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ALLIED & ITALIAN TROOPS IN ITALY,
POLICY
MAY 1945 - FEB. 1946

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Ex. Com. by CG's summary on Folio 1.

This signal was sent in reply to the attached which was radioed to 13 Corps. No action has been taken by PRS or is, nor are they contemplating any.

HH 21/2 HH 19/2.

(4)

D PRS

We spoke. Please ensure that if telegrams as in 2 have to be sent, they are sent Secret

HH 22/2

(5)

Ex Com

Thank you. Will do. Report again.

HH / 22/2/42 HH. 25/2

085

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Chief Commissioner.

Reference our conversation this morning, attached are (a) letter to the Prime Minister for your signature, (b) suggested reply of the Prime Minister for his signature.

MSL Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

29 Dec. 45.

87

eSO
Pse see 86 — reply to 85.
eRB 7/1

93

A/eSO

92 has arrived in answer to 85: I do not know what started it. Perhaps you would like to show it to Ex C. for instructions. At any rate the three Service S/Cs should have copies of 85 & 92, which I will see about if you minute file back to me after Ex.C. has seen 92.

Capt B.

94 eRB 28/1

Send copies of 92 to Service S/C's with covering letter requesting them to take co-ordinated action on para 2. Request them to treat as urgent, to forward letter containing their proposals to AFHQ for Exec. Comm. to sign. Copies of your letter to Polands & Lean See. (+ copy for C.C.'s file.)

H.S. 29/1

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Ex. Com.

Colonel 94 for inform. Fam. 635 is at folio 40 in 82 below.

20/12.

79.

cg

Ref 78, a folio 76, para 2. Our instructions are "~~to~~ obtain an undertaking from the H. Govt not to station troops other than Carabinieri anywhere within 15 miles" etc (para 4 of 69). In view of this para 2 of 76 is not correct. The remainder of 76 tallies with our instructions - para 4 of this will be complied with (see 3-4 of 69)

27/12.

80.

Executive Commissioner.

1. Ref. p.78, please see minute 79. Our instructions are - vide X of p.67 - that the Chief Commissioner should informally notify the Italian Prime Minister that"(i) when the transfer documents came to be signed, a condition that Italian troops other than Carabinieri should not be stationed within 15 miles of the Franco-Italian border, might be imposed;" ~~(ii) it would probably be necessary to make a public announcement that the handover would be without prejudice to any rectifications of the Italian frontiers which might subsequently be agreed upon.~~"

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3. Has this point been dealt with by you or the Chief Commissioner? If not, and you agree, I will ask Legal to prepare the appropriate document. As regards the discrepancy between our instructions, Y of p.76, I will take this up with the American Embassy on return of file.

[illegible]

28 Dec. 45. C.S.O.

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61

C.S.O.

Check folio 59 with Gen. Browning before despatch.

/s/ M.S.L.
15 Dec

62

Ex. Com.

Min 61 - 61A submitted for signature Gen. Browning. Draft is at folio 59.

17/12.

63.

Reference Folios 59 + 60. E.C. has discussed with G.O.C, Land Forces S/E. Decided that letter should not be sent as whole subject was discussed at SACMED's Conference on 14. Dec. 1945. Await minutes.

See folio 74

16/12

67.

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Min 61 - 61A submitted for signature
Gen. Browning's redraft is at folio 59.

17/12.

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See folio 74

67.

Ex-Com.

Pse see 64-66 for info

15/12.

Seen by Ex. Com.

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CAS

The numbers shown in 44 were supplied by the Italian Police Agencies and are those originally sent forward for Frontier duty.

No further reinforcements have been sent and none applied for.

As local changes may have been made signals were sent to Regions for further information. (Copy attached). A complete list of Police posts along the Italian Frontier to the Brenner Pass has been obtained from Capt. T. Braafledt, Chief of C.I.C. Frontier Control and is attached.

A reply from Piedmont Region also attached. The reply from Liguria is awaited. Full details will be submitted immediately they are received.

13-12-45.

G. J. Bye. Col.

54.

CC.S.

The summary on the 5th page of 49 (which is for the whole border) is less than the figures for Piedmont only shown a 50. It is understood 50 relates to greater depth. A list of stations is following.

CAS
13 DEC 1945

55.

Chief Commissioner.

No letter has been sent to W. Gov. on last

here of 1.37 Did you inform de Gasperi

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C.A.S.
13 DEC 1945

55.

Chief Commissioner.

No letter has been sent to W. Gov. on last page of f. 37. Did you inform de Gasperi verbally?

17/12

56.

Reference minute 56 - EC spoke to CC.
CC told De Gasperi verbally re last para of P.Sy.

17/12.

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APO 394
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45

CAS.

I do not understand P.S. approach to this.

C.C. wishes to know how the CORA & Police Agents are distributed - & if there has been any increase as result of withdrawal of British troops.

First thing is to find out from the R.C.s. where the police forces are. If P.S. don't know cannot they find out. A simple telegram would suffice.

Second. We want reply to C.C.s second query. Again P.S. can find out by a simple telegram.

I explained all this verbally to Col. Byrne.

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I explained all this verbally to Col Bye.

Let me have the answer flown & quickly.

DS/8/XII.

PS.

For action please

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19 DEC 1946
X.525.

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Exlon.

40.

Ref 1 of 39.

(a) Carabinieri. (along the border, posts unknown)

2 officers
15 NCOs
335 carabinieri

(b) Guardi Finanzi. (along border in Imperia, Torino, Susa, Aosta, Cuneo, Saluzzo)

557.

(c) Agents of P.S. (along frontier in 12 different posts)

11 officers
117 agents.

4/12 4/12

Chief Commissioner.

The Franco Italian frontier to a depth of further 15 kilos Eastwards will be left in charge of

352 CCRR. 557 Finance Guards. 128

Public Security 1037 in all – about

1 agent of Public Security for ___ square kilos

MS 4/XII.

EC

117 agente.

4/12 4/12.

Chief Commissioner.

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352 CCRR. 557 Finance Guards. 128

Pubblica Sicurezza. 1037 in all – about

1 agent of Public Security for ___ square kilos

MS 4/XII.

E.C.

Yes, but is this more than were there originally when Allied Troops were there?

MS

CC

C.C.

No more.

MS 6/XII

DEC 6 RECD CC 640

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(38)

Chief Commissioner.

Please see p 37. In view of the intention to clear the Franco Italian frontier without any troops at all on the Italian side I think we should inform the Italian Govt. — a perfect overreaction

DV 2/XII.

DEC 8 RECD 0925

39.

CSO

1 Discussed with CS who, noting that CCRR are not troops as indicated in telegram, instructs me to find out strength of CCRR & other Police Agencies in the Area and whether they have been reinforced or will be reinforced as result of this signal. CD Bye is finding out. Please follow up

2. Discussed with Brig Toker of AFHQ who gives authority to inform French Ref if occasion arises. No action on this point until I am asked.

DV 3/XII

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P31 cancelled by telephone to C.C. from AFHQ

C.C. has requested new instructions

But the telegram should not have been sent for

info to the Fr. Ref. without instructions.

DS 30/11

(33)

Ref minute 32 - Message Centre has been instructed as per para 2.

ESB 30/11

36

Ex. Com.

I think you have already seen P.35 & 37.

Suggest no action for the time being.

2/12.

CSO Pse see 21. Draft letter submitted. Is this the right form? Copies, of course, would go to all dist. of 21.

MRB 16/11

26

Ex. Com.

P. 24 for -/-

Issued
- 18/11.

(21)

CSO

This was a top. sec. signal. I think we should be very chary about referring it to others until we are instructed. Better to tell RCs that it is both Top Sec and Sec so far there

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26

Ex. Com.
P. 24 for -/-.

1-XI-22
- 18/11.

(21)

CSO

This was a top. sec. signal. I think we should be very chary about referring it to others until we are instructed. Better to tell RCs that it is for the Top. Sec. not Sec. or for their own infor. only. Otherwise someone will tell someone else & there will be hell to pay.

NR 18/x.

Captain Moulles informed of - 21 by me today. He feels protests.

NR 20/x.

1-XI-22
20/x

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Ex Commr

3.

16/6. Draft DO letter withdrawn re folio 2.
I shall discuss with CG 5 Army. F.
Ext. Sec.

(12)

Executive Commissioner:

8. 11.
Folios ~~9~~ and ~~8~~ for information.

18 June 45.

C.S.O.

(17)

TTS/15/6

16

Ex Comr

I understand it has been already
seen a copy of 15.

F. 5/6.

2.

Chief Commissioner.

Attached is submitted for your ~~approval~~ ~~signature~~ ~~information~~

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Police 8. and 11. for information.

18 June 45.

C.S.O.

TTS/15/6

16

Colonel,

I understand you have already seen a copy of 15.

E. S/G.

2.

Chief Commissioner.

Attached is submitted for your ~~approval~~ ~~signature~~ information

(7)

CC has seen

20/-

Ex. Com. P.19 for infm.

6/10.

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E.C.A.C. (R) VAM AFHQ C IN C MED

RESTRICTED IMPORTANT FEB 4 1946

TRANSPORT YOUR 021019 WILL BE ARRANGED.

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T/P P/L TOR 1540 FAG.D. 4/2

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Air Forces, S/C
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APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

SECRET

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Ref: 8273/93

4 February 1946

SUBJECT: Pantelleria and Lampedusa.

TO : H.Q., Sicily Liaison Group, A.C.

98

Ref my signal 861 of 2 February.

Herewith copies of the correspondence referred to in the last paragraph.

G. R. BRAYBROOKE
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Refs sent
97
96
95
92
85
& from 4.6. FAN 6.84 (file 2605/EC)

PA 4/2

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FEB 4 1946

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C IN C MED (R) VA MALTA A.F.H.Q. FROM EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER
ALCOM
021019A Feb

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One representative each from Navy, Land Forces and Air Forces Sub-Commissions ready to proceed via ALCOM plane to MALTA February 4th under orders A.F.H.Q. to conduct inspection of PANTELLERIA and LAMPEDUSA. Request suitable vessel as transportation from MALTA to PANTELLERIA , LAMPEDUSA and return. Inspection should take three days.

D.T.G. 021019A Feb

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CSM cfr Malta Cypher "C" D.R.R.C. Gr 72 I/T P.M. 2.1.46
T/P for AVM

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Exec Commissioner

(CAPT O)

cc per file
(Pers. Lump file)

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ALGOM TO SICILY

864 FEB 2 PRIORITY

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ABLE FIX HOW QUEEN HAVE ACCEPTED THAT LIAISON OFFICERS ON PANTELLERIA AND LAMPEDUSA MAY BE RECALLED PROVIDED ISLANDS COVERED BY YOU PD THEY PRESUME INITIAL DESTRUCTION TO BE CARRIED OUT BY THE THREE SERVICE RECONNAISSANCES PD REPRESENTATIVES WILL LEAVE BY AIR FOR MALTA ABOUT FEBRUARY FOUR AND THREE PERSONS D BY SURFACE VESSEL FOR INSPECTION OF COPIES OF CORRESPONDENCE POLICY PD

See 100

Copy to:-
Chief Commissioner
Economic Sec
Poland (A)
Poland (B)
Navy Forces S/C
Land Forces S/C
Air Forces S/C

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Ref: 8273/Sec ~~XXX/XXXX~~

2 February 1946.

SUBJECT: PANTELLERIA and LAMPEDUSA.

92

TO : Allied Force Headquarters.
G-5 Section.

1. In accordance with your F 59503, representatives of the three Service Sub-Commissions will depart from Rome on or about February 4, via ALCOM plane to Malta and via surface vessel from that Port for the purpose of conducting an initial inspection of the above-mentioned two localities. The representatives of the three Service Sub-Commissions, as listed below, have been instructed to implement the provisions of paragraph 4b of FAB 634:

Navy Sub-Commission - Lt. H.A.V. HALL, R.N.V.R.

Land Forces Sub-Commission - Captain J.J. WARD, U.S.A.

Air Forces Sub-Commission - ~~Major [illegible]~~ MAJOR A.J. SASS see 102

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2. The above-named Officers will depart from Rome via ALCOM plane on or about February 4 for Malta. Vice Admiral, Malta is being requested by separate signal to furnish transportation via surface vessel for the purpose of the inspection to Pantelleria and Lampedusa.

For the Chief Commissioner.

M S Lush

M. S. LUSH,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to:- Chief Commissioner.
Poland (A)
Poland (X)
Room 300.
NAVY S/C
LAND FORCES S/C
AIR FORCE S/C

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
NAVY SUB-COMMISSION APO 394

NSC/4535
2 February 1946

S-E-C-R-E-T

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FEB 2 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Allied Commission.
To: Executive Commissioner, Allied Commission.

Subject: Pantelleria and Lampedusa. 95

Reference: (a) Your letter 8273/95/EC of 29 January 1946. 92

1. In accordance with reference (a), co-ordinated action has been taken by the Navy Sub-Commission, Land Forces Sub-Commission, and Air Forces Sub-Commission on paragraph 2 of F 59503, regarding an inspection by representatives of the three Service Sub-Commissions to Pantelleria and Lampedusa.

2. A meeting of representatives of the three Service Sub-Commissions was held this date in the Navy Sub-Commission for the purpose of working out the details for this inspection.

3. As a result of the meeting mentioned in paragraph 2 above, the Air Forces Sub-Commission has agreed to furnish transportation by air to Malta, said transportation to be ready by February 4. The following-named representatives of the three Service Sub-Commissions will conduct the initial inspection as called for in reference (a), F 59503, and paragraph 4b of FAN 634: 92.

Navy Sub-Commission - Lt. H.A.V. HALL, R.N.V.R.

Land Forces Sub-Commission - Captain J.J. WARD, U.S.A.

Air Forces Sub-Commission - Major M.C. MIXSON, USAAF. 99

4. It is requested that Vice Admiral, Malta be requested by signal to make available a suitable surface vessel to transport the above-named Officers from Malta to Pantelleria, Lampedusa and return. It is contemplated that the entire trip should take four to five days from time of departure from Rome.

G. F. Mentz

U69 G. F. MENTZ,
Captain, U.S.N.,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC,
Acting.

(CAPT O) Copy to file 7002/EC

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APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

SECRET. 95

Ref: 8273/95/EO. 29 January 1946.

SUBJECT: PANTELLERIA and LAMPEDUSA.

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TO : Navy Sub-Commission.
Land Forces Sub-Commission. (MMIA)
Air Forces Sub-Commission.

92 85

1. Attached are copies of this Headquarters' signal 9891 of 3 January 46 and AFHQ's reply (F 59503) of 26 January 46.

2. You are requested to take coordinated action on para 2 of F 59503 and to submit a draft letter to AFHQ for the Executive Commissioner's signature containing your proposals.

3. Please treat this matter as urgent.

92

C. R. BRAYBROOKE
Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Chief Commissioner
Polad (A)
Polad (B)
Econ Sec

Copy to file 002/EC for ACTION

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: F 59503

Date/Time of Origin 261501A

Message Centre No: G/8192

Date Time Rec'd: JAN 27 1200

Precedence: IMPORTANT

JAN 27 1946

FROM: FREEDOM SIGNED SACMED CITE FHQMG

TO : ACTION ALCOM ROME

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SECRET:

REUR SIGANL 9891 OF 3 JANUARY.

1. LIAISON OFFICERS ON PANTELLERIA AND LAMPEDUSA MAY BE RECALLED PROVIDED THAT THESE ISLANDS ARE COVERED BY LIAISON OFFICERS PALERMO AS PROPOSED BY YOU.

2. IT IS DESIRED THAT AND INITIAL INSPECTION SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 3 SERVIE SUBCOMMISSIONS AND THAT THE LATTER SHOULD ISSUE INSTRUCTIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF PARA 4 B OF FAN 634. THEREAFTER OCCASSIONAL VISITS OF A LIAISON OFFICER SHOULD SUFFICE PROVIDED THAT HE IS ADEQUATELY BRIEFED BY THE SERVICE S/C S.

3. INSPECTION REPORTS ON THESE ISLANDS SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO AFHQ.

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ACTION: EX COMMISSIONER (2)

INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER

POLAND A

POLAD B

See M.93

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Date Time Rec'd JAN 27 12[illegible]

Precedence: IMPORTANT

JAN 28 1946

FROM: FREEDOM SIGNED SACMED CITE FREEDOM

TO : ACTION ALCOM ROME

SECRET:

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REFER SIGANL 9891 OF 3 JANUARY.

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ACTION: EX COMMISSIONER (2)

INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER

POLAND A

POLAND B

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" " G. O. (US) } 30/1
" " G. O. (B) }

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JAN 23 0915
IMPORTANT

JAN 24 1946

EMLA
DISTRO
INFO: ALCOM -AFHQ

SECRET:

MINISTRY OFWAR PROPOSE.

1. TO MOVE 114 INF REGT AT PRESENT IN AREA GORO TO AREA GINOA.

2. TO CANCEL MOVE OF 87 INF REGT FROM AREA BRESCIUBO TO AREA REGGIO EMILIA.

3. TO MOVE 111/87 RECENTLY MOVED TO REGGIO EMILIA BACK TO BOLZANO TERRITORIAL REGION.

PLEASE STATE YOUR VIEWS ON THESE PROPOSALS.

Confidential

SECRET

AG DIST

ACTION: P. SAFETY S/C (2)

INFO : CHIEF CO ADMINISTRATOR

EX COMMISSIONER

CIVIL AFFAIRS SEC

FMLE

SELETON

HEADQUARTERS
23 JAN 1946
A.F.H.Q.

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581 590 90

CC 8253 4 January 1946

JAN 7 1946

SUBJECT: Italian Troops along Franco-Italian Frontier

TO : G-5, AFHQ

88, 89

There are forwarded herewith original copies in Italian and English of the President of the Council's undertaking not to station Italian troops other than Carabinieri within fifteen miles of the Franco-Italian frontier.

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Copies to: Exec Commr
VP, CA Sec
Land Forces S/C
American Embassy
British Embassy

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MAIL 5

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COPY

IL PRESIDENTE DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI

3/2335 Roma, 30 Dic. 1945

Caro Ammiraglio,

in risposta alla Sua lettera del 29 dicembre 1945, Le scrivo per confermarLe il mio accordo verbale gia comunicatoLe nel nostro colloquio del 12 dicembre 1945 e per dichiararLe quindi che il Governo italiano s'impegna a non dislocare truppe all'infuori dei CC.RR. entro 15 miglia dalla frontiera Franco-Italiana, fino a nuova comunicazione da parte del Supremo Comandante Alleato.

Molto cordialmente,

/s/ De Gasperi

Ammiraglio Kilery H. Stone, USNR
Capo della Commissione Alleata
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IL PRESIDENTE DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI

3/2335 30 December 1945

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My dear Admiral,

In reply to your letter of 29 December 1945, I write to confirm my verbal agreement expressed at our meeting on 12 December 1945 and to state that the Italian Government undertakes not to station troops other than CC.RR. anywhere within fifteen miles of the Franco-Italian frontier pending further notification from the Supreme Allied Commander.

Very truly yours,

/s/ De Gasperi

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

INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

CIPHER TELEGRAM

Originator's Reference: 7 5889P

Date/Time of Origin: JAN 051437A

Message Centre No: G/6800

Date Time Rec'd: JAN 060900A

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: GHQ CMF SIGNED SACMED CITE FHQRG

TO : ALIED COMMISSION ROME

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Your 9891 of 3rd January 1946.

Views of CINC MED are being obtained after which a decision will be made.

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REFERENCE: NAF ONE ZERO NINE EIGHT OF ONE ONE DECEMBER FOUR FIVE PD

DO YOU WISH ABLE MIKE GEORGE OFFICERS PANTELLERIA LAMPEDUSA REMAIN AS LIAISON OFFICERS PD

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Ref: 8273/81/80.

December 1945.

SUBJECT: Handover of Northern Provinces to the Italian Government.

TO : The American Embassy.
The British Embassy.

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Attached for your information is a copy of the Chief Commissioner's letter 8273/81/80 dated 29 December 45, addressed to the President of the Council of Ministers, together with a copy of the Prime Minister's reply also dated 29 December 45.

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Ref: 8273/83/SC. 31 December 1945.

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SUBJECT: Handover of Northern Provinces to the Italian Government.

TO : G-5 Section, A.F.H.Q.

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1. Reference NAF 1098 of 11 December 45 and in confirmation of our telephone conversation to-day, the Handover documents were signed in ROME on 20 December 45.

2. The undertaking by the Italian Government not to station troops other than Carabinieri anywhere within fifteen miles of the Franco-Italian border was signed by the Italian Prime Minister on 29 December 45. A copy of this undertaking, to which no publicity has been given, is enclosed. — 81(A)

For the Chief Commissioner:

/s/ F.H. McCleary Lt. Col.
for Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Air Forces Sub-Comm.

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Ref: 8273/81/AC.

29 December 1945.

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Confirming my conversation with you on 12th December 1945, I write to inform you that the Combined Chiefs of Staff require, in connection with the imminent restoration of territory in Northern Italy, an undertaking from the Italian Government not to station Italian troops other than CC.RR anywhere within fifteen miles of the Franco-Italian border pending the outcome of diplomatic negotiations between the United States, United Kingdom and French Governments.

I should be glad, my dear Mr. Prime Minister, if you would confirm in writing your verbal agreement expressed at our meeting.

Very truly yours,

See Nr. 79 to 82

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Dated
PP.

Dr. Alcide de Gasperi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
Rome.

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PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT

ROME

29 December 1945

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/s/ Alcide De Gasperi

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

Rome.

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This needs checking very carefully with our instruction. Note here underlined on page 2. We had no such restriction on "troops (CERA) already stationed there

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Paraphrase of Telegram Received at the American Embassy, Rome, from the American Embassy, Paris, dated December 15, 1946.

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Last evening the question of the "official French announcement reported by the United Press", mentioned in Rome's telegram of December 13, was taken up urgently with Chauvel and he was apprised of the very unfortunate impression this had made in Rome and at AFHQ. He was astonished and said there had been NO official statement. He showed Ambassador Caffery a paper which had been approved by Bidault and himself several days before, stating that the French Minister thought any announcement by the French would not be wise and probably would complicate the Italian situation. Chauvel called the chief press officer and asked that this announcement be accounted for. The press officer said there had been no official announcement and said he imagined the UP story was based on an AFP despatch which had NOT been cleared by the Foreign Office but which had appeared on Thursday evening in Le Monde (generally looked on as a semi-official publication). The despatch was based on a communique issued by the Italian President of the Council, containing two final paragraphs reading as follows:

> One learns at Paris that Allied troops are evacuating a zone on the Franco-Italian frontier 25 kilometers deep where territorial adjustments are desired by the French in the Alpine region.
>
> However, it is understood that the Italian troops will not be permitted to reoccupy this frontier zone after the Allied troops have withdrawn.

Chauvel called attention to the fact that the information in these two paragraphs was not correct as the area in question is only fifteen kilometers deep, and ascribed this incident, which he said he considered "deplorable" to the ill considered activities of some irresponsible person. He requested Ambassador Caffery to explain that the publication of the AFP despatch did not represent the policy of either the Foreign Minister or the French Government and to convey the sincere regrets of the French for the publication of the announcement.

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Paraphrase of Telegram Received from the American Embassy, Paris at the American Embassy, Rome, dated December 15, 1945.

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Today the British Embassy delivered a note to the French Government based on instructions received from London, in the following vein:

1. Since the British Ambassador at Paris communicated with the French Foreign Minister on December 1 and 3, HMG, in consultation with the United States Government, considered most carefully the French Government's representations.

2. HMG wishes to make it clear that the withdrawal of Allied troops from the Franco-Italian frontier was not at variance in any way with the agreement reached by the French High Command and SACMED last June, which agreement provided "that for so long as Anglo-American troops are available in NW Italy, Italian troops will not be stationed on the Franco-Italian frontier." Anglo-American troops, as it has been explained already, are no longer available, and it has consequently not been possible to stay their withdrawal from the areas in question. However, SACMED immediately ordered that for the present no Italian troops except Carabinieri already stationed there could enter a fifteen mile zone along the frontier.

3. On December 12, the Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission, on instructions from SAC, pointed out to the Italian government that the pending transfer of certain Italian provinces to Italian Government administration would not prejudice any rectification of the Italian frontier which might later be arrived at. The French Government will undoubtedly be acquainted with the press statement made by the Allied Commission on December 13, with respect to this transfer. Knowing the French Government's interest in this matter, MHG wish to inform the French Government that as soon as possible a statement will be made which will indicate that the withdrawal of Allied troops, as well as the transfer of these territories to Italian Government administration will not prejudice any frontier rectification which the peace treaty may later contain.

4. SAC has been instructed to inform the Italian Government that the withdrawal of Allied troops from the Franco-Italian frontier does not prejudice any question of frontier rectification, and to arrange as far as possible, for no Italian troops except Carabinieri to enter those areas in which the French Government is particularly interested.

5. HMG hopes that, taking the foregoing into consideration, the French Government will agree all possible measures have been taken to insure French interests are not jeopardized.

The British Embassy does not intend to say anything of the press article from Paris mentioned in Rome's telegram of December 13.

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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING CALLED BY THE
SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER
TO DISCUSS FAN 635
HELD IN THE G-3 WAR ROOM AT 1200 HOURS
ON MONDAY 17 DECEMBER 1945

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Lieutenant General M.B. Ridgway,
Deputy Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theatre

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Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission

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SECRETARIES :-

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Major William M. Hess

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The Conference had before them a telegram* from the Combined Chiefs of Staff to the Supreme Allied Commander, directing him as to the formal public announcement of the handover to the Italian Government Administration of the remaining Italian territory now under Allied Military Government, including the islands of LAMPEDUSA, LINOSA, and PANTELLERIA but excluding VENEZIA GIULIA and the Province of UDINE.

The SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER wished to decide whether any immediate action was required. He considered that to defer action would inevitably lead to complications; false rumours, which were inevitable, and articles in the Press would do further harm. He referred in particular to the United Press release made in PARIS on the 12th. The Chief of Staff read out this release.

Mr. Philip BROAD stated that a further Press release had been made, the text of which he handed to the Supreme Allied Commander. The Supreme Allied Commander read this to the meeting.

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Rear Admiral STONE, Chief Commissioner Allied Commission, said that in view of his instructions of the 11 December, that he was to ensure that the agencies under his control would at present give no publicity to the exclusion of Italian troops from the FRANCO-ITALIAN Frontier zone or to the possible rectification to the ITALIAN Frontier, he would prefer to postpone the announcement, possibly until the time of actual handover. He had assured the Italian Prime Minister that the Allies had not been responsible for the United Press release from PARIS with regard to this. To make this further announcement now would be considered create a bad impression on the Italian Government.

The DEPUTY SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER expressed the opinion that it might give the impression that we were not keeping good faith with the Italian Government, and he agreed with Admiral STONE that it would be better to postpone the announcement for this reason.

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Mr. Philip BROAD suggested that this announcement might be more acceptable if the wording was slightly changed so as to give the impression that it was being made after the matter had been discussed with the Italian Government. Also that this might, at the same time, overcome the objection to making an immediate announcement rather than waiting until the date of handover.

Rear Admiral STONE said he would like to discuss this matter with the Italian Prime Minister, and if possible, get his agreement to making this public announcement. He also wished to keep to the wording of paragraph 4 of F.N 635, thereby leaving out any reference to agreements other than to the Peace Treaty.

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Mr. Philip BROAD stated that it was in the interests of the Italian Government to make this statement early, in order to stop further undesirable rumours circulating as to future frontier rectifications and withdrawal of troops.

The SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER agreed and directed that the wording should be changed to that suggested by Mr. Philip BROAD, which would make this announcement more palatable to the Italian Government, make possible an immediate public announcement which would appear as confirmation of Admiral STONE's previous announcement of 13 December, and at the same time should emphasise our confidence in the Italian Government.

The DEPUTY SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER and Admiral STONE concurred.

The agreed wording of the public announcement was read to the meeting and follows:-

"Since his announcement of 13 December 1945, Rear Admiral Hillary W. STONE, USNR, Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission, has been in consultation with the Italian Government with regard to the detailed arrangements for the handing back to Italian Administration of the territories therein mentioned.

It is confirmed that the remaining Italian Territory now under Allied Military Government, including the islands of LAMPEDUSA, LINOSA, and PANTELLERIA but excluding VENEZIA GIULIA and the Province of UDINE will be transferred to Italian Administration on 31 December 1945.

The transfer of these territories and any withdrawal of Allied troops which the Supreme Allied Commander may determine is without prejudice to any frontier rectification which may be decided in the Peace Treaty."

Rear Admiral STONE stated that he would call on the Italian Prime Minister this evening or tomorrow morning, and would endeavour to get his agreement to the release of this statement in time for publication in world Press on the morning of Wednesday 19 December.

The SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER said that, if necessary, he was prepared to bring pressure to bear on the Italian Prime Minister to agree to the publication of this announcement.

Mr. RYDINGTON expressed the opinion that the announcement should not be made without the agreement of the Italian Prime Minister.

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Mr. BYRNGTON expressed the opinion that the announcement should not be made without the agreement of the Italian Prime Minister.

Rear Admiral STONE expressed the opinion that the Italian Prime Minister would agree to the publication, and did not wish to use pressure unless it was essential. The announcement would be released in time for publication by world Press on Wednesday 19 December, subject to agreement by the Italian Prime Minister.

The SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

(a) Approved as amended in discussion the wording of the public announcement to be made as directed by F/M 635.

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(b) Instructed the Chief Commissioner Allied Commission to communicate to the Italian Prime Minister the text of the announcement referred to at (a) above, and obtain his agreement to its release for publication in the Press on Wednesday 19 December 1945.

D.E. GURR,
LIEUTENANT COLONEL,
SECRETARY.

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D.C. Burns,
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FROM : AGWAR FROM CCS

TO : AFHQ FOR MORGAN INFO: CABINET OFFICES FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF.

REF NO THIS MESSAGE: W 88779

15 DECEMBER 1945

This message is FAN 635.

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1. With reference NAF 1090 and NAF 1096. Withdrawal of Allied Troops is approved.

2. You should continue to keep Italian Troops (other than Carabinieri) as far as possible out of areas actually claimed by French. Intervention by you would be covered by directive in FAN 487.

3. You should inform Italian Government that withdrawal of Allied Troops is without prejudice to any question of frontier rectification.

4. On handover of territory to the Italian Government, or earlier if possible, you should include in the public statement referred to in FAN 634, words to the effect that "The transfer of these territories and any withdrawal of Allied Troops is without prejudice to any frontier rectification which may subsequently be decided in the Peace Treaty."

5. It is desired that this public statement should in any case be made within next two weeks and at same time as announcement referred to in paragraph 3 of FAN 634.

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NAF 1096 IS FX 55074 MC OUT 2312 30/11/45 G-3(AFHQ).
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Date/Time of Origin: DEC 111917A

Message Centre No: G/5458

Date Time Rec'd: DEC 1309

Precedence: URGENT

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE PHOOS

TO : ACTION: AGWAR WASHINGTON FOR COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF AND CABINET OFFICES FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF
INFO: ALCOM ROME

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Para 3. Logically the Italian Government when responsible for the administration of the Provinces of Piedmonte and Liguria should be permitted to station such troops as they consider necessary anywhere in these provinces. I am reluctant to attach further formal conditions to the hand over of territory, but I feel that the present restriction on the employment of Italian troops in the frontier zone (NAF 1096 refer) should be maintained until the question is settled with the French Government.

Para 4. I therefore propose at the time of hand over to obtain an undertaking b the Italian Government not to station troops other than Carabinieri anywhere within 15 miles of the Franco-Italian border. This undertaking will be given no publicity. The Italian Prime Minister will be informed now that some such condition may be impo

Para 5. I estimate that the hand over of the Northern Provinces will be effec about 31 December. Urge that the question of restrictions in the Franco-Italian Fr tier Zone be settled with the French Government by that date.

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FROM: AMG SIGNED SACMED CITE FROGS Precedence: IMMEDIATE

TO : ACTION: ACWAR WASHINGTON FOR COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF AND CABINET OFFICES
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EXTRACT from the MINUTES OF SACMED'S CONFERENCE
(10th Meeting) held at AFHQ on 11 December 1945

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MINUTE No.5.

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5. HANDBACK OF NORTHERN PROVINCES TO THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT.

(JPS Study No. P/321 (Final).

THE CONFERENCE had before them a paper by the Joint Planning Staff examining, in the light of the current restrictions on employment of Italian troops in the FRANCO-ITALIAN frontier zone, the situation produced by receipt of the Combined Chiefs of Staff signal FAN 634 directing the Supreme Allied Commander to hand back the northern Italian provinces and other Italian territories to Italian government control, and attaching a draft signal on the subject to the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER considered that three possible courses were open:

(i) To carry out literally the instructions of FAN 634.

(ii) To hold up action and refer the whole matter back to the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

(iii) To take cognizance of the fact that, if the instructions of FAN 634 were carried out as they stood, the Italians would probably move troops into the frontier zone thereby provoking a violent French reaction, and therefore to attach to the handback of territories some condition designed to prevent such a state of affairs arising.

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SIR NOEL CHARLES agreed that this method of approach was the most satisfactory. He further agreed with the Supreme Allied Commander that steps should be taken to prevent the Italian Government moving troops into the frontier zone.

ADMIRAL CUNNINGHAM considered that restrictions should definitely be imposed on the employment of Italian troops in the frontier zone.

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REAR ADMIRAL STONE, referring to the suggestion in the draft cable that a public announcement should be made that the hand over of northern provinces would be without prejudice to any rectification of the Italian frontier which might subsequently be decided on, pointed out that a direction as to the public announcement required was included in para 3 of FAN 634. These instructions had presumably been carefully considered by the State Department and Foreign Office and agreed by them.

MR. BROAD read a signal from the British Ambassador in WASHINGTON to the Foreign Office which stated that the State Department agreed that the Supreme Allied Commander should be instructed:

(a) that on the withdrawal of allied troops no Italian troops other than Carabinieri should enter a 15 mile belt along the frontier;

(b) that in handing over territory to Italian Government administration a communication to the Italian Government and a public announcement should be made stating that this is without prejudice to any frontier rectifications which may be subsequently decided.

MR. BYRNGTON said that he could not accept this signal as expressing the State Department view, which, according to his present directive, was that Italian northwest border territory should be returned to Italian administration at the same time and on the same terms as the rest of northwest Italy.

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER considered that, in view of this political signal and in the light of information he had obtained when visiting the War Office, it was most probable that he would receive further directions in regard to an announcement concerning the Franco-Italian border zone.

REAR ADMIRAL STONE thought it would be unwise to commit ourselves at this time to making a public statement in regard to the northwest frontier. However, he pointed out that the terms of FAN 634 included a specific reservation in regard to BOLZANO. If no similar warning were given to the Italian Government in regard to the Franco-Italian border zone, they would inevitably conclude that a definite decision had been taken to hand back the northwestern border territories without any conditions.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL RIDGWAY agreed.

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

(a) Approved, as amended in discussion, the draft signal to the Combined Chiefs of Staff which he had tables and instructed the Chief of Staff to despatch it.

(b) Instructed the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, to inform the Italian Government that the territories mentioned in FAN 634 would be handed back to Italian government control about 31 Dec.

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(c) Further instructed the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, when communicating the above information to the Italian Prime Minister, to notify him informally that:

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(i) when the transfer documents came to be signed, a condition that Italian troops other than Carabinieri should not be stationed within 15 miles of the Franco-Italian border, might be imposed;

(ii) it would probably be necessary to make a public announcement that the handover would be without prejudice to any rectifications of the Italian frontiers which might subsequently be agreed upon.

X Despatched as NAF 1098 of 11 December.

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(d) Directed that the agencies under his control should at present give no publicity to the exclusion of Italian troops from the Franco-Italian frontier zone or the possible rectification of the Italian frontiers.

(e) Instructed the Chief of Staff to inform the Chief of the French Liaison Mission to AFHQ, on the same day as the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, wouldapproach the Italian Government in accordance with (b) and (c) above:

(i) that pending the outcome of diplomatic negotiations between the US, UK and French Governments, the handback of territory would not affect the existing restrictions on the employment of Italian troops other than Carabinieri in the frontier zone;

(ii) that the handover would be without prejudice to any rectifications of the Italian frontiers which might subsequently be agreed upon;

(iii) that, in order to avoid embarassing the Italian Government the Supreme Allied Commander wished that no publicity should at present be given to the conditions of the handover stated at (i) and (ii) above.

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10 December 1945

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My dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you for your letter of 6 December forwarding paraphrase of a telegram from the State Department to the American Embassy in Paris on the subject of recent developments in the demilitarization of the French-Italian frontier.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

The Hon. Alexander Kirk
American Ambassador
Via Vittorio Veneto 119
Rome

cc Exec Com

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Telegram from Department of State

November 30, 1945

Paraphrase

Following telegram has been sent to Paris:

In the opinion of the Department the Doyen-Truscott, Morgan - Carpentier agreements of last June on the withdrawal of French troops from the Italian frontier and the establishment there of AMG, are purely military and do not contain any commitment regarding the duration of AMG or obligation extending beyond the period of AMG; they provide merely that as long as Allied troops are available Italian forces will not be stationed within fifteen miles of the Franco-Italian border.

General Juin has now been informed by AFHQ that on December 1 Allied troops must be withdrawn from this border since, on account of redeployment, they are no longer available. In connection with your telegrams nos. 6847 and 6883 of November 28 and 29 respectively, you may explain the above to Bidault and tell him that this territory is soon to be returned to the administration of the Italian Government and that in the opinion of the Department the presence there of liaison officers of the Allied Commission, who will remain for some time, will constitute a guarantee that Allied interests will be safeguarded.

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Ref: 6273/50/AC.

December 1945.

SUBJECT: Troops on France-Italian Frontier.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters.
Attn: G-5 Section.

1. I refer to your signal FX 55074 - NAF 1096 - dated 30th November 1945.

2. I think you should know that the immediate reaction of the new Minister for War (Signor ROSIO) to the position regarding the French Frontier was to suggest that the three mobile battalions of the CC.RR should be removed from GENOA, TURIN and MILAN, and located in the 15 mile zone.

3. General Browning at once discussed the matter with me and as a result put A.F. point of view to the War Minister that afternoon (14 December). The points made to the War Minister are summarised in Appendix "A".

For the Chief Commissioner.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Land Forces S/C (MGIA)
Poland (A)
Poland (B)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 8273/57/EC.

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For the Chief Commissioner:

MSL/JG.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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MEMORANDUM

Ref. : G.13.

SUBJECT : ITALO-FRENCH Frontier.

Confidential

Acting on instructions from the Executive Commissioner, A.C. I put the following to the new Minister of War BROSIO at an interview p.m. on 14 December.

1. The whole matter is now being thrashed out on the highest level and a decision is hoped for soon.

2. British troops are really only withdrawing intowinter quarters.

3. S.A.C. has given a ruling that no Italian troops except CC.RR are to be allowed within 15 miles of the Italo-French frontier.

4. Nothing can be done till the Northern Territories handed over, perhaps on Dec. 31st, 1945. All troops there at present are under AFHQ through 2 District.

5. (a) A.C. view is that mobile bns should be kept for their designed role in MILAN, TURNIN and GENOA and NOT sent to frontier.

(b) Otherwise there is a vacuum behind instead of in front; also such moves would tend to appear provocative and it is doubtful if it is within the meaning of the act to send CC.RR mobile Battalions.

6. So Ministry of War are strongly advised to "hold hard", let M.M.I.A. know their views and proposals for CC.RR in frontier zone. Gen. BROWNING will then pass these to Chief Commissioner.

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Major General,
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AFHQ FOR CHIEF OF STAFF

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FOLLOWING REUTERS DISPATCH DATED PARIS THIRTEENTH APPEARED IN ITALIAN PRESS THIS MORNING COLON

PARAN TO AFHQ FOR CHIEF OF STAFF FROM PD ALCOM FROM ADMIRAL STONE GTZ ACSCC PARAN

QUOTE IS FRANCE GIVING UP HER CLAIMS QUERY PARIS CMA THIRTEENTH CMA REUTER PD IT IS LEARNED THAT FRANCE GAVE UP HER CLAIMS ON VAL DAOSTA AND THE SUZA ZONE PD IT SEEMS THAT BRITISH AND AMERICAN TROOPS ARE WITHDRAWING FROM THE ZONE IN QUESTION PD IT IS BELIEVED THAT AN AGREEMENT TOOK PLACE BETWEEN THE ALLIED COMMAND OF ROME AND THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT CMA ACCORDING TO WHICH ALLIED TROOPS ARE TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM THE AREA WHICH WOULD NOT BE OCCUPIED BY ITALIAN TROOPS PD ONLY A FEW CARABINIERI UNITS ALREADY STATIONED THERE WOULD REMAIN PD UNQUOTE

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Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Subject: Italian Troops on Italian frontier following withdrawals of Allied troops

Memo for Executive Commissioner

1) Following French representations SACMED has directed as temporary measure that no Italian troops, other than CC/RR, shall be allowed within 2 feet 15 miles deep along frontier, pending intergovernmental disc. - action on subject

2) CC wishes to know in detail the disposition of Italian Police Forces in the frontier zone: a) present disposition
b) disposition prior to the withdrawal of allied troops which started to be put in effect from 1 Dec.

3) Overall figures give 352 CC/RR
537 G.d.F.
over the whole frontier line 178 P.S. agents

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AFHQ For Chief of Staff

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FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATION OF ARTICLE APPEARING IN ITALIAN PRESS THIS MORNING PD

PAREN TO AFHQ FOR CHIEF OF STAFF FROM H.J. ALCOM FROM ADMIRAL STONE CITM ACSCC PAREN

QUOTE ALLIED TROOPS WITHDRAW FROM THE ITALO FRENCH FRONTIER PD PARIS CMA

TWELFTH PAREN UNCLE PETER PAREN PD IT HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THAT AT

THE REQUEST OF THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT THE ALLIED TROOPS STARTED WITHDRAWING FROM

THE ZONE THEY HAD UNTIL NOW BEEN OCCUPYING ON THE ITALO FRENCH BORDER SEMICOLON

THEY WITHDREW TO A DEPTH OF FIFTEEN MILES IN ITALIAN TERRITORY PD

THE ZONE IS NOT TO BE OCCUPIED BY ITALIAN TROOPS CMA BUT WILL REMAIN AS

SUBQUOTE NO MANS LAND END SUBQUOTE UNTIL THE PEACE TREATY WITH ITALY IS SIGNED PD

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE FRENCH REQUEST WAS MADE BECAUSE OF THE ADVISABILITY

OF NOT PREJUDICING THE FINAL DELIMITATION OF THE FRONTIER WITH ITALY CMA IN

VIEW OF THE MODIFICATIONS TO SUCH FRONTIER THAT FRANCE IS CLAIMING FOR STRATEGICAL

REASONS PD END QUOTE

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UK Ambassador
UK Commr
Chief Commr

Chief Commissioner

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HILARY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Originator's Reference: 14

Date/Time of Origin: DEC.121805A

Message Centre No: G/5476

Date Time Rec'd: DEC.131215

Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM: PUBLIC SAFETY HQ PIEMONTE REGION

TO : ALCOM ATT PUB SAFETY SUB COMMISSION

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1. Your signal 9181 France Italian frontier police strength now received. Figures given in my signal in reply were for whole region of Piemonte.

2. Correct figures for France Italian frontier are -
Guardia di Finanza 282 in 28 Stations -
Carabinieri 291 in 31 Stations -
Agenti 6 in 1 Station.

3. These are normal strengths and no increase is contemplated.

4. P O complete List of Stations and strength in post.

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ACTION : PUBLIC SAFETY SC 2
INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER
FILE 2
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INCOMING MESSAGE
Headquarters Allied Commission

Originator's Reference: 9181
Date/Time of Origin: DEC 11

Message Centre nº: 5408
Date Time Rec'd: DEC 121500
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM : PUBLIC SAFETY HQ PIEMONTE
TO : A C HQRS (PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION)

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256 Carabinieri in 47 Border Stations 491 Guardia di Finanza in 52 Border Stations - 18 Agenti Pubblica Sicurezza in 2 border stations, in Piemonte Region. Full list of stations follows by letter. Above strengths are normal.

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INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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PROVINCIA IMPERIA

Ufficio P.S. Ponte S. Luigi — 1 Off. 7 Agents

Ponte S. Luigi ..... (CC.RR.10)

Ponte S. Ludovico-stradale 1^ Cat. (CC.RR.4)

Ufficio P.S. Ventimiglia — 1 Off. 7 Agents

Ventimiglia ..... (CC.RR.10)

Passo Muratone-montano 2^ Cat..... (GG.FF.4)

Serra Cabanasso-montano 2^ Cat.... (GG.FF.4)

Ufficio di P.S. Piena — 1 Off. 7 Agents

Piena ..... (CC.RR.6)

Piena Dogana stradale 1^ Cat. .... (CC.RR.3)

La Colletta montano 2^ Cat. ..... (GG.FF.4)

Monte Mergo montano 2^ Cat. ..... (GG.FF.4)

Passo Vescovo montano 2^ Cat. .... (GG.FF.4)

Monte Palma montano 2^ Cat. ..... (GG.FF.4)

Passo Cuore montano 2^ Cat. ..... (GG.FF.3)

Passo Ciotti montano 2^ Cat. ..... (GG.FF.3)

Colle Paola montano 2^ Cat. ..... (GG.FF.3)

PROVINCIA DI CUNEO

Ufficio P.S. San Dalmazzo di Tenda — 1 Off 7 Agents

S.Dalmazzo di Tenda ..... (CC.RR.14)

Valle Roja stradale 1^ Cat. ..... (CC.RR.6)

San Grado montano estivo 1^ Cat. . (CC.RR.5)

Madonna delle Finestre montano estivo 1^ Cat. (CC.RR.5)

Casali Ciriega montano estivo 1^ Cat. (CC.RR. 5)

Mollieris montano 1^ Cat. ..... (CC.RR.5)

S.Anna di Vinadio montano estivo 1^ Cat. (GG.FF.5)

Ufficio P.S. Saluzzo — 1 Off 7 Agents

Colle Puriak montano estivo 2^ cat.(GG.FF.3)

Ufficio di P.S. Piena 1 Off. 7 Agents

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Colle della Maddalena stradale 1^ Cat. (CC.RR.6)

Colle Sautron montano estivo 1^ Cat. (CC.RR.5)

Colle dell'Agnello montano estivo 1^ Cat. (CC.RR.5)

Colle Traversette montano estivo 1^ Cat. (CC.RR.5)

PROVINCIA DI TORINO

Ufficio P.S. di Bardonecchia 1 Off. 7 Agents.

Bardonecchia ..... (CC.RR.10)

Colle della Croce montano estivo . (GG.FF.4)

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Colle d'Abries, montano estivo, 2^ cat. (GG.FF.4)
Colle Bousson, montano 1^ " (CC.RR.4)
Monginevro stradale 1^ " (CC.RR.9)
Colle della Scala, montano estivo 1^ cat. (CC.RR.5)
Colle Frejus, montano estivo 1^ cat. (CC.RR.5)

Ufficio P.S. Susa 1 Off. 7 Agosto

Gran Moncenisio, stradale 1^ cat. (CC.RR.9)
Piccolo Moncenisio, montano estivo 2^ cat. (CC.RR.4)

PROVINCIA DI AOSTA

Ufficio P.S. di Aosta 1 Off 7 Agosto

Col Du Rheme, montano estivo 1^ cat. (CC.RR.5)
Col du Mont, montano estivo 1^ " (CC.RR.5)
Piccolo S.Bernardo, stradale 1 " (CC.RR.6)
Col de la Seigne, montano estivo 1^ " (CC.RR.5)
Colle del Gigante, montano estivo 1^ cat. (CC.RR.5)
Col del Ferret, montano estivo 1^ cat. (CC.RR.5)
Gran S.Bernardo stradale 1^ " (CC.RR.6)
Colle Theodull, montano 1^ " (CC.RR.4)
Testa Grigia, montano 1^ " (CC.RR.4)

PROVINCIA DI VERCELLI

N.N.

PROVINCIA DI NOVARA

Ufficio P.S. Domodossola 1 Off 7 Agosto

Domodossola (CC.RR.15)
Paglino stradale 1^ cat. (CC.RR.5)
Passa S.Giacomo, montano estivo 1^ " (GG.FF.5)
Bagni di Craveggia " " 1^ " (GG.FF.5)
Ponte Ribellasca, stradale 1^ cat. (CC.RR.5)

Ufficio P.S. Cannobio 1 Off 7 Agosto

Ufficio P.S. di Aosta — 1 Off 7 Agenti

Col Du Rheme, montano estivo	1^ cat.	(CC.RR.5)
Col du Mont, montano estivo	1^ "	(CC.RR.5)
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Domodossola		(CC.RR.15)
Paglino stradale	1^ cat.	(CC.RR.5)
Passa S.Giacomo, montano estivo	1^ "	(GG.FF.5)
Bagni di Craveggia " "	1^ "	(GG.FF.5)
Ponte Ribellasca, stradale	1^ cat.	(CC.RR.5)

Ufficio P.S. Cannobio — 1 Off 7 Agenti

Piaggio Valmara lacuale	1^ cat.	(CC.RR.5)
Piaggio Valmara stradale	1^ "	(CC.RR.5)

PROVINCIA DI VARESE

Ufficio P.S. Luino — 1 Off 7 Agenti

Luino		(CC.RR.12)
Maccagno ferroviario	1 cat.	(CC.RR.5)
Pino Tronzano ferroviario	1 "	(CC.RR.5)
Zenna stradale	1 "	(CC.RR.5)

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Zenna lacuale 1^ cat. (CC.RR.5)

Biegno stradale 2^ " (GG.FF.5)

Monte Clivo stradale 2^ " (GG.FF.5)

Palone stradale 1^ " (GG.FF.5)

Fornasette stradale 1^ " (CC.RR.5)

Ufficio P.S. Ponte Tresa 1 Off. 7 agents

Ponte Tresa (CC.RR.5)

Cremenaca stradale 1^ cat. (CC.RR.5)

Levana lacuale 2^ " (GG.FF.5)

Brusimpiano lacuale 2^ " (GG.FF.5)

Ufficio P.S. Porto Ceresio 1 Off. 7 agents

Termine Porto Ceresio, stradale 1^ cat. (GG.FF.5)

Cà del Monte, stradale 2^ cat. (GG.FF.5)

Ponte di Saltrio, stradale 2^ " (GG.FF.5)

Arzo di Clivio, stradale 2^ " (GG.FF.5)

Bella-Vista di Clivio, stradale 1^ cat. (GG.FF.5)

S.Pietro di Clivio, stradale 2^ cat. (GG.FF.5)

Gaggiolo stradale 1^ cat. (CC.RR.5)

PROVINCIA DI COMO

Ufficio P.S. Ponte Chiasso 3 Off. 30 Agents

Ponte Chiasso (CC.RR.10)

Como S.Giovanni 1 Off 7 agents P.S. (CC.RR.10)

Rodero stradale 2^ cat. (GG.FF.5)

Bizzarone stradale 2^ " (GG.FF.5)

Somazzo stradale 2^ " (GG.FF.5)

Ronago stradale 2^ " (GG.FF.5)

Crociale dei Mulini, stradale 2^ cat. (GG.FF.5)

Drezzo, stradale 2^ cat. (GG.FF.5)

Pizzamiglio stradale 2^ " (GG.FF.5)

[illegible] " 2^ [illegible]

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Brusimpiano lacuale 2^ " (GG.FF.5)

Ufficio P.S. Porto Ceresio 1 off. 7 agosto

Termine Porto Ceresio, stradale 1^ cat. (GG.FF.5)

Cà del Monte, stradale 2^ cat. (GG.FF.5)

Ponte di Saltrio, stradale 2^ " (GG.FF.5)

Arzo di Clivio, stradale 2^ " (GG.FF.5)

Bella-Vista di Clivio, stradale 1^ cat. (GG.FF.5)

S.Pietro di Clivio, stradale 2^ cat. (GG.FF.5)

Gaggiolo stradale 1^ cat. (CC.RR.5)

PROVINCIA DI COMO

Ufficio P.S. Ponte Chiasso 3 off. 30 agosto

Ponte Chiasso (CC.RR.10)

1 off 7 agosto P.S.

Como S.Giovanni (CC.RR.10)

Rodero stradale 2^ cat. (GG.FF.5)

Bizzarone stradale 2^ " (GG.FF.5)

Somazzo stradale 2^ " (GG.FF.5)

Ronago stradale 2^ " (GG.FF.5)

Crociale dei Mulini, stradale 2^ cat. (GG.FF.5)

Drezzo, stradale 2^ cat. (GG.FF.5)

Pizzamiglio stradale 2^ " (GG.FF.5)

Rongiana " 2^ " (GG.FF.5)

Ufficio P.S. di Oria 1 off. 7 agosto

Oria (CC.RR.6)

Passo Bonello, stradale 2^ cat. (GG.FF.5)

Erbonne, stradale 2^ " (GG.FF.5)

Valmara, stradale 1^ " (CC.RR.5)

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S.Margherita lacuale 1^ cat. (CC.RR.5)

Porlezza lacuale 1^ " (CC.RR.5)

PROVINCIA DI SONDRIO

Ufficio di P.S. Chiavenna 1 Off. 7 agenti

Passo dello Spluga, stradale 1^ " (CC.RR.9)

Villa di Chiavenna, stradale 1^ " (CC.RR.7)

Ufficio P.S. Tirano 1 Off. 7 agenti

Piattamala stradale 1^ " (CC.RR.5)

Sasso del Gallo, stradale 2^ " (GG.FF.5)

Forcola di Livigno, stradale 1^ " (CC.RR.5)

Ponte del Gallo, stradale 1^ " (CC.RR.5)

Giogo S.Maria, stradale 1^ " (GG.FF.5)

PROVINCIA DI BOLZANO

Ufficio P.S. Tubre 1 Off. 7 agenti

Tubre valico stradale 1^ cat. (CC.RR.5)

Ufficio P.S. Resia 1 Off. 7 agenti

Resia stradale 1^ " (CC.RR.5)

Giogo alto montano estivo 2^ " (GG.FF.5)

Giogo basso montano estivo 2^ " (GG.FF.5)

Bocchetta dell'Altissima, montano estivo 2^ cat.(GG.FF.5)

Posso del Rombo, montano estivo 2^ cat. (GG.FF.5)

Ufficio P.S. Brennero 1 Off. 7 agenti

Brennero Ferrovia (CC.RR.10)

Passo Vizze, montano estivo 2^ cat. (GG.FF.5)

Forcella di Malavalle, montano estivo 2^ cat. (GG.FF.5)

Campo del Prete, montano estivo, 2^ cat. (GG.FF.5)

Cima Libera, valico montano estivo 2^ cat. (GG.FF.5)

Cima Libera Forcella Turistica 2^ cat. (GG.FF.5)

Brennero stradale 1^ cat. (CC.RR.9)

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[illegible], stradale 2ª " (GG.FF.5)

Forcola di Livigno, stradale 1ª " (CC.RR.5)

Ponte del Gallo, stradale 1ª " (CC.RR.5)

Giogo S.Maria, stradale 1ª " (GG.FF.5)

PROVINCIA DI BOLZANO

Ufficio P.S. Tubre — 1 Off. 7 agente

Tubre valico stradale 1ª cat. (CC.RR.5)

Ufficio P.S. Resia — 1 Off. 7 agente

Resia stradale 1ª " (CC.RR.5)

Giogo alto montano estivo 2ª " (GG.FF.5)

Giogo basso montano estivo 2ª " (GG.FF.5)

Bocchetta dell'Altissima, montano estivo 2ª cat.(GG.FF.5)

Posso del Rombo, montano estivo 2ª cat. (GG.FF.5)

Ufficio P.S. Brennero — 1 Off. 7 agente

Brennero Ferrovia (CC.RR.10)

Passo Vizze, montano estivo 2ª cat. (GG.FF.5)

Forcella di Malavalle, montano estivo 2ª cat. (GG.FF.5)

Campo del Prete, montano estivo, 2ª cat. (GG.FF.5)

Cima Libera, valico montano estivo 2ª cat. (GG.FF.5)

Cima Libera Forcella Turistica 2ª cat. (GG.FF.5)

Brennero stradale 1ª cat. (CC.RR.9)

Ufficio P.S. Campo Tures — 1 Off. 7 agente

Passo Tauri, montano estivo 2ª " (GG.FF.5)

Passo di Gola, montano estivo 2ª " (GG.FF.5)

Forcella Sasso Lungo di Collalto montano estivo 2ª cat.(GG.FF.5)

Passo di Stalle, montano estivo 2ª cat. (GG.FF.5)

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Ufficio P.S. San Candido 1 off. Augusto

S.Candido (CC.RR.5)

Ponte della Drava, stradale, 1^ cat. (CC.RR.9)

1° - i valichi di prima categoria sono transitabili alle persone munite di passaporto o di tessera di frontiera

2° - i valichi di seconda categoria sono transitabili alle persone munite della sola tessera di frontiera

3° - i valichi montani estivi sono aperti al transito solo durante la stagione estiva.

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LA PROVINCIA DI BOLZANO NON INTERESSA QUESTA COMPAGNIA.

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1° - Persons holding passports or tessera di frontiera are permitted to cross at the passes of 1st category.

2° - Persons holding only tessera di frontiera are permitted to cross at the passes of 2nd category.

3° - The mountain summer passes are opened to traffic only during the summer season.

Totale C.C.R.R. 384.
G.G.F.F. 249.

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alle persone munite della sola tessera di frontiera

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Totale	C.C.R.R.	384.
	G.G.F.F.	249.
	P.S.	209.

In Franco-Italian Zone	CCRR	156
	G.G.F.F.	49
	P.S.	64.

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ALCOM CITA AGTRF 10 December 1945

REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS LIGURIA AND PIEDMONT REGIONS
FOR RFSOU

9181 10 DIC. 1945 CONFIDENTIAL

WILL YOU PLEASE REPLY REGARDS NUMBERS OF CARB CRA STFF AND
RE AGENTS REINFORCING FRONTIER DUTY ON FRANCO DASH ITALIAN
FRONTIER WITHIN YOUR RESPECTIVE AREAS PD
PARAN TO REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS LIGURIA AND PIEDMONTE REGIONS
FOR RFSOU FROM ALCOM CITA AGTRF PARAN
PLEASE SHOW NUMBERS SEPARATELY ALSO GIVE LOCATIONS WHERE
POLICE AND TERRORISTS BATTLE PD
HAVE REINFORCEMENTS BEEN RECENTLY SUPPLIED CRA OTHER THAN
FILLING NORMAL WASTAGE AND ARE REINFORCEMENTS CONTEMPLATED
IN THE NEAR FUTURE PD

See tw. 47-49

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ALLIED COMMISSION HEADQUARTERS
CONTROL SECTION
6405

PRIORITY

Public Safety S/C

S. J. LOWER
CWO USA
Asst Adjutant.

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S. J. RYE, Colonel.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AC/14080/6/1/PS 4 December 1945.

DEC 6 1945

SUBJECT : Frontier Control.

TO : Executive Commissioner
Thru - C.A. Section.

1. The following information is submitted respecting the numbers of CC.RR., GG.FF. and P.S. Agents engaged on Frontier Control duty along the Franco-Italian Border:

a) CC.RR.	2 Officers	15 NCOs	335 Car.
b) GG.FF.	557		
c) Agents P.S.	11 Officers	117 Agents.	

2. The above forces are spread over the whole Frontier Area at Posts situated in the under-mentioned Areas: Imperia; Oneglia; Torino; Susa; Aosta; Cuneo and Saluzzo.

3. At the onset the control of the Frontier was under 15th Army Group. It later passed to C.I.C. under the direction of A.F.H.Q. under whose control it has remained until the present time.

4. Public Safety S/C was responsible only for obtaining and sending forward Italian personnel for service and therefore has no record of the actual location of the personnel employed.

E.J.B. Dye. Col.
for JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission

EJB/ds

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Originator's Reference: FX 55073
Date/Time of Origin: NOV 301822A

Message Centre No: G/4747
Date Time Rec'd: DEC 020945A
Precedence: IMPORTANT

DEC 2 1945

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED GITs FHQGT
TO : 2 DISTRICT ALCOM

ACTION

TOP SECRET

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TOP SECRET.

Further to our 53101 of 14 November 45 and our FX 54812 of 28 November 45 (not to 2 District). Subject is withdrawal of Allied Troops from Franco-Italian border. As a result of further representations from the French authorities SAC has agreed that pending the outcome of Intergovernmental discussions on the subject no Italian troops other than Carabinieri will be allowed in the zone 15 miles deep along the Franco-Italian border without his personal authority. This measure is without prejudice to the withdrawal of British troops from duties on the Franco-Italian border with effect from 1 December and it is recognized that until a decision is reached there may be no troops other than Carabinieri in the Frontier Zone.

For ALCOM. You may inform the Italian Government of this temporary measure should you consider it necessary. As this HQ is already dealing with General JUIN it is not considered desirable or necessary to take this matter up with the French representative on ALLIED COMMISSION.

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DIST

ACTION: EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER (2)

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER
POLAD (A)
POLAD (B)
LAND FORCES S/C
C A SECTION
FILE

Note by British ciphers--
This message has been delayed by necessity to obtain a repitition of part.

See 7-13

20 DEC 1945

TOP SECRET

See M.36 38/19

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See 68 Above seen by Ex. Com.
Pl. return in file for action on
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Fm. 2/12.

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See M. 86. 61. 62
See F. 69. 60.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: FX 55074

Date/Time of Origin: 30 1831A

Message Centre No: G/4599

Date Time Rec'd: 01/6204

Precedence: IMPORTANT

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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED

TO : ACTION. AGWAR WASHINGTON CABINET OFFICES LONDON

INFO. 2 DISTRICT ALCOM & USFET

DEC 2 1945

INFO-ACTION

To Agwar for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to Cabinet Offices London for British Chiefs of Staff.

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This is Naf 1096. Reference NAF 1090. After further discussion with General Juin he informs me that the matter of Italian Troops on the Franco-Italian Border is being taken up on Governmental level. I have agreed not to allow Italian Troops other than Caribinieri to enter a 15 mile belt along the Frontier pending discussion of this matter by the Governments concerned. I cannot however defer the withdrawal of Allied Troops from this area any longer and General Juin has been informed accordingly. I am prepared to accept the fact that until a decision is reached there may be no Troops other than Carabinieri in the Frontier Zone.

A.C. DISTRIBUTION

INFO-ACTION - EX COMMISSIONER 2
INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER
POLAD A.
POLAD M.
L. FORCES S/C
C.A. SECTION
FILE

TOP SECRET

1 DEC 1945

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Precedence:

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED

TO : ACTION. AGWAR WASHINGTON CABINET OFFICES LONDON
INFO. 2 DISTRICT ALCOM & USFET

DEC 2 1945

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A.C. DISTRIBUTION

INFO-ACTION - EX COMMISSIONER 2
INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER
POLAD A.
POLAD B.
L. FORCES S/C
C.A.SECTION
FILE

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1 DEC 1945

Paraphrase to Fr Ref.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 0873/34/AC 30 November 1945

SUBJECT: Withdrawal of Allied Troops

TO : FELAD (A)
FELAD (B)
Local Forces H/Q
DA Section
Permit Dep to CO

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Ref AFHQ telegram F 34012 of 25 Nov 45 on the subject of withdrawal of Allied troops from the Friuli-Italian Border.

AFHQ have cancelled this cable by telephone with the Chief Commissioner and new instructions have been requested.

C. R. BRAYBROOKE

Chief Staff Officer
to Executive Commissioner

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: F 54812
Date/Time of Origin: NOV 281526A

SECRET

Message Centre No: G/4538
Date Time Rec'd: NOV 290945A
Precedence: IMPORTANT

NOV 29 1945

FROM: FREEDOM SIGNED SACMED

TO : AICOM

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SECRET.

Reference your 8761 of 26 November.

A similar request for a deferment of withdrawal of Allied troops from the France-Italian border has been received from GENERAL JUIN. GENERAL JUIN is being informed that continued retention of Allied troops on France-Italian frontier is already causing difficulties which cannot be accepted after 1 December. The Supreme Allied Commander much regrets therefore that he is unable to accede to the request for deferment. You should make a similar reply to French representatives on Allied Commission.

HEADQUARTERS 30 NOV 1945 C.A.

LIST

ACTION: EXEC COMMISSIONER

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER
FRENCH REP TO AC
POLAD (A)
POLAD (B)
LAND FORCES S/C
C A SECTION
FILE

SECRET

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YOUR FOX IRAN FIVE THREE ONE ONE THREE OF ONE FOUR NOVEMBER PD

PARTL TO AFHQ FOR ORDER BASE FAVE SUPPLIES FROM FD ALGIERS SERIES STORE GUNS AGRAC PA PARTL

IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED FROM FOREIGN MINISTER BIDAULT THE FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE OF ALLIED COMMISSION HAS ASKED ME TO REPRESENT TO YOU THAT ACTION IN THIS MATTER BE SUSPENDED UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN ABLE TO GIVE IT FURTHER CONSIDERATION PD SINCE US AND FRENCH EMBASSY HERE APPEAR VERY DISTURBED SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF I COULD BE INSTRUCTED

Copy to: French Rep to AC
POLAD (A)
POLAD (B)
LAND FORCES S/C
CA SEC

(See replies to your 2721 of 26/Nov)

BU to CSO for info (30 & 29) on return

Lt. Commander

NAS
(Sgd) M S Lush
Brigadier,

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the French Representative
APO 394

26 Novembre 1945

N° 2721

à M. le Brigadier LUSH
Executive Commissioner de l'A.C.

OBJET : Retrait des troupes alliées de la frontière des Alpes.

Je me réfère à la communication orale que vous m'avez faite le 20 Novembre au sujet du retrait des troupes alliées de la zône des 15 milles le long de la frontière des Alpes.

Suivant les instructions que M. BIDAULT m'a fait tenir, je vous demande de bien vouloir intervenir auprès de AFHQ pour qu'il soit sursis à l'éxécution de cette mesure jusqu'à ce que le Gouvernement Français ait pu considérer la situation.

Le Capitaine de Vaisseau MOULLEC
Représentant Français à la
Commission Alliée

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aer 30

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BC PIEMONTE REGION RPT BC LIGURIA REGION ACTION

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REFERENCE THIS HOW QUEEN SIGNAL KIRT FIVE ZERO EIGHT OF ONE NINE 25

NOVEMBER PD

PASS TO ROGER CHARLIE PIEMONTE REGION RPT ROGER CHARLIE LIGURIA REGION

ACTION FROM HOW QUEEN ALCOM CITY ACEMC PARTN

PLEASE TREAT ABOVE CABLE AS TOP SECRET AND FOR YOUR OWN INFORMATION

Executive Commissioner

300 H. [redacted]

Lt Col.
Chief Staff Officer.

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IG FUGITIVE REGION, IG LEGUNIA REGION ACTION

0506 19 Nov 45 ROUTINE

TOP SECRET (See folio 28)

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OWING TO HEAVY GUARD COMMITMENTS AND REPATRIATION OF UNITED STATES CMA DOMINION AND INDIAN TROOPS APMG NO LONGER ABLE TO MAKE AVAILABLE ALLIED TROOPS FOR DUTIES ON FRANCO ITALIAN FRONTIER ~~[illegible]~~

~~FUGITIVE REGION NOT BORDER CHARGE IN LEGUNIA REGION ACTION PASSES UNDER APMG GREEK ALONE GIVEN ASRAC~~

FOREGOING AUTHORITIES BEING INFORMED THAT ALLIED TROOPS WILL BE WITHDRAWN FROM FRONTIER WEF ONE DECEMBER ONE NINE FOUR FIVE AND THEREAFTER GREEK GENDARMERY WILL BE REPLACED BY ITALIANS FD ITALIAN GOVERNMENT BEING INFORMED

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DUE TO HEAVY FLOOD CONDITIONS AND EVACUATION OF UNITED STATES CIA DEPENDENTS AND ITALIAN TROOPS APPG NO LONGER ABLE TO MAKE AVAILABLE ALLIED TROOPS FOR DUTIES ON FRANCO ITALIAN FRONTIER PARIS TO ROME CHARGE D'AFFAIRES EDDIN RT ROMER CHARGE LEGATION ATHOR PARIS VIA NEW YORK ALGOM CITY ATHO

FRENCH AUTHORITIES BEING INFORMED THAT ALLIED TROOPS WILL BE WITHDRAWN FROM FRONTIER WEF OUR DEPARTURE ONE TIME FOUR FIVE AND THEREAFTER WHERE NECESSARY WILL BE REPLACED BY ITALIANS FD ITALIAN GOVERNMENT FULLY INFORMED

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Executive Commissioner

JOB D. E. [illegible]

Lt Col.
Chief Staff Officer.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: FX 53113
Date/Time of Origin: NOV 14/1818 A

TOP SECRET

Message Centre No: G/3735
Date Time Rec'd: NOV 16/1730
Precedence: PRIORITY

NOV 17 1945

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FWOT

TO : ACWAR WASHINGTON FOR COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF, CABINET OFFICES LONDON FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF: INFO 2 DISTRICT ALCOM (ROME AREA PLS PASS) USFET.

TOP SECRET

INFO Confidential

NREC.

Reference NAF 1010.

This is NAF 1090.

1. Owing to heavy guard commitments and repatriation of U.S. Dominion and Indian Troops I am no longer able to make available Allied Troops for duties on the Franco-Italian frontier.

2. I am informing General JUIN that Allied troops will be withdrawn from the Franco-Italian frontier zone WEF 1 December 45 and that they will be replaced where necessary with Italian Troops.

HEADQUARTERS
NOV 15

C.

A.

TOP SECRET

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INFO ACTION EX COMMISSIONER (2)
INFO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
POLAD (A)
POLAD (B)
MMIA
C AFFAIRS SEC (2)
FILE (2)
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We've informed Italian Govt. Have we told Liguria & Piemonte Regions? Yes See 25 M. 26.27

See 6271

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Ref: 8273/22/30

17th November 1945

Dear Mr Prime Minister,

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I have been requested by Allied Force Headquarters to inform you that as from the 1st of December 1945, Allied troops will be withdrawn from the Franco-Italian Frontier. Thereafter, where necessary, they will be replaced by Italian troops.

The French authorities have been duly informed.

Very truly yours,

HILDY W. STONE,
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Professor Ferruccio Parri,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
ROME.

Copies to:

Foleds (A)
Foleds (B)
Land Forces S/C
GA Sec

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: F 53101

Date/Time of Origin NOV 14/1723 A

Message Centre No: G/3647

Date Time Rec'd: NOV 15/1430 A

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: FREEDOM SIGNED SACMED

TO : 2 DISTRICT ALCOM

NOV 15 1945

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SECRET

Reference F 51737 of 3rd November.

1. French authorities being informed that Allied troops will be withdrawn from FRANCO-ITALIAN frontier WEF 1 December 45 and thereafter where necessary will be replaced by Italians.

2. For AICOM request you inform the Italian Government.

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ACTION KX COMMISSIONER (2)
INFO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
PO LAD (A)
PO LAD (B)
L. FORCES S/C
C A SECTION
FILE

NOTE:- MESSAGE CENTRE HAVE NO TRACE OF CABLE UNDER REFERENCE.

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HEADQUARTERS 15 NOV 1945

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(CAPT DERYBROOKE)

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8273 Ex Commissioner

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TO : ACTION CABINET OFFICES FOR BRITISH C.O.S. INFO BRITMAN WASHINGTON FOR U.S. JOINT C.O.S., ALCOM

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This is MEDCOS 277.

1. In view of the fact that the 2nd Polish Armoured Div which was formed with 2nd Polish Armoured Brigade and 16th Pomorska (Infantry) Brigade was not included in formations listed in para 5 of MEDCOS 272 the following amendment to that para should be made:

Sub para A. Sub para 5A. Amend to read 1 British Division 1 New Zeland Division 1 Indian Division 3 Polish Divisions. Total 6 Divisions.

Sub para B. Sub para 5B. Amend to read 1 British Division 3 Polish Divisions. Total 4 Divisions.

Amended 6/10/45

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
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7 September 45

SUBJECT: Handover of AMG Territory to Italian Administration

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

Reference is made to your cables 3748 of 15 August and 3937 of 20 August 1945.

1. The question of the handover of AMG Territories in Northern ITALY has been referred to the Combined Chiefs of Staff in NAF 1069 and NAF 1071 (copies to you).

2. With regard to the retention in ITALY of 5 Divisions of Allied troops, the views of the SAC on this subject were forwarded to the British Chiefs of Staff in MEDCOS 272 of which you have a copy.

/s/ M. J. Colem Col
for
A. L. HAMBLEN
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

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FROM FREEDOM SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE RHGOT

TO : AMSSO FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF INFO: BRITMAN WASHINGTON FOR US JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF ALCOM

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This is MEDCOS 272. Reference your COSMED 236.

1. My views regarding the forces to be retained in ITALY were set out in NAFS 1013 and 1030. In these signals I recommended that:

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A. An Allied Corps of 2 divisions should be retained in VENEZIA GIULIA until the peace settlement.

B. One Infantry Division and 1 Armoured regiment should be retained in ITALY as a mobile reserve.

2. The above estimate was based on the assumptions that:

A. Almost the whole of ITALY would be returned to the Italian Government by about 30 September.

B. The Italian Government would be given sufficient armed forces to enable them to exercise a reasonable degree of control.

C. Owing to transport and other limitations there would in fact be considerable Allied forces available in ITALY during the period of handing over to the Italian Government and for some time thereafter.

3. My recommendation regarding the date for handing over of the whole of ITALY less certain special areas to the Italian Government were contained in NAF 1069. — Cite 2605 Sec 356

4. My recommendations regarding the Armed Forces required by the Italian Government to enable them to assume effective responsibility for territory returned to them were sent

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in NAFS 1051 and 1059 and provided for an "interim" Italian Army of 140000 which will include 10 internal security brigades 5 combat groups and 1 independent regiment.

5. As far as can be forseen at present and apart from a corps of 2 divisions in VENEZIA-GIULIA the following Allied formations will probably be available in ITALY for internal security;

(See Amdt at 19)

A. Until end October; 1 British division 1 N. Z. division 1 Indian Division ~~2~~ 3 polish divisions. Total ~~5~~ 6 divisions.

B. Until end December 1 British division ~~2~~ 3 Polish divisions. Total ~~3~~ 4 divisions.

6. There is no doubt that the morale of the Italian army is still low desertion high and discontent over question of pay and demobilisation prevalent. All possible steps are being taken to improve this state of affairs but it will take time and if my recommendations regarding dates for handing over to Italian government are accepted the critical transitional period will take place while maximum number of Allied troops remain in the country.

7. Political complications connected with the use of polish troops for internal security are fully appreciated but I consider if serious disorders take place we should be prepared to use Polish rather than keep further Allied troops in ITALY.

8. Serious internal disorder is not likely while forces shown in para 5 remain in ITALY. In any case these forces with those of Italian Government should be adequate to deal with any situation likely to arise. From New year onwards until final effective settlement I consider forces shown in para 1 together with a rehabilitated "interim" Italian Army should be adequate.

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9. I would add that Admiral STARK's memorandum CC1001 of 23 June was considered

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on an Allied basis at this HQ and covering letter 27 july was signed by general MCNARNEY in his capacity acting as Supreme Allied Commander during my absence

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CC 1018 15 June 1945.

JUN 18 1945

SUBJECT: Redeployment of Allied troops in Italy.

TO : Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theater.
Attention: Chief of Staff.

(See 10A)

Confirming the position taken by me at your operational conference yesterday on the subject of redeployment of Allied troops in Italy, I desire to place formally before you the following recommendations:

1. In examining the question of the redeployment and distribution of Allied troops in Italy, consideration must be given to external and internal security and the undoubted duty of the Allied Governments to ensure so far as possible that free elections are held so that the population may express its opinion on (a) the institutional question; and (b) the constitutional government of the country, without fear.

2. Consideration must also be given to the size and location of the Italian land forces.

3. If the proposals for the maintenance of an interim Italian Army of 140,000 submitted in HQ AG memorandum 8251/100/AG of 7 June 1945 are approved, then the following distribution of the troops is recommended:

Combat Groups:	One each in TURIN, MILAN, BRESCIA, UDINE and BOLOGNA.
Internal Security Divisions (Strength 2500 each):	2 Divisions in SICILY. 1 Division in SARDINIA. 1 Division in each of the Military Regions; viz, PALERMO, BARI, NAPLES, ROME, FLORENCE, BOLOGNA, GENOA, TURIN, MILAN, BOLZANO, UDINE.

4. The primary functions of the Combat Groups are for frontier defence and control. The Group at BOLOGNA could be used as a reserve.

5. If the above distribution of the Italian Army is approved, then the maintenance of five Allied Divisions is recommended in addition to the administrative and service units employed in redeployment of personnel and material and exclusive of any Allied forces in

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CC 1018 [illegible] 1945.
Subject: Redeployment of Allied troops in Italy.

VENEZIA GIULIA. Consideration has been given to the fact that Italian troops will not be maintained within 15 miles of the French frontier.

6. It is recommended that one division be placed in each of the following areas: MILAN, PADUA, FLORENCE-BOLOGNA, ROME-NAPLES, BARI.

7. The distribution of troops within these areas is a matter for military consideration. It is obvious, however, that a small force will be needed on the Franco-Italian frontier and possibly in the Southern Tyrol and UDINE. Mobility would be a prerequisite and during the weeks preceding the elections it would be expedient to allow a very wide distribution of troops in order to cover the larger towns and some of the more important rural areas. This would naturally take the form of a special exercise or operation and need not be considered in detail in this memorandum.

8. It is considered that it would be retrogressive to station Allied troops in SARDINIA or SICILY even during the election period. SARDINIA can very well be left to Italian troops and in SICILY, particularly during election times, the employment of Allied troops would be unwise.

9. The role of the Allied troops at all times and especially during the election period would be as representatives of the democracies, and it would be necessary to arrange for special instruction and even training to this end. Intervention in Italian affairs except in the gravest emergency would have to be avoided and the greatest care would have to be taken in the handling of such administrative problems as accommodation, requisitioning, etc. The troops would be not so much forces of occupation in a defeated country but forces of assistance provided by the Allies in order to give confidence to the population and the Government: to strengthen by their presence the authority of the Italian machinery of law and order (but only in exceptional cases to supplant it) and to be used in a last resort to prevent the imposition of radical methods by force.

10. The Allied troops should be maintained in this country until such time as the Italian Army and the forces of public security in Italy can play a competent role in the preservation of security. It is estimated that at the earliest this cannot take place before September 1st, 1946.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

cc: U.S. Ambassador
British Ambassador
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Extract from the Minutes of
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Meeting (Operational) held
at AFHQ on 14th June 1945.

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MINUTE No.4.

4. WITHDRAWAL OF ALLIED FORCES FROM ITALY.

(JPS Study No. P/299 (Final).

THE CONFERENCE had before them a paper examining the effect of withdrawal of United States and British Forces from ITALY in the light of the commitment necessary for Allied occupational and security requirements, recommending that a signal be despatched to the Combined Chiefs of Staff outlining the views of the Supreme Allied Commander in this regard.

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER was of the opinion that the largest Allied commitment in ITALY between the present time and the signing of the Peace Treaty would be in the VENEZIA GIULIA region. This would require a force of a Corps Headquarters and two divisions, one of which would be British. Since the occupational commitment was an Allied one, he considered that the other Division should be American. In Northwest ITALY, it would be advisable to maintain there a force of one Division. For this, Polish troops would be available, but he questioned the political advisability of employing them in this region. However, it was possible that one of the two Divisions now in GREECE could, if the situation required, be brought to ITALY and employed there after the Greek election. He believed that the Italian Army could be invaluable in maintaining security elsewhere in ITALY and therefore its training and re-arming should continue as rapidly as possible.

GENERAL McNARNEY stated that if present redeployment plans were carried out, no United States Divisions would remain in the theater after November, but he was prepared to recommend that the 10th Mountain Division remain as the United States commitment of one division in Northeast ITALY. He suggested that the matter of occupational forces should be re-examined in four or five months, at which time revised recommendations [illegible]

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REAR ADMIRAL STONE stated that he had discussed the occupational forces required to maintain law and order with the United States and British Ambassadors to ITALY, who were of the opinion that the force should consist of five Divisions in addition to the present Italian Gruppi. It was their belief that this occupational force should be maintained for at least one year after all territory had been handed back to the Italian Government, or until approximately September 1946. As long as large Allied forces were present in ITALY, Communist elements would remain in the background, but would attempt to seize power as soon as Allied forces were withdrawn. He considered that a free election was imperative to the Italians and that this would never be held as long as conditions were unsettled.

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ADMIRAL CUNNINGHAM expressed the opinion that ports should not be turned back to the Italian Government unless they had sufficient troops to deal with any strikes or outbreaks. He considered that sufficient United States and British forces should be retained on Italian territory so long as Italian forces remained unable to deal with any uprisings which might occur on the islands or mainland. Moreover, within a short time there would be no amphibious craft left in the theater to enable a rapid transfer of land forces to be effected to areas in which protection or support is required, and he believed that it was desirable to prevent outbreaks rather than to bring forces in afterwards for the purpose of quelling them, as had been necessary in GREECE. However, even a small occupational force could have a steadying effect on the population.if it were frequently moved about the country.

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THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:-

Directed the Chief of Staff:

a. To revise the draft signal to the Combined Chiefs of Staff in the light of the discussion above, and subsequently to despatch it.

b. To conduct an examination of the question of organising a central mobile reserve in EUROPE which could be called upon by the several Allied Commands to assist in maintaining law and order when needed, and to submit a report to him of his findings.

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5. If the above distribution of the Italian Army is approved, then the maintenance of five Allied Divisions is recommended in addition to the administrative and service units employed in redeployment of personnel and material and exclusive of any Allied forces in VENEZIA GIULIA. Consideration has been given to the fact that Italian troops will not be maintained within

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15th June 1945.

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EXTRACT FROM LETTER TO MR. H. MORRISON

Ref: 1BD/BC

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10th June 1945.

"I have before me your telegrams 141 and 143.

With regard to electoral lists, the position is that the Allied Commission has informed the Italian Government that their present system of preparation of electoral lists is so cumbrous and impracticable that the Allied Commission does not intend to instruct its Regional Commissioners in AMG territory to take any action. I am asking the Chief Commissioner to have a meeting on this matter at the earliest possible moment because I am convinced that we must get on with the question of elections.

With regard to consultation by the Allied command on the movement of Italian troops, I wrote a letter to the Admiral on May 31st suggesting that he must press for consultation on movements and locations of all troops and he spoke to AFHQ who said that the movement of troops was a matter for 5th Army and that Hume would be consulted and it was up to 5th Army AMG to put up any protests. This is merely passing the buck and is most unsatisfactory. I will have a further talk with the Admiral tomorrow."

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HQ IV CORPS FROM HOPKINSON
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Col FISKE reports that there have been minor incidents between troops of FOLGORE GRUPPO who were recently moved into BOLZANO Province and German speaking population. Although it appears to be nothing serious at present I think it is a good instance of a case in which ALLIED COMMISSION ought to have been consulted by Allied command before and on political aspects of movement of Italian troops. You may care to take up question of principle using above as example.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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CC 0950

2nd June 1945.

My dear Admiral,

(1)

I sent you a telegram the other day regarding the location of Allied and Italian troops and recommending that you should insist on consultation in this post-hostilities period. It is the custom in any civil administration for the civil side of Government to be consulted and to have a great say in the location of troops. They must be in the best position to advise on locations from the point of view of internal security. In this country we have reached the stage where civil administration must take priority. There are many political and administrative problems of which the Military Commanders cannot be as cognisant as you and whether the location of troops is to be temporary or permanent, the Chief Civil Affairs Officer must in my opinion be consulted.

A case in point is the withdrawal of Allied troops from the northern areas of Bolzano Province and the replacement by the Volghera Italian Division. So far as I know, no Provincial Commissioner was consulted on this point and the Provincial Commissioner, Bolzano, is definitely of the opinion that the location of the Italian Division amongst the rural South Tyrolean population of Bolzano Province at this moment is a mistake and will cause resentment and possible disorder. However accurate his forecast may be, he certainly should have been consulted and as it affects a matter of the highest policy, so, I think, should you.

I think this is a matter which should be taken up personally with the Supreme Allied Commander for anything put in writing may cause resentment to the Military Commanders. But I do consider it a matter of the highest importance and I am recommending a principle which is accepted in all civil administrations.

We have got to persuade the Military Commanders that civil necessity and political considerations are now paramount, or at any rate must be considered on an equality with military considerations and that you are the Chief Civil Affairs Officer to the Supreme Allied Commander.

Yours sincerely

Mason MacFarlane.

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, USNR,
Chief Commissioner,
Headquarters,
Allied Commission, APO 394.

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Personal from LUSH to STONE.

I submit that it is important you as CCAC should be consulted before dispositions of Allied and Italian troops in N. ITALY are determined. We could then avoid difficultion which may arise for instance from location of Italian troops in BOLZANO and near French frontier. HOPKINSON will clarify on arrival ROME tomorrow.

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