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EMPLOYMENT, SURRENDERED ENEMY FORCES
MAR. - SEPT. 1945

MINUTE #113

TO: Inter Sub-Commission

1. Cable despatched and file returned herewith for annotation with the letter being prepared.

[Signature]
S. B. MILLER
President General, USA
Acting Vice President

2007:02
14/2/45

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Monetary Section

Letter prepared - & checked - for signature
of Acting Vice President.

15. in us

[Signature]
Director
Latin Sub. Comm.

118

TO: Executive Committee

Reference your Minute #109, please see signal and letter at Folio file and #117.

[Signature]

Economic Section

117
Letter prepared - a check - for signature
of Acting Vice President.

15.12.05

W. R. R. R. R.
Director
Economic Sub. Comm.

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TO: Executive Committee

Reference your Minute 118, please see attached and letter
at Folio 118 and 119.

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~~W. R. R. R. R.~~
Director General, USA
at New York
Economic Section

15.12.05

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To CSO: Re minutes 102 and 109. See minute 118 for CSO
action taken by Economic Section
18/4
Emil

2012

101

100 sent by the Bureau to 7

102

This must be followed up. ref 100

H. 25/8

109

Even Sect.

Ref. folio 108 - See Bureau desires the receipt of the letter signed by us and following it up with a copy of the letter itself.

(SR 149)

110

Labor S/c

For action as requested by 109 above.
Bureau signed a letter for B/V P ~~signed~~ E/s
signature.

For General McClellan

From Hist.

Ref. folio 108 - See below division the need of
the letter requested & coming following it up with a
copy of it letter stuff. Ch. 1349

110

Labor S/c

For action as requested by 109 above -
Prepare signed & letter for A/VP ~~request~~ E/s
signature.

For General McHenry

Denominator
13/9

III
Econ. Section. 112

Cable enclosed. After dispatch please you
homes return your file to us for reconnection
with. Make that is being prepared for
A/VP's signature.

14-10-05.

Mythraie
Labor S/c. 2011

92

C.S.O.

You should see letter from G-5 at 91. 74.79.88 refer

L.S. 45

93

Mini Klenzly.

67 & 68, from Paris,
have now to be dealt with
by Sea Sec.

Si 10/8.

C.S.O.

96

Reference you minute 93 you might like to see folio 74
before remainder at 93 is despatched.

11/8/45

97

Spoke C.S.O. & agreed to wait for reply from Paris &

95

11/8/45

MS 11/8

2010

8.0

87

Please not done 86. It would be appreciated if
you would take this matter up with the Comm.

Carte
5/1/87

88
Executive Committee

Please see below 86. per 86. 87.
Agreement proposed to the a rep. 87.

7/8

88

S/Revd. P. 87.

I am informed by La Parson
G. 87 87 87 has in Reno, that
a letter in reply to 80 and 90
has been sent - in Section
in 87 87 87 will be 87

Agreement proposed to the rep. of the

Dec.

88.

Splendid Party.

I am informed by Col. Parsons
S. R. AFHA has in Reno, that
a letter in reply is to and go
has been sent - I am Section
will probably get it. Will be let
a copy please? I understand
it is a great defect.

89. 2 7/8

Spoke Econ Soc. - Major Clarke -
I asked to have copy on arrival.
N.P. 8/8.

8/12/8

2001

Ex Case
C-10

75

Plan as per 74 for info.

24.11/75

76

C-10

A copy of the 74 should go to Col. H. M. Long
at Leghorn with instructions to see that General POW
are not billeted in Leghorn to the detriment of others
Civilian 3. (para 77)

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C-10

Representa 62 to the C.C. - your attention is invited
to action already taken on similar complaints, i.e.:-
folio 78 - letter signed by Brig Anderson & AG 100 is POW's employed
in Morocco - also folio 79 - Brig Anderson letter to Col. H. M. Long
Main Office, P.M. Leghorn - urging him to make strong
representations to P.M.S. along the lines of letter on folio 78.
It is thought proposed that under AG 100, P.M.S. decide
on that policy as to the case of POW's in industry etc. nothing
can be done.

24.11/75

are not collected in Legation (page 77)
Civilians

83

Q50

Representative for the C.E. - your attention is invited to action already taken on similar complaints. i.e. - folio 78 - letter signed by Brig Anderson & AGING re POW's employed in Albania - also folio 79 - Brig Andersons letter to Col. Kennedy, Liaison Officer, P.M. Dayton - urging him to make strong representations to P.B.S. along the lines of letter at folio 78. It is therefore presumed that under AGING & P.B.S. decide as their policy as to the use of POW's in industry etc. nothing more can be done.

asked 28/7

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Executive Com.
Ref: folio 82 & minute 83 - You may wish to inform C.E.

CHE

200.

357.

C.L.O.

31

Reference Voth Organization. Please

see min 26 of Ex Comm. - Min 27 is in answer
to it, which is to the effect that StGB is opposed
to the use of the organ. in the brief. but want to suggest

W.B. / 11/1/65

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Ex Comm meeting - House meeting 12 June 65.

W.B. / 11/1/65

41

Ex Comm

At 41 is the signal sent
yesterday to AFSA fabricating
the reports of the Italian
Government to German PD
in accordance with your instructions

at 59

W.B. / 11/1/65

188/11/12

42

Ex Comm

At 41 in the Sybil sent
yesterday to AFAC tabulating
the reports of the Italian
Government to German Pro
in accordance with your instruction
at 59
15/6

Chief Commissioner.

Attached is submitted for your signature/initials/confirmation.

15/6/16

Seen by C. D. 15/6

Examine.

(29)

Pl Sec (28) which state the
 result of the POW Conference
 on Thursday. It is how far
 P.M. to write to CC and
 say exactly what he wants.
 8/8/6.

7/8/8/6

Ch. Please see files 30 & 31, German POW. for grain lowered.
 do you know if CC has written or suggested in memo 29?

8/9/6/6

32

Say exactly what he wants.
8/18/6.

78/8/6

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Cto Please see 30 re, German POW, for grain harvest.
Do you know if C.C. has written or suggested in min 29?

9/1/65

8/32

not ready.

30 has been answered in the
reply - I mean from May 1944 onwards.
I suggested P.M. is write to C.C. to tell the
other way round. I believe this is
happening via Dear Sir - Buy Anderson.

(see 36) 8/11/6.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 304
ECONOMIC SECTION

ROUTING AND WORK SHEET

Each note must be numbered and each space completely filled in. THIS WORK SHEET MUST NOT BE REMOVED FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE TO WHICH ATTACHED UNTIL ACTION IS COMPLETED AND THEN FILED WITH FILE COPIES OF COMMUNICATION TO WHICH IT PERTAINS. A line will be drawn the full width of the page under each note.

SUBJECT: TODT Organization in Northern Italy

No	Date	To	REMARKS	From
27	9/8 45	Executive Commissioner	Reference Signal No. F-84489 of 30 May. The use of this Organization in Northern Italy has been discussed with the Italian Government Interministerial Committee who are opposed to it. Their view is supported in the light of the unemployment in Northern Italy and in view of the policy that the Italian civil organizations should become accustomed to act on their own without outside support as early as possible. The Genio Civili, electric companies and other public service and utility undertakings are not short of technicians or of labor but they are short of materials and equipment. It is proposed therefore that the materials and equipment belonging to the Todt Organization be taken from it and handed over to the Italian Government on receipt. <i>Do you agree?</i> <i>I agree for C.C.</i> <i>MS 12/6 2000</i>	18 Deputy Vice-Pres. Economic Section

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TO: Chief Commissioner

6 June 1945

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1. Reference is made to signal no. P-84469 of 30 May from AMHQ to ADOH regarding Tost Organization in Northern Italy.

2. Attached is a reply from Mr. Antolini to your query as to what is being done (see Folio 1).

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Richard L. L. L.
C.S.O.

[Signature]
A. B. ARNOLD
Captain

H (26)

V.P. Econ Sec.

2004

Can you now give me the answer.

Jan 17, 27

M. L.

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Ex. Com

To see folios 7 & 8.

Folio 7. Pro Memoria on use of German POW by the Italian Gov't on rehabilitation work.

Folio 8 - G-S AFHQ (Gen Spafford's) letter to the C.C. on the above subject, requesting the C.C. to take this matter up with the Italian Gov't. informally.

[Signature]
per

15th May.

Note: folio 11 - P.M. Bonomi's reply to Pro Memoria at Folio 7 just received.

[Signature]
16th May

B-12

The letter is marked action by Ex Com. Please take action by dropping letter to ATCA. Dr/16/5.

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2007

Executive Commissioner:

The attached letter (reference your minute 12) is submitted for approval and signature by the CC.

15th May

Note: Folio 11 - P.M. Bonomi's
reply to Pro Memoria at Folio 7
just received. *per*

B.D. 16th May

The letter is marked "action" by Ex Com. Please take
action by dropping a letter to ATED. *BB/16th*

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2003

Executive Commissioner:

The attached letter (reference your minute 12) is submitted for approval
and signature by the CC.

18 Mar 45

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MAY 19 1945
CC 0933

C.C. Submitted for signature.

MS/1715-

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Capt Amery

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Slocik

2.

Ex. Com

To see 1.

filed
10 Mar.

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V.P. Econ Sec.

This has been sent to me for information only
but is there any work on which we could usefully
employ German POWs without upsetting Italian
Labor conditions. Rehabilitation of Towns, clearance
of debris in Pats. appear to be suitable tasks. Please
reply urgent - giving such details as you can

MS/MB

No. 4

TO: Executive Committee

The only possible employment for POW's is in mine clearance,
harvest and coal mines. As to the two latter types of employment,
differences in national laws lead to unrest, and would result in
in the loss of a greater number of Italian workers than the number
of Prisoners of War furnished. These are the views of Minister
Gronchi, concerned in by the Labor Sub Commission.

Military services under Army control seem to be the only types
of employment in which POW's can be used.

20 March 45.

Note: Cable at S
sent in reply to AFHQ
20 Mar.

[Signature]
A. G. ARBON
Acting Vice President
Economic Section

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UNITED STATES ARMY
E.O. 364
Economic Section

WFF/ah

DATE: 10/14/45

17 September 1945

SUBJECT: Employment of German Prisoners of War.

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff
G-5 Section
AFHQ

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1. Reference is made to Administrative Memorandum No. 35, to correspondence on your file G-5: 363.3-28, and to signal 3363 dispatched to you 14 September.

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2. Continued representations have been made for some months past, protesting strongly against the increasing employment of German prisoners of war by the Allied Forces. The instructions issued by order of the Supreme Commander required due consideration to be given to the effect of such employment on Italian labor and economy and required that Italian civilians in employment should not normally be discharged in order to permit replacement by prisoners of war; that in connection with employment on new projects consideration should be given to the local civilian unemployment situation; that Italian civilian workers who have given assistance to the Allies should not suffer by the introduction of prisoner of war labor; and that care should be taken to avoid widespread disturbances because of Italian unemployment.

3. The information now available indicates that widespread resentment is being aroused by the employment of German prisoners of war, in circumstances which suggest that the policy of the Supreme Commander is not being observed and that on the contrary the substitution of Italian workers by German prisoners of war is continuing in increasing measure. The reports state that in the region of Naples, Caserta, etc., about 5,000 Germans have been employed, whilst at Florence, for the reactivation of industrial establishments German prisoners have been employed with a consequent discharge of 500 Italian workers, including carpenters, mechanics, electricians, painters, etc. At the Compagnia Generale di Elettrotecnica at Florence some 150 German prisoners are stated to be employed in the repair of machinery; at the Fiat Werke, Florence, 300 prisoners are employed; at the footwear establishment at Boboli (Florence) 500 prisoners are employed; another 150 prisoners are employed at the Florence railway station; and an unspecified number of Germans are working

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at Marina di Pisa in the U.S.S.R. establishment. At Bari the Regional labor officer reports that 150 Italians have been discharged and replaced by German prisoners at the motor vehicle depot No. 571; 25 drivers and 60 assistants have been discharged and substituted at No. 125 S. T. Camp Convoy; a considerable but unspecified number of Italians have been substituted at the Quartermaster Depot; and the gradual substitution of Italians by German prisoners is stated to be continuing in the vicinity of Bari.

4. This increasing employment of German prisoners of war, in substitution of Italian workers, or in areas where there is unemployment among Italians, is leading to a lively discontent which has already found expression in deplorable public demonstrations such as that which took place recently at Leghorna. The Italian press is commenting freely and with increasing acerbity. The free movement of German prisoners is in itself resented as in the following extract from the newspaper "La Voce" of 6th September:

"German prisoners of war are free to move in our town. Often they can be seen in cars of Italian make. They have always the same face, the same uniform. They have destroyed our industries; they have burned our land; they have killed our brothers yesterday and today they move about in a Fiat or an Aprilia which has been stolen We believe we have the right to ask that the replacement of Italian workers with Nazi soldiers be brought to an end."

5. It is a truism to state that Italian industry has suffered destruction and is laboring under difficulties which prevent the full employment of Italian workers. The Italian workers themselves are suffering unemployment and misery and face a winter in which their economic and general conditions are expected to deteriorate even from present day standards. It should be possible to employ Italians exclusively even on new projects; but if arguments are advanced against the latter type of employment, there is only one excuse that can be offered for the substitution of present employees by German prisoners of war. That excuse is the convenience of employing cheap and severely controlled labor as against free and paid labor.

6. Up to the date of conclusion of hostilities in Italy, many hundreds or thousands of Italian civilian workers have been employed by the Allied Forces, and while on their side they have made a considerable contribution to the Allied victory, it can be said that every care has been taken on the part of the Allied authorities to act as "good employers". The Allied authorities have observed Italian working conditions and have kept in line with local wage policy. But for the introduction of the con-

troverial issue of the employment of German prisoners of war, they would leave behind a reputation for giving just, and even generous, treatment to the Italian workers. That reputation will be jeopardized and will be substituted by lasting memory of resentment and ill-will, which will more than offset the temporary advantages obtained by the employment of German prisoner labor. This result will be the more regrettable since the practices which are developing are obviously not in line with the policy set out, in principle, by order of the Supreme Commander.

7. In Allied countries the question of unemployment of civilian workers is an acute political issue and it will be the more regrettable if Allied authorities in Italy are left open to the charge of exploitation of cheap labor to the detriment of local labor that has already suffered as the result of German activities.

8. Accordingly, it cannot be too strongly urged that an instruction should immediately be issued forbidding the discharge of Italian labor to provide opportunities of substitution by German prisoner of war labor; and that a parallel instruction also be issued requiring the withdrawal of German prisoners and their substitution by available Italian labor.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

(sgd) E. B. McKinley

E. B. MCKINLEY
Brig. General, U.S.A.
Acting Vice President

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14 SEPTEMBER 1945

ROUTINE

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PARA ONE PD SUBJECT IS EMPLOYMENT GERMAN PRISONERS OF WAR PD YOUR
FILE GEORGE FIVE ORLI UN THREE EIGHT THREE ORLI UN SIX EYPHEN TWO
EIGHT REFERS PD

PARA TWO PD APHQ FOR GEORGE FIVE FROM ALCOE HEADQUARTERS SITE ALCOE PARK

PARA TWO PD WIDESPREAD RESENTMENT NOW BEING EXPRESSED AT CONTINUED
AND INCREASING EMPLOYMENT OF GERMAN IN INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS
WHILST LARGE NUMBERS OF ITALIANS ARE UNEMPLOYED PD DISCONTENT AT
DISCHARGE OF ITALIAN WORKERS TO HOME WAY FOR GERMAN PRISONERS OF WAR
IS AROMING SERIOUS ANXIETY PD

PARA THREE PD STRONGEST REPRESENTATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE BY ITALIAN
GOVERNMENT ONA ORGANISED LABOUR AND ITALIAN PRESS PD PUBLIC
DEMONSTRATIONS ALREADY HELD AND ANTICIPATED PD

PARA FOUR PD REQUEST THAT ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM NUMBER THREE
FIVE BE REVISED AND INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED FORBIDDING DISCHARGE OF
ITALIAN LABOUR TO PROVIDE VACANCIES FOR GERMAN PRISONERS OF WAR PD
ALSO URGES INSTRUCTION REQUIRING WITHDRAWAL OF GERMAN PRISONERS
WHEREVER THEY CAN BE SUBSTITUTED BY AVAILABLE ITALIAN LABOUR PD
PARA FIVE PD MEMORANDUM GIVING FURTHER DETAILS FOLLOWING PD

ECONOMIC SECTION

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NICHOLAS PIONEIRO
CWO USA
ADJT ASSISTANT

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LABOUR SUB-COMMISSION

Tel: 304

12 September 1945.

Reference: L.S.C.1003

To: Executive Commissioner.

Subject: Employment of German Prisoners of War.

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W.H. BRAINE.

Director,
Labour Sub-Commission.

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Tel. 418

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Economic Section

CH-100

Ref: 25/14.05

7 September 45

SUBJECT: Employment of German Prisoners of War.

SEP 11 1945

TO: Labor Sub-Commission.

1. Reference is made to your letter LSC/515 of 3 September 1945.
2. Attached to this letter is Economic Section file No. 1405 on the above subject. Its return is requested when you have seen it.
3. Your attention is invited to folios #60 and #64 which are copies of the Chief Commissioner's letters of 27 and 29 August. It is felt that the position of Allied Commission has been presented strongly to AFHQ and that no further representation should be made unless the next few days fail to bring a response from AFHQ.
4. You will be kept informed of any further developments in policy.

(Sgt) L. P. D.
ForE. R. MCKINLEY
Brigadier General, USA
Acting Vice President

CC:

Chief Commissioner
Brigadier Anderson
Transportation S/C

(Capt. Anderson) (LAW)

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Ref. ES/14.05

29 August 1945

1945

SUBJECT: Employment of German Prisoners of War

TO : Assistant Chief of Staff
G-5 Section, AFHQ

1. Further to my letter to you, Ref. ES/14.05 dated 27 August 1945, I attach copy of letter which has just been received from the Confederazione Generale Italiana Del Lavoro.
2. I feel that unrest is bound to occur in all districts where German POW are being employed to the detriment of the local population, and I again urge the revision of Administrative Memorandum No. 35.

/s/ Harry W. Stone

HARRY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Copy to:
Economic Section
Labor Sub-Commission

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CONFEDERAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA DEL LAVORO

Secretariat
Prot.12001/LXI/2

16 August 1945

TO Mr. BRAINE
Rome
Labour Sub-Commission
PRESIDENT COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
MINISTRY OF LABOUR
Rome

The Confederal Labour Chamber of Bari has sent us the following telegram:

"Workers attached to Allies protest against their substitution with German prisoners when there are 40,000 unemployed workers in the province. Your urgent intervention is needed so that prisoners be employed elsewhere. We are awaiting telegraphic reply".

We are receiving similar telegrams from many provinces (example FIAT in Florence).

We beg you to urgently intervene in order to avoid agitations; while awaiting an answer we send best regards.

THE SECRETARIAT
(sgd.) Lissadri - Grandi

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Noted

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27 AUGUST 1945

AUG 28 1945

TO : Assistant Chief of Staff
G-5 Section, AFHQ

1. Reference is made to your memorandum 5-5: 383.6-28 dated 5 August 1945.
2. I have received with regret your decision that Italians can not be substituted for German POW now being employed in various factories in the Florence area. It appears to me that it is very much in the Allied interests to do everything possible to minimize unrest amongst the Italians during the coming winter. Large quantities of raw materials are now being brought into this country by the Allies largely on account of the recognized need of providing work in addition to the provision of consumer goods.
3. I should therefore be glad if consideration could be given to the resubmitting of Administrative Memorandum No. 36 with a view specifically to excluding the employment of German POW in areas and on work for which competent Italian labour is available.

Copy to:
Economic Section
Labour Sub-Commission

(Enc)

(see BU 195 / 9)

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13 AUGUST 45

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REFERENCE YOUR FOX THREE FOUR EIGHT SEVEN EIGHT OF THIRTEEN AUGUST
PAREN TO AFHQ FOR GEORGE FIVE FROM HQ ALCOM CITE AGSOC PAREN
THE LETTER IN QUESTION PAREN FILE ONE FOUR POINT ZERO FIVE SLANT
EAST SUGAR DATED TEN AUGUST PAREN IS WITHDRAWN FOR RESUBMISSION

Chief Commission

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L.W. STEARNS, Major, AGD
SO to OO

NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
CWO, USA
Asst Adjutant

Copy to Economic Sec

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10 ALCON ROME

AUG 14 1945

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Reference is made ~~to letter~~ subject use of German POW and surrendered personnel, file 14.05/EE dated 10 August signed by ANDERSON. Request this letter be brought to personal attention Chief Commissioner who may wish it withdrawn. Desire to point out G-5 Memo of 5 August was result of high level decision. ALCON letter has not yet been seen outside G-5. Request reply urgently.

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Action - Keen Sec 2
Info - Chief Commissioner
Exec Comm 2
File

HEAL *13 AUG 1945*

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See F 99

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(Chief Administrator)

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Tel. 406

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION
PRODUCTION DIVISION

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10 AUG 1945

Ref. 14.05/RS

10 August 1945

SUBJECT: Use of German POW and Surrendered Personnel

TO : Assistant Chief of Staff
G-5 Section, AFHQ

1. Reference is made to your memorandum G-5:
393.6-28 dated 5 August.

2. The real point at issue is not whether Memorandum No. 33 has been technically violated or not. The point is: do you wish to avoid unrest in Italy by giving the maximum possible employment to Italian civilians or do you consider it preferable to ignore that factor and employ German POW who have to be under military supervision and control whether they work or not.

3. I presume from your memorandum that you have chosen the latter course. The responsibility for what may occur, therefore, rests with you.

For the Chief Commissioner:

D. L. ANDERSON
Brigadier
Deputy Vice-President

Copy to:
Chief Commissioner
Through Executive Commissioner

see 7/9/47

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

5 August 1945

AUG 9 1945

G-5: 383.6-28

SUBJECT: Use of German POW and Surrendered Personnel.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

1. Reference is made to your Memoranda B/14.05 of 9, 17 and 30 July and your L33/810 of 14 July.

2. As the places to which you refer are within IBS the matter has been taken up through CG MTOUSA channels. The ruling has been obtained that paragraph 1 of AFHQ Administrative Memorandum 35 does not necessarily contemplate the removal of German POWs from Italian industries operated by the Allied Forces and, as stated in the Memorandum, it is the policy to utilize POW labour fully but to avoid wherever possible practices which are not consistent with a fair employment policy for Italian civilians. It is considered accordingly that the fact that POW labour is employed in some industries in Florence is not of itself a violation of the policy laid down and it is not considered that the specific cases of complaint made show that the provision of the Memorandum have been violated.

3. So far as the Fiat plant at Florence is concerned, CG MTOUSA states that the plant in question was not operating and was devoid of machinery at the time when it was first occupied by 5 Army. It was repaired and put into operating condition by the U. S. Forces and it is evident that there was then no obligation to engage Italian civilians. It is further stated that the civilian employees who were working in the plant prior to the introduction of POW labour are still employed by the U. S. Forces and no Italian civilians therefore have been discharged to permit replacement by POW. CG MTOUSA is of the opinion that the replacement of the POW labour at the plant by Italian civilian employees would result in an appreciable loss of efficiency and retarding of operations and he is not prepared to accede to the request for replacement which has been made.

4. With regard to conditions in Leghorn it is stated that so far as is known the eviction of civilians in order to house POW is not contemplated. Italian Service Units were formerly billeted in an area in the city which forms an island bounded by the city's canals and it is in that area that the POW are being accommodated because of its accessibility to their places of work. The area in question was originally a residential area but it is stated it was not occupied by civilians at the time when the U. S. Forces billeted Italian Service Units there.

A. D. HAMBLIN
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

DAC:lrw

Ref. ES/4.05

3 August 1945

AUG 4 1945

SUBJECT: Use of German Prisoners of War in
Fiat Plant, Florence

TO : Conte Danilo de Micheli
President, Florence Industrial Association
Amerigo Vespucci 22
Florence

1. Reference your telegram received at this
headquarters 28 July 1945:

2. This matter has been referred to Allied
Force Headquarters for appropriate action.

MAJOR, R. E.

for

D. L. ANDERSON
Brigadier
Deputy Vice-President

Copy to:
Chief Commissioner
Through Exec. Comm.

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No	Date	To	REMARKS	From
1	31/7 45	CSO to Executive Commissioner	Reference your 566/85/EC dated 30 July 1945. Herewith please find copy of letter prepared for the signature of Gen. McKinley to AFHQ. D.A. CLARK Major, R.E.	Economic Section

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D.A. CLARK
Major, R.E.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION
PRODUCTION DIVISION

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Ref. EB/14.05

30 July 1945

SUBJECT: Use of German POW and Surrendered Personnel.

TO : Assistant Chief of Staff
G-5 Section, AFHQ

1. Reference your G-5:383.6-2 8 dated 10 July 1945 and memorandum this office 14.05/PS dated 17 July 1945.

2. The following message has been received from De Micheli, President of the Industrial Association, Florence:

"We beg to ask an urgent action toward the replacement of the 600 German prisoners of war working at the "FIAT PLANT" in FLORENCE with unemployed Italian workers who are in need to make a living."

3. Will you please take necessary action with F.B.S. in order that the German POW be withdrawn from the plant.

For the Chief Commissioner:

(sgd) E. B. McKinley

E. B. McKINLEY
Brigadier General, USA
Acting Vice-President

See 89

Copy to:
POW Div., HQ, PBS

Executive Commissioner
(Incoming signal F/1614
of 28 July refers.)

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Ext 451

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

ARA/el

Ref: 566/86/EC

1 August 1945

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Lt Col Talbot

1. After yesterday's meeting in the Food Subcommittee, Signor Barbareschi, Italian Minister of Labor, and Mr. Braine, Director of Labor Subcommittee, both expressed their concern over increasing employment in industry, etc., of surrendered enemy forces. Signor Barbareschi stated that this has now become quite serious particularly in the northern cities; however, the use of POWs has now spread to Bari and other cities in the South.

2. Considerable correspondence and cables have been received and written on the subject, some by the President of the Council of Ministers, some by industrial associations and labor organizations, as well as letters from this Headquarters to AFHQ and PBS requesting that a decision be made regarding the employment of POWs over Italian civilians.

3. Apparently, cables and letters sent to AFHQ have not resulted in anything more definite than a reply to the effect that this matter is under consideration. Because of the repercussions now being felt throughout Italy due to the present policy of using POW labor, and in view of SACMED's concern to avoid unrest, it would seem appropriate that this matter be pressed strongly with the "powers that be" by telephone or, better still, by sending representatives from AC to AFHQ in order to attempt to force a definite decision now, before passive discontent turns to some form more serious and one with which it will be more difficult to cope. This appears to be the only recourse this Headquarters seems to have in view of the apathetic attitude of AFHQ to this problem.

4. May I therefore suggest that in view of the urgency of this problem, this memo be placed before the Executive Commissioner for his consideration of the action suggested in para 3.

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A. B. ARNOLDY
Capt, Sp Res

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Ext 451

ABA/el

Ref: 566/85/80

MEMORANDUM:

30 July 1945

TO : Economic Section

1. Enclosed is a copy of a wire addressed to Admiral Stone from De Michelis, President of the Industrial Association, regarding the use of 600 German prisoners of war at the Fiat plant in Florence.

2. This copy of the signal contains a notation by the Chief Commissioner, and although some action has already been taken by your Section on 17 July (your ref. 14.05/88, to the Ass't Chief of Staff, G-5 Section, AFHQ) and in your letter of same date, re. 88/14.05, to Colonel Lester J. Henzley, PBS, Legharn, in view of the Chief Commissioner's notation it would be appreciated if you would follow this matter up and inform this office what action has been taken so that the Chief Commissioner can be informed.

3. It would be appreciated if the copy of this signal were returned after action has been taken.

A. B. ARNOLDY,

Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

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JUL 26 1945

From: FLORENCE

ROUTINE

JUL 28 1945

TO : ADMIRAL STONE ALLIED COMMISSION HOME

IN CLEAR.

We beg to ask an urgent action toward the replacement of the 600 German prisoners of war working at the "FIAT PLANT" in FLORENCE with unemployed Italian workers who are in need to make a living.

DE MICHELIS - PRESIDENT OF THE INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION

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28 JUL 1945

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INFO: Chief Commissioner
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(M/O Note: Above is translation)

Note by CC

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Please follow this, ACK in my case,
should be sent.

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Ext 451

ABA/el

Ref: 566/51/EC

26 July 1945

SUBJECT: TONT Works in Northern Italy

TO : Economic Section

1. Reference is made to our memorandum 566/73/EC of 7 July referring to signal FX 17859 of 6 July from AFHQ regarding above subject.

2. We have now been informed that this matter has been referred to Public Works and Utilities Subcommittee, and it would therefore be appreciated if you would be so kind as to check this matter and inform the Executive Commissioner's Office what reply has been made to this cable.

A. B. ARNOLDY

Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION
PRODUCTION DIVISION

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Ref. 14.05/23

20 July 1945

SUBJECT: Employment of German POW's

TO : Assistant Chief of Staff
G-5 Section, AFHQ

1. I refer to my conversation with you yesterday on the subject of the employment of German POW's in the Sardinian mines.

2. The raising of the production of Sardinian coal is almost entirely one of labour and the unattractive nature of the work makes it very difficult for the Italian Government to obtain more in a short period of time.

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3. I should be grateful therefore if immediate action can now be taken on the enclosed letter which is now some five weeks old.

For the Chief Commissioner:

[Signature]
D. L. ANDERSON
Brigadier
Deputy Vice-President

Enclosure

Copy to:
Chief Commissioner ✓

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[Signature]
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION
PRODUCTION DIVISION

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Ref. EB/14.05

17 July 1945

JUL 18 1945

SUBJECT: Use of German POW and Surrendered Personnel.

TO : Colonel Lester J. Hensley
Liaison Officer, PBS, Leghorn

1. Attached is copy of a letter addressed to G-5, AFHQ, on the subject of German POW in Florence and Leghorn.

2. You should make the strongest possible representations to the PBS on the lines of the enclosed letter and keep these Headquarters fully informed of the action taken and progress of events.

D. L. ANDERSON, Brigadier.

D. L. ANDERSON
Brigadier
Deputy Vice-President

Attachment
Per para 1

(Special dated 9-2-45)

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AFG 384
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION
PRODUCTION DIVISION

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Ref. 14.05/22

17 July 1945

JUL 18 1945

SUBJECT: Use of German POW and Surrendered Personnel.

TO : Assistant Chief of Staff
G-3 Section, AFHQ

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1. Reference is your G-3:383.6-28 dated 10 July 45.
2. As A.D.C. is in no way responsible to this Headquarters but is under general control of AFHQ and AFHQ, it would appear proper that their attention should be drawn to Administrative Memorandum No. 30 by AFHQ and not by Allied Commission.
3. There is a more than adequate supply of civilian labour available in Florence and the continued employment of POW, particularly in the Fiat Plant, is calculated to give rise to serious unrest. It is strongly urged therefore, that AFHQ take immediate action with POW to eliminate this risk.
4. As you are aware, the Italian Prime Minister has himself addressed a memorandum to me on this subject.

For the Chief Commissioner:

D. L. ANDERSON, Brigadier.

D. L. ANDERSON
Brigadier
Deputy Vice-President

Copy to:
Chief Commissioner
Through Exec. Comm.
Director, Labour S/C

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(Chief Commissioner, AFHQ, EC, AFHQ)

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Ref: 566/71/EC.

13 July 45.

Subject: German POWs in Florence & Leghorn.

To: Acting VP, Economic Section.

Reference your letter RM/14.05 of 9 July 45 addressed to G-5 AFHQ. Will you please have a copy of this letter forwarded to Col. Hensley at Leghorn, with instructions that he should see that German POW are not billeted in Leghorn to the detriment of Italian civilians.

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

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22/14.05

9 July 1945

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SUBJECT: German Prisoners of War in Florence and Leghorn

TO: AFHQ, G-5 Section
Attention: Major R. V. Grady

1. Reference your cable #14097, dated 25 June, a decision as to the removal of German prisoners of war, employed in various industries in Florence is urgently requested. Their continued employment is certain to lead to serious labor unrest. Resentment among the civilian laborers is already apparent. It is strongly recommended, therefore, that Paragraph 1 of AFHQ Administrative Memorandum Number 35, be implemented immediately.

2. In a signal to this Headquarters, Prime Minister Salvi of the Italian government discussed the proposed billeting of ten thousand German prisoners of war in Leghorn. Such a move would deny shelter to the greater portion of thirty-five thousand homeless civilians in that city, which faces a critical housing shortage. It is strongly urged that measures be taken to billet these German prisoners elsewhere.

(sgd) E. B. McKinley

E. B. MCKINLEY
Brigadier General, U.S.A.
Acting Vice President
Economic Section

Copy to: Ex. Comm.

(ref 566/70/22 of 5 July 45)

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ABA/el 73

Ref: 566/73/EC

7 July 1945

SUBJECT: TONT Works in Northern Italy

TO : Economic Section

1. Reference is made to signal FI 17859 of 6 July, from AFHQ, regarding above subject.
2. It would be appreciated if you would send a copy of your reply to the Executive Commissioner's Office.

A. E. ARNOLDY.

Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

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EX 17859
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ROUTINE

FROM: AFHQ BUREAU BACKED SITE FROM
TO: ACTION ALCON HOME INFO 5 ARMY, 8 ARMY, AFHQ RAAC #1107. 1945

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Refer EX 17859 and EX 17857.

TO: Organisation in northern ITALY.

1. Regret as materials or equipment presently available from above organization. Any material or equipment originally owned by TO: organisation now being fully utilized by ARS.
2. Understood here that such items as tools, machinery, etc, which originally belonged Italian Government now being collected and returned Italian Govt thru ALLIED COMMISSION.
3. Please confirm.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

JUL 5 1945

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM)

NUMBER

35)

1 July 1945

Use of German POW and Surrendered Personnel I
 Joint Disposal Committee II

I--- USE OF GERMAN POW AND SURRENDERED PERSONNEL

1. It is the policy of this headquarters to make full use of German POW and Surrendered Personnel. At the same time, due consideration of the effect of such labor on Italian labor and economy will be given, provided it does not impede the progress of the redeployment program. To insure uniformity of procedure and policy the following will govern:

a. Presently hired civilians will not normally be discharged in order to permit replacement by POW/SP. This is not intended to prevent replacement with POW/SP in the case of employees who are discharged for cause or who leave employment voluntarily.

b. Italian Cooperator Service Units will be replaced by POW/SP labor, except that the loss of skilled, key personnel caused by the withdrawal or demobilization of Italian Cooperator Service Units may, in so far as is practicable, be avoided by the hiring of such individuals as civilian employees.

c. Where an Italian business, factory or facility is presently operating or may in the future be operated by or for the Allies the civilian employees of such concern will not in general be replaced by POW/SP. Augmentation of labor may be by civilian labor or POW/SP as considered preferable.

d. POW/SP's and civilian labor will not be intermingled in work gangs. POW/SP work gangs may, however, work on the same job with civilian laborers provided it is practicable to avoid close contact. Individual POW/SP's may work on administrative and clerical duties in offices provided avoidance of close contact with civilian employees is practicable.

e. On new projects, such as depots and rest areas, the use of POW/SP will be the general rule. Consideration will be given to the local civilian unemployment situation in all such cases. If such situation is acute, civilian labor should where practicable be employed at least on a supplementary basis, but the mere availability of local labor imposes no urgent obligation to hire.

2. When specific questions arise which are not covered by these instructions, the following generalities will be given consideration. Italian civilian labor has been of great assistance to the Allies. Faithful workers should not suffer by the introduction of free labor. The Allies are definitely concerned that there shall be no wide spread disturbances because of Italian unemployment. The adoption of a fair employment policy and consideration of the right of the individual will do much not only to inculcate a receptive attitude toward allied democratic institutions but also to introduce such policies into Italian labor relations.

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 See on 25000

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AFHQ Administrative Memo #35 (cont'd)

II-- JOINT DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

Paragraph 3, AFHQ Administrative Memorandum Number 8, 1945, is amended as follows:

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Joint Chairman : Assistant Chief of Staff G-4
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Secretariat : Will be provided by the
Allied Force Local Resources
Section AFHQ

Insert

Chairman : Chief Administrative Officer

Vice Chairman : Assistant Chief of Staff G-4
DONG G-4(B)

Joint Secretaries: G-4(A)
G-4(B)

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

C. W. Christensen
C. W. CHRISTENSEN
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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Ext 451
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner
ABV/el

5 July 1945

Ref: 966/70/20

SUBJECT: Employment of German POW and Surrendered Personnel

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TO : Economic Section

1. Enclosed is a cable from the President of the Council of Ministers to this Commission with reference to the possibility of excluding German prisoners of war from mechanical workshops and factories in Florence with a view to avoiding labor dislocations.
2. The Chief Commissioner wishes this cable to be made the basis of a letter to AFHQ; however we wish to call your attention to AFHQ Administrative Memorandum No. 15, dated 1 July 45 dealing with the use of German POW and surrendered personnel. Particularly attention is drawn to paragraph one of this memorandum.
3. It would be appreciated if you would forward a letter to AFHQ with a view of clearing up the question raised by the President of the Council of Ministers, and it is suggested that possibly authority could be secured to use paragraph one of the AFHQ Administrative Memorandum No. 35 as a basis for a decision on this question.

(Sgt) William Cash
Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

1 Incl:
as above

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Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

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2. Cincorin cable # E/7898 24 July
from Paris regarding
use of German POW's in
Florence etc. - CC wants
this to be made basis
of ltr to AFHQ

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3 July

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INCOMING MESSAGE
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: _____ Message Centre No: N/7898
Date/Time of Origin: _____ Date/Time Rec'd: JULY 031630
Precedence: ROUTINE
FROM: ROME
TO: ALLIED COMMISSION ROME JUL 4 1945

IN CLEAR.

N 17703. With reference to the conversation the Secretary of State of this Presidency had to day with Admiral STONE, I wish to call the attention of the ALLIED COMMISSION of my preceding telegram dated the 24th of June last N.20441/11862 and I seize the opportunity to beg you again to kindly examine the possibility of excluding German Prisoners of War from mechanical workshops and factories in FLORENCE in order to avoid labor disoccupation and a possible resentment among the labourers of that city. I beg you also to suspend the projected settlement of the 10,000 German Prisoners of War in the central zone of LIGURIA, which, instead, could be profitably used to shelter greater part of the 35,000 inhabitants of some city, who presently are without a roof because of the destruction of houses by aerial bombings.

The President of the Council of Ministries PARRI

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(CAPT McNulty)

Translation

Ministry of the Interior

Rome, 24 June 1945

JUN 25 1945

Rear-Admiral
Kilroy W. Stone
Chief Allied Commission

ROME

n. 20441/11862 Cab. Ref. telegram of the 10th, from my predecessor, bearing the same number, I want you to know that the German prisoners have been set to work in the following industrial plants of Florence;

- 230 prisoners in the Compagnia Generale Elettrotecnica (C.G.E.) in via Francesco Micocinesi, to repair the machinery;
- 350 prisoners in the Fiat Plant of Novoli (Florence) which has to be almost entirely rebuilt;
- 600 prisoners in the premises for the manufacture of shoes established by the allied military administration in the Royal Boboli Gardens (Florence);
- 120 prisoners to work at the rehabilitation of the railway station of Florence Campo Marte.

Until a few days ago, about a hundred Italian workers were working with the prisoners in the C.G.E. plant. They have been dismissed for they expressed their disappointment at the introduction of German manpower.

In the Fiat plants near Novoli, the Italian manpower which, during the last months, had reached the figure of 2000 employed - in turn - to remove the wreckage, is now reduced to 12 workers only.

Beginning for your intervention to bring relief to the working classes, I thank you.

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
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ROUTINE

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ACTION ALONG ROME INFO 5TH ARMY, APRES NOIR.

JUN 21 1945

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Reference our PX 54459.

Report requested on position. 5TH ARMY reply received in their
9924 repeated you.

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1. Reference is made cable # 8459, dated 30 May 1945, following are the units required by 9TH ARMY: ~~WINTERBURY~~ (Winter Service Unit) consisting of 7 officers and 6 skilled workers.

2. Additional units not required by army are:

A. ~~WINTERBURY~~ 3 ~~WINTERBURY~~ (Headquarters) Administration, Supply, Transportation and Technical supervision of OT units in ITALY strength determined.

B. ~~WINTERBURY~~ VII Railway and general construction now working for military railway service.

C. ~~WINTERBURY~~ VIII railway and general construction now working for military railway service.

D. ~~WINTERBURY~~ IX railway and general construction now working for military railway service.

E. ~~WINTERBURY~~ XVI railway and general construction now working for military railway service.

F. ~~WINTERBURY~~ XVIII railway and general construction now working for military railway service.

G. Total strength of railway units is 257 officials and 1615 men.

H. ~~WINTERBURY~~ ~~WINTERBURY~~ installation, operation and maintenance of water facilities: 3 officials and 12 men.

I. ~~WINTERBURY~~ refrigerator service: 1 official and 2 men.

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- J. TARNFARBENSTELLE, Camouflage- 2 officials and 6 men.
- K. SAMMELKINHEITANLEHMANN XVIII- officials and 6 men.
- L. STUB DIV VHS REGT 198 - 2 officials and 29 men.
- M. OBERHAUPTSTUND XVI - 40 - 50 personnel.
3. Other units have been scattered or lost? their identity.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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Proposed scheme for employment of
German prisoners of war on mine
clearance in ITALY with appendices.

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3000 men. |

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APD 394

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMISSION

PROPOSED SCHEME FOR EMPLOYMENT OF GERMAN PRISONERS
OF WAR ON MINE CLEARANCE IN ITALY.

1. Introduction.

Many thousands of mines have been laid in Italy by the Germans and it has been proposed that German POW should be employed on clearing mines in Italy.

2. Personnel required.

Up to 10,000 POW can be fully employed on Mine Clearance and this scheme has been prepared on the assumption that 10,000 will ultimately be released for this purpose.

3. Administration and discipline of POW.

The POW will continue to be the prisoners of ~~war~~ the Allied Nations and will be maintained and administered by them. The Mine Clearance scheme will be carried out by the Ministry of War under supervision of the Allied Commission in so far as AHS territory is concerned and under the guidance of liaison officers in so far as Italian Government territory is concerned. All questions of discipline and general administration of the POW will be dealt with by the Allied personnel placed in charge of the camps and from whom the Italian personnel will take their instructions. Prisoners will not be moved to their place of work without the permission and consent of the allied personnel in charge, and must be returned to their camps when ordered to do so.

4. Italian Military Organisation in ITALY. - Duties.

- (a) Italy for purposes of military administration is divided into Territorial Commands and Appendix A shows the boundaries of these Commands. For Mine Clearance purposes Italy has been divided into zones which have the same boundaries as the Territorial

2. Personnel required.

Up to 10,000 PW can be fully employed on Mine Clearance and this scheme has been prepared on the assumption that 10,000 will ultimately be released for this purpose.

3. Administration and discipline of PW.

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4. Italian Military Organisation in ITALY. - Duties.

- (a) Italy for purposes of military administration is divided into Territorial Commands and Appendix A shows the boundaries of these Commands. For Mine Clearance purposes Italy has been divided into Zones which have the same boundaries as the Territorial Commands. Zones are where necessary divided into Sub-Zones. Appendix A-1 shows the Zones so far created.
- (b) The Zones are under command of and receive their instructions direct from the Ministry of War (Corps of Engineers), on all questions concerning Mine Clearance and employment of civilians and military on this work. In Military Government territory instructions are issued by Allied Commission through the Ministry of War. Zones are, however, under Territorial command of the Corps of Engineers for discipline and administration.
- (c) The Ministry of War will be responsible for the employment of PW, control and distribution of equipment, transport and materials allotted for Mine Clearance work.

All questions of discipline and administration of Italian military or civilians will be dealt with through the Territorial Command of the Corps of Engineers.

5. Selection and posting of PAF.

Allocation

- (a) It is estimated that, provided transport and equipment are made available, 3000 men would take 50 months to clear all mines in Italy, 10,000 men would take 17 to 18 months.
- (b) In view of the fact that many engineering units of the German Army surrendered intact it is suggested that these units be employed on the work and allocated as a body without their officers. This would result in the men carrying on under their own NCOs and would enable good discipline to be maintained, as well as providing leadership in the work. The allocation of PAF will be carried out by Allied Commission in conjunction with the Ministry of War.

- (c) PAF will be formed into units or working parties of 100 men or multiples of 100 and cages will be built to hold the required number.

- (d) Appendix "B" sets out the establishment including Allied personnel necessary for each unit or party of 100 men with the guards and administrative staff necessary.

- (e) A gradual development of the scheme is necessary and it is proposed that 3000 men be allocated initially. They would be assigned to the following places:

Pescara	300	Firenze	100
Chieti	200	Pistoia	100
Ascona	200	Lucca	100
Pesaro	200	Pisa	100
Rimini	1000	Livorno	200
Cosenza		Genoa	100
Forli		Viterbo	100
Parma		La Spezia	100
Bologna		Genova	200
		Venezia	200

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			1700

PSW will be carried out by Allied Commission in conjunction with the Ministry of War.

- (c) PSW will be formed into units or working parties of 100 men or multiples of 100 and cages will be built to hold the required number.
- (d) Appendix "3" sets out the establishment including Allied personnel necessary for each unit or party of 100 men with the guards and administrative staff necessary.
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Pescara)	300	Piranesi	100
Chieti)		Pistoia	100
Ascoli)	200	Lucca	100
Perugia)	200	Pisa	100
Rimini)		Livorno	200
Cosenza)	1000	Genoa	100
Forli)		Viterbo	100
Macina)		La Spezia	100
Bologna)		Genova	200
		Venezia	200
	1700		

(f) Appendix "3" is a rough estimate of the number of mines still to be lifted with an estimate of the number of men required in each region. 2103

6. Guarding of Prisoners of War.

- (a) The guarding of prisoners will be a responsibility of the Italian Government who will find the guards necessary. For the purposes of guarding 3000 prisoners, administration etc. the Italian Government will require 150 Carabinieri and 750 Infantry men. Permission is therefore requested from AFM to release such personnel from their present duties to do this guarding.

(b) The Zones will be responsible for setting up cages in advance, laying on stores, rations, equipment, etc. so that the scheme may proceed with the minimum of delay. They will also be responsible for keeping records of moves of all prisoner personnel, guards, etc. within their area and for maintaining discipline within the camp as may be required by higher authority (Allied or Italian).

(c) Prisoners will bear on their clothes some mark for ~~the~~ ^{easy} identification. It will be a Zone responsibility to contact the local Police through Ventura and to make arrangements for immediate action by the police in the event of there being escapes.

7. Collation of information on Mine Clearance.

The Mine Clearing Zones will collect information on mine fields and mine belts within their areas. They are responsible for recording areas which have been cleared and for detailing squads to work on these areas still requiring clearing. This responsibility will continue and they will record all data received showing areas cleared, numbers of mines removed and destroyed and generally set themselves up as information and recording bureau on all questions dealing with mines.

8. Equipment (Mine clearing).

The equipment and demolition equipment required for each party of 100 men is shown at appendix "J". This appendix shows the transport which must be made available to these parties if the scheme is to operate successfully. Without transport, the question of guarding and supervising these prisoners will become very difficult and will prevent expansion of the scheme.

As and when the material, transport, etc. is released by ARHQ, it is proposed to pass them through the main depot in Rome, which will be responsible for distribution to sub-depots where it is required. Sub-depots will be established temporarily at Genoa, Bologna, Cesena, Florence, Pisa and Pescara, and Appendix "E" shows the establishment proposed by the Italian Ministry of War for looking after material allotted to them.

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The equipment and demolition equipment required for each party of 100 men is shown at appendix "D". This appendix shows the transport which must be made available to these parties if the scheme is to operate successfully. Without transport, the question of guarding and supervising these prisoners will become very difficult and will prevent expansion of the scheme.

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Provision is necessary for replacements of damaged or worn out equipment, including spares for transport.

6. Training.

It is hoped that with the provision of personnel from engineering units already trained in mine clearance or in the laying of mines, little training will require to be done, but selected NCOs and ORs will be built up into teams of five instructors for the sole purpose of instructing in mine clearance and supervising the squads working. Initially 10 such teams will be set up and they will be dispersed as follows:

- | | |
|---------|-----------|
| Pescara | Pescara |
| Ancona | Pisa |
| Cesena | Livorno |
| Forli | La Spezia |
| Bologna | Genova |

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Instructors will thereafter be moved about as necessary and will give instruction under the guidance of officers and NCOs of the Italian Mine Clearance companies and squads who are already trained and expert in the work.

10. Camp equipment etc.

Owing to the housing shortage in Italy, it is proposed that the PW with their escorts be placed under canvas and Appendix "A" hereto gives supplies or equipment necessary to set up a tented camp for personnel of 100 plus 30 guards. This equipment must be made available in advance and will be forwarded to the main dump in Rome. Where circumstances permit, regular barracks will be used. Camps will be surrounded with barbed wire.

11. Information on mine field.

AFM, will make available German plans of mine fields and all relevant information which will help in the tracing of mine fields and the clearing of them with the minimum of casualties. Sufficient technical books published by the German Army on the laying and clearing of mine fields will also be made available for distribution to the instructors. If possible, information is required from German supply sources of the total number of mines issued in Italy. All such information, books of instruction, will be passed by Allied Commission to the Ministry of War for their use.

12. Transport-P.O.L.

Before prisoners can be instructed and put to work it is essential that transport be provided. In addition to transport PW, must be specifically allotted to the Ministry of War for the Mine Clearance Scheme before German personnel can be taken over and moved. Distribution of PW will be a Ministry of War responsibility and PW allotted for Mine Clearance will not be used for any other purpose. ~~Prisoners will be made by hand~~
~~trucks of PW as they are required.~~

13. Food, rations etc.

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12. Transport - P.O.

Before prisoners can be instructed and put to work it is essential that transport be provided. In addition to transport P.O. must be specifically allotted to the Ministry of War for the Mine Clearance Column before German personnel can be taken over and moved. Distribution of P.O. will be a Ministry of War responsibility and P.O. allotted for Mine Clearance will not be used for any other purpose. ~~Deliveries will be made by tank~~
~~trucks of this nature may be arranged.~~

13. Food, Rations etc.

(a) The German Prisoners will be fed on rations supplied from British or American sources. It will be a responsibility of the Allies to make deliveries of rations to the respective Camps. Allied personnel in charge of the camps will ensure that rations are being delivered or drawn for the prisoners in their charge.

(b) Italian Military personnel will be attached to the nearest Italian Military Unit from whom they will draw rations, clothing, boots, supplies and equipment. The Ministry of War will issue the necessary orders.

14. Appendix "F" sets out the equipment, transport, etc. required to equip, organize and employ 5000 Prisoners of War in Mine Clearance.

R.R. BRIDGES Colonel
Director
Local Government Sub Commission

5 June 1945.

EXHIBIT 73

SUGGESTED ESTABLISHMENT FOR PARTIES OF 100 POWs

(A) Allied Personnel in charge

1 Officer or Warrant Officer	1
1 Sergeant	1
2 Privates or L/Corporals	2
Total	4

(B) Italian Personnel, Guards & POWs

	ITALIAN			GERMAN			Total	Sgt	Cpl	App	Pvt	Total
	Offr	Sgt	Pvt	Offr	Sgt	Pvt						
1. Commandant	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
2. Command Assistant Commandant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NCO L/C	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Clerks	-	1	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
Storekeepers	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Medical Orderlies	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Orderlies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cooks	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
3. Guard	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Commandant	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
CU, RR.	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Guards (Military)	-	1	12	-	-	-	14	-	-	-	-	14
4. Transport Section	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
See Appendix "D"	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5. 2 Mine Clearing Squads	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	2	3	10	15	50	13	78	4	5	13	73	100

	ITALIAN			GERMAN			Total		
	Off	Sup	Apple	Pres	Total	Sup		Apple	Pres
1. Commandant	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
2. Command Assistant Commandant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
MCO I/C	-	1	1	-	2	-	-	-	-
Clerks	-	-	1	1	2	-	1	-	1
Storekeepers	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1
Medical Orderlies	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1
Orderlies	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	1
Cooks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
3. Guard Commandant	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
CO, RM.	-	1	4	-	5	-	-	-	-
Guards (Military)	-	1	3	12	16	-	-	-	-
4. Transport Section See Appendix "D"	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	13
5. 2 Mine Clearing Squads	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	10	64
TOTALS	2	3	10	15	30	4	5	13	78
									100
Each Mine Clearing Squad will consist of:									
MCO in charge						1	-	-	2
Medical Orderlies						-	-	1	2
Mine Clearance						-	2	4	30
TOTAL	1	2	5	32	40				

APPENDIX D

LIST OF THE MOST HEAVILY MINED REGIONS IN ITALY
WITH APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF MINES TO BE CLEARED

<u>Heavily mined</u> <u>regions</u>	<u>Approximate number of</u> <u>mines to be cleared</u>	<u>Personnel</u> <u>required</u>
<u>LIGURIA</u> Genova, La Spezia and coast	500,000	1,500
<u>EMILIA</u> Forli, Ravenna, Ferrara, Bologna Modena Provinces	1,000,000	2,500
<u>TOSCANA</u> Florence, Pisa, Livorno Sienna and coast	750,000	1,600
<u>LACIO, UMBRIA, ABRUZZO</u> Chieti, Pescara, Ascoli Piceno and coast Ostia, Civitavecchia, Littoria, Anzio	2,500,000	3,400
<u>CAMPANIA</u> Caserta, Benevento	250,000	700
<u>APULIA</u>	250,000	700
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>5,250,000</u>	<u>109,000</u>

TOSCANA
 Firenze, Pistoia,
 Lucca, Pisa, Livorno
 Siena and coast

LAZIO, UMBRIA, ABRUZZO
 Chieti, Pescara, Ancona
 Terni and coast
 Ostia, Civitavecchia,
 Littoria, Anzio

CAMPANIA
 Cassino, Aversa

MOLISE

750,000	1,600
2,500,000	5,400
250,000	700
250,000	700
5,250,000	109,000
TOTAL	

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ESTIMATED TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT, TRANSPORT AND DEMOLITION
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED FOR EACH PARTY OF 100 MEN

1. Technical Equipment

Mine Detectors.....	25
Batteries (opure) large.....	50
" " small.....	100
Prodders.....	150
Valves.....	60
Salvaged telephone cables for pulling out mines.....	20
Tracing tape.....	100 yds
Tugs for marring.....	100
Picks.....	400
Shovels.....	10
Wire cutters.....	10
Flat wire cutters.....	12
	12

3. Demolition Equipment

Safety fuse.....	1000 yds
Detonators.....	3000
Matches fuses.....	3000
Trinitrolobulus Cartridges.....	500

4. Transport

Trucks 15 cwt.....	2
" 2 ton.....	1
P.B. or equivalent.....	2
Motor Cycles.....	2
Motorcycles.....	2
	<u>12</u>

10
12
12

Flat wire cutters

3. Demolition Equipment

Safety fuse 1000 yds
 Detonators 3000
 Detonator fuses 5000
 Trinitrolobenzene Cartridges 500

4. Transport

Trucks 15 cwt 5
 " 2 ton 1
 P.U. or equivalent 2
 Motor Cycles 2
 Bicycles 2
12

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APPENDIX "B"

LIST OF DEPOTS

1. Location

- (A) Main Depot
(B) Sub-Depots

PLACE	ZONE
GENOVA	(Zone Liguria)
BOLONGNA	" Emilia)
CREMONA	" Emilia)
FIRENZE	" Toscana)
PISA	" Toscana)
PERGARA	" Lazio-Romano)

The squads located in Lazio, Campania, Molise draw direct from the main depot in Rome.

2. Establishment

Every depot will have

- a Technical Section
- a Transport Section

3. Personnel required

- (A) Main Depot

CC
Second in Command
Adjutant
Military guard and staff 3 NCOs and 12 ORs
Civilian workers (labourers) 10

- (B) Sub Depots

CC
Military guards and staff 2 NCOs and 6 ORs
Civilian workers (labourers) 5

NOTE: The main depot will be under the control of the Ministry of

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2. Establishment

Every depot will have

- a Technical Section
- a Transport Section

3. Personnel required

(A) Main Depot

OO

Second in Command
Adjutant

Military guard and staff 3 NOOs and 12 ORs
Civilian workers (labourers) 10

(B) Sub Depots

OO

Military guards and staff 2 NOOs and 6 ORs
Civilian workers (labourers) 3

NOTE: The main depot will be under the control of the Ministry of War (Engineering). Sub-depots will be under command of the Zones in which they are situated subject to orders of the Ministry of War.

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LIST OF TENTAGE, COOKING EQUIPMENT, BLANKETS, ETC
REQUIRED FOR EACH 100 MEN - ESTIMATE

1. Camp Equipment

Marques (messing).....	3
Tents	10
Store tents	1
Tents for guard.....	4
Blankets for 250.....	130
Ground sheets if not in their possession.....	130
Blankets.....	130

2. Cooking Equipment

Portable Kitchen	2
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NOTE: Dixies, plates, cups, knives, forks, spoons
will be required if not in possession.

3. For Cage

Pickets (long).....	500
" (short).....	2000
Barbed wire.....	50 rolls
Plain wire	20 "
Staples.....	100 gross
Dumert wire.....	50 rolls

4. Medical Equipment

Personal first Aid Kit for one Company

5. Miscellaneous Equipment to be supplied by the Ministry of War

Hand saws.....	2
Hammers heavy.....	3
" light.....	4

2. Cooking Equipment

Portable Kitchen 2

NOTE: Plates, plates, cups, knives, forks, spoons
will be required if not in possession.

3. For Cages

Pickets (long)..... 500
" (short).....2000
Barbed wire..... 50 rolls
Flain wire 20 "
Staples..... 100 gross
Darnert wire..... 50 rolls

4. Medical Equipment

Normal first Aid Kit for one Company

5. Miscellaneous Equipment to be supplied by the Ministry of War

Handsaws..... 2
Hammers heavy..... 3
" light..... 4
Nails 4c. and generally all small
equipment required for constructing
and maintaining such camps.

APPENDIX B

TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT EST. REQUIRED FOR 300 MPH BASED ON THE
FIGURES SHOWN IN ESTIMATING APPENDICES

1. Technical Equipment

Mine Detectors.....	750
Prodders.....	1300
Batteries (spare) large.....	1500
" " small.....	2000
Valves (spare).....	4500
Cable for pulling out mines.....	1500
Tracing tape.....	3000 yds
Pegs for marking.....	3000 "
Picks.....	12000
Shovels.....	300
Wire cutters.....	300
Flat wire cutters.....	360
Flat wire cutters.....	360

2. Demolition Equipment

Safety fuse.....	30000 yds
Detonators.....	30000
Matches fuses.....	30000
Trisnitrobenzene Cartridges.....	15000

3. Transport

Trucks 15 cwt.....	150
" 2 ton.....	60
P.U. or equivalent.....	60
Motorcycles.....	60
Bicycles.....	60

4. Camp Equipment

Bargees (messing).....	90
Tents.....	300
Store tents.....	30
Tents for guards.....	120
Blankets for P.M.	3900
Ground sheets if not in their possession.....	3900
Raincoats.....	3900

360
360

2. Demolition Equipment

Safety fuses..... 3000 yds
Detonators..... 9000
Matches fuses..... 9000
Trinitrotoluene Cartridges..... 1500

3. Transport

Trucks 15 crt..... 150
" 2 ton..... 60
P.O. or equivalent..... 60
Motorcycles..... 60
Bicycles..... 60

4. Camp Equipment

Marquees (messing)..... 90
Tents..... 300
Store tents..... 50
Tents for guards..... 120
Blankets for PW..... 9900
Ground sheets if not in their possession..... 3500
Ballances..... 3900

5. Cooking Equipment

Portable "itchies"..... 60

NOTE: knives, plates, cups, knives, forks, spoons
will be required if not in possession.

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6. For cage

Pickets (long)..... 1500
" (short)..... 6000
Barbed wire..... 1500 rolls
Plain wire..... 600 "
Staples..... 2000 gross
Turnout wire..... 1500 rolls

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4. Medical Equipment

Normal first Aid kit ~~for use in the field~~..... 50

5. Miscellaneous Equipment to be supplied by the Ministry of War

Handsaws..... 602
Hammers heavy..... 90
" light..... 120

Nails 40, and generally all small
equipment required for constructing
and maintaining such camps.

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18 June 1945

SUBJECT: Employment of German POW's

JUN 18 1945

TO : Assistant Chief of Staff
G-E Section, AFHQ

1. I refer to our signal No. 0745 of 14 June 45 and to your memorandum of 13 May 45 setting forth the conditions under which you propose German POW's might be made available for employment in Italy. The question has been discussed with the Italian Government in some detail but at the moment it would appear that the number of prisoners they wish to employ is only about 80,000. In a letter which I have received from the Prime Minister dated the 9th June, he proposes that they be disposed as follows:

- 3,000 In the lower part of the Po Valley on works of excavation and canalization.
- 3,000 To be similarly employed in the lower part of the Tiber valley in the Fiumicino area.
- 3,000 Rising eventually to 10,000 for mine clearance - disposed initially as follows:
 - Pescara, Chieti 500 - Ancona 500 - Pesaro 500 - Rimini, Cesena, Faenza, Forli, 1000 - Florence 100 - Pistoia 100 - Lucca 100 - Pisa 100 - Livorno 500 - Siena 100 - Viterbo 100 - La Spezia 100 - Genoa 500 - Venice 500.
- 4,000 Employed in the Sardinian coal, lead and zinc mines.
- 3,000 Employed in the lignite and pyrites mines in the Grosseto Province.

2. It appears to me that the next step is to settle the detail of employment on the ground and to go into questions of administration, accommodation, and guarding. It would be in accordance with normal practice to make a reconnaissance with a party consisting of representatives of each branch of AFHQ and AC concerned and of the Italian Government Departments.

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3. I request therefore that you set up such reconnaissance parties and that you include the following:

- A. Representatives of the Branch or Branches of ANHQ who will be responsible for administering and maintaining the prisoners.
- B. Representatives of the Italian Ministries of Industry Commerce & Labour, Agriculture, Public Works and War according to the nature of the work project under examination.
- C. Representative of U.S.I.A.
- D. Representative of the Allied Commission.

4. At present the Italian Government has 80 troops under its command from which to provide guards as above. Either ITI-ITI guard battalions (all now under Allied command) would have to be released to the Italian Government or the necessary allotment of soldiers would have to be made from BR-ITI or GS-ITI ceiling. In either case it would be necessary for these troops to be rationed by the Allies, as at present.

5. It should be possible to carry out a number of the reconnaissances simultaneously and I should be glad if you would agree to them being commenced at as early a date as may be possible.

Wm. W. Stone

ELDER W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USMC
Chief Commissioner

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ROMANI

TO REAR ADMIRAL KILBY & STONE CHIEF ALLIED COMMISSION ROME

JUN 18 1945

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AUTHORITIES SUBSTITUTED LOCAL MANPOWER IN THE PLANTS BY GERMAN PRISONERS STOP
THIS INITIATIVE INCREASES UNEMPLOYMENT AMONG WORKERS CAUSING GREAT ECONOMIC MISERY
WITH THREATS OF TROUBLE OF THE PUBLIC ORDER STOP DRAWING YOUR ATTENTION, I THANK
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SECRET

SUBJECT IS EMPLOYMENT OF GERMAN PRISONERS OF WAR PD
PARA ONE PD REFERENCE GENERAL SPOFFORD'S LETTER OF THIRTEEN MAY PD PARA TWO PD
THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HAS INFORMED US THAT THEY HAVE USE FOR TWENTY ONE THOUSAND
GERMAN PRISONERS OF WAR AS STATED BELOW COLON THREE THOUSAND IN LOWER PART OF PO
VALLEY TOWARD COMACCHIO AND TWO THOUSAND IN THE FIUMICINO ZONE IN TIBER VALLEY
FOR REMOVING EARTH PD THREE THOUSAND FOR MINE CLEARANCE AS FOLLOWS COLON PESCARA
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LEAD AND ZINC MINES IN THE PROVINCE OF CAGLIARI PD TWO THOUSAND FOR MINING IN
THE LIGNITE AND PYRITE MINES IN THE PROVINCE OF GROSETO PD

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NICHOLAS PIONGINO
CWO, USA
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QUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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ECONOMIC SECTION
PRODUCTION DIVISION

Ref. 14.05/ES

11 June 1945

12 JUN 1945

SUBJECT: AFHQ Signal FX 94469 of 30 May 1945
TODT Organization

TO : Office of Executive Commissioner

1. Reference your 566/22/EC of 9 June 1945.
2. Notification of the action taken on the above signal was forwarded to you on a memorandum together with your file on the 9th June.

C. W. Atkins
C. W. ATKINS, Capt.
S.O.III
Economic Section

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Ref: 566/39/31.

12 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Employment of Surrendered Enemy Forces.

TO : Economic Section (2)

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The Chief Commissioner wishes the Prime Minister's letter No. 36069/19.5 of 9th June to be tabulated and submitted to AFM by signal at your earliest opportunity.

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers

n. 36009/19.2

ROME, 9 June, 1945

My dear Admiral,

In my letter of May 14th, I told you I had received the memorandum about the employment of German prisoners, as long as they will be detained in Italy, and I also told you that the Italian Government agreed on general principles to the proposals made by the Allied Commission.

I said I would make certain of the number of units which could be usefully employed in Italy, and also give the name of the places where they ought to be sent.

After consulting the Departments concerned, I want to draw your attention on the following facts:

The recent liberation of North Italy, and the difficulties for communications, have not yet enabled us to determine with precision the areas in which it would be possible to make use of German prisoners.

However, we believe that a suitable number, which can already be approximately fixed at three thousand, might be used in the lower part of the Po valley, towards Casacchio, for removing earth.

Another group of about 2,000 prisoners might be used for the same end in the lower part of the River valley, in the Fiumicino zone.

These elements could be used to a larger extent for mine-clearing work.

You well know that the territory of the peninsula is scattered with mines, placed by the Germans, and the difficulty of finding expert workers with the necessary instruments to remove them has delayed this vital clearing work, making the agricultural rehabilitation of the country more difficult and causing frequent and serious accidents.

Therefore, to put without delay German prisoners to this job would be most useful and greatly appreciated.

On this subject, agreements have been made between this Commission and

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On this subject, agreements have been made between this Commission and the War Department, for a contingent of 3,000 prisoners, which can be increased up to 10,000 units, to be sent to the following places:

- Pescara, Chieti 300 - Ancona 200 - Pesaro 200 - Rimini, Cesena, Faenza, Forlì.
- 1000 - Firenze 100 - Pisa 100 - Lucca 100 - Pisa 100 - Livorno 200 -
- Genoa 100 - Viterbo 100 - In Spezia 100 - Genoa 200 - Venice 200.

I beg you to examine the possibility of facilitating the employment of these units, supplying the necessary means of transport, fuel and lubricant.

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More prisoners could be employed in the mines according to the following plan:

Number of prisoners who could be employed: 6,000 (six thousand)
Place where they could be employed: Carbonia mines (coal), Montevaccchio (lead and zinc), Montepioni (lead and zinc) in the province of Cagliari (4,000).
Lignite and pyrites mines in the Grosseto province (2,000); this if the said mines can resume their normal rhythm of production, and if the recent difficulties for supplying electric power and transport can be overcome.

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work which they should have to do; mine work, underground as well as outside.

Considering that the harvest promises to be bad, it will not be possible to use the prisoners in the agricultural sector.

In the same way, at present at least, it is not possible to make use of them for what concerns the State Railways.

These informations can vary, mostly for the motives which I told you at the beginning; such changes, however, cannot increase the number of the prisoners to be employed so as to reach a hundred thousand, figure which is mentioned in the memorandum of the Allied Commission, this also because most of them would remain unemployed with the return of the Italian prisoners and interned persons.

I shall send you more informations on this subject as soon as possible.

I remain, my dear Admiral,

Yours very truly,

S. Ivanoe Bonomi

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

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and interested persons.

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Admiral Ellery H. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome



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PAREN TO FREEDOM FOR GEORGE DASH FIVE FROM HQ ALCOM CITE ACSOC PAREN
THIS WILL CONFIRM GERMAN POWS ARE NOT REPEAT NOT WANTED BY ITALIAN
GOVERNMENT FOR GRAIN HARVEST

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Major, AGD
SO to Chief Commr

cc. Ex Comm
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From: AFHQ SIGNED SIGNED CITE FROM
TO: ALCON HOME

JUN 8 1945

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Desire immediate confirmation German POW not wanted by Italian Government for grain harvest.

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SUBJECT IS USE OF GERMAN PRISONERS OF WAR BY ITALIAN GOVERNMENT PD
FAIRER TO AFHQ FOR GEORGE FIVE FROM HQ ALCON FROM ADMIRAL STONE SITE AGSEC PAREN
 PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE OF REQUIREMENTS SUBJECT TO FINAL CONFIRMATION OR
 MODIFICATION IS SIXTEEN THOUSAND CMA TEN THOUSAND OF WHICH FOR MINE
 CLEARANCE AND SIX THOUSAND FOR SARDINIAN COM. MINING INDUSTRY

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Chief Commissioner

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L. M. Stevens
 RILEY W. STONE
 Rear Admiral, USNR
 Chief Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 344
ECONOMIC SECTION

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ES/14-05

5 JUN 1945

SUBJECT: MAF-organization in Northern Italy.

TO : Chief Commissioner

1. Reference is attached cable.

2. This is a very difficult matter. We are carefully reviewing it and are going to discuss it with the Interministerial Committee at our Thursday conference and will refer it to you then.

A. G. Catalini
A. G. CATALINI
Acting Vice President
Economic Section

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: FM 87780

Message Centre No: 53679

Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 050941Z

Date/Time Rec'd: JUNE 051300Z

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TO: 17HQ 1200Z 1945

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Representative this HQ will not attend the meeting in question.

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From: 5 ARMY

To: DE STONSA INFO ALCOHOL HOUSE AND AVIATION HOUSE

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Cable TAGNER PX 84469 is reference. TOTE units which are desired by 5 ARMY are: 2 snow clearance companies; 1 Depot company, and 1 light equipment company. Before 5 ARMY can employ these TOTE units information as to status of this organization (civilian or military) and a scale of supplies which can be issued for their support must be provided. No authority received to feed, clothe, pay or equip enemy civilian employees has been received here.

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2 June 1945

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SUBJECT IS POSSIBLE USE BY ITALIAN GOVERNMENT OF GERMAN POW PD
PAREN TO AFHQ FOR GEORGE DASH FIVE FROM HQ ALGOM SIGNED STONE PAREN
 AN ITALIAN GOVERNMENT MEETING IS BEING HELD AT ONE SEVEN THREE ZERO
 HOURS ON TUESDAY FIVE JUNE AT THE PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF
 MINISTERS IN ROME TO DISCUSS THIS PROBLEM PD ALLIED COMMISSION
 WILL BE REPRESENTED BY ECONOMIC SECTION AND NMIA AND IT IS CONSIDERED
 DESIRABLE THAT AFHQ SHOULD ALSO BE REPRESENTED IN REGARD TO THE
 FEEDING AND ACCOMMODATION OF THE PRISONERS PD MEMORANDUM FROM
 ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF GEORGE DASH FIVE TO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
 DATED ONE THREE MAY REFERS

Office of the Chief Commissioner

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 for Chief Commissioner.

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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITY PRESS
TO: ACTION ALCOVE, 5TH ARMY INFO AFHQ ROME

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TOOT organization in NORTHERN ITALY.

1. 5th Army report that above is strictly civilian organization and should not therefore be handled as surrendered military force.

2. Stated 3000 highly qualified technicians this organization available and organized ready for immediate employment in units. Formerly supervised 130,000 civilian laborers. Examples of units are:

A. 1 electrical unit capable of installing power plants, transmission lines, wiring, etc. Supplies for TOOT have been procured locally to the extent of about 1 billion Lire per month and large stockpiles are now under efficient control of the organization itself in about 30 dumps in NORTH ITALIAN ALPS.

B. 1 large water supply unit capable of installing pipelines, plumbing, purification installations, well drilling, etc.

C. Snow removal detail at MERANO, which has elaborate organization and equipment for clearing roads in mountain passes and the PO Valley and has received a complete tire recapping installation which is not yet set up.

3. Suggestion made that as employment and control would be essentially civilian you should contact 5th Army and dispatch qualified technical and supervisory personnel to control and direct efforts this organization before disintegration begins.

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Coordinate with AFHQ relative to stores of "controlled" classification.

In connection above pointed out that as officials of TOUT organization of grade of STABSFROTHFURNER and above (equivalent Major and above) are in category arrestable persons and necessary to segregate them and place them in custody before making use of rest of personnel of the organization.

For ALCON: Request after consultation 5th Army you report here your proposals with lists of units and top TOUT organization personnel you require.

For 5TH ARMY: Your 4409 of 25 May refers. Request you report your requirements by service and organization or individuals above your needs which might be of value to other major commands as supervisory personnel for German POW or Italian civilians, in furtherance of redeployment.

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28 May 1945.

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My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

MAY 28 1945

With reference to your letter, file 407, of 15 May 1945 concerning the employment of German prisoners of war on reconstruction work in Italy, I should like to have at your earliest opportunity the estimated number of units which you feel that you might usefully employ and the localities in which they should be concentrated.

Very truly yours,

ELBERT W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

(See 36)

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi,
The President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
Rome.

cc. Ex.C.

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20 May 1945

SUBJECT: Employment of German Prisoners of War on Italian
Rehabilitation

TO : G-5, AFHQ

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1. Reference your memorandum of 13 May on the above subject. I have taken up this matter on an informal basis with the Italian Government and have just received acknowledgment from the Prime Minister to the effect that the Italian Government agrees on general principles to the proposal of using German prisoners of war in reconstruction work in Italy.

2. The Prime Minister further states that he is making an investigation relative to the number of units and their disposition that can be usefully employed in this type of work.

/s/ ALLERY W. STONE

ALLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers

407

Rome, 15 May 1945

MAY 16 1945

Dear Admiral,

I have received the memorandum of May 14th about the employment of German prisoners, as long as they will be detained in Italy. I wish to add at once that the Italian Government, on general principles, agrees to the proposal of consigning part of the said prisoners to employ them in reconstruction works.

I only want to ascertain what number of units might be usefully employed and also the localities where they ought to be sent.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

G. I. BONCHI

Admiral Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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*Il Presidente
del Consiglio dei Ministri
Aof*

Roma, 15 maggio 1945

Caro Ammiraglio,

Le dò atto del ricevimento del pro-memoria in data 14 maggio relativo alla utilizzazione dei prigionieri tedeschi fino a che saranno trattieneuti in Italia. Desidero aggiungere subito che il Governo italiano è lieto di dare la sua adesione di massima alla proposta di consegna di una parte di tali prigionieri per l'impiego nei lavori di ricostruzione.

Mi riservo quindi di accertare il numero di unità che potrebbero trovare utile impiego e di riferire anche, al più presto, le località cui dovrebbero essere avviati.

Mi creda, molto cordialmente, Suo

Mussolini

All'Ammiraglio
Ellery W. STONE
Commissario Capo della
Commissione Alleata

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AFHQ FOR REFUGEE

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20 March 45

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REFERENCE YOUR FY FOUR ZERO FOUR SIX NINE OF NINE MARCH GIVE NATION PD UTILIZATION
OF GERMAN PRISONERS OF WAR IN AREA UNDER AS LACON AND SUPERVISION HAS BEEN
THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED AND IT IS THE OPINION OF THIS HQ AND CONSIDERED IN BY
THE ITALIAN MINISTERS OF LACON THAT SUCH EMPLOYMENT SHOULD BE LIMITED TO NINE
CLEARANCE AND ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES THAT ARE IN NO WAY COMPETITIVE TO THE CIVILIAN

LACON MARKET PD

PARH TO AFHQ FOR REFUGEE FROM ALCON GIVE AGENCY PERSON PD

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN POW AND CIVILIAN NATIONS WOULD LEAD TO WIDESPREAD LACON
URGENT WITH CONSEQUENT POLITICAL REPERCUSSIONS F D THESE PRISONERS OF WAR SHOULD
ONLY BE USED IN MILITARY SERVICES UNDER ARMY CONTROL, ONA HOWEVER NOT REPEAT FOR
IN ANY WAY TO REPLACE ITALIAN LACON FOR BEING NEGLECTED BY THE MILITARY ADMINISTRATION
AS FOR EXAMPLE IN JANTS ONA ON STORAGE BUNKS ONA TRUCK COMPANIES ONA NEW PD

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20 March 45

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REFERENCE YOUR 12 FOUR THREE SIX SIX SIX OF JUNE NATION CITY HADSD PD INVESTIGATION
OF GERMAN PRISONERS OF WAR IN AREA UNDER AC BLANK AND SUPERVISOR HAS BEEN
THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED AND IT IS THE OPINION OF THIS HQ AND CONSIDERED IN BY
THE ITALIAN ELIGIBLE OF LABOR THAT SUCH EMPLOYMENT SHOULD BE LIMITED TO MINOR
CLEARANCE AND ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES THAT ARE IN NO WAY COMPETITIVE TO THE CIVILIAN

LABOR HADSD PD

PARAN TO AFHQ FOR STOMA FROM ALCON CITY ADAMS PARKER PD

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN POW AND CIVILIAN RATIONS WOULD LEAD TO WIDESPREAD LABOR
UNREST WITH CONSEQUENT POLITICAL REPERCUSSIONS IF THESE PRISONERS OF WAR WERE
ONLY BE USED IN MILITARY SERVICES UNDER ARMY CONTROL CHA HADSD PD REPORT NOT
IN ANY WAY TO REPLACE ITALIAN LABOR FOR BEING EMPLOYED BY THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES
AS FOR EXAMPLE IN PORTS CHA OR STORAGE DROPS CHA THOR COMPANY CHA HADSD PD

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ROUTINE

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED RETURN SITE HAGDS.

TO: 5TH ARMY, PENHASE, ADRIATIC SAKE COMMAND, REPLACEMENT AND TRAINING
COMMAND, INFO: ALCON, H. 3E AREA.

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MAR 10 1945

1. In view of events now in progress and a possibility of US being confronted with the necessity of guarding, feeding and employing a large number of German prisoners of war it will be necessary to construct main prisoners of war enclosures.

2. The location of these enclosures will be determined by the ability of the major commands to utilize these prisoners. These main enclosures will be guarded and administered by PMS.

3. It is desired to utilize these prisoners to the maximum.

4. Based on the above, it is requested that this Headquarters be furnished:

A. The number of German prisoners of war which can be used by your command.

B. Approximately where prisoners are to be used and for what duties.

C. Length of time German prisoners of war may be usefully employed.

5. Reports are to reach this Headquarters on 15 March 1945 current.

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10 MAR 1945

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