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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Chief Commissioner.

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Attached is submitted for your signature
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EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF SACMED'S CONFERENCE
(9th Meeting) held at AFHQ on 22 November 1945).

MINUTE No. 3.

"3. REPORT ON THE ITALO-YUGOSLAV PROBLEM IN NORTHEAST ITALY.

(Previous reference SAC (45) 8th Meeting, Minute 3).

BRIGADIER GENERAL HAMBLEY reported that additional information had now been forwarded by the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, broadening his ethnological survey so as to cover the areas of northeast ITALY west of VENEZIA GIULIA. A copy of the complete report was on file at AFHQ and the original was held at the Allied Commission for inspection if desired.

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

Took note of the above.

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SUBJECT: Ethnic and Political Reports on VENEZIA GIULIA.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters.
Attention: Chief of Staff.

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1. I appreciate SACMED's commendation on the preparation of the Venezia Giulia report referred to in your letter of 25 October.

2. With regard to that part covering the coal resources in Istria and their relation to Italian industry, as Major General Lemnitzer stated ^X at SACMED's conference on 24 October, the survey of the ARSA coal mines, which are the only coal mines in Istria, could not be completed because the Yugoslavs refused to allow access to them. The relation of these resources to Italian industry was, I had hoped, covered in para 7 of the economic section of my report in which it was stated that the ARSA coal mines supplied about 10 per cent of Italian industrial needs. You will also remember that I made reference in my covering letter to Foreign Office prints of which Paper R 10195/84/92/1943 dated 7 June 1944, Section 4, para 37 gives an output of nearly 1 million tons of inferior quality coal in 1942. You are also aware of the fact that several arrangements have been made to ship coal from ARSA for the TRIESTE area but when the time has come finally to put them into effect, some objection has always been raised on the part of the Yugoslavs.

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3. With regard to the extent of the survey westward into Italy, I gave serious consideration to the terms of reference defined in your telegram TX 24549 of 18 July in which you instructed me to examine the general area between a line running north and south between GORIZIA and UDINE to the Austrian boundary and the MORGAN line. I took that line to be the line running between the two provinces of GORIZIA and UDINE for it seemed to me that if I had taken it as the line running between the two towns of GORIZIA and UDINE I might well have omitted the territory east of the western boundary of what is called Zone "A" (i.e., Venezia Giulia under AMG). The provincial boundary, therefore, between GORIZIA and UDINE provinces seemed to be the logical line to take.

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4. At the same time in order to cover all eventualities I instructed the Regional Commissioner, Venezia Region, to prepare a report, which he did on 25 July. I attach copy of this report and in accordance with your instructions will file it with the original study available for transmission to representatives of the Allied Governments when so directed.

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X SACMED's Conference (5th Meeting),
Minute 3 dated 26 Oct 45.

(Sgd) ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Chief of Staff

25 October 1945

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SUBJECT: Ethnic and Political Reports on VENEZIA GIULIA.

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission.

Reference is made to your letter 522/EC of 2 October 1945, forwarding a report on VENEZIA GIULIA.

1. The Supreme Allied Commander desires that the compilers be commended for their efforts in the preparation of the report. While the report is not complete in certain respects, it is appreciated that this is due to the short time available for preparing such a document and the situation currently existing in VENEZIA GIULIA.

2. However, as indicated in paragraph 3 of our signal FX-24549, the Combined Chiefs of Staff have directed that the report pay special attention to coal reserves in ISTRIA and their relation to Italian industry, and that the area to be covered by the study should include the extreme limits of possible Yugoslav claims. As the report which you have submitted does not cover these subjects, it is desired that action be initiated without delay for their inclusion therein.

3. A copy of the additional information will be forwarded to AFHQ for file. The complete study, including this additional matter, will be held by the Allied Commission, available for transmission to representatives of the Allied Governments when so directed.

By Command of the SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

L. L. Lemnitzer
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Major General, G.S.C.
Chief of Staff

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By Command of the SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

L. L. LEENITZER
Major General, G.S.C.
Chief of Staff

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"3. ETHNOLOGICAL SURVEY OF NORTHEAST ITALY

(Previous reference SAC (45) 6th Meeting - Minute 3)

MAJOR GENERAL LEMNITZER said that the report by the Allied Commission had been received at AFHQ and was under examination by the staff.

THE ACTING SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

Took note of the above. "

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EXTRACT from "SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE -- Minutes of Meeting of the Supreme Allied Commander's Conference held in the G-3 War Room at 1030 hours on Thursday 27th September 1945" - SAC (45) 6th Meeting, 27 September 1945, classified TOP SECRET.

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3. ETHNOLOGICAL SURVEY OF NORTHEAST ITALY

(Previous reference SAC (45) 5th Meeting - Minute 5)

REAR ADMIRAL STONE, in reply to a question by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5, said that the Ethnological survey, which the Allied Commission were making in regard to Northeast ITALY, was almost completed and would be forwarded in the next day or so. He doubted if the report would be able to add much to existing knowledge on the subject. It represented an estimate of the present position in the opinion of AMG officers. To make a full survey would require that a commission should visit the area for a lengthy period and take account of such matters as how the present distribution of population had been brought about, whether persons had been moved by force, etc. The report which he had prepared consisted of data only and did not contain recommendations.

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

Instructed the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, to forward his report as soon as possible.

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Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 522/DO.

SUBJECT: Report on Venezia Giulia.

TO : C-5 Section, A.F.H.Q.

1. In accordance with your instructions, the Allied Commission has prepared reports on that portion of Venezia Giulia lying between the Morgan Line and the Eastern boundary of Udine Province.

2. The points covered are as follows:-

- i) Ethnic details.
- ii) Local feeling in regard to final dispersal of area.
- iii) Economic considerations.
- iv) Considerations particularly affecting Trieste and Pola.
- v) Communication problems.
- vi) Coal resources available and their relations to Italian industry.

3. The problems have been so well covered in recent Foreign Office Prints R6370/2294/92 The Italo/Jugoslav Frontier Alternative Solutions dated 1 June 1944, R10195/64/92/1943 The Italo/Jugoslav Frontier dated 7 June 1944 and R/13597/362/22/1943 The Problem of Trieste dated 7 June 1944 that I gave instructions that these documents be used as a basis for the reports.

4. A report by Colonel Gripps, Director Local Government Sub-Commission, and Major Temple, Deputy Director Local Government Sub-Commission, covering points i, ii and iv is enclosed. (Annexure A). As stated in paragraph 1(a), section 6, of this annexure, much of the findings are based on opinion. To obtain a factual analysis of these questions would require a commission of experts in this field who would need to be in the area for a considerable period of time for the purpose of checking birth and other statistical records, movements of population and their causes and the dates thereof. It should also be borne in mind that opinion of the type expressed herein necessarily is founded on the views expressed by the most articulate part of the population. Even the views so expressed may be actuated by political pressure or fear of reprisals.

5. A report by Brigadier Anderson, Deputy Vice President, Economic Section, on points iii and vi is enclosed. (Annexure B).

6. A report by Lt. Colonel Baudier, Director Communications Sub-Commission, on point v is enclosed. (Annexure C). As will be seen, this report only covers telegraph and postal communication problems, since problems of railway communications can, in my opinion, best be reported on by Director, Military Railways, A.F.H.Q.

For the Chief Commissioner:

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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SECRET.ANNEXURE A.REPORT ON VENEZIA GIULIA.ETHNIC AND POLITICAL.A. SCOPE AND PURPOSE OF REPORT.

1. In accordance with instructions contained in AC HQ letter 522/314/EC dated 12 September 1945, this report deals with a survey of VENEZIA GIULIA REGION insofar as concerns that part at present under the control of XIII Corps west of the Morgan Line and east of the boundary between the Provinces of GORIZIA and TRIESTE on the one side, and the Province of UDINE on the other. The report is developed under the following headings:

- (a) ETHNIC DETAILS in connection with which the Surveyors are to obtain the correct current figures of population in the area concerned and show the distribution as between ITALIANS, SERBO-CROATS and SLOVENES, with particular reference as to whether there has been any great change in distribution of populations:

- (1) since 1936
(ii) since 1940

(b) LOCAL FEELING

- (c) SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS regarding the cities of TRIESTE and POJA, with special reference to Foreign Office Confidential Print of 27 June 1944.

In compiling this report, consultation has been made with

CSI, XIII Corps,
Commanding Officer, Allied Information Service,
SCAO, AMG XIII Corps and his staff.

Any opinions stated in this report are largely based on the ethnic estimate ~~from~~ and should be evaluated accordingly.

2. It is pointed out that the survey does not take into account any economic matters or deal with the ethnic problem of the RESNIAN SLOVENES residing in the Province of UDINE.

B. ETHNIC DETAILS.1. Estimated Population: (September, 1945)

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	<u>Italians</u>	<u>Slovenes</u>	<u>Total</u>
TRIESTE AREA	307,000	43,000	350,000
GORIZIA AREA	50,000	60,000	110,000
POLA AREA	25,000	5,000	30,000
TOTAL POPULATION AREA UNDER CONSIDERATION			490,000 =====

It was found on investigation that in no area does an up-to-date census of the population exist. The last census in which a division of the population by race was made was in 1921, and covered the entire territory of Venezia Giulia including that now under Yugoslav control. It is acknowledged, however, by all responsible persons, including the Italians, that these figures are not accurate as a division of the population and were purposely manipulated to increase the Italian population. Any information, therefore, contained in this report is based entirely upon estimates made by Allied Military Government Officers, derived in their turn from their recently gained knowledge of the area and their contacts with the local population. In general, the Foreign Office Confidential Prints dated 7 June 1944 (reference R.10195/24/92/1943 and R.13597/362/22/1943) appear to be accurate as is possible in matters concerning the distribution of the population.

Attached is a map of the area (Appendix "A") giving, as near as possible, the ethnic distribution of population based on the information and figures supplied by Allied Officers. It will be seen that this substantially agrees with the yellow line shown on the map attached to the Foreign Office pamphlet reference R.63702294/92 dated 1 June 1944. The main difference is in the SE portion of the Province of GORIZIA where it will be seen that SCAO GORIZIA is of the opinion that in the valley of the Isonzo the Italian and Slovene population are mixed at the ratio of about 50% each, becoming more Italian towards the border with TRIESTE Province in the area of GRADISCA.

In general the population of the large cities is overwhelmingly Italian and the Slovene population is almost entirely occupied in agriculture and is therefore in the countryside and in the hinterland and hills behind such cities as TRIESTE and POLA. GORIZIA is, however, one large city where the population is about equally divided.

2. Movement of Population.

In the early days of Italian administration and particularly under the Fascist regime, encouragement was given to the migration of Italians into the area. In the early 1920's there was considerable movement. During the inter-war years the policy of suppression of the Slovene population has naturally tended to drive them away and reduce them in numbers. No evidence could be gained of any really heavy Italian movement into the area since either 1936 or 1945.

On the other hand, on the liberation of the area by the Yugoslavs a considerable number of persons of that nationality entered the zone, some of which are known to have remained when the Yugoslav occupation forces withdrew. There is also evidence that infiltration of Yugoslav nationals is still proceeding to some degree. SCAO TRIESTE CITY alone has knowledge of about 60 who have

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recently entered, ostensibly to work for recognized Yugoslav organizations, but more probably for the purpose of political aims. This number does not in any way represent the total number so entering, as only those who wish to draw ration cards make an official application. One reasonably reliable Italian source working with the police force in TRIESTE estimates that during 1945 between 10,000 and 15,000 SLAVS, CROATS and SERBS have entered the Province of TRIESTE alone without notification.

The war generally and operations in the area have naturally brought about considerable movement of the population. Anti-Partisan operations by the Germans caused considerable movement of SLOVENS, particularly on the borders of GORIZIA and TRIESTE, but in general these movements have probably not altered very considerably the total population or its division.

3. Trieste City is without doubt overwhelmingly of Italian extraction. Of a population of 261,000, the population is divided as to 87% ITALIAN and 13% SLOVENE, it is estimated. The percentage shown as ITALIAN includes approximately 5,000 persons who are either GREEK Nationals or of GREEK origin. These are mainly of the business classes and hold a very high proportion of the capital of the city in proportion to their numbers. It is estimated to be about 25% of the total capital mainly represented in insurance, shipping and tobacco interests.

4. Pola. Population 30,000. The same situation arises in POLA as in the main part of the zone under review, that there are no reliable census figures by which to divide the population. SCAO POLA AREA estimates 80% ITALIAN origin, 20% CROAT or other origin; whereas the Military Commander of the Area makes the estimate 85% ITALIAN, 13% CROAT and 2% other origin. Formerly the Italians were predominant in Government service, banking, commerce and skilled artisans, whereas the Yugoslav and Croats only filled minor posts and provided unskilled labour. A more detailed discussion of the POLA situation is given at para D below.

C. LOCAL FEELING IN REGARD TO DISPOSAL OF THE AREA IN QUESTION.

1. General Remarks.

(a) The determination of local feeling with any degree of accuracy without a census of opinion being taken either through election or a sampling process is an extremely difficult task. Accordingly, the following statements with regard to local feeling have necessarily been based on interviews with Allied Intelligence and Civil Affairs Officers stationed in the cities of TRIESTE, GORIZIA and POLA. A scrupulous attempt has been made to ensure that the expressions of opinion were based upon facts as observed by the persons interviewed. Local contacts obviously form the basis of the views expressed by the persons interviewed. This factor, as well as any particular prejudice or personal rationalization, had to be evaluated.

(b) It should be kept in mind, furthermore, that people in the entire area have been subjected to high pressure and propaganda, some of it violent and some of it subtle; and accordingly even the attitudes of the populace might not reflect their true feelings. Daily there has been a fluctuation of opinion, tempered by world as well as local events. It must be borne in mind also that the local feeling is not necessarily based upon ethnic differences but to a large extent on economic or political differences. Accordingly, that strata of society which is attracted to the Communist Party do so for social reasons and national ones. Any pro-Slav feeling is due to the fact that the Communist Party in the area has

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identified itself with Tito and Yugoslavia, who have been portrayed as the soul of democratic protagonism. This Party includes most of the workers whose hatred of Fascism has assumed anti-Italy aspect. Their organization, "Sindacati Unici", is listed in the Slovene camp and includes ship-yard, textile and transportation workers and longshoremen. This group is said to have 50,000 members and is well organized. The opposing workers organization, called the "Sindacati Giuliani" draws support principally from the white collar groups and includes ordinary labourers and office workers, teachers, bank company employees and employees of para-statal concerns. This group is much smaller and is the pro-Italian labour union. They are largely employees of concerns having their principal offices in Italy.

(c) In the middle of August, the Italian and Yugoslav Communist Parties formed a joint new "Giulian Communist Party". Its programme is pro-Slav as described above. A small Italian Communist Party remains but is very ineffective.

(d) The 4 Italian National Parties in AM: Venezia Giulia are Christian Democrats, Liberals, Party of Action and the Socialist. They are in a formative stage and their membership is small. Generally, these Parties agree that for ethnic and economic reasons the disputed territory should not go to Yugoslavia. Italians here favour either Italian sovereignty or some type of autonomy for the city of TRIESTE or Venezia Giulia area. The Christian Democrat, Action and Socialist Parties participate in the "Sindacati Giuliani" described above. This association of trade unions is held together principally by common Italian national sympathies. These Parties are members of the CIN, which is an extremely weak organ, because of the absence of the Communist Party from its ranks.

(e) A large group of persons constituting the middle class, the size of which has been estimated to vary from 15 to 40% of the population, also think along economic lines and generally favour some form of autonomy. This group, in short, favour any solution that will give work to the area.

(f) About 60% of the people in the area are engaged in farming. 80% of this agricultural population are Slovenes. Although this group is definitely against becoming part of Italy, there is some difficulty in ascertaining whether they want to become part of Yugoslavia. This Slovene majority is interested in preserving its own culture, but not necessarily interested in becoming part of Yugoslavia. As a group, they are interested in making a living without being interfered with by political squabbles. But here again it is difficult to lay down a definite rule. The small farmer is interested in the possibility of enlarging his holdings, making a better living on the land and is attracted to the Communists, which he has been made to believe hold forth the best promise to achieve that end. A majority of the larger agriculturists and perhaps some portion of the small ones favour an autonomous Slovene state under international protection.

(g) Many secret intelligence reports were put at our disposal. These, coupled with statements of the officers interviewed who had been on the spot several months and had been able to sense reaction to various Allied Military Government orders as well as statements of political and economic leaders, form the basis of this report on this phase of the investigation. It is obvious that ideological and nationalistic aspirations are very much intertwined. With this cautionary and explanatory, but not necessarily apologetic, note the following are our observations as to what the local feeling regarding the disposal of the area is.

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2. Trieste City.

This city is overwhelmingly Italian with the Slovenes living in the suburbs. The majority of the Slovenes favour incorporation into Yugoslavia. Among the Italians, the business, professional and middle class, constituting 20% to 40% of the population, consider themselves to be "Triestini" and favour an autonomous city with British and American protection. This group also includes a large Greek colony, consisting of from 3,000 to 5,000 people, who, however, possess about 25% of the wealth of the city and are represented in insurance, shipping and tobacco companies. They want as many ships as possible to come to the port of TRIESTE and hope that the port will cater to luxury traffic, tourists, and those bound for the Orient. Thus, an autonomous city would result in great benefit to them. Failing that, this group would favour Italian control. They dread a return to Yugoslavia and there is reason to believe there would be a general exodus from the city if it should come under Yugoslav control. There is little reason to believe, on the other hand, that the Slovenes would leave the city if it were under Italian control.

Among the working class, comprising from 40% to 60% of the population, about 10% favour Yugoslav control and another 10% Italian control and are being swayed by purely nationalistic aspirations. The rest, for economic reasons, favour incorporation into Yugoslavia or the internationalization of the city, with the preservation of cultural rights.

3. Trieste Area.

Outside of TRIESTE CITY, the area is overwhelmingly Slovene. Here the sympathy is definitely anti-Italian. The majority favour incorporation into Yugoslavia, whereas a good portion look towards some form of autonomy with guarantees for the retention of their cultural and racial institutions.

4. Gorizia.

About half the population of GORIZIA AREA live in the city of GORIZIA, which as stated is divided almost equally between Slovenes and Italians. The rest of the area is overwhelmingly Slovene, are mostly engaged in farming. Feeling in favour of Yugoslavia both in the city and the rest of the area is strong. Among the Slovene population, it is estimated that about 70% are Communist adherents, the remaining 30% being anti-Tito and do not want to return to Yugoslavia. Almost all Slovenes are intensely nationalistic and, excepting for the pro-Tito camp, they favour an autonomous Slovene state, especially if provision were made for the outlet for their farm products. Practically all Slovenes do not want to have the territory returned to Italy.

Among the Italians, there is definite sentiment against having the territory incorporated into Yugoslavia. A large middle class in GORIZIA CITY is against Communism, which is translated into opposition to Yugoslavia. There is no large working class in the city. Recently, Italian political parties have been coming out into the open. There is a large Christian Democrat and Socialist group and also a smaller Action Party following. An independent Liberal Party is also manifesting itself, and includes many persons of Austrian background and sympathies. Italian Communists comprise a small group but do not consider themselves aligned with the Communists which appear on the mainland

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of Italy. These groups are inclined towards an autonomous state of some sort with possible attachment to the Port of TRIESTE. The Italians definitely do not want the territory to go to Yugoslavia.

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Practically all Italians in this overwhelmingly Italian city are anti-Yugoslavia and many thousands of them would leave if it were considered handing the area over to Yugoslavia. On the other hand, the Croat and Serb elements favour annexation to Yugoslavia. The Italian community, for the most part, includes the business population of the city, those who were previously dependent on the naval dock-yards for their existence. They are extremely frightened of a future under the Yugoslav machine. The Croats, for the most part, live in the outskirts of the city and are engaged in agriculture. Taking into consideration the economic as well as ethnic factors, about 60% of the population favour returning under Italian control, 30% favour incorporation into Yugoslavia and the balance of various mixed nationalities have no definite viewpoint. There is some indication of a desire to have FOLA become part of an autonomous Istrian State with Allied protection.

6. Venezia Giulia as a whole.

Broadly speaking, the majority of Slovenes desire to become part of Yugoslavia. They are definitely against incorporation into Italy, being mindful of the suppression of their language and culture and the severe reprisals taken against them when they were part of the Italian State.

For the most part they favour either incorporation into Yugoslavia or an autonomous Slovene State, linked by industrial ties with Yugoslavia.

Italian opinion is still in a process of changing and is dependent on economic factors to a large extent, and on nationalistic factors to a smaller extent. Fear of reprisals and extinction of their culture influence a large portion to disfavor incorporation into Yugoslavia. The large urban middle class and majority of large farmers prefer some form of autonomy with British and American protection. The large working class and the small farmer group favour incorporation into Yugoslavia, or, to a lesser degree, an autonomy under United Nations protection.

There is some trend among Slovenes, members of the "Sindacati Giuliani" and Giulian Communist Party towards an autonomous State view, coupled with the hope that it will eventually come under Yugoslav domination.

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D. SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS.

TRIESTE. Foreign Office Confidential Print R.13597/362/22/1943 dated 7 June 1944 sets out in detail special considerations regarding the City of TRIESTE to which the information gained on this survey can add little, other than the estimated division of population shown in para 3 above and factors affecting local feelings.

POLA. This city owes its entire existence and growth to the fact that it is a naval port. Its population is almost entirely dependent upon that fact. Like TRIESTE, it is an Italian settlement situated on the coast with behind it a rocky, barren hinterland inhabited by CROATS. These inhabitants reach right up to the boundaries of the cities and live to some extent within the suburbs. Other than the occupations and industries dependent upon the naval port there is little industry. There is one large cement manufacturing plant depending for its fuel upon the A.R.S.A. coal mines. While the naval installations have been very considerably damaged by aerial bombardment there remain some industrial plants which previously worked for or in conjunction with the naval authorities which could be put to civilian occupation. I refer to such factories as those manufacturing flags, repairing and building small ships, and rope-making. They are, however, dependent on the outer world for their raw materials. POLA finds itself at the present moment in very difficult circumstances: cut off from the immediate hinterland, it is automatically cut off from its fuel supplies, both for commercial and domestic use. Sea transport being in such short supply, POLA is also cut off from the rest of the world for supplies and raw materials. It is believed that if this port is handed over to Yugoslavia a large proportion of the population will wish to evacuate itself to Italian Government territory. This in spite of the fact that it would become linked with its natural source of supply for some of its requirements.

POLA is itself a larger example of several other coastal towns on the west side of the ISTRIAN PENINSULA, i.e. PIRANO, CITTANOVA, PARENZO and ROVIGNO, all of which are old Italian settlements largely dependent on fishing or acting as small ports for the export of coal and bauxite.

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Confidential ~~SECRET~~ (S)ANNEXURE B.REPORT ON VENEZIA GIULIA.ECONOMIC.

I have been instructed to report on the economic considerations affecting the area between the Morgan Line and the Eastern boundary of the Province of Udine. Economically this territory is related to the rest of Venezia Giulia and therefore in the following paragraphs I am forced to go outside my terms of reference.

1. Local Trade.

Most of Venezia Giulia slopes down westward from the mountains and finds its most convenient markets in Gorizia and the coast towns except for a narrow piece of Eastern Istria, which looks towards Fiume.

2. Minerals.

Venezia Giulia has been particularly important to Italy for many years in regard to bauxite. The bauxite mines in Istria produced about 97% of Italy's pre-war requirements in this commodity before the war. It is of a high quality. During the war Italy developed bauxite resources in Foggia but the material found there was of inferior quality and in 1942 had only reached 25% of her total production. These figures indicate that the loss of the Istrian mines might well cripple the Italian aluminium industry. Jugoslavia, on the other hand, produces large quantities of high quality bauxite, which she exports. An additional factor is that whereas Italy has facilities for the conversion of bauxite to aluminium, these are not available to Jugoslavia.

3. Oil Refineries.

The refineries at Trieste, with an annual capacity of 470,000 tons, and Fiume, 120,000 tons, represent about one-third of Italy's annual capacity.

4. Ship Building.

Since the cession to Italy of the territory between the 1918 Austrian/Italian frontier and the 1924 Italo/Jugoslav frontier, she has considerably developed the ship building yards at Monfalcone and Trieste. During the years 1931-41, the yards produced 50% of the total shipping tonnage fabricated in Italy, i.e. about 60,000 tons a year. If Italy should lose the ship building yards she would, having regard to her present shortage of shipping, be very greatly handicapped in the struggle to recover her former maritime position in the world. The blast furnaces which she has constructed at Trieste to produce

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the pig iron required for manufacture of the steel plates for ship building had a capacity equal to about 10% of the whole of her productive capacity of that material. She had suffered a loss through war destruction at Piombino and Bagnoli of approximately 60% of her blast furnace capacity so that until these latter furnaces can be rebuilt, the additional loss of the 10% capacity at Trieste would be rather serious to her. She had plans to replace the Trieste furnaces by new furnaces to be constructed at Porto Marghera and presumably she would carry out these plans if Trieste were lost to her.

5. Soda Ash.

The Soda Solway Company (believed to be of Belgian ownership) has works at Monfalcone for the production of the caustic soda and soda ash required for the Venetian glass works and for general use in Italy's chemical industries. They represent 25% of Italy's total production capacity in these commodities and if the territory in question were passed to Jugoslavia, her glass and chemical industries would suffer accordingly.

6. Mercury.

Italy was a large producer of mercury, of which she exported 75% of the total produced, 10% was mined at Idria. The loss of this mercury would be equal to a loss per annum of about 600,000 pounds sterling in foreign exchange.

7. Coal.

The loss of Istrian coal would be serious if Italy were denied facilities for obtaining the coal at a moderate price. The relationship of the Istrian resources to Italian industries is that they previously supplied about 10% of Italian industrial needs.

8. Fisheries.

The fisheries and fish curing industry on the West coast of Istria, especially at Pola, have been important.

9. It can be seen by the above paragraphs that the establishment of an Italian frontier between Italy and the whole of Venezia Giulia would entail a serious loss to Italy. On the other hand, there appears to be no economic justification for the retention by Italy of Fiume, Zara, or the Adriatic Islands.

10. Additional points affecting the problem, but outside the scope of this report, are contained in paras 42-45 of Foreign Office Print R10195/24/92/1943 dated 7 June 1944.

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ANNEXURE C.REPORT ON VENEZIA GIULIA.COMMUNICATIONS.

1. Telephone service within the territory included between the eastern boundary of Udine Province and the Morgan line is provided by the Societa Telefonica delle Venexie, an Italian State concessionaire company. Assuming that this company would lose its concession to do business in territory conceded to Yugoslavia there would be the problem of compensating the telephone company for losses sustained in physical plant investment, comprising telephone central offices, underground and aerial distribution plant, subscriber instruments and associated equipment and apparatus, as well as for those intangible losses resulting from the modification of the territory. Also involved is the disposition of employees, many of whom probably would not wish to sever their connection with the Company and whose rights should be protected.
2. A portion of the disputed territory is traversed by an underground telephone cable on the route Udine-Plesso-Tarvisio. This cable, together with the Plesso repeater station and associated equipment is owned, operated and maintained by the Italian State and settlement for any loss sustained is a problem to be considered. A branch cable from Udine to Trieste with a repeater station at Trieste, as well as some aerial wire pole routes, are included in the same category.
3. Also involved are telegraph wire, pole routes and associated receiving and transmitting equipment and apparatus owned, operated and maintained by the Italian State under the Ministry of Communications. In addition, there is a submarine telegraph cable terminating at Trieste from Venice and two such cables between Trieste and Pola.
4. Postal matters in the disputed territory are normally under the jurisdiction of the Italian State Ministry of Communications. The principal problems in this regard are the disposition of the physical property and consideration of the employees and officials who like those associated with the State telephone and telegraph services are under Italian civil service.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

ECONOMIC SECTION
PRODUCTION DIVISION

20 SEP 1945

Ref. ES/1.47

19 September 1945

SUBJECT: Venezia Giulia

TO : Executive Commissioner

1. I refer to your memorandum 522/ES of 11 September, and submit the following observations on paragraphs 1-b-(iii), (v) and (vi) of your memorandum 522/314/ES dated 12 September 1945.

2. ~~1-b-(iii)~~, Economic Considerations.

I have carefully perused the British Foreign Office documents enclosed with your memorandum of the 17th September, viz:

R6376/3294/92 The Italo/Jugoslav Frontier Alternative Solutions, dated 1 June 1944;
R10195/84/92/1943 The Italo/Jugoslav Frontier, dated 7 June 1944; and
R/13597/362/22/1943 The Problem of Trieste, dated 7 June 1944.

(They are returned herewith.)

I am in general agreement with the economic appreciations which they give as to the effect of changing the Italo/Jugoslav boundary in Venezia Giulia with the exception of the following additions and amendments (which are all related to the area mentioned in paragraph one of your letter and to the Istrian Peninsula.)

- A. Since the cession to Italy of the territory between the 1918 Austrian/Italian frontier and the 1924 Italo/Jugoslav frontier, she has considerably developed the shipbuilding yards at Monfalcone and Trieste. During the years 1931-41, they produced 50 percent of the total shipping tonnage fabricated in Italy or about 60,000 tons a year. If Italy should lose the shipbuilding yards, she would, having regard to her present shortage of shipping, be very greatly handicapped in the struggle to recover her former maritime position in the world.

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- B. The blast furnaces which she has constructed at Trieste to produce the pig iron required for manufacture of the steel plates for shipbuilding had a capacity equal to about 10 percent of the whole of her productive capacity of that material. She had suffered a loss through war destruction at Piombino and Bagnoli of approximately 60 percent of her blast furnace capacity so that until these latter furnaces can be rebuilt, the additional loss of the 10 percent capacity at Trieste would be rather serious to her. She had plans to replace the Trieste furnaces by new furnaces to be constructed at Porta Marghera and presumably she would carry out these plans if Trieste were lost to her.
- C. The Soda Solvay Company (believed to be of Belgian ownership) has works at Monfalcone for the production of the caustic soda and soda ash required for the Venice glass works and for general use in Italy's chemical industries. They represent 25 percent of Italy's total production capacity in these commodities and if the territory in question were passed to Yugoslavia, her glass and chemical industries would suffer accordingly.
- D. Italy was a large producer of mercury, of which she exported 75 percent. Of the total produced, 10 percent was mined at Idria. The loss of this mercury would be equal to a loss per annum of about 600,000 pounds sterling in foreign exchange.

Istrian Peninsula

- E. The bauxite mines in Istria produced about 97 percent of Italy's pre-war requirements in bauxite. It is of a high quality. During the war, she developed bauxite resources in Foggia but the material found there was of inferior quality and in 1942 had only reached 25 percent of her total production. These figures are at variance with those given in paragraph 14 of Foreign Office paper R6370/2294/92 of 1 June 1944 and paragraph 37 of paper R10195/84/92/1943 of 7 June 1944. They are, however,

believed to be correct and would indicate that the loss of the Istrian Mines might well cripple the Italian aluminum industry. Yugoslavia, on the other hand, produces large quantities of high quality bauxite which she exports. Also whereas Italy has the facilities for the conversion of the bauxite to aluminum, these are not available to Yugoslavia.

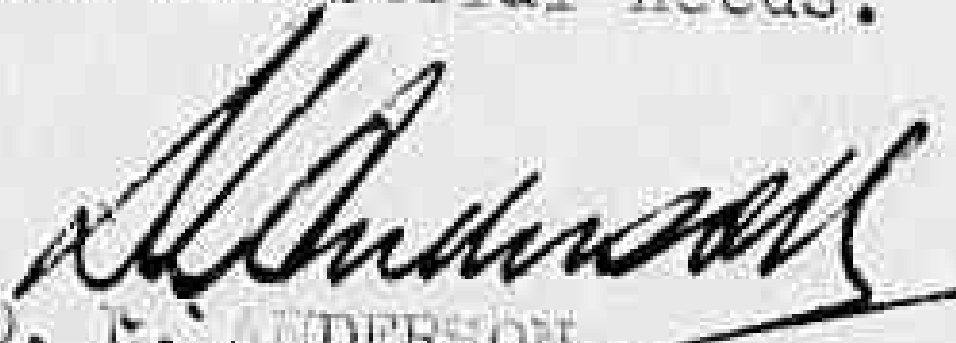
- F. Over 50 percent of Italy's production in bituminous coal came from the Arsa Mines in Istria and the loss of this production would of course have serious repercussions on her industries if coal in replacement could not be imported from other countries. Italy has probably less resources in natural fuel than any other country in the world of comparable industrial capacity.

3. ~~Subject~~ Communication Problems.

I am not clear as to whether the communications referred to are railway communications or postal and telegraph. If they are the former, the question is one which can best be answered by the Director, Military Railways, AFHQ. The problem is bound up with such things as locomotive and railway repair facilities, tariff adjustments, etc., on which I am not competent to express an opinion.

4. ~~Subject~~ Coal Resources Available and their Relation to Italian Industry.

I have referred above to the coal resources previously available to Italy in the Istrian Peninsula. There are no other coal resources in the territory under dispute. The relationship of the Istrian resources to Italian industries as a whole is that they previously supplied about 10 percent of Italian industrial needs.


D. E. ANDERSON
Brigadier
Deputy Vice-President

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Enclosures (3)
(per para 2)

Copy to:
Col. Cripps

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Chief Commissioner.

Attached is submitted for your ^{approval} signature ^{information}
Economic Refat will be ready by noon 18/9
Hope when full refat ready on 20/9.

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INCCMING MESSAGE
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 8/1000

Date/Time of Origin: SEP 151730B

Message Centre No: F/7944

Date Time Rec'd: SEP 171615A

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM AMG 13 CORPS

TO : HQ ALCOM CITE EXEC COMMR INFO VP CIV AFFAIRS SECT LOCAL GOVT SC
17 SEP 1945

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Survey progressing well. Have visited and interviewed area Commissioners at POLA TRIESTE and GORIZIA. More interviews scheduled for Sunday and Monday. Diverse information beginning to form a pattern. Difficulty in obtaining accurate statistical data. Expect to return to ROME Tuesday, 18 September. Signed CRIPPS and TEMPLE.

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 APO 394
 Communications Sub-Commission

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15th September 1945.

Subject : Communications Problems - Venezia Giulia.

SEP 17 1945

To : Executive Commissioner.

1.- This is in compliance with your request of 11th September 1945, reference 522/EC, concerning communication problems within the territory included between the eastern boundary of Udine Province and the Morgan Line.

2.- Telephone service within the abovementioned territory is provided by the Societa' Telefonica delle Venezie, an Italian State concessionaire company. Assuming that this company would lose its concession to do business in territory conceded to Yugoslavia there would be the problem of compensating the telephone company for losses sustained in physical plant investment, comprising telephone central offices, underground and aerial distribution plant, subscriber instruments and associated equipment and apparatus, as well as for those intangible losses resulting from the modification of the territory. Also involved is the disposition of employees many of whom probably would not wish to sever their connection with the Company and whose rights should be protected.

3.- A portion of the disputed territory is traversed by an underground telephone cable on the route Udine-Plezzo-Tarvisio. This cable, together with the Plezzo repeater station and associated equipment is owned, operated and maintained by the Italian State and settlement for any loss sustained is a problem to be considered. A branch cable from Udine to Trieste with a repeater station at Trieste, as well as some aerial wire pole routes, are included in the same category.

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5.- Postal matters in the disputed territory are normally under the jurisdiction of the Italian State Ministry of Communications. The principal problems in this regard are the disposition of the physical property and consideration of the employees and officials who like those associated with the State telephone and telegraph services are under Italian civil service.

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 H.H. SCUDLER
 Lt. Colonel, Sig. O.
 Director.

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REFERENCE YOUR SIGNAL EASY TWO FOUR EIGHT OF ELEVENTH SEPTEMBER PD
PAREN TO MAIN THIRTEEN CORPS REPEATED GEORGE FIVE AFHQ FROM HQ ALCOM CITE
ACEXE PAREN

WE ARE MAKING COLONEL CRIPPS AND MAJOR TEMPLE RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPILING
THE REPORT PD COLONEL CRIPPS AND MAJOR TEMPLE WILL ARRIVE TRIESTE ON
THURSDAY THIRTEENTH WITH FULL INSTRUCTIONS PD MOST GRATEFUL FOR YOUR KIND
OFFER OF ACCOMMODATION OF WHICH THESE TWO OFFICERS MAY TAKE ADVANTAGE DURING
THEIR STAY IN YOUR AREA PD

Office of Executive Commissioner

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E. TALBOT

Lieut Col

(BU noted as 327)
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Ref: 522/EC.

12 September 1945.

SUBJECT: UDINE Province.

TO : Regional Commissioner,
Venezia Region.

1. I refer to your report dated 25 July 45 and enclose copy of instructions addressed to Colonel Cripps.

2. I shall be glad if you will supplement your report with special reference to point 1 with relation to UDINE.

/s/ E. T. B. 1945
✓ Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Ref: 522/EC.

11 September 1945.

SUBJECT: Venezia Giulia.

TO : Colonel Boulder,
Communications Sub-Commission.

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1. I attach a letter addressed to Colonel Gripps in Trieste directing him to furnish a report on Venezia Giulia. The Chief Commissioner requests that Brigadier Anderson and you should furnish the factual report on points iii, v and vi.

2. I should be glad if you would communicate by telegram to Colonel Gripps if you require any information from him.

M. S. LUSH

✓ Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Ref: 522/31A/BC.

12 Sept. 45.

Subject: Report on Venezia Giulia.

To: Colonel Griggs (Trieste)
Major Temple.

TAKEN BY MAJ TEMPLE

2. On instructions from SACMED the Allied Commission is preparing a report for presentation to Combined Chiefs of Staff on Venezia Giulia on the following premises :-

- a) At the Peace Treaty it is probable that Yugoslavia will claim territory up to a line running north and south between GORIZIA and UDINE to the Austrian border.
- b) With a view to providing data for the Allied representatives at the Conference it is necessary to examine the general area between this line and the Morgan Line and to provide full and accurate information as follows :-
 - i) Ethnic details.
 - ii) Local feeling in regard to final disposal of area.
 - iii) Economic considerations.
 - iv) Considerations particularly affecting TRIESTE and FULA.
 - v) Communication problems.
 - vi) Coal resources available and their relation to Italian industry.

For the purpose of this report the Eastern boundary of UDINE Province should be taken as the line referred to in para: 1(a) above.

2. XIII Corps HQ and all subordinates, including AMB, have been directed by AMHQ to make available to AC all relevant facts that are in their possession and to assist AC representatives to obtain the information they require. I am requesting Brigadier Anderson and Colonel Scudder to report on points (iii), (v) and (vi). I request that you should furnish the facts on points (i), (ii) and (iv).

(1) Ethnic Details.

In part III of Zone Handbook No: 15 (Italy), copy of which is attached, the population of each Comune in the area according to Census of 1931 is given. You should obtain from the SCAG and the Area Commissioners the correct current figures for the Comuni in Venezia Giulia West of the Morgan Line and these figures must show the distribution as between Italians, Serbo-Croats and Slovenes. You should add notes as to whether there has been any great change in the distribution of population

- a) since 1931
- b) since 1940

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(11) Local Feeling.

You should obtain from the SMO, the Area Commissioners, and C-2, XIII Corps all information at their disposal in regard to local feeling with regard to final disposal of the area. It should be noted that feeling may vary in different parts of the territory.

(11A) THREATS & POLA.

The commercial part of THREATS and the naval part of POLA present special features. The problem of THREATS is fully set out in Foreign Office Confidential Print of 7 June 44, but it may be possible with further information to bring this document further up to date. This should be studied and fresh information added if possible. Unfortunately I have no document on POLA but the Great problem in this port deserves special study.

I am sending you four Foreign Office prints to serve as a background for your study which should be completed, if possible, by 17 September 45.

For Chief Commissioners:

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Encl.

Do please to :-

Brigadier Dunlop
B.C.S., XIII Corps,
Brigadier Anderson,
Colonel Scudler - Comm. S/C. —

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TAKEN BY Mr. T. P. 544

Handled BY C S O

CHARTER

DRAFT.

TO: AFHQ FROM SICHEL.

Reference your signal E 248 of 11 Sept.

I am making Colonel Cripps and Major Temple responsible for compiling the report. Colonel Cripps is ~~at the moment in Trieste~~ and Major Temple will arrive there on Thursday 13th with full instructions. I am most grateful for your kind offer of accommodation of which these two officers may take advantage during their stay in your area.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: **FX 42324**

Message Centre No: **F/7174**

Date/Time of Origin: **SEP 102000B**

Date Time Rec'd: **SEP 102000B**

Precedence: **URGENT**

FROM **AFHQ SIGNED ALEXANDER**

TO : **ACTION 13 CORPS PERSONAL FOR GEN HARDING INFO ALCOM PERSONAL FOR ADMIRAL STONE**

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11 SEP 1945

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INFO - ACTION

Ref your 0235 not to ALCOM.

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

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INCOMING MESSAGE

12 SEP 1945
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

C. Comm 50

Originator's Reference: E 248

Message Centre No: F/7284

Date/Time of Origin: SEPT 11/0955B

Date Time Rec'd: SEPT 11/1900B

FROM MAIN 13 CORPS

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Precedence: IMPORTANT

TO : ALCOM INFO: AFHQ

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Reference para 3 of AFHQ signal FX 42324 of 10 September.

1. suggest you frame your requirements in form of detailed questionnaire in view of somewhat general nature of headings given in AFHQ signal FX 24549 of 18 July. 12

2. shall be very pleased arrange accommodation for any officers you may wish send here to obtain information in person or to send officers from this Hq to ROME to furnish information required if more convenient

DIST Exec Comm (2)

ACTION : CHIEF COMMISSIONER (2)

INFO : ~~CHIEF COMMISSIONER (2)~~

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AMC VENEZIA GIULIA.

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11 Sept. 45.

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SECRET.

I HAVE DECIDED TO MAKE YOU AND THESE RESOURCES FOR THE PREPARATION OF A

REPORT ON VENEZIA GIULIA REQUIRED BY AMHQ PD

FROM ALCON

PARACH TO AMO VENEZIA GIULIA FOR CIPHER/PERSONAL FROM STONE PARCH

FULL EXTENDING NOTES WILL BE BROUGHT BY THE-TE ON THURSDAY THIRTEENTH PD
INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT ARE CONTAINED IN FREEDOM
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AND SUB PARAS THREE AND FIVE WILL BE DEALT WITH BY AMERICAN AND SOUTHER PD
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CONSIDERATIONS PARTICULARLY EMPLOYING THIRTEENTH AND FOLA PD THE REPORT TO BE
READY BY MONDAY SEVENTEENTH AND YOU SHOULD START STUDYING THE PROBLEM FORTHWITH
IN CONJUNCTION WITH SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER PD

Office of Executive Commissioner.

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SECRET.

I HAVE DECIDED TO MAKE YOU AND THESE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE PREPARATION OF A

REPORT ON VENEZUELA CIVILIA REQUIRED BY ARMY PD

FROM ALONE

PARA TO ALL VENEZUELA CIVILIA FOR CUBAN/PERMANENT FROM STONE PAPER

FULL WRITING NOTES WILL BE BROUGHT BY TWENTY OR THIRTY-THREE THIRTY-THREE PD

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT ARE CONTAINED IN FIVE-THREE

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102000 hrs.

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(SEEN GW 522/LEC)

ARNIE.

I have been trying all morning to get on to Trieste but without success. I will be grateful if you will do something for me this afternoon - ring Colonel Bowman and tell him that the Executive Commissioner wants him to get on with the preparation of the statement giving the answers to the questions asked in the signal 224 in the attached file, with the exception of the last question, number six, namely the possible demarkation line, which is to be ignored.

Will you impress upon Colonel Bowman that we want this statement as urgently as possible and if possible will you see if you can talk to Brig. Carr, who is, I believe in Trieste and tell him as it were to supervise Colonel Bowman's action.

Sorry to put this on to you at the last moment.

8/9/45.

RB.
for CSO.

PS. I believe Col. Bowman's number is 4508 - but haven't had much joy on that.

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Attention.

*By dint of much talking about emergency
provisionally immediately got through to Trieste
at last so the preparation is done! The matter is now
I could then Trieste could not have been
I don't feel that I have accomplished much*

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Sorry to put this on to you at the last moment.

8/9/45.

Ed.
for CSO.

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Have sent signal - see '511.

Also asked Veragie Region to get in touch with Bowman and ask him to ring E.C. Sat. evening at home

Done

Col Bowman rang Big last Saturday evening and it was agreed to ask Sen Hayes to instruct Gen Haulay.
a Col Barker.

Ed 10/9.

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AND VIRGINIA GIBLIA

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AMHQ TELETYPE FOR MAY TWO FOUR FIVE FOUR NINE OF AUGUSTEEN JULY BEFORS TO
PAREN TO AND VIRGINIA GIBLIA FOR BOWMAN BEEN FROM H. ALON CITE AGING PAREN
YOUR REPORT ON THE QUESTION: ASKED IN PARA TWO BETTY IS NOW URGENTLY
REQUIRED TO REPORT ON THESE CASE TO FIVE ONLY ONE. IGNORE ITEM SIX

B/V
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EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

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R. W. KEMSLEY

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EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF SACMED'S CONFERENCE
5th Meeting held on 6th September 1945

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5. PEACE TREATY WITH ITALY

(Previous reference SAC (45) 4th Meeting, Minutes)

REAR ADMIRAL STONE, in reply to a question by the Chief of Staff, reported that the Vice President of the Civil Affairs Commission was at the present time in VENEZIA GIULIA supervising the collection of information for the survey, covering ethnological and similar matters, which Allied Commission had been directed to undertake in regard to the ITALO-JUGOSLAV problem in Northeast ITALY. Progress up to the present time had been satisfactory and he hoped to forward a report shortly. It was his understanding that the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, was in possession of certain material which would be valuable for the final report. He asked whether a parallel report was still to be prepared by XIII Corps.

BRIGADIER GENERAL HAMLEN said that the original terms of reference to Allied Commission had recently been broadened. As Commander XIII Corps, had represented that his headquarters was too close to the problem to be able to view it in proper perspective, it had been decided to leave the survey wholly to the Allied Commission.

MR. OFFIE observed that in view of the forthcoming meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers in LONDON, it might be advisable for the Supreme Allied Commander to direct the preparation of a summary of day-to-day events in regard to Allied Military Government in the VENEZIA GIULIA area since the occupation of that territory. Such a summary would undoubtedly be of use in the near future.

X | LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN considered that such a summary would be of value, but that the survey now being prepared by Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, should have priority over any other reports of this nature.

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

Confirmed the remarks of the Chief of Staff at 'X' above, and directed that the survey now being made by Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, should be completed as soon as possible.

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REFERENCE TALBOTS MEMORANDUM ON VENEZIA GIULIA REPORT FREEDOM HAVE INSTRUCTED
ALOOM TO INITIATE AND PREPARE REPORT PD
PAREN TO AMC THIRTEEN CORPS FOR BRIGADIERS CANR FROM HQ ALOOM CITE ACEDIC PAREN
YOU SHOULD ASK AMC TO FURNISH DETAILS REQUIRED UNDER VARIOUS HEADINGS IN
FREEDOM TELEGRAM FOX KRAY TWO FOUR FIVE FOUR NINE OF JULY ONE EIGHT FORTHWITH PD
INFORMATION WILL THEN BE COORDINATED AND AMPLIFIED BY POLITICAL ADVISERS AND
OTHERS AT ALOOM

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Executive Commissioner

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Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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5 Sept 45
1715 hrs.

SEP - 6 1945

Telephone Message from Maj. Hanley, SAC Secretariat:

"Re Minute 8 of SAC 45 - 4th meeting. The Chief of Staff would like Admiral Stone tomorrow morning to let us know the position of the ethnological survey which we asked Alcom to take up regarding N.E. Italy sometime ago."

CCs informed: he will state
that VP CAS has gone to
VG. to find out.

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G-5 Section
APO 512

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1 September 1945

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SUBJECT: Papers on Venezia Giulia.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

Reference is made to this headquarters signal P-38754 of 27 August 1945.

1. The memoranda listed below and attached hereto have been received from the Foreign Office, who have suggested that they may be useful in the compilation of the papers which you are preparing on the disposition of Venezia Giulia:

R/2378/2294/92 - Yugoslav Minority in Italy - Copy No. 147

R/13597/362/22/1943 - The Problem of Trieste - Copy No. 052

R/10195/84/92/1943 - The Italo-Yugoslav Frontier - Copy No. 65

R/6370/2294/92 - The Italo-Yugoslav Frontier -
Alternative Solutions - Copy No. 151

R/3390/2294/92 - Dalmatia - Copy No. 81.

2. Please acknowledge receipt on the attached form and return the memoranda when you have finished with them.

Ack
3/9

de Parsons

F. G. A. PARSONS,
Colonel GS,
Deputy Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5.

B/V
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Noted

Encls: as listed above
AF A16

Seen B.V. on 10/9/45
V.P.C.A. Unit Trieste
in 1 week

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(1 SEPARATE COPY LETTER)

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To:- Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5 Section,
Allied Force Headquarters,
AFC 512.

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Receipt is acknowledged of the following: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ CONFIDENTIAL

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DISPATCHED ON 1 Sep 45

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TO: NO Allied Commission

DATE RECEIVED

REPORT ON VENEZIA GIULIA.References:

- A. AFHQ signal PX 24549 of 18 July, folio 224
File 522/EC.
- B. AC signal 2243 of 20 July, folio 227
File 522/EC.
- C. AMG VENEZIA GIULIA signal 8/96 of 26 July,
folio 237 File 522/EC.
- D. AC signal 2805 of 30 July, folio 244 File 522/EC.
- E. DD letter from Lt. Gen. HARDING, ref DD/26 of
3 Aug, folio 267B File 522/EC.
- F. Chief Commissioner's letter 522/EC of 16 Aug,
folio 292 File 522/EC.
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2. Local feeling in regard to final disposal of area.
3. Economic considerations.
4. Considerations particularly affecting TRIESTE and POLA.
5. Communication problems.
6. Possible demarcation line.

In addition, AC was to report on coal reserves.

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3. The Chief Commissioner replied (at D.) overruling the SCAO's objections and confirming his instructions to prepare the report.

4. On 3 August, Lieut. General HARDING wrote a DO letter to Lieut. General MORGAN (at E.) stating that he agreed with the SCAO's views at C. and submitting further that a report prepared by AMG VENEZIA GIULIA would have little value, as it would necessarily be practically identical with the report to be submitted by 13 Corps, since he, as Commander 13 Corps, would call on the SCAO and his staff for information and opinions. His recommendation (supported by the SCAO) was that a Committee be set up at AFHQ to study the problem and that 13 Corps (inclusive of AMG) should have no responsibility beyond producing facts called for by this Committee.

5. The Chief Commissioner

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5. The Chief Commissioner having been informed of para 4 above by Colonel BOWMAN replied (at E.) that though he still considered AMG the best body to produce the report he was willing to concur with General HARDING's proposal, and that Colonel BOWMAN should take future instructions in the matter from 13 Corps.

6. AFHQ, G-5 Section, have now signalled to AC (at G.) that the initiative for obtaining and presenting opinions is to rest with AC, but that Political Advisers etc., may be asked to cooperate with the preparation of the report.

7. It is not clear:

(a) Whether G-5 was ignorant of General HARDING's DO letter at E. when their signal at G. was despatched, or whether E. has in fact been considered and the recommendations rejected.

(b) Whether 13 Corps have been informed of the contents of G.

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AUG 28 1945

From: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED WITH PHOEG
To: HQ ALCOM

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Ref conference Admiral WELCH and General MORGAN subject advising SACRED on matters concerning disposition of VENEZIA GIULIA under peace treaty. Signal FK 24549 July 18 asked for desired information in conformity with FAN 592. Therefore no additional authority required from CCS for presentation of SACRED'S views. Most practical method of implementing decision reached between Chief Commissioner and Chief of Staff is to broaden base of inquiry to include political advisers and any other members deemed necessary by ALCOM. This will prevent duplication of effort already expended in study directed by FK 24549 and permit a comprehensive agreed paper on which SACRED base his views to the CCS. Initiative for obtaining information and presenting facts and opinions to SACRED to rest with ALCOM.

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Chief Commissioner.

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Attached is submitted for your signature/information/approval.

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CC 1031

I understand Col Bowman is at AFHQ (col 525
invitation of Saemud) & will return via Rome
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Ref: 522/RC.

16 August 1945

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My dear Colonel:

Thank you for your letter 13C/AMG/200/ of 4 August. I fully appreciate the intention which prompted your signals and letter to me and both I and the officers at Headquarters do realise the special conditions in the Venezia Giulia. While I am prepared to agree with the Corps Commander's and your views on the perspective and channels, I personally would put far more faith in a report prepared by military government and other officers on the spot who are experts on Venezia Giulia and who do, or should, know all classes of people and shades of opinion, than on a report by a visiting commission who might pick the brains of those in the area but would never achieve the same personal knowledge. However, since I have never favoured either XIII Corps or AMG making such a report, I am quite content to let the matter be arranged as suggested by the Corps Commander to AMG and you should therefore take your instructions from him on this matter.

I would mention in passing that I find in your telegram a certain touchiness on the question of channels and the views of this HQ. The expression "understand your signals intended as request rather than direction" in your telegram 8/176 of 6th August and your message that you "must decline to accept" British officers if they continue to be sent by this HQ, do little good and by better phrasing could convey exactly the same meaning without being contentious. Everyone here is out to help you one hundred percent. Everyone here fully realises your position as SCAG vis-a-vis 13 Corps. But I would suggest that the wholehearted assistance which we all want to give you would be better elicited by not sending us provocative telegrams.

You are doing a very good job of work in Venezia Giulia and you may count on all help and advice from me. But just remember that any telegram to HQ Allied Commission is a telegram to me, personally.

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Yours sincerely,

13/ Elmer W. Stone

ELMER W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Colonel Alfred C. Bowman,
Senior Civil Affairs Officer,
Allied Military Government,
VENEZIA GIULIA.

Ref: 522/EO.

August 1945.

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may count on all help and advice from me. But ^{push remember}
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ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Colonel Alfred C. Bowman,
SCAO, AMG Venezia Giulia.

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INCOMING MESSAGE (35)**HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION**Originator's Reference: EX 34527Message Centre No: F/3647Date/Time of Origin: AUG 11Date Time Rec'd: AUG 122000FROM AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FROBIPrecedence: ROUTINEAUG 13 1945TO : ROME AREA INFO 13 CORPS, ALCON FOR ACTION FOR OSS FOR MADLOX FOR INFO FOR CSI**SECRET**

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Further to our EX 30756 of 1 August. CSI 13 CORPS reports that OSSR and A (A) personnel is not needed now to prepare ethnological details etc in VENEZIA GIULIA area. Grateful your offer assistance.

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INFO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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POLAD(B)
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SECRETEX 3736
AUGUST 1/1320B7/22/45
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ROUTINE

From: AFR, SIGNED SIGNED CITE HEDRI

To: ACTION: MAIN 13 CORPS INFO: ALGOM

AUG 2 1945

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For OMI. Further to our EX 20607 of 22 July to ALGOM info to 13 CORPS. American officer for staff duties with your HQ reporting to AFR 3 August for instructions and will proceed 13 CORPS 7 August answering your 1 & 2 of 21 July

RE: SUBJECT

OMI is prepared to send 2 or 3 staff members of their R and A branch to VERMIA CIVILIA Area on 10 August for about 3 weeks in order to prepare a preliminary study of information desired regarding ethnological details etc. Are you still interested in their services?

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Ref/522/EC.

11 August 1945

SUBJECT: Report - UDINE Province.

TO : R.O. Venetia Region.

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The Executive Commissioner has directed me to thank you for your report on Udine Province dated 25 July 45 which is being carefully considered.

[Signature]
for Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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[Signature]
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
13 CORPS

13C/AMG/200/

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4 August 1945

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My dear Admiral,

I enclose, with the Corps Commander's permission, a copy of a letter which he transmitted today to the Chief of Staff, AFHQ. You will note that it refers to your last signal to me, which, although it was designated personal, I took the liberty of showing to him, feeling certain you would not object so long as the result is progress toward coordination and understanding.

General Harding states in his letter that I concur in the views expressed, and I do. I stated in my earlier signal that I had expressed a certain opinion on this question to the Corps Commander, and portions of my views are reflected in his letter. The elements of the matter relating to channels and perspective, however, are his own idea, and I feel certain that he would have reached the same conclusion without my advice.

I think that I have, during the past two years, fought the battle of the Allied Commission vis-a-vis other military formations as consistently and effectively as any of your officers, and you must be assured that whenever I recommend a slight modification of policy or viewpoint such recommendation is based on the sincere conviction born of considerable experience, now, in these matters, that the interest of the Commission will be best served by the change. This is true in the present case.

I sincerely hope that it will be possible for you to pay us a personal visit soon, and offer the hospitality of my own villa whenever you can possibly make it.

Meanwhile, with best personal regards, I am, sir,

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission

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DO/26.

From :- Lieut-General Sir JOHN HARDING, KCB, CBE, DSO, MC.

Headquarters,
13 Corps.

3rd August, 45.

Report on factors affecting rival claims to
VENEZIA GIULIA.

Since the receipt of your original telegram instructing make a study of this matter I have given it a good deal of thought, and have discussed the best lines of approach with BOWMAN, my SCAO. He has also had some correspondence by signal with the Allied Commission on the subject. I attach copies of the signals exchanged for your information, but would draw your attention to the fact that the last one is personal and should therefore, I consider, be treated as private at your end.

After careful consideration I am inclined to share BOWMAN's view that it would be a mistake for officers here to participate in the actual preparation of the report you require. Apart from the argument whether or not such action is inconsistent with our position here as trustees, I have come to the conclusion that we are all too close to the problem and to the day to day implications of the various factors to produce an unbiased report. I may be argued as STONE does in his last signal to BOWMAN, that we are only being asked to report on facts, not to express opinions, but it is impossible to produce a full scale report on the subjects named in your instruction without expressing opinions, since some of them are by their very nature matters of opinion.

There is another point. As you will see from the attached signals Allied Commission have called on BOWMAN for a report. I am also dependent on BOWMAN for advice and opinion on many of the subjects in preparing my report. Prepared in that way the two reports would not be independent, nor for reasons of distance and outlook is it possible for the two agencies concerned, viz. ALCOM and 13 CORPS, to prepare a final report "in conjunction", as ALCOM have suggested in the first of the signals attached.

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After considering these factors I have come to the conclusion that you will never get the type of report I believe we want unless the question is approached in a different way. My suggestion is that a special committee should be set up at AFHQ to study the problem; that it should include representatives of the three Services, the British and American Political Adviser, the Allied Commission, and the CAO; and that the responsibilities of my Headquarters in the matter should be confined to producing facts and figures required by the committee in answer to definite questions prepared by them.

/If considered necessary.....

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If considered necessary the committee could visit the area either individually to study certain aspects of the problem, or as a body to take evidence from my staff and from local residents too if desired. I feel that such a committee would view the problem in much better perspective than anyone here, and should for that reason and by nature of its composition, be able to produce a properly balanced report. I realise that I agreed to the proposal that 13 CORPS should prepare a report when we discussed it some time ago, but after further thought and experience I am convinced that the only satisfactory method of dealing with the matter is on the lines I have suggested above.

I have shown this letter to BOWMAN who agrees with my conclusions, and who will, I am sure, do his utmost to provide accurate answers to any questions the proposed committee may put to us. I hope you will be able to accept my suggestion in this matter.

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Lt-Gen W.D. MORGAN, CB, DSO, MC
Chief of Staff,
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

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30 July 45

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PAREN TO AMG VENEZIA GIULIA FROM HQ ALCOM CITE ACEXC PAREN

IN MY TWO TWO FOUR THREE OF JULY TWO ZERO YOU WERE ASKED TO INVESTIGATE
AND PROVIDE A REPORT GIVING INFORMATION REPEAT INFORMATION PD YOU HAVE
NOT BEEN ASKED TO REACH ANY DECISION PD YOUR METAPHOR IS HARDLY ACCURATE PD
YOU ARE NEITHER THE STAKEHOLDER NOR THE JUDGE BUT HAVE CHARGE OF THE CUSTODY
OF THE HORSE PD IN YOUR CAPACITY AS SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER YOU AND
YOUR STAFF WILL IN THE ORDINARY COURSE OF YOUR DUTIES OBTAIN TECHNICAL
INFORMATION ON THE POINTS REFERRED TO AND WILL BE IN THE BEST POSITION TO
GIVE TO HIGHER AUTHORITIES CMA NAME THE CORPS COMMANDER AND MYSELF CMA
THAT INFORMATION PD IN OBTAINING AND REPORTING THIS TECHNICAL INFORMATION
YOU WILL IN NO WAY PREJUDICE YOUR POSITION AS TRUSTEE IN ADMINISTRATION OF
A DISPUTED TERRITORY PD YOU CAN BE CERTAIN THAT THE ALLIED COMMISSION WILL
BE OBJECTIVE IN ITS APPROACH PD MY TELEGRAM IS NOT WITHDRAWN

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(Sgd) L.W. STEARNS,
Major, for,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

TOP SECRET

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Copy No. 1

HEADQUARTERS

VENEZIE REGION

Allied Military Government

APC 394

TO : HQ. A.C.

SUBJECT: Political Situation Udine Province.

FILE No: RXII/RC

26 July 1945

JUL 25 1945

1. Reference your 542/18/EC of 17 July, receipt of which has already been acknowledged. I beg to report as follows:- My Top Secret letter of 25 July replying to your telegram 2244 of July 20 contained a report upon the general present position in the Province of Friuli. With regard to the immediate position I can add the following facts.

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3. As you know, there is a Russian mission in the city of Udine connected with the repatriation of Russian refugees. As a matter of record it should be noted that this mission is visited by a number of men in Udine who are known or are suspected of having pro-Slav tendencies. There are, of course, in the Province

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4. With special regard to the economic condition it is to be noted that owing to the looting of stores by Yugoslav patriots in early May, Udine became less self-supporting than is usually the case. Moreover, as you will remember, Log Plan 177 was not carried out in its entirety by 8 Army. The amount of grain carried into Udine by 8th Army transport fell far below the originally estimated figure. We have, however, devoted practically the whole of our available Regional transport to the hauling of grain into Udine. We have sent considerable quantities by barge from Rovigo into the south of the Province and we are now sending grain forward by train. We have reached the stage where we can begin to stock pile in the mountain villages in preparation for the winter period when they will be to a great extent cut off. You will however remember the fundamental fact that the basic ration is not sufficient in itself, that it has to be supplemented by local purchases of fruit, vegetables, etc., and in the mountain districts these are not plentiful.

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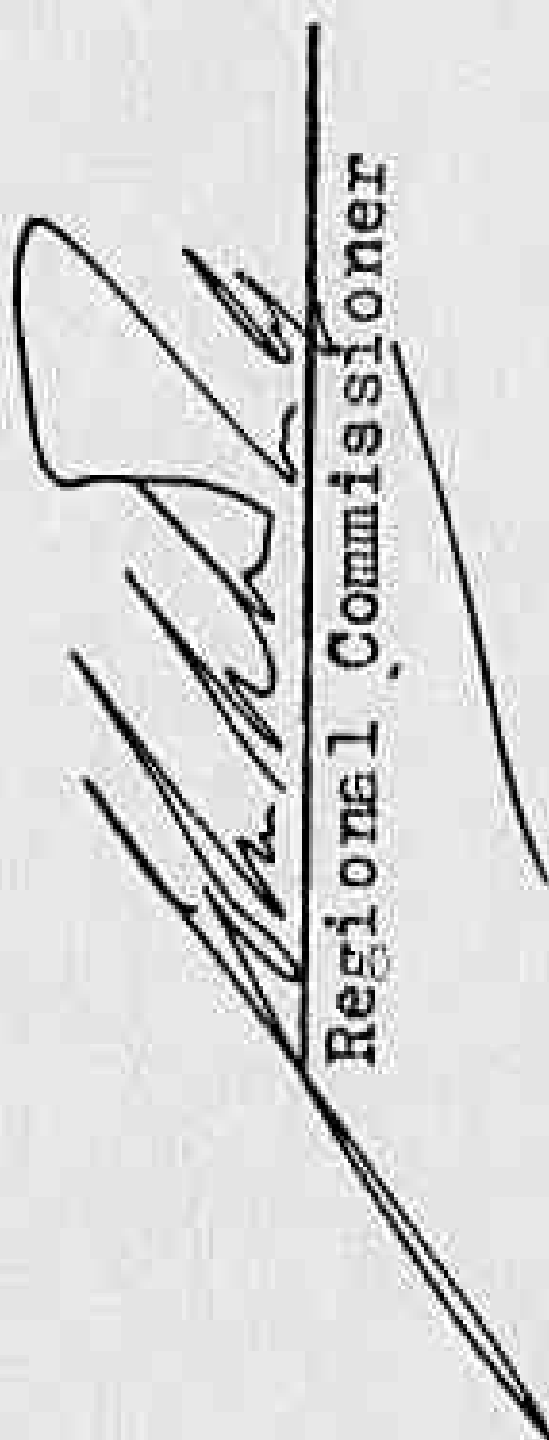
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9. The whole question of the price and ration system is under continuous examination by us and you, yourself, know the regulations which have been in effect. In regard to price control, the maintenance of a ration system free from abuse is always difficult but we are doing our best. In respect of the provision of transport for the interchange of goods, the most hopeful assistance in this matter will be the provision of civilian traffic on the

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railway at present operating through Venice, Friuli and as far as Gemona. You know how short transport is in the north-east and how difficult it will be to build up adequate mechanical transport. The development of railway and electric tramways offer a more promising possibility.


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AND PROVIDE A REPORT GIVING INFORMATION REPEAT INFORMATION PD YOU HAVE
 NOT BEEN ASKED TO REACH ANY DECISION PD YOUR METAPHOR IS HARDLY ACCURATE PD
 YOU ARE NEITHER THE STAKEHOLDER NOR THE JUDGE BUT HAVE CHARGE OF THE CUSTODY
 OF THE HORSE PD IN YOUR CAPACITY AS SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER YOU AND
 YOUR STAFF WILL IN THE ORDINARY COURSE OF YOUR DUTIES OBTAIN TECHNICAL
 INFORMATION ON THE POINTS REFERRED TO AND WILL BE IN THE BEST POSITION TO
 GIVE TO HIGHER AUTHORITIES CMA NAME THE CORPS COMMANDER AND MYSELF CMA
~~THIS~~ INFORMATION PD IN OBTAINING AND REPORTING THIS TECHNICAL INFORMATION
 YOU WILL IN NO WAY PREJUDICE YOUR POSITION AS TRUSTEE IN ADMINISTRATION OF
 A DISPUTED TERRITORY PD YOU CAN BE CERTAIN THAT THE ALLIED COMMISSION WILL
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FROM: 13 CORPS
TO: HQ ALCOM

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Reference your 2243 of 20 July. Desire to make following points.

First point. This matter referred this Headquarters by 13 CORPS solely as to subject three. Economic considerations. All other subjects allotted to other staff sections who call upon us as needed.

Second point. SCAO and Colonel LINDSAY political advisor have independently reached common conclusion any participation by this Headquarters in research concerning ultimate disposition this territory would be politically disastrous and completely inconsistent with position we are purely trustees. The stake holder cannot decide who wins the race and any departure from policy of strict disinterest concerning final issue will cause trouble far out of proportion to advantage this view strongly expressed to 13 CORPS commander who is considering. Meanwhile urge retraction of signalled instructions on grounds this is not a technical matter but one of policy on which instructions to this Headquarters as distinguished from ALLIED COMMISSION should come exclusively through 13 CORPS. If ALLIED COMMISSION itself desires to send fact finding officers believe but cannot promise corps commander will permit them to interview specialist officers determine facts and arrive at own conclusions with which we in VENEZIA GIULIA must not express either agreement or disagreement. Personally however feel participation even by ALLIED COMMISSION unwise unless frankly as advocate for ITALY in which case opposite numbers should be permitted to carry on as protagonists for other interested nations.

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EX-COMMISSIONER (26)

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25 July, 1945

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission

SUBJECT : Udine Province

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5. On the main length of the eastern frontier, from Villa Nova d'Iudria, along the Iudrio to its source, thence along the watershed Monte Cucco di Luico, Monte Mataiur - Monte Mia - Monte Guarda- to just north of Monte Canin, the boundary between Italy and Austria fixed in 1866 was exactly the present boundary between the Province of Friuli and the Provinces of Trieste and Gorizia.

6. As a result of the Great War 1914 - 1918 two frontier adjustments were made to the benefit of Friuli. In the southeast the boundary between Friuli and the recently acquired Italian Province of Trieste was moved eastwards so that the communes of Aquileia, Cervignano (important for its flour mills) and three other communes were included in Friuli. These communes were in every respect predominantly Italian. In the northwest, partly for strategic reasons, the Val Canale (Kanal Thal) with the villages of Tarvis (Tarvisio), Saifnitz, Malburgeth (Malburgetto) and Pontafel were included in Italy. The population of this valley was a mixture of Italians, Austrians, and Slovenians. The guidebook of the touring clubs of Italy, written in 1920 before Fascism, admits quite frankly in respect of this valley, "the countryside is inhabited by a German population. The contrast.... is most marked. The typical belfreys, language, costumes, all is different."

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9. These are the communes of S. Pietro al Natisone (pop. 3,077), Stregna (1,722), Savogna (1,867), S. Leonardo (2,222), Grimaeco (1,543), and Drenchia (1,285). In these hill communes the population is mainly Slav and Slovenian is mainly spoken. It is to be noted, however, that these villages are on the Italian side of the watershed and their mountain produce, chestnuts, wood, etc., are taken down to Italian markets. It is a matter of history that the Slavs of S. Pietro fought with the Friulian against the Austrians in 1848.

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10. In sum, a province of some 800,000 inhabitants the compact non-Italian groups consist of some 700 Austrians and Slovenes in the northeast corner, and some 11,000 Slovene speaking inhabitants of mixed origin northeast of Gividale.

11. Local Feeling. Traditionally there has been a feeling of difference between the Friulians and the Slavs. This has grown up during the long years when Friuli was held as a border march against Avars, Hungarians, Slavs and Austrians. In general the story is of successful resistance.

12. So far as it is possible to assess the mass of local feeling it appears to be strongly resistant of any Slav aggression. Special attention was given to the state of public feeling in the six communes northeast of Cividale already referred to in para. 9 above. In this connection the evidence of men of the 10th Mountain Division, U.S., proved very interesting. Regiments of this Division had been stationed in this countryside for nearly two months and many of the troops had lived in small parties in the mountain villages. These U.S. soldiers felt that they had gained the confidence of the inhabitants and were able to interpret the wishes of the inhabitants more honestly than might have been obtained from a more official Allied investigation. The general consensus of opinion was that, while the Slovene speaking inhabitants were not enthusiastically pro-Italian, they were very definitely anti-Slav aggression and were particularly fearful of that form of Slavdom represented by the activities of Marshal Tito's forces in Venezia Giulia. In this connection it is to be remembered that such Slav influence as does exist in these villages is definitely Slovene and therefore anti-pathetic to the Croatian element which, in the main, now dominates Yugoslav politics.

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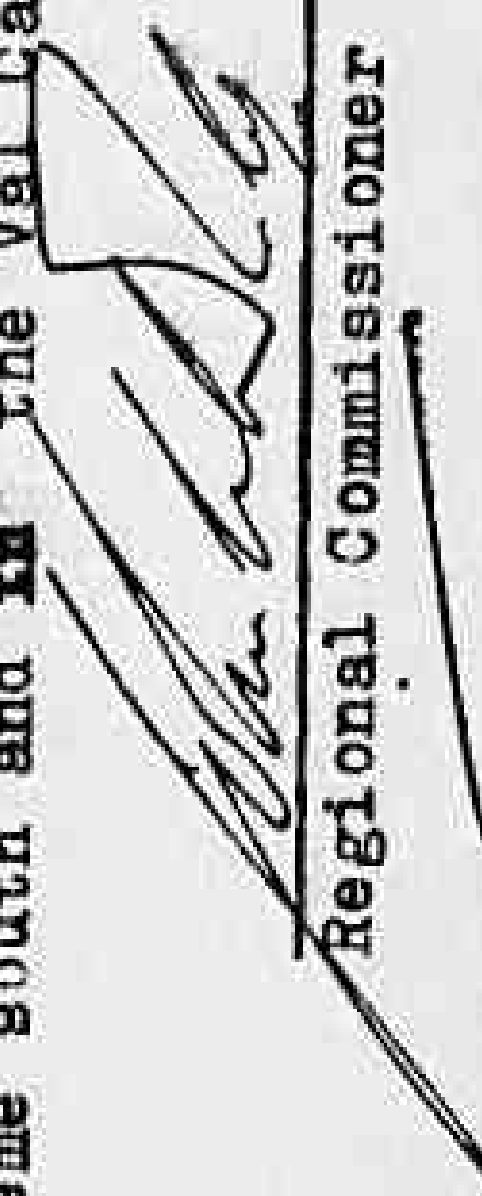
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15. Recommendations: Upon the basis of such information as I have been able to obtain I report that there appears to be no good grounds for disturbing the present frontier except, possibly, in respect of the commune of Grado to the extreme south and in the Val Canale to the extreme north.


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Reference your 2200 dated 20 July. Much background information on subjects in question is held at Allied Force Headquarters but most of this already held by ALCOM 8 ARMY and 13 CORPS. Suggest you send representative soonest to visit G2 library here. OSS has under consideration a request for research and analysis personnel to assist 13 CORPS in obtaining information

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REFERENCE YOUR LETTER OF NINE JULY AND FOX XRAY ONE FOUR FOUR ZERO SIX PD

PARIN TO A/C VENEZUELA REGION FOR REGIONAL COMMISSIONER FROM HQ ALCOM CITE ADECO

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Ref your 1707 of 12 July.

1. Your omission from previous instructions is regretted. The Supreme Allied Commander desires that this matter be investigated and reported on by both the ALLIED COMMISSION and the local military commander. You will therefore conduct an investigation and submit a report in addition to that now being prepared by 13 CORPS.

2. Following is paraphrase of our FX14403 of 28 June issued to 13 CORPS on which you will base your investigations. Begins.

A. At the peace conference it is probable that YUGOSLAVIA will claim territory up to a line running north and south between GORIZIA and UDINE to the Austrian border.

B. With a view to providing data for the Allied representatives at the conference you will examine the general area between the above line and the MORGAN line in order to provide full and accurate information as follows.

1. Ethnological details.
- X 2. Local feeling in regard to final disposal of area.
3. Economic considerations.
4. Considerations particularly affecting TRIESTE and POLA.
5. Communication problems.
6. Possible demarcation line.

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C. A report on the foregoing will be forwarded; unless called for earlier; when the necessary information has been assembled and evaluated by you. Ends.

3. In addition to the subject listed above you will also consider and report on the following additional item.

"Coal reserves (as far as possible throughout ISTRIA) and their relation to Italian industry;"

4. Direct communication between ALCOM and 13 CORPS for purposes of reference in making investigations and preparing reports is authorized.

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I HAVE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS PD

FIRST PD YOUR TELEGRAM SHOULD SURELY HAVE BEEN SENT TO ME BY YOU IN ORDER THAT I COULD OBTAIN THE VIEWS OF THE POLITICAL ADVISERS AND OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER RESPONSIBLE FOR UDINE PROVINCE AND GIVE YOU ~~MY~~ MY VIEWS, AS CHIEF CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER PD

Office of the Executive Commissioner

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12 July 1945

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SECOND PD ~~EIGHTARMY~~ SHOULD HAVE CONSULTED THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER AND
NOT THE PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER DIRECT PD
I AM INSTRUCTING MY REGIONAL COMMISSIONER TO TAKE NO ACTION UNTIL I HEAR
OFFICIALLY FROM YOU

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Office of the Executive Commission

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OUTGOING MESSAGE

VIII Army

TO: A.S.H.Q. Ref. XIII Corps (from 3701E).

My Regional Commissioner VENEZIE Region has forwarded a copy of
 your FX 14403 dated 28 June to XIII Corps ref 15 Army Group on the
 subject of a possible territorial claim by Yugoslavs at the Peace
 Conference. PC UDINE has received direct from ALG VIIIth Army copy
 of your FX 14403 with instructions to send his views on the contents
 direct to XIII Corps and has properly asked his Regional Commissioner
 for instructions.

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ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

JUL 11 1945

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SUBJECT: Veneria Giulia

FILE NO.

TO : EAC

11 July 1945

I have already discussed the annexed signal with C.C. as a copy was brought down some days ago by CR Cripps. The C.C. asked me to get the signal sent to us officially by R.C. Veneria so that action could be taken thereon with A.F. Hq.

I think you will agree this signal is most unwise. In the first place when dealing with a matter of this nature it should have come through ⁴⁹⁹ ~~at~~ ^{MS}

Alcom. Secondly it is no part of ~~the~~ the duties of N.M. G. to make a study of the nature suggested; inquiries under 2(b) could only lead to embarrassment. Thirdly a Provincial Commissioner has neither the time nor the expert staff required to make a study on the lines required. Fourthly why make a study to meet some claim not yet made?

G.R.H.

TOP SECRET

C. A. Sec

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Copy Not and only held at H.Q.

JUL 11 1945

HEADQUARTERS
VENEZIE REGION
Allied Military Government
APO 394

9 July, 1945

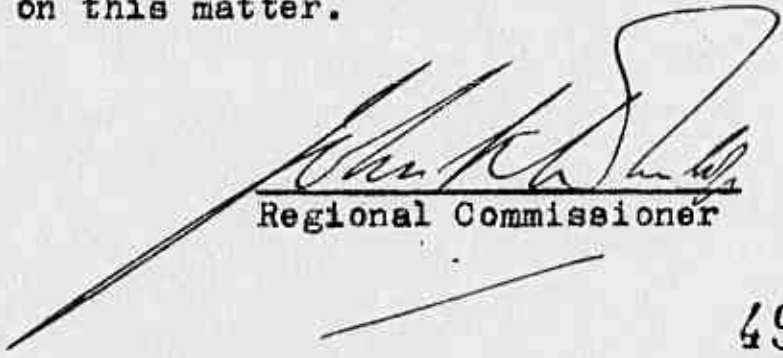
SUBJECT : Frontiers Venezia Giulia

TO : H.Q., Allied Commission

1. Confirming my verbal information, Dunlop - Cripps, I send herewith copy of a signal sent from A.F.H.Q. to 13 Corps, and a letter regarding the A.F.H.Q. message, sent from A.M.G. 8th Army to Provincial Commissioner, Udine Province. (1) (2)

2. Provincial Commissioner, Udine, has sent this correspondence to me and asked for instructions. I have talked over the situation with him and assembled local facts, but the question clearly goes further than that.

3. I should be glad if I may have your instructions on this matter.


Regional Commissioner

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Tel. Ext. 93.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
UDINE PROVINCE

Subject : VENEZIA GIULIA

OA/V.G.

P.C. AMG. UDINE PROVINCE -

Copy to : SCAO AMG 13 Corps.

29 Jun 45/

1. Attached is a copy of A.F.H.Q. Signal FX 14406 dated 28 Jun 45.

2. As this concerns parts of your Province will you send your views on the matter in due course to SCAO, 13 Corps.

Sign. ????
Major,
for Air Commodore,
H.Q., A.M.G. EIGHT ARMY.-

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CIPHER SECRET.

TO : action 13 CORPS
 infm 15 ARMY GP EIGHT ARMY

FROM : AFHQ signed SACMED cite FHGCT FX 14403 28

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- (a) ETHNOLOGICAL details
- (b) local feeling in regard to final disposal of area
- (c) Economic considerations
- (d) Considerations particularly affecting TRIESTE and POLA
- (e) Communication problems
- (f) possible demarcation line

3. A report on the above will be submitted as soon as the necessary data is available unless called for earlier.

4. In view of probable early move of HQ EIGHTH ARMY to AUSTRIA this instruction is addressed direct to 13 CORPS.

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