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Executive Commissioner:

Refs. Minutes 7 and 8 supra.

Attached letter for signature of the Chief Commissioner.

CC 1505
Aug 5-1945

Charles H. McKinnley

E. B. MCKINLEY
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Re p. 10.4 - put up by Com Sec. It appears to be a high policy matter on which CC's views should be communicated to AG/HQ.

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Executive Committee

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For action as in 7.

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Subject is ECITO Conference in BRUSSELS 10th October discuss International passenger trains. Following representatives this theatre will attend 1 Colonel BUCHANAN Deputy Director Tptn SC AL 1 IND COMMISSION 2 Doctor FAVARA Italian State Railways. Etc BRUSSELS 9th October please arrange accommodation.

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From: AFHQ T L BEAGLEY MAJ CITE PHGDM ST ONED SACMED
To: ALCOM ROME

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Request you arrange attendance of Col BUCHANAN Deputy Director Transportation SC as theatre representative at BRUSSELS ECITO Conference on 10 October. Subject International Passenger Train Services. He may be accompanied by technical expert from Italian State Railways. Travel by air authorized on or about 8 October.

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5 August 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

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The matter of Italian membership in the Provisional Organization for European Inland Transport has been thoroughly discussed with the Italian Minister of Transport. The Allied Commission has fully reviewed this subject and is of the opinion that it will be to the advantage of the Italian Government to be a member of POEIT.

We are prepared to ask Allied Force Headquarters to authorize the establishment of a temporary Regional Office of POEIT in Italy with the understanding that Italy will seek membership in POEIT at the appropriate time.

We respectfully request that you make known to us the reaction of your government on this subject.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Professor Ferruccio Parri
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome

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ECONOMIC SECTION

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SUBJECT: An Italian Regional Office of
Provisional Organization for
European Inland Transport,
(POEIT)

14 July 1945

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TO : Chief Commissioner, AC ←

PROBLEM PRESENTED: Does the Allied Commission favor the establishing
in Italy of a Regional Office of the Provisional
Organization for European Inland Transport?

1. Factors bearing on the problem:

- a) The participating governments in POEIT are the United States, United Kingdom, Belgium, France, Netherlands, Luxembourg, and Norway. The USSR is not a member. The visiting representatives suggested that the former lack of agreement on Poland was the reason for USSR non-participation. This reason having now been removed, the condition may change.
- b) Purposes of POEIT:
 - 1) Coordination of traffic, and
 - 2) Determine allocation of transport equipment.
- c) Functions include:
 - 1) Technical studies on traffic and facilities with advice and recommendations to governments.
 - 2) Assist member governments in realization of transport requirements.
 - 3) Allocate and distribute transport equipment made available to it.
 - 4) Promote international traffic.
 - 5) Restitute to member governments their equipment and supply.
 - 6) Recommend tariffs and terms of international transport.

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- d) Regional Offices are now established in various member countries. A Regional Office in Italy would be staffed by a small group according to the visiting representatives.
- e) FOEIT will work thru and with authorities in control to include:
 - 1) Allied Military Commanders
 - 2) Occupational Authorities
 - 3) Governmental Agencies of member governments.
- f) The group was informed that AC commitment on the introduction of an Italian Regional Office would not be given in the absence of the views of the Chief Commissioner, and furthermore, that it appeared desirable to obtain the views of the Italian Government, which have been requested thru the Minister of Transport.

2. Advantages and Disadvantages:

Advantages:

- a) The formation of the organization appears to be based on a policy decision of our governments and a Regional Office in Italy would appear to be consistent with governmental policies.
- b) The Allied Authorities, either military or AC, may find it difficult to meet their commitments unless they are in close touch with FOEIT.
- c) The Italian Government might be handicapped if they are outside the scheme after they had taken over control of their transportation.

DISADVANTAGES:

- a) Italy, if not a member nation, might have her interest prejudiced by a Regional Office in such matters as:
 - 1) Loss of equipment in Italy
 - 2) Loss of Italian equipment outside of Italy.
- b) USSR's absence from the organization.

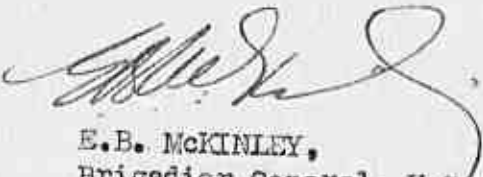
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3. View of the Italian Government on the matter will be transmitted by the Prime Minister to the Chief Commissioner.

Partly dependent upon the reaction of the Italian Government, to be learned from the Prime Minister, it is recommended that AFRA be asked to authorize the temporary establishment of a Regional Office of POEIT in Italy, with the understanding that Italy will seek membership in POEIT at the appropriate time.


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

cc: Transportation Sub-Commission
Supply Division, Economic Section

1 encl: Minutes of Meeting.

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT HQ ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME, BETWEEN
REPRESENTATIVES OF ALLIED FORCES HQ, MILITARY RAILWAY SERVICE,
ALLIED COMMISSION-ITALY, ALLIED COMMISSION-AUSTRIA, EUROPEAN
COUNCIL INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT ORGANIZATION AND ITALIAN STATE RAIL-

WAYS - 18 JULY 1945

PRESENT: Brigadier R.D. Waghorn, DMPS - Chairman.

ATHQ: Lt.Col. L.M. Cooper, G-4 (Mov & Tr)
Colonel C.H. Barnett, DD Tn (Br)
Major M.J. Benick, CCOI

MTS: Col. E.L. Parkes, DD Tn
Lt.Col. W.A.G. Suddaby, AD Tn (Operating)

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2. Mr. Levy then gave a brief outline of the objectives of ECITO, stating that the organization has two aims - relief for transport and transport for relief. Booklets giving details of the draft agreement for the Provisional Organization for European Inland Transport were distributed.

3. Professor Hondelink outlined the technical aspects of ECITO, stating the organization has at its head a Council on which the member governments are represented; the Council meets two or three times a year for the discussion of broad policy; the governments of the United Kingdom, United States, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, and Norway are members. Day-to-day policy is entrusted to the Executive Board of five members, who, at present, are nominated by the following governments: United States, United Kingdom, France, Belgium, and the Netherlands. Regional offices have so far been established on the continent in Paris, Brussels, and the Hague. The agreement lays down that ECITO treats with the European member governments of Western Europe, and with the accretion author-

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4. In reply to a question regarding the status of Switzerland, Professor Hodelink stated when ECITO was established Switzerland was a neutral country and therefore did not become a member of the organization; necessary contacts with Switzerland will, however, be made.

5. The principal tasks of ECITO are: 1) to assist member governments in procurement of transport equipment, either from newly manufactured equipment in countries of member governments or from army surplus and restoration of transport equipment removed by the enemy, and 2) to re-establish to the fullest possible extent thru working arrangements, particularly for railroads and inland waterways.

6. In Germany, only zones occupied by nations who are members of ECITO would be covered. If Austria is to be zoned in the same manner, the same procedure would be carried out in that country.

7. Regarding restoration of rolling stock to rightful owners, it was agreed that "sorting out" rail wagons at this time would upset the movement of supplies and delay transport. A preliminary census of equipment might be taken in each country now to ascertain the general position; this would be of assistance to ECITO in preparing for a European census. The preliminary census should give information on three essentials: number, type, and ownership of rolling stock. ISR was encouraged to make this census now in order to provide information as to the position of Italy.

8. It was agreed by representatives of AFHQ and Allied Commission that ECITO would be of great assistance to the Italian Government. However, Mr. Taylor stated that inasmuch as this was a matter of major policy, the Chief Commissioner of AO, Italy, would have to be consulted and AFHQ contacted to give them the view of AO. Arrangements were made for a meeting on 19 July with the Italian Minister of Transport to ascertain the views of the Italian Government.

9. ECITO put forward the proposal to set up a Regional Office in Rome, but Mr. Taylor stated that this decision should be left until after the meeting referred to in 8 above; he added that the Italian situation differed from that of other countries, as the Italian Government is not in full control of the transportation system in the country; it controls the Sicilian railways, but the railways in Northern Italy are definitely under military control at the present.

10. In conclusion, the Chairman thanked the ECITO representatives for coming to Rome and for the explanations they had given.

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