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PERMISSION FOR VISITS, AC OFFICERS TO NORTH
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To see Folio 2. - Col Monfort's letter protesting about this Hq's failure to give him the complete list of officers in the Economic Section's party.

12 May.

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Done, see (5)

128 (13/5) Noted

14 May.

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Executive Commissioner
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VISIT OF COL. CRAWSHAW TO ARMY TERRITORIES

MAY 15 Rec'd

ACFIN Cable 6478 of 30 Apr. requested authority from 5th and 8th Armies MAY 16 Rec'd
for Col. Crawshaw to proceed Army areas on approximately 4 May for discussions
on accounting matters.

Cable R/503 of 2 May from 8 Army replied "Cannot agree to visit for next 3
days at least."

Cable 9660 of 4 May gave 5th Army authority for visit, without limitations.

A note (undated) was sent by Col. Crawshaw to Economic Section, asking that he
be included in the Economic Section team of Officers leaving for a tour of the North.
This note included a statement to the effect that ~~xxx~~ authority of the Armies
had been applied for.

Economic Section, in applying for orders for Col. Crawshaw, certified that
approval of the Armies had been obtained.

The Economic Section team of Officers left Rome of May 6th, and the first
8th Army location on the itinerary was scheduled for the 8th May.

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14 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Visit of Economic Section Group to N.ITALY.

TO : DCCAO,
G-5 Section,
HQ 15th Army Group.

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1. I have read your G-5/1/11.1 dated 10 May with great distress.
 2. I am glad that the necessity of a visit by the Acting Vice President, Economic Section, to learn, in the inevitable absence of written reports, the real state of economic affairs, was clear to you and that you were able so to persuade the Armies. Our thanks are due to you.
 3. The inclusion of Colonel Crawshaw, Lt.Col. Babcock and Lt.Col. Martagh without permission is much regretted. I did not know myself that they were accompanying the group and suitable action will be taken on their return.
 4. I take full responsibility for sending Lt.Col. Talbot. He is providing much valuable information. The fact that he is travelling without orders is to be deplored and action will be taken on his return.
 5. Your protest is accepted with my apologies for lapses in procedure. But these officers are doing good work, so I feel sure the Armies and you will forgive them and us.

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MSL/JG.

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS 15TH ARMY GROUP
G-5 SECTION
APO 777C. Commissioner (2)
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10 May 1945

Ref: G-5/1/11.1

SUBJECT: Visit of Economics Section Group to North Italy.

TO: Chief Commissioner,
Headquarters Allied Commission.

1. With the approval of both Armies, a group of officials from the Allied Commission Economics Section are at present in North Italy. It was very difficult for me to make the Armies understand the immediate necessity of these officials to visit the North so soon after it was liberated. At the last moment I was requested to add to the list members from both the American and British Embassies, which increased the difficulty because of their civilian status.

2. I have since learned (see SO 126, HQ Allied Commission, dtd 6 May 45) that Col H. G. CRAWSHAW, Lt Col JAMES O. BABCOCK, and Lt Col JOHN M. MURTAGH were added to the group and are now in North Italy without permission. Additionally, Lt Col TALBOT is accompanying the group. He is travelling without authority from the Armies and as he apparently is not even provided with orders, I can only assume that he is on tour.

3. It is this kind of action which is impossible for me to explain when the matter is referred to me by the Armies. There would have been no question about the inclusion of these officers if I had been advised in advance, but I do protest that they should have been included without any reference to my Headquarters or to the Armies.

Nelson W. Monfort
NELSON W. MONFORT
Colonel, G.S.C.
A. C. of S., G-5

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Copy to:
Executive Commissioner,
HQ Allied Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
APO 394

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3 May 1945

Tel: 550

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SUBJECT: Permission for Travel

TO: Office of Executive Commissioner.

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1. In order to coordinate data collected in light of economic planning for the north, it is requested that the approval of the Chief Commissioner be obtained for the following movement north for personnel as stated.

2. A.C. Personnel:

Mr. A. G. Antolini, Acting Vice-President
Col. W. P. Evans, Director, Commerce S/C
Col. W. J. Lagg, Director, Food S/C
Col. R. B. Menapace, Joint Director, Finance S/C
Mr. W. H. Braine, Director, Labour S/C
(Col. J. Campbell, War Material Disposal)

3. Embassy Personnel:

Col. G. A. Green, American Embassy
Mr. H. Tasca, American Embassy (SUBJECT TO AMBASSADOR KIRK'S APPROVAL)
Mr. Nosworthy, British Embassy

4. Itinerary:

Bologna - Venice - Milano - Torino - Genoa

5. Time Schedule:

Sunday, May 6, Travel to Bologna
Monday " 7, Bologna
Tuesday " 8, Venice (Leave Bologna early)
Wednesday " 9, Venice
Thurs. " 10, Travel to Milano
Friday " 11, Milano
Sat. " 12, Milano
Sunday " 13, Travel to Torino
Monday " 14, Torino
Thurs. " 15, Torino
Wed. " 16, Travel to Genoa
Thurs. " 17, Genoa
Friday " 18, Genoa
Sat. " 19, Return to Rome

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A. G. ANTOLINI
Acting Vice-President
Economic Section

Phoned to Col Noufart
who will clear with Armistice & information.
NOV 3 (Embassy)

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