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POLICY, GENERAL
AUG. 1944 - SEPT. 1945

Excerpt

87,

Ref 86 I suggest we
Ambridge Corporation &
See the High Commission
in this. S - ref his p 2003
12/3

and ask if we can instruct that the

Commissioners - for purely technical reasons
We sent a request in the subject which should
be in the file
(88refers)

12/5
and adv. H. G. as to subject matter

Commissioners - for family historical reasons

We want a document on this subject which should
be in the file

PR (1963)
(Simpson)

4037

754

90 down by E.C.

23/12 P/A

78

76+77 same. - 7/11/44

41

All OK's

Please note from 46 + 44 for info

[Handwritten signatures and initials]
Dec 2 Nov 43

82

Ex. Comm.

Letters to addressees listed at 81 submitted for OC's signature.

[Handwritten signature]
Signed as requested
C.S.O.

3 May 1945.

84

Ex. Com

To see folio 83. *[Handwritten signature]*
12 May.

All cards

Please see folder 46-447 for info

82

Ex. Comm.

Letters to addressees listed at 81 submitted for CC's signature.

3 MAY 1945.

Signature as requested for the

C.S.O.

84

Ex. Com

To see folder 83.

12 May.

85

Chief Commission

283 for review.

Scheduled.

10/13/45

✓ JWD

11/7

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61.

Chief of Staff.

It was decided at the Chief of Staff's meeting on 22 November that owing to the discussion held on this subject with the Acting President on 20 November, it was not now necessary to ask Heads of Sections for their comments on "Memorandum for Files". (See 47 and 45), as originally suggested by CC

2. It was decided that a letter should be drafted for the Chief Commissioner's signature and this has now been done. May this please be presented to the Chief Commissioner for signature.

W. G. G. G. G.

C.S.O.
to C.A.S.

63 Dec. 2 27/11

24 Nov 44.

11 198
NOV 25 1981

62

Acting Chief Commissioner.

Attached is submitted for your information/signature/approval.

MS/24/11 OM 5/11/21

63 Dec 2 27/11

C.S.O.

No action on 69 - & revert the loose papers to the
proper place. (D.P.B.)
MS/27/11

Acting Chief Commissioner.

Attached is submitted for your information/signature/approval.

MS 24/21 OK 26/21

CSO 63 Dec 27/11 67.

No action on 69 - & revert the loan papers to them
Proper Place (D.P.B.) MS 27/21

TO: Capt. Oden.

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Please see 60. Economic Section need not bother. Will you please tell him.

27 Nov 44.

Spent 2 to Maj. Wade
27 " end.

G.W.I. Shipp
Lt. Col.

P/A

COS To see 91 1/2 2 Dec. MS 2/21

76 Dec. 15/12

53

Chief Clerk.

Please see last British letter
for a copy of 22 and Tel Message
Centre to Burke up! - see 52 opposite

✓ Enter this
- 18/11

54

Major Teller

M.C. instructed to send copy to P.C. Sec.
Pointed out that C.C. originated this only on a call of
his own series of numbers. It is M.C. policy to
have distribution of incoming signals in nature
to and messages originated by C.C. to the office of
C.C.

18 November.

W. H. L.
C. Clerk.

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Col.

Ref 47, the memorandum at 45 was fully covered in
yesterday's meeting. Do you think the C.C. still wants
comments from sections on it? If he does not, I will

Completed

75

W. H. H. H.
C. C. C. C.

551

Cancel 47

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The C.C. has undertaken to get the minutes
the reactions of the Commission. If an order tomorrow
can be drafted on present knowledge please ~~draw~~
this done (by C.C. members) in time of 7 days.

ds (24/01)

Deas' CA & De
a brief reply to CC's
on 20 Nov (Deas Co meeting minutes 22 Nov).

14/5/58

43.

To: A/Chief of Staff.

1. Please see Folios 47 and 48. The salient points of 45 are as follows:-

(a) Personnel.

(i) Prime Minister Bonomi reiterated his desire that AC should not withdraw from SICILIA for the time being until the political situation has clarified.

(ii) He suggested that AC personnel withdraw in the area South of SALERNO on the mainland and that the date might be 1 Jan 45.

(b) Functions.

(i) The Prime Minister suggested that as a start AC should discontinue supervising education in Italian Government territory but he did not recommend abdication of supervision of any other Sub-Commission for the time being.

(ii) As to the review of government appointments, at Folio 45 is a list of those submitted for consideration and discussion. It was agreed between the CC and Prime Minister that the supervision of personnel in the Italian Armed Forces by the three Services Sub-Commissions would remain unaltered.

(iii) Suggestion was made that the High Commissioners for SICILIA and SARDINIA should be subject to AC approval.

2. You will note that the CC is committed to giving an early decision on these points.

RE/JS.

15/11. recd. 7

21/11

49.

17" CSO. word until receipt & comments from

Luciano Pella
Chief Staff Officer,
to the Chief of Staff.

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continue exercising jurisdiction in Italian Government territory
but he did not recommend abdication of supervision of any
other Sub-Commission for the time being.

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EC/37.

15/11. noted. 2

15/11

49.

Richard Maye
Chief Staff Officer,
to the Chief of Staff.

17th CSO. Used entire receipts & comments from
other sections as per 48, then prepare minutes
for CC. 7

16/33

Chief of Staff (through COS).

to see 25.

(Sgd) T.R.
28 Oct.

(Sgd) C.S.
28 Oct.

(Sgd) M.S.D.
29 Oct.

31

A/Cat

at 30 is the letter referred to by Pol Sec.
at this morning's conference.

El 7/10

7/11. noted. 2

34

A/COS

33 for information

8/10/10

38

13/11 noted 2.

(37)

Copy of minute taken from Temp. Jacket
a/cos you will want to see (7/11/36) - just received

PRO has seen
signed by Stapp - 1/11

1/11 noted. 2

321

A/LOS

33 for information

8/10/70

38

13/11 noted 7.

(37)

Copy of minute taken from Temp. Jacket
a/cos you will want to see (John 36) just received

PRO has seen

signed for Shipp. 1/11

11/11 noted 7.

2002

611

(SO)

Major Quigley told me that the
Office wants Cos to see the

early.

8.10.40

7.12

Acting Chief Commissioner.

1. This is an interesting proposal. But it inevitably lacks realism. You have drawn attention to Bonomi's reaction to realism: Pinasco 3rd Com has other similar examples. In his covering letter Venosta mentions the elimination of Fascism: the Italian Govt have not yet, in my opinion, shown that they have the strength or vigour to tackle that vital problem adequately. He writes about building up a vigorous democratic society: in a country which for nearly a generation has eschewed democratic principles, the presence of Allied officers, born and bred in the atmosphere of democracy, can do far more to help in this field than all the utterances of Italian politicians and the like. In the reconstruction of the economics of the country solid raw materials such as food and cement are needed. Allied agencies must produce them - import them - distribute them. He makes no mention of the presence of a million Allied troops. Much of the work done by Allied officers in the field is the dull, unrecorded, often thankless task of maintaining relations with these troops. Provincial molehills would become natural mountains if they were removed.

2. When hostilities have ended, when Allied troops have gone: if food and materials can be imported under commercial conditions: if Italy can show signs of emerging from her material bankruptcy and her political and moral retardation, then much can be done on the lines of Venosta's letter. We should make a beginning, even a token beginning, now, if only (as I hope will not be the case) to prove that when we descend from great thoughts to the hard facts of life a sick child still needs nursing. When we hear from OSS we might therefore examine the problem with Venosta and in meantime obtain from him details of 6 c. I will do both if you agree.

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10.Oct.44.

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

8.13

2031

C of S-

Pls draft letter from me to UV
advising him to submit his ideas on bc.
When I talked to him, the only one he had
in mind was Education.

End

50180

(92)

Translation

Roma, 20 Sept 1945

SEP 21 1945

LC

Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri.

No. 16641/19.11

To: Headquarters Allied Commission
Office of the Executive Commis-
sioner. - ROME.

Subject : High Commissioner for Sicily.

(81)

Reference folio No. 501/89/93, dated 14 September 45, we
inform you that we have reminded the High Commissioner for Sicily to
address himself exclusively to the Liaison Officer of the A.D. in
dealings with the Allies.

THE CHIEF OF THE CABINET

/S/ Ferando.

[Handwritten signature]
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LC Dist - 21 Sep 45

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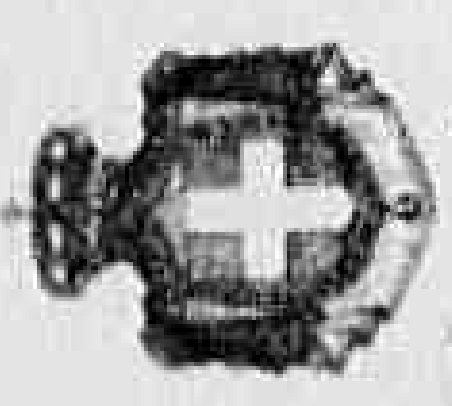
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*Presidenza
del Consiglio dei Ministri*

GABINETTO

N. 16649/19.11

*Risposta al Capo del
V.*

Roma
SECRET

Al Quartier Generale della Commissione
Alleata - Ufficio del Commissario Es-
ecutivo -

R O M A

Oggetto: Alto Commissario per la Sicilia.-

Con riferimento al foglio 14 settembre n. 501/89 EC, si
informa di aver richiamato all'Alto Commissario per la Sicilia
la necessità di far capo, nei rapporti con gli Alleati, esclu-
sivamente all'Ufficiale di Collegamento dell'A.C.-

IL CAPO DI CABINETTO

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Amato

11/16/89/19/11
R O M A
Oggetto: Alto Commissario per la Sicilia.-

Con riferimento al foglio 14 settembre n. 501/89 EC, si informa di aver richiamato all'Alto Commissario per la Sicilia la necessità di far capo, nei rapporti con gli Alleati, esclusivamente all'Ufficiale di Collegamento dell'A.C.-

IL CAPO DI CABINETTO

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Ref: 501/90/40

14 September 1945

SUBJECT: Action of High Commissioner

TO : AG Liaison Officer, Palermo

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1. Reference your letter Civ/39 of 5 September, subject "Action of High Commissioner."

2. You should approach the High Commissioner telling him that the correct channel for him to follow is through your office. At the same time we are asking the Italian Government to instruct the High Commissioner that whenever contact with the Allied Governments is required, he should effect such contact through the AG Liaison Officer rather than go direct to the parties concerned.

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E. BALDWIN

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 501/89/EO

14 September 45

SUBJECT: Action of High Commissioner

TO : The Presidency of the Council of Ministers

The AC Liaison Officer, Palermo, has informed this Headquarters that from time to time the High Commissioner of Sicily has entered into direct negotiations with the Naval Commandant in Palermo and on one occasion with the United States Consul.

It is considered that for purely technical reasons it would be much more satisfactory if the High Commissioner would, whenever contact with the Allied Governments is required, effect such contact through the AC Liaison Officer rather than go direct to the parties concerned.

Copy to AC Liaison Officer Palermo

*SEE F. 92
1021*

10/10/45

FF

Ref : 5016/154/80.

11 Sept 45.

SUBJECT : Routing of Correspondence.

TO : AC Liaison Officer
PALERMO.

I am directed by the Executive Commissioner to instruct you to approach the Naval Authorities at Palermo and ask them to address all correspondence to this HQ through your office. We have lately received a signal dated 6 Sept 45 from COMNAVSTA (OPS) NUB Palermo addressed direct to Allied Commission through Rome Area Allied Command.

E. TALBOT

Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

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501
OFFICE OF A.C. LIAISON OFFICER
C/o M.O.B.-NAVY 157

5 SEPTEMBER 1945

FILE: Civ/39

SEP 12 1945

SUBJECT: Action of High Commissioner

TO : Executive Commissioner
HQ Allied Commission, APO 394

1. I have observed a tendency on the part of the High Commissioner that should be called to your attention for any action that you may deem appropriate. I refer to the High Commissioner going to the Commandant of the Palermo Naval Operating Base for aid in matters of civilian supply.

2. The immediate case is a request for additional coal. As long ago as 31 July I wired to Coal Division concerning the acute shortage of coal here. Yesterday, instead of approaching the Liaison Officer again about it, the High Commissioner went personally to the Naval Commandant. I understand that a similar request was made to the U.S. Consul to intervene in the matter. Of course, I personally have no objection to this sort of thing, especially since the Naval Commandant showed me the telegram he drafted, suggesting an increase in coal shipments, before affixing his signature to it. It seems to me, however, that as long as there is an Allied Commission representative here, such matters should be dealt with exclusively by him. By the High Commissioner asking aid of the Navy and of the Consulate, he is inviting other intervention by them. It would seem important that neither the Navy nor the Consulate be put in a position where the High Commissioner is dependant upon them.

3. Having been instructed to offer no advice to the High Commissioner I have not mentioned this matter to him. Instead I am simply reporting the facts to you.

Edward Morton

EDWARD MORTON
Lt. Col. CE
Liaison Officer

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HEADQUARTERS IV CO PS
THE COMMANDING GENERAL

Ref: 501/20

9 May 1945

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394, U. S. Army

MAY 12 RECD

My dear Admiral:

I wish to acknowledge your note enclosing the copy of the memorandum on AAA Policy in Northern Italy.

Will you be so kind as to inform the Supreme Allied Commander, should occasion offer, that I had given instructions to my staff before receipt of the memorandum that the general policy indicated therein would be followed in IV Corps territory.

Please be assured that we will continue to endeavor to institute Allied Military Government in IV Corps in the letter and the spirit indicated by the memorandum.

Sincerely yours,

Willis D. Crittenger
WILLIS D. CRITTENBERGER
Major General, U. S. Army
Commanding

See memo 6/4/45

(Copy retained by cc office)
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Ref: 501/30.

2 May 1945.

My dear General,

I enclose a copy of a memorandum I issued yesterday for distribution to all A&S officers now operating in Northern Italy, and I am instructed by the Supreme Allied Commander to inform you that the policy contained therein has his approval.

Yours sincerely,

/Sgd/ HENRY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Addressed to:

General Mark W. Clark, USA,
Commander, 15th Army Group,
APO 777.

Lieutenant General Lucian K. Truscott, Jr.,
Commanding General,
Fifth Army.

Lieutenant General Sir Richard L. McCreery, KCB, DSO, MBE, MC,
Commanding General,
Eighth Army.

Major General Willis D. Grittenberger,
Commanding General,
IV Corps.

Major General E.P. Nares, CBE, MC,
Commanding General,
No. 2 District.

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check

CSO

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see 76

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Has this issued? If not, subject to CCs

approval. At President would like a phrase included
indicating that the policy has been made & has full
approval. If it has issued send special copy
to Dir Comadre (XV, S, S, N.C. 52 Dist.)
organization with covering letter saying so

W 2/8

CONFIDENTIAL

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

Ref: 501/77/31.

1 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Air Policy - Northern Italy.

TO : HQMAC, 15th Army Group.
SIC, 1st Army.
SIC, 2nd Army.
Regional Commissioner, LIGURIA Region.
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You should bring the attached memoranda to the attention of all officers under your command, informing them at the same time that I have great confidence in their ability to carry out the policy contained therein.

W. H. Stone

WILLIAM H. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20315

no. 304/76/50.

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	5140, 1st 1st Army.	13
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1. I think it may be helpful to explain the policy of the Allied Commission with regard to Allied Military Government in newly liberated (Southern) Italy in the light of the conditions which are facing us present.
2. While it is still the intention of the Supreme Allied Commander to set up Allied Military Government in the whole of Northern Italy, the application of Government must be regulated in accordance with circumstances.
3. The outstanding successes of the patriots in liberating their towns from Nazis and fascists, the good administration, according to initial reports, set up by the Allies, the execution of Mussolini and some of his accomplices, and the current, in some cases to the patriots, of a great bulk of the German surplus, make a review of our policy necessary.
4. The greatest delegation possible should be made to the Italian authorities who will, in any cases, be members of the C.I.A. At the same time every effort should be made to impress upon the people the authority that Allied Military Government in the Southern Government of the Italian Government, and that Allied Military Government is working in the closest cooperation with that Government at the Headquarters of the Commission.
5. We may well be approaching in Northern Italy a state of affairs somewhat similar to that was found in France, and it should be our endeavor to help the Italians to make of Italy our administrative entity, and to assist them to take over the management of their own affairs as early as possible.

14. *What's your ideal end-of-business day?*

1. I think it may be helpful to explain the policy of the Allied Commission which is being set up in Italy. The Allied Commission (Government) is in the light of the conditions which we are finding at present.
2. While it is still the intention of the Supreme Allied Commander to set up Allied Military Government in Italy, the application of Government must be delayed in accordance with circumstances.
3. The outstanding successes of the military in liberating their towns from German and Axis, the good administration, according to initial reports, set up by the Allies, the execution of a successful and of his accomplishments, and the surrender, in some cases to the patriots, of a great bulk of the German forces, make a review of our policy necessary.
4. The greatest delegation possible should be made to the Italian authorities who will, in many cases, be members of the Government. At the same time every effort should be made to impress upon the people and the authorities that Allied Military Government is the temporary forerunner of the Italian Government, and that Allied Military Government is working in the closest cooperation with that Government at the Headquarters of this Commission.
5. We may well be approaching in Northern Italy a state of affairs somewhat similar to that was found in France, and it should be our policy to help the Italians to make of Italy an administrative entity, and to help them to take over the management of their own affairs as early as possible.
6. The conditions at present prevailing, both political and economic, indicate the probability of a rapid transition from Allied Military Government to Italian Government.
7. The implementation of this policy will not be easy. The greatest task, the greatest difficulties will be necessary. We should all remember that it is for the Italians to determine their own destiny, and that military government in circumstances prevailing now is necessary only for the protection of Allied troops and installations. A light reign with a strong hand should be the order of the day.
8. Above all, we must remember that it is our duty to participate rather than to intervene in the political future of Italy.

W. A. Stone

WILLIAM A. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

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DEC 29/1850

DEC 30 1944
C/5875
DEC 29/2309
ROUTINE

From: AFM SIGNED SIGNED CITE FIRM
To: ACTION: ALCON FOR STONE FOR FIRM

Confidential

SECRET.

Following is paraphrase of message from General SPOTCH.

Begin paraphrase. In connection with the MACMILLAN plan civilianization of ALLIED COMMISSION is under consideration. Not yet agreed is clauses relating to subject which will be included in directive. As proposed by MACMILLAN WAR DEPARTMENT position is that its views will be met by withdrawal of Civil Affairs military personnel from Italian Government ITALY plus Civil Affairs officers at ALLIED COMMISSION not performing functions connected with Military Government activities. That status of Civil Affairs officers engaged in purely AG activities, ALLIED COMMISSION can be given assurance will not be affected by program. Also not affected would be service subcommissions. Paraphrase ends.

AC JNS
ACT. EST SEC (3)
INF. CHIEF COMMISSIONER
SO B CC
C.S. (2)
FILE

SECRET

Copy on 205 (Denialization of Commission)

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DRAFT
DIRECTOR, U.S. SUPREMACY ALLIED DE. ANDER
ON POLICY CONCERNING THE ALLIED COMMISSION

FOR ITALY

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ONE.

This directive should be read in conjunction with PAN 248 of 15th October 1943.

TWO.

In order to carry out the policy for Italy recently advocated by the President of the United States and the Prime Minister of Great Britain, you will put into effect the proposals set out hereunder:

- A). The Political Section of the Allied Commission will be abolished and the British and American Ambassadors in Rome will be responsible for tendering political advice to the Allied Commission. Communication between the ministries and departments of the Italian Government and the Sections of the Allied Commission will be performed direct.
- B). You will inform the Italian Government that they may have direct relations with foreign representatives accredited to the Quirinal, but that you wish to be kept informed as to any negotiations in which they may engage.
- C). Subject to your discretion, Allied and neutral diplomatic representatives in Rome will be permitted the use of cipher facilities. You will inform the Italian Government that Italian diplomatic representatives abroad will be given

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- C.) Subject to your discretion, Allied and neutral diplomatic representatives in Rome will be permitted the use of cipher facilities. You will inform the Italian Government that Italian diplomatic representatives abroad will be given their own ciphers.
- D.) You will cause the Allied Commission to surrender its control over Italian legislation in Italian Government Italy. The Allied Commission will continue to render advice to the Italian Government when called upon to do so.
- E.) The Allied Commission will cease to have the right of approval of Italian appointments in the Italian Government, except in regard to military appointments. The Allied Commission will continue to render advice on this matter, as and when the Italian Government desire it, and all new

/Ministers

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Ministers in the Italian Government will be required to confirm, as a condition of assuming office, that they will adhere to the obligations under the Terms of Surrender undertaken by their predecessors.

F.) Regional Commissions and their staffs will be withdrawn at your discretion from Italian Government Italy. Should you deem it necessary at any time to re-install local Allied Commission officers in any part of Italian Government Italy, you will do so.

G.) You will continue the procedure already initiated, of the gradual civilianisation of the Allied Commission.

THREE. Your powers as President of the Allied Commission may be delegated, but you will not delegate your powers as ^{add} Military Governor of those areas not yet restored to the Italian Government.

FOUR. You will consult the Combined Chiefs of Staff on all matters of major policy and you will ensure that the government departments in Great Britain and the United States of America who are responsible for the work of the Allied Commission are kept informed on all matters.

Allied Commission officers in any part of Italian Government

Italy, you will do so.

3.) You will continue the procedure already initiated, of the gradual civilisation of the Allied Commission.

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The Undersecretary of State for Foreign Affairs

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Rome, 16 November 1944

Dear Admiral,

In your letter n. 301/9/Cos. of October 13th, you asked me to explain with more details part C) of paragraph 6 of the Memorandum about the transformation of the Allied Commission, with the following contents: 'Rapid demobilization of the Sub-Commissions, offices and men of the Allied Commission'.

I must say that the word 'suppression' was used inaccurately for the Italian word 'smobilitazione' in the translation of this paragraph, as I have now seen. It would therefore have been better to say 'a prompt demobilization of Sub-Commissions, offices men depending on the Allied Mission'. By this I mean to say that we were not proposing, *sic* and *simpliciter*, the total elimination of all the Sub-Commissions, offices and men of the Allied Commission; but we meant the elimination of some offices and the substantial reduction of the others.

To be more precise, I think the criteria should be the following:

a) From being a military organ, the Allied Commission should be progressively transformed into a civilian organ;

b) Suppression of the Sub-Commissions and offices which, as from the memorandum which I gave you (par. 3), have no 'direct and immediate connection with the war effort, or do not aim at direct, substantial and concrete relief'. For instance, to this category would obviously belong the Sub-Commissions and offices connected with the Ministry of Justice and that of Public Instruction, whose activity has nothing to do with the conduct of war, except, and very indirectly in the field of pure legislation.

c) All the other Sub-Commissions and depending offices should be diminished by the progressive and rapid elimination of all peripheric organs, the task of which is almost exclusively that of exercising the 'control' that we have in mind to suppress. On this subject, the fundamental idea should be to limit the functions of the Allied Commission to a direct collaboration, in the centre, with the chief Italian authorities responsible for the various sectors of activity. When, on this point, the directions concerning the activity that these authorities have to exercise because of their function should have been agreed upon, there should be no more intervention in what concerns execution or in questions of detail; this activity is now being exercised by means of direct contacts between Allied officers and functionaries and subordinate Italian organs. These organs should get orders exclusively from their (Italian) central organs.

In other words, the responsibility of executing what should be agreed on by the Allied Commission and the Italian Government should rest entirely with the Italian Government and its competent organs; and the Italian central organs alone should be responsible towards the Allied Commission for the execution of what should have been agreed upon.

On this subject, I should like to point out that if sometimes local inter-

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ference from the Allied organs, in strictly technical matters, is caused by the intention of supplying to the supposed inefficiency of the Italian organs, it is also true that such interferences stifle both spirit of initiative and sense of responsibility; besides, in most cases, the methods, habits and mentality do not correspond to those of the Italian people and are bound to have no effect or even to have an effect quite different from that which was aimed at.

On this subject, I also point out that the interferences exercised in the periphery in such matters as appointments, dismissals, transfer and substitution of personnel are a very delicate matter; I stress the fact that this interference definitely brings about the reverse of what was expected, this from a technical point of view; from a political point of view, these interferences are to be considered as superfluous, considering the regulations for epuration decided and enforced by the Italian Government.

d) Transformation (in relation to what has been said above) of the Allied Commission and its Sub-Commissions in an organ of parity collaboration between the Allies and the Italians, with therefore the participation in the centre of an Italian Authority; all the Italian functionaries in the Sub-Commissions should depend from this Authority, which would act as the natural coordinator of the Sub-Commissions. Instead of being liaison organs (liaison officers) as at present, the central organ and the Italian functionaries should be transformed in real representatives of the various Ministries to the Allied Commission. As a consequence, this would bring about the suppression of the various Allied organs by the various Ministries.

e) The transformation of the Allied Commission in a almost entirely civilian organ would raise the question of harmonizing with the new situation all the important activity exercised till now by the military Sub-Commission.

As the Italian Government more than ever wants to reinforce the collaboration for the war effort, I should suggest to transform and group the said sub-commissions in an Allied Military Mission for the duration of the hostilities. When the hostilities should cease, this military mission would be replaced by military attaches.

The phases, modalities and conditions of this transformation might be studied by the competent Allied Authorities and the Italian General Staff.

I quite realize that these explanations still have a very general character. The complexity and vastness of the matter make it hard to be more precise; I should have to launch in a very voluminous survey of every detail which can hardly be done one-sidedly. I therefore want to insist on the proposal mentioned in my former communication, ie a survey of all the questions related to the transformation of the Commission, so that both parties should agree on a solution. This survey would bring to light the various points of view, bringing about better practical results and a greater and more profitable harmony; it would also bring to light the well-founded motives of some allied interferences which hadn't been well understood, and also the legitimate reasons of many of our annoyances.

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There is also another point on which I should like to insist. If the present system of control is to be transformed, progressively perhaps, but in fact and not only in form, in a way that will relieve the heavy burdens which weigh on the country, it is necessary to smash up a tendency common to every bureaucracy, to expand and take roots, to create a function so that the organ will subsist, to create new organs for its own administration, and to control control itself. For this reason, it will be necessary to see that the organs which have been suppressed on one side shouldn't reappear somewhere else under a different form; in other words, what is to be cut off must be cut off for good. Otherwise suppressions and compressions will only be in words and the Allied Commission will remain what it has been since September 1943, ie the Allied Control Commission.

To conclude, I want you to note, my dear Admiral, that these observations and proposals are not made for the sake of polemics, but in a spirit of loyal friendship, and with a sincere wish of finding the best formula for profitable collaboration. We fully appreciate the efforts made by A.C.C. since its beginning in Brindisi, not only to 'control' in a restrictive sense, but also to give a concrete and valuable contribution to the solution of the numberless problems which were and are still weighing on the country. In this task, we know that you have proved to be real friends, trying to relieve the needs of the populations and to help us to reconstruct the country. We know that further collaboration of A.C. is and will be immensely valuable not only at present to intensify the war effort for the undoing of the common enemy and the liberation of the whole of our territory, but also in future, for the economic and financial rehabilitation of the country. Nevertheless, I repeat that in the interest of these tasks, direct responsibility should be given back to the Italian Government; without this responsibility, there can be no re-birth; and this according to the precise and generous intentions expressed in this sense by President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill in Hyde Park since last September 19th.

I remain, my dear Admiral,

Truly yours,

/s/ Visconti Venosta

P.S. I have just heard about the appointment of Mr. Macmillan as Chief of the Allied Commission. The nomination of a political personality instead of a military one seems to indicate that the Allies intend to transform the Commission according to the lines expressed in this letter. This beginning is a cause of great satisfaction for us, as well as the fact that an old and trusted friend like yourself should have been appointed Chief Commissioner.

COMMODORE ELERY W. STONE U.S.N.R.
Acting Chief Commissioner
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*Al Vicesegretario di Stato
per gli Affari Esteri*

Roma,
10 NOV 1944

Caro Ammiraglio,

con Sua lettera n. 301/9/Com. del 13 ottobre Ella mi ha onorato di illustrare più diffusamente il comma C) del paragrafo 6 del Memorandum relativo alla trasformazione delle Commissioni Alleate, del seguente tenore: "Smobilizzazione rapida di Sottocommissioni, uffici e uomini della Commissione Alleata".

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- Ad es. rientrerebbero ovviamente in questa categoria le Sottocommissioni e gli uffici relativi ai Ministeri della Giustizia e della

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pubblica istruzione la cui attività - salvo, del resto molto indirettamente, nel campo della legislazione pura - non ha alcuna attinenza con la condotta della guerra ;

c) sostanziale alleggerimento di tutte le altre sottocommissioni e uffici dipendenti, con progressiva e rapida eliminazione di tutti gli organi periferici, il cui compito è infatti quasi esclusivamente di esercitare quel "controllo" che si ha appunto in animo di sopprimere. Il concetto fondamentale, in questo campo, dovrebbe essere quello di limitare le funzioni della Commissione Alleata ed una diretta collaborazione, al centro, con la massima autorità italiana responsabile per i singoli settori di attività. Ma una volta concordate, in tale sede, le direttive per l'attività che codesta autorità sarà chiamata per loro stessa funzione a svolgere, dovrebbe cessare ogni intervento in sede esecutiva ed in questioni di dettaglio, quale è invece attualmente esercitata, mediante contatti diretti fra ufficiali e funzionari alleati e gli organi subordinati italiani. I quali ultimi dovrebbero ricevere i loro ordini esclusivamente dai loro organi (italiani) centrali.

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Sempre in questo campo, osservo anche come un aspetto particolarmente delicato sia quello delle interferenze esercitate anche perife-

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ricamente in materia di nomine, licenziamenti, trasferimenti e sostituzioni di personale; e rilievo come mentre da un punto di vista tecnico tali ingerenze sono nettamente controproducenti, esse sono da considerare altresì superflue da un punto di vista politico in relazione alle vaste misure di epurazione decise e condotte con fermezza dal Governo Italiano.

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I tempi, le modalità e le condizioni di tale trasformazione

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Mi rendo perfettamente conto che queste mie ulteriori spiegazioni mantengono tuttora un carattere molto generale. La complessità e vastità della materia rendono d'altronde estremamente difficile una precisazione migliore, e meno di non entrare in un esame di dettaglio che sarebbe voluminosissimo e che oltre tutto è difficile fare in sede unilaterale. Vorrei quindi insistere sulla proposta già accennata nella mia precedente comunicazione, e cioè di un esame congiunto di tutte le questioni relative alla trasformazione della Commissione in vista di giungere ad una soluzione concordata tra le due parti. Datto esame permetterebbe oltre tutto di chiarire ai fini pratici e nell'interesse di una migliore e più proficua armonia, i rispettivi punti di vista, e da un lato, i motivi fondati di certune non ben comprese ingerenze Alleate, dall'altro le ragioni legittime di molte nostre impazienze.

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Desidero a conclusione sottolineare, caro Ammiraglio, che le

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predette osservazioni e proposte non sono formulate in alcuno spirito polemico bensì in quello esecutivo della più leale amicizia, e col proposito positivo di ricercare la migliore formula per una proficua collaborazione. Noi apprezziamo appieno gli sforzi fatti dall'A.O.C., sia dagli ormai lontani giorni della sua iniziativa a Brindisi, e non solo per "controllare" in senso restrittivo, ma anche per portare un concreto e prezioso contributo verso la soluzione degli infiniti problemi che pesano sul paese. In questo compito noi sappiamo di aver avuto in voi degli amici, che si sono preoccupati con amore delle necessità assillanti delle popolazioni e di quelle della nostra ricostruzione. Come sappiamo che la collaborazione ulteriore dell'A.C. ci è e ci sarà di inestimabile valore oltre che nel compito immediato di potenziare lo sforzo bellico per la sconfitta del comune nemico e la liberazione totale del nostro territorio, anche in quello ulteriore ed immane di rivalutazione economica e finanziaria del paese. Ma, ripeto, è nell'interesse stesso di questi compiti, di restituire al Governo italiano quella diretta responsabilità senza la quale non vi può essere una sana rinascita; e ciò in armonia con i precisi e generosi propositi enunciati in questo senso sin dal 19 settembre scorso a Hyde Park dal Presidente Roosevelt ed il Primo Ministro Churchill.

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P.S.- Al momento di firmare questa lettera apprendo la nomina del Signor Mac Millan a Capo della Commissione Allente. La designazione

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di una personalità politica in luogo di una militare mi sembra indicare anche da parte allente l'intenzione di trasferire la Consolazione nelle linee indicate nella presente lettera. Questo inizio è per noi fonte di vivo compiacimento, così come lo è la conferma a Commissario Capo di un vecchio e provato amico come Lei.

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Ref: 501/50/005

24 November 1944.

Dear Marchese Visconti Venosta:

The matters which I discussed with the Prime Minister and yourself on 9 November and later again with yourself on 11 November, have been the subject of a meeting with the Acting President, The Rt. Hon. Mr. Harold Macmillan. At this meeting there was full discussion on your proposal that Allied Commission personnel in the areas South of Salerno should be withdrawn, on the discontinuation of the supervision of education, and on the question of the review of Government appointments.

Mr. Macmillan will be discussing these matters in London and Washington, and when he returns I hope to be able to inform you of the decisions reached.

Yours very truly,

/s/ ELLERY W. STONE

ELLERY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Marchese Giovanni Visconti Venosta,
Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs,
Italian Government,
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ECONOMIC SECTION

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20 November 1944

SUBJECT: "Memorandum for Files" dated 13 November

TO : The Chief of Staff

22 Nov 1944

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1. Reference your memorandum No. 501/51/COS dated 17 November, 1944.

2. Regarding the above, we are now in the process of collecting comments from each of the Sub-Commissions in the Economic Section and will report in detail as soon as they are received.

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L. D. DENSMORE
Col., FA, CSO
Economic Section

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FROM: AGWAR FROM THE COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF (LOCAL MESSAGE)

TO : AFHQ TO WILSON FOR ACTION TO SHAEP VERSAILLES FOR
ELISABETH TO CENTRAL DISTRICT UNITED KINGDOM BACK
SECTION LONDON TO BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF FOR INFORMATION

REF NO THIS MESSAGE: WL 62000, 13 November 1944.

PAN A50.

Extent to which you may have responsibility beyond that essential to the accomplishment of your military mission is under urgent consideration as previously requested in your MAP 778 and as supplemented by MAP 810.

Pending issuance of instructions to you by the Combined Chiefs of Staff, you will take no steps to change the basis on which your Headquarters approves for submission to the Combined Chiefs of Staff requirements for essential civilian supplies as being within military responsibility.

MAP 778 Ref WL 24540 MC CUT 3190 C/S 13-9-44
MAP 810 Ref WL 46787 MC CUT 111 1-11-44 G-5

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TO : AFHQ TO WILSON FOR ACTION TO HEAD VERSAILES FOR
EISENHOWER TO CENTRAL DISTRICT UNITED KINGDOM BASE
SECTION LONDON TO BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF FOR INFO-
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REF NO THIS MESSAGE: WA 62000, 13 November 1944.

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essential to the accomplishment of your military mission is under
urgent consideration as previously requested in your MAY 778 and as
supplemented by MAY 810.

Pending issuance of instructions to you by the Combined Chiefs
of Staff, you will take no steps to change the basis on which your
Headquarters approves for submission to the Combined Chiefs of Staff
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responsibility.

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Office of the Chief of Staff

Tel. 451

Ref. 501/31/CCS.

17 November 1944

SUBJECT: "Memorandum for Files" dated 13 November.

TO : D.C.C.S., Economic Section.

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1. Reference is made to the above, written by the Chief Commissioner, a copy of which was forwarded to you with a request for comment.

2. Will you please forward your comment to the Chief of Staff.

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Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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To : AFHQ for OCS rptd ALCOM
Ref : PX 53731,
Date: 17 Nov 44
Subj: Italian Govt. Secret Comm Facilities.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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Ref. 501/48/005

15 November 48

SUBJECT: Notice for the Daily Bulletin

TO : The Adjutant, Hq. AG

COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT:

a. It has been announced by Combined Chiefs of Staff that the British Resident Minister at Allied Force Headquarters, Mediterranean, the Right Honourable HAROLD MACMILLAN, MP. becomes the responsible head of the Allied Commission in addition to his present post. General WILSON will delegate his functions as President of the Commission to Mr. MACMILLAN.

b. The present Acting Chief Commissioner, Commodore WILBERT W. STONE, of the United States Navy, is appointed Chief Commissioner.

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c. As Acting President, Mr. MACMILLAN will be charged specially with the task of supervising the development of new measures together with any structural changes of the Commission required to carry them out.

Chief Staff Officer
To the Chief of Staff

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
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14 November 1944

TO: Chief of Staff
DCOS, Political Section
DCOS, Economic Section
DCOS, Civil Affairs Section

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Reference attached "memorandum for files" dated 13 Nov 44, the Chief Commissioner requests your comments as early as possible.

J. A. Quayle

J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to CC

cc: 'A' Files

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14 November 1944

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My dear Mr. Ambassador:

I am instructed by the Chief Commissioner to forward to you the attached memorandum dated 13 November in reference to this morning's political meeting.

Yours very truly,

J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to CC

The Honorable Alexander Kirk
U.S. Representative to the
Advisory Council for Italy
Via Vittorio Veneto 119
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cc: Sir Noel Charles (in orig.)

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 Office of the Chief Commissioner
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13 November 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR FILES

In my meeting with the Prime Minister and Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs on November 9, I stated that I should like to explore with them the questions as to what functions of AC might be discontinued in territory under the jurisdiction of the Italian Government, what further withdrawal of AC personnel might be made from AC Regions as distinct from AC Regions, and the various dates on which both steps might be taken.

It was agreed that the Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs and I would informally discuss the question of the suspension of functions on the following day. It was also agreed that we would discuss a relaxation of the present review of Governmental appointments which AC now exercises.

As to withdrawal of AC personnel from AC Regions, the Prime Minister reiterated the view which he expressed in September that he desired AC not to withdraw further from Sicily for the time being and until the political situation in Sicily had clarified.

As to the mainland, he suggested that it might be satisfactory, as a start, to withdraw AC personnel in the area south of Salerno. He advised that the Undersecretary would propose a date when this might become effective at our subsequent meeting.

The Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs met with me on November 11. As to suspension of functions, he suggested that as a beginning we should discontinue any supervision of education in territory under the Government's jurisdiction and that this should become effective immediately. He stated that he was not prepared to recommend the elimination of supervision by any other Sub-Commission at this time.

As to withdrawing AC personnel in the area south of Salerno, he suggested January 1, 1945. I promised to advise him.

As to the relaxation of review of Government appointments, he submitted for consideration and discussion a list, herewith attached, of those appointments which the Government proposes should not be made without AC approval. With reference to the various Chief of Staff appointments, I told him that I felt the Commission was not prepared to relax its present supervision of the Army, Navy and Air Force in any degree, since these were essentially military matters and not political. He quite willingly accepted the point of view that our present degree of supervision of personnel in the Italian armed forces by the three Service Sub-Commissions would remain unaltered.

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During our discussion he suggested that we might both want to consider making the appointments of the High Commissioners for Sicily and Sardinia subject to AC approval.

I promised to give the Undersecretary our reaction to all his proposals as soon as possible.

The discussion was conducted in an atmosphere of the greatest cordiality.

BILLY H. STONE
Commodore
Chief Commissioner

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Ministri e Sottosegretari di Stato
Capo di Stato Maggiore Generale dell'Esercito
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Capo di Stato Maggiore Marina
Capo di Stato Maggiore Aviazione
Principali Rappresentanti Diplomatici
Alto Commissario per l'epurazione
Vice Alti Commissari per l'epurazione
Direttore Generale della Pubblica Sicurezza
Comandante Generale dei Carabinieri.

Added Suggestion

High Commissioners for Sicily and Sardinia

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PARA ONE PD IT HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED BY COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF THAT THE BRITISH
 RESIDENT MINISTER AT ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS CMA MEDITERRANEAN CMA THE RIGHT
 HONOURABLE HAROLD MACMILLAN CMA MINE PETER CMA WILL BECOME THE RESPONSIBLE HEAD
 OF THE ALLIED COMMISSION IN ADDITION TO HIS PRESENT POST PD GENERAL WILSON WILL
 DELEGATE HIS FUNCTIONS AS PRESIDENT OF THE COMMISSION TO MISTER MACMILLAN PD
PARIN TO FIVEARMY FOR AMB CMA EIGHTARMY REAR FOR AMB AND VENEZIA REGION CMA AC
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 OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY CMA WILL BE APPOINTED CHIEF COMMISSIONER PD
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 WITH THE TASK OF SUPERVISING THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW MEASURES TOGETHER WITH ANY
 STRUCTURAL CHANGES OF THE COMMISSION REQUIRED TO CARRY THEM OUT

H.W. DRAGNETT, MAJOR, AGD,
 ADJUTANT.

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- Lazio-Umbria Region
- Abruzzi Marche Region
- Liguria Region
- Piemonte Region
- Lombardia Region

*Para 1 & 2 (but not 3) issued in
 Daily Bulletin of 15 Nov.
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To : AFHQ
Ref : S-364
Date : 12 Nov
Subject : Italian Govt. Secret Comm Facilities.

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FROM: ADMAR FROM THE COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF.

TO: ACTION: AFHQ FOR WILSON.

INFORMATION: CHAIR VERSAILES FOR EISENHOWER,
CENTRAL DISTRICT UK BASE SECTION
LONDON FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF.

REF. NO. THIS MESSAGE: WX-59626, 8 NOV 44.

FAH-449.

An announcement of the appointment of MACMILLAN will shortly be made in the following terms:-

It is presently proposed that the announcement will be released at 12 noon Eastern War Time, 10 NOV 44.

2. "As already announced, the President of the UNITED STATES and the Prime Minister of GREAT BRITAIN recently reviewed the situation in ITALY and agreed on a general policy to meet the many economic and other difficulties of that country.

"In order to facilitate task, they have agreed that the Right Honourable HAROLD MACMILLAN, MP, British Resident Minister at Allied Force Headquarters, Mediterranean, should, in addition to his present post, become the responsible head of the Allied Commission. In order to effect this, General WILSON will delegate to Mr. MACMILLAN his functions as President of the Commission.

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Commodore STONE of the United States Navy, at present Acting Chief Commissioner, will be appointed Chief Commissioner. Mr. MACMILLAN as acting President will be specially charged with the duty of supervising development of new measures, together with any change in structure of the Commission necessary to carry them out".

3. A new directive is necessary and is being prepared. It will follow as soon as possible.

ACTION: INC.

INFO: SOG. ISAPS. PMO G3 Mr. MACMILLAN. US POLAD G-5
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Extracts from "Basic News"
dated 11 November 44.

**A.C.I. PASSES TO CIVILIAN CONTROL
MACMILLAN SUCCEEDS GENERAL WILSON AS HEAD**

LONDON, November 10. — Administration of the Allied Commission in Italy passed from military to civilian control today in the first of several steps planned as preliminary to the ultimate restoration of Italy's political and economic independence.

A joint statement issued today by the governments of the United States and Great Britain announced the appointment of Harold MacMillan, member of Parliament and British Resident Minister at AFHQ, as the new head of the Allied Commission. He succeeds General Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, Supreme Commander, AFHQ, who headed the Commission while it was under military control.

MacMillan will continue his duties as Resident Minister.

The official announcement said that President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill decided on the step to facilitate solution of economic and other difficulties in Italy.

According to the announcement, Mr. MacMillan will have the responsibility of "supervising the development of new measures for Italy and making any changes in Allied control machinery needed to carry them out."

MacMillan has been a member of Parliament since 1924, except between 1929 and 1931. In 1940, he became Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Supply, and in this capacity played an important part in the British armament program. A director of several corporations, he is a graduate of Oxford.

In the last war he saw action with the Grenadier Guards, and was wounded three times. He is the author of several books on economic and political problems.

Commodore Elbert Stone of the U.S. Navy, at present acting Chief Commissioner, was made Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission. (OWL-Reporter)

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The official text of the announcement of the appointment of Mister MACMILLAN is as follows:

As already announced, the President of the United States and the Prime Minister of Great Britain recently reviewed the situation in ITALY and agreed on a general policy to meet the many economic and other difficulties of that country.

In order to facilitate the task, they have agreed that the Right Honourable HAROLD MACMILLAN, MP, British Resident Minister at Allied Force Headquarters, Mediterranean, should, in addition to his present post, become the responsible head of the ALLIED COMMISSION. In order to effect this, General WILSON will delegate to Mister MACMILLAN his functions as President of the Commission.

Commodore STONE of the United States Navy, at present the Acting Chief Commissioner, will be appointed Chief Commissioner. Mister MACMILLAN as acting president will be specifically charged with the duty of supervising development of new measures, together with any change in structure of the Commission necessary to carry them out.

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Commodore STONE of the United States Navy, at present the Acting Chief Commissioner, will be appointed Chief Commissioner. Mister MACMILLAN as acting president will be specifically charged with the duty of supervising development of new measures, together with any change in structure of the Commission necessary to carry them out."

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To : AG
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Date : 9 Nov 44
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3 November 1944

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SUBJECT: Relations between Italian Government and United Nations

TO: G-3 Section, Allied Force Headquarters, AF 312

1. AFHQ letter AG 347/045 dated of the 23rd August 1944 confirmed that the relations between the Italian Government on the one hand and the United Nations on the other must be conducted through the Allied Control Commission. AFHQ letter emanating from the Office of the Chief of Staff dated 5 September 1944 in amplifying the above instructions stated that, while formal communications between the Italian Government and the United Nations must be conducted through the A.C.C., there was no objection to informal contacts between Italian Ministers and the members of the Advisory Council. This letter stated further that representatives of neutral powers, while also bound to conduct their formal official relations with the Italian Government through the A.C.C., might similarly be permitted to have unofficial dealings direct with the Italian authorities.

2. It was pointed out in Political Section's letter addressed to G-3 (AG) dated the 30th of October that the Brazilian Consul General had already notified this Commission that he had been accredited to the Italian Government as Brazilian Charge d'Affaires and that, on entering into direct official relations with that Government, he would cease to communicate through the Allied Commission. The United States representative on the Advisory Council for Italy and the British High Commissioner have also notified this Commission of the resumption of direct relations between their respective Governments and the Italian Government; the former to be his government's ambassador to Italy.

3. These developments, together with the re-establishment of diplomatic relations between other South American Republics and the Italian Government, appear to be in conflict with the instructions in the letters from AFHQ referred to above, as also with the Directive of the Allied Control Commission as laid down in Administrative Memorandum No. 74, para II 3 of AFHQ dated 2 November 1943. In view of the uncertain situation which has arisen, it is requested that the position be urgently clarified.

4. In this connection it should be noted that there are three classes of foreign powers occupying different relations with the

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Italian Government, each of which needs to be covered in any new directive that may be issued. They are as follows:

- a. Members of the United Nations who are represented on the Advisory Council for Italy.
- b. Members of the United Nations not represented on the Advisory Council for Italy.
- c. Neutrals.

5. Category (a) is at present divided between powers which have entered into full diplomatic relations with the Italian Government, e.g. Soviet Union; powers which have established direct relations but whose ambassador is not formally accredited to the Italian Government, e.g. United Kingdom; and powers which have so far not re-established any direct relations with the Italian Government. The countries representing Category (b) can no doubt be divided into similar groups. Those belonging to Category (c) are already in formal diplomatic relations with the Italian Government.

6. It is suggested for consideration that, if it is decided formally to recognize the right of all these above powers to have direct formal communications with the Italian Government, in informing the latter accordingly, these powers and the Italian Government might be told that they will be expected to keep the Chief Commissioner informed in general terms of any negotiations in which they may be engaged.

Elbert W. Stone

ELBERT W. STONE
 Ambassador, USSR
 Acting Chief Commissioner

cc: U.S. Political Advisor
 British Resident Minister
 U.S. Ambassador to Italy
 British Ambassador to Italy
Chief of Staff
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Chief of Staff

6 September 1944.
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SUBJECT: Relations between AGC and Italian Government.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APC 394
(Attention: Acting Chief Commissioner).

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1. Under date 23 August 1944 instructions on the above subject were issued by this Headquarters (letter AFHQ G/3. AG 387/045 G3-1-0) which reviewed in some detail the functions of the Advisory Council for Italy as well as the relations between the Allied Control Commission and the Italian Government. It is now desired to amplify these instructions, particularly with respect to executive action, must pass through the channels especially if they look to executive action, must pass through the channels of the Allied Control Commission, it is not intended to curtail informal contacts between the Italian Ministers and members of the Advisory Council of a nature to keep the latter informed of current Italian affairs.

2. In saying that it is desired that you take occasion to bring up with the Italian Government the matter of its relations with the Allied Control Commission, it was not intended that a formal demarche be made; you may in your discretion present the matter quite informally.

3. As to the relations with the representatives of neutral Governments accredited to the Government of Italy, the Combined Chiefs of Staff have given the following instructions. While there will be no objection to neutral representatives having unofficial dealings directly with the Italian Government, it is to be understood that their formal official relations must be conducted through the Allied Control Commission. It has been established that the representatives of members of the United Nations shall deal with the Italian Government through the Allied Control Commission; it is considered that neutral nations should not be in a more favorable position.

By command of General WILSON:

J. A. H. GABRIEL
Lieutenant General,
Chief of Staff.

DISTRIBUTION:

- 1. United States Political Advisor
- 1. British Resident Minister

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APO 394
(Attention: Acting Chief Commissioner).

1. Under date 23 August 1944 instructions on the above subject were issued by this Headquarters (letter AFM, OFF C/S, AG 387/045 GED-6) which reviewed in some detail the functions of the Advisory Council for Italy as well as the relations between the Allied Control Commission and the Italian Government. It is now desired to amplify these instructions, particularly with respect to paragraph 3. While any formal communications especially if they look to executive action, must pass through the channels of the Allied Control Commission, it is not intended to curtail informal contacts between the Italian Ministers and members of the Advisory Council of a nature to keep the latter informed of current Italian affairs.

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By command of General WILSON:

J. A. H. GAMMILL
Lieutenant General,
Chief of Staff.

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ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM)
NUMBER 45)

1 November 1944
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"The Allied Control Commission for Italy" whose establishment was announced by AFHQ Administrative Memorandum Number 74, 1943, is redesignated as "The Allied Commission."

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To : AFHQ
From : AC
Ref : S#356
Date : 27 Oct
Subject: Italian Govt. Secret Comm Facilities.

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REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS OF SICILIA, SARDINIA, ABRUZZO, LAZIO-UMBRIA,
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AND SCAGS OF THE FIFTH AND THE EIGHTH ARMY REAR

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L.T. MONTANT, JR, 1st Lt, AGO, Adjutant

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Office of the Chief of Staff

Notice for the Daily Bulletin

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The Adjutant, ACC

26 October 44

The following notice is to be published in the Daily Bulletin for 27 October 44:

"It is officially announced that the Allied Control Commission will henceforth be addressed as the ALLIED COMMISSION."

Chief Staff Officer
to the Chief of Staff

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Ref. 501/7/008

25 October 1944

To: The Secretary to the Presidency of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government

Will you please take note that the Allied Control Commission
will henceforth be addressed as the Allied Commission.

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J.A.C.

J. A. HAYES
Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to the
Acting Chief Commissioner

cc: Chief of Staff ✓
Political Section
G-5, AFHQ
British Resident Minister, AFHQ
U. S. Political Adviser, AFHQ
American Representative, ACI
British High Commissioner

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

CEL-H/TW/cjm
24 October 1944

G-5: 387.4-1

SUBJECT: Change of name of Allied Control Commission.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission,
(For Attention Chief Commissioner)
APO 394.

1. It is notified that by direction of CCS the Allied Control Commission will henceforth be addressed as the Allied Commission.
2. It is requested that this should be notified in these terms to the Italian Government by letter simply stating the fact without elaboration, explanation or implication. In order that the matter may not appear to be of outstanding importance it should be notified by a routine communication, not signed by yourself, to an official of the Italian Government such as the Secretary to the Council of Ministers.
3. CCS have promised to give full directions shortly on the declaration made 26 September by the President and Prime Minister and these will be forwarded to you immediately on receipt.

C.E. Lewin-Harris
C.E. LEWIN-HARRIS, Colonel
Deputy Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5.

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13th October, 1944

His Excellency Marchese Giovanni Visconti Venosta
Undersecretary of State for Foreign Affairs
Italian Government.

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Dear Marchese Visconti Venosta:

I refer to your letter No. 1/660 of the 4th of October.

As I told you in my letter A/OC 321-1 of the 10th of October, your memorandum is under consideration by the President of the Commission. While waiting to hear from the President on this, it would, I think, be useful if you will amplify paragraph 6 - C of the memorandum which reads:

"A prompt suppression of Sub Commissions and Offices depending from the Allied Commission."

Yours very truly,

(Sgd) ELLERY W STONE

ELLERY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

Copy to:
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U.S. Political Adviser
British Resident Minister
Hon. Alexander Kirk
Sir Noel Charles

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10 October 1944

Dear Marchese Visconti Venosta:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 1/660 of 4 October 1944 and the enclosed memorandum. Your letter and memorandum have been passed to the President of the Commission for consideration, and we shall write you further when we receive his reply.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Marchese Giovanni Visconti Venosta
Undersecretary of State for Foreign Affairs
Italian Government

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Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner
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10 October 1944

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MEMORANDUM TO: Naval Sub-Commission
Army Sub-Commission
Air Forces Sub-Commission

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1. For your information, SACMED has requested specific directives from Combined Chiefs of Staff as to what changes if any are to be made in the functions and organization of ACC, the possibility of which was suggested in the joint communique of President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill.

2. Until such directives are received, there will be no change in either the name or functions of this Commission.

(S40) E W Stone

ELBERT W. STONE
Commodore
Acting Chief Commissioner

cc: Chief of Staff
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Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean
Allied Force Headquarters
APO 512

1. There is forwarded herewith copy of letter and attached memorandum received from the Italian Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs.

2. It is not proposed to submit comments on the Undersecretary's memorandum until some indication of ACF policy has been received in response to your telegram #134291 of 4 October, except that it may be of interest to note that while the Undersecretary proposes the elimination of ACF officers in Provinces turned back to the Italian administration, the Prime Minister recently requested that we not remove our Regional Commissioner and his staff from Sicily, as we were proposing to do, until affairs had become more settled.

3. The letter has been acknowledged with the statement that it was being forwarded to the President of the Commission for consideration.

ELLERY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

cc: G-5, AFHQ
U.S. Political Adviser
British Resident Minister
Hon. Alexander Kirk
Sir Noel Charles

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Ltr No. 1/660, 4 Oct 44,
with attached memorandum

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
CMF
Office of the Chief of Staff

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Ref : 501/4/CCS.

7 October 44,

SUBJECT : Anglo-American Declaration - ACC Policy.

TO : Political Section
 * Civil Affairs Section
 * Economic Section
 Establishment Section
 Navy Sub-Commission
 Army Sub-Commission
 Air Forces Sub-Commission
 Communications Sub-Commission
 War Materials Disposal & IPOW Sub-Cpn.
 Public Relations Branch
 Adv. Hq. ACC.

1. Attached for your information is copy of the reply received from AFHQ to an enquiry from the Acting Chief Commissioner concerning the policy to be followed by ACC following the recent joint Anglo-American declaration.

* 2. Kindly inform the Sub-Commissions in your Section accordingly.

W. H. R. Radcliffe
Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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FOR ACTION: ADVISE FOR COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFFS INFO: CENTRAL DISSEM: US
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AFHQ, BIRMINGHAM, ENGLAND

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***ADDRESS CONTINUED: OF STAFF HQ, COMZONE ETOWA, SHARI

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2. In order to enable me satisfactorily to answer these enquiries and to cut short the present period of speculation, I request that I may be given Directives as soon as practicable. I hope these may cover the matters directly raised by the announcement, most important of which is taken here to be the naming of direct Italian Representatives to the 2 Governments, as well as matters necessarily raised by implication, as for example, any modification in the relations between other United Nations and Italy.

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4. If there is implied in the statement a forth-coming reorientation of the functions of ACC, I request that the ACC and this Headquarters may be given an opportunity to comment. Considerable study has been and is being given to the possible future reorganization of ACC, as a result of which and on basis of experience in the field, I believe we may be in a position to offer useful suggestions which may fit within the framework of whatever policies may be laid down.

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SECRET. Instructions are being sought from combined Chiefs of Staff on action to be taken arising out of joint Anglo-American declaration and on points raised by you. Refer your 8347 of 28 Sept. We are asking for opportunity to comment on any contemplated change in light of experience of AFHQ and ACC. Pending receipt of instructions ACC will make no change in title and take no action on the basis of the declaration.

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SECRET. Instructions are being sought from combined Chiefs of Staff on action to be taken arising out of joint Anglo-American declaration and on points raised by you. Refer your S347 of 25 Sept. We are asking for opportunity to comment on any contemplated change in light of experience of AFHQ and ACC. Pending receipt of instructions ACC will make no change in title and take no action on the basis of the declaration.

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TO: MR. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT
FROM: ADMIRAL ELLERY B. STONE

No. 2/660

Wash., October 4th, 1944.

10 OCT Recl

Dear Admiral:

Following upon our recent conversation on the subject, I enclose a brief memorandum in which are traced the general principles which in our opinion should inform the transformation of the "Allied Control Commission" in the more simple "Allied Commission" provided for in the Joint Churchill-Roosevelt declaration. Please note that these are simply general principles which deserve a slower and more careful study. Naturally we are quite ready, if you think it the case, to examine the question in greater detail and to state in more practical terms our point of view on the matter. Point of view which, as you will see, can in short be summed up as follows: Transformation of the Allied coalition and control in a cordial and close collaboration between the Italians and the Allies in view of reaching those objectives that are in common to both parties; increase in our war effort; elimination of fascism; building up of a vigorous democratic society; reconstruction of the country in view of bringing it progressively and as soon as possible to a position of autonomy and complete independence along side of the United Nations for the furtherance of peace in Europe and in the world. I believe that these points faithfully reflect the spirit and the letter of the Churchill-Roosevelt declaration.

It is needless for me to add that the Italian Government are fully aware of and appreciate in their true value the assistance and the aid furnished by the United States and Great Britain and that the transformation they have asked for, far from being provoked by a spirit of criticism or of opposition, is solely due to their desire for a cordial and open collaboration.

Believe me dear Admiral,

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Visconti Venosta

Admiral Ellery B. Stone, U.S.N.
Acting President

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/s/ Vincenti Venosta

Admiral Ellery N. Stone, U.S.N.S.
Acting President
Allied Control Commission
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MEMORANDUM

1. - The joint statement issued by Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt, as regards the concession of an increasing measure of autonomy to the Italian Government, is couched in the following terms:

"The American and the British people feel that a greater responsibility placed on the Italian people and on their own Government will most readily prevent a recurrence of such acts. In the increasing measure of control will be gradually handed over to the Italian administration subject of course to that administration's proving that it can maintain law and order and the regular administration of justice. To mark this change the Allied Control Commission will be renamed the Allied Commission".

The words of the statement imply therefore a limitation and a change in the nature of the duties carried out until now by the A.C.C.: the creation of the word "control", if it has, as it must have, special significance, should not only coincide with the suppression of a certain number of functions exercised until now by the Commission, but also with a different outlook and conception of those which the said Commission will continue to carry out. Limitation of duties therefore on the one hand, and different spirit and outlook on the remaining functions on the other.

2. - This different spirit, in the opinion of the Italian Government, ought to be expressed not in terms of limitation and authoritative control, but in terms of cooperation on the basis of solutions discussed and agreed upon between the Parties. The best and perhaps the only way of realizing such a collaboration is that of consenting to the appointment of an Italian member both on the central commission as on the different sub-commissions. The Italian member of the Control Commission ought not should be the natural coordinator of the activities of all the other Italian representatives on the sub-commissions. He should harmonize their work, guide it according to uniform aims and principles, keep himself in close touch with the directing Allied authorities on the Commission so as to facilitate and aid them in their work and contribute in giving it that unity of purpose and of action as well as that coordination which at present threaten to remain fragmentary, disjointed and often contradictory.

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3. - In the Italian Government's opinion the functions and the duties that the Commission could continue to exercise, naturally besides those that have direct and immediate connections with the war effort, should broadly comprise also those in which Allied assistance is applied in substantial, direct and concrete form. All these functions should however, as it has already been pointed out, be planned and carried out as the fruit of a close collaboration rather than as the consequence of coercion or imposition. All the other functions and duties that the Commission now exercises and that do not obey the fundamental principles of "direct and immediate cooperation with the war effort and of substantial, direct and concrete assistance", should be returned in "toto" to the Italian Government and Administration.

The joint Churchill-Roosevelt statement would appear to contain a precise indication in this sense where it says that the Italian Administration must prove "that it can maintain law and order and the regular administration of justice". So as to give the said proof

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it is evidently necessary to be in a condition and position to do so without being hindered by these interferences and obstacles that automatically proceed from the co-existence of two authorities both empowered with the right of governing. Allied intervention should therefore cease as regards the exercise of the above quoted functions. On these functions there should undoubtedly be added, for example, those others that are connected with public and private education as well as those that seem to hinder rather than help the autonomous reconstructive effort of the Italians.

It would be certainly advantageous if a discrimination of these functions which ought, wholly or in part, be returned to the Italian Government, should be carried out after a close examination of the position by experts especially appointed by the Allies and by the Italians to this end. The solution reached in this manner would have in addition the advantage of being fruit of an agreement freely discussed and accepted by both sides. In the same fashion all the agreements relating to the transfer of the different provinces to Italian administration should be equally reconsidered so as to bring them into the framework of the new spirit and letter of the Joint Churchill-Roosevelt statement. It is pointed out that the Ministry for Foreign Affairs are already in a position to furnish all necessary evidence as to the Allied interference and intervention in the different Italian administrations which, in their opinion, represent a major obstacle to the normal activities of the Italian authorities. This evidence can be forwarded to the Commission should they see fit to take it into consideration.

4. - A fundamental condition in reaching the new situation provided for in the Joint statement, seems to lie in the necessity that the Allies shall promptly and drastically reduce the number of those officers which will be recognized as useless and superfluous. For instance the Commission is now divided in 26 Sub-Commissions and its dependent officers continue to function more or less everywhere, naturally including those provinces which have already been returned to the Italian Administration. Such an excess of Sub-Commissions and of dependent officers seems to lead not only to an excessive fragmentariness of work but also to the artificial creation of separate compartments that disregard and therefore act independently of each other with grave prejudice to the comprehensive study of the different problems under consideration. It seems therefore necessary that to a limitation of duties there should correspond a parallel and rapid suppression of Sub-Commissions and Offices. Should not such a suppression be promptly carried out, no doubt can be entertained that all those functions which it should now be decided to abolish would again develop thanks to the activity of the surviving offices and men, owing to the natural and

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5. - The Italian Government believe that if the measures adopted for the transformation of the A.C.C. in "Allied Commission" shall be taken in accordance with these general principles, the work of the Allies in Italy will be made much easier. Allied activities will be concentrated only in those fields where they can produce the maximum of reciprocal utility. Italian Government will require that progressive authority and prestige without which it is impossible to restore the country to order and stability and above all the Allied and Italian authorities will enter into a regime of loyal, open and cordial collaboration desired by all and that alone can lead to the foundation of a vigorous society democratically progressive and solidly organized.

6. - Summing up, the Italian Government suggests:

a. - That the Commission should continue to exercise only those functions which have close and immediate connection with the war effort

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and those in which Allied assistance is carried out in a substantial direct and concrete form and that all other attributions be transferred to the Italian Government.

b.- That the exercise of these functions which will continue to appertain to the Commission should reflect a spirit not of inquisition but of collaboration realized by means of an Italian participation to the central and local activities of the Commission.

c.- A prompt suppression of Sub-Commissions and Offices depending from the Allied Commission.

d.- An exam carried out on equal basis of all the questions concerning the transformation of the Commission with a view to reaching a solution agreed upon between the two sides.

e.- The submission to the examination of the Allied authorities of all the evidence concerning the interferences and interventions which now hinder in the different administrations the normal activities of the Italian Administration.

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The evidence concerning the interferences and interventions which now hinder in the different administrations the normal activities of the Italian administration.

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4th October, 1944.

Acting Chief Commissioner.

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1. You mentioned at the last V.P.'s meeting indications that the Italian Government would shortly ask for the appointment of Italians to various Sub-Commissions of the Commission.

2. I would submit for consideration that in pursuing our policy of delegation of responsibility to the Italian Government it would be consistent with our proposals for the post hostilities organisation of the Commission that we should rather consider the proposal on the lines of seconding officers of the Commission to the Italian Government, to sit in the Departments of the Government, working in close liaison with the Commission but not members thereof. Our policy must be to strengthen the Government not only politically in the eyes of the public but practically in its administration of the country. The appointment of Italians to the Commission would, I fear, be a mere facade and would mean a duplication of posts. My proposal would reduce the officers in the Commission, increase the efficiency of the Government, and might meet the Government half way - provided it was made clear that such officers or civilians were servants of the Italian Government.

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Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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8 OCT 1944

IN VIEW OF MANY THREATS FROM ALLIED AS WELL AS ITALIAN SOURCES AND I SHALL BE
 GRATEFUL FOR INFORMATION WHETHER AMERICAN OR ITALIAN RELATIONSHIP IN WHICH ITALY IS
 NOW TO BE WITHHELD IN FORCE AND OR DEEDEN IT IS INTENDED TO INSTRUCT THIS
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Sir Noel Charles
 Hon. Alexander Kirk

HELENY W. STONE, Captain, USNR, acting Chief Comm.

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Office of the Chief Commissioner

Relations between ACC and Italian
Government
Political Section

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The Acting Chief Commissioner wishes to speak to you on
subject of attached letter.

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J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Chief Staff Officer

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6 September 1944

SUBJECT: Relations between ACC and Italian Government.

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TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APO 394.
(Attention: Acting Chief Commissioner).

1. Under date 23 August 1944 instructions on the above subject were issued by this Headquarters (letter AFHQ OFF C/S, AG 387/045 GRC-O) which reviewed in some detail the function of the Advisory Council for Italy as well as the relations between the Allied Control Commission and the Italian Government. It is now desired to amplify those instructions, particularly with respect to paragraph 3. While any formal communications, especially if they look to executive action, must pass through the channels of the Allied Control Commission, it is not intended to curtail informal contacts between the Italian Ministers and members of the Advisory Council of a nature to keep the latter informed of current Italian affairs.

2. In saying that it is desired that you take occasion to bring up with the Italian Government the matter of its relations with the Allied Control Commission, it was not intended that a formal demarche be made; you say in your discretion present the matter quite informally.

3. As to the relations between the representatives of neutral Governments accredited to the Government of Italy, the Combined Chiefs of Staff have given the following instructions. While there will be no objection to neutral representatives having unofficial dealings directly with the Italian Government, it is to be understood that their formal official relations must be conducted through the Allied Control Commission. It has been established that the representatives of members of the United Nations shall deal with the Italian Government through the Allied Control Commission; it is considered that neutral nations should not be in a more favorable position.

By Command of General WILSON:

J. A. H. GANDELL
Lieutenant General
Chief of Staff.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner
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MEMORANDUM TO: Sir Noel Charles
Mr. Alexander Kirk

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Attached is copy of directive AG 387/045 CEC-C, from AFHQ, dated 23 August 1944, subject: "Relations between Allied Control Commission and Italian Government".

The Acting Chief Commissioner directed that the above mentioned copy be sent to you, and he suggested that the matter could be discussed at your 11:30 a. m. meeting with him on 29 August 44.

L. D. DEEMORE
Colonel, Sig C
Chief Staff Officer

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Mr. A.C.C. Secy Gen.
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AG 387/045 GTG-O

23 August 1944
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SUBJECT: Relations Between Allied Control Commission and Italian Government.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APO 394.
Attention: Acting Chief Commissioner.

1. It seems desirable at this time to recall and emphasize certain essentials in the relations between the Allied Control Commission and the Italian Government. The Commission, representative of the United Nations, is charged with regulating and executing the conditions of armistice with Italy; it is the organ through which the policy of the United Nations toward the Italian Government is conducted and the relations of the United Nations with the Italian Government are handled. The Commission is placed under the orders and general directions of the Supreme Allied Commander, who is represented by the Deputy President and Chief Commissioner. The Deputy President is accordingly the executive head of the organization. The Commission is divided into Subcommissions, each having knowledge and competence in a particular category of matters.

2. The Advisory Council for Italy was subsequently created with terms of reference approved at the Moscow Conference, and attached for advisory functions to the Commission. The Council is to "keep itself closely informed of current Italian affairs"; it will "advise the respective Governments ..."; the Council has "the duty in particular of watching the operation of the machinery of control"; it will "advise the Allied Commander in Chief in his capacity as President of the Allied Control Commission on general policy connected with the work of control"; for this purpose it will "have the right to ask him for information or explanations on matters relating to the Council's work." Upon examination of its terms of reference it becomes apparent that the Council is in direct contact with the Allied Control Commission, and that its members may make joint or several representations to their Governments. It is not in direct contact with the Government of Italy.

3. It is desired that you take occasion to point these essentials to the attention of the Italian Government, making it clear that its approach must be directly to the Control Commission; to the Advisory Council or its members it has no direct channel or privilege of access. Any representation which the Government may wish to make to another Government must accordingly be effected through the executive part of

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the Control Commission. The Deputy President and Chief Commissioner will from time to time convey to the Advisory Council, or members thereof as may be appropriate, any information which should be brought to their attention emanating from the Italian Government.

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