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NEW DEAL, POLITICAL
JAN. - MAR. 1945

Chief Commissioner.

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MAR 6 RECD

1. There is a divergence in procedure adopted by the US and British Embassies regarding political advice to be given to the Commission as a result of the CCS directive.
2. The US Ambassador regards himself as the giver of advice and nominates Mr. Dowling, Secretary of the Embassy, in his absence.
3. The British Ambassador nominates, also in his absence or on his behalf, Mr. Hopkinson and Mr. Halford.
4. The fundamental idea was that the political advisers should retain their semi-permanent office in the Commission and that the political advice should be given on much the same lines as it has hitherto. I think the British Embassy intend to continue on these lines but it would appear that the US Embassy do not. Would you care to take this matter up with the US Ambassador?

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Done

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Executive Commissioner.

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VB, Political Section.

Please draft order with information as to future functions.

24. Feb. 45

MSK
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Executive Commissioner.

Requested draft order is submitted herewith. (25)

(See by *Scott* / *My Stent*)

W. L. Adams
Vice President,
Political Section

28. Feb. 45

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Political Section

Please see file 27. Final Draft Executive Order.
With your approval, this will be submitted
to the Chief Com. for stencil signature.

W. L. Adams
28 Feb

Exec. Com.
Seen!

W. L. Adams
28 Feb

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Dep. Ex Com.

Both American and British representatives of
the Political Section have seen and cleared the
draft order at file 27. Stencil has now
been prepared for CC's signature.

28. Feb. 45

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Executive Commissioner.

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App - for signature Chief Commissioner.

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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I explained to Chief Commissioner that it
 is the Office of the Political Adviser for which
 I must provide an Office staff. This can best
 be done by bearing him on the strength of the C.O.S.
 Office.

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Pop Section:

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Thanks.

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All others to see.

Mrs. Stewart started work today
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PO Section

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Thanks.

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All officers to see.

Major Stewart started work today
St 16/2. R/P

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C.O.S.

At ⁸ is Political Section's appreciation of their situation under the New Deal Directive.

is regards Major STEWART, I would call your attention to para 2(f) and 3(f), as the latter describes. I suggest, what Major STEWART could do, except that he should be attached to COS's office rather than to CC's office. I am definitely against the Italian Government corresponding direct with Sub Commissions.

He might also do the duties of 3(c) - intermediary between neutrals and Allied authorities.

As you will see from para.4, he could have the clerical staff of the present Political Section.

You will probably wish to discuss this with Mr. SCHOTT and Mr. HANFORD.

8 Feb 45.

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I spoke to Mr. Hopkinson who has this settled in since your note Mr (8)2

C.O.S.C.

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FEB 13 RECD

Chief Commissioner.

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2. I would, therefore, propose to attach an additional officer to my own office to deal with this and the considerable amount of routine correspondence which will continue. He will coordinate the whole of the work and be, in fact, the permanent staff of the political adviser in this Commission.

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Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

13 Feb 45.

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Chief of Staff.

13. Feb. 45.

COS

1. I should think that the office of the Adviser's office. To the C.C. could handle the routing of any foreign office correspondence to the SPL's involved. Other Ministries already correspond directly. 2. See no need for the income tax going through your office. You will see it going to the CC

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 6501/EC.

21 March 1945.

Subject: Allied Commission Relations with
Representatives of United Nations.

To:

V.P., Economic Section (10)

V.P., Civil Affairs Section (10)

Director, Navy Sub Commission

Director, Land Forces Sub Commission (MFA)

Director, Air Forces Sub Commission

Director, Communications Sub Commission

Director, War Materials Disposal & Italian PW Sub Commission.

1. With the abolition of the Political Section, the Italian Government has become responsible for conducting its own political relations with the United Nations as well as, of course, with the neutral powers which have never ceased to be represented diplomatically in Rome. This was not only the logical result of the disappearance of the machinery through which the Allied Commission acted in some degree as the mouthpiece of the Italian Government in its foreign relations but was also intended to be a further step forward in the establishment of normal conditions in the international sphere.

2. It presents few difficulties in the case of powers such as the United States and the Soviet Union which have already established full diplomatic relations, or the United Kingdom and France which are now in direct relations with the Italian Government. In the case, however, of countries of the United Nations which have no diplomatic relations with Italy and which have either only established Consulates-General, such as Belgium and Holland, or whose representation in Italy is limited to membership of the Advisory Council, such as Yugoslavia and Greece, the matter is not so simple.

3. While the intention is, so far as possible, to make the Italian Government on the one hand and the foreign powers concerned on the other hand stand on their own feet, there may be questions on which, owing to absence of diplomatic or direct relations or the lack of goodwill on the part of one of the parties, it is difficult to reach a settlement. In such cases it is suggested that the Allied Commission, as the agent of the powers which signed the Armistice on behalf of the United Nations, should not only keep itself informed of any negotiations which may present problems, but should also exercise its influence both on behalf of the foreign representatives concerned and on behalf of the Italian Government when difficulties arise between negotiators. Accordingly, Sub-Commissions should be prepared, as heretofore, to exercise their good offices in assisting diplomatic representatives of the United Nations Governments in their dealings with the Italian authorities, but only in the circumstances set forth above.

NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Acting Executive Commissioner

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Political Adviser (Br.)
PRO.
Liaison Division

NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Acting Executive Commissioner.

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Office of the Executive Commissioner
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16 March 1945.

Ref: 6501/EC.

Subject: Abolition of Political Section.

To: VP Establishments Section
VP Economic Section
VP Civil Affairs Section
Navy Sub Commission
Land Forces Sub Commission (MMIA)
Air Forces Sub Commission
Communications Sub Commission
War Materials Disposal & Italian PW Sub Commission
Public Relations Branch
Message Centre

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2. The British Embassy will be represented by Mr. H.L.A. HOPKINSON (Minister) and Mr. A. HALFORD (Second Secretary); the U.S. Embassy, for the time being, will be represented by Mr. W.C. DOWLING (Second Secretary).
3. The Political Advisers are not members of the Commission and will not keep Commission archives. They do, however, require to be kept fully informed on all important matters with a political angle dealt with in the Commission, and will require copies in duplicate of correspondence dealing with such matters for the archives of the two Embassies. When political advice is required, it should be asked for in a Minute on a properly constituted file, as laid down in Office Memorandum No.18 dated 24 October 1944.
4. The Message Centre will note that no correspondence will be sent to the Political Advisers either for action or information, except such correspondence as is specifically addressed to them. Correspondence, which was previously routed to the Political Section from the Message Centre, will in future be sent to one of the Sections, Independent Sub Commissions or the Liaison Division. The Message Centre will only send correspondence to the Liaison Division on subjects for the handling of which no Sub Commission exists.

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Ref: 6501/EC.

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To: VP Establishments Section
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Copy to: Political Adviser (Br.)
Political Adviser (A)
SO to CC
Liaison Division

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Extract of Minutes of Executive Commissioner's Meeting held on 13 March 1945.

Allied Representatives under the new Directive.

Political Advisers reported that a Belgian representative had been to see the Finance S/C about the sequestration of Belgian property, and had been told that under the new directive the Commission could not intervene. It was considered that we must not be too rigid in this respect, and while admitting that the policy should be to encourage direct relations between Allied representatives and the Italian Government, Sub-Commissions should also be prepared to help from time to time. It was a question of striking a balance. Ex requested Political Advisers to prepare a short paper on this and to bring it up at a VPs meeting.

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American Embassy.

Rome, March 2, 1945.

My dear Admiral,

I take pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of your letter of February 26th regarding the cessation of the functions of the Political Section of the Allied Commission and in suggesting that, in my absence, you call upon Mr. Dowling, Secretary of Embassy, for such political advice as you may require.

Yours truly,

(signed) A. Kirk.

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone,

Chief Commissioner,

Allied Commission,

Rome.

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British Embassy,

Rome.

3rd. March, 1945.

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My dear Admiral Stone,

In response to your letter (6501/23/EC) of the 26th February, I hereby nominate the following members of my staff to give you, in my absence or on my behalf, political advice as defined in paragraph 2(A) of the new Directive issued by the Combined Chiefs of Staff:-

Mr. H.L. G.A. Hopkinson, C.M.G.,
Mr. A.S. Halford.

Yours very sincerely

R. L. Howarth

R. L. Howarth,
For the Ambassador.

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone,
USNR,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
Rome.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APC 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner.

Ref: 6501/EC.

1 March 1945.

SUBJECT: US Political Adviser - AC.

TO : Acting President.

I am very concerned to hear that Mr. William Schott who has been, until today, the US Political Vice President, will not represent the American Embassy as Political Adviser in the Commission but has, I understand, been posted to Athens. His departure will be a very great loss to the Commission and although I realise he is not a regular member of the American Embassy, I am wondering whether anything could be said to Mr. Kirk in order to conserve his abilities and knowledge of this country for the Commission.

M. S. LUSH

MSL/JG.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.
for the Chief Commissioner.

Copy to: Chief Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

28 February 1945

EXECUTIVE ORDERS)
NUMBER 20)

Abolition of Political Section.....I
Political Advisers - Appointment and Functions.....II
Political Division, Office of the Executive Commissioner -- Formation and
Functions.....III

I - ABOLITION OF POLITICAL SECTION

Pursuant to The Combined Chiefs of Staff directive contained in AGWAR cable WX29633 dated 31 January 45, The Political Section of the Allied Commission is abolished effective 1 March 45.

II - POLITICAL ADVISERS -- APPOINTMENT AND FUNCTIONS

The United States and British Ambassadors have been requested to nominate officials from their respective Embassies to act as Political Advisers to the Chief Commissioner.

The Political Advisers will advise and prepare reports on pertinent political matters for the Chief Commissioner. They will be the sole channel for communication between the Allied Commission and the United States and British Embassies. Offices will be maintained in Headquarters Allied Commission and will be staffed with a small secretariat drawn from the Embassies.

III - POLITICAL DIVISION, OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER -- FORMATION AND FUNCTIONS

The Political Division, Office of the Executive Commissioner, is established effective 1 March 45.

The Political Division will be operated in conjunction with the Political Advisers' office. It will:

- a. Receive and dispatch communications between the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Allied Commission.
- b. Route such correspondence to the appropriate sections, subcommissions and Political Advisers.
- c. Conduct directly all routine matters including travel of Italian diplomats.
- d. Intercede between neutral diplomatic representatives in Italy and the Allied Authorities.

DRAFT ORDER

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1. Political Section of the Allied Commission will be abolished on March 1st, 1945.
2. The U. S. Ambassador and British Ambassador have been requested to nominate officials from their respective Embassies to act as Political Advisers to the Chief Commissioner. The Political Advisers appointed will have offices in Headquarters, Allied Commission. The Political Advisers will advise the A.C. and prepare reports on political matters for the Chief Commissioner. They will be the sole channel for communication between A.C. and the two Embassies. They will have a small secretariat drawn from the Embassies.
3. The present Political Section will remain intact with its clerical staff under the direction of Major Stewart as the Political Division of the Office of the Executive Commissioner.
4. The duties of this officer will be:
 - a. Receive and dispatch communications between the Italian Government and A.C.
 - b. The routing of this correspondence to the appropriate sub-commissions and the Political Advisers.
 - c. Conduct directly all routine matters including travel of Italian diplomats.
 - d. Intercession between neutral diplomatic representatives in Italy and the Allied Authorities.

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26 February 1945.

Ref: 6504/23/50.

My dear Mr. Ambassador,

In accordance with the terms of the new directive from the Combined Chiefs of Staff the Political Section of the Allied Commission will be abolished as from 1st March 1945.

I should be grateful if you would furnish me with the names of the officials of your Embassy who, in your absence, will be authorised to furnish me with political advice as defined in Para 2(A) of the directive.

Sincerely,

1945, Embassy W. Stone

ELBERT W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Sir Noel Charles, Bt, KMG,
British Ambassador,
RMS.

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26 February 1945.

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Sincerely,

/s/ Emory W. Stone

EMORY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

The Honourable Alexander Kirk,
US Ambassador,
ROME.

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CHIEF OF STAFF.

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23rd February 1945.

Chief Commissioner.
(Copy to Chief of Staff).

File
New Deal
Produced
FEB 23 1945

The following is the gist of a message which was sent to the Foreign Office by the Office of the Resident Minister, Caserta, yesterday:-

"I have pointed out to A.F.H.Q. that it would be helpful if the Italian Ambassador in London could send his telegrams direct to the Italian F.O. through normal telegraphic channels without our insisting on a copy of cypher telegrams being handed to Allied Commission. I have been informed that there is no objection on military security grounds to this suggestion. I propose therefore to ask the Chief Commissioner to inform the Italian Government of this further small concession. Outgoing telegrams from Italian F.O. to Italian Ambassador in London will have to continue to be shown to the Allied Commission before despatch as hitherto."

Mr Macmillan suggests that you and he should inform the Italian Prime Minister of this when you call upon him tomorrow.

The newly appointed Italian Ambassador at Washington is taking with him a cypher approved by A.F.H.Q. who say there is no objection from their point of view to his being given the same privileges as the Italian Ambassador in London.

Personal Assistant.

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Extract from Minutes of Meeting held to discuss FAN 487 (Directive from Combined Chiefs of Staff) on 6th February, 1945.

(This extract deals with the comments made in connection with the proposal to abolish the Political Section of the AC).

" 2.(a) The Chief Commissioner pointed out that this was change in form rather than substance, since the same personnel would stay on as Advisers.

Colonel Scudder asked if the Political Advisers would continue to supervise the communications of the Italian Government with its outside representatives.

Admiral Stone pointed out in reply that the Allied Commission had never received an answer to their question as to whether Italians might have the usual cipher and code facilities, since diplomatic relations had been resumed with other countries. It was decided that this point must be taken up with AFHQ.

(b) Noted. The Chief Commissioner stressed the necessity of impressing this point on Signor Bonomi.

In reply to a question of Mr. Halford's, Admiral Stone stated that governments not in direct relation with the Italian Government, viz., French, Yugoslav, Greek, would have to maintain such relations as they had through the Allied Commission.

Mr. Cleveland asked how the phrase "that the Allied Commission is kept generally informed by the Italian Government" was to be interpreted. By a periodic report? "

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(see Minute 14)

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POLITICAL SECTION.

ALLIED COMMISSION.

(10)

TO: The Chief Commissioner.

8th February 1945.

With reference to the Paragraph on the Political Section in the Minutes of the Meeting on February 2nd to discuss the C.C.S' Directive (FAN 487), I feel very strongly that the abolition of the Political Section should be construed to mean that the Allied Commission should cease to act as, so to speak, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Italian Government. In other words, the Commission would abandon its political functions altogether in so far as foreign countries are concerned and would merely retain them, as the Directive points out, for the purpose of safe-guarding Allied, i.e., Anglo-American, interests on matters of major policy.

This would mean in practice that Governments not in relations with the Italian Government would be forced either to resume such relations or to adopt some compromise procedure such as the appointing of Consulate-General, as the Dutch and Belgians have done, or merely maintain relations with the Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs on an unofficial basis. This would cut both ways, as both the Italians and the foreign countries concerned would be deprived of the good offices and assistance of the Allied Commission which they have heretofore enjoyed, but it would be a step in the direction of normality and it would tend to force both the Italians and foreign countries concerned to compromise in order to secure the satisfaction of their needs.

(HENEY ROBINSON)

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Extract from Acting President's comments
on that part of FAN 487 dealing with the
proposed abolition of the Political Sec-
tion of the Allied Commission.
(Original on File 4001/CCS)

Para 2(a).
(Of FAN 487)

Since the old Political Section is to be abolished and the same or other gentlemen will be asked to sit in your office as representatives of the two Embassies (in the same relationship to you as Mr. Kirk and I hold to SACMED), I think it would now be correct for you to ask the Embassies formally to nominate their representatives for this purpose.

Para 2(b).

I think the French, Greeks and Yugoslavs should be discouraged from seeing the representatives of the American and British Embassies who will be sitting in your office. If they wish to take up a point with the Italian Government other than through the informal methods which I have no doubt they are now using, they should write officially to you. This is the only way to give reality to the abolition of the Political Section. Instructions should be given to the Political Advisers accordingly.

Para 2(b)
(Proviso).

I would regard it as the formal duty of the American and British Embassies, through their Political Advisers to you, to see to this. No doubt informally Bonomi or the Foreign Secretary will be in touch with you.

7.Feb.45.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Political Section

APO 394

Ref: P/921.1

CONFIDENTIAL 7 February 1945
FEB 8 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief of Staff

FROM : Political Section

1. The new directive (FAN 487) lays down that "the Political Section of the A. C. will be abolished. The A.C. will obtain advice from the U.S. and U.K. Ambassadors in Rome".
2. The functions of the Political Section have comprised up till now the following:-
 - a. General political and diplomatic advice to the Commission as a whole, including preparation of reports, etc.
 - b. Control of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
 - (1). Internally (i.e. epuration, etc.),
 - (2). Externally (i.e. control of correspondence between the Ministry and Italian diplomatic missions abroad).
 - c. Intercession between the neutral diplomatic representatives in Italy and the Allied Authorities.
 - d. Intercession between the Italian Government and the diplomatic representatives of Allied Governments not in direct relations with the Italian Government.
 - e. Contact with enemy "free" committees (e.g. Austrian, Bulgarian, German, Jewish, etc.).
 - f. Diplomatic contact between the A.C. and the Italian Government in general. The Political Section has in a certain sense been the A.C. Embassy to the Italian Government. This has resulted in an enormous increase of the Section's routine work and has monopolized time which should have been devoted to straight political work. Most, though not all, of the formal correspondence between the A.C. and the Italian Government has been channeled through the Section in much the same way as two independent Governments would correspond on all matters through their respective Embassies.
3. With the abolition of the Section, the work described in Para. 2 above, might perhaps be parcelled out as follows:-
 - a. The U.K. and U.S. Embassies will advise the A.C. and prepare reports on political matters for it (though not the C.C.'s fortnightly report to the Advisory Council. This might become a P.R.O. responsibility).

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Para 3 (cont'd).

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b. (1) The internal control of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs might become a responsibility of the Civil Affairs Section so far as epuration is concerned. In any case, this responsibility should cease soon. The appointment of Italian diplomatic representatives abroad might be watched by the two Embassies.

4c. (2) The external control is more difficult to allocate. Either ~~two Embassies~~ should exercise it (they are already involved in it to some extent) or a determined effort should be made to make AFHQ relax the control altogether.

c. The Liaison Division might act as intermediary between all neutrals and the Allied Authorities.

d. Allied diplomatic representatives not in direct relations with the Italian Government should be informed that they must now establish at least informal contact with the Italian Government or, alternatively, seek the good offices of the U.S. and British Embassies.

e. The "free" committees might become the responsibility of the appropriate sub-commissions of the Civil Affairs Section.

f. The various Italian Government Departments might correspond direct with the appropriate Sub-Commissions (as they do already informally) or a Political chef de cabinet might be attached to the Chief Commissioner's Staff for the sole purpose of routing correspondence between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the appropriate sub-commissions.

4. If this re-allocation of work is agreed, the present clerical staff of the Political Section could be disbanded and transferred to the Liaison Division or elsewhere.

5. In order that the U.K. and U.S. Embassies may be in a position to give advice readily to the A.C., there should be established an "Office of the U.S. Embassy and British Embassy Advisers to the A.C." This Office would be established in the A.C. and the U.S. and British Chiefs of it would have the same standing as the former Joint Vice Presidents in that they would attend such meetings as the Vice Presidents and Chief of Staff meetings, remain on the present circulation lists of papers, etc. All communications between the A.C. and the Embassies would be routed through the office. The office would only carry-out the functions described in 3 (a), (b) and possibly (d) above. Relieved of much of the routine work enumerated under 2 (c), (e) and (f) above, the British and U.S. Embassy advisers would have more opportunity to establish direct contact with Italian political leaders and to concentrate on the political problems which will arise as soon as N. Italy is liberated. They would also be able to spend more time at their respective Embassies and other

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Para 5 (cont'd).

Allied offices in Italy and brief themselves on the views of their Governments generally. They would be assisted in their work by a small Secretariat drawn from the two Embassies.

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Extract from Chief of Staff's comments
on that part of FAN 487 dealing with the
proposed abolition of the Political
Section of the Allied Commission.

Para 2(a)
(Of FAN
487).

I understand that the intention is that the
change should take place only in name and that the
method of obtaining advice from the US and UK
Ambassadors in Rome will be through the same media
as are now employed. In other words, Mr. Schott
and Mr. Hopkinson will have their office in the
Commission but as the representatives of the Amba-
sadors rather than the servants of the Chief
Commissioner.

Para 2(b)

It will presumably be the duty of the political
advisers to ensure that the Italian Government
fulfil their responsibilities in this connection.

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PAR 407.

Following is Directive from Combined Chiefs of Staff.

1. In order to implement the joint declaration of the
President and the Prime Minister of 26 September, 1944, the
US and UK Governments have agreed to relax the control of the
Italian Government under the armistice and surrender instrument
and only to exercise such control when military needs require
it. Thus developing in the Italian Authorities a greater sense
of responsibility. The rights under the armistice and surrender
instrument will be held in reserve in the matter of day to day
administration, subject to overriding military needs and the
requirements of the campaign in ITALY.

In the light of this agreed US-UK policy, you should
take action as rapidly as possible in conformity with the follow-
ing paragraphs:

POLITICAL SECTION.

2. A. The Political Section of the Allied Commission
will be abolished. The Allied Commission will obtain
advice from the US and UK Ambassadors in ROME. There
is no intention, however, to make any change in the
responsibility of the Combined Chiefs of Staff, acting

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through the Allied Commission; the Combined Chiefs of Staff will, therefore, on occasion requires, continue to transmit directives in regard to the combined views of the two Governments on matters of major policy, and such other matters as are within the scope of the activities of the Allied Commission.

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between ITALY and the United Nations.

G. The US and UK Governments have agreed that in accordance with the terms of the MOSCOW declaration it is desirable to encourage the holding of elections for local public offices in territory under the jurisdiction of the Italian Government and you should be guided accordingly.

H. The status of Italian Prisoners of War now or hereafter held in ITALY other than those captured since the armistice was signed should be terminated by you upon adequate assurance being given by the Italian Government that their services will continue to be made available on terms satisfactory to you as Supreme Allied Commander subject to Combined Chiefs of Staff approval.

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ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION.

3. The internal organization of the Allied Commission is primarily your responsibility. In the reorganization of the Allied Commission it is desired that you give consideration to the following policies and objectives:

A. The Staff of Allied Commission Headquarters should occupy itself primarily with consultation and advice to the Italian Government at high levels.

B. As far as certain Subcommissions of the Allied Commission Headquarters are concerned such as Education, Arts and Monuments, Local Government, Labour and Legal, their advisory functions in respect of Italian Government territory should be exercised only when requested by the Italian Government. Control should NOT be exercised in respect of territory under the jurisdiction of the Italian Government.

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C. The Sections and Subcommissions of the Allied Commission Headquarters should be progressively civilianized to the fullest extent which in your opinion circumstances allow, except the Service Subcommissions and except to the extent that Subcommissions exercise functions with respect to territory under Allied Military Government (AMG).

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D. To the extent feasible, Officers of Allied Commission Headquarters dealing with AMG functions should be located at places other than Allied Commission Headquarters.

ECONOMIC SECTION.

4. It is necessary that the maximum production and effective and equitable distribution and control of consumption of local resources possible under existing conditions be secured. The Italian Government should be advised that to this end and as a prerequisite to increased economic assistance it must formulate and implement appropriate economic controls and take all other steps possible. In the event that these conditions are NOT met the Allied authorities will NOT hesitate to impose the necessary controls or take other appropriate measures.

5. For the duration of combined operations, the combined US-UK military authorities will be responsible for providing:

A. Those quantities of food, fuel, clothing, medical, sanitary and other agreed essential supplies necessary to prevent disease and unrest prejudicial to such operations.

B. Those supplies such as fertilizer, raw materials, machinery and equipment, the importation of which will reduce military requirements for the import of essential civilian supplies for the purposes referred to in this paragraph. As the time when combined military responsibility will terminate will NOT be known when requisitions are being prepared and considered, the importation of supplies under this sub-paragraph will NOT be excluded merely because the effect of such imports may NOT be felt during the period of combined military responsibility.

C. Those supplies necessary for the restoration of such of the Italian power systems and transportation and communication facilities as will further the military effort against GERMANY and JAPAN.

To the extent contemplated by this Paragraph 5, essential civilian supplies cannot be divorced from the military supply program and ITALY must be treated as a whole. It is understood that the date of termination of combined military responsibility for providing supplies as set out above will be decided by the Combined Chiefs of Staff on your recommendation.

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6. The Allied Commission shall be advised to assist the Italian Government in the preparation of programs of supplies designed to rehabilitate Italian industry. Those supplies will be in addition to those to be provided as a military responsibility. Such programs when established by the Italian Government will NOT be subject to screening by Allied Force Headquarters, but will be reviewed and transmitted directly with appropriate comments and recommendations by the Allied Commission to the Combined Civil Affairs Committee, which will transmit the programs to the Combined Liberated Areas Committee for action by the appropriate civilian agencies of the UNITED STATES and British Governments. The UNITED STATES and British Governments will each make available such shares as may be mutually agreed of the cost of the provision of such of these programs as may be approved by the Combined Liberated Areas Committee. Procurement covering such programs should immediately be put in hand without reference to the present shipping position in order that the supplies may be called forward as and when shipping space becomes available. In this connection see Paragraph 8 below.

7. The questions raised by you in Sub-paragraphs A, B and C of Paragraph 4 of NAF 778 are answered as follows:

A. The prime responsibility for the control of inflation in ITALY, including the imposition and administration of appropriate financial and economic controls and appropriate utilization of supplies, must rest with the Italian Government. Your responsibility in this connection, other than with respect to the importation of supplies, is, through the Allied Commission, to advise and assist the Italian Government.

B. It is desired that industrial rehabilitation in ITALY be carried out by the Italian Government to the fullest extent permitted by the Italian resources and such supplies as you may be authorized to import, consistent with the discharge by you of your military mission, with the exception that industries for the production or repair of munitions or other implements of war shall be rehabilitated only to the extent required by you in discharge of your military mission and as will further the military effort in other Theaters. Except for these industries the rehabilitation of which is essential to the discharge of your military mission and in furtherance

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of the military effort in other Theaters, which rehabilitation should be given first priority, industries other than those excluded by the preceding sentence will be given such precedence in rehabilitation as may be determined by the Italian Government.

C. The extent of your responsibility with respect to the importation of supplies into ITALY is defined in Paragraphs 5 and 6 hereof. Except as is so defined, you have NO responsibility for the importation of supplies into ITALY.

D. Within the limitation of available shipping and subject to military considerations as determined by you, the extent to which exports are to be stimulated and the development of machinery to handle export trade are for determination by the Italian Government. The appropriate civilian agencies of the British and American Governments are currently considering methods by which the Italian Government may be assisted in these respects and as soon as decisions in this connection are reached, you will be advised with respect thereto.

E. Nothing herein contained shall constitute a commitment with respect to shipping. Any supplies to be imported into ITALY must be transported within such shipping as may be allocated from time to time.

FINANCIAL SECTION.

F. The two Governments are discussing proposals for giving the Italian Government a greater measure of responsibility in financial matters; a further directive on these matters will follow.

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