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for your approval per. Page 3 is optional.

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per min 17. letter for signature opposite per

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I believe that you wish to
reply to folio 4 yourself.
H.S. 10/11

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Letter at 4 & 6 submitted for
signature in accordance with your
draft.

H.S. 13/11

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draft to P.C. holding for your
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similar letter should go to S.C.A.O., V. 9.
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Letter appria for signature, please, in
accordance with min 14. AWK 24/11

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Ref: 2629/16/H

30 January, 1947

SUBJECT: Termination of A.M.G. in Udine Province.

TO : The Provincial Commissioner,
A.M.G. Udine.Reference is made to your letter No. ⁴HC/131 dated 28th December, 1946.

1. The delay in forwarding a reply is regretted but was necessitated by the question being referred to AFHQ who in turn have referred it to GHQ and no decision has yet been received by this H.Q.

2. However, it is possible to state, for your guidance, that AMG ceases to exist upon the date of ratification and no form of "control" will be exercisable over the Italian administration after that date, nor will the payment of civilian employees from AMG funds be possible. If a liaison staff with the local Italian administration is required by GHQ, USF, there appears to be no alternative but for its personnel to be on the War Establishment/TO of that HQ.

BY COMMAND OF HONOR ADJUTANT STONE:

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 900.30 P

21 January 1947

SUBJECT: Organization of AMG.

TO : GHQ, CMP,
Padua.

1. Enclosed is a copy of Allied Commission's letter 2629/5/EC of 13 January 1947 and its enclosure and this Headquarters' reply.

2. AMG ceases to exist upon the date of ratification and no form of "control" will be exercisable over the Italian administration after that date, nor will the payment of civilian employees from AMG funds be possible. If a liaison staff with the local Italian administration is required, there appears to be no alternative but for its personnel to be on the War Establishment/TO of GHQ CMP.

3. Your views on this subject are requested and in particular the names of any personnel of AMG Udine whom it is desired to retain after 'R' Day as part of the above liaison staff.

4. This Headquarters will, of course, be glad to give any advice and assistance which may be required in connection with the setting up of the liaison staff.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MORGAN:

[Signature]

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

Incl: as above.

Copy to: Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 794.

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who will send copy
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSIO

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Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 2629/12/50

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27 January, 1947

SUBJECT: Abolition of Allied Commission.

TO : Provincial Commissioner,
A.M.G. Udine.

1. In accordance with the instructions contained in the Combined Chiefs of Staff Signal FAN 711, the Allied Commission will be abolished w.e.f. 2359 hrs. 31st January, 1947.
2. In view of the fact that the CCS Signal is classified SECRET, the instructions contained therein have not yet been made known to the Italian Government and the information contained in this letter must not be disclosed to any Government Agencies pending further instructions. Permission to downgrade the Security Classification has been sought.
3. To facilitate the performance of the functions set forth in the Combined Chiefs of Staff Signal, it is tentatively proposed that AGOS, G-5, AFHQ, will be appointed Chief Civil Affairs Officer. A copy of the proposed directive, which it is expected will be issued shortly as an AFHQ Staff Memorandum, is attached.
4. Subject to final decision through service channels, Brigadier M. Carr and Colonel Walbach have been appointed respectively Chief and Deputy Chief of the Liaison and Civil Affairs Branch (LACAB) of G-5, AFHQ, to be located in Rome.
5. It is the intention that, notwithstanding its location, LACAB will be an integral part of the G-5 Section and will be in no sense a lower headquarters, and that the present system, whereby civilian employees and certain essential facilities and equipment for Civil Affairs Agencies are provided by the Italian Government, will continue.
6. Instructions regarding the exercise of control, functions of supervision and direction of the Italian Armed Forces hitherto exercised by the Land, Navy and Air Forces Sub Commission, are awaited.

BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE:

[S] H. CARR

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Copy to: S.C.A.O. Venezia Giulia.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

January 1947

SUBJECT: Organization and Functioning Civil Affairs/
Military Government.

Organization of Liaison and Civil Affairs Branch.
G-5 AFHQ

1. In conformity with instructions contained in Combined Chiefs of Staff Signal PAM 711, dated 11 January 1947, the Allied Commission is abolished with effect from 2359 hours, 31 January 1947.
2. In addition to the functions set forth in Staff Memorandum 48, AFHQ, 14 May 1944, the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5, AFHQ, is hereby designated as Chief Civil Affairs Officer. He is charged with responsibility for:
 - (a) Technical control of and advice to all Allied Military Government Agencies, but not (insert designation of agency dealing with matters in paragraph 4 below). He will exercise operational command over such agencies outside of Zone A, Venezia Giulia. Operational command over AMG agencies in Venezia Giulia is vested in COC-in-C CMF.
 - (b) The final review over all Military Government Court cases which in conformity with existing instructions are referred to the Chief Civil Affairs Officer.
 - (c) The administration of Allied Civil Affairs agencies and camps for displaced persons, and for the repatriation of the inmates thereof.
 - (d) The programming of all AMG imports.
 - (e) The maintenance and disposition of files and records of the Allied Commission except those pertaining directly to the Armed Forces Sub-Commissions of the Allied Commission. These latter records will be maintained and disposed of in accordance with instructions to be issued in due course.
 - (f) Liaison with the Italian Government in connection with the functions herein set forth or as directed by the Supreme Allied Commander.
 - (g) Such other matters pertaining to Civil Affairs and Military Government as may be directed by the Supreme Allied Commander from time to time.

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3. For the purposes set forth above, and for such others as may be authorized, the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5, AFHQ, will set up and operate a Branch in Rome to be known as the Liaison and Civil Affairs Branch, G-5, AFHQ (short title LACAB, Rome), and will so adjust the duties and personnel of his Section as a whole, as to effect the maximum efficiency and saving of manpower.

4. As Chief Civil Affairs Officer, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5, AFHQ, is vested with the authority now pertaining to that office. He shall not be responsible for:

- (a) Supervision and direction of the Italian Armed Forces.
- (b) Control of the size and character of the Italian Armed Forces.
- (c) Control of the production of armaments by the Italians.

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IN C A I N G M E S S A G E
H.Q., Allied Commission

Originator's Reference: FX 74232

Message Centre No. H/9059

Date/Time of Origin JAN 102005

Date Time Recd. JAN 130900

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE PHOEB

TO : AGWAR WASHINGTON FOR CCS, INFO: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE LONDON FOR BCS GHQ
CMF ALCOM ROME AMG VENEZIA GIULIA C IN C MED

~~CONFIDENTIAL:~~

Reur cal 1580 not to all, this is NAF 1264. Subject is future maintenance of present AMG territory.

1. After "R" day no Allied machinery or authority will exist for the allocation of food and other disease and unrest supplies now being furnished by the CCS to Udine Province and zone A, Venezia Giulia it is therefore essential that all shipments designated for AMG territory shall arrive in time so that distribution can be completed by "R" day.
2. It is my view that after "R" day I have no responsibility for feeding or otherwise maintaining any civil territory. It is my opinion however that the territory now being maintained by CCS will suffer want unless a substantial supply of essentials remains in the various areas at the time sovereignty passes. This is particularly applicable to TFT. The free state has practically no indigenous supplies, and unless provisioning is arranged for, and actually on hand, at turnover, it will get off to a very bad start. Allied Troops will be stationed in Udine Province for a considerable period after "R" day. While I have every confidence that Italy and Unrra will do their best to fill the gap it would be a bad publicity for us to leave bare larder. AMG territory has lived a hand to mouth existence from the beginning. There is now no reserve stock of food. Coal is practically exhausted and industries are closing down for lack thereof.
3. I have already called forward the Jan-March requirements by FX 73824 of 18 December. I recommend that the April-June requirements be forwarded without delay, so that the 6 months supply shall arrive by 15 March 47. This will permit distribution prior to 1 April 47 which for the purpose at hand I estimate as "R" day.
4. In view of the interest I have in Trieste while UK/US Troops are stationed there and particularly during AMG period prior to assumption of office by Governor I would like assurance that food and other essential supplies including coal to prevent disease and unrest are being provided from some source.

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INFO ACTION - FX COMMR
INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 794

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 2629/5/EC.

13 January, 1947

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SUBJECT: Termination of AMB Udine Province.

TO : ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Attention: G-5 Section.

There is enclosed a copy of letter PG/151 of 28th December, 1946, which has been received from the Provincial Commissioner, Udine Province.

It would be appreciated if guidance could be given in this matter as it is impossible for the Provincial Commissioner to plan for the run-down of the A.M.C. organisation in Udine Province until it is known definitely whether there is any intention of retaining the present A.M.C. staff in the Province to act as a Liaison organisation after R-day.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

MC
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
UDINE PROVINCE
OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER

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Tel. No: Udine 1515. Ext. 1

File No: P3/131.

Subject: Termination of A.M.G. in
Udine Province.

23 Dec 46

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To : Executive Commissioner,
HQ ALLIED COMMISSION.

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Reference your 2622/11/EC dated 16 Dec 46.

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Until, however, it is known what form of control, if any, will be retained after ratification of the Peace Treaty, it is difficult to forecast the staff that will be necessary, or the degree to which plans should be formulated.

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Under such conditions, I trust it will be agreed that the payment of civilian employees during any part of the post-ratification period should not fall on officers who might be required to remain here in order to serve Allied military interests.

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H. N. Edgitt, Lt. Col.,
Provincial Commissioner.

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H. N. BRIGHT, Lt. Col.,
Provincial Commissioner.

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Ref: 2622/11/4616 December 1946.

SUBJECT: Liquidation of SO/AS Functions

TO : Provincial Commissioner,
Allied Military Government,
UNION PROVINCE.

1. With the ratification of the Peace Treaty, all rights, duties, privileges and responsibilities of the Allied Forces in Italy will cease. This means that on the date of the coming into force of the Peace Treaty the administration of UNION PROVINCE will presumably be formally handed over to Italian control.

This Commission has been informed that steps are being taken to secure sufficient rights for the Allied Forces so that evacuation may be completed during the 90 days subsequent to the coming into force of the Peace Treaty.

2. You are therefore directed to prepare provisional plans for the termination of SO/AS in UNION PROVINCE and submit an outline of these plans to this Commission. For the purpose of provisional planning the effective date of the Peace Treaty will be assumed to be 28 February 1947. Developments during the next few weeks may well cause the forecast of the date to be changed.

It is to be assumed that after the effective date of the Peace Treaty no SO/AS funds will be available to cover hire, purchase or payroll and that only national funds provided by the Allies will be available. It is, therefore, essential that prior to the effective date of the Peace Treaty, all civilian personnel and any commitments covered by SO/AS funds should be cut down to a minimum compatible with efficiency.

With effect from the date of the coming into force of the Peace Treaty, all payment under Administrative Arrangement No. 2 of January 1944 of mess employees for Officers Messes will cease and Messes and Officers concerned will be responsible for making their own arrangements for payment of mess staffs. The same will apply to Sergeants and Other Messes Messes.

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3. With regard to the formal handover of ~~the~~ province to Italian control, a letter has been addressed to the Prime Minister on the subject of the maintenance and efficiency of the civil administration of the province during the critical period following the effective date of the Peace Treaty. A copy of that letter is enclosed for your information.

BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE:

15/M. CARR.

Brigadier.
Executive Commissioner.

Encls. as above.

Copy to: GC. (with enclosure).
G-5, AFHQ (with enclosure).
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Ref. 2622/5/W

12 December 1946

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

I am writing to you with regard to the maintenance and efficiency during the critical period following the date of the coming into force of the peace treaty with Italy, of the civil administration of the Province of UDINE which it is presumed will be handed over formally to Italian control on that date.

The rapid and orderly evacuation of the Allied Forces in north East Italy and Venezia Giulia will depend to a great extent on the efficient cooperation of the Civil Authorities in meeting Military requirements, and it is of extreme importance that there should be no period of temporary disorganisation resulting from the discontinuance of Allied Military Government.

I should therefore be glad to have your assurance, my dear Prime Minister, that the Italian administration of the Province of UDINE is fully organized in advance of the formal handover of control, and that it is capable of functioning efficiently immediately Allied Military Government is withdrawn.

Very truly yours,

/s/ HILARY E. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Alcide De Gasperi
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
ROME.

See file 2622 for reply.

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Copy to 2629

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