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28 November 1944.

MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 28 NOVEMBER.

1. Political Situation. Pol Sec raised the question of Count Sforza. It was stated that in view of the British attitude towards him, Sforza would not be the new Prime Minister. It was the opinion of Pol Sec that he was being used by the left.

2. Review at Caserta/Avel. Field Marshal Alexander was reviewing 2,000 Carabinieri on 5 December. After discussion, it was agreed that the Villa Dell'Ingegno would be the most suitable place, and the necessary arrangements would be put in hand.

3. Visit to AAI. DCS stated that Lt. Col. Smith had started on a trip to AAI. Up to the present no information had come through about 15 Army Group.

4. Vehicle Situation. A draft memorandum was submitted to the meeting by Estab Sec, with regard to the setting up of a transport pool. The general consensus of opinion was in favour of a pool, and there was considerable discussion. The question of three Security vehicles for Public Safety Sub-Commission was raised, and it was ruled these should go into the pool, as also the 3 AMG vehicles empty for Public Health. The four cars for PZA would also be incorporated in the pool.
DCS stated we must ensure the pool would operate efficiently, which would depend upon the number of cars in the pool. He stressed the point that the Heads of Sub-Commissions must co-operate in the efficient working of the system. As far as possible, Heads of Sub-Commissions would retain their present town cars.
DCS directed that the 48-hour notice of a long trip be cut to 24 hours, and that 12 hours notice be given for a 1-day trip. The qualifying distance of an officer's bill for the use of a car would be 1 mile. Estab Sec stated a certain latitude would be extended for the use of cars in the evening, and all requests for cars should have the approval of the Head of the Sub-Commission. The trip-ticket system would be continued, and in a covering letter one explanation the memorandum the MT Commanders would be given instructions by Estab Sec as to what restrictions to impose. The Estab Sec would draw up a schedule for car turn in, one section to be taken at a time, starting on first 1 Dec., and the scheme would be ready to operate by 7 December.



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9. History of AC. Pol Sec read a long telegram from U.S. regarding the unfavourable publicity that continued to follow AC/MG in Italy. CCS stated PWB had prepared a history of AC over the last fifteen months. It was decided that this was not suitable for public consumption, but the Chief Commissioner had agreed that copies should go to AFHQ for translation to War Department and War Office and these were on the way to AFHQ. In view of the telegram, CCS stated it might be possible to make part of the history available for publication after necessary deletions had been made. He, together with Pol Sec, would discuss the matter with the Chief Commissioner.

10. San Marino. Mr. Capt. Benson had stated his intention to remove the liaison officer from San Marino to Rimini. San Marino had sent a message asking if the liaison officer could remain. CCS instructed Maj r Stevens to send a signal that the liaison officer was to remain at San Marino until 31 December. The position would be reviewed on 1 January 1945.

11. Devastated Areas. CCS stated that a wire would be sent to London asking for an expert in devastated areas in U.K. to come out here for a month.

12. UNRRA. Pol Sec reported UNRRA had put up an application to approach the Italian Government and tell them their scheme. CCS was opposed to this, in view of the premature publicity it would cause. Nevertheless, the Chief Commissioner had decided they would approach the Italian Government when it was ripe. There will be members of the Allied Commission present at the meeting, and it was felt duplication questions of finance would not be raised.

13. P.W.B. Pol Sec drew attention to several examples of inaccurate P.W.B. reports, and to material put out detrimental to the AC programme. The question of controlling P.W.B. had been under discussion for some time, and Mr. Macmillan was taking the matter up. It had been decided at a previous Chief of Staff's meeting, that all PWB reports should pass in for approval. Major Stevens was directed to look up this minute.

14. Hiring of British Civilians - Clothed. Pol Sec had been informed by G-1(B) that no further accretions could be employed until it was known that the present employees were fully occupied, and more information was available on Demobilisation. CCS stated that the policy would be to take on civilian personnel with essential key qualifications, and Establishments Sec was directed to take the matter up.

15. Chiavolano. DCOS AI raised the question of accommodation for the forward troops, and this would be taken up by DCOS, Establishments Sec at Caserta.

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To the Chief of Staff.

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24 November 1944.

MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 24 NOVEMBER.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) No.13 - Devastated Areas. LtCol CA Sec reported that a meeting was held yesterday of the various sub-Commissions of his Section who were bidders for clothing and a list of priorities on a percentage basis had been agreed to and would be forwarded to Econ Sec. Agreed that a meeting should now be arranged with Land Forces Sub-Com and Econ Sec in an endeavour to get them to give up some of their complete priority on clothing. Mr.Antolini agreed to a suggestion by Brig.Dejohn that Mr.Solomon should be appointed coordinating officer within the Econ Sec for matters relating to devastated areas which concerned the Econ Sec and that he should work in close touch with Colonel Craig.

2. Shipping Sub-Commission. COS said that he had been considering the possibility of the abolition or transfer to another authority of the Shipping Sub-Com. Pol Sec said that they found this Sub-Com useful and Mr.Antolini reported that an effective relationship had now been worked out with MEDBO which would probably increase the efficiency of the Sub-Com. Agreed that COS's tentative proposals to Econ Sec should be dropped.

3. UNRRA. COS gave brief details of a meeting he had yesterday with Mr.Keeny and UNRRA's legal adviser. He said that UNRRA were anxious to start negotiations with the Italian Government. COS had at first advised against this in view of UNRRA's uncertain position regarding the arrival of supplies and transport. Mr.Keeny, however, had explained that these negotiations would take at least a month and UNRRA were not in a position to pay for the supplies in the US until the agreement had been signed by the Italian Govt. COS said that he therefore intended to recommend to the CC that negotiations be started with the Italian Govt., but that UNRRA's position should be explained to the Government and that no publicity whatsoever should be given to the talks. This was agreed by the meeting. It was also agreed that, provided the CC gave his approval, a letter should be sent to Mr.Keeny setting out the whole position from the supply point of view and the conditions on which UNRRA may start their negotiations with the Italian Govt.

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4. Labour Decree. DCOS CA Sec brought up the question of an Italian Government decree on labour problems. Labour Sub-Com had objections to this as it conflicted with General Order No.25 and did not want the decree to be implemented in AMG territory. CA Sec and Econ Sec agreed to arrange a meeting to discuss the matter today. COS stressed the desirability of following Italian legislation in AMG territory whenever possible.

5. Food for Hospitals. DCOS CA Sec said that he had received a letter from 5 Army complaining about the food for hospitals in forward areas. Meeting agreed that the matter should be re-opened. CA Sec to arrange for Brigadier Parkinson to discuss the matter with Food Sub-Com. Mr.Antolini, Econ Sec, would instruct Food Sub-Com to treat it as a special case.

6. Disturbance at Regina Coeli Prison. DCOS CA Sec gave a brief outline of the present position at the prison and the measures being taken to relieve conditions. COS mentioned that he had seen two very recent warning reports from

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Colonel Pollock to the effect that further disturbances were likely to occur and asked whether they had been received by Public Safety sub-Com and if so what action had been taken on them. CA Sec to investigate this point. CCG brought up the question as to what action should be taken if the Italian Government were to ask for our assistance in quelling such disturbances. The points at issue were whether we should intervene if asked to do so by the Italian Government and what should we do if we did intervene. CCG said he would circulate a brief minute on this subject to Heads of Sections, asking for their comments, and that the matter would be further discussed at the next meeting.

7. Theft of Cars. DCOS Pol Sec asked whether it would be possible for Italians accused of stealing requisitioned cars belonging to the Commission to be tried by UK Courts. Agreed that this would be in order.

8. Requisitioned Cars. DCOS Pol Sec produced a paper to the meeting setting out the policy which AFHQ wished to adopt in regard to requisitioned cars. The meeting agreed that the conditions laid down by AFHQ were not favourable to the Commission and/that we should get our own house in order so that we may present a good case to AFHQ. A meeting was arranged for this afternoon to discuss the allocation of individual vehicles and the formation of a headquarters pool.

9. San Marino. DCOS Econ Sec reported that it had now been settled in conjunction with Pol Sec and AG & Army that we should continue to sell food to SAN MARINO and that we should loan them captured or Italian vehicles against receipt.

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To the Chief of Staff.

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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 22 NOVEMBER.

COS was in the chair. He introduced to the meeting S/Cmnd. Stowe, who was here on a tour of inspection from the C.A. Branch, War Office. He asked Heads of Sections to give her every assistance possible.

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting.

No. 1(b) - Vehicle Situation. DCOS, Est Sec, reported that he was getting out a draft Establishment Memorandum on this subject, and it was agreed that the matter should be discussed by the members of the "Manpower" Committee immediately after their next meeting.

2. Chief of Staff's Visit to LONDON. COS gave a brief resume of the work accomplished during his recent visit to LONDON. He said that the policy of the War Office in regard to the filling of vacancies by British civilians was that such vacancies should be filled as they occurred if civilians with the necessary qualifications could be found. Posts to be filled by War Office will be restricted to W1 and only to such posts that could be filled permanently by civilians. He said that Major Talbot, who had accompanied Mr. Macmillan to London, had been charged with following up what he himself had done in London, but it would probably be necessary for someone to make a further visit to London to make the final selections. He reported that a Major Thomas would be available shortly for the post of Deputy Director, Transportation Sub-Com, and that it was possible that a Mr. Fillery would be available for a senior post in the Econ Sec. Unfortunately, the Ministry of Labour had refused to allow Mr. Brayne of the Foreign Office to combine his present assignment with that of Director, Labour Sub-Com. In this connection Mr. Hopkinson pointed out that the A/President intended to take the matter up further in London and COS suggested that he should send a wire to the A/President forthwith as a reminder. Mr. Antolini asked what were the possibilities of hiring civilians from M.E.S.C. COS directed that the matter be taken up through Est Sec.

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3. Officers - Visits to the Field. DCS stressed the importance of officers, particularly Heads of Sections and Sub-Commissions, getting out into the field and making personal contact with officers in Regions. This applied equally to Regions in the South: officers should not confine their visits to AMG Territory.

4. Culberts n Mission. DCS reported that a group of US civilians, headed by a Mr. Culbertson, had arrived and were studying four main points: the industrial productive capacity of the country, import and export merchandise, and the currency exchange position. A report would be prepared by the Mission and the DCS stressed that this should be submitted to AC for approval before issue.

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8. Chief Civil Affairs Officer's Memorandum for the Pilot. DCS referred to the CCAO Memorandum for the Pilot on the subject of removal of Allied Officers from Southern Italy, and directed that an interim reply should be made to the Italian Foreign Minister saying that the matter was under consideration pending Mr. Macmillan's talks with the Allied Governments.

9. Office Accommodation. DCS reported that an office man months would shortly be issued clarifying the policy, manner and scale of issue of the various types of instruction issued by this HQ.

10. Establishment Matters. DCS Est Sec said that there were at present three Est Matters in train: (i) Transfer of Aviation transport from Tpts S/C to Est Sec; (ii) Pooling of Cars; (iii) Civilian Employees. Agreed that these should be discussed after the next Manpower Committee Meeting.

11. Post War Organization. DCS Est Sec said that he was submitting a list of names to CCS for a proposed committee to investigate the possibility of forming such an organization.

12. Cars for AFHQ. DCS Est Sec reported that AFHQ were not satisfied with the cars supplied by the Government. CCS ruled that we must make no more efforts to buy and rent their requirements.

13. Devastated Areas.

(a) DCS CA Sec brought up the question of devastated areas. In regard to the removal of the glass tops from desks in HQ, the CO had ruled that as the glass belonged to the Italian Govt. their approval must be obtained. CA Sec will clear this point.

(b) Brig. Upjohn said that the Prefectual meetings were a waste of time, that hardly anyone ever turned up and that no positive action was ever taken. He urged the necessity of stockpiling food and it was agreed that Econ Sec should tie this up with Econ Sec without awaiting the return of the Director, Food Sub-Com.

(c) Brig. Upjohn reported that there was a draft decree in existence which would enable private owners to get public subsidy for repairs.

(d) Clothing. CA Sec was a bidder for clothing for A Sub-Com and Branches. It was agreed that they should make their bids to Econ Sec and that Econ Sec should submit a letter for approval of CCS to forward to AFHQ setting out the position and asking for a higher priority to be given to devastated areas for the issue of clothing.

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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 14 NOVEMBER.

The meeting was presided over by the A/COS in the absence of the COS.

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting.

(a) No.1(c) - Devastated Areas. Lt.Col.Craig had now arrived to take up his appointment as co-ordinating officer. The Chief Commissioner had approved the removal of the glass tops from desks in the HQ building for use in devastated areas.

(b) No.1(e) - Vehicle Situation. The meeting agreed that a small committee consisting of 3 VP's and the HQ Cdnt should be formed to discuss the personal assignment of vehicles and the number of vehicles available for the pool.

2. Demilitarisation of Commission. Copy of reply to AFHQ on this subject to be circularised to Sections for information.

3. Security. A/COS reported that there had been a serious leakage of information in regard to an important telegram recently received at this HQ. The meeting considered that there was need for a general tightening up of security measures at HQ. It was agreed that in future all "Top Secret" documents should be numbered. CA See to arrange for a check-up on security measures in the HQ building after office hours.

4. Messes. A/COS brought up the question of an officer of the rank of Major who had applied for permission to open a mess. Present ruling is that only officers of the rank of Lt.Col. and above are allowed to have their own messes and it was agreed that no deviation should be made from this ruling.

5. "Manpower" Meeting. The next meeting of the Personnel and Organisation Committee was arranged for 10 am on Saturday, 18 Nov 44.

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7. Services Officers for "Dunkin" Parties. Lt.Comdr. Pel R.N. reported that it was not possible to obtain Services officers from CSS H.Q. for use on "Dunkin" missions.

8. Floating Item of Discussion. Agreed that this should be placed on the Agenda for discussion at the Three Conference.

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9. Flying of Flags at Meetings. DCOS CA Sec read a suggestion from RO, Southern Region to the effect that the flags of US, UK, France, Russia and Italy should be flown at political meetings to avoid disturbances through the flying of one particular nation's flag. Agreed that no action should be taken.

10. Questionnaire from No.2 District. DCOS CA Sec reported that a questionnaire had been received from No.2 District asking for a considerable amount of detailed information, much of which could be supplied by the Areas. Matter to be placed on Agenda for Siena conference at which DCC No.2 District will be present.

11. Italian Government Decrees. DCOS CA Sec asked for a ruling as to whether the Italian Government decree relating to the distribution of uncultivated land to the peasants should be implemented in AMG territory. Meeting agreed that the decree should not be implemented in AMG territory and that no press announcement should be made of the fact.

12. Carrying of Arms by Allied Civilians. DCOS CA Sec reported an application by an Allied civilian employed in the Econ Sec for permission to carry a pistol. Public Safety Sub-Commission advise that permits should not be granted. CA Sec to investigate further and report.

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15. Repatriation of Italians from Dodecanese. DCOS CA Sec gave particulars of a proposal from AFHQ to repatriate some 1000 Italians of certain special categories from the Dodecanese Islands. CA Sec to write to G-5 AFHQ saying that the Commission is opposed to the suggestion.

16. Salvaged Army Clothing. DCOS CA Sec reported that much of the salvaged clothing disposed of by the Army was finding its way into the Naples black market. CA Sec and Econ Sec had arranged a meeting to discuss the possibility of obtaining such clothing for AC use.

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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 16 NOVEMBER

The meeting was presided over by D/COS in the absence of the COS.

1. Minutes of last meeting.

(a) No. 1 - 1 Siena Meeting. The next meeting would take place at 10 o'clock Friday, 17th November. There would be no change of location, unless travelling conditions deteriorated.

(b) No. 1 - 5 Olive Oil. In accordance with the decision made at the last meeting, the proposed telegram had not been sent. The Italian Government had been informed by US that the Commission did not concur in the prices fixed. The question of the Arsenic Act would be discussed with the Italian Government.

(c) No. 1 - 9 Devastated Areas. Colonel Craig had been ordered to report for duty at the earliest opportunity.

(d) No. 1 - 10 Restriction of Movement. This matter was placed on the agenda for discussion at the Siena meeting.

(e) No. 1 -23 Vehicle Situation. At the meeting held on 7th November it was decided that maintenance and repairs of US vehicles should be turned back to US Command. Transportation Sub Commission would confer and make the necessary arrangements. It was suggested that the Super Garage be taken over by the US Commandant and the Lancia Garage retained for other work. The formation of a transport pool was discussed at length and it was generally agreed that the success of such a pool depended on a large number of cars being at its disposal. It was stressed that the A/C did not want cars requisitioned in Italian Government territory. Requests to requisition an additional 300 cars had been refused. A/COS directed that each Section prepare a list of the absolute minimum number of cars required in their Section or Sub-Commission and that the matter be brought up at the next meeting.

2. Communist Propaganda Posters. A/COS mentioned the series of four posters displayed on the walls of the city. He regarded the matter as extremely [illegible] agreed it is A/CS. The Commandant had arranged a mass [illegible] such a meeting was

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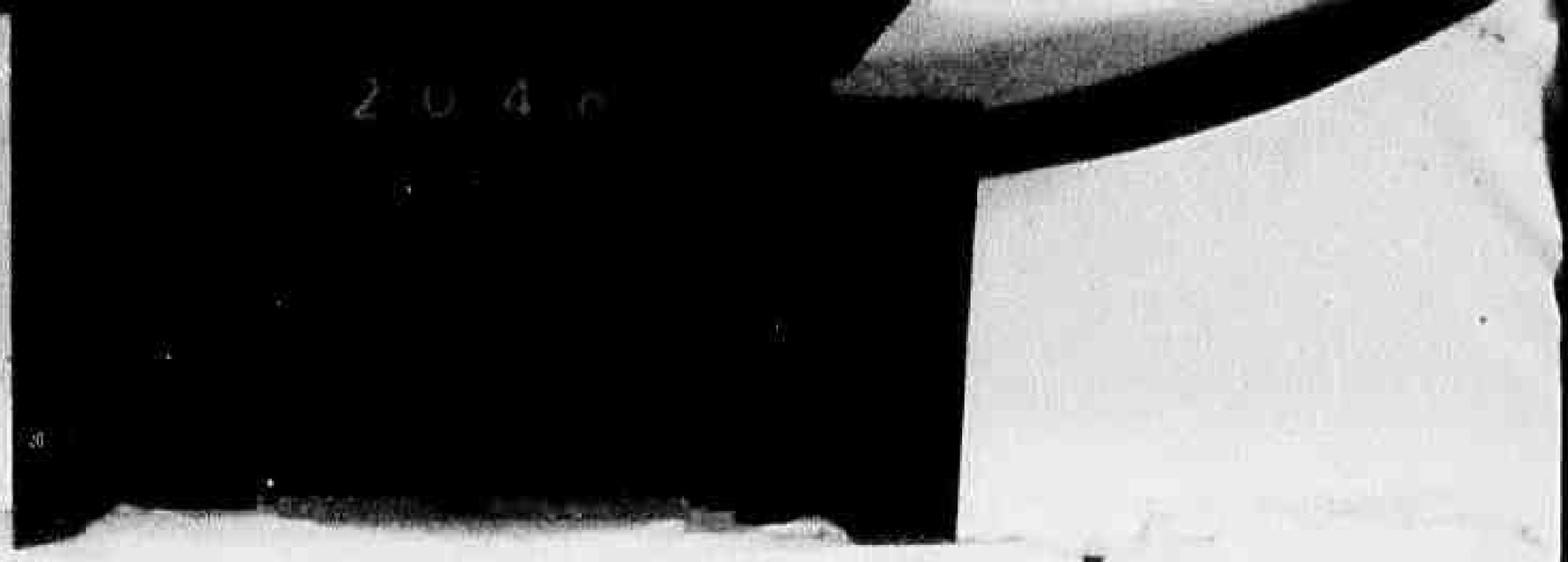
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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 3 NOVEMBER.

1. Siena Meeting. COS stated the Siena Meeting would take place at 10 o'clock Wednesday, 8 November, and instructed Transportation Sub-Commission to take up the question of getting a Diesel engine coach for the use of A/CC.

2. Wheat in Sicily. It was decided last night that a wire should be sent to AFHQ stating that the Amgot had failed, and recommending that it would be impractical to follow up the policy that no wheat should be imported. The wire would suggest that we wait until December when the overall position of food in the country can be reviewed. This may be bad and we may be forced to cut down the basic ration below 300 grammes per day.

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9. Policy on Channels of Diplomatic Communication. It was pointed out there was a great variety in the status and composition of the Diplomatic Missions of the Allied Nations; some were represented on the Advisory Council and others were not. The neutral countries had full Diplomatic Missions. The position was complicated and the A/CC was trying to get a ruling as to status and the channel of communication that should be used with the Italian Government.

10. Independence of Sicily. Attention was drawn to a question asked in the House about the movement which existed to separate Italy from Sicily, such movement being alleged to have the support of the Allies. The reply had been given to the questioner that the movement had no backing from UK and it had been stated that the US had also repudiated the movement.

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[illegible] Prefect, had been found in Florence buying unauthorised things. The Provincial Commissioner had been ordered to keep them in jail. It was stated that they were not members of a Diplomatic Mission, but of the Allied Persons Sub-Commission, and it was agreed that they should be prosecuted.

13. Press Articles. SCAC AMG 5 Army had read an unsatisfactory article in an Italian paper by Togliatti about the position of the Prefect. It was asked if we could take any steps about it. After discussion, it was stated by COS that little could be done, but a tactful approach might be made to one of the Italian Ministers, or to Togliatti himself. The question was raised of articles in American publications written by Italian civilians. COS stated that a directive was going out that commissioned officers must be careful what they say to correspondents, and nothing must be written without reference to the PRO. This instruction would be extended to include articles in the Press.

14. QM Depot. An order originally drafted on QMS Depot had already been issued by G-5. Public Health has been instructed to take no action on this until the matter be further discussed. As it was a supply matter as well as a question of personnel it should be so discussed. COS asked that ES take it up at Caserta on national and also on policy lines.

15. Law in Eritrea. A request had been received from Eritrea that we ask the Italian Government to repeal an unjust law dealing with the racial question. It was a political issue and the total number of persons affected was small. COS instructed that no action be taken on the matter.

16. Joint Planning - Cat B Requirements. FS pointed out that no one knew what the figures were in respect to the dollar credits, and after discussion the COS stated the figures should be scaled on three lines, say, 150, 200 and 250 millions. The present heading was round about 230 millions.

The question of dollar credits and sterling credits was raised and COS suggested they should be called Allied credits. The London policy was not known at present, but it would not be in the form of troop remittances.

17. Food in Liberated Italy. FS stated that within a week the feeding of Liberated Italy would be turned over to the Italian Government. The Italian Government would go into the market and purchase all unrationed goods. In view of the present prices they would have to subsidise through the consumer groups. The opinion of the Italian Government was that bread, the principal buyers themselves after three weeks the black market would not compete with them. They had to find the subsidy money and proposed to increase the price of bread to 8 lire and pasta to 15 lire, thus eliminating the bread subsidy and using it to subsidise other foods. Colonel Crofts-Smith would look into the matter. AC would have to give the Italian Government support on the transport side until the position was better under the PMAC scheme. COS stated this was an interesting economic experiment which should be worked out. Procedure in AFHQ territory would continue as before.

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18. Restriction of Movement. The whole question of movement of civilians and issue of permits was under review. CCS said it should be brought up at the Siena meeting and directed it to go on the Agenda. CSI(F) should be brought in to the Siena meeting on this subject.

19. Publishing of Figures. The question of publishing figures was raised, such as the amount of wheat imported. CCS instructed US to check up with FAO and get the facts.

20. Operational Control of 2675 Regiment. It was stated that 2675 Regiment was at present under G-5 operational control. CCS said the matter would be taken up by D/CCS with G-5, as all personnel must be under the A/CS.

21. Typewriter Situation. US reported that a request had been received for 50 typewriters and none were available. The census showed a total of 253 typewriters and 49 were in for repair.

22. Officer Status for Italian Civilians. This point would be brought up at the next Manpower Committee meeting.

23. Vehicle Situation. Establishment Section would like all other Sections to bring pressure to bear on the vehicle situation. Figures were given of vehicles stolen, missing and wrecked. CCS directed that a strong memorandum be issued, warning every officer to take care of his vehicle. The question of insurance was raised and the matter would be brought up.

24. Frontier Demarcation. Liguria Region and question of the line of Customs Ports on the Italian-France border. It was generally agreed that the pre-war frontier lines would be the effective demarcation.

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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 31 OCTOBER.

1. Minutes of last Meeting.

(a) No.1(3).- Officers in N.Regions. DCOS Est Sec said that he now had almost more names than he knew how to deal with. CA Sec said they were in need of legal officers. COS directed that they should apply to RC's through DCOS Est Sec.

(b) No.1(8) - Northern Regions Planning. Econ Sec said their draft directive was ready. COS requested them to send it down to him. He also required to see their proposals in connection with the Northern Provinces Board before they were sent to A.F.H.Q.S.

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4. Move of Region VIII HQ. COS said he was disturbed by the fact that this HQ had not been moved to Florence as had been promised, but was going to Caserta which was too far away to be practical. He looked on the move as purely temporary and said the HQ must eventually go to Florence. DCOS should follow up with HQ AAI.

5. Location of Provincial Teams. DCOS Ext Sec said that these were shown on maps in his room. He undertook to instruct Public Safety Sub-Com to keep Movement Control line marked up to date on the maps.

6. F.S.A. Personnel. DCOS Ext Sec reported that the position was still not clear about the release of military personnel to be replaced by civilians.

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7. Civilian Employees' Allowances. DCOS Cat Sec reported that some PEA civilians were receiving 3½ dollars a day living allowance although the cost was only 75 cents. It was agreed he should investigate the matter.

He also reported that Econ Sec had not yet agreed that the Business manager of the PEA should be transferred to the Cat Sec. COS asked that the case should be put up to him before a final decision was made.

8. Permits to Travel. DCOS Cat Sec said an order was to be issued forbidding Heads of Sections and Sub-Commissions to leave the theatre without first obtaining permission from the A/CO through the COS.

9. Officer Status for Civilians. DCOS Cat Sec reported there was no difficulty about obtaining this status for civilians brought into the theatre from the UK or US. It was agreed that Italians and neutrals should not be given Allied officer status when employed by AC. Allies locally employed will be considered individually and officer status conferred according to salary or appointment.

10. Chiavaris. Col. Mosfort said he considered this centre should be closed down and the PW/Cab employed there sent to some location where they would be of more use. DCCAO would discuss with CA Sec the question of their being used in the devastated areas and would bring back full details of numbers of personnel and vehicles available after his forthcoming visit to FB AAI.

11. Personnel in Sardinia. DCOS CA Sec said the reduction of personnel in Sardinia should be delayed until more officers were needed for the mainland. Any Section needing specialist officers could draw from that pool.

12. Case of Di Natoli. DCOS CA Sec reported a case of an attempt to reverse a previous ruling given by the CLO. It was agreed that the matter should be treated on a Regional and not a Governmental level. CA Sec should write to the High Commissioner, to advise him not to proceed with the case. /through the Regional Commissioner,

13. Italian Refugees in France. CA Sec undertook to find out the position with regard to the 10,000 Italian refugees still in S.France. DCS stressed the importance of insisting that AFHQ discharge its responsibilities in this matter, that none is allowed back without prior reference to AC, and that inhabitants of N.Italy should stay where they are in France or Elsewhere until their homes are liberated, and should not be brought back to S.Italy.

14. Repatriation of Italian Soldiers from Greece. DCOS CA Sec reported no further news on this question. DCS said he had received a verbal assurance from Colonel Lovin-Smyrin that it would be handed over to the Army Sub-Commission. As an interim measure to deal with present emergency DCS undertook to take up the release of clothing with General Browning. He stressed the point that ICCC should only handle the policy of repatriation, and not deal with questions of movements and settlement.

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27 October 1944.

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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF MEETING
27 OCTOBER 44.

1. Minutes of last Meeting.

1 (a) Dearborn. In view of the dropping of the word "Control", this matter is now to be dropped.

1 (b) Appointment of Officials. Pending a decision from AFHQ present procedure would be continued. Mr. Caccia reported that he had had a request from the Italian Government for the appointment of an official to the Society for the colonisation of Italians abroad. COS said this was premature.

3. Officers in Northern Regions. DCOS Establishment Section said he had now got out his lists. Sections were asked to tell Establishment Section what officers they wanted.

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COS said he had taken up one of three points arising out of a memorandum on this subject with AFHQ. He had written to Economic Section asking them to put up proposals to AMLGB on the other two points.

3. Labour Decree.

Civil Affairs Section reported a signal from AFHQ had been received saying that the Labour Decree had been published. This was incorrect if it meant publication in the Gazette as [illegible] publication. Civil Affairs Section to find out if the MCA, who was conflicted with the one AC sent to them.

4. MUSTER Reports.

COS reported that he had studied the Drage Reports. He thought they would be useful to Regional Commissioners and that they should be continued for their benefit. It was important that Major Drage should not set up a G-2 Section for No.2 District and his reports should not be too long. Distribution of MUSTER Reports would be cut down to Political Section and COS.

5. Italian/.....

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5. Italian Soldiers from Greece.

It was decided there should be one authority in AC to deal with this question. There was discussion as to whom this should be. Scots Gds undertook to detail Col Murphy to find out if UNRRA were prepared to handle this.

6. Officer Status for Civilians.

Establishment Section were asking Regional Commissioners for their views. Establishment Section were to put up a proposal as to the status of the business manager of F.E.A.

7. Establishment Section reported that officers of the Commission were still travelling to AFHQ and other places without proper orders.

8. Pooling of Transport.

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14. Political Section reported that Mr Chocia had received a protest over the behaviour of Polish troops who broke up Communist meetings and property. COS said the question should be referred to General Beaumont-Nesbitt, Chief Liaison Officer, AFHQ. Political Section should forward the correspondence to his representative at FAC.

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24 October 1944.

MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S CONFERENCE - 24 OCTOBER

1. Minutes of the last Meeting.

(a) Decrees. DCOS Civil Affairs read a letter for the Prime Minister's signature. COS would submit this to A/CC for final approval.

(b) Comissarios - Control of Appointments. The points raised by the Economic Section were considered. It was decided that the question was not to be raised with the Italian Government but to carry on with present procedure. Heads of Sub-Commissions should remind their opposite numbers informally that the A.C.C. were concerned over unsuitable appointments and reference should be made beforehand to the Commission. This question would be raised at the next V.P's Meeting.

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3. OFFICERS OF THE NORTHERN REGIONS.

The DCOS Establishment Section would look into the question of what personnel in the Northern Regions is likely to be free for employment elsewhere. A report had been promised for Oct 15 but had not so far been received. Estab. Sec. would check on this.

4. DEVASTATED AREAS - ITALIAN SOLDIERS REPATRIATED FROM GREECE.

It was decided after discussion that instead of officers from HQ ACC visiting AFHQ C.A.Section should ask AFHQ to send one representative to discuss both these subjects here.

5. PORT OF NAPLES.

DCOS reported that AFHQ had replied that the Port would be required for military purposes for an indefinite period after hostilities ceased.

6. DCCAO/.....

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6. DCCAO HQ AAI.

CCS asked all DCOS's to ensure that the DCCAO (Forward) should be kept fully informed of all important matters relating to AAI Armies and Northern Regions.

7. CSS REPORT ON ANCONA.

An exaggerated and inaccurate report had been put out by CSS on AMG political activities in ANCONA, with copies to LONDON and WASHINGTON. CCS had already written to AFHQ, but wished Political Section to take up the matter and make an early report.

8. NORTHERN REGION PLANNING.

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(a) Civil Affairs Section asked whether MUSTER Reports received at this HQ were useful, as they got fuller and better reports from Major Drage, Patriot Representative in FLORENCE. Political Section said that MUSTER reports were of great value to them because they let them know what was happening on the other side of the line. Economic Section said that they did not contain much of value to them. COS said that he thought MUSTER Reports were useful, but he had not seen one of Major Drage's reports. He would like to see one, after which he would decide which reports should be continued and what distribution they should have.

(b) Civil Affairs Section proposed that Major Drage should come under Colonel Norfort for matters connected with Land Area, and COS agreed.

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13. DEATH SENTENCES.

COS pointed out that ACC was responsible for following up after the signing of death sentences. Although the carrying out of execution might be the responsibility of AAI or AFHQ, this did not alter the responsibility of the ACC.

14. REQUISITIONING OF VEHICLES.

(a) It was agreed that the representatives of ACC at the Transport Conference at AFHQ should oppose vigorously any attempt to reduce our transport.

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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S CONFERENCE - 17 OCTOBER.

1. Appointment of Commissions. Secy Soc is preparing a memo. CA Sec was in favour of leaving matters alone until the whole policy was changed.

2. Decrees. COS quoted the instance of the decree providing an increase in the wage scale without reference to this Commission and the strong protest being made in an Airgram taken personally by Commodore Stone to AFHQ today. It was hoped that this would raise the whole issue of the Commission's powers. Brig.Upjohn stressed the importance of keeping all dealings with the Italian Government on a very formal level. COS undertook to prepare for the A/CC a paper which would determine the exact position of the Commission.

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6. War Crimes. A proposal was being considered, according to the minutes of the Advisory Council, for the responsibility in connection with collecting and transmission of information on war crimes to be placed on the ACC. Although this matter was at present only in the preliminary stages, COS said that this was a task far beyond the powers of the Commission with its present staff and an immediate protest should be made. The present procedure by which the reporting of all crimes was entirely a matter for AAI through their JAG's Department, was perfectly satisfactory. Mr.Cassin and Brig.Upjohn would discuss this with the A/CC at the next VP's meeting with a view to a protest being made at the next meeting of the Advisory Council.

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8. Rice. Col Pinke reported that the ration for Rice was put back on 1 Sep to 200 grams and further reduced on 21 Sep to 100 grams.

9. General Orders. Col Pinke reported that the A/CC wished to sign General Orders in future himself. As regards the name "General Orders", there was some danger of confusion with the Legal "General Orders". It was decided after discussion that these would in future be called "Executive Orders". Ent Sec would issue an instruction.

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10. Specialist Officers in Regions. Opinion in the Econ Sec was divided on the point under whose control specialist officers in Regions should come. Col Jones was of the decided opinion that his specialist officers should be com-

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