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OCT. 1944 - MAY 1945

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105.

C.S.O.

Please see folio 104. B 103.

DH 26/5/45

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C.S.O.

107.

Please see 106.

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What action on  
last para of 103?

111.

C.S.O.

You 108.

Please see 110.

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Ex Com 4

You have seen AFHQ directive on control of  
of civilians over frontiers. You may like  
to know that a similar directive has now  
been issued on control of goods - folio 94.  
Copies to armies & northern regions.

15/5

TW/15/5

*[Signature]*

101

Ex Com

Folio 100 - Land Forces S/C response to your  
enquiry (folio 96) regarding measures taken  
to guard the Frontier.

15th May

See (102)

*[Signature]*

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CSO  
 Ref 86 & concluded copies would go to AMGS  
 copies from 15 AG. However, copies are being  
 sent to them by PSS/C.  
 Detailed instructions on implementation have  
 been drafted already by PSS/C. These will be  
 issued today.

4 May 45

87

Excm

88.

This says this has been  
 both handled but it is  
 low all right. Note 87

87 4/5

89

See E.Ch note above. 87 4/5.

90

Major Madden

At See Excm note

above you 87

87 5/5

87

15 AG ADM on  
 link in the chain. 5/7 VIII  
 Army ADGs come directly  
 under AC 87



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- 2. It is only concerned with civilian movement, not goods.
- 3. Ref para 2c we sent two letters + a signal to AFHQ advising against Suspension of Agents of Public Security as POSSC felt strongly on the subject. Note, however, that we are over-ruled.

4. GO 39 was signed on Apr 20.

*Edh*

30 Apr 45 50075

30/4

V.P.C.A.S 83

Plan we agreed to per 6

MS

85.

Ex Com. Telephoned CSo to VPCHP  
and the answer to your inquiry  
83 is in the appendix, 171i

2/5.

CSo

84 Should of course go to SCA's

Armed - with ? should have thought - an  
instruction on implementation by Pub. Safety  
after consultation with Land Forces Sub Com

178 Cks.

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Minute 60.

To: Executive Commission

Please see Minute 59 above which gives the views of Public Safety Sub-Commission. At the present moment the Directive on Frontier Control in Northern Italy is still under consideration by AFHQ, and it is suggested that AFHQ be requested to write a separate Directive on the control of the movement of merchandise (customs regulations) as opposed to control of civilian movement.

*R.R. Cliffs*  
R. R. CRIFFS, Col.  
CSO CA SECTION.

31 March 1945

61.

A/Exec. Commr.  
C.S.O.

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3. <sup>54.55</sup> Folios ~~57-58~~ are Economic Section's views on the matter, principally matters which Finance Subcomm are concerned.
4. You may wish to read, especially minutes 59 and ~~60~~.
5. I suggest Finance Subcomm send their recommendations to G - 5 for inclusion in AFHQ general directive on Frontier Control, or the possible separate directive on Customs.

*J. Rively*  
Major.

8 April 45.

62.  
~~55~~

Major Rively

If Econ Sect. agree I think you should send a follow-up to 43 paving the amendments. Set out in ~~55~~.

*Econ. Section agrees to this.*  
NCA 3/4

4/4 letter signed. 7

77.

Major Mordan: see folio 76 for AFHQ concurrence as to our recommended alterations to their draft directive on Swiss-French-Italy frontier control.



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C.S.O.

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Jeffery  
Major.

62.  
~~55~~

April 45.

Major Rively

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see 55  
Economic Section agrees to this.  
JCS 3/4

8/4

4/4 later signed. +

77.

Major Prodan: see folio 76 for AFHQ concurrence as to our recommended alterations to their draft directive on Swiss-French-Italy frontier control. They insist that this directive cover civilian movements only. A separate one will therefore be necessary for movement of goods.

C.A. Section should expedite preparation of G.O. #39 and have it submitted for signature of C.S. at earliest possible.

see folio 78. JCS 26/4

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58.

To G.S. Will you please comment on <sup>55.</sup> the minute of <sup>57</sup> doo.  
C.A.S. *R. R. [unclear]*  
28 Nov 45.

Minute No. 19.

E. A. Section.

The views contained in 54 and 55 do not in any way conflict with those of Public Safety Sub-Commission.

From the Security point of view it is presumed that the 60 Customs Officials referred to in paragraph 6 will be vouched for by the Finance Sub-Commission.

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"It is thought advisable to state specifically that the transport of merchandise across the frontiers will be prohibited."

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Finance Sub-Commission may wish to send a letter to AFHQ outlining the points in 47 and 48 and asking for a directive to be issued on Customs Control.

*John W. Chapman*  
JOHN W. CHAPMAN,  
Colonel, J.A.G.D.,  
Director, Public Safety  
Sub-Commission.

30th March, 1945.

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Sub-Commission.

30th March, 1945.

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44.

P43. Seeu MW/23/2

45.

CSO: Folios 38 to 43 represent C.A. Sect. comments on Frontier Control. Econ. Sect. is concerned with this subject in Northern Italy plans. Might it not be well to have this commented upon from an Economic point of view also.

Yes - Do it!  
 48.56  
 JCB 28/2

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JCB 29/3

57

V.P. CAS

Ref your letter at 43 enclosure, a revised draft brochure on Frontier Control please see letter in which he is 'Author' at page 35 in which he suggests various points. amendments to AFHQ bids you please say if you agree have these amendments + if so, have them communicated to AFHQ

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Yes - Do it! JCH 2/8/2  
49.56 JCH

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JCH 2/9/3

57

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JCH 2/7/3  
C SO to Section

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MINUTE 37.

TO : C.A. Sec.

1. With reference to the draft letter from ARHQ (See 29 of this File), apart from minor details which will be dealt with below, this Sub-Commission disagrees in two important respects, namely -

- i) the decision not to make use of Agents of Public Security and
- ii) the policy of automatically suspending personnel found at the Frontiers.

2. The whole organisation of frontier control in Italy is based on zones under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of the Interior. Each zone is controlled by a Public Security Commissario responsible through the Prefect to the Police Department of the Ministry. The Commissario has a staff of Agents of Public Security and exercises control over the Carabinieri and Finance Guards. The Commissari and their staffs are the most experienced personnel in Italy for this kind of work. It seems unwise not to take advantage of existing machinery and trained staffs which can be effectively supervised by the CIC Detachment. Moreover, when Allied Military Control is eventually relaxed the Italian Government must inevitably revert to the original system of frontier control under the Ministry of the Interior.

It is pointed out that Public Security Agents have been used throughout territory already occupied and have given valuable service. Indeed it would have been almost impossible to have controlled crime in Italy without their co-operation.

It is strongly recommended that the services of Public Security agents be retained.

3. With regard to the suspension of police found at the frontiers, past experience has shown that the Italian police have always co-operated loyally with the Allies on their arrival. Other things being equal, it is always preferable in the police service, to take advantage of the local knowledge of the man on the spot. As far as Public Safety Sub-Commission and the Italian Ministry of the Interior are aware, there is no reason to suppose that the Police in Northern Italy will be any more disaffected than those who have been used to such good effect in the South. It is therefore recommended that the local police be retained unless they are found to be unsatisfactory, when they can easily be removed.

4. The following detailed comments on the draft letter are offered :

Paragraph 1. It seems desirable to state specifically whether or not commodities and merchandise will be allowed to cross the frontiers. If this point is to be dealt with Finance Sub-Commission should be consulted.

Paragraph 2. (b) The closing of the frontiers will require the provision of Italian troops as sentries in addition to police. At least one battalion of Italian troops will be needed (to be drawn on as required) and it is recommended that MMA be notified in advance of their commitments in this respect.

Paragraph 2. (c) This should be eliminated in accordance with the views expressed above.

*with reference to  
different security*

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Paragraph 2. (c) This should be eliminated in accordance with the views expressed above.

Paragraph 4. It is recommended that Paragraph 4 be amended to read :-

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The Italian Frontier Control Detachment at CIC will be assisted by the following bodies of Italian personnel drawn from that part of Italy at present liberated:

350 CC.RR.  
600 CC.IT.

This personnel will be called forward in stages by Headquarters 15th Army Group, and will come under the operational control of the Italian Frontier Control Detachment CIC. It is intended that all Italian Military (including CC.RR), Finance Guards and Agents of Public Security, found engaged in the control of frontiers should continue to perform their duties under the control of the Italian Frontier Control Detachment CIC. They will be screened without delay in conjunction with selected officers from their Headquarters who will accompany the CIC Detachment for this purpose. All unsatisfactory personnel will be removed and replaced. AMG will be prepared to assist in this process during the period of the total closure of the frontiers."

Paragraph 6. (b) At a meeting on the 12th February, the Executive Commissioner ruled that liaison officers cannot be appointed. The Paragraph should therefore be amended to read:

"b). Instruct Public Safety Officers designated for frontier provinces to maintain the closest liaison with the Frontier Control Detachment CIC".

5. In conclusion it is agreed that Allied Commission must accept responsibility for arranging the transport and equipment of the Italian personnel. The transport arrangements will be the function of Transportation Sub-Commission. The Carabinieri clothing and equipment will be provided by MIA in the usual manner. The provision of clothing and equipment for Finance Guards and Agents devolves upon the Italian Ministry of Labour, Commerce and Industry. The Finance Guards and Agents have been unable to obtain from this source the special clothing, boots, and other essential equipment for men stationed in the mountain passes. Without such equipment the men will perish in the snow and the Commanding General of the Finance Guards has said frankly that he will not accept the responsibility of sending men for these duties unless they are properly clad. This is a matter in which the assistance of Commerce Sub-Commission must be sought.

6. Draft reply to AFHQ prepared.

*John W. Chapman*

JOHN W. CHAPMAN  
Colonel, J.A.G.D.  
Director, Public Safety  
Sub-Commission.

20 February, 1945.

AFHQ/G.

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Chief Clerk.

Please mine 18 with copies

To:

- 144 AA1
- C.A. Section (to be put in Gen' Ltr 14080/6/PS)
- Em. Section (ref ES/64 of 3/11 - (P. 9))
- Polit. Section
- R.C. Venezia
- " Lombardini (ref R. X/9-103) of 5/10 1941
- " Piccinato
- " Lujuria (ref L. 10 of 3/10)
- Finanza s/c. ~~Lucini~~
- (7413062/F 14/11)
- 925/10 1941
- (L. 11)

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ESO: To see over signed on 24 requesting early reply to P 23. A FHP reply on 10-25

See ~~ll~~ only 4/12  
5/12 1711

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TO: CSO.

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2. However, this letter does not seem to completely answer para 1 (b) or (c) (IV) of our letter of 14 Nov 44 (folio 23).
3. Might I yet ask, by cable, for direct info/or reply to these questions, revising, of course, the proposed cable at folio 33 not yet sent.

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NW AAI  
 C.A. Section (to be put in Encl. file 14050/6/PS)  
 Econ. Section (ref 65/64 of 3/11 - (200 9)  
 Polit. Section  
 R.C. Venezia  
 " Lombardini (ref R.X.1/8-1(B) of 5/10 and  
 " Piccinato.  
 " Lijunig (ref 6/10 of 3/10)  
 Finance d/c. *L. L. L.*  
 (ref 13062/E 14/11  
 of 25/10 Encl  
 in (Encl 11)

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ESO: To see our signal on 24 requesting early reply to R 23. A 7#9 reply on 1226

See ~~25~~ 4/12

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*get*  
Major.

14 Feb 45. I think with. Let us  
 know the S.I. decision  
 (see para 1 9 31) 4/16/2.

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P. D. L. L. L. L. L. L.  
(aka H. H. H. H. H.)

Will you please look at page 14 opposite  
which is a copy of a letter by  
Chapman, Head of Public Safety, in  
which he has the answer to para 6 D.  
Could you please comment on para 6

D 3 - Q?

Richard Taylor  
Officer in Charge of Staff

8/4/44

Letter 388.

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Major Talbot.

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the decision of the C. in C., but later would  
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due course as suggested in para 6 (4)

W. W. W. W. W. W.  
" " " " " " " "

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Draft at 18 agreed as far as I am  
concerned. W. W. W.

14 Nov.

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Exhibit number  
Office of Chief of Staff

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Exh 388.

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concerned. 19/11  
14 hat. 20

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Draft at 18 agreed as amended in para 1c iv.

Discussion with  
for Col. Thompson  
CSO Economic Section

21  
Draft at 18 agreed.  
19/11

TO: Chief of Staff.

Please see 1. I will take it up with Political Section.

7th October, 1944

*Shaw.*  
Major,  
Office of C.O.S.

Yes - on the understanding that initially  
the frontier will be closed. - as has been done invariably  
clearance.

*TSK*

*(enclosed in this copy 9/10)*

1) What do we want? Presumably in early stages  
maximum traffic in of merchandise, maximum traffic  
out of merchandise and, minimum in of out of persons.

2) How do we get whatever we want? Our requirements  
will be for Switzerland & France must be negotiated  
with Spain & French authorities, I suppose we  
should lay matter before AT&A 65 circa. British  
Reserve & U.S. Pol. Adviser & ask them to  
set working.

*AN 15/10*

PO. Sec.

7th October, 1944

Major,  
Office of C.O.S.

Yes - on the understanding that initially  
the frontier will be closed. - as has been done in a number of  
instances.

WV/CLK

Members of Staff  
9/10/44

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should lay matter before AFDG & also Bureau  
Reserve & U.S. Pol Advisor & ask them to  
set working?

AAC 10/10

P.O. Sec.

I agree. Please draft letter accordingly

b.

WV/CLK

1) Police Pol Sec also through CAS and ES. Should be used  
for their views and I attach draft for your approval. 9/15/44

Issued in printed copy 7. 9/25/44. WV/CLK

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of *Conf. Comm* (112)

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E/2571  
MAY 271810B  
PRIORITY

*From:* AFHQ SIGNED SACRED SITE PHGBI, FOR G2 FOR BENNETT  
*To:* ACTION IV CORPS INFO ALCOM, 15 ARMY GP, 5 ARMY

MAY 28 1945

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1. Your 1463 of 24 May refers. Your paragraph 1. Agree in principle. Despatch HAMBLEN AFHQ at once. Require know exact position before implementing proposals. HAMBLEN also required urgently elsewhere.
2. Complied with.
3. Personnel due arrive MILAN 28 May.

Dist

- Info-Action - GA Section 2
- Info - Chief Commissioner
- Exec Comm
- Exec Sec
- P Safety
- Liaison Div
- Disper
- File

28 MAY 1945  
A.C.

PA  
28/5

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LOGO FOR BENNETT CMA FIVEARMY FOR AMG INFORMATION AFHQ G-2  
15 ARMY GROUP AND FOURTH CORPS

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26 MAY 45

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SUBJECT IS POLICE FOR FRONTIER CONTROL PD

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MAY 27 1945

PAREN TO LOGO FOR BENNETT CMA FIVEARMY FOR AMG INFORMATION AFHQ G-2

15 ARMY GROUP AND FOURTH CORPS FROM ALCOM CITE ACPST PAREN PD

PARA ONE PD REFERENCE YOUR ONE FOUR SIX THREE DATED TWO FOUR MAY PD

PARA TWO PD FIVE OFFICERS THREE FIVE <sup>30</sup> ZERO CARABINIERI ONE ZERO TONS

STORES AND ONE ONE OFFICERS SIX ZERO <sup>600</sup> ZERO GUARDIA FINANZA TWO ZERO

TONS STORES LEAVE ROME FOR MILAN ZERO SIX ZERO ZERO TWO SEVEN MAY

BY RAIL PD

PARA THREE PD ESTIMATED TIME OF ARRIVAL LEGHORN ONE EIGHT ZERO ZERO

TWO SEVEN MAY PD PETER BAKER SUGAR WILL MOVE TO GENOA BY ROAD

ESTIMATED TIME OF ARRIVAL ZERO THREE ZERO ZERO TWO EIGHT MAY PD

THEN GENOA TO MILAN BY RAIL ARRIVING NOON TWO EIGHT MAY PD

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- ~~3/President~~
- ~~Chief Commissioner~~
- ~~Exec. Commissioner~~ ✓
- ~~C.A. Section~~

Public Safety S/C

Ext 365

NICHOLAS PIOMBINO  
CWO USA

F.J. WILSON Lt Col. Asst Adjutant

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AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CTS FROM

MOV ROME, ALCOM INFO SOUTHMOVES, EASTMOVES, MOV LECHORN, EMESI

MAY 27 1945

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1. Carabinieri strength 5 offers 350 OHS 10 tons and Finance Guards strength 11 offers 600 OHS 20 tons will move ROME to LECHORN by coaching stock train departing ROME 0600 hrs 27 May due LECHORN 1800 hrs 27 May.
2. Tonnage quoted consists personal baggage only.
3. MOV ROME advise MRS entraining station.

**LIST**

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 " Pub Safety  
 INFO: A/President  
 Chief Commissioner  
 Executive Commissioner  
 CA Sec  
 Econ Sec  
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HEADQUARTERS  
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MAY 25 1945  
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From: AFHQ SIGNED SIGNED GITE PHOBY

To: ACTION CG G 2 IV CORPS INFO ALCOM, 15 ARMY GP, 5 ARMY

MAY 26 1945

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1. See BENNETTS message 1463 of 24 May.
2. Noted per it system will operate from SWITZERLAND from first June and we will endeavour to get out announcement for ITALY for same date.
3. 4,000 MTA applications sent ALCOM 24 May. Phoned them urgent to distribute to Questure.
4. Sent Allied Force permits and applications to GENEVA and BERN today by fast air.
5. Copies of new detailed instructions will be sent you as soon as ready.

Dist

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26 MAY 1945  
J. H. C.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

May 22

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May 240915B

Priority

FROM: VI Corps Signed Walter S. Carroll

MAY 24 1945

TO : AFHQ PASS TO JJSK ALCOM ROME TO VERY REV JOSEPH MCGUOUGH,  
DEPUTY MILITARY VICAR DELEGATE? HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394 US ARMY.

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URGENTLY RECOMMEND VATICAN REQUEST IMMEDIATE RESCINDING AFHQ ORDER  
CLOSING ITALIAN GERMAN FRONTIER SO THAT THOUSANDS OF ITALIAN NOW  
LIVING UNDER UNAVOIDABLY TRAGIC CONDITIONS IN DACHAU AND OTHER CAMPS  
NEAR FRONTIER MAY BE EVACUATED. ON ITALIAN SIDE EXCELLENT ORGANISATION  
WITH NECESSARY FOOD CLOTHING SHELTER AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE WAITING TO  
RECEIVE THOUSANDS DAILY. CANNOT EXAGGERATE DESPERATE CONDITIONS LOCAL  
CAMPS EFFECT. WIRE ANY INSTRUCTIONS THIS ADDRESS.

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INFO: A/President  
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From: 1369 FROM BUREAU  
To: ACTION: MEMORANDUM FOR C-2 INFO: ALGERIA AND 15 ARMY GROUP AND 5 ARMY

MAY 25 1945

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WARREN now here with individuals mentioned in 19 May message. Since frontlines (?) arrangements finalized. Announcement will be made in ~~ALGERIA~~ on 1 June that agreed categories may apply for permits to American and British consulates. Recommended similar announcement in ITALY, for Swiss and French frontier, basis of new military travel authorization arrangements. Civil Affairs officers and quarters still awaiting application forms and instructions. This next urgent. Please send printed forms 200 Allied force permits and 600 application forms to each of your <sup>control</sup> port offices, British Consulate General, GUYANA and military attaché, American legation, ~~WARREN~~. Consider it essential remain here until recommendations in this and 19 May message implemented. ~~WARREN~~ of ~~WARREN~~ expected here 24 or 25 May, and French frontier situation is such that consider we need agree upon ~~WARREN~~ and ~~WARREN~~ 1 June.

FOR ALGERIA. Frontier control combiners and guards ~~WARREN~~ still not arrived ~~WARREN~~. Our hope is to get them dispersed forward to frontier posts by end of month. Existing personnel found, as anticipated, nearly all unavailable.

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(Mrs. [Name])

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*see M105*  
*F. 106*  
*see 110*  
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 6510/102/ED.

18th May 1945.

SUBJECT: Guarding of Frontier.

TO: GOC, Land Forces Sub-Com (MELA).

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I refer to your ED/50 of 15 May 45. Surely at this stage we should enquire from 15th Army Group and the Allies what are their intentions. The future and employment of the Italian Army is of vital importance to the Italian Government. They want to know. We - AG and Land Forces Sub-Commission - are the channel who should advise them, help them and initiate matters for them. 15th Army Group, 5th Army will very soon disappear; why should we not take the initiative, before they do something untoward with the Italian Army, and ask them.

M. E. LUSH

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Brigadier,  
Executive Commissioner.

Handwritten signatures and notes including "BV 4/6" and "NOTED" with various initials.

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Subject : Guarding of Frontier.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)  
ROME.  
SD/50

15 May 45.

MAY 15 REC'D

To: Executive Commissioner A.C.

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Reference your 6510/EC of 12 May.

- 1. All Italian troops in the North are under operational command of 5 Army, 8 Army, 1 District or 2 District.
- 2. The responsibility for disposing Italian troops and guarding the frontier is that of 15 Army Group and it is not known by M.M.I.A. yet what action is being taken.

3. Locations, so far as is known, are :-

LEGNANO	GP.	...	...	ERESCIA
TRIULI	"	...	...	IMOLA
CREMONA	"	...	...	ROVIGO
MANTOVA	"	...	...	RADDA
FOLGORE	"	...	...	BOLOGNA

4. The attached signal shows 15 Army Group proposals for re-allotment.

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L. Brown

Major General,  
M.M.I.A.

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MAY 15 REC'D

To: Executive Commissioner A.C.

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3. Locations, so far as is known, are :-

LEGNANO	Gp.	...	...	BRESCIA
TRIULI	"	...	...	IMOLA
CREMONA	"	...	...	ROVIGO
MANTOVA	"	...	...	RADDA
FOLGORE	"	...	...	BOLOGNA

4. The attached signal shows 15 Army Group proposals for re-allotment.

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L. Brown

Major General,  
M.M.I.A.

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : 15 ARMY GP  
TO : 5 ARMY AFHQ  
INFO : MAIN 8 ARMY  
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REF : SD 1627

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REF THIS HQ SD 1593 OF 6 FIFTH ARMY 6503 OF 7 AND MAIN 8 ARMY  
SD 2087 OF 10 NONE TO ALL (.) FIRST (.) FOR 5 ARMY FRIULI AND  
FOLGORE COMBAT GPs AVAILABLE TO YOU FORTHWITH (.) REQUEST YOU  
SIGNAL DESTINATION AND DATES REQUIRED TO MOVE (.) SECOND (.)  
FOR AFHQ REQUEST MANTOVA COMBAT GP REVERT TO YOUR COMD FORTHWITH  
IN PRESENT POSITION (.) CONSIDER THIS COMBAT GP LIKELY TO  
BE REQUIRED BY DISTWO IN NEAR FUTURE (.) THIRD (.) FOR 8 ARMY (.)  
REQUEST YOU SIGNAL LIST AUXILIARY UNITS TO PASS (.) A TO UNDER  
COMD 5 ARMY (.) B TO UNDER COMD AFHQ WITH MANTOVA COMBAT GP (.)  
FOURTH (.) FOR MMIA CONSIDER PRESTIGE ACHIEVED BY FRIULI AND  
FOLGORE COMBAT GPs MAKE IT ESSENTIAL TO SELECT THESE COMBAT GPs  
IN PREFERENCE TO MANTOVA COMBAT GP

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Tel: 289

14 May 1945.

Ref: 6510/97/EC.

SUBJECT: Customs Control of Italian-French and  
Italian-Swiss Frontiers.

TO : Economic Section.  
Civil Affairs Section.

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Please note that a copy of AFHQ memorandum, AG 371.2/167 GEC-0  
dated 6 May 1945, subject as above, has been forwarded to VENETIA,  
LOMBARDIA, PIEMONTE, LIGURIA Regions, and AKE Fifth and Eighth Armies.

*GH* Chief Staff Officer,  
To Executive Commissioner.

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Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 6510/EC.

12 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Guarding of Frontier.

TO : GOC, Land Forces Sub-Com (MIA).

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The Chief Commissioner would be glad to know what action has been taken on Minute 13 of the Vice Presidents' Meeting on 2 May 1945.

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,  
Executive Commissioner.

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Ref. 6510/95/10.

Del : 473201

SUBJECT: Travel Control of Italian-French,  
Italian-Swiss Frontiers.

11 May 1945

- TO : S.O., Venetia Region,
- " " Lombardia Region,
- " " Piemonte Region,
- " " Liguria Region,
- COMAD, Fifth Army
- " " Eighth Army.

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Enclosed is a memorandum from AFHQ, AG 371.2/157 000-0 dated 6 May 1945, forwarded for your information.

*Jh*  
Chief Staff Officer  
to Executive Committee.

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EX. COMM. W. SUMNER (S) JC/msd

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AG 371.2/167 GRG-0

6 May 1945

MAY 10 REC'D

SUBJECT: Customs Control of Italian-French and Italian-Swiss Frontiers

TO: All Concerned

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1. Attention is invited to letter, this headquarters, file as above, dated 28 April 1945, subject "Travel Control of Italian-French and Italian-Swiss Frontiers".

2. Until further notice all movement of goods across the pre-1939 Italian-French and Italian-Swiss frontiers will be prohibited and prevented by Allied Military Government and by the Commanding General, 15th Army Group as soon as the progress of operations makes this possible, except, as regards foodstuffs, to the extent and under the conditions authorized by the directive referred to in paragraph 1 above.

3. The Customs officials selected for employment on the frontiers will work alongside and in co-operation with the Frontier Control Detachment CIC for the enforcement of this embargo. They will be permitted, until further orders, to apply the normal Customs formalities and current tariffs to foodstuffs moved across the frontiers under the conditions referred to in the preceding paragraph. They will also be permitted to take all necessary steps to safeguard Customs property and records and to prepare for the resumption of commercial traffic.

4. Article VII, Sections 4 and 5 of Allied Military Government Proclamation No 2 (Revised) which prohibit, inter alia, all transactions in foreign exchange and the importation or exportation of currency or coin of any country except as authorized by Allied Military Government will be observed.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

*Edmund R. Shugart*  
EDMUND R. SHUGART  
Colonel, AGD  
Asst Adjutant General

*Min 98*

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AG 371.2/167 GEL/O DATED 6 MAY 45

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Staff Officer to CC	✓	Transportation	
Executive Commissioner ✓	3	Political Advisors	
Message Center		Establishment Section	
Liaison Division		Executive Officer (A)	
Civil Affairs Section	✓	Executive Officer (B)	
Dis Pers & Repat		G-1 (A)	
Local Govt		G-1 (A) Civilian Emp.	
P. Affairs Branch		G-1 (B)	
Public Safety	✓	G-1 (A)	
Security Division		G-1 (B)	
Public Health		2675th Regt.	
Legal		Headquarters Commandant	
Education		Allied Civ Pers Director	
Monuments & Fine Arts		Adjutant, Allied Commission	
Economic Section	✓	Navy	
Requisition Branch		Land Forces (LMIA)	
Agriculture		Air	
Commerce		Communications	
Coal Div		Civil Censorship Group	
Finance	✓	W.M.D. & P.O.W.	
Property Control Div		Motor Transport Group	
Food		Public Relations Branch	
Industry		Information Div	
Mining Div		Archivist	
Labor		U.N.R.R.A.	
Public Works & Utilities		I.G.C.R.	
Shipping			

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 Investigation & Report \_\_\_\_\_  
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FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION

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3 May 1945.

SUBJECT : Prohibition on Trans-Frontier  
Movement of Goods and Currency

TO : A.F.H.Q., G-5 Section  
( Attn : Financial Adviser )

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- 1. Reference signal 5849 of 22 April 1945 from this Headquarters and your reply thereto F 65460 of 25 April 1945.
- 2. As agreed between Cmdr. Southard-Major Price on 1st May '45 a draft of a directive prohibiting the transfrontier movement of goods and currency, supplementary to A.F.H.Q. directive A.G. 371.2/167 G.S.G.-O dated 28 Apr '45 subject "Travel Control on Italian-French and Italian-Swiss Frontiers" is submitted herewith for approval and issue.

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91 For the Chief Commissioner

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Joint Director,  
Finance Sub-Commission

Copy to : Economic Section ( Executive Director )  
Executive Commissioner  
Director, Commerce Sub-Commission

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May 1945

SUBJECT : Customs Control of Italian-French  
and Italian-Swiss Frontiers.

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TO : All concerned.

1. Attention is directed to Allied Force Headquarters directive A.G.371.2/167 GAG-0 dated 28 April 1945, subject "Travel Control of Italian-French and Italian-Swiss Frontiers". This letter is to be read in conjunction therewith.

2. Until further notice all movement of goods across the pre-1939 Italian-French and Italian-Swiss frontiers will be prohibited and prevented by A.M.G. and by the C.G., 15th Army Group immediately the progress of operations makes this possible, except, as regards foodstuffs, to the extent and under the conditions authorized by the directive referred to in paragraph 1 above.

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4. Attention is specially drawn to Article VII, sections 4 and 5 of A.M.G. Proclamation No.2 (Revised) which prohibits, inter alia, all transactions in foreign exchange and the importation or exportation of currency or coin of any country except as authorized by A.M.G.

By Command of Field Marshal Alexander

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Ref: 478201  
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Ref. 6540/83.

SUBJECT : Travel Control of Italian-French,  
Italian - Swiss Frontiers.

TO : A.C., Venetia Region,  
" " , Lombardia Region,  
" " , Piemonte Region,  
" " , Liguria Region.

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English Army

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1. Enclosed is a directive from AFTR, AG 371.2/157 GEG-0 dated 28 April 45.
2. This deals only with civilian movement and is the result of consultation between AFTR and A.C., HQ. An objection was lodged to para 2c but our amendment, to maintain Agents of Public Security in office, was not agreed.
3. Another directive on control of merchandise will be issued shortly by AFTR.

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*EH*  
Brigadier,  
Executive Commissioner.

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Date: SAC, MT  
Initials: [Signature]  
28 April 1945  
28 April 1945

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AG 371.2/167 GEG-O

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Ex. Comm.

SUBJECT: Travel Control of Italian - French and Italian - Swiss Frontiers

APR 30 REC'D

TO: All Concerned

1. All travel across the pre-1939 Italian - French and Italian - Swiss frontiers will be prohibited and prevented by A.M.G. and by CG, 15th Army Group, immediately the progress of operations makes this possible. Should it become necessary however, in order to prevent public unrest such as would obstruct the Allied war effort, during the period of total closure of the frontiers, travel of civilians across the frontiers may be permitted for the purpose of arranging the movement of foodstuffs to counteract immediate hardship. No individual will be permitted to cross the frontiers for this purpose without the specific approval of the Frontier Control Detachment, C.I.C.

2. Means to be employed include:

a. Publication by A.M.G. of a proclamation in accordance with the draft attached as Appendix "A".

b. The fixing of responsibility, by A.M.G. and by CG, 15th Army Group, on such Italian Military (including CC.RR), R.C.F. and Customs personnel as may be found exercising frontier control, for the enforcement of the closing of the frontiers.

c. The immediate suspension from such functions, by A.M.G., of any Publica Sicurezza personnel found participating in frontier control.

d. The employment of Allied troops as frontier guards, by Commanding General 15th Army Group, as a temporary measure, if this should prove to be advisable and feasible.

e. The employment under command of Commanding General, 15th Army Group of the Italian Frontier Control Detachment, CIC, whose functions during this period are outlined in paragraph 4 below.

3. The closure of the frontiers will remain in force until an adequate Allied Military Control has been established by the Italian Frontier Control Detachment CIC, and until the Detachment has reverted to under command of this headquarters as laid down in paragraph 5 below. After this stage has been reached, limited travel across the frontiers will be permitted according to conditions to be laid down by AFHQ.

(Mrs. Molten)

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Ltr AFHQ, AG 371.2/167 GEG-0,  
dtd 28 April 45 (Cont'd)

4. The Italian Frontier Control Detachment CIC will be assisted by the following bodies of loyal Italian personnel drawn from that part of Italy at present liberated:

- 350 CC.RR
- 600 RGF
- 60 Customs Officials

This personnel will be called forward in stages by Commanding General 15th Army Group, and will come under the operational control of the Italian Frontier Control Detachment CIC. It is intended that all Italian Military (including CC.RR), RGF and Customs personnel found engaged in control of the frontiers, except any (probably small) proportion who may be considered sufficiently reliable to continue under the control of the Italian Frontier Control Det, CIC, shall be suspended from these duties as soon as they can be replaced by the loyal elements referred to above. The Frontier Control Detachment CIC will be the authority to require such changes, and AMG will be prepared to accomplish them without delay during the period of total closure of the frontiers. It is necessary that the unsatisfactory personnel be removed immediately from the locality of the frontiers.

5. After the initial period, which will be terminated by this headquarters in consultation with Commanding General 15th Army Group, the Frontier Control Detachment CIC will revert to the direct operational control of this headquarters, but Commanding General 15th Army Group or the District headquarters concerned will continue to provide necessary accommodation, supplies and communications. The CC.RR, RGF and Customs personnel referred to in paragraph 4 above will continue under the operational control of the Frontier Control Detachment CIC.

6. Allied Commission will:

a. Assemble the 350 CC.RR, the 600 RGF and the 60 Customs officials referred to in paragraph 4 above, providing the CC.RR, and the RGF with all necessary equipment, and arrange transportation in readiness for their calling forward by Commanding General 15th Army Group.

b. Designate AMG Officers for the purpose of relieving the Frontier Control Detachment of all responsibility other than operational in respect of the CC.RR, RGF and Customs personnel.

c. Submit to this headquarters, Attention: G-2 Section, and to Commanding General 15th Army Group, nominal roolls of 6a and b above.

d. Arrange for the CC.RR, RGF and Customs personnel within the army areas to be provided with all necessary accommodation, supplies and transport. This arrangement will continue throughout the initial period of 15th Army Group command of the Frontier Control Detachment CIC, and

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dtd 28 Apr 45 (Con'd)

subsequently. It is necessary that adequate preliminary arrangements be made for the personnel to arrive at the frontiers, and commence their duties, immediately operational conditions permit.

e. Instruct AMG in accordance with paragraphs 1, 2 and 4 above.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

*A. B. King*

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Appendix "A"

A. B. KING  
Lt Colonel, AGD  
Asst Adjutant General

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APPENDIX "A"

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
OF OCCUPIED TERRITORY

GENERAL ORDER NO 39

CLOSURE OF FRONTIERS

I, ELLERY W. STONE, Rear Admiral, USNR, Chief Civil Affairs Officer,  
for and on behalf of the Supreme Allied Commander and Military Governor,  
hereby order as follows:

ARTICLE I

No person, unless authorized in writing by or on behalf of the Supreme  
Allied Commander, may cross the frontier between Italy and France or between  
Italy and Switzerland whether for the purpose of entering or leaving Italy.

ARTICLE II

Any person violating this order shall, on conviction by an Allied  
Military Court, be liable to imprisonment or fine or both with or without  
such other lawful punishment as the Court may determine.

ARTICLE III

This order shall become operative in each province or part thereof,  
within Military Government Territory on the date of its first publication  
therein.

FOR THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER AND MILITARY GOVERNOR:

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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Ref: 6510/79/50.

28 April 1945.

SUBJECT: Frontier Control: FRANCE, SWITZERLAND, ITALY.

TO : Economic Section. (2).

1. Reference our signal 5849 of 22 April 1945, to AFHQ, and G-5's reply F65460 of 25 April 1945. — 76

2. The letter directive being issued by G-5 covers only civilian movement across the above frontier and we are informed by G-5 that the Allied Commission must initiate any further directive desired by it on the control of movement of goods.

3. In line with our economic policy for Northern Italy, your immediate attention is directed to the preparation of the necessary instructions.

*[Signature]*  
4 Chief Staff Officer,  
to the Executive Commissioner.

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**INCOMING MESSAGE**  
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Originator's Reference: 265160  
Date/Time of Origin: APR 25 1108Z  
Message Centre No: 2/8450  
Date Time Rec'd: APR 25 2000Z  
Precedence: PRIORITY

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TO: ACTION ALCOM HOME

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**ACTION**

~~SECRET~~ Hour 5049 of 22 April 45.

1. Amendments contained in para 5 your letter 6510/56/DS 4 April agreed. Directive is only intended to cover civilian movement. Prohibition on movement of goods is separate subject and should be covered in separate document. Reference last sentence your signal words "By AHC/AC" will be omitted from para 6D of Directive.
2. Please advise whether General Order Number 39 has been signed.

Yes on 20/4  
[Signature]

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INFO: A/President  
Chief Commissioner  
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Office of Executive Commissioner

(Sgt) E. T. M. BOT

NICHOLAS PROBYNO  
CWO, USA,  
Asst Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: AC/14080/6/PS

21 April 45.

SUBJECT: Frontier Control=France, Switzerland and Italy.

TO : Executive Commissioner.

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Reference your 6510/72/EC of 19 April.

Enclosed is a draft signal as requested. Economic Section concurs.

*A.D. Borham Carter*  
A.D. BORHAM CARTER  
Lt. Colonel  
CSO CA Section

Enclosure

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*Subject is Frontier control. Letter G-5  
for Sub*

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Reference your P/381/34 of 16 April enclosing draft Directive. This Commission presses for inclusion of (1) the amendments set out in para Five of letter 6510/56/EC dated 4 April (2) a prohibition on the movement of goods as goods may be the means whereby uncensored material, prohibited currency and valuables, illicit arms, etcetera are moved across the frontier. The prohibition is essential for customs purposes as well as security. The amended para Six B is acceptable. As regards civilian movement the views of this Commission are set out in letters February 53 AC/14080/6/PS of 21 March and 12 March. These views remain unaltered and it is the considered opinion of this Commission that it is wrong to suspend frontier personnel and not to use local agents of public security. Furthermore provision of accommodation, supplies and transport required by para Six D of proposed Directive is necessarily responsibility of 15 Army Group. See our letter 12 March.

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19 April 1945

Ref. 6510/72/EC.

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SUBJECT: Frontier Control - France, Switzerland, and Italy.

TO : V.P., Civil Affairs Section  
V.P., Economic Section.

1. We are forwarding herewith copy of AFHQ letter of 16 April with enclosures, for your information. see 72 74
2. Your immediate attention is directed thereto for comment and/or concurrence, to be submitted in cable-form reply to this office not later than 1500 hours, 21 April, for dispatch to G-5.

*JCR*  
4 Chief Staff Officer,  
To Executive Commissioner.

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G-5 letter dated 16 April 45 and  
Encl.: Draft Directive and Appendix "A".

*Note*

phoned G-5 (Major Byles) who agreed that cable by 21/4 stating concurrences/comments would be o.k. *JCR*

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G-5 Section  
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16 April 1945  
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G-5:

SUBJECT: Frontier (Italy-Switzerland, Italy - France) Control.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394. ←

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1. Reference your 6510/56/EC of 4 April, there is inclosed a new draft directive written by G-2 (CI). The new draft takes into account the suggestion contained in para. 2 of your letter under reference. The mention of goods has, however, been omitted, the reason being that the directive is intended to deal only with personal travel.

2. With regard to suggested amendments to the original draft directive set out in para. 5 of your 4 April letter, G-2 (CI) state that customs activities are not considered to fall within the scope of the directive. If you desire to press this point, G-2 (CI) will, however, in order to insure speedy agreement, accept the amendments set out in para. 5.

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3. Reference is also made to para. 3 of your AC/14080/6/PS of 12 March. Your attention is drawn in this connection to para. 6 b. of the new draft modifying the requirements of the original draft which called upon Allied Commission to designate 4 Allied Officers for attachment to Frontier Control Detachment CIC.

4. It is desired that your concurrence with or comment upon the new draft directive be notified immediately to this section by cable.

For Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

*Julius Byles*  
JULIUS BYLES,  
Major, F. A.

RECEIVED  
18 APR 1945

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1 Incl:  
Revised draft directive, subject,  
Travel Control of Italian-French  
and Italian-Swiss Frontiers.

Copy to: G-2, AFHQ.

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SUBJECT: Travel Control of Italian - French and Italian - Swiss Frontiers.

TO : See Distribution.

1. All travel across the pre-1939 Italian - French and Italian - Swiss frontiers will be prohibited and prevented by A.M.G. and by Headquarters 15th Army Group immediately the progress of operations enables this to be done. Should it become necessary however, in order to prevent public unrest such as would obstruct the Allied war effort, during the period of total closure of the frontiers, travel of civilians across the frontiers may be permitted for the purpose of arranging the movement of foodstuffs to counteract immediate hardship. No individual will be permitted to cross the frontiers for this purpose without the specific approval of the Frontier Control Detachment, C.I.C.

2. Means to be employed include:

a. Publication by A.M.G. of a proclamation in accordance with the draft attached as Appendix "A".

b. The fixing of responsibility, by A.M.G. and by Headquarters 15th Army Group, on such Italian Military (including CC.RR), R.G.F. and Customs personnel as may be found exercising frontier control, for the enforcement of the closing of the frontiers.

c. The immediate suspension from such functions, by A.M.G., of any Pubblica Sicurezza personnel found participating in frontier control.

d. The employment by Headquarters 15th Army Group, as a temporary measure, of Allied troops as frontier guards, if this should prove to be advisable and feasible.

e. The employment under Command of Headquarters, 15th Army Group of the Italian Frontier Control Detachment, C.I.C., whose functions during this period are outlined in paragraph 4 below.

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3. The closure of the frontiers will remain in force until an adequate Allied Military Control has been established by the Italian Frontier Control Detachment C.I.C., and until the Detachment has reverted to under command of A.F.H.Q. as laid down in paragraph 5 below. After this stage has been reached, limited travel across the frontiers will be permitted according to conditions to be laid down by A.F.H.Q.

4. The Italian Frontier Control Detachment C.I.C. will be assisted by the following bodies of loyal Italian personnel drawn from that part of Italy at present liberated:

- 350 CC.RR.
- 600 R.G.F.
- 60 Customs Officials

This personnel will be called forward in stages by Headquarters 15th Army Group, and will come under the operational control of the Italian Frontier Control Detachment C.I.C. It is intended that all Italian Military (including CC.RR), R.G.F. and Customs personnel found engaged in control of the frontiers, except any (probably small) proportion who may be considered sufficiently reliable to continue under the control of the Italian Frontier Control Detachment C.I.C., shall be suspended from these duties as soon as they can be replaced by the loyal elements referred to above. The Frontier Control Detachment C.I.C. will be the authority to require such changes, and A.M.G. will be prepared to accomplish them without delay during the period of total closure of the frontiers. It is necessary that the unsatisfactory personnel be removed immediately from the locality of the frontiers.

5. After the initial period, which will be terminated by A.F.H.Q. in consultation with Headquarters 15th Army Group, the Frontier Control Detachment C.I.C. will revert to the direct operational control of A.F.H.Q., but Headquarters 15th Army Group or the District Headquarters concerned will continue to provide necessary accommodation, supplies and communications. The CC.RR, R.G.F. and Customs personnel referred to in paragraph 4 above will continue under the operational control of the

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Frontier Control Detachment C.I.C.

6. A.C. will:

- a. Assemble the 350 CC.RR, the 600 R.G.F. and the 60 Customs officials referred to in paragraph 4 above, providing the CC.RR, and the R.G.F. with all necessary equipment, and arrange transportation in readiness for their calling forward by Headquarters 15th Army Group.
- b. Designate A.M.G. Officers for the purpose of relieving the Frontier Control Detachment of all responsibility other than operational in respect of the CC.RR, R.G.F. and Customs personnel.
- c. Submit to A.F.H.Q., G-2 Section, and to Headquarters 15th Army Group, nominal rolls of 6a and b above.
- d. Arrange for the CC.RR, R.G.F. and Customs personnel to be provided by A.M.G./A.C, within the Army Areas with all necessary accommodation, supplies and transport. This arrangement will continue throughout the initial period of 15th Army Group command of the Frontier Control Detachment C.I.C., and subsequently. It is necessary that adequate preliminary arrangements be made for the personnel to arrive, and commence their duties, at the frontiers immediately operational conditions permit.
- e. Instruct A.M.G. in accordance with paragraphs 1, 2 and 4 above.

Incl.

- DISTRIBUTION:
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  - 10 - HQ Allied Commission
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APPENDIX "A"

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
OF OCCUPIED TERRITORY

GENERAL ORDER NO 39

CLOSURE OF FRONTIERS

I, ELLERY W. STONE, Rear Admiral, USNR, Chief Civil Affairs Officer for and on behalf of the Supreme Allied Commander and Military Governor, hereby order as follows:

ARTICLE I

No person, unless authorized in writing by or on behalf of the Supreme Allied Commander, may cross the frontier between Italy and France or between Italy and Switzerland whether for the purpose of entering or leaving Italy.

ARTICLE II

Any person violating this order shall, on conviction by an Allied Military Court, be liable to imprisonment or fine or both with or without such other lawful punishment as the Court may determine.

ARTICLE III

This order shall become operative in each province or part thereof, within Military Government Territory on the date of its first publication therein.

FOR THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER AND MILITARY GOVERNOR:

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral USNR  
Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

*Signed 20 April*

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8 April, 1945

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SUBJECT IS DRAFT GENERAL ORDER THREE NINE FRONTIER CONTROL SENT YOU FOR APPROVAL  
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YOUR APPROVAL IMMEDIATELY PD

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F.P. LUCKMAN Major

Nicholas PIERBINO  
CWO USA  
Asst. Adjutant.

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Tel. 478808  
4 April 1945

Ref. 6510/56/EO.

SUBJECT: Northern Italy Planning - Frontier Control.

TO : G-5, AFHQ.

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1. Reference your P/381-34 of 28 Jan 45.

2. Further to our AC/14080/6/PS of 21 Feb 45 we wish to submit the following amendments and additions. From an economic and financial point of view we suggest that para 1 of the draft directive should read:

"1. All travel and movement of goods across the pre-1933 Italian-French and Italian Swiss frontiers will be prohibited and prevented by AMG and by Headquarters 15th Army Group immediately the progress of operations enables this to be done. Absolute closure of the Italian French frontier for a prolonged period may be found to cause severe hardship to border populations dependant for their food supplies or livelihood on contiguous areas across the border. Should it become necessary to prevent unrest, minimum transfrontier movement of approved civilians and foodstuffs sufficient only to counteract the immediate hardship, may be permitted subject to verification of the bona-fides of each case and to stringent control of movement. Directions should be sought from Headquarters 15th Army Group if similar conditions are found to exist on the Italian-Swiss frontier."

3. In connection with security control of the Italian-French frontier, it is felt that the services of the Customs personnel would be advisable to make any necessary examination of civilians for the detection and prevention of smuggling of goods, prohibited articles, currency and valuables and to advise the G.G.F.F. and other security forces. Their services will be essential when restrictions on travel and merchandise are relaxed, particularly for the operation of trade and finance controls.

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- French Frontier - 20 officials
- Swiss " - 40 officials
- Senior officials are included.

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As the Customs found on the spot may be unreliable, disorganized and lacking leaders and authoritative direction it is suggested that skeleton forces should be called forward in stages by Headquarters, 15th Army Group, a few senior officials being sent forward with the first draft of GG.FF.

5. Amendments to the draft directive necessary to implement these suggestions are as follows:

Para 2 (b) of the Draft: Cancel and substitute: "The fixing of responsibility, by AMG and Headquarters 15th Army Group, on such Italian Military (including CC.RR.), GG.FF. and Customs personnel as may be found exercising control, for the enforcement of the closing of the frontiers":

Para 4 of the Draft:

Add after fifth line:  
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"d. Arrange for the CC.RR., GG.FF. and Customs personnel to be provided by."

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6. These amendments do not take into account the 'Agents of Public Security' the inclusion of which is desired by Public Safety Sub Commission.

For the Chief Commissioner.

(Sd) NORMAN E. FISKE  
Colonel  
A/Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Economic Section (2)  
Civil Affairs Section (1)

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Tel: 558

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
ECONOMIC SECTION

Ref: ES/11.01

22 March 1945

SUBJECT: Frontier Control - Customs.

TO : Executive Commissioner

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1. Reference your 6510/46/EC dated 5 March 1945.

2. Finance Sub-Commission is concerned with the Customs aspect of control. The CG.FF. employed at the frontier posts in normal times act under the directions of the Customs. The duties of the Customs with the assistance of the CG.FF. where appropriate, comprise the assessment and collection of import and export duties, the prevention of smuggling of dutiable and prohibited goods and certain functions relating to import, export, exchange, trading with the enemy, censorship and public health controls.

3. We agree with the suggestion of the Public Safety Sub-Commission that it would be advisable to include in the draft directive a specific prohibition on the movement of merchandise. Some relaxation however might very soon be found necessary to prevent hardship amongst the population of areas on each side of the frontiers immediately contiguous thereto, who depend upon each other for supplies, particularly of foodstuffs. On the French-Italian frontier there are properties, farms, etc., which straddle the frontier. Many local inhabitants travel across the frontier daily to and from work. To meet these cases it is suggested that para. 1 of the draft directive might be framed as follows:

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4. It is felt that security control of the Italian-French frontier need not be quite so severe as on the other frontiers and that this limited delegation of authority to AMG and Headquarters 15th Army Group would facilitate the solution of purely local problems without materially imperilling security. The personnel visualized would be able to cope with it.

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8. These amendments do not take into account the 'Agents of Public Security' the inclusion of which is desired by Public Safety Sub-Commission.



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cc: Finance S/C

  
M. G. ANTOLINI  
Acting Vice President  
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Civil Affairs Section  
APO 394

Tel. 489081 - 365

12th March, 1945.

AG/14080/6/ES

SUBJECT: Northern Italy - Planning - Frontier Control.

TO : AFHQ, G-5.

Reference your letter dated 3rd March, 1945, enclosing GBI-389.506/60, dated 27th February, 1945, from G-2, AFHQ.

1. The proposed proclamation, which has been examined by Legal Sub-Commission, has been redrafted in the form of a General Order. The Deputy Chief Legal Advisor has attached a certificate so that if the General Order is approved it can be presented to the Chief Commissioner for signature forthwith. Translations will ultimately be required in French, German and Italian. It is pointed out that the General Order makes no mention of the frontiers with Austria and Jugoslavia. If it is the intention that these frontiers also be closed it would be simpler to include them in the one Order.

2. As regards the directive originally drafted by G-2, this Commission does not depart from the views expressed in our letter dated 21st February, 1945. It is recognized, however, that full responsibility for controlling the frontiers rests on G-2 Section, AFHQ.

3. It is regretted that no AMC officers will be available for full-time liaison with the Frontier Control Detachment. Throughout our occupation of Italy it has not been found possible to assign a single officer to deal solely with the internal administration of more than 100,000 Italian Police. Nor has it been necessary. Italian Police Officers and NCOs, if properly used, are well able to take care of their own internal administration.

4. With regard to paragraph 6 d. of the draft directive, AMC will do everything possible to arrange accommodation for Carabinieri and Finance Guards in Army areas, but no guarantee can be given as the controlling authority is 15th Army Group, who, in the past, have requisitioned Police Stations as a military necessity.

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5. Before the draft directive is issued it is suggested that the attention of G-2 Section be invited to Confidential Memoranda on the proposed control of the frontiers sent by G-2 Section, to this Commission on the 8th March, 1945, (Ref. GBI-389.506/60). In these Memoranda the officers in charge of the CIC Detachment have been informed that Agents of Public Security will be utilised. It is also planned to send forward Senior Officials to reorganise the controls and call on a reserve of 358 Agents of Public Security if necessary. It is not known if these latest instructions, which coincide with the views of this Commission, supersede the original draft directive.

For the Chief Commissioner:

G.R. URJOHN, Frig.  
VP CA Sec.

Enclosures: Draft General Order 39.  
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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
OF OCCUPIED TERRITORY

GENERAL ORDER NO. 39

CLOSURE OF FRONTIERS

I, ELLERY W. STONE, Rear Admiral, USNR, Chief Civil Affairs Officer,  
for and on behalf of the Supreme Allied Commander and Military Governor,  
hereby order as follows:

ARTICLE I

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Any person violating this order shall, on conviction by an Allied  
Military Court, be liable to imprisonment or fine or both with or without  
such other lawful punishment as the Court may determine.

ARTICLE III

This order shall become operative in each province or part thereof,  
within Military Government Territory on the date of its first publication  
therein.

FOR THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER AND MILITARY GOVERNOR:

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR,  
Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

Date: March 1945

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 396  
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Tel. 491  
5 March 1945

Ref. 0510/46/50

SUBJECT: Frontier Control North Italy.  
TO : V.P., Economic Section.

1. Reference para 3 of minutes of northwest Italy Coordinated Planning Committee Meeting of 12 Feb 45.
2. Your attention is invited to letter prepared by Civil Affairs Section reference AC/41080/6/PS of 21 Feb to AFM, C-5 attaching a draft letter on the subject of control of Italian-French and Italian-Swiss frontiers.
3. Please have this letter reviewed to determine if this problem has been satisfactorily dealt with from an economic point of view as well as from a public safety angle.
4. May we have your comments please?

*JEP*  
4 Chief Staff Officer,  
To Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Public Safety S/C. 24/3.

*see Folio 55*

NOTE: Copy of 43 sent to  
Econ Sec 23/3.

*[Signature]* BU  
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G-5 Section  
APO 512

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3 March 45.

SUBJECT: Northern Italy, Planning, Frontier Control.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. A copy of your AC/14080/8/PS dated 21 February was submitted to G-2 this HQ for comment. A copy of their reply, GBI-389.506/60 dated 27 February, is herewith inclosed together with a copy of the Proclamation as proposed by them.

2. Request you examine the proposed Proclamation, set it up in appropriate form and submit it to this Section with as little delay as possible since G-2 desire to issue the directive at an early date.

For Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

JULIUS BYLES,  
Major, F. A.

Incl:  
as above

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Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2

GBI-389.506/60

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27 Feb 1945.

SUBJECT: Northern Italy - Planning Frontier Control.

TO : A.C. of S. G-5, A.F.H.Q.

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1. Reference your TB/JJJr dated 25 February 1945.
2. This Section is not agreeable to reversing the decision not to make use of P.S. agents, or to modify the requirement of automatic suspension of any of them who may be found exercising frontier control. International travel control is not regarded, in principle, as proper Police function, and it is not considered that the Italian Ministry of the Interior can have in existence any sufficiently worthwhile and reliable nucleus of a separate Immigration Service. We are not allowing them any participation in our controls at the Italian sea and air ports so far liberated; neither, as far as we know, are the Germans at present using P.S. on the Italian land frontiers, although provision must be made for suspending any who may be discovered there. This Section is in favour of encouraging the helping the Italians to institute a trustworthy and efficient Immigration Service, and is in fact considering the possibility of making a start at the sea and air ports which we control at present; but it should not be allowed to share in the purely Military control which will initially be established on the land frontiers.
3. The description of Italian frontier control organisation given in paragraph 2 of A.C. letter AG/14080/B/PS dated 21 February is not true of the present position. The Italian-Swiss frontier is at present controlled by the German Military authorities, using German personnel (including SS at the recognised crossing points), and the only Italian assistance which they are known to be employing is that of Republican Fascist Guards (GNR) and RCF.
4. With regard to para. 8 of A.C.'s letter, our draft directive calls for the immediate fixing on the Italian Military of responsibility for the enforcement of the travel ban, simply in order to ensure what enforcement we can in the initial period, until our own control is working. It is our intention, as stated in para. 4 of the draft directive, to remove all save any (probably small) reliable elements amongst them as quickly as possible. Otherwise, the loyal 350 CC.RR and 600 RCF are intended to suffice our requirements.
5. The question of prohibiting transport of merchandise across the frontier is considered to be outside the scope of the directive. In order to make this clear, it is proposed to change the title of

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the directive to "Travel Control of Italian-French and Italian-Swiss Frontiers".

6. While close liaison between Public Safety Officers and the Frontier Control Detachment, CIC, as suggested in para 6(ii) of A.C.'s letter, will be welcomed, it is not considered that this would achieve the object of para. 6(b) of our draft directive, i.e. to relieve the Frontier Control Detachment of all responsibility other than operational in respect of the CC.RR and RGF personnel. Therefore, it is hoped that A.C. will be able to find some means of providing AMG Liaison Officers.

7. Attached is draft of proclamation (Appendix A), which we regret was omitted when submitting the draft directive. May we please see as early as possible the approved form prepared by A.C.

8. May approval please be obtained of the directive as originally drafted, with amended title as in para.5 above. It is desired to issue the directive with the minimum of further delay.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2:

/s/ ?  
for S. S. HILL-DILLON  
Colonel, General Staff  
G-2 (CI) Section

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Appendix A

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT PROCLAMATION

1. Until further notice by the Allied Military Government all movement of persons from Italy to Switzerland and France and from Switzerland and France to Italy is prohibited.
2. This does not apply to persons officially authorized by Allied Force Headquarters.
3. Any person violating or aiding and abetting another person to violate the provisions of this proclamation shall upon conviction by Allied Military Government Court be liable to any lawful punishment as the Court may determine.
4. This Proclamation shall take effect throughout Italy on the date of its first promulgation.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Civil Affairs Section  
APO 194.

AG/14066/6/19.

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Tel. 459001 - 369.

FEB 21 1945

21st February, 1945.

SUBJECT: Northern Italy - Planning - Frontier Control.  
TO: AFHQ, U.S. (31)

Reference your F/181-14 of the 25th January, 1945.

1. The draft letter on the control of frontiers, enclosed with the letter referred to above, is not entirely in accord with the views of the Chief Office. The mission of this Headquarters as regards the provision of Italian Police. The two principal amendments suggested are:-

- i) A reversal of the decision not to make use of Agents of Public Security, and
  - ii) A modification of the policy of automatically suspending personnel found at the frontiers.
2. The whole organization of frontier control in Italy is based on zones under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of the Interior. Each zone is controlled by a Public Security Commissario, responsible through the Prefect, to the Police Department of the Ministry. The Commissario has a staff of Agents of Public Security and exercises control over the Carabinieri and Minsance Guards. The Commissari and their staffs are the most experienced personnel in Italy for this kind of work. It seems unwise not to take advantage of existing machinery and trained staffs, which can be effectively supervised by the CIC Detachment. Moreover, when Allied Military Control is eventually relaxed, the Italian Government must inevitably revert to the original system of frontier control under the Ministry of the Interior.
3. It is pointed out that Public Security Agents have been used throughout territory already occupied and have given valuable service. Indeed, it would have been almost impossible to have controlled crime in Italy without their cooperation.

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Civil Affairs Section  
AEO 394.

AG/11000/6/28.

301. 489001 - 165.  
FEB 21 1945  
21st February, 1945.

SUBJECT: Northern Italy - Planning - Frontier Control.

TO: AFHQ, G-4.

Reference your L/381-34 of the 25th January, 1945.

1. The draft letter on the control of frontiers, enclosed with the letter referred to above, is not entirely in accord with the views of the Chief of Staff, Italian Police, in regard to the mission of this Headquarters as regards the provision of Italian Police. The two principal amendments suggested are:-

- i) A reversal of the decision not to make use of Agents of Public Security, and
- ii) A modification of the policy of automatically suspending personnel found at the frontiers.

2. The whole organization of frontier control in Italy is based on zones under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of the Interior. Each zone is controlled by a Public Security Commissario, responsible through the Prefect, to the Police Department of the Ministry. The Commissario has a staff of Agents of Public Security and exercised control over the Carabinieri and Finance Guards. The Commissari and their staffs are the most experienced personnel in Italy for this kind of work. It seems unwise not to take advantage of existing machinery and trained staffs, which can be effectively supervised by the GIC Detachment. Moreover, when Allied Military Control is eventually relaxed, the Italian Government must inevitably revert to the original system of frontier control under the Ministry of the Interior.

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Accordingly it is strongly recommended that the services of Public Security Agents be retained.

4. With regard to the suspension of police found at the frontiers, past experience has shown that the Italian Police have always cooperated loyally with the Allies on their arrival. Other things being equal, it is always preferable, in the police service, to take advantage of the local knowledge of the man on the spot. As far as Public Safety Sub-Commission and the Italian Ministry of the Interior are aware, there is no reason to suppose that the police in Northern Italy will be any more disaffected than those who have been used to such good effect in the South. It is therefore recommended that the local police be retained unless they are found to be unsatisfactory, in which case they can easily be removed.

5. No draft proclamation is annexed as Appendix A, and therefore no comments thereon are possible. It is requested that the draft be forwarded as soon as possible. In accordance with the inviolable practice in such matters the exact form of such proclamation and its final terms will be the entire responsibility of this Commission acting on the advice of the Legal Sub-Commission.

6. The other minor amendments are suggested-

1) In paragraph 1, of the draft letter it is thought advisable to state specifically that the transport of merchandise across the frontiers will be prohibited;

ii) With regard to paragraph 6 b) it will not be feasible to designate four Allied Officers for attachment to the Frontier Central Detachment CIG, owing to the shortage of officers. It is therefore suggested that Public Safety Officers designated for frontier provinces should be instructed to maintain the closest liaison with the Frontier Central Detachment CIG.

7. For clarity and convenience a revised draft letter, incorporating the above amendments, is enclosed for your consideration.

8. Paragraph 2 b) of the draft contemplates the use of Military personnel found exercising frontier control but you may consider it desirable to use additional personnel from the Italian army. It is the opinion of this Commission that in

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- 5. No draft proclamation is annexed as Appendix A, and therefore no comments thereon are possible. It is requested that the draft be forwarded as soon as possible. In accordance with the invariable practice in such matters the exact form of such proclamation and its final terms will be the entire responsibility of the Commission acting on the advice of the Legal Sub-Commission.
- 6. Two other minor amendments are suggested:-
  - i) In paragraph 1, of the draft letter it is thought advisable to state specifically that the transport of merchandise across the frontiers will be prohibited;
  - ii) With regard to paragraph 6 b) it will not be feasible to designate four Allied Officers for attachment to the Frontier Control Detachment CIC, owing to the shortage of officers. It is therefore suggested that Public Safety Officers designated for frontier provinces should be instructed to maintain the closest liaison with the Frontier Control Detachment CIC.
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battalion should be provided from the Italian army for this  
work.

This is a matter you will no doubt consider.

For the Chief Commissioner:

G. R. SPYGMAN, BRIG.  
VP CA Sec.  
DIOCE, AG.

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For the Chief Commissioner

C. B. VUICHEN, BRIG.  
VF CA Sec.  
MOS, AS.

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SUBJECT : Control of Italian-French and Italian-Swiss frontiers.

TO : See Distribution.

1. All travel across the pre-1939 Italian-French and Italian-Swiss frontiers and also the transport of all merchandise will be prohibited and prevented by AMS and by Headquarters 15th Army Group, immediately the progress of operations enables this to be done.

2. Means to be employed include:-

a. Publication by AMS of a Proclamation substantially in accordance with the draft attached as Appendix A.

b. The fixing of responsibility, by AMS and by Headquarters 15th Army Group, on such Italian Military (including CC.MB, CC.FF and Agents of Public Security, as may be found exercising frontier control, for the enforcement of the closing of the frontiers.

c. The immediate suspension from such functions, by AMS, of any Frontier Militia personnel found participating in frontier control.

d. The employment by Headquarters 15th Army Group, as a temporary measure, of Allied troops as Frontier guards, if this should prove to be advisable and feasible.

e. The employment under Command of Headquarters 15th Army Group of the Italian Frontier Control Detachment CIC, whose functions during this period are outlined in paragraph 4 below.

3. The closure of the frontiers will remain in force until an adequate Allied Military Control has been established by the Italian Frontier Control Detachment CIC, and until the Detachment has reverted to under command of AFHQ as laid down in paragraph 5 below. After this stage has been reached, limited traffic across the frontiers will be permitted according to conditions to be laid down by AFHQ.

4. The Italian Frontier Control Detachment CIC will be

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SUBJECT : Control of Italian-French and Italian-Swiss frontiers,  
TO : See Distribution

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2. Means to be employed include:-

a. Publication by AMS of a Proclamation substantially in accordance with the draft attached as Appendix A.

b. The fixing of responsibility, by AMS and by Headquarters 15th Army Group, on such Italian Military (including CC.20), CC.27 and Agents of Public Security, as may be found exercising frontier control, for the enforcement of the closing of the frontiers.

c. The immediate suspension from such functions, by AMS, of any Frontier Militia personnel found participating in frontier control.

d. The employment by Headquarters 15th Army Group, as a temporary measure, of Allied troops as Frontier Guards, if this should prove to be advisable and feasible.

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4. The Italian Frontier Control Detachment CIC will be

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assisted by the following bodies of Italian personnel drawn from that part of Italy at present liberated:

- 350 CC.NR
- 600 CC.FF

This personnel will be called forward in stages by Headquarters 15th Army Group, and will come under the operational control of the Italian Frontier Control Detachment CIG. It is intended that all Italian Military (including CC.NR) CC.FF and Agents of Public Security, found engaged in the control of Frontiers should continue to perform their duties under the control of the Italian Frontier Control Detachment CIG. They will be screened without delay in conjunction with selected officers from their Headquarters who will accompany the CIG Detachment for this purpose. All unsatisfactory personnel will be removed and replaced. Arrangements will be prepared to assist in this process during the period of the total closure of the Frontiers.

5. After the initial period, which will be terminated by AFHQ in consultation with Headquarters 15th Army Group, the Frontier Control Detachment CIG will revert to the direct operational control of AFHQ, but Headquarters 15th Army Group or the District Headquarters concerned will continue to provide necessary accommodation, supplies and communications. The CC.NR., CC.FF., and agents of Public Security referred to in paragraph 4 above will continue under the operational control of the Frontier Control Detachment CIG.

6. A.C., will:

- a) assemble the 350 CC.NR and the 600 CC.FF referred to in paragraph 4 above, provide them with all necessary equipment, and arrange transportation in readiness for their calling forward by Headquarters 15th Army Group.
- b) Instruct Public Safety Officers designated for Frontier provinces to maintain the closest liaison with the Frontier Control Detachment CIG.
- c) Submit to AFHQ, G-2 Section, and to Headquarters 15th Army Group, nominal rolls of CC and b above.
- d) Arrange for the CC.NR., CC.FF., and Agents of Public Security to be provided by AFHQ, within the Army areas, with all necessary accommodation, supplies and transport. This arrangement will continue throughout the initial period of 15th Army Group Command of the Frontier Control Detachment CIG, and subsequently. It is necessary that adequate preliminary arrangements be made for the personnel to arrive, and commence

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their duties, at the frontiers immediately operational conditions permit.

c) Instruct and in accordance with paragraphs 1, 2 and 4 above.

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- 10 - HQ 15th Army Group
- 10 - HQ Allied Commission
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Extract of Minutes of H.W. Italy Coordinating Planning Committee Meeting of 12 Feb 45.

3. Frontier Policy.

- a. A.F.H.Q., G-2 are expected to issue directive shortly.
- b. Represented by Chief of Staff that individual liaison officers cannot be appointed from A.M.G. to Frontier Forces: but Chief of Staff ruled that the closest touch be maintained between each Provincial H.Q. of a frontier Province thro his P. Safety Officer with Frontier Control.
- c. R.Cs represented that Frontier Force within Provinces should come under control of P.C. and P.Safety.  
2 DISTRICT concurred.  
For consideration by A.F.H.Q.
- d. Represented to A.F.H.Q. that CG.RR should not normally be called upon for Frontier Force. CG.FF were the better agent.
- e. 2 DISTRICT agreed to hold a special meeting to discuss Frontier control policy. Those interested would be A.F.H.Q., G-2, Public Safety, A.C. Regional Public Safety Officers, A.P.Ms.
- f. i. Agreed that no movement of Repatriates should be authorized over Frontier for at least 30 days, and in all cases to be in agreement with Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub-Comm., A.C.  
ii. D.P. & R. Sub-Comm. pointed out that unofficial repatriates movement would be attempted across the frontier on foot almost immediately after liberation.  
iii. 2 DISTRICT conference on Frontier policy would also examine question of method of securing early access from say SWITZERLAND for certain individuals or officials to be named thro A.C.

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CWO, USA  
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Ref: 503/-/000.

29 January 1945.

Subject: N.W. Italy Coordinating Planning Committee.

To: VP Civil Affairs Section (2)  
VP Economic Section  
VP Political Section.

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The enclosed correspondence regarding frontier control of Northern Italy is forwarded for your information. This matter is going to be raised by Lt. Col. JACKSON, C-5 Section AFHQ, at the next meeting of the N.W. Italy Planning Committee to be held at 1000 hours on Wednesday 31 January in the main Conference Room.

It is requested that VP Civil Affairs Section will pass one copy to Public Safety Sub Commission, and that a representative of that Sub Commission should attend the meeting.

E.T.

Colonel,  
Chief Staff Officer.

Copy to: Secretary of N.W. Italy Coordinating Planning Committee.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
G-5 Section  
APO 512

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28 January 1945

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SUBJECT: Northern Italy - Planning - Frontier Control.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

Subject to  
consideration  
at your  
planning  
meeting.

1. In connection with your Planning Meeting to be held Wednesday, 31 January, it is felt that you would like to have in advance of issue the attached copy of a draft letter which G-2 this Headquarters propose to issue shortly through AG. It is understood that this letter has been drafted after conferences between representatives of G-2(CI) this Headquarters and representatives of your Sub-Commissions.

2. With regard to questions of export control and trade agreements which will arise when the frontiers are reached, it is felt that while directions from CCS and SHAETF will be necessary the following general thoughts will be of use to you in initial consideration of these problems:

a. The control of trans-frontier trade by AFHQ must recognize controls now being planned for Austria, also trade controls now in force under French and Swiss laws.

b. However much Italy needs imports for her rehabilitation, it is well to keep in mind that Italy will be only one of several claimants for a share of the available surplus production of Switzerland, France and Austria. Moreover, Italy's priority may be relatively low. To assist in the problem, it is assumed that the Combined Boards in Washington, or elsewhere, will control all important cross-border trade, especially in the early stages.

c. It is reasonable to believe that the procedures now in force, or being developed, to control Italian exports will likewise apply to the new markets which will become accessible as the frontiers of Italy are freed of Germans. These procedures include appropriate determination that the goods are surplus to the whole of Italy and not Northern Italy alone, which represents only one segment of the national economy.

d. The status to be accorded the Italian-Swiss Trade Agreement, when the Italo-Swiss frontier comes under AFHQ control, is a matter for determination by the Combined Chiefs of Staff or the Allied Governments. The considerations mentioned in para b above will determine whether a priority on Swiss

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output may be established for the benefit of Italy. It is important to keep in mind that countries such as France, Belgium and the Netherlands will also advance strong claims for special consideration.

3. The undersigned will attend the meeting referred to above.

For the Acting Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

*D. S. Jackling*  
D. S. JACKLING  
Lt. Colonel.

Incl:  
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D R A F T

SUBJECT: Control of Italian - French and Italian - Swiss frontiers.

TO : See Distribution.

1. All travel across the pre-1939 Italian - French and Italian - Swiss frontiers will be prohibited and prevented by AMG and by Headquarters 15th Army Group immediately the progress of operations enables this to be done.

2. Means to be employed include:

a. Publication by AMG of a proclamation substantially in accordance with the draft attached as Appendix "A".

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b. The fixing of responsibility, by AMG and by Headquarters 15th Army Group, on such Italian Military (including CC.RR) and RGF personnel as may be found exercising frontier control, for the enforcement of the closing of the frontiers.

c. The immediate suspension from such functions, by AMG, of any Publica Sicurezza personnel found participating in frontier control.

d. The employment by Headquarters 15th Army Group, as a temporary measure, of Allied troops as frontier guards, if this should prove to be advisable and feasible.

e. The employment under Command of Headquarters, 15th Army Group of the Italian Frontier Control Detachment, CIC, whose functions during this period are outlined in paragraph 4 below.

3. The closure of the frontiers will remain in force until an adequate Allied Military Control has been established by the Italian Frontier Control Detachment CIC, and until the Detachment has reverted to under command of A.F.H.Q. as laid down in paragraph 5 below. After this stage has been reached, limited travel across the frontiers will be permitted according to conditions to be laid down by A.F.H.Q.

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4. The Italian Frontier Control Detachment CIC will be assisted by the following bodies of loyal Italian personnel drawn from that part of Italy at present liberated:

- 350 CC.RR
- 600 RGF

This personnel will be called forward in stages by Headquarters 15th Army Group, and will come under the operational control of the Italian Frontier Control Detachment CIC. It is intended that all Italian Military (including CC.RR) and RGF personnel found engaged in control of the frontiers, except any (probably small) proportion who may be considered sufficiently reliable to continue under the control of the Italian Frontier Control Detachment CIC, shall be suspended from these duties as soon as they can be replaced by the loyal elements referred to above. The Frontier Control Detachment CIC will be the authority to require such changes, and A.M.G. will be prepared to accomplish them without delay during the period of total closure of the frontiers. It is necessary that the unsatisfactory personnel be removed immediately from the locality of the frontiers.

5. After the initial period, which will be terminated by A.F.H.Q. in consultation with Headquarters 15th Army Group, the Frontier Control Detachment CIC will revert to the direct operational control of A.F.H.Q., but Headquarters 15th Army Group or the District Headquarters concerned will continue to provide necessary accommodation, supplies and communications. The CC.RR and RGF personnel referred to in paragraph 4 above will continue under the operational control of the Frontier Control Detachment CIC.

6. A.C. will:

a. Assemble the 350 CC.RR and the 600 RGF referred to in paragraph 4 above, provide them with all necessary equipment, and arrange

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transportation in readiness for their calling forward by Headquarters 15th Army Group.

b. Designate four Allied Officers for attachment to the Frontier Control Detachment CIC, to act as AMG Liaison Officers for the purpose of relieving the Frontier Control Detachment of all responsibility other than operational in respect of the CC.RR and RGF personnel.

c. Submit to A.F.H.Q., G-2 Section, and to Headquarters 15th Army Group, nominal rolls of 6a and b above.

d. Arrange for the CC.RR and RGF personnel to be provided by AMG/AC within the Army Areas with all necessary accommodation, supplies and transport. This arrangement will continue throughout the initial period of 15th Army Group command of the Frontier Control Detachment CIC, and subsequently. It is necessary that adequate preliminary arrangements be made for the personnel to arrive, and commence their duties, at the frontiers immediately operational conditions permit.

e. Instruct AMG in accordance with paragraphs 1, 2 and 4 above.

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- 10 - HQ. 15th Army Group
- 10 - HQ. Allied Commission
- 10 - G-5, AFHQ
- 20 - G-2, AFHQ

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Tel: 478730  
14 November 1944

Ref: 6510/23/CAS.

SUBJECT: Frontier Control.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters, G-5 Section.

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2. When I have received your directions as requested above, I will be able to send my final recommendation to you so that they may at an appropriate moment be communicated to the various Governments concerned.

For the Chief Commissioner:

15/ Norman L. Fiske,  
COLONEL,  
Brigadier,  
G-5 Staff,  
ACTING CHIEF OF STAFF

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E.C. Venezia Region  
Lombardia Region (ref. XXI/C-1(B) of 3 Oct 44)

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R.C. Venezia Region.

" Lombardia Region (Ref. RCL/G-1(B) of 5 Oct 44)

" Piemonte Region.

" Liguria Region (Ref. Mem of 3 Oct 44)

Finance Sub-Comm. (Ref. 1362/F of 29 Oct 44)

1/ Norman L. FISKE,  
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Ref: 6510/18/COS

11th November 1944

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Copy to: Headquarters, Allied Armies in Italy.

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2. When I have received your directions as requested above, I will be

able to [inform the various Governments of our intentions in the matter]   
 I had my final recommendations to be sent to you in the way of an appropriate   
 memorandum communicated to the various Governments concerned.

For The Chief Commissioner

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Brigadier,   
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TO : Civil Affairs Section.

The specific matter raised in 6510/7/COS, dated 16th October concerns the passage of civilians and merchandise between Switzerland and Italy. However, since the principles involved are the same, it is thought convenient to deal with the whole of the northern boundary of Italy, that is with the frontiers of France, Switzerland, Austria and Yugoslavia.

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This Sub-Commission advises that these regulations remain in force when the northern frontiers of Italy are reached.

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It is recommended that the frontiers be closed to civilian movement as soon as they are reached in order to prevent the movement of refugees, the escape of political suspects, the smuggling of contraband etc.

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When these points are settled instructions can be given for the enforcement of the regulations.

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7. Peace-time arrangements for enforcement.

Very briefly the peace-time system of guarding the frontier was as follows :-

The land frontier was divided into four zones

- 1st Zone : TURIN (Provinces of Imperia, Cuneo, Turin, and Aosta).
- 2nd Zone : COAO (Provinces of Vercelli, Novara, Varese, Como and Sondrio).
- 3rd Zone : BOLZANO (Provinces of Bolzano, Belluno and Udine).
- 4th Zone : TRIESTE (Provinces of Gorizia, Trieste, Fiume and Zara).

Each zone was controlled by a Public Security Commissario, directly responsible to the Prefects. Numerous control posts were established at strategic points along the frontier to control the passage of civilians and merchandise. These posts were manned by :

Carabinieri and Agents of Public Security.

for controlling civilians.

Royal Finance Guards.

For general customs and excise duties and also for assisting in the control of civilians.

Frontier Militia.

A Fascist organization charged with the political control of the frontier. In practice they are unnecessary and useless.

In addition to the land frontier, the coasts and lakes were patrolled by the Marine Branch of the Royal Finance Guards.

The total peace-time strength for guarding the entire frontier was :

Carabinieri	478
Agents of Public Security	354
Royal Finance Guards	5003
Frontier Militia	unknown

(\* These may be ignored as it is recommended that the Frontier Militia be disbanded).

8. Proposed enforcement.

The measures to be taken still remain to be worked out in detail between the organizations concerned. Broadly it can be said **1643**

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In the first phase (that is, closing the frontiers), the full strength of Finance Guards will not be required as there will be no customs and excise duties. It will merely be a matter of preventing civilian movement. In the winter months still fewer police will be required as many of the routes across the frontiers are impassable.

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It is expected that soon after the arrival of Allied troops the majority of Finance Guards and Agents of Public Security will report for duty. Nevertheless the Commanding General of the Finance Guards is already arranging for 1,200 men to be in readiness for frontier duties.

10. Planning.

It is recommended that, as far as the control of civilian movement is concerned the Minister of the Interior be asked to nominate 1 public safety Commissario to plan for each of the four zones in conjunction with the Regional A.N.G. Staff.

In the meanwhile it is requested that the four points set out in paragraph 6 above be clarified.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN  
Colonel, I.A.C.D., Director  
Public Safety Sub-Commission.

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QUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
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FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION

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Ref : 13062/F

29 October 1944

SUBJECT : Customs - French - Italian Frontier.

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission.

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1. Reference letter of 3 October 1944 addressed to you on above subject by Liguria Region (your file AGC/14117/P.S.)

2. Discussions on this question with the Chiefs of the Customs and of the Economic Affairs Division of the Foreign Office have been proceeding for some weeks past. On 13 October 1944, we held a meeting of the chief officials of the Departments concerned. At this meeting it was agreed to appoint a Committee of departmental representatives to co-ordinate and advise on the planning for the resumption of frontier control. This committee will instruct the officials who are being selected to go north to take charge of the borders, as to the action required of them. The selected officials will prepare their plans, staff directives and, if necessary, public notices and also essential office supplies as soon as possible, in readiness to proceed north on short notice.

3. As soon as skeleton control staffs have been organised, we propose to ask the relative Regions to consider and report on

- a. the stage at which these staffs should be sent North;
- b. where they should be sent;
- c. whether arrangements can be made for accommodating and feeding them in the initial stages.
- d.

4. As regards the points raised by Liguria Region, it is essential that the Customs posts should be manned by Customs and Guardia di Finanza as soon as the Armies permit it. A temporary closure of the frontier to commercial traffic and civilian movement would assist in the re-establishment of control. A formal directive on these points will be published.

5. The final location of the frontier will presumably be the subject of discussion between the Governments concerned, and the question is being raised with G-5, AFHQ.

Joint Director,  
Finance Sub-Commission.

Copies to : R.G. Liguria Region.  
" Piemonte " (with copy of letter from Liguria Region.)

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HEADQUARTERS LIGURIA REGION  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
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3 October 44.

SUBJECT: Manning of Customs Posts, French-Italian Border.  
TO : Civil Affairs Section, Hq, A.C.C.

1. For planning purposes, when Imperia Province is occupied by the provincial team of this Region, may information be given regarding the manning of the customs posts on the French-Italian border. Are they to be manned, and if so, by whom, or will the border be closed to all except military traffic?
2. The matter of relations with the de facto French Government comes into the picture, inasmuch as there was a slight alteration of the frontier following the armistice between France and Italy, and the Italian State Railways took over the line from Ventimiglia to Menton, the latter place thus becoming the exchange point instead of Ventimiglia where connection used to be made with the French State Railways. Which of these points will be the connecting point after occupation of Imperia Province? Presumably, since the abrogation of the French-Italian armistice, the border stands legally at the point where it stood prior to the armistice.

For the Regional Commissioner:

ROBERT E. DOE  
Major, AGD  
Executive Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
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ECONOMIC SECTION

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ES/64

3 November 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Swiss Frontier

TO : Chief of Staff Section

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1. With reference to your 657.0/7/CCS dated 16 Oct 44.
2. The matter is being discussed in view of the expressed wish of the Italian Government that Italy take up again its direct commercial relations with other foreign countries (neutral and cobelligerent).
3. As imports and exports are controlled by the Commission at Headquarters, it is felt essential that the Regions Lombardy, Piemonte and Liguria each have one import and export officer attached, to attend to this problem.
4. The Italo Swiss trade agreement may still be in force which places Switzerland in a different category from France.
5. It is agreed that trade be strictly controlled and that a maximum of imports necessary for the rehabilitation of Italian economy be maintained and that only goods surplus be allowed for export.
6. In view of the potentialities of Swiss heavy industry and its proximity, together with its intimate knowledge of local problems, movement should be made to establish a priority on Swiss output in view of the presumed imminent closure of the Austrian-German market and the claims for rehabilitation which will follow from that quarter.

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*L. D. Densmore*  
 L. D. DENSMORE  
 Colonel, F.A., CSC  
 Economic Section

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Office of the Chief of Staff

6510/7/008

Italian-White Frontier  
Dept Civil Affairs Section  
" Economic Section

27 Oct 4

The Chief of Staff will be grateful for your recommendations  
as asked for in para 3 of his 6510/7/008 of 16 October.

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C.S.O.,  
Office, Chief of Staff.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,  
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Ref: 6510/7/COS.

16 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Italian-Swiss Frontier.

TO : DCS, CA Sec  
DCS, Econ Sec

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1. Lombardia Region has raised the question of the policy of the passage of civilians and merchandise between Switzerland and Italy. The same question also arises in Piemonte and Liguria between France and Italy. The matter was referred to Political Section who were of the opinion that in the early stages there should be a maximum flow in, but minimum flow out, of merchandise, and minimum flow in and out of persons. Political commented that whatever decision was arrived at, our requirements would have to be registered with the Swiss and French authorities, and a letter written to AFHQ with copies to the US Political Adviser and British Resident Minister.
2. It is for consideration whether there will in fact be any merchandise for export from Italy in the early stages of occupation and whether the movement of persons out of Italy, which it is agreed should be restricted if possible, could be properly enforced.
3. Would you please give this matter careful consideration and submit your recommendations to me as soon as possible.

M S. LUSH

Brigadier,  
Chief of Staff.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
REGION XI

REFERENCE: RXI/G-1(B)

5th October 1944.

SUBJECT : Italo-Swiss Frontier.

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TO : Chief of Staff,  
H.Q. A.C.C.

1. As Region Lombardia is at several points on the borderline of Switzerland it will be necessary to determine a policy regarding the passage of civilians and merchandise between the two territories.
2. May directives please be issued as to whether the frontier will be closed and whether a type of permit will be issued in conjunction with the Swiss authorities to regulate whatever traffic is to be allowed.

FOR THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER:

*V. B. Hatcher*  
V. B. Hatcher, Capt. R.A.

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G-1(B)  
Region XI.

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