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SO to CC.

Reference Chief Commissioners request for file on this subject.
Correspondence is at Folios 31, 47 and 55. Minutes referring
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Urgent

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To: Executive Com.

Subject: Draft to G-5 on jet propelled torpedos

It would appear to me that the attached draft of a letter to G-5 on subject of training plans of jet propelled torpedos is based on a logical interpretation of Italian law and the American terms and is quite satisfactory

MacBride

Asst Pl Ad (A)

(84) (37)

Feb 2

I agree. I don't see it in Italian law.
 exp to stand on.

H. Feb 2

(82) (38)

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My Dear

Post-Test (A)

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I agree. I don't stir with me. I believe in me.

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[Signature] .. Feb 2

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Ref folios 31 & ~~44~~³⁵ - mins 32 & 34: Polak's approval
of draft having been obtained at mins. 36 & 37,
letter to ASHQ is herewith submitted for signature
at p. 5340.

by Com.

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Letter of 1883 submitted for registration.

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Letter a 483 submitted for signature.
This is the matter about which Pitt Brynbrook
spoke to you & where there has been an unexplained
delay.
J.H. B/2.
! Letter signed & dispatched. V. 3

MS. B. 12. .

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Naval S/C.

Ref 31 : pr. see Legal's opinion at minute 32.
May this office please have your opinion and
recommendations on para 6 of 31.

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Ed. Braghtenke Capt.
Office of Ex. Comm.

Minute 34

17 December 1945.

Executive Commissioner:

The comments of the Legal Sub-Commission contained in Minute 32
are concurred in.

J. H. H. H.
for REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC. 105

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Ex. Comm.

re Compagnia Nazionale aeronautica

1. This Sub-Commission is of opinion that the objections raised by the Ministero della Marina are not founded.

2. The ^{relevant} powers of the United Nations vis a vis the Italian administration are set out:

a) Under art. 10 of the armistice terms where the Government pledges itself to make available to the Allies all informations about naval, military, air devices, installations and defenses etc.

b) Under art. 13 where the Italian Government must comply with any directions given by the United Nations for the manufacture, production or construction etc. of war material.

3. The powers of the Italian State in respect of its own national~~s~~ are clear. Although art. 53 of the Hague Convention could be interpreted in such a way as excluding the possibility of interference in private concerns once military operations are terminated, there is no doubt that the Italian Government under its own legislation possess the right to expropriate seize or requisition in the interest of national defence or for reasons of public necessity any patent, invention, war material etc. owned, manufactured or in the possession of private individuals.

4. Art. 16 of Law 1415 of 21 May 1940 deals solely with requisition of inventions, but the powers of the Italian State are more fully set out in art. 60 and foll. of T.U. 1127 of 29 June 1939 confirming art. 50 etc. of R.D. 1602 of 13 September 1934 etc.

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"The rights under patents, even if not already registered, can be expropriated by the State in the interest of the military defence of the country or for other reasons of public necessity."

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Such expropriation when it is effected in the interest of the military defence of the country and in regard to patents owned by Italian citizens transfers to the administration effecting the expropriation the right to register the patents concerned in foreign countries, unless the use of such right is abandoned or limited by the administration itself."

6. Therefore the objections put forward by the Ministry of Marine that Italian authorities are powerless to intervene and cannot enforce the production of the required documents by the Compagnia Nazionale aeronautica are completely groundless under their own legislation.

7. The procedure of expropriation is however cumbersome, but no doubt the powers held by the Italian authorities ought to enable them to obtain what is required without much difficulty.

G.G. Hannaford

G.G. HANNAFORD
Lt. Col.,
for Chief Legal Advisor.

13 December 1945
Legal Sub-Commission

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Exec Commr:

To see folio 23, AFHQ's final directive to Navy Subcommittee.

[Signature]
10 March

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Chief Commissioner.

Attached is submitted for your information/signature/approval.

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16/3 in paras 157 were added by me *[initials]* 7/3.
Noted - The underlined sections

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16/3 in pages 157 were added by me
and by 15/3.

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To see folio 10 re new head Navy S/c.

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Ex Com 9/22/2)
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To see folio 15 re functions of Navy S/c.

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17 is the draft directed to
Rear Adm. Warner agreed to
at 20 by with a slight amendment.

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M. See: addressed to

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Chief Commissioner.

Reference letter from COS, AFHQ opposite.

If Admiral Morgan is to be relieved of the Naval Sub-Commission I should have thought it would be an excellent opportunity of appointing an American Director - but U.S. Naval authorities appear to have initiated this.

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Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

28. Jan. 45

cc. 271. 8 RECORDS
JAN 28 1945

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COM-U.S. 8th Fleet (Vice Adm'l Stewart)
has already concurred in Warren's appt.
See my reply. - (4)

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To see folio 6. Feb 13 Feb.

Sum → M. S. LUSH

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RE ALCON ACSCC FROM ADMIRAL STONE

0410503 MAY 1946

AFHQ FOR SACRED CINCPAC GEORGE FIVE UNCLE SUGAR POLAR BRITISH RESMIN

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THE PRESS REPORTS FROM PARIS ALLEGING THAT EXCESS ITALIAN FLEET TONNAGE WAS TO BE ALLOTTED TO CERTAIN ALLIES HAVING EVOKED WIDESPREAD OBJECTIONS IN ITALIAN PRESS WITH REMARKS OF SCUTTLING BY CROWN CMA I CALLED ON THE MINISTER OF MARINE ON MAY SECOND TO POINT OUT TO HIM THE NEED FOR PRESERVING CALM AND DISCIPLINE WITHIN THE FLEET IN ORDER TO PREVENT ANY VIOLATION OF THE SURRENDER TERMS PD HE ASSURED ME THAT HE WAS IN CONSTANT TOUCH WITH THE ITALIAN CINC AT TARANTO WHO HAD ASSURED HIM THAT NOTWITHSTANDING NEWSPAPER REPORTS COMPLETE ORDER WAS BEING MAINTAINED PD HE GUARANTEED THAT SUCH CONDITIONS WOULD CONTINUE PD
PARA TWO PD I STRESSED AGAIN THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS MATTER AND AM CONVINCED THAT THE MINISTER IS FULLY ALIVE TO HIS RESPONSIBILITIES

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Chief Commissioner

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ELBERT W. STONE, Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

(CNET K)

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3rd May 1946.

Chief Commissioner.

MAY 6 1946

1. The French Representative represented to me the anxiety of his government with regard to the reports and statements alleged to have been made by the Italians with regard to the scuttling of the Italian fleet in the event of harsh peace terms being imposed, and of the reported pamphlets encouraging this action which were said to have been distributed among the fleet. He asked that a warning should be given to the Italian Government calling their attention to these rumours and advocating preventative measures being taken.

2. I understand that you have already mentioned the matter to the Minister for Marine and I suggest that a signal or letter be sent to AFHQ for the record, a copy of which could be sent to the French Representative.

M S. LUSH

MSL/JC.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

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Ref: 8003/53/51.

5 February 1946.

SUBJECT: Contract for Light Weight Jet Propelled Torpedo.

TO : G-5 Section, AFHQ.

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Reference your G-5: 070 of 1 December 1945 and G-5: 070 of 22 January 1946.

1. It is regretted that due to an oversight the first referred letter was not answered.

2. The relevant powers of the United Nations via a via the Italian administration are set out:

(a) Under Article 10 of the Armistice Terms where the Government pledges itself to make available to the Allies all information about naval, military, air devices, installations and defenses, etc.

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6. Therefore the objections put forward by the Ministry of Marine that Italian authorities are powerless to intervene and cannot enforce the production of the required documents by the *Comandante Nazionale Aeronautica* are completely groundless under their own legislation.

7. The procedure of expropriation is, however, cumbersome, but no doubt the powers held by the Italian authorities ought to enable them to obtain what is required without such difficulty.

8. It is therefore felt that the British Admiralty would be justified in insisting that the *Ministero della Marina* make available the desired drawings.

M. S. LEST

Brigadier

WILLIAM W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Copy to: Navy Sub-commission
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
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G-5: 070

22 January 1946

JAN 25 1946

SUBJECT: Contract for Light Weight Jet Propelled Torpedo.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
APO 394

31.

Request reply to letter of this Headquarters G-5: 070
of 1 December 1945.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

F. G. A. Parsons Col
F. G. A. PARSONS
Brigadier,

Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

copy to:

SACS - (your IRS Log: 4691 refers.)

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See him. 50, 51, 52, 54.
Also 88-40.

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Navy Sub Commission put in a comment on this which
 was discussed & taken by C.C. to AFHQ 25/11. Comment
 should be obtained & filed. 175 (25/11)

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 Admiral makes no distribution
 made at present of NSC's paper
 on (34). Col. Starnes has all copies
 of all
 Capt USM

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Mediterranean Joint Planning Staff

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13 December 1945

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ITALIAN NAVY

In accordance with terms of reference received from the Chief of Staff, subject: "Italian Navy and Air Force", the Mediterranean Joint Planning Staff has prepared the attached final paper on the Italian Navy. The Italian Air Force is the subject of P/319 (Final) distributed at the same time as this paper.

D. Paul Yates
D. Paul Yates, CS.,
Brigadier, CS.,
Chairman

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Brigadier, GS.,
Chairman

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Mediterranean Joint Planning Staff

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ITALIAN NAVY

13 December 1945

OBJECT

1. To examine the future Allied requirements for the Italian Navy, to make recommendations as to the future policy which should be adopted in respect of the Italian Navy pending conclusion of the Peace Treaty, to examine the desirability or otherwise of returning the Italian Navy to Italian Government control, and to examine the desirability and feasibility of making the Italian Government responsible for the supply and maintenance of the Italian Navy.

ITALIAN NAVY - DIRECTIVE FOR CONTROL

2. The Italian Navy is employed in accordance with the Cunningham-de Courten Agreement and the Appendix to the Combined Chiefs of Staff Paper 515/1 dated 19th March 1944.
3. Under these orders such of the Italian ships as are of use to the Allies are kept running and the others laid up.
4. The Combined Chiefs of Staff directive lays down that the Admiralty, in collaboration with the Commander-in-Chief, United States Fleet, through the head of the British Admiralty Delegation, Washington, D.C., will act as the executive agency to carry out the decisions of the Combined Chiefs of Staff. Action by the executive agency will conform with the policies laid down in this directive or such specific instructions as may be issued by the Combined Chiefs of Staff from time to time.
5. This directive then proceeds to lay down that the Allied Naval Area Commander will have the responsibility for operational control and administration of the Italian Navy.
6. It is to be noted that the area under the command of the Allied Naval Area Commander in the Mediterranean (Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean) is not co-terminous with the area under the command of the Supreme Allied Commander Mediterranean and that the Combined Chiefs of Staff directive does not specify that the Italian Navy shall be employed within the Supreme Allied Commander Mediterranean's command.

PRESENT STATUS OF ITALIAN NAVY

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PRESENT STRENGTH OF ITALIAN NAVY

7. The present strength of the Italian Navy is:

5 Battleships
9 Cruisers
1 Aircraft Tender
11 Destroyers
22 Torpedo Boats
19 Corvettes, including 8 being converted for minesweeping
1 Sloop
38 Submarines

a number of auxiliaries and small surface craft including four groups of minesweepers.

Personnel at present total 52,000.

EMPLOYMENT OF THE ITALIAN NAVY

8. In accordance with the terms of the Combined Chiefs of Staff directive

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the Italian ships are employed under the operational command of the Allied Naval Area Commander. The two newer battleships "ITALIA" and "VITTORIO VENETO" are laid up in the Bitter Lakes; of the other three, two are at TIRANTO and one at SYLOUSE, but these three have reduced complements and only two are capable of steaming. Four of the cruisers and one destroyer are operated by the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean direct as required for the carriage of Naval drafts or other services. The Italian ships in the Mediterranean except those mentioned above are operated by the Italians under the overall control of the Flag Officer, ITALY and Liaison subject to the directions of the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean. These ships are used to a large extent in the carriage of ex POW's and displaced persons and are almost entirely operated on duties of direct benefit to the Italians; their use is of assistance to the Allied shipping programme.

9. Italian Naval personnel are being used to replace British personnel in certain duties in Italian ports as the use of the ports permits.

10. In general, the administration of the Italian Navy is under Italian Naval Authorities subject to the overall control of the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean which is normally only exercised to the minimum extent necessary.

11. The Italian Navy has operated satisfactorily under the present system of control and has proved of value to the United Nations and to ITALY. The retention of the present control will ensure the continued use of this service to the best advantage.

FUTURE REQUIREMENTS UNTIL CONCLUSION OF THE PEACE TREATY

12. Until the conclusion of the Peace Treaty the requirements of the United Nations and of ITALY will necessitate the employment of the Italian Navy on duties similar to those which it now performs. It can be expected, however, that the Allied requirements will decrease to some extent and that certain of the Italian requirements, notably minesweeping, will increase. Under the Combined Chiefs of Staff directive vessels for which no immediate employment has already been, or can be, found will be laid up as arranged by the Allied Naval Area Commander. Decreases in requirements will permit of ships being laid up and reductions being made in the personnel of the Italian Navy.

DEFINITIVE CO-ORDINATIONS INCLUDING SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT

13. Repair, Maintenance and Supply.

The Combined Chiefs of Staff directive lays down that as the Mediterranean is an area of British operational responsibility the United Kingdom is primarily responsible, on behalf of the United Nations, for the necessary repair, maintenance and supply of Italian Naval vessels in that area. Maintenance of

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ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATIONS INCLUDING SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT

13. Repairs, Maintenance and Supply.

The Combined Chiefs of Staff directive lays down that as the Mediterranean is an area of British operational responsibility the United Kingdom is primarily responsible, on behalf of the United Nations, for the necessary repair, maintenance and supply of Italian Naval vessels in that area. Maintenance of Italian Naval vessels is in all cases subject to the provisions that:

- a. Italian resources and stores are used to the maximum extent of their availability.
- b. No facilities or stores are used which would prejudice United States or British operational requirements.
- c. A considerable quantity of stores of all kinds has been supplied to the Italian Navy to bring it to an efficient state and to permit of its operation in the interests of the United Nations and of ITALY.

14. Relations.

It is a requirement under the Combined Chiefs of Staff directive that Italian resources are used to the maximum possible extent in the supply of the Italian Navy. It is therefore desirable that the responsibility for provision of victuals should be assumed by the Italian Government as soon as it is capable of doing so, but their ability to do so will depend upon their ability to provide the additional imports necessary. It is at present a British commitment to provide

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the Allied military element of the ration. The Italian Navy is now a reasonably efficient force and is considered to be a stabilising factor in the country. If the Navy is to remain in an efficient state, it is important that a satisfactory scale of rations should be maintained. It should be noted that on assuming ration responsibility, the Italian Government would in all probability lower the ration scale. The effect of this on efficiency and morale must be taken into consideration. The Italian Government should therefore only assume the responsibility for the victualling of the Navy if supply on a satisfactory scale can be assumed. The handling and accounting for supplies for the Italian Navy involve manpower commitment for the British Army which can no longer be met owing to the British Army's diminishing manpower ceiling. It is also likely that the British Army will shortly have to move out of their areas in S. ITALY on which the bulk of the Italian Navy is based. The British Army must, therefore, be relieved of this commitment as soon as possible.

SUMMARY

15. The present system of Allied control of the Italian Navy has functioned satisfactorily. The control now exercised is no more than that required for the proper operation and administration of this service.

CONCLUSIONS

16. a. No change in the present system of control of the Italian Navy is required.

b. It is essential that C.I.F. be relieved of its responsibility for the supply of rations to the Italian Navy as soon as possible, and it is desirable that this responsibility should be assumed by the Italian Government.

RECOMMENDATIONS

17. a. No change should be made in the present system of control of the Italian Navy.

b. That C.I.F. be relieved of its present responsibility for the supply of rations to the Italian Navy and that the Allied Commission be requested to examine the practicability of the Italian Government assuming responsibility for the supply of rations for the Italian Navy as early a date as possible on a scale equivalent to that provided for the other Italian Armed Forces.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
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20 Dec 1945
1 December 1945
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G-5: 070

SUBJECT: Contract for Light Weight Jet Propelled Torpedo.
TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.
(Attn: Chief Commissioner)

1. The British Admiralty are interested in obtaining details of a light weight jet propelled torpedo designed and manufactured by the Compagnia Nazionale Aeronautica, a private Italian firm. Questions have arisen with respect to existing rights under the conditions of armistice with Italy and the manner of their exercise in accordance with present Allied policy.

2. It appears that the Admiralty entered into negotiations with the manufacturers for a number of the weapons, and have been deterred from proceeding with the negotiations because of the excessively high price asked by the Compagnia Nazionale Aeronautica.

3. The Admiralty have stated that they desired the full manufacturing drawings to be made available for inspection. Flag Officer, Italy and Liaison has advised that the Ministry of Marine has heretofore, in another matter, taken the position that they were powerless to intervene and could not enforce production of documents by the Compagnia Nazionale Aeronautica.

4. It is believed that the Ministry of Marine construes Article 10 of the Additional Conditions of Armistice with Italy in such manner that its operation and effect is limited to Italian military authorities and does not include private persons or corporations.

5. It is the opinion of this Headquarters that the provisions of the armistice are such that the Admiralty may have access to the drawings which are sought. Particular reference may be made to Article 13 of the Armistice.

6. Your recommendations are requested with respect to the procedure to be followed in the premises.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

See M. 32-33-34
A. L. HAMBLIN
Brigadier General, GSC
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5
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EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF SACMED's CONFERENCE
(9th Meeting) held at AFHQ on 22 November 1945.

MINUTE No. 9.

"9. POLICY FOR ITALIAN AIR FORCE AND ITALIAN NAVY.

AIR VICE MARSHAL FOGARTY raised the question of the policy for the Italian Air Force which was now mainly grounded. He felt that a review was required with a view to seeing whether a policy, parallel to that agreed for the Italian Army, could be adopted.

CAPTAIN GAMBIER, in reply to a query by the Supreme Allied Commander, said that he did not think there was any need for a change of policy regarding the Italian Navy.

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

Instructed the Chief of Staff to issue appropriate terms of reference to the Joint Planning Staff.

Ex. Commissioner's Distbn: 29. Nov.

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Navy Sub-Commission.
Air Forces Sub-Commission.

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REFERENCE YOUR FOX FIVE FOUR THREE SIX SIX OF TWO FOUR NOVEMBER PD

PAREN TO AFHQ FOR GEORGE DAHS FIVE SECTION FROM HQ ALCOM CITE ACEXO PAREN

THIS MATTER WAS FULLY DISCUSSED ON TWO SEVEN NOVEMBER WITH BRIGADIER

PARSONS WHO HAS FULL INFORMATION ON THE SUBJECT

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Executive Commissioner

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Future of Italian Navy and Italian Air Forces.

1. Under examination are the future Allied requirements for the Italian Navy and Italian Air Forces with a view to determining future policy to be adopted in respect of these services pending Peace Treaty. In particular, desirability or otherwise of restoring these services to Italian Government control and administrative responsibility is being examined. Comments contained in your 8593 regarding feeding these services are noted.

2. SACHMED recommendations in connection with draft Peace Treaty considered here in August are summarised as follows:

a. Navy.

1. Personnel ceiling approximately 18,000.
2. Fleet to be limited to 2 old Battleships, 5, 6 in cruisers, 2 Fleet destroyers, 20 torpedo boats, 20 corvettes.
3. Such number of small surface craft as can be manned and maintained within a ceiling allocation of 3,000.

b. Air Forces.

1. Personnel ceiling approximately 12,000.
2. Air Forces to be limited to 6 squadrons of S/E fighter aircraft and 2 squadrons of transport aircraft.
3. Each squadron to consist of 16 aircraft with overall reserve of 20% of the types in the squadrons.
4. One Air-Sea Rescue Squadron.
5. Training School with sufficient training aircraft.

3. To assist in preparation of LTPS paper your views required by 0900 hours November 28th on following points.

- a. Desirability of handing over to Italian control and administration forces as in paragraph 2.
- b. Capability of Italian economy to support those forces.
- c. If you consider Italian economy not yet capable of this your view as to a phases programme of handover are requested.
- d. Your recommendation as to future of naval air forces Sub-Commissions in event of handover being approved.

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21 July 1945

SUBJECT: Reorganization of Naval Command, Italy

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TO: All Concerned

For your information and guidance, there follows the approved reorganization of Naval Command, Italy by Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean:

a. Direct operational control of waters around the Italian mainland, formerly exercised by FOTALI (and, until recently, by FONAM) will, effective 24 July 1945, be exercised by the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.

b. The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean will, therefore, from 24 July 1945 deal with all requests for movements by sea which this headquarters has heretofore made to FOTALI, and will control all movements of landing ships and craft in the area.

c. The relationship of British Naval Officers in Charge of the Port Control Committees will remain unchanged.

d. The Italian warships, designated as category B ships, will be operated by the Flag Officer Italy and Liaison. Subsequent to 24 July 1945, movements of Italian service personnel approved by MMIA, or of displaced persons, will as a rule be made in category B ships. It is therefore desired that this headquarters and the Transportation Sub Commission of ALCOM should, for such matters, then deal with the Flag Officer Italy and Liaison, who remains Head of the Naval Sub Commission of the Allied Commission, instead of approaching the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean direct.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

C. W. Christenberry
 C. W. CHRISTENBERRY
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7 March 1945

SUBJECT: Directive to Head of Naval Sub-Commission, Allied Commission

THRU: Chief Commissioner
Allied CommissionTO: Rear Admiral Guy Langton Warren
Naval Sub Commission, Allied Commission

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By Executive Commissioner

1. You have been appointed head of the Naval Sub Commission of the Allied Commission and as such you will report direct to the Chief Commissioner.

2. The duty of the Naval Sub Commission is to represent the Allied Navies on the Allied Commission, and to advise the Chief Commissioner on such matters affecting the Italian Navy as are dealt with by the Commission. The function is a professional one and not a political one.

3. The Naval Sub Commission is responsible for all administrative and material questions affecting the Italian Navy. These include:

- a. Employment of Personnel
- b. Supplies of food, clothing, transport and naval stores
- c. Disposal of war material
- d. Requisitioning of Italian Naval property.

4. Effective this date all communications relating to matters of policy in connection with the Italian Navy under the Armistice Terms and the general administration of the Italian Navy, not directly affecting the operation of the Italian Fleet under the Cunningham-de Courten Agreement, will be referred directly to the Sub Commission.

5. You are authorized to deal direct with the Ministry of Marine, Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission, Headquarters 15th Army Group and the various sub commissions of the Allied Commission regarding all such administrative questions. Matters of policy or any question requiring decision by higher authority should be referred to the Supreme Allied Commander through the Chief Commissioner.

6. For Naval Sub Commission business, the channels of communication with Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, should also be through the Chief Commissioner.

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7. Commodore H. W. Ziroti, United States Navy, will be your Deputy and will act on your behalf in your absence. Subject to the concurrence of the Chief Commissioner the remainder of your staff is to be organized as you think best for the efficient performance of the above duties.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSH. L. ALEXANDER:

C. W. Christensberry
 C. W. CHRISTENSBERRY
 Colonel, IG
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5 March 1945.

Ref: 8001/21/EO.

SUBJECT: New Directive -- Navy Sub-Commission.

TO : Navy Sub-Commission.

1. Enclosed herewith is Copy No. 34 of Paper No. SAC (P)
(45) 10 of 27th February 1945 on the subject of a new directive to
the Navy Sub-Commission. 18

2. Attached also for your information is an extract from
the Minutes of SACMED's Political Meeting held on 2nd March 1945
at which this paper was discussed. 19

Major L. W. STEARNS

Chief Staff Officer,
to the Executive Commissioner.

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Referring appendix A of SP 4510 of 27 February.

I concur in proposed directive but suggest the following words be added as first part of last sentence paragraph 7 "Subject to the concurrence of the Chief Commissioner".

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7. DIRECTIVE TO HEAD OF NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION OF THE ALLIED COMMISSION.

(Paper No. SAC (P) (45) 10) 18

THE CONFERENCE had before them a draft directive to the Head of the Naval Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission.

ADMIRAL CUNNINGHAM said that as a change had been made by appointing Rear Admiral Warren as Head of the Naval Sub-Commission, he felt it was opportune to issue a new directive and redfine his functions. However, Admiral Hewitt, who was concerned in the matter, had not yet had an opportunity of studying the proposed directive and it was also desirable to obtain the opinion of the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, before the directive was issued.

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

Directed the Chief of Staff to obtain the concurrence of Commander, Eighth Fleet, and the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, to the directive circulated under paper No. SAC (P) (45) (10) and subsequently to issue it to all concerned.

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27th February 1945ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS **Confidential**SUPREMACY ALLIED COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE
(POLITICAL)DIRECTIVE TO HEAD OF NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSIONNote by Secretary

1. Until recently the Flag Officer Taranto and Liaison (Italy) was nominal Head of the Naval Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission and a deputy acted for him in this capacity in ROME. This arrangement was terminated with the appointment on 19th February 1945 of Rear Admiral Warren as Head of the Naval Sub-Commission.
2. Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, feels that it is appropriate at this time to issue a new directive to the Head of the Naval Sub-Commission, and submits for the approval of the Supreme Allied Commander the draft at Appendix 'A'. When the directive has been approved Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, proposes to promulgate the substance of it to the Mediterranean Station by Station Message.
3. Rear Admiral Warren will also be acting as the representative in ROME of Flag Officer Liaison (Italy) and as senior British naval officer. In these capacities he will have responsibilities to Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, through normal naval channels.

(signed) S. G. STEWART, MAJOR

for J. H. LASCELLES,
COLONEL,
SECRETARY.

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APPENDIX 'A'

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February 1945

TO: Rear Admiral Guy Langton Warren

1. You have been appointed Head of the Allied Naval Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission.
2. The duty of the Naval Sub-Commission is to represent the Allied Navies on the Allied Commission, and to advise the Chief Commissioner on such matters affecting the Italian Navy as are dealt with by the Commission. The function is a professional one and not a political one.
3. The Naval Sub-Commission is responsible for all administrative and material questions affecting the Italian Navy. These include :-

Employment of Personnel

Supplies of food, clothing, transport and naval stores

Disposal of war material

Requisitioning of Italian Naval property.

4. Effective this date all communications relating to matters of policy in connection with the Italian Navy under the Armistice Terms and the General administration of the Italian Navy, not directly affecting the operation of the Italian Fleet under the Cunningham-de Courten Agreement, will be referred directly to the Sub-Commission.
5. You are authorised to deal direct with the Ministry of Marine, Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission, Headquarters 15th Army Group and the various sub-commissions of the Allied Commission regarding all such administrative questions. Matters of policy or any question requiring

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6. For Naval Sub-Commission business, the channels of communication with Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, should also be through the Chief Commissioner.

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By Command of FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER.

John Harding,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief of Staff

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Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission
Commanding General, 15th Army Group

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26th February 1945

SUBJECT: Functions of the Navy Sub-Commission, Allied Commission
TO: Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission

1. With reference to your letter dated 22nd February 1945, it is noted that you have informed the Italian government of the new organisation and functions of the Navy Sub-Commission, Allied Commission.

2. A revised directive to the Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, is being prepared by the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, for the approval of the Supreme Allied Commander and will be discussed at a Political Conference as soon as practicable. When this directive has been approved, Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, proposes to notify his subordinate British Flag officers and Commander, Eighth Fleet, of the functions and responsibilities of the Navy Sub-Commission and the correct channel for communication with it, as set out in paragraph 3 of your letter. Should you consider that any further promulgation is necessary please raise this matter after the directive has been approved.

JOHN HARDING,
Lieutenant General,
Chief of Staff.

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22 February 1945.

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Subject: Navy Sub-Commission, AC - Functions of.

TO : Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters.

1. With reference to your letter of 25 January 1945, and letter undated February 1945, the Naval Allied Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, on 19 February 1945, appointed Commodore Guy L. Warren, Royal Navy, Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, AC with the rank of Rear Admiral.

2. In accordance with paragraph 5 of my letter CC 100 of 29 January 1945, I have notified the Italian Government of the new organization and functions of the Navy Sub-Commission, AC, in my letter of 21 February 1945, copy enclosed.

3. It is requested that a circular letter be promulgated by AFHQ advising all Allied Commands as to the functions and responsibilities of the Navy Sub-Commission, AC and directing that all communications relating to matters in connection with the Italian Navy arising out of the Armistice Terms and the general administration of the Italian Navy, not directly affecting the operation of the Italian Fleet under the Cunningham - de Courten Agreement, be referred directly to the Sub-Commission.

/s/ Elery W. Stone

ELERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral
Chief Commissioner

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21 February 1945.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I have to inform you that Rear Admiral Guy L. Warren, Royal Navy, has been appointed Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, AC, vice Rear Admiral C. E. Morgan, Royal Navy, effective 19 February 1945. Commodore H. W. Zirol, U.S. Navy, will continue in his present capacity as Deputy Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, AC. A separate Liaison Officer from the Navy Sub-Commission, AC to the Ministry of Marine will be appointed.

Effective this date all communications relating to matters of policy in connection with the Italian Navy under the Armistice Terms and the general administration of the Italian Navy, not directly affecting the operation of the Italian Fleet under the Cunningham - de Courten Agreement, will be referred directly to the Sub-Commission.

It is requested that the Minister of Marine be informed as to the functions of the Navy Sub-Commission, AC as stated above.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
Rome.

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Commodore GUY WARREN is appointed head of the Allied Naval Sub
Commission ROSE. He will serve in the rank of Rear Admiral.

2. In addition he will carry out the following duties,

(A) M. B. S. O. ROSE.

(B) Representative of Rear Admiral MORGAN in his capacity
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3. FORAM and TOTALI are requested to propose directives to me
for the performance of (A) and (B) respectively.

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To: Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, Allied Commission.

Subject: Allied Commission - New Directive from Combined Chiefs of Staff on.

Enclosure: (A) Copy subject secret Directive FAN 487 undated.
(B) Copy Land Forces Sub-Commission Secret File No. C/G of 6 February 1945.
(C) Copy Air Forces Sub-Commission Secret ltr AFAC 318/USC of 8 February 1945.

1. Enclosure (A) contains a new directive from the Combined Chiefs of Staff on the Allied Commission to the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean. The primary objective of the directive is to relax control over the Italian Government under the Armistice and Surrender instrument. The rights of the United Nations thereunder will be held in reserve and only such control exercised as the military needs may require. The new directive, therefore, relates primarily to political, administrative, economic and financial considerations, rather than to military matters.

2. The Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. and the Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. submitted comments on the new directive in enclosures (B) and (C). It is not considered that the new directive will necessitate any considerable modification of the present arrangements by which the Italian Navy is administered and controlled by the Naval Allied Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, through the Flag Officer Liaison, Italy, and by the Navy Sub-Commission, A.C. under the provisions of the Armistice Terms, the Cunningham - de Courton Agreement and Combined Chiefs of Staff Secret Directive GCS 515/1 of 19 March 1944.

3. The following comments are submitted with reference to the respective paragraphs in enclosure (A):

2(a) This paragraph relates to appointments in Italian Government Territory only. It is considered essential that control over appointments and removals from office of Italian Navy personnel should be maintained irrespective of Italian government jurisdiction over the territory involved while no express power over appointments is stated, it is fully implied in Article 22 of the Armistice Terms, Paragraph 2 of the Cunningham Agreement and paragraphs 7 and 8 of GCS 515/1 of 19 March 1944.

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NSC/1656
14 February 1945

Subject: Allied Commission - New Directive from Combined Chiefs
of Staff on.

The present practice is for the Naval Allied Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, through the Flag Officer Liaison Italy, instead of the Navy Sub-Commission, A.C., to approve the appointment of all Italian Flag Officers and Commanders of important independent units. It is considered that this practice should continue.

7(b) As indicated in Navy Sub-Commission, A.C. secret letter NSC/1505 of 16 January 1945, a policy has been established which will permit the maximum utilization of Italian Navy munitions plants for the economic rehabilitation of Italy, provided the efficiency of the Italian Navy is not impaired and the facilities are not required in the interest of the Allied war effort.

4. The above comments with respect to the new directive on the Allied Commission are submitted for your information and such action as you may require.

H. W. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
Deputy Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, A.C.

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February, 1945.

TO: Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission

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(4.)
SUBJECT: Composition of the Allied Naval Sub-Commission.

Reference your CC 100 of 29 January 1945, the Supreme Allied Commander has now concurred in the proposals of Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, as set forth in my letter of 25 January 1945 on this subject, provided that:-

- (a) It is clearly understood that, as Chief of the Naval Sub-Commission, Commodore Warren will be directly responsible to you as Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission.
- (b) Commodore Warren, in his capacity as the representative of FOLI in ROME, will deal with the Italian Fleet and the Italian Merchant Marine (as provided in paragraph 2 of the CUNNINGHAM-DE COURTEN agreement of 23 September 1943 and in accordance with COS 515/1), and will not in this capacity direct the Naval Sub-Commission.

JOHN HARDING,
Lieutenant General.
Chief of Staff to Supreme Allied Commander.

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SUBJECT: Composition of the Naval Sub-Commission, Allied Commission.

TO : Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters.

1. Reference is your letter of 25 January 1945.
2. It is understood that the Commander, U.S. Eighth Fleet, has already concurred in the appointment of Commodore Warren as Chief of my Naval Sub-Commission with rank of Rear Admiral. This appointment is also acceptable to me, provided that it is clearly understood that as Chief of the Naval Sub-Commission he is directly responsible to me as Chief Commissioner. As Chief of the Naval Sub-Commission, Commodore Warren would therefore direct its functions on all matters which come under its cognizance under the Armistice Terms.
3. It is also agreed that Commodore Warren be appointed as the representative of Flag Officer Liaison (Italy), as the latter's deputy in Rome. In this latter capacity, Commodore Warren's functions would relate to the operation of the Italian Fleet and matters in connection with the Italian Merchant Marine, as provided in paragraph 2 of the Cunningham--DeCourten agreement of 23 September 1943, but as FOLI's deputy he would not direct the functions of the Naval Sub-Commission.
4. It is noted that Commodore Warren would act as Senior British Naval Officer, Rome.
5. When the proposed rearrangement becomes effective, as Chief Commissioner I will notify the Italian Government of the new organization of the Naval Sub-Commission and in particular that the Italian Ministry of Marine will be authorized to deal directly with the Naval Sub-Commission on all matters which under the Armistice Terms come properly within its cognizance.

ts Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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26th January, 1945.

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TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission

Subject : Composition of the Allied Naval Sub-Commission

1. Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, at the instance of the U.S. authorities, desires to review the existing temporary expedient whereby Commodore (Rome) (Commodore Warren) deputises for FOTALI as Head of the Naval Sub-Commission as not being in full accord with the principles of integration.

2. He wishes to relieve Rear Admiral Morgan from his nominal duty as Head of the Naval Sub-Mission and to appoint Commodore Warren as Head in the rank of Rear Admiral. Commodore Warren would deputise for Rear Admiral Morgan in his capacity as Flag Officer Liaison (Italy) and would also act as Senior British Naval Officer, Rome.

3. Before concurring in this proposed re-arrangement, the Supreme Allied Commander desires to know your views. I should therefore be grateful if you would let me know as early as possible whether this arrangement is agreeable to you.

John Harding Lt. Gen

JOHN HARDING
Lieutenant General
Chief of Staff to
Supreme Allied Commander.

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