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WAR MATERIAL DISPOSAL & ITALIAN POW SUBCOMMISSION
OCT. 1944 - DEC. 1945

(69)

SEP 19 1967
L.H. 1

Chief Commissioner:

approval
Attached is submitted for your signature
information

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Para 3 which has been under difficulty
but as G.C. works under the name of *W. J. G. W. J. G.*

(72)

Note

by 67-

Spoke Dobbs MIA: no answer yet:
will expedite. *QRB 2/10*

(73)

Note

as min. 72 *QRB 10/10*
B.U. 17/10

(74)

Note

as min 72 *QRB 22/10*

(75)

C.S.D.

Pse see 75 for info: it is a long 55 pages
answer to 67.

QRB 23/10

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UIC 2/10

will expect.

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Note

as min. 72 CDB 10/10
D.V. 17/10

(74)

Note

as min 72 CDB 22/10

(76)

CSD. Re see 75 for info: it is a long 550 pages answer to 67.

CDB 23/10

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CSD.

Re see 77 for info: no comment!
CDB 6/10

V.P. Est. Sec.

For action - i.e. discuss ways & means

with WND Sub Com, Econ Sec, RDP R & submit

the proposal to me please.

DS/3/8

Explain.

SL

For your consideration please see files 55

at 20/8

\$ 63

Explain

CCI approved 7 Jan memo at

60 in at bot.

DS 3/8 DS 3/8

For your consideration please see folio 55

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aka 25/8

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Explain

CCI approved 94m memo at
60 4 at 61.

Si 3/8 MS 3/8

69.

Explain Ref 67, it is CCI 5/8

Si 13/9.

Q. 10. To your info:-
Min 78 to be shown to C.C. in accordance with
Min. 74. - (47)

28/7

E. Com. 78 (49)

CC should see minute 78 47.

What is CA Campbell's disagreement
with B Gen Mackenzie's 72 45? agree but
CA Campbell.

28/7

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Chief Commissioner.

1. V.P. Economic Section reiterates a recommendation made by the ManPower Committee on August 27th 1944. Your ruling at that time was to withhold a decision pending a report from the W.M.D. Sub-Commission with respect to question of war materials disposed.
2. Tacit agreement has since been made to the retention of the Sub-Commission as an independent unit.
3. The case for its retention as such is that it was started as a purely military organisation and deals with military material and military units. In AFHQ signal PX 45373 of 30.10.44. dealing with demilitarisation, it was specifically specified as continuing as a military organisation. If the Economic Section is to be civilianised and possibly finally to disintegrate the W.M.D. would presumably then be withdrawn and become once more independent.
4. But the disposal of war materials which now includes military and civilian materials, has now become so closely connected with the economy of Italy that I agree that the time has now come to remove from it the functions of I.P.O.W., and to place it within the Economic Section.
5. The I.P.O.W. functions ought to be the responsibility of M.M.I.A., but as A.F.H.Q. in their wisdom have rejected this proposal, they should come under D.P.R. Sub-Commission.

E.C.
1st August, 1945.

SI
Approved
Pls implement

MSZ
Brigadier.
Executive Commissioner.

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EWS/KC

MINUTES

(47)

The proposal put forward by Economic Section that WMD S/C should become part of the Supply Division of the Economic Section, has been previously considered, but was turned down. Ref. your 9006/31/C.O.S. dated 9 Jan. 45.

Whilst it is agreed that close co-ordination is necessary particularly in respect of the disposal of captured Italian civilian material, it is pointed out that, as WMD S/C is merely the authority for channelling such material, then by proper coordination speedy disposal of material should not be difficult.

There are however many other factors to be taken into consideration,

a) The S/C has been since its inception a purely military organisation, and has worked as an independent Sub-Commission. Moreover in AFHQ signal F.X. 45873 dated 30 Oct. 44 which was the authority for implementation of new policy towards Italy, it was specifically stated War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission would remain a military organisation.

b) At the recent conference held at AFHQ it was agreed that battlefield clearance was to be a military responsibility, though Army Districts, Areas and P.R.S. who will dispose of surplus property to A.C. through WMD S/C.

c) In addition to the foregoing this Sub-Commission is at present augmenting its staff, has established a Northern Headquarters and attached technical officers to various Regional Headquarters, in the North, to deal with disposal of both civilian and war material in accordance with directives issued by higher authority.

d) It is felt that a change in the basic organisation of the War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission in its present transitional stage would only lead to confusion and a consequent lack of efficiency on the part of the staff.

e) It is understood that it is the intention that the Economic Section should become civilianised at an early date. It is therefore considered that the disposal agency of the Commission must of necessity have a big military element.

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J. A. Campbell
J. A. CAMPBELL
Lieut.-Colonel
Director
WMD & IFCW Sub-Com.

27 July 1945

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COS

~~55~~ (43)

To see folio ~~54~~ ⁽⁴¹⁾ - Confirmation of AFHQ's disapproval of proposed transfer of Italian Prisoner of War S/c to Land Forces S/c.

FW
6 Feb.

~~56~~ (43)

Direct of POW S/c

14. See p ~~54~~ ⁽⁴¹⁾ for information

6/2/45

Fuller War
14.0.45

See Thank you
J. Campbell
14.0.45

~~57~~ (44)

Land Forces S/c

To info ~~54~~ ⁽⁴¹⁾ pl

7/2/45

Fuller War
14.0.45

File 900/45

Sin, Ref. Min ~~74~~ ⁽⁵⁰⁾ above - the 66 seeks to have your comments on ~~Vol 105~~ ⁽⁴⁶⁾ ~~47 48 49~~ ⁽⁴⁵⁾ for 8504

900/45 *K* 24/7

Chief of Staff.

1. I spoke to you on the proposed taking over of certain functions of the WMD Sub-Commission by the Commerce Sub-Commission this morning. Economic Section's comments were submitted on the 21 December (folios 33 - 38). In 28 Col. Densmore asks for a decision on this point and states that the WMD Sub-Commission are not in agreement with Economic Section.

2. On 23 December Lt.Col. Campbell comments on the Economic Section's proposals and gives his reasons for disagreeing with them. (Folios 31 and 32). This was submitted to you (Minute 29) on 22 December and you mentioned it to the Manpower Committee. There has been no Manpower Committee meeting since that date and Lt.Col. Campbell is pressing for a decision on this point as soon as possible.

3. I think there is a good deal to be said on both sides and suggest that a meeting be held, if possible to-morrow, between Economic Section, Commerce Sub-Commission, WMD Sub-Commission and Lt.Col. Jones, with yourself to give a decision. Both parties can submit their points of view and the matter be settled then and there.

4. You said that you wanted to see the papers before the meeting. If you will agree in principle I will summon the meeting at any time that suits you.

W. Shipp

Lt. Col.
C.S.O.
to C.O.S.

4 January 1945.

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G. L. B. You had a point to raise on this problem. Please record it. *MS (7/1/45)*

Chief of Staff

My recommendation was that the Manpower Committee should not discuss the War Material section until the I.P.W. question has been dealt with by A.P.W.C.

I now understand that no further action is being taken at present.

10.1.45

30. (38)
D. M. J. Sub Com. re: J. Jones
W. Shipp

4/12. L. M. M. - Please arrange a
meeting in accordance with meeting
(29) Mr. Lee Brown;
Bry. W. Johnson
Lee Campbell. at any time
acceptable to them. (except 9-11 5/12) 7

C.O.S.

Re folio 28 -- The Economic Section is requesting that the responsibility for "Materials Allocation" be vested in the Commerce Subcommittee and not War Materials Disposal S/C. This request is based on a sound, logical, functional analysis of Commerce S/C's normal, routine operations. Its daily concern with civilian economy and regular contact with the Italian Government on such matters, particularly those involving allocation and disposition of materials and resources, indicate the soundness of the request.

Such a move is believed to be directly in line with the "no-organization Committee" policy of consolidating and eliminating all possible work duplication in the Commission. Approval is accordingly recommended.

Sec. Manpower Comm. to circulate documents

or put on Agenda for next meeting 1/25/2011

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22/12/44

To: C. of S.

Ref. Minute 17

1. The many sides to the question of Italian PW cannot be picked up in a day, and it is, in my opinion, only by study and after experience, that anyone can hope to do justice to a subject which is a heartbreak from all angles.
2. I cannot see how by passing the handling of Italian PW to the Land Forces Sub-Commission helps. If it is necessary that every approach to the Italian War Ministry goes through MMIA, then let a liaison officer from MMIA be attached to the Sub-Commission for that purpose. I can assure you that not even 10% of the work on Italian PW from the AC angle concerns the Ministry of War, who only handle the question at the stage when PW status ceases.
3. It is extremely difficult to paint the picture in a few words. I would state that, in my opinion, the work falls under the following headings:
 - 50% - Italian High Commissioner for PW. (Separate office entirely from the War Ministry.)
 - 20% - Civilians. (Have no connection with Land Forces Sub-Com.)
 - 10% - Political. do.
 - 10% - Italian War Ministry. (MMIA.)
 - 10% - Army and other Commands. (No necessity to go through MMIA.)
4. Considering the amount of work and the number of hours that have been put into the study and organising the PW side of the Sub-Commission, now that it has just got under way on more or less oiled wheels, with a civilian team of 18 helping in the work, I consider to pass it to Land Forces who have asked for 5 Allied officers and 6 Service clerks plus civilians? to do what I am doing with 5 Allied officers and share of 4 Service clerks, is hardly constructive.
5. Proceeding to the MM side of the Sub-Commission.
I consider that to pass disposal of War Material to the Economic Section is not economic. I understand that Industry Sub-Com. would be responsible, and would have to set up a special division to handle the matter. I put my suggestions on the disposal of War Material up to Economic Section a few days ago, and believe they are inclined to agree. It made the WD Sub-Com. the sole AC agency to deal with the disposal of all War Material COLLECTED (this involves the handling of 1000 to 1500 Italian Service personnel) or offered to the AC through Allied Army channels. The disposal to be done through a Disposal and Priorities Committee set up within the AC, - the WD Sub-Com. to apportion the material according to bins, - any controversial questions to be decided by C. of S. or C.C.
I trust that before any decision is made with regards to abolishing the Sub-Commission, that the C. of S. and the C.C. will satisfy themselves that the suggestion and concurrence to abolish the Sub-Com. comes from a source which has knowledge and is conversant with the work which has and is being done by the Sub-Commission. I do not think that this is the case.

D. G. Campbell
Lieut. Colonel.
WD & IPW Sub-Com.

30 Nov. 44.

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Lieut. Colonel.
MD & IZM Sub-Com.

30 Nov. 44.

III (19)

COS Please note min ⁽¹⁸⁾ *JBS, Dec*

III (20)

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D.C.S. Est.

Please confer with CAS, Genl F. Sub. Com. &

9PW & IZM Sub Com submit recommendations where

we can send to AFHQ (if required)

WY 2/1/44

A/C.O.S.

27.13

(10) (under)

1. Reference my minute at ~~17~~ ¹⁰ and General Browning's appreciation on taking over the repatriation of ex-Italian Army personnel, I recommend that a letter should be sent to ~~17~~ ¹⁰ asking them to approve the necessary extra personnel. You might, however, first wish to have a talk with General Browning himself who will, I understand, be back about the end of next week.

2. At Page 17 (para 6) General Browning recommends the abolition of the I.P.W. part of the W.M.D. and I.P.W. Sub-Commission. He would presumably use the personnel so saved to offset his extra requirements. If this proposal is agreed to, it would seem logical to abolish the W.M.D. part of the Sub-Commission, which could be absorbed by Economic Section. D.C.O.S. Economic Section is willing to do this now. A similar proposition for the abolition of the W.M.D. and I.P.W. Sub-Commission was first put forward at the Manpower Committee meeting in August but although Economic Section were then, as now, willing to absorb the functions of the W.M.D. Sub-Commission, General Browning was not willing to take over the prisoner of war functions. Now that his objection is removed, there seems no reason why the original plan should not be carried out.

W.D. Huppston

9 Nov 44.

2 Decos Gen Browning's minute (27) 14

I cannot but point to the date. What action has taken

place. There is none on record.

175/241

Decos Cts

(15)

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4-8

Will you read 17-18 & let me have your comments

175/241

To C.O.S.

(16)

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I entirely concur with the recommendation made

in para 2 of minute 27.13.

Although Transit camps may require Allied personnel

DEOS (29) (14)
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MS/24/11

DEOS CATS (15) #
 4-6
 Will you read to 78 & let us hear your comments
 MS/24/11

To C.O.S.

(16) #

I entirely agree with the recommendations made

in para 2 of minute ~~27~~ (13).

Although Transit camps may require armed personnel
 I cannot see why Evacuee from Depto should do so.

SP/24/11

22.10.51

Dis.

7 P.D. & W.D. Sub Com.

(17) #

May I hear your comments

MS/25/11

C.O.S. 4-9

1. Pages 14-19 give General Browning's views on what he needs in the way of personnel if he is to handle the reception and dispersal of Italian P.W. generally. The handling of the party on Greece will be done by him as ordered, but he requires the matter put on a proper footing for the future.

2. These requirements are summarised as follows:-

A In Appendix A

5 Officers	}	At HQ AG,
6 Other Ranks		
Civilian Staff		

as an addition to the Land Forces Sub-Commission.

B Appendix B

10 Officers for Transit Camps and Base Depots

3. I think 'A' above is not unreasonable, but question the need for Allied Officers in 'B'. I think Italian officers could do this work and Lt Colonel Campbell, who has previously been responsible for the same kind of work in the Past, is in agreement. Lt Colonel Ingledeu (Land Forces S.C.) says, however, Allied Officers are essential.

4. In paragraph 6 of his letter (folio 27) General Browning suggests the abolition of the P.W. part of "P.W. and W.M.D. Sub-Commission." I think that this needs further discussion.

5. General Browning went away yesterday for two weeks. I think that his desire to get the matter on a sound footing from the beginning is quite right, but before forwarding any request to AFHQ for extra personnel I would like to get the views of (a) C.A. Section and (b) P.W. Sub-Commission.

May I discuss this with you tomorrow morning?

2 November 44.

D.C.O.S.

C.A.S.

To work out with Land Forces Sub-Com.

MSL. 2.11.44.

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"see" = (unreferred)

8/11 noted. 4.

20/11/44

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

20 December 1945

EXECUTIVE ORDERS)

DEC 27 1945

NUMBER 35)

REALLOCATION OF THE FUNCTIONS OF ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR
DIVISION

With effect from 25 October 1945 the Italian Prisoners of War Division ceased to be attached to the Civil Affairs Section, and was attached for duty to the Land Forces S/C (MIA).

Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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My dear Jack:

November 1945.

I have hard news to give to you and that being so I want to give it to you myself. For you are one of the old hands in the Commission and we have worked together closely since the beginning. Your Sub-Commission, which you have run so well, began by being independent. For administrative reasons and because the scope of your work had altered as circumstances changed in this country, I found it necessary to bring it into the ambit of the Economic Section. I know that you found that change difficult to bear and I appreciate the way you have accepted the change and worked loyally in the Economic Section. Now I have to tell you of another change which I have decided to make, again because circumstances make it desirable.

The removal of the Allied Commission from the channels for disposal of US and UK surplus and salvage leaves the Allied Commission only in the channel for the transfer of captured material of civil character from the several military commands to the Italian Government. It is expected that these important transfers will be so arranged and expedited, under existing directives, that the minimum of time will elapse before putting the materials, valuable to the Italian economy, into the hands of representatives of the Italian Government.

This being the case, and I am convinced that it will be the case, and in view of the policy to consolidate and concentrate the Allied Commission, I have taken the decision to convert the War Materials Disposal S/C from the executive status of a Sub-Commission into a staff branch of the Economic Section. The branch will be known as the Captured Enemy Materials Branch.

I am going to ask you to continue in charge of this branch for although, as with many other Sub-Commissions, the functions thereof may decrease, there is still valuable work to be done and I want you to continue to help me in doing it. I may say that this change is simultaneous with several other realignments of Sub-Commissions such as Food with Agriculture, Industry with Commerce, which are all part and parcel of the policy I have mentioned above.

I need not tell you that the implied reduction in status of your Sub-Commission is no reflection of your abilities as Director of the War Materials Disposal S/C and I want to thank you for the splendid work you have put in, not only in this Sub-Commission but also for your work for the Italian R. Then changes have to be made and organizations constructed, many of us must often feel that our work has not been appreciated. I want you to know that this is not the case with you and that in every field of your work, the accomplishments of yourself and your officers have earned the gratitude of myself and the Allied Commission. You have done a great job of work for us and I hope you will continue to help Harland Cleveland and myself in the future.

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Sincerely yours,

1st Major W. Stone

Major W. Stone,
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Lt. Col. J. A. Campbell,
War Materials Disposal Sub-Com.

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ALLIED FORCE AND WARREN
AFG 512

DCM/gs

AG 385.6 385.0

AP-777
19 October 1945

SUBJECT: Responsibility for Repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War

TO: Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
AFG 512
FROM: Land Forces Sub Commission (LEHA)

1. Effective 25 October 1945, such Allied responsibilities as exist in the reception and disposal of repatriated Italian prisoners of war will rest with LEHA, which will thereafter deal directly with the Italian Ministry of War in these matters.

2. Effective that date, LEHA will assume responsibility for the following:

a. Represent to higher and other headquarters, requests (if any) from the Italian Ministry of War for Allied assistance where Italian military resources are insufficient to cope with the number of P/W being repatriated at any one time, e.g. requests for the use of transport, handing over of buildings requisitioned by the Allies, and camp equipment for reception centres etc.

b. Complete arrangements with Allied Commission for the feeding of repatriated Italian P/W from civilian ration stocks prior to re-enlistment or demobilization.

c. Insure that arrangements are made by the Italian Ministry of War and Territorial Headquarters for the taking over of the P/W at ship-side (and/or railway terminals), at which point respective US and British responsibility cease.

3. Effective that date, Allied Commission will transfer to LEHA the personnel of the Italian Prisoners of War Division.

4. The primary task of LEHA remains the direction and training of the new Italian Army and the new commitment must not interfere with the performance of this task.

BY COMMAND OF THE ACTING SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

Copy to: 11065 4C
(Maj Hamilton)

G. T. CHRISTENSEN
Colonel, AGP
Adjutant General

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Economic Section

Ref: 1.11/ES

17 September 1945

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NUMBER 22)

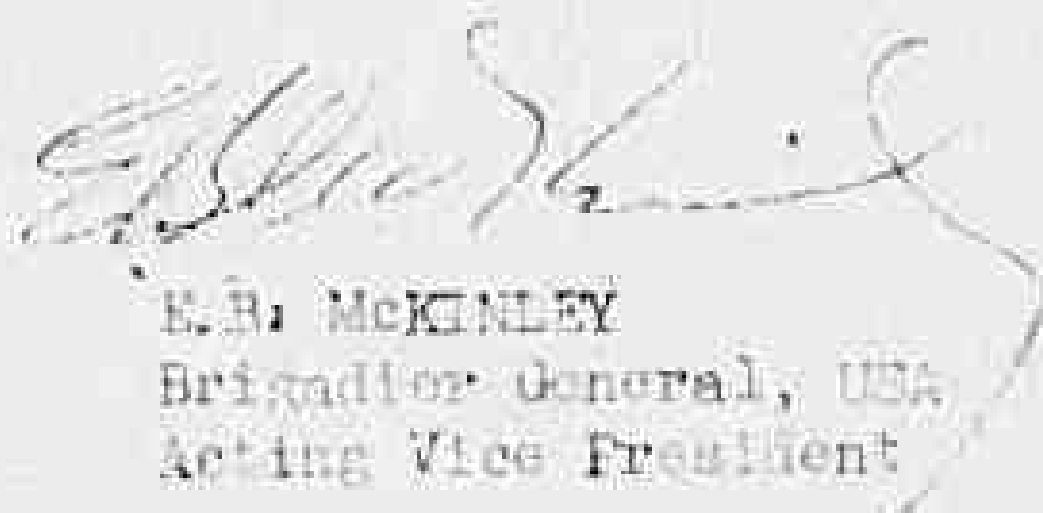
SEP 1945

WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL SUB-COMMISSION

E/S Memorandum No. 21, dated 11 September 1945 is hereby revoked and the following substituted therefor:

1. Announcement is made of the assignment of the War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission to the Supply Division, Economic Section for administrative and operational purposes, effective 17 September 1945.

2. The Director, War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission will report to the Chief, Supply Division, for instructions.


E.B. MCKINLEY
Brigadier General, USA
Acting Vice President

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P.A. Smith

(Capt. Anderson)

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

11 September 1945

SEP 13 1945

ES MEMORANDUM
NUMBER 21)

WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL SUB-COMMISSION

Announcement is made of the assignment, retroactive as of 25 August 1945, of the War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission to the Supply Division Economic Section for administrative and operational purposes.

The Director, War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission will report to the Chief, Supply Division, for instructions.

E. B. McKinley
E. B. McKINLEY
Brigadier General, USA
Acting Vice President

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(Capt Arnold)

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Ex. Comm. 61

SEP 12 1945

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SUBJECT:- Italian P.O.W.

Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C.
M.M.I.A.
R O ME
A/OLO

11 September 1945

TO : G3 (Org) AFHQ (for Brig. J. D'A ANDERSON, DSO)

1. I attach a copy of a letter 9007/EC of 5 Sep from Chief Commissioner A.C., which affects the new W.E. of M.M.I.A. which Major General WARD and I discussed in detail recently.
2. The background of all this as you know, is in AFHQ File AG 091.711/115 SAC-0 (referred to in para 1 of Chief Commissioners letter).
3. If it is AFHQ's order that I take over this extra civilian commitment, I shall need the 4 officers and 3 EM/OR's added to my W.E.
4. May I have Major General WARD's decision.

12 SEP 1945

Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to:- G3 AFHQ
HQ Allied Commission

Spoke to A. C. ...
Who stated no reply yet received.

See min 72

& B.V. 10/10

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

Ref: 9007/EC

5 September 1945.

SUBJECT: Italian POW Division.

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

1. In my 3251/170/AC of 24 May 45, para 4(a), addressed to AFHQ, copy to you, I recommended that the Division of the War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission known as the Italian POW Division should be taken over by your Sub-Commission forthwith, and gave reasons therefor. AFHQ replied in their AG 091.711/115 SAC-O of 10 July 45, para 6, that this transfer would be a matter of domestic arrangement when AFHQ passed from under direct operational control of AFHQ.

2. As you know it is intended that the operational control of the Italian Army should pass to the Italian Government by 30 September.

3. For administrative reasons it has been found necessary to divorce the Italian POW Division from the War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission and at the present time it forms part of the Civil Affairs Section as a separate Division. It is my intention as soon as the turnover to the Italian Government of the Northern Regions has been completed, gradually to reduce the responsibilities of the Civil Affairs Section and as from 30 September I must ask you to take over the responsibility for the Italian POW Division together with any officers who may be necessary for that Division at that time. At the present moment the Division consists of 4 officers, 3 WO/GRs and 12 civilian clerks.

4. The Division is at present continuing its delegation of responsibility to the High Commissioner for Italian POW and by the end of the month this delegation should have been considerably increased, although it will not be completed. You should therefore make arrangements for the inclusion of a small group of officers for this work in any new WF that you may be considering for the future of the Land Forces Sub-Commission (AFHQ) and I would suggest that your staff should consult with the Italian POW Division of the CA Section to this end.

5. I fully realise your objection to the assumption of further responsibilities in connection with the work of your Sub-Commission but without repeating the arguments put forward previously I consider that the responsibility of supervising the work of that section of the Ministry for War which deals with repatriated Italian POW cannot be avoided.

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ELMER W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Copy to: G-5, AFHQ
CA Section

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Off of the Chief Commissioner.

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Ref: 2231/EC.

September 1945.

SUBJECT: Italian POW Division.

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

dated 24. May. 45

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ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USAR
Chief Commissioner

Copy to: CA Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

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32 August 1945

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Subject: WED/IPW Sub-Commission
To: Executive Commissioner

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Your memorandum, Ref: 9007/60/26, dated 9 August 1945,
is approved.

W. H. Starn
WILLIAM H. STARN
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Copy to: VP, Exec Sec
VP, CA Sec
VP, Est Sec
WED/IPW Sub-Com

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Ref: 9007/60/EC.30 August 1945.SUBJECT: WMD/IPW Sub-Commission.

TO : Chief Commissioner.

I have just had a meeting to settle the split up of the War Materials Disposal and Italian Prisoner of War Sub-Commission. The following decisions were taken subject to your approval:

- (1) Lieut. Colonel CAMPBELL (B) with 17 officers (8 British/9 US) will form the War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission of the Economic Section. 8 of these will form HQ in ROME, 6 in MILAN, and 4 in the field. 9 British officers are now in the Sub-Commission: 6 US officers including a Deputy Director will have to be found. Colonel Parkin has directions on this.
- (2) An Italian Prisoners of War Division will be set up in the Civil Affairs Section under Lieut. Colonel REGIS (A) as chief of the Division, and 4 officers. 3 of these officers are now with the Division and a British Major is to be appointed. G-1(B) has directions on this point.
- (3) The date will be 1st September with agreement that there shall be a physical overlap of 7-10 days.
- (4) I propose to return to the charge with AFHQ on transferring the responsibility for Italian POW to the Land Forces Sub-Commission. It is abundantly clear from our experiences in the last 6 months that this should be done.

MSL/JG.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: VP, Econ Sec
VP, CA Sec
VP, Int Sec
WMD/IPW Sub-Com

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL
SUB-COMMISSION

ADM/51/88

29 August 1945

SUBJECT: Redesignation of War Materials Disposal and Italian Prisoners of War Sub-Commission and Reallocation of its functions.

TO : Executive Commissioner. — (55)

Further to my ADM/87 dated 27 August 1945.

1. It has been essential that certain members of the Sub-Commission should combine both WMD and IPW subjects in their daily work, and for this reason the split is a little involved.
2. I have shown the set-up of the Sub-Commission, together with my suggestions for the split, on attached charts 'A' and 'B'.
3. It will be seen, that on the split, both divisions become short of personnel, and as the strength of the Sub-Commission has always been kept at a bare minimum, in my opinion it is necessary for both officer and other personnel to be made up before the actual hand-over takes place.
4. There are a number of outstanding questions on IPW which I think require clearing, and for this reason I suggest that the location of both divisions remain at their present locations, at least until 14 September 1945, so that I may clarify and clear up with General Mannerini all outstanding questions.
5. I do wish to press the point that, if both divisions are to work satisfactorily, it is essential that the staffs should be made up forthwith.

See 60

J.A. Campbell
J.A. CAMPBELL,
Lieut.-Colonel,
Director,
WMD Sub-Com.

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CHART "A"

TAB OF ORGANISATION - AS AT 1 SEPTEMBER

WMD & IPW

Director

Lieut. Col. J. A. CAMPBELL

Dep. Director

Lieut. Col. J. E. REGIS

Officers

IPW

WMD

Maj. BATES

Capt. DAVIES

Lt. PHILLIPS

Lt. PINE-COFFIN

Rome

Capt. BROODBANK

Lieut. TOR

Capt. HALL - (att. Lombardia Region)

- * Maj. HAMILTON } not yet reported
- * Capt. BALFOUR }

Major DREW } Milan Office

Major STRACHAN-AUDAS }

Capt. BOOTH - Milan (Att. Lombardia Region)

Maj. ROWORTH - (orders to send to H.E.T.D.)

Allied Clerical Personnel

SQMS McNEIL) Joint
Sgt. Allen

Pfc. Tochteman - WMD

Pfc. Ianni - WMD

Pfc. Middlebrook - IPW

Short of 1 S/Sgt and

2 EM/OR

Civilian Clerical Staff

Major Bingham
Capt. BOOTH - Milan (Att. Lombard
Region)
- (orders to send
to R.E.T.D.)

Allied Clerical Personnel

SQMS McNEIL) Joint
Sgt. Allen
Pfc. Tocuterman - WMD
Pfc. Ianni - WMD
Pfc. Middlebrook- IPW
Short of 1 S/Sgt and
2 EM/OR

, Civilian Clerical Staff

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CHART "B"

TABLE OF ORGANISATION - SUGGESTED

W M D

Officers

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Lt. Col. J. A. CAMPBELL B-
To be provided (3)
Major BATES (3)
Major HAMILTON (3)
Major DREW (3)
Major STRACHAN-AUDAS (3)
Major ROWORTH (3)
Major KIRKLEIGH ✓ A }
Major GOLDSMITH ✓ A }
Major LOEB A }
Capt. BROWN (or another) A }
Capt. DAVIES (3)
Capt. BAILEY (3)
Capt. BOOTH (3)
Lieut. PHILLIPS (3)
Lieut. PINE-COFFIN (3)

Director
Dep. Director
Rome
Not yet reported
Milan
Milan
orders to send to R.E.T.D.
are being assigned from 5 Army
to continue WMD work as at
present

Rome
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Milan (Att. Lombardia Region)
Rome

Allied Clerical Personnel

SQMS McNEIL - Chief Clerk (Rome)
1 Sgt to be provided-Asst. Chief Clerk (Essential)
Pfc. Ianni - Rome
Pfc. Tochterman - Rome
2 EM/GRs (to be provided) - Rome
1 Col/L. Co. to be provided) - Milan
1 EM/OR

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Officers

Lt. Col. J. E. REGIS A
1 Major to be provided B
Capt. BROOKEBANK B
Capt. HALL G
Lieut. TOR A

-Director
Dep. Director
Rome
Att. Lombardia Region
Rome

Allied Clerical Personnel

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1 S/Sgt (to be provided) - Chief Clerk (Essential)
Sgt. Allen - Asst. C/Clerk

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SQMS McNEIL - Chief Clerk (Rome)
1 S/C to be provided - Asst. Chief Clerk (Essential)
Pfc. Ianni - Rome
Pfc. Tochterman - Rome
2 EM/ORs (to be provided) - Rome
1 Col/L. Cp) to be provided) - Milan
1 EM/CR

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Officers

Lt. Col. J. E. REGIS A B - Director
1 Major to be provided B Den. Director
Capt. BROODBANK B Rome
Capt. HALL B Att. Lombardia Region
Lieut. TOR A Rome

Allied Clerical Personnel 5045

1 S/Sgt (to be provided) - Chief Clerk (Essential)
Sgt. Allen - Asst. C/Clerk
Pfc. Middlebrook

3 Clerk

Civilian Clerical Personnel

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NOTE: WMD

1. The S/C is under strength
8 Officers;-
4 are promised from 5 Army
2 are marked -
2 are urgently required for Milan Office
2. Italian Civilian Personnel are not included (at present 18/20) (includes Milan Office)

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APO 394
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL
SUB-COMMISSION

AIM/87

27 August 1945

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SUBJECT: Redesignation of War Materials Disposal and Italian Prisoners of War Sub-Commission and Reallocation of its functions.

TO : Executive Commissioner.

Reference Executive Order No. 58 dated 25 August 1945.

1. I understand that the question of how the split should be made and the staff divided, will be discussed by the Executive Commissioner or a member of his staff, the VPs of Civil Affairs and Economic Sections, and myself.

2. I have the following suggestion to make, which, if accepted, would put into effect the Chief Commissioner's orders without the cutting up of certain elements of my staff into two parts.

- (a) that I remain in charge of both divisions, being answerable to Economic Section for WMD, and Civil Affairs Section for IPW.
- (b) the WMD staff comes under control of Economic Section for administration etc.
- (c) the officers doing a joint job, i.e. the Director and Deputy Director, are answerable to both VPs on questions concerning the different divisions.

See 11/50/59
J.A. Campbell
J. A. CAMPBELL,
Lieut.-Colonel,
Director,
WMD Sub-Com. 5344

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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25 August 1945
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EXECUTIVE ORDERS)
NUMBER 58)

Redesignation of War Materials Disposal and Italian Prisoners of War Sub-Commission and reallocation of its Functions 1

I - REDESIGNATION OF WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR SUB-COMMISSION AND REALLOCATION OF ITS FUNCTIONS

Announcement is made of the redesignation, effective this date, of the War Materials Disposal and Italian Prisoners of War Sub-Commission as the War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission. Its functions in respect to Italian Prisoners of War will be the responsibility of the Civil Affairs Section.

The War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission, as designated above, is transferred under the administrative and operational control of the Economic Section.

W. H. Stone
W. H. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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V.P. Est. Sec.

Col. PARKIN.

When considering break up of WMD & IPOW will
you work on lines of IPOW going as a separate Sub-Commission,
either to CA Sec or to Ex Com: preferably the former. But
not as part of DP & R.

M.S.L.

16 Aug. 45.

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Exec. Comm. (52)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Establishment Section

Ref/ 57/EST

6 August 1945

AUG 8 1945

SUBJECT: Reorganization of War Material Disposal & Italian Prisoner of War Sub-Commission

TO : Director War Material Disposal & Italian Prisoner of War Sub-Commission
VP, Economic Section
Director Displaced Persons & Repatriation S/C

1. The Executive Commissioner has recommended, and the Chief Commissioner has approved, the transfer of Italian Prisoner of War activities of the War Material Disposal & Italian Prisoner of War to Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission, and the transfer of the Sub-Commission proper (to be known in future as War Material Disposal Sub-Commission) under the Economic Section.

2. It is proposed that a meeting be held between representatives of the addressees of this letter and Establishment Section to discuss the implementation of this directive. The meeting should take place within the next few days. In the meantime, it is requested that you inform the V.P., Establishment Section, and the other addressees, of any specific points which you feel should be brought up for discussion at such a meeting.

3. It is further requested that your reply reach this office by not later than 1800H, Wednesday, 8 August.

C. M. Parkin

C. M. PARKIN, 5541
Colonel, Inf.,
Actg Vice President

Major Pennington
Miss Pennington

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QUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

Ref. ES/12.05'

20 July 1945

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SUBJECT: Disposition of Captured Enemy Material in Italy.

TO : Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

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1. In preparing the procedure to implement AFHQ's Directive of 22 June 1945, subject: Disposition of Captured Enemy Equipment in Italy, AG 386.3/153/103-0, and particularly paragraph 9(k) thereof, it is found necessary to channel all action in connection therewith through the War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission before the appropriate sub-commissions of the Economic Section may handle their respective duties in contact with the Italian government. In this period of post-war transitions, the shifting emphasis on various functions causes me to suggest that the disposal of war materials has now become so closely inter-related with functions of the Economic Section that I must propose a change in the basic organization of the Allied Commission.

2. Specifically, it is suggested that the Prisoners of War - War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission be divided into two parts and that the war materials disposal functions, with appropriate staff, be transferred to the Economic Section to become a fifth sub-commission in the Supply Division thereof. It is believed that only through the close coordination that will be secured by this transfer can the tremendous amount of captured civilian material be handled through proper channels to the Italian government within the time which will be available for its accomplishment.

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

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(Capt. Armon)

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COS
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 334-15

3 February 1945

FEB 6 1945

SUBJECT: Suggested transfer of Italian Prisoner of War
Sub-Commission.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. Reference is made to your 8262/COS of 12 December.
2. Following receipt of your letter this Section recommended to G-3 that the proposal therein made be approved in principle, but that Section is not prepared to agree to the transfer. It is understood that the Chief of Staff, this Headquarters, also expressed himself against the proposal.
3. It is gathered from the Minutes of your Chief of Staff's meeting of 27 January that you have already heard from General Browning, who has had conversations with General Noce, this Headquarters, that the proposal could not be agreed at this Headquarters and this letter is to confirm the unofficial intimation you have so far received in the matter.

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

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D. S. JACKLING,
Lt. Colonel.

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Extract of Minutes of Chief of Staff's Meeting held on 26 January 1945.

Responsibility for IPW.

Land Forces Sub-Commission reported that Gen. Browning had heard from G-3(Inf) AFHQ refusing to sanction the responsibility for IPWs being taken over by Land Forces Sub-Commission. COS said that the responsibility would therefore remain on the broad shoulders of the Director of the IPW Sub-Commission.

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Copy for Chief of Staff ✓

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Ref 9006/31/37.

9 January 1945

SUBJECT: Disposal of Salvage, Scrap, and Other War Material

TO : Economic Section
 Civil Affairs Section
 War Material Disposal & Prisoner of War
 Sub-Commission

1. Reference is to memorandum 9.10/45, of 19 December 1944, from the Acting Deputy Chief of Staff, Economic Section, and memorandum 9.10/45, of 23 December 1944, from the Director of the War Material Disposal and Prisoner of War Sub-Commission. Subject of both memoranda is the disposal of salvage, scrap and other war material reported to the Allied Commission for disposition.

2. Decision on this matter is as follows:

a. War Material Disposal Sub-Commission will be the central organization within the Allied Commission to deal with all suppliers of salvage, scrap and war material reported to the Allied Commission by military services for disposition.

b. The War Material Disposal Sub-Commission will collate all such availabilities and will report them to whatever agencies of the Economic Section are designated by that Section. (For the time being, reports on such availabilities will in every case be transmitted to the Commerce Sub-Commission; the Economic Section may make exceptions to this general practice from time to time.)

c. The Commerce Sub-Commission (or other Sub-Commissions in the case of the exceptions mentioned in Paragraph 2 b.) will handle claims on such availabilities from all units within the Allied Commission, and from the Italian Government. All claimants will bid for materials through the Commerce Sub-Commission, except where they are advised to do otherwise by the Economic Section.

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e. All dealings with the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labor on the disposal of this type of material will be handled through the Commerce Sub-Commission.

M S LUGH

Brigadier
Chief of Staff

Concurrence:

L.D. DENSMORE 9/1-45
Acting Deputy Chief of Staff,
Economic Section.

G.R. UPJOHN Brig.
Deputy Chief of Staff, Civil Affairs Section.

S.A. CAMPBELL Lt. Col.
Director, War Material Disposal & Prisoner of War S/Comm.

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APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

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Ext. 271

HDS/ser
3 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Salvage Disposal

4 JAN 1945

TO: Chief of Staff
Attention: Major Stearns

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1. With reference to your telephone inquiry as to the opinion of the Economic Section on the proposal for salvage disposal advanced by the WMD Sub-Commission, your 9006/23/COS of 26 December.

2. The Executive Director of the Economic Section advises re that the subject has been raised by the Economic Section at recent COS meetings, and the Economic Section now understands that the COS is considering a program already presented by it as well as the program presented by the WMD/Sub-Commission. It is expected that a decision as to the program to be adopted will be rendered by the COS.

E.D. NASH
E.D. NASH, Major
Special Assistant to ADCOS
Economic Section

* Economic Sect.

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Major Stearns 5 Jan 47 (10)
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Col. Bensmore & Mr. Cleveland
spoke to COS on 29 Dec., and
COS said he would make a
decision. The reason for
referring the matter to COS was
to make further correspondence
between Campbell & Egan be
unnecessary.

Egan's comment is consistent
with our original intent.

Delay in returning these
papers was occasioned by
their getting inadvertently into
the wrong file.

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Office of the Chief of Staff

Disposal of Salvage

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3000 Economic Section

26 December 45

Reference your 5 10/33, dated 19 December, subject "Disposal of Salvage, Torpedoes, and Excess Property of the Allied Commission." This office has received War Materials Disposal and IPO's Subcommittee's comments on the aforementioned letter (ref. WMD/51/267, dated 21 December). It is requested that your comments on this last-mentioned letter be submitted to the COS with the least practical delay.

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[Signature]
Chief of Staff Officer
To the Chief of Staff

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*attachments sent
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9006
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR SUB COMMISSION

WMD/51/267

23 December 1944

23 DEC 1944

To: Chief of Staff.

Subject: Disposal of Salvage.

Reference Economic Section letter 5/1013 and memorandum dated 19 December 1944.

1. I am in agreement with the suggestions contained in the memorandum with the exception of paras 7 and 10.
2. I set out below certain points for your consideration, with a view to discussing later the pros and cons of handing over the disposal of salvage (offered by the Allied Armies to the Commission) to the Commerce Sub-Commission, which I fear may be more academic than actual.
3. The following items; which will represent a considerable quantity of the salvage offered to the Commission are hardly items connected with the Commerce Sub-Commission:
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| MT vehicles | Weapons |
| MT spares | Ammunition |
| Tyres | Machine tools |
| | Etc. |
4. The recovery of salvage vehicles up to approximately 40/50 per month is being handled by this Sub-Commission, of which 25% to 50% get back on the road through individual efforts on the part of private Italian firms and one-man businesses.
5. Material which has been offered in the past to Sub-Commissions in this Headquarters has remained in Railroad cars and been moved from one station to another until finally sold by War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission.

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6. Lists of all Italian material are compiled in this office - the majority of all salvage material is of similar type. It is suggested that to add to these lists items of salvage offered by PBS and British Salvage is the simplest method of producing a consolidated list.

7. From day to day, material is reported at different locations - the type of such material is not given; it has to be inspected before it is known if it is Allied, Italian or German. Who should do the inspection - Commerce or War Materials Disposal?

8. Recently, considerable quantities of material have been sold by PBS and other agencies, and a number of problems came up to this Sub-Commission for an answer. Examples:

Jerricans have been sold by PBS in spite of the fact that a decree lays down that all Jerricans will be handed into dumps on penalty of imprisonment to any civilian found holding them.

See 1135-38

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A complete dump has been sold by PBS containing certain Italian material - in one case a derelict Italian Army truck, which has been repaired and is now running for the contractors who bought the dump and the Italian Army wish to seize.

Which Sub-Commission will deal with such questions?

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cc: Economic Section (2)
Civil Affairs Section.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APC 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

5.10/23

19 December 44
21 DEC 1944

SUBJECT: Disposition of Salvage, Scrap, and Excess Property by the Allied Commission

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Attached is a memorandum on the disposition of salvage, scrap, and excess property, which has been the subject of considerable discussion among the War Material Disposal Sub-Commission, the Civil Affairs Section, and various Sub-Commissions of this Section.

2. At a meeting held in Mr. Antolini's office on 13 Dec 44, it was agreed that this proposal should be approved and implemented as soon as possible. This agreement was subject to one limitation described in the next paragraph.

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4. The War Material Disposal Sub-Commission believes that the function of receiving from PBS and British Salvage units reports of availability of salvage, scrap, and excess property, acting as the Secretariat for the Requirements and Priorities Committee, and dealing with the Government on matters involving scrap and salvage, should be concentrated in the War Material Disposal Sub-Commission. It is the view of the Economic Section, for reasons set out in the following two paragraphs, that this function should properly be assigned to the Commerce Sub-Commission.

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6. The Commerce Sub-Commission is in day-to-day contact with the Italian Government on matters involving the allocation and disposition of materials and resources. In our view it would create a most difficult and confusing situation if an independent Sub-Commission were now created with a responsibility which made it necessary for that Sub-Commission to contact the same people in the same Ministry (Industry, Commerce, and Labor), on almost precisely the same type of problem.

7. It would be appreciated if a decision could be rendered on the point at issue, summarized in paragraph 4 above.

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8. As soon as this decision has been made, three steps will need to be taken immediately:

- a) Work out with the Minister of Industry, Commerce, and Labor a system for the rapid handling of the disposition of salvage, scrap, and excess property. This will presumably involve the use of private contractors since the Government is not set up to do the operating job itself.
- b) To form the Requirements and Priorities Committee, and go to work on the setting up of a general priority scheme which can act as the directive under which the Sub-Commission responsible for the handling of availability reports and contacts with the Government can operate.
- c) Ask AFHQ to issue instructions that all scrap, salvage, and excess property is to be reported centrally to the Sub-Commission having the responsibility described in paragraph 4.

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MEMORANDUM

11 December 44

SUBJECT: Disposition of Salvage, Scrap, and Excess Property

1. This memorandum sets forth the basic procedure under which salvage, scrap, and excess property, when become available to AC, will be handled by AC and the Italian Government.

2. The chief suppliers of such materials (hereinafter known as "materials") are the following:

a. War Materiel Disposal S/C of AC, which handles enemy and Italian captured material, and other miscellaneous scrap and salvage picked up in forward areas.

b. Mediterranean Theatre of Operations, US Army. In the case of MATCUSA, notification of material reaches AC direct from PBS through G-4, and G-5, AFHQ, or Adriatic Depot.

c. British Army salvage, which is offered to AC by D.A.D. salvage, et Districts, or as directed by Salvage, A.A.I.

3. The following groups within AC, and their opposite numbers in the Italian Government, represent "points" on the materials, available from any of the sources listed above, which are reported to AC:

- a. MIIA (Land Forces S/C)
- b. Patriots Branch, CA Sec
- c. Devastated Areas Program, CA Sec
- d. Public Health S/C, CA Sec
- e. Public Safety S/C, CA Sec
- f. Industry S/C, Econ Sec
- g. Commerce S/C, Econ Sec
- h. Public Works & Utilities S/C, Econ Sec
- i. Transportation S/C, Econ Sec
- j. Food S/C, Econ Sec

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c. British Army Salvage, which is offered to AG by D.A.D. Salvage, at Districts, or as directed by Salvage, A.A.I.

3. The following groups within AG, and their opposite numbers in the Italian Government, represent "claims" on the materials, available from any of the sources listed above, which are reported to AG:

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- c. Devastated Areas Program, CA Sec
- d. Public Health S/C, CA Sec
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5. Prior to the reporting of materials to the Italian Government under para 4, the disposition of the materials will be decided within the AG, by a Requirements and Priorities Committee. This Committee will review availabilities of materials, and decide the priority of use among the various claimants for material, as well as working out priority schedules of general applicability.

6. Representation on the Requirements and Priorities Committee should be limited to three or four people who would in turn represent the claims of the various units listed in para 3 above. Its chairman will be the Vice President, Economic Section.

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7. The Commerce S/C will act as the Secretariat for the Requirements and Priorities Committee, insofar as the disposal of salvage, scrap, and excess property is concerned. This S/C will receive from the supplying agencies listed in para 2 reports of the availability of materials. In cases where the Requirements and Priorities Committee has already set up a priorities schedule of general applicability, the Commerce S/C will release the materials to the Italian Government or AC agency in accordance with such schedule. In other cases, the Commerce S/C will refer reported availabilities to the Requirements and Priorities Committee for disposition instructions. The Commerce S/C will then be the sole channel for transmitting lists of available materials to the central agency established by the Italian Government for this purpose, or releasing the materials to an appropriate agency of the AC.

8. A request will be made to the Italian Government to set up a central agency to control the disposition of the types of materials described in para 1, to provide representation on the AC Requirements and Priorities Committee, and to institute procedures which will result in the proper reception and handling of the materials themselves.

9. A recommendation will be sent by AC to AMHQ, asking that any materials falling in the categories outlined in para 1 be reported to the AC in accordance with the above procedures.

10. The Commerce S/C and the War Materials Disposal S/C will provide the Chief Accountant, Finance S/C, with such information as may be required by him for his records. An outline of the financial aspects of the disposition of materials is attached for the guidance of all concerned.

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FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF "DISPOSITION OF SALVAGE,
SCRAP, AND EXCESS PROPERTY"

GENERAL PRINCIPLE

1. The basic financial principle is that a receipt will be obtained from the Italian Government or whatever agency which is responsible for taking delivery of the supplies. This principle applies even when issues are made direct to the civilian population by some agency of the AC (for example, Devastated Areas, CA Section); in this case, the agency of the AC will arrange with the appropriate Italian agency (e.g., provincial prefect) for the issuing of a receipt accepting the issue as a liability of the Italian Government. On the basis of these receipts a charge in dollars of sterling will be raised against the Italian Government for all issues of scrap, salvage or surplus property from Allied sources or captured materials. Where Italian scrap or salvage is turned over to the Italians the receipt will merely serve as a record of delivery and no charge will be raised against the Italian Government.
2. The AC is not concerned with collecting lire from the actual recipient of goods; this is purely the concern of the Italian Government. In the case of scrap, salvage and excess property from Allied sources, however, it will probably be necessary for AC to advise the Italian Government of the approximate price at which they will be charged in order to enable them to determine the lire price they will recover from the consumer.

PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING RECEIPT FROM THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT

3. It will be the responsibility of the Commerce Sub-Commission to obtain the necessary receipt from the Italian Government. In the case of issues direct to the consumer by an AC agency such receipt will probably be obtained in the first place by the AC agency and passed on to the Commerce Sub-Commission.
4. The receipt will show description and quantity of the goods and source of origin; i.e. from American or British Armies, Captured, etc.
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a) Salvage from Allied Armies. When Commerce Sub-Commission ^{notify} the Italian agency that salvage is at their disposal they will send a copy of such notification to the Chief Accountant. Similarly, when salvage is disposed of by an AC agency, Commerce Sub-Commission, in their capacity as the Secretariat for the Disposal Review Committee, will notify the AC agency in writing with copy to the Chief Accountant. Commerce Sub-Commission should inform the American and British Army salvage departments that procedures for reporting the issue should follow the existing procedure for issues by the Armed Forces to Italian co-belligerents, which is that American units will transmit priced shipping tickets to the Chief Accountant, AC, and British units will report the issue to the Financial Advisor, who will in turn report the figures to the Chief Accountant, AC.

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c) Excess and Surplus Property. The financial procedure whereby the
Armies will dispose of this has not been decided. It is possible that
British disposals will be treated as salvage and the procedure be the same
as above. Until information is received as to the proposed American procedure
it is not possible to lay down instructions for the manner in which the
accounts will be handled by AG.

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12 December 1944

SUBJECT: Transfer of Italian Prisoner of War Subcommittee

TO : Commanding General, Allied Force Headquarters

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1. I am enclosing an appreciation prepared by General Browning of the Land Forces Subcommittee concerning the repatriation of ex-Italian military personnel. From the point of view of the Land Forces Subcommittee, all returning Italian military personnel, either prisoners of war or not, are considered as civilians. Nevertheless, the Italian War Ministry is the agency of the Italian Government designated to receive, document and distribute to their homes, to military units, or to hospitals, these former soldiers. I, therefore, feel that the Land Forces Subcommittee is the agency of the Allied Commission best equipped to handle this problem.

2. The eventual repatriation of the exceedingly large number of Italian military prisoners abroad should receive early study and an organization should be developed now for handling the return of the relatively small numbers presently being received, but capable of expansion to take care of the large numbers which must eventually be repatriated.

3. I propose that the Italian Prisoners of War section of the Italian Prisoners of War and War Material Disposal Subcommittee be transferred to the Land Forces Subcommittee. This will require from AFHQ an alteration of the existing directive to NWIA and the authorization of such additional means as may be required. I, therefore, suggest that the matter be studied by your Headquarters in the light of the attached memorandum and that the appropriate sections of your staff confer with General Browning on the details of the organization.

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ELERY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Copy to: NWIA ESTAB SEC.
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W. C. Campbell HMD 11/20/44

(Tel. Capt. Slaughter, GS AFHQ 5 Jan.)

This letter is now being studied by G-3.
Slaughter will report to you.
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SUBJECT:- Repatriation of ex-Italian Army personnel

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Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.)

TS/AQ/10

Nov 44

Chief of Staff, A.C.

Copy to:- G-5 Sec AFHQ

Dag 91 (or) AFHQ
G-5 Sub-CommitteeRef your 4.37.1/C... dated 27 Oct to G-5 Sec AFHQ ~~on above subject~~,
by TS/AQ/10 dated 6 Oct and our many talks on above subject :-

1. I have tried to crystallize the whole problem and its implications in the attached Appreciation.
2. I have only dealt with the subject in broad outline. The matter, as you say, is urgent and I have not had time to go into it in great detail.
3. You will see that, in my opinion, there is a great deal to be worked out, authorised and provided before I can accept the responsibility for this extra commitment.

But I am prepared to take it on if I am given the policy, the tools and the means to do the job.

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API citation of situation regarding
repatriation of ex-Italian Army personnel as at 1 Nov 44

OBJECT

1. To evolve the best possible organisation and method for handling the repatriation of ex-Italian Army personnel.

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2. (a) The officially authorised existing Italian Army personnel are NOT considered in this Appreciation; these can be handled through normal military channels.

(b) This Appreciation deals with those members of the ex-Italian Army NOT officially recognised by the Allies as co-belligerent soldiers. These men from the Allied point of view are civilians and do NOT come within the purview of MIAA. On the other hand, the Italian Ministry of War (which works under the orders of MIAA) are vitally concerned, from the point of view of demobilisation, records, repatriation, pensions, etc.

(c) Civilians proper must continue to be handled by the "Displaced persons and repatriation Sub-Commission A.C." in conjunction with the Italian Government.

(d) The A.C. "P.W. and War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission" is the existing agency for P.W. and W.M.D. purposes.

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3. CATEGORIES

The personnel to be handled consist of the following categories of ex-Italian Army personnel :-

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- (b) those North of the present battle-line:
these will be Fascist or non-Fascist. The former presumably will be treated as P.W. The numbers are indeterminate.
- (c) those in GREECE and the BALKANS:
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Some of these (e.g. approx 5,000 in MONTENEGRO) are fighting with ITIC. Some (approx 8,500) are "civilian slaves" to the population; as in GREECE. 3323
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Figures have been stated of 500,000 ex-GERMANY (though these may well be larger) and 1 million from Allied P.W. camps all over the world.

4. REQUIREMENTS

- (a) The requirements of any organisation to handle the problem are:-
 - (i) an adequate controlling staff, Allied and Italian.
 - (ii) an organisation embracing transit camps, main depots etc, together with facilities for demobilisation and records of personnel.
 - (iii) accommodation for (a) and (b).

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(iv) Trans. facilities

(v) Clothing and blankets

(vi) Food

(vii) Medical and welfare facilities

(viii) A rate of repatriation within the power of the organisation to handle.

(b) Under its present charter, M.M.I.A. is NOT authorised to use existing Italian Army personnel, facilities or stocks to fulfill any of the above requirements, except for a limited number of personnel (under the recently approved Military Territorial Region - District - Depot Scheme) for record and demobilisation purposes. Even so this "Limited" number (90, 5, 5 per Region, District, Depot respectively) is totally inadequate to compete with numbers running into more than a million. Even though the rate and volume of repatriation will be controlled, extra personnel will be needed if the whole process is not to be unduly prolonged.

As regards, facilities and stocks - the transport (M.T.), clothing, blankets and tentage at the disposal of the Italian Army is already insufficient for its proper needs. No surplus will be available for the repatriation organisation. Food and medical facilities are provided by the Allies only in proportion to the ceiling of total authorised personnel.

Accommodation could doubtless be arranged on orders from AFHQ.

Welfare facilities for homeless and convalescents are a matter for the Italian Government.

5. CONCLUSION -

M.M.I.A. and the Italian Ministry of War would seem to be the logical authorities to handle this problem. But they have not the authority or the means to do so. On the other hand, provided these latter were forthcoming, they could take on the job as an extension to their existing organisation and commitments.

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- (b) Authorisation of lay-out as suggested in App. "B" plus NOTE.
- (c) Authorisation for MMA to use IIT-ITT personnel as required (see NOTE Appendix "B") This could be at the expense of one Guard Battalion.
- (d) Provision of material facilities (such as food, clothing etc) from sources, either Allied or Italian, outside MMA control.

APPENDIX "A" TO M.M.I.A.
LETTER TS/AQ/10 dated
Nov 44

INCREASE REQUIRED IN M.M.I.A. STAFF

G.S.O. 2 (SD)

G.S.O. 3 (SD)

One L/Cpl Clerk

One Pte Clerk

Detailed org. and
Establishment of
transit camps and
depots and movement
of Troops.

D.A.A.G. (PW)

Two Staff Capts A

One Sjt. Clerk

Three Pte Clerks

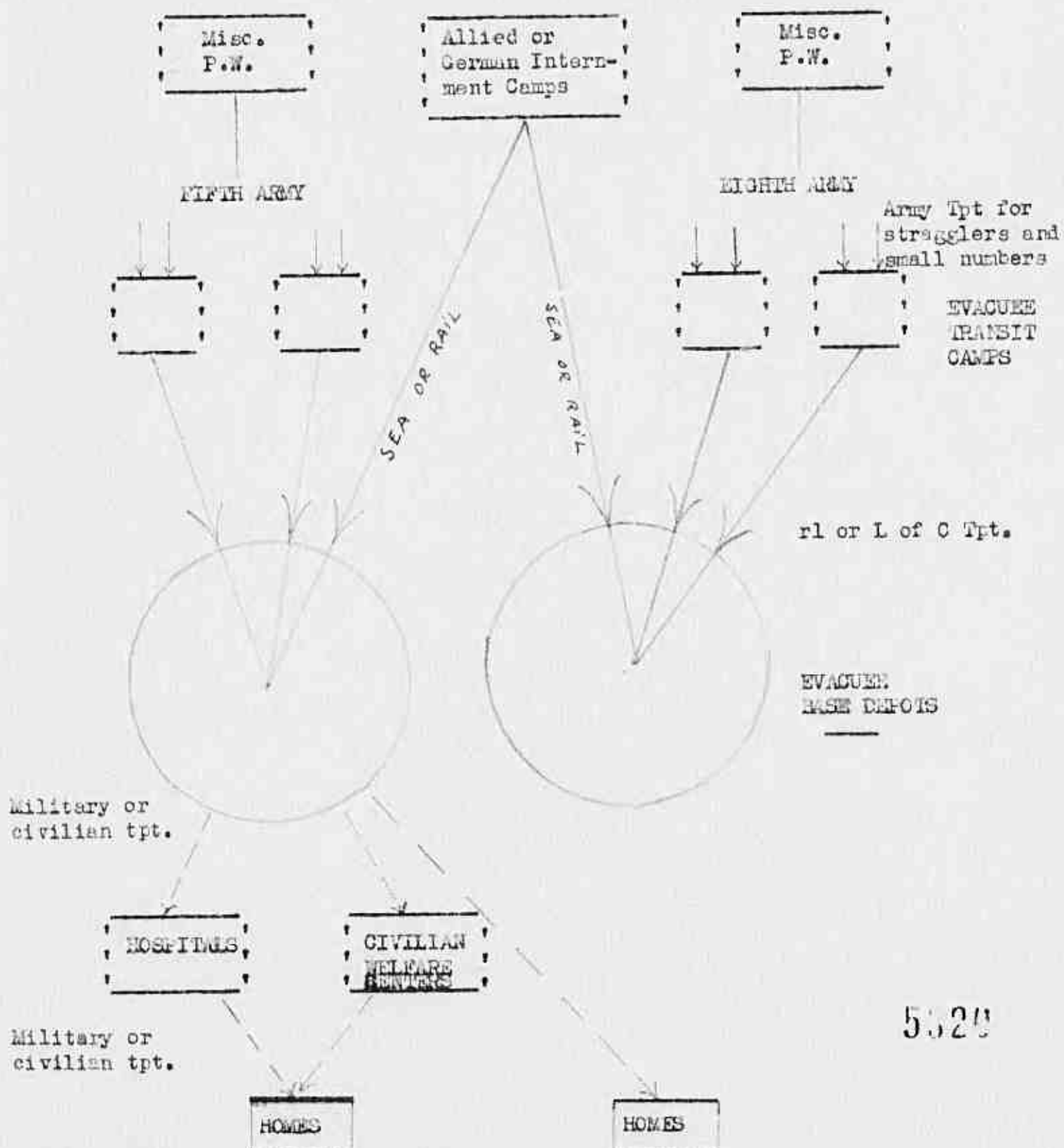
Civilian Italian Staff
ex P.W. Sub-Com. A.C.

Administration,
documentation,
food, clothing,
Medical etc.

APPENDIX "B" TO MMIA
LETTER TS/AQ/10 dated
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ORGANISATIONAL LAYOUT OF PROPOSED PW/EVACUEE SYSTEM



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NOTE ON APPENDIX "B"
TO MILA LETTER IS/AQ/10
dated 1 Nov 44

NOTES ON PROPOSED P.M. EVACUATION SCHEME

1. (a) Every endeavor should be made to induce P.Ws and refugees to remain in their present internment camps. Personnel are only likely to remain in their present locations if there is a general armistice. Otherwise it is human nature to endeavor to return home especially during the confusion of a rapid Allied advance.
- (b) If personnel remain, as instructed, they can be moved in an orderly manner. If, as is anticipated, bodies of approx 50 to 100 personnel escape, they will be directed by the fwd tps to Army Evacuee Transit Camps.
2. (a) Evacuee Transit Camps should be capable of holding 500 and should require a staff of approx 25 Italians plus one Allied Capt. I.C. (for movement of tps). Consider two such camps should be formed as a start for each of Fifth and Eighth Armies.
- (b) Duties:-
- (i) receive PWs from fwd areas
 - (ii) provide personnel with washing facilities
 - (iii) give hot meal, night's shelter, breakfast next morning
 - (iv) arrange evacuation to Evacuee Main Depot
 - (v) Dress wounds of any urgent cases and arrange for as comfortable transportation as possible for the sick.
- No documentation should take place at transit camps.

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| 2. Florence |
| 3. Formed now for Bologna |
| 4. Personnel earmarked for Milan |
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| 6. " " " Udine |

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6. " " " Udine

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(b) Duties:-

- (a) receive from transit camps
 - (b) documentation and placing into categories
 - (c) provide complete ablution facilities
 - (d) administer minor medical attention
 - (e) retain personnel for 21 days (quarantine etc) and then disperse to homes, less those already sent to hospitals or civilian volunteer welfare centers.
4. Civilian Welfare centres for homeless and convalescents should be organised by Italian civilians. There would be no difficulty in Italian Army collating and consolidating offers and making suitable arrangements for personnel to be sent from Main Depots.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
CMC
Office of the Chief of Staff

Ref 9006/8/COS.

11th October, 1944

SUBJECT: Directives.

TO : War Material Disposal and
POW Sub Commission.

1. Please draft a directive for your Sub Commission on the lines of the decisions given at the standing committee meeting yesterday afternoon and submit to me as soon as possible.

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Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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TO: Lt. Col. J. W. I. Smith.

War Materials Disposal and Italian PW Sub-Comm.

1. The attached correspondence from the above is a plea for more staff.
2. In considering this I have kept before me the following :

- (a) Directive to W.M.D.S.C. dated 7 Feb 44. -- ~~A~~
- (b) Directive to W.M.D.S.C. IFW S.C. dated 29 July 44. -- ~~B~~
- (c) Monthly Reports of above.

3. The following remarks are divided under two headings :

- (i) War Material Disposal, and
- (ii) Italian PW.

4. War Material Disposal.

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(b) If this course was adopted an existing establishment of 1 Lt.Col., 2 Capts and attached - 1 Major, 1 Lieut, would be available for Italian PW work, possibly more than sufficient for immediate purposes.

(c) It might be desirable for Italian PW to come under the control of a D.C.S. (Civil Affairs Section) in the event of a change such as that outlined above.

9. The above is an outline opinion only. It will be appreciated that if the proposal is worthy of consideration at all it will have to be discussed and considered in much greater detail.

* See "C" Paper

9 Oct 44.

E. J. Sinden
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