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LIQUIDATION OF SERVICES, S/C'S
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Letter at folio 14 submitted for signature.
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Ref: 2626/14/10

31 January, 1947

SUBJECT: Post Treaty Liquidation

TO : Navy Sub-Commission
Land Forces Sub-Commission
Air Forces Sub-Commission

It has been tentatively agreed with the American and British Political Advisors, that when the Services Sub-Commissions, or their successors, cease to function, it will not be necessary for their files to be reproduced in quadruplicate.

The Peace Treaty supervising bodies to be set up under the Embassies in accordance with Article 75 of the Peace Treaty, will make use of the Archives organisation which it is planned will remain in Rome. This organisation, although under British/American direction will hold for inspection by approved persons, all Archives in its custody.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE POLITICAL ADVISER (A)

JAN 27 1947

Rome, Italy, January 27, 1947.

TO: Chief Commissioner.

SUBJECT: Post Treaty Liquidation.

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With reference to your memorandum No. 2626/10/ES, January 9, 1947, I have to advise you that I quite agree with Polad's view that the archives of M.M.I.A. should be treated in the same way as other archives of the Allied Commission, that is should be held in a joint British-American custody for inspection by approved persons.

FOR THE POLITICAL ADVISER (A)

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Joseph N. Greene, Jr.
Joseph N. Greene, Jr.

Copy to: Polad (B)
Military Attache.

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Spoke C.C. This will presumably apply to Files of all Service Sp's. It arose in the case of M.M.I.A. only because they were the only organization called on to draw up a liquidation plan so far
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Ref: 2626/12/EC

15 January, 1947

SUBJECT: Post Treaty Liquidation

TO : Poland (A)

I refer to my letter No. 2626/10/EC dated
9th January, 1947, and would appreciate an indication as
to when a reply may be expected.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER;

A. W. KEMP
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Poland (B).

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Ref: 2622/11/EE

9 January 1947.

SUBJECT: Post Treaty Liquidation

TO : Land Forces S/C (MIA).

1. Reference is made to this office letter 2622/8/EE dated 12 December 1946 on this subject.

2. Enclosed for your information is a copy of letter No. 27/1/47 dated 4 January 1947 from Colad (B). This question has been referred to Colad (A) for his opinion and further consideration will be given to the matter on receipt of his reply.

In the meantime no action is to be taken with regard to the reproduction of your records.

BY COMMAND OF BRIG ADJUTANT GENERAL:

A. W. Knisely

Brigadier.
Executive Commissioner.

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Ref: 2626/10/10

9 January 1947.

SUBJECT: Post Treaty Liquidation

TO : Polad (A)

I am enclosing copy of a letter from Mr. Harkey
reference no. 24/1/47 dated 4 January 1947 and should be glad to
have your views on the matter.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

A. W. Knisely.
Brigadier.
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Polad (B)

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24/1/47

4th January, 1946.

To: Executive Commissioner, Allied Commission, Rome.

From: Polad B.

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Your memorandum No. 2622/8/EC of December 12th to Land Forces Sub-Commission (M.M.I.A.) regarding the post-Treaty liquidation of ALCOM/A.M.G. functions.

With regard to the disposal of files which may contain information of value to the quadrupartite enforcement body to be set up under Article 75 of the Peace Treaty, it has been suggested here that they should be handed over to the care of the residual Archives Organisation. This Organisation, though under British/American direction, will presumably hold for inspection by approved persons all archives in its custody; it seems reasonable that the archives of M.M.I.A. should be treated in the same way.

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Ref. : 2622/8/50

12 December 1946

SUBJECT: Post Treaty Liquidation of ALCON/AMG Functions.

TO : Land Forces S/C
(ISMA)

1. Forwarded herewith are copies of AFHQ letters G-5:940.13-3 P dated 5 Dec. 46 and same reference dated 9 Dec. 46. It is requested that you take action on letter dated 9 Dec. 46 and submit your reply for the signature of the Chief Commissioner.
2. With reference to para 2 (a) of letter dated 9 Dec. 46, the statement that there will be a quadripartite body is not accurate. Under Article 75 of the Draft Peace Treaty the U.S., U.K., French and USSR Embassies, acting in concert, are charged with the supervision of the execution of the Peace Treaty for a period not exceeding 18 months.

As regards the American and British Embassies, presumably each Embassy will set up some type of service panel for this purpose. It may be that such service panels will be quite distinct from normal Service Attachés.
3. Files, if Allied Commission files, can only be issued on loan to outside agencies. The question as to whether any files falling under the categories mentioned in para 2 of AFHQ letter of 9 Dec. will be required in quadruplicate, in view of four Embassies being involved, will require consideration.

BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE:

W. HIND SMITH
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copies to: Polad A and Polad B
Encls. as above.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 754

MP
23 Dec 46.

Ref : G/8/A

Subject: Post-War Liquidation of Land Forces
Sub-Commission, A.C.

TO : G-3 Section, Allied Force Headquarters.

Reference AFHQ: G-5:10.13-3.2. of 9 December 46.

1. As requested in your letter under reference, an Outline Plan for the rundown of Land Forces Sub-Commission together with phased programs is forwarded herewith.

2. As regards paragraph 1. of your letter, although the training function of IMIA can close at any time between now and 'R' Day, as may be decided by AFHQ, I do not consider that its function in regard to equipping the ITALIAN Army can properly cease until after 'R' Day in view of the fact that it is hoped to acquire equipment and particularly ammunition for the ITALIAN Army from ALLIED stocks as these become redundant through the evacuation of ALLIED Forces. These stocks will presumably become available during the 90 day period.

3. There is another function which will, in my opinion require the retention of a small element of the IMIA COMMISSION, perhaps as part of the successor organization referred to in my letter 3622/46/NO of 23 December, after 'R' Day. I refer to the liaison with the War Ministry required for an orderly handover to the ITALIAN Army of ITALIAN Military installations in NORTHERN ITALY and in the LIVORNO Area during the ALLIED evacuation. In the regrouping of the ITALIAN Forces which will naturally follow ALLIED withdrawal, it is highly important to the ITALIAN Army that there be no hiatus between ALLIED departure and actual ITALIAN Military possession of military installations. This will require the continuance of reduced 5 BCU and 4 BCU, perhaps one officer at LIVORNO, and a small element in ROME.

4. Four other functions of IMIA have been considered, namely:-

The supervision of US- IMI Detachments

The Demilitarization Committee of the Farina Islands.

The ITALIAN Prisoner of War Division.

Military War Criminals.

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If the assumptions and expectations noted below are correct, it is not considered that they will entail additional commitments for LFGC after 'R' Day.

(a) US-III It is assumed that US-III formations will have been disbanded well before 'R' Day. It will require approximately 30 days after disembarkment of the last US-III unit for processing accounts, surveys, etc., through the War Ministry and the appropriate accounting agencies. Should however US-III formations be required after 'R' Day a separate agreement with the ITALIAN Government would be necessary.

(b) THE DEMILITARIZATION COMMISSION. The Demilitarization Committee for the Fortress Islands, which is under the guidance of LFGC, should complete its work well before 'R' Day unless unforeseen circumstances should delay it. Any unfinished work can be completed under Article 75 of the Draft Peace Treaty.

(c) THE ITALIAN P.O.W. DIVISION. Italian Prisoner of War Division also should have largely completed its work prior to 'R' Day. It is understood that special consideration is being given by your Headquarters to the residual functions of this Division.

(4) MILITARY WAR CRIMINALS. LFGC handles a great deal of correspondence from AFHQ and USHQ which requires reference to the War Ministry and vice versa regarding:-

1. Italian Military War Criminals wanted by the BRITISH and AMERICAN Military authorities.
2. German Military War Criminals in BRITISH and AMERICAN hands wanted by the ITALIAN War Ministry.

This commitment is unlikely to be finished on 'R' Day. The BRITISH and U.S. COMMANDERS have been asked to take over on that date but they have not yet agreed to do this.

5. My outline plan for the reduction of the LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION is therefore based on three stages:-

(a) The first stage starts on 'R' - 30 days with the stopping of the Training Functions of LFGC, and involves the withdrawal of LFGC (except for, 4, 5 & 12 LFGC, whose retention until a later date is suggested in AFHQ Signal FX.75027 of 18 December) and those members of LFGC, HQ who become redundant.

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(b) The second stage starts on 'T' day or on the assumption of responsibility for supervision of the Peace Treaty by the submission of the Four Powers and the establishment of a Post Peace Treaty Mission (if any) and involves the withdrawal of those members of LPFC, HQ and 12 BSB whose work will then cease.

(c) The third stage, which corresponds with the final withdrawal of ALLIED troops from ITALY, involves the withdrawal of the remaining elements of LPFC, HQ and 4 and 5 BSBs who have been retained for liaison purposes with the ITALIAN Army during its take over from the ALLIED Forces and for assisting in the acquisition by the ITALIAN Army of ammunition and other equipment that becomes available on the withdrawal of ALLIED troops.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLSWORTH W. STONE,
Rear Admiral, USNR,
Chief Commissioner.

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017OUTLINE PLAN FOR THE TRANSFER OF HQIA/AFSC

1. HQIA/AFSC has a dual responsibility:-

(a) As MILITARY MISSION TO THE ITALIAN ARMY, acting as liaison between ALLIED and ITALIAN Forces, giving advice and assistance on the organization and training of the ITALIAN Army, and assisting in the provision of equipment from ALLIED sources.

(b) As LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. supervising the enforcement of the Armistice Terms and acting as liaison between A.C. and the ITALIAN War Ministry.

2. These responsibilities will be terminated in the three following stages:-

1st Stage

(a) On 'R' - 30 days, HQIA and all BUs cease their functions of advice and assistance on organization and training of ITALIAN Army and close all their files concerned with these matters.

(b) Nos. 1 - 11 BUs (Less 4 BU(BULGARIA) and 5 BU(UNITED)) will pack up and be ready for evacuation by 'R' - 15 days.

(c) Between 'R' - 30 and 'R' Day, 12 BU and those Branches and sections of HQIA primarily concerned with the training will prepare to hand over documents and information to any successor agency which may be appointed to assist in the training and development of the ITALIAN Army. As this task progresses, 'A' Branch will progressively nominate personnel for evacuation as they become redundant.

(d) 4 & 5 BUs will continue to function for liaison purposes between Territorial Commands, HQ AFSC and GHO.

(e) Between 'R' - 30 days and 'R' Day AFSC, while continuing its functions, will begin to prepare relevant documents for handing over to the Ambassies concerned under Article 75 of the Draft Peace Treaty.

2nd Stage

(a) LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. will cease to function as such on 'R' Day.

(b) On 'R' Day AFSC and 12 BU will be ready to begin handing over to:-

(a) Ambassies.

(b) Post Peace Treaty Mission (if any)

(c) From 'R' Day all Branches and sections of HQ AFSC will close and process files for handing over to ARCHIVES A.C.

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(d) 'A' Branch will progressively nominate for evacuation personnel of All Branches and 12 EIU as they become redundant.

'A' Branch will complete arrangements for handing over of all stores and equipment.

(e) The date on which all remaining personnel of MIA/ISAC (less those required for 3rd Stage below) will be ready for evacuation, will depend on date of availability of organizations to take over and consequent ability, finally to close files. Target date 'E' + 30.

3rd Stage

(~~A~~) From 'E' day certain personnel perhaps incorporated into a successor liquidating agency of A.C. will be required as follows:-

(a) Personnel of Hq. ISAC and of Nos 4 & 5 EIU will need to be retained for liaison in connection with the operational handover of present 13 COMB AREA and other ALLIED installations to the ITALIANS. These should be available for evacuation on completion of handover.

(b) Personnel of Hq. ISAC will need to be retained in connection with the physical transfer to the ITALIANS of stores and equipment required by the ITALIAN Army and rendered surplus to ALLIED needs by the evacuation of ALLIED Troops from ITALY.

It is at present not possible to estimate the date by which these personnel will have completed their task.

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PLANNED PROGRAMS FOR TURNING OF AREA1st Stage

'R' - 30 Days.

Receiving and advising functions cease.

'R' - 30 Days
to 'R' Day.

Training documents prepared for handling over.
 Training files wound up.
 Training personnel of 13 and 12 Hqs progressively
 available for evacuation as they become redundant.
 All branches preparing documents for handling over.

'R' - 15.

Hqs (1000 4, 5 & 12 Hqs) ready for evacuation.

2nd Stage

'R' Day

HQs cease to function as such. Ready to handover.

'R' Day to
'R' + 7.

Handling over documents, closing and processing files.
 Personnel progressively available for evacuation as they
 become redundant. Time required for handover will depend
 on when the various taking over bodies are ready.
 Target date is 'R' + 30.

3rd Stage

'R' to ?

Certain personnel of RQ and of 1000 4 & 5 Hqs remain
 to assist in handling over of 13 COMUS ARVN and other
 ALLIED installations to THAIAN control.

'R' to ?

Certain personnel of HQ remain to handover ALLIED
 surplus equipment to the THAIAN.

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FOR CHIEF OF STAFF.

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REFERENCE YOUR DR/5 (DO/5? OF 16 DEC AND CONVERSATION HOPE-AIREY
17 DEC.

1. G-5 INSTRUCTIONS INTENDED TO DEAL WITH PLANNED RUNDOWN OF
MISSION ON ALLIED BASIS WHEN TIME COMES USING R MINUS 30 AS PIVOT
FOR PLANNING. SIMILAR INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO ALL ORGANISATIONS
UNDER AFHQ IN ORDER TO FACILITATE RAPID AND SMOOTH RUNDOWN WHEN TIME COMES
AND TO ENSURE THAT NO FACTORS ARE OVERLOOKED.
2. THE QUESTION OF ABOLISHING THE BLUS IS ENTIRELY SEPERATE AND
SHOULD NOT BE CONNECTED WITH ONE ABOVE. THIS IS PURELY
MATTER OF BRITISH MANPOWER AND CAN ONLY BE EXECUTED PROVIDED THAT
IT DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH TASK OF MISSION AS APPROVED BY CCS.
THEREFORE WE CAN NOT AUTHORISE CUTTING OUT OF TRAINING
FUNCTIONS.
3. AFTER GENERAL MORGAN'S RETURN WILL CONFIRM WHAT ACTION TO BE
TAKEN TO REDUCE BRITISH MANPOWER. FOR YOUR ADVANCED INFORMATION
YOU WILL PROBABLY BE INSTRUCTED TO ABOLISH FORTHWITH ALL BLUS EXCEPT
4 AND 5 IN NORTH EAST ITALY AND BLU WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR TRAINING
AND SCHOOLS. PLEASE CONFIRM LATTER IS NO 12.
4. MEANTHILE PLANNING FOR RUNDOWN OF MISSION ON ALLIED BASIS SHOULD
GO AHEAD AS INSTUCTED BY G-5 AFHQ

ACT: NMIA INFO: C. COMM. EX. COMM. FILE. SKELETON

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 910.13-3 P

9 December 1946

SUBJECT: Post Treaty Liquidation of ALSCM/ALG Functions.

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 794.

Reference paragraph 4 of this Headquarters letter of even number dated 5 December 1946.

1. It is considered that, while the functions of the Land Forces Sub-Commission in connection with the enforcement of the Armistice Terms must continue until the Armistice is formally abrogated, its functions as ALSCA in connection with the training and equipment of the Italian Army can properly cease prior to "R" Day, on a date to be decided by this Headquarters. For planning purposes, this date will be fixed at R - 30 days.

2. Planning for the liquidation of the Land Forces Sub-Commission, in both its capacities, will accordingly be based upon the above premises. Plans will be designed to ensure that the Sub-Commission is closed down and its personnel and equipment prepared for evacuation within the shortest possible period after R Day.

They will include the preparation of files for handover as follows:

(a) Files containing information of value to the quadripartite body to be set up under Article 75 of the Draft Peace Treaty for the purpose of supervising its execution.

(b) Files containing information of value to any agency which may be appointed to assist in the training and development of the Italian Army.

3. An outline of the above plans, including a phased programme, will be forwarded to reach this Headquarters not later than 25 December, independently of the recommendations in regard to the functions of the Allied Commission as a whole which were called for in this Headquarters letter under reference.

A.L. HUGHES
Colonel, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

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Copy to: GHO, GEF.

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