

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND

No.

785017

ACC

10000/109/1254
(VOL. III)

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

1254

2)

ARCHIVES
MAY 1946 - JAN. 1947

4-57
cc Dr. [unclear]
Please see folio 436 for info. MLB 4/1 ML. 411

853

785017

Ex Comm: 403

Please see folios 402 for info

G.M.C.M. 31/11 H.S. 11/11
M.C. 3/11

Ex Comm: 409

Please see folios 406-408 for info

I understand that by having
spoke to you about this
signal to-day. H.S. 18/11
M.C. 18/11

411

Ex Comm:

Please see folios 410-409 for info

G.M.C.M. 21/11 H.S. 22/11
M.C. 21/11

Director to the 431

850

The Ex. Commissioner has seen folio 420
from Col. Peter, legal fr, and instructed me to
ask the matter to you for your convenience, if you
agree with it. Three (3) files will be included.
Thank you
M.C. 21/11

411
 Ex Comm -
 Please see files 410-409 for info
 9 WQW. 21/11 12.22/11
 NE 22/11

Director Archiving 431
 The Ex. Commissioner has seen the 430
 from C. J. notes, legal pt., and instructed me to
 refer the matter to you for your concurrence, if you
 agree with it. Three (3) files will be initiated.
 Tompkins copy

28/1/47
Exec Commissioner 432
 There appears no objection providing the Legal Division will
 accept responsibility for the files during this work by taking
 a receipt & forwarding this to Archives Division in accordance
 with E.C. Memo No 7. par 8. 433
 31/1/47
 C. J. Humphreys is undertaking all
 necessary arrangements in
 connection with 431 and 432
 under 7/1/47 1/2/47
 Director Arthur Dunn

361.

b50. Please see folio 360 for info.
As Lt. Col. Vining has closed his office
now there won't be any further files
to come therefore I presume "no action."
G.M.C.M. 24/7. H.S. 30/7 P/A.

364.

b50. ^{seen} Please see folio 362 for info.
G.M.C.M. 1/8

367.

b50. ^{H.S. 3/8} Ref. folios 365, 366. I believe you
have discussed Archives Staff problems
with Ex O. (B.) ??
G.M.C.M. 2/8

370.

b50. ^{H.S. 12/8} Folio 369 for info. (Another offender!)
G.M.C.M. 12/8 851

393

Executive Commissioner M.C. 20/9

Folio 390 for information. Action taken under
folio 392 is proceeding. First boxes of Records of
Region 6 delivered to Murchison Depot yesterday evening (para 6.)
~~Contravention~~ 27/8/46
G.M.C.M. 11/28

332.

SSO OT agenda for Archival Conference
on July, it is at 331 for info.

S. McCall. 2/7/6 PA

337.

Ex Comm.

7-333-336 for inf. N.S. 5/7

1/5/7

348.

SSO Ex Comm.

338-347 for info.

S. McCall. 6/7.

350.

Ex Comm.

See m. 348. 349 for info.

N.S. 8/7

S. McCall. 8/7.

11/5/67

354.

SSO. Please see folio 353 for info.

S. McCall. 11/5/67

855

1/6

1/6

lts. 338-347 for info.
J. MCM. 4/7.

Ex Comm. 350.

lts. See m. 348. 349 for info.
J. MCM. 8/7. H.S. 817

WV/27

850

354.

lts. Please see folio 353 for info.
J. MCM. 10/7

355.

9. Reserve Archive is making necessary

amendments.

WV/27

WV/27

lts. note, see Attribution folio 353.
Ex Comm. 360.

lts. Please see folios 358-359 for info.
J. MCM. 19/8 H.S. 2017

~~Ex~~

Ex Commissioner

319

319

Archives meeting for 318-

M. H. Harrison

M. H. Harrison

11/6/46

320

Chief Archives Officer

Major Harrison to follow up.

M. H. Harrison

Ex Commissioner 324

Arrangements under 323 are being followed up. Copies of 370.5 will be distributed to Branches dispatching Records of Military

nature so that they will not go on fruitless journey -

21/6/46

M. H. Harrison

325

Executive Commissioner

Reference M. H. Harrison 319 & 318, May SQUAIR requests that

a more detailed explanation of J.D.R.S. & F.O.I.S. should be recorded (Par 2. line 1 refers). He has prepared addendum which, if approved, can be distributed immediately - will you please assent.

21/6/46

M. H. Harrison

M. H. Harrison

326

No - the minutes are too expensive already!

M. H. Harrison

informed. 21/6/46

W.H. Harrison, Major

21/6/46

325

Executive Committee

Reference Mem 319 & fo 318, Maj SQUAIR requests that a more detailed explanation of J.D.R.S. & F.O.I.S. should be recorded (Par 2. line 1 refers). He has prepared addendum which, if approved, can be distributed immediately - will you please assent.

21/6/46

W.H. Harrison, Major

326.

21/8/46

No - the minutes are ~~not~~ too expansive already!

Maj. SQUAIR
informed. 21/6/46

W.H. Harrison

21/6/46

330.

329 for info.

D. M. M. 25/6

307.

650. Ref. 306. Mr. Rappard says he has discussed this matter with Ex. Comm. and stresses the desirability of accommodating the three branches concerned on one floor or one section of the building. He suggests the meeting be arranged for Tuesday or Wednesday next week (11 & 12 Sept.).

J.M.C.M. 7/6

307

Action accordingly with no more refs.

N.Y.C.

310

~~650.~~Major Harrison
Archives Bt.

Please arrange the meeting ~~see~~
referred to in folio 306 and min 307^{1/2}

312

Ex. Comm. Office

C. B. 8/6

307

Action accordingly with or without ref.

11/16/46

310

~~310~~

Major Harrison
Archives Bt.

Please arrange the meeting ~~for~~
referred to in folio 306 and min 307^{1/2}

312

Ex. Commissioner's Office

~~Adm Bt~~

Meeting arranged for 15:30 Tuesday as fo 311.
(11/6/46)

~~Wm Harrison~~
10/6/46

313.

Who is attending? Wm (10/6)

314.

Major Harrison
Archives Branch. ref folio 314. Who attended
~~Adm Bt~~

Meeting of J. M. C. M. 17/6

Ex. Commissioner's Office

316

AF Records Officer, Chief Archives Officer. This note 314

(Ref 315) - The AF Records Officer, Chief Archives Officer
is purely to conform AFRA's instructions with AFRA's Chief Archives Officer
agreement as to Archives procedure - 17/6/46

302
~~246~~

Ex Comm

1 295 for info. JH. 2545
my bel. file 135

306.

S/C Please confirm that we have no such
files in our office.

L. McML. 1/6

one left
1/6

843

301
Executive Commissioner.

Dr. Delzell and his colleague inspected the Archives Branch with me this morning. They have come to the conclusion that at present, it would be too premature to attempt any general view of AC documents.

They hope to call again upon you before proceeding this week to Greece and Spain and will be returning to America from there. In the meantime they will make application through State channels for a set of the microfilms when completed and will certainly offer their co-operation in the final selection of AC documents when Cataloguing commences. They seemed rather impressed with what they saw.

M. Harrison
M. A. Harrison. Major

3rd June 1946

436

9265 A

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 794

Ref.: 4/AB.

28 January 1947

At a Conference at the Office of the Executive Commissioner.

Present:-- Brig. M. Carr Executive Commissioner
Mr. H. A. A. Hanley Political Adviser British Embassy
Mr. J. S. Greene Political Adviser American Embassy
Major M. M. Harrison Director Archives Division
Major G. S. Maxfield Asst. Director Archives Division.

436

751

1. After reading the Memorandum signed by the Political Advisers of the two Embassies dated 27 Jan. concerning the Housing for Allied Commission Archives, the Executive Commissioner asked if copies of the letter to the Ministry from the Chief Commissioner (on July 5th, 1946) were sent to the respective Embassies. Major Harrison said that according to his information copies were not sent, it apparently being understood that this letter was in conformity with the Minute 4 of the meeting of 11 April. It was regretted that this had not been done, since a misunderstanding had thus occurred.
2. The Executive Commissioner asked whether the two Governments had agreed to pay for the Vidoni premises. It was pointed out that the Embassies were giving this careful attention. Mr. Greene added that his Government had, in late 1945, indicated general approval of a proposal that the Embassies pay rent jointly. As soon as the question had been agreed locally, he will seek confirmation from his Government. Mr. Hanley stated that he had not been informed that his Government would pay rent but since it was obviously desirable that the Italians should not be asked to pay rent, if they were not to be allowed free access to the Archives, the Embassy would, if necessary, recommend to London that rent be paid. He approved the proposal for housing the Archives in the Palazzo Vidoni since he understood the latter would be available without charge, while any difficulty arising from the use of German property, as in the case of the Archaeological Institute, would be avoided.
3. After discussion the Executive Commissioner directed that Major Harrison should visit the Palazzo Vidoni in company with Major Maxfield as soon as possible and report upon the suitability of the premises for Archives.
4. Major Harrison brought up the question of security. Executive Commissioner stated that this would be the responsibility of the Archives and also suggested

845

to pay for the Vidoni premises. It was pointed out that the Government had, in late 1945, indicated general approval of giving this careful attention.

Mr. Greene added that his Government had, in late 1945, indicated general approval of a proposal that the Embassy pay rent jointly. As soon as the question had been agreed locally, he will seek confirmation from his Government.

Mr. Hankey stated that he had not been informed that his Government would pay rent but since it was obviously desirable that the Italians should not be asked

to pay rent, if they were not to be allowed free access to the Archives, the Embassy would, if necessary, recommend to London that rent be paid. He approved the proposal for housing the Archives in the Palazzo Vidoni since he understood the latter would be available without charge, while any difficulty arising from the use of German property, as in the case of the Archaeological Institute, would be avoided.

3. After discussion the Executive Commissioner directed that Major Harris should visit the Palazzo Vidoni in company with Major Macfield as soon as possible and report upon the suitability of the premises for Archives. **845**

4. Major Harrisson brought up the question of security. Executive Commissioner stated that this would be the responsibility of the Archives and also suggested that this be investigated at the same time as the General utility of this accommodation.

5. After the receipt of the report upon the building, Executive Commissioner said that a letter should immediately be sent to the Italian Government informing them of the misunderstanding in the matter of leasing a property for the Archives and, if the report was favourable, requesting the availability of premises at the Palazzo Vidoni.

DISTRIBUTION:

Executive Commissioner

FOIAD (B)

FOIAD (A)

Archives Division (2 Copies)

MG
H. H. Harrisson, Major
Major,
Director,
Archives Division.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 7856179265 91
COPY.

438

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE POLITICAL ADVISER (A)

Rome, Italy, January 27, 1947.

MEMORANDUM TO: Executive Commissioner,
Allied Commission.

SUBJECT: Housing for Allied Commission Archives.

We refer to a letter dated December 26, 1946 to the presidency of the Council of Ministers from the Intendenza di Finanza, regarding efforts of the latter to negotiate a lease for the premises of the German Archeological Institute. Copy of this letter was provided by Major Harrison on January 3, 1947.

According to our respective files, it was never intended that the Italian Government should pay rent for premises in which Allied Commission archives are to be housed. We feel that such accommodation of British and American property could lead to most undesirable consequences. We also believe that Admiral Stone's letter to Prime Minister De Gasperi, dated July 6, 1946, requesting "that steps be taken to procure a lease for say 10 years, in return for the access to and the free provision of expert staff for protecting and cataloguing these documents" apparently conveyed an impression which should be corrected. POLAD A's files show that a copy of this letter was not received by him until January 6, 1947.

We are constrained to request that the Italian Government be immediately informed that there appears to have been a misunderstanding in the matter of providing long-term housing for the archives of the Allied Commission; that it was not intended that the Italian Government should pay rent for the premises, but should only assist in assuring the availability of housing; that the United States and British Embassies are now giving further consideration to the matter, but without prejudice to the possible use of the German Archeological Institute under

other

842

Capt.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

437

- 2 -

other arrangements; and that meanwhile the Embassies would be grateful to receive urgently precise information on the juridical status of the building, particularly whether the building and/or its furnishings and fixtures have been sequestered by the Italian Government.

We understand that the International Union of Institutes of Archeology, History, and History of Art in Rome has, through its Secretary, been making arrangements with the Italian Ministry of Public Instruction for dismantling and removing the bookshelves now in the Institute, so that they may be used for the library of that Institute, at the Palazzo Vidoni. We understand that the Union expects to pay to the Italian Government as sequesteror a nominal rent for the bookcases. We also understand that the Ministry of Public Instruction has undertaken to defray all expenses involved in moving the bookshelves and in any future re-installation of them in the German Institute.

It has been informally suggested that, subject to agreement of the Italian Government, the archives of the Allied Commission be housed in the Palazzo Vidoni, and the libraries in custody of the Union could be housed in the German Institute. This exchange would obviate the necessities both of removing bookshelves from the German Institute and of involving the archives in the problem of German external assets. We understand that the Italian Government owns the Palazzo Vidoni and is planning to make it available without charge to the International Union. So that our governments may consider the feasibility of using this alternative accommodation, we suggest that your experts informally investigate the premises with a view to determining their suitability as a depository for the A.C. archives.

/S/ Joseph N. Greene, Jr.

J. N. Greene, Jr.

843

/S/ H.A.A. Hankey

H. A. A. Hankey

To :- Archives for ACTION.
Chief Commissioner for INFORMATION.
Executive Commissioner for INFORMATION.

9265

430

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APC 794
LEGAL DIVISION

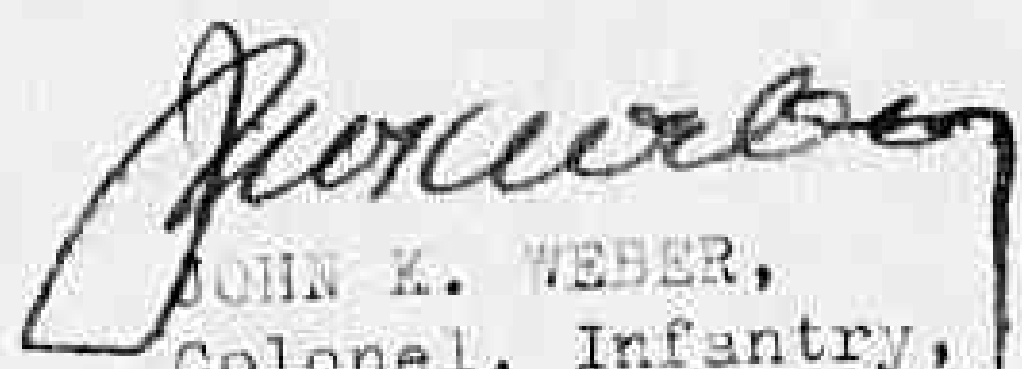
LJS/pa.
24 Jan 1947.

AC/4019/L.

SUBJECT : Reproduction of documents.

TO : Executive Commissioner.

Lt.Col.Hannaeford is desirous of taking copies of Legal Opinions of the Legal Division with him to his new post at the British Embassy. The work involved in this connection involves reproduction of about 300 pages. It is believed that this may be most expeditiously done by photostat at the Microfilm Depot. If this project may be approved it is requested that necessary authorization be forwarded accordingly.


JOHN K. WEBER,
Colonel, Infantry,
Chief Legal Advisor.

Mr. Hannaeford
Factor
OK re minute
433
TL

842

9265
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

429
JAN 18 1947

SECRET

Ref. 1/AB

January 1947

SUBJECT: Organisation AC Archives Division.

TO : Allied Force Records Administration.

1. In accordance with the agreement at Conference of above Administration held on 4 Nov. 1946, herewith please receive proposed organisational and functional charts of Archives Division of this Commission.

2. Acknowledgement is requested at your convenience.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

Wm. H. Harrison
for Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

See 7430

841

Copy E.C. files Archives AC

Copy K

E.C.
RNR MC
11/1
14

SECRET *RV*

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

IN 10 1947 4771 428

C. Conn

G-5: 900.24 R

7 January 1947

SUBJECT: Allied Commission Records

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
ATO 794.

⁴²⁶
Enclosed for your information is a copy of the Ministry of
Defense Signal 40 of 4 January to the Joint Staff Mission, Washington,
dealing with proposals for the custody of Allied Commission Records.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MORGAN:

[Signature]

A.L. HANSLAN
Colonel, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

Encl: as above.

To Archives for info action
Polish should have copies but I
think Archives will confirm matters
already have copies (The 1947 Board) 840

MS

Polish 'B' has received copy 12/1/47.

Copy already with Archives.

MM Harrison
may be
for arch

SECRET 12/1/47

(AFHQ MESSAGE CENTER)
INCOMING MESSAGE

FILED &
PRIORITY

041105Z

CRYPTO-SECURITY APPLIES
SECRET

AFSC N 16/05

FROM : MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

TO : AFHQ

REF NO THIS MESSAGE : DEF 40

4 January 1947

For SACMED.

Following is repetition of our Signal to JSM WASHINGTON
beginning "To JSM WASHINGTON (CCS(W)419 30th December from Chiefs of
Staff. Reference MAP 1233 and PX 73295.

1. We agree that when the Allied responsibility in
ITALY is terminated, the records of the Allied Commission
together with the active records of AFHQ and subordinate
Allied Commands that can NOT be released until those
Headquarters close down should be transferred to the
British and American Embassies.

2. We do NOT consider that the Allied Commission
archives will need to be duplicated. We are NOT prepared
to accept any charge incurred in copying the Allied Com-
mission records. We consider that they should be retained
permanently in ROME where it will be technically and eco-
nomically more satisfactory for such historical research
as is required, to be carried out by teams sent for that
purpose to ROME. Unless the US authorities require these
archives to be duplicated for their own purposes, using
their own resources, we recommend that the microphoto-
graphy programme of the Allied Commission archives be
cancelled forthwith.

3. The future of the active records of AFHQ and
other subordinate commands is still under consideration.

833

NO IN 174

CRYPTO-SECURITY APPLIES
SECRET

- 1 -

F 428 ref. S.

COPY NO.

14

0 5 6 3

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

REF NO THIS MESSAGE : DEP 40 (Cont'd) 4 January 1947

4. We further agree that the respective Military Attaches for the British and American Embassies should assume responsibility for the entire Allied Force Records Administration, including the safe custody of the Allied Commission Archives and the records of AFHQ and subordinate Headquarters.

Think you should inform the US Chiefs of Staff of our views accordingly."

NOTE : WAR 1222 AT OUT 457 14/11/46 AG
PR 12203 AC 384 724 10/11/46 AG

ACTION : AM

INFORMATION : SACS C/S MTO G-5 US POLAD BRIT POLAD HLC

8

ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM
ARCHIVES DIVISION

SUBJECT: Venezia Giulia File.
TO: Executive Commissioner.

FILE No. 15/AB/73

10 January 1947

Herewith copy of Archives Report requested by Col. H.P. Robertson D.S.C.A.C. for submission to JCAO Venezia Giulia and probable discussion with Officer Commanding that area.

Col. Robertson personally agreed with the suggested action in page 2.

N.M. Harrison
N.M. HARRISON, *Major*
Major,
Director,
Archives Division.

H.S. 10/1

See 4 E.C.

838

To : J.A.C.
Subject : Archives, Venezia Giulia.
From : Director, of Archives Division, A.C.

After a careful examination of the future planning of your Archives, the following report is submitted upon the situation as it appears at present.

A brief summary of the Policy in operation at AC Headquarters will show where, if any, points for discussion are to be expected.

1. Present Policy of AC ARCHIVES DIVISION.
Approval for the reception, microfilming and storage in ROMÉ of all AC/MS documents was received from CCS Washington early last summer and the commencement of the filming of certain Regions under this authority has been completed.
2. Reception of documents on close-down of a REGION.
Until documents are microfilmed, files are held in store at the Headquarters Rome in REGIONS. Access to these and/or their loan to outside bodies is readily provided under Ex.Commissioners Memo No. 7, par. 8, without difficulty. A fortnightly follow-up system by AC Archives Division keeps in touch with the borrower concerned, official receipt being obtained and a time-period of loan arranged at time of issue.
3. Policy at "3" Signing Day.
Until the ultimate disposition of Alcom Records is decided, the American and British Embassies have agreed to accept responsibility for the housing of the Archives in ROMÉ at the termination of the military period (subject to the final approval of their respective Governments.)
4. Storage in Rome after filming.

833

ROME of all AC/AMG documents was completed early last summer and the commencement of the filming of certain Regions under this authority has been completed.

2. Reception of documents on close-down of a REGION. Until documents are microfilmed, files are held in store at the Headquarters Rome in REGIONS. Access to these and/or their loan to outside bodies is readily provided under Ex. Commissioners Memo No. 7, par. 8, without difficulty. A fortnightly follow-up system by AC Archives Division keeps in touch with the borrower concerned, official receipt being obtained and a time-period of loan arranged at time of issue.

3. Policy at "3" Signing Day. Until the ultimate disposition of Alcom Records is decided, the American and British Embassies have agreed to accept responsibility for the housing of the Archives in ROME at the termination of the military period (subject to the final approval of their respective Governments.)

4. Storage in Rome after filming. The lease of a special building approved by both Embassies is virtually completed by the Italian Government for a period of ten years, rent free, in consideration of access to the files by their officials.

(continued)(2)

..... suggested procedure.

SUGGESTED PROCEDURE FOR VENEZIA GIULIA
FILES.

Unless any reversal of the present AG Policy is contemplated, I suggest that Venezia Giulia Archives can follow the same procedure as other Regions, as and when they can be spared. The fact that they may be required for a certain period on loan to an official body other than the Italian Government can be covered under the Archives Policy para 2 above.

Microfilming

According to the present programme the micro-filming of your Records will not commence for at least six months and will be carried out exactly as with other Regions. This will ensure a continuity of reference to one specific address for any enquiries from Washington or London at a later date. It is expected that cabled enquiries may be received upon legal matters for some time to come.

Preparation for filming

In any case, it is suggested that the same procedure for preparation be commenced under your Archives Officers and I am arranging for a small supply of requisite materials to be sent to your Headquarters as early as possible.

Visit to Archives Division ROBE

It is also suggested that your Archives Officers, together with a responsible Chief Clerk should visit Rome in about two weeks time to acquaint themselves with the various operations necessary in our work.

838

~~Amthavesson~~ Major.
N. H. HARRISON

423

SUGGESTED PROCEDURE FOR VENEZIA GIULIA FILES.

Unless any reversal of the present AS Policy is contemplated, I suggest that Venezia Giulia Archives can follow the same procedure as other Regions, as and when they can be repared. The fact that they may be required for a certain period on loan to an official body other than the Italian Government can be covered under the Archives Policy para 2 above.

Microfilming

According to the present programme the micro-filming of your Records will not commence for at least six months and will be carried out exactly as with other Regions. This will ensure a continuity of reference to one specific address for any enquiries from Washington or London at a later date. It is expected that cabled enquiries may be received upon legal matters for some time to come.

Preparation for filming

In any case, it is suggested that the same procedure for preparation be commenced under your Archives Officers and I am arranging for a small supply of requisite materials to be sent to your Headquarters as early as possible.

Visit to Archives Division ROME

It is also suggested that your Archives Officers, together with a responsible Chief Clerk should visit Rome in about two weeks time to acquaint themselves with the various operations necessary in our work.

838

H. M. Harrison
H. M. HARRISON, Major.

from Washington or London at a later date. It is expected that cabled enquiries may be received upon legal matters for some time to come.

Preparation for Filming

In any case, it is suggested that the same procedure for preparation be commenced under your Archivist Officers and I am arranging for a small supply of requisite materials to be sent to your Headquarters as early as possible.

Visit to Archives Division ROME

It is also suggested that your Archivist Officers, together with a responsible Chief Clerk should visit Rome in about two weeks time to acquaint themselves with the various operations necessary in our work.

838

~~W.M. Harrison~~ Major.

W.M. HARRISON,
Major,
Director,
Archives Division,
M.A. ARMS COMMISSION.

PROVINCIAL
AT A CONFERENCE AT THE XXXXXXXX COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

U D - M E

PROVINCIAL

Present. Lt/Col H. W. BRUGHT ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Commissioner
Lt/Col SCHENKEL Deputy Commissioner
Heads of Divisions
Civil Affairs Officers
Major H.M. HARRISSON DIRECTOR ARCHIVES DIVISION ACHQ

1. Major Harrisson outlined briefly the duties of AC Archives and the policy adopted over the past year.
2. He stressed the necessity of CAO's carefully selecting for transmission to P.O.H.Q. any records which might in the future provide the historian with the salient points of interest of AMG within the Province.
3. That action under Ex.Com's Memo 7. para 8. (closing down) should be carefully carried out.
4. Major Harrisson requested that a Records Officer be appointed at the Prov. Headquarters to deal with all Archive Matters and who should be responsible for the transmission of all files to Rome.
5. Also that this officer, on the close-down of the Province, should personally be responsible for the transmission of all files to Rome AC Headquarters.
6. Files required by Italian officials could be issued

3. That action under Ex.Com's Memo 7, para 6. (closing down) should be carefully carried out.

4. Major Harrison requested that a Records Officer be appointed at the Prov. Headquarters to deal with all Archive Matters and who should be responsible for the transmission of all files to ROME.

5. Also that this officer, on the close-down of the Province, should personally be responsible for the transmission of all files to Rome AC Headquarters.

835

6. Files required by Italian officials could be issued on loan under Ex.Com.Mem No.7/par.8 (Lending) but it was of the utmost importance that an official receipt be obtained and forwarded together with a list of such files to AC Archives (through PC Udine) ~~xxx Before xxx~~ the close of the issuing office, a check-up of the files outstanding should be made by the officer responsible.

It should be remembered that such files are the property of AMG/AC and NOT of the Italian Government.

82.10.11
See by E.O.

Archives Conference

UDINE

(continued)

7. Each file should carry the title upon the cover legibly in ink as well as the period covered. This period must also appear upon the list of contents.
8. Dispatch. Files should be carefully tied together in bundles not thicker than 12" under the respective Divisions or Functions and boxed (not stacked) or crated. A list of the contents must be enclosed and the crate clearly marked with the Province/Department and the Division concerned.
9. Legal files. Major Harrison said he would ask the Legal S/C AC to forward details to the Udine Legal Division of the card index scheme now being installed by ^{Legal S/C} ~~the~~ for all Regions so that a similar system can be carried out in the Province.
10. In conclusion Major Harrison felt he should point out the great importance and interest that the records of AC/AMU had for the future. So many officers expressed the view that, their work being completed, little would be found of value in their files: whereas it should be remembered that the only permanent record of the good work which had been done ^{and} (and a lot of good work had been done), the real result of policies and administration carried out by AMU/AC could **833** only be assessed by a complete review at some later date of these records by expert historians.
11. After a general discussion in which many points were raised and satisfactorily answered, Lt Col. HURST

so that a similar system can be carried out in the Province.

10. In conclusion Major Harrison felt he should point out the great importance and interest that the records of AC/AMG had for the future. So many officers expressed the view that, their work being completed, little would be found of value in their files: whereas it should be remembered that the only permanent record of the good work which had been done (and a lot of good work had been done), ^{and} the real result of policies and administration carried out by AMG/AC could **834** only be assessed by a complete review at some later date of these records by expert historians.

11. After a general discussion in which many points were raised and satisfactorily answered, Lt.Col. BRIGHT particularly asked CAG's to go over their files and screen them of any unnecessary or inter-office matters before sending them to PC.H.

12. Lt/Col Bright in summing up, expressed his thanks to Major

Harrison for his visit and the information he had given.

He was confident that the UDML files would be a credit to the Archives of Allied Commtesion and that everyone in under his command would support him in carrying this out.

The meeting was concluded.

10-1-47

for Harrison
Major
DIRECTOR
Archives

9265
ALLIED ~~CONTROL~~ COMMISSION

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

ARCHIVES BRANCH

SUBJECT: Files on loan.

FILE No. 16/AB/EDU.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.
for attention Capt. VELLA.

28 September 1946

Enclosed please find copy of application for files
dated 12 Sept. 46.

These were apparently left with the American Embassy
in May on Col. Washburnes orders and have not been used there
since then.

Will you please collect and return to Archives Branch
if not required.



IVV
30 Oct 46
30 SET 1946

N.M. Harrison
N.M. HARRISSON,
Major,
Chief Archives Officer.

833

QUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
ARCHIVES BRANCH

COPY

Ref: 16/AB.

12/9/46

SUBJECT: Files Borrowed.

TO : Marjorie WRIGHT,
Cultural Relation Asst.
AMERICAN EMBASSY, Office of Cultural Relations.

In view of the frequent staff changes occurring in Allied Commission, will you please confirm that the following files are still being required by your office and state, if possible, the probable date of return.

Archive Group No.	File Title	Received by	When taken	Probable date of return.
ED.4	2/F/4.0 to 5B/5.2 63 Education Files.	Miss. Wright	9/5/46	?

s/ N.M. HARRISSON,
Major,
Chief Archives Officer.

832



30 SET 1946

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A P O 794
Office of the Executive Commissioner

418

File

Ref: 3265/416/10

11 December 1946.

SUBJECT: Allied Military Government of Rome

TO : ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS,

Attention: G-3 Section.

417

1. Reference is made to your G-3: 356.14 of 5 December 1946 regarding copies of a report on the Allied Military Government of Rome compiled by Brigadier General Edgar A. Rame, formerly Chief of the Military Government Section, Fifth Army.

2. It is regretted that this Commission has no copies of the report referred to but it is suggested that you apply directly to the officer concerned for copies whose address is given below:

Colonel Edgar A. Rame, GSC.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3.
HQ United States Forces in Austria.
A.P.O. 777, U.S. Army.

FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER:

M. W. HIND-SMITH

Brigadier.
Executive Commissioner.

831

PA 11
12
14

92654
47
H089
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 250.11

5 December 1946

SUBJECT: Allied Military Government of Rome.

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 794.

1. The enclosed copy of an Informal Routing Slip addressed to this Section by the Historical Section of the Supreme Allied Commander's Secretariat, is forwarded to you.

2. Any action that you can take to secure three copies of the document for the U.S. War Department Historical Division will be greatly appreciated.

3. Request that the matter be treated as URGENT.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

J. A. Hamblen
J. A. L. HAMBLEN
Colonel, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

Incl: IRS dtd 4 Dec. 46

Lee 7/4/18

830

PA 11/12

INFORMAL ROUTING SLIP

LOG: 416
416ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

File: _____

Suspense: _____

SUBJECT: _____

No.	From	Phone	To	Date	
1.	Hist. Sect. SACS.	242	G-5	4 Dec. 1946	1. This section is at present trying to secure 3 copies of the report by Brigadier General Edgar E. Hume, GSC, Chief of the Military Government Section, 5th Army Headquarters, to the Army Commander, Subject "Allied Military Government of Rome of the Fifth Army, 5-15 June 1944". 2. It is understood that this is an unclassified document and was published in Rome in 1944. 3. Any information as to how 3 copies of this document may be secured would be appreciated, as they are urgently needed by the U.S. War Department Historical Division.

A. J. Stobart
A. J. STOBART
Captain
Historical Section, SACS 360

823

5 Army Box 10 File 53
Ry Com Box 426 File 1824

415

File

Ref. : 9265/415/EC

10. December 1946

SUBJECT: Records Officer.

TO : Archives Division
Attn: Capt. Tecmer.

1. Please note that Capt. A.W. Knisely will assume the duties of Records Officer for the Executive Commissioner Branch from 10 December 1946 and as such will be responsible for the files pertaining to that Branch.

BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE:

~~C. Knisely~~
Chief Staff Officer,
to the Executive Commissioner.

828

SR
12/12/46
dy.

9265 Q
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
ATO 794
ARCHIVES DIVISION

DEC 10 1946 414

Ref. : 16/AB.

7 December 1946

Subject: Files borrowed.

To : Executive Commissioner.

In view of the frequent staff changes occurring in Allied Commission, will you please confirm that the following file is still being required by your office and state, if possible, the probable date of return.

Archives Group	File Title	Received by	When taken	Probable date of return.
:	Transmission of Corr. to Ministries	?	7/11/46	8/11/46
:	AC/1/12/16/13	:	:	:
:	1st Jacket	:	:	:
:	:	:	:	:
:	:	:	:	:
:	:	:	:	:
:	:	:	:	:
:	:	:	:	:

FOR THE DIRECTOR ARCHIVES DIVISION 827

E. G. Toomer
CAPT. E.G. TOOMER, R.A.
"R" & "S" Section.

*File returned to Graham
10 Dec 46 PR*

Cap V

*PR
10 Dec 46*

File
413

Ref. : 9265/413/30

6 December 1946

SUBJECT: Files - CASB

TO : Executive Officer (Br)
A.C.

Enclosed are all files of the Civil Affairs Selection
Board, as arranged.

BY COMMAND OF HONOR ARTHUR STONE:

A. W. Kolsch,

Chief Staff Officer,
to the Executive Commissioner.

828

PA 6/12/48

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017EX 73293
NOV 19 NPTH/8010
NOV 201015

ROUTINE

A.F. RECORDS ADMINISTRATION AG SECTION AFHQ
AGWAR WASHINGTON FOR WDSCA

INFO CABINET OFFICE WHITEHALL FOR BOS ALCON ROME

SECRET

SECRET

Subject is disposition of Alcom Archives refer your W 84414 of 31 October.

1. Present plans now tentatively approved by United States and British Embassies in Rome and submitted 14 November in DAF1233 for approval of Combined Chiefs of Staff envision future organization to discharge, after the end of military period, all remaining commitments of Allied Forces Records Administration. Responsibilities would include, in addition to those pertaining to Allied Commission Archives, the reproduction and proper disposition of certain combined British American records other than those of Allied Commission, including principally still active records of Allied Force Headquarters that cannot be released until the headquarters is inactivated. It is not believed that the personnel and equipment requirements would be appreciably increased to provide for the discharge of these additional responsibilities. The contemplated organization would be complete and self sufficient and would operate under the supervision of the Military Attaches. 825

2. You are assured that substantially the same key United States Army personnel would continue to be employed on this project until its completion some three years hence, but plans now afoot will recommend change to civilian status of all except a few officers whom it desires to retain in Military status at top level and provided that present War Department redeployment requirements

SECRET

PAGE TWO

H/8010

SECRET

SECRET

especially section Roman Two WD Circular 272/1946, could be waived. Request Decision.

3. The estimate of approximately three years to complete this project is based upon capacity of present Microfilming equipment and considers the fact that over two years will be required to Micro film Allied Commission records alone.

4. In order to clarify administrative picture for your information herewith are present essential details. Allied Force Records Administration formulates all procedures and directs all Micro-filming and records disposition work under policies established by Combined Chief of Staff. These functions include but are not confined to the Allied Commission project. Allied Forces Micro-filming and Records Depot reproduces Combined records for the entire theater and houses and services and ultimately disposes of such records. These administrative provisions would not be affected by dissolution of Alcom but would disappear at end of military period unless provisions are made for their continuation.

5. Should Combined Chiefs of Staff approve plans for transfer to the Embassies at the end of the military period of the undischarged Allied Forces Records Administration responsibilities completely new organizational and cost tables will be prepared in consultation with the Embassies. It is therefore requested that State Department be so informed with a view toward withholding final action until these plans are approved.

AC DIST

Info Action: Archives

Info: Chief Comar , Ex Comar

Polad (A) , Polad (B)

File , Skeleton

SECRET

NOV 20 1946

(NAF 1233) FX 73210
NOV 15 NPT

H/7915

NOV 161045

ROUTINE

AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE PHAGR

info. → ALCOM ROME, TO AGWAR WASH. FOR COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF FOR ACTION,
TO CABINET OFFICES WHITEHALL FOR BCS, AGWAR FOR WDSCA FOR INFO

SECRET

SECRET

Subject is "Reproduction and Disposition of Combined British and American Records.

1. Fan 672 authorized Supreme Allied Commanders to make necessary arrangements with United States and British Embassy for transfer of responsibility for Allied Commission Archives and for transfer of necessary personnel and equipment to complete Microfilming Project at end of military period.
2. Allied Forces Microfilming and Records Depot, operated by Allied Forces Records Administration has just begun the Microfilming of Allied Commission Records. This project alone will require over two years for completion with present equipment and does not take into account other Allied Forces Records Administration commitments, which cannot be entirely discharged prior to the end of the military period.
3. It therefore appears desirable to transfer also to the ⁸²³British and American Embassies, at the end of the military period, all other undischarged responsibilities pertaining to the duplication of records of a combined British American character, and the appropriate ~~its~~ disposition of such records per your directives in Fan 630. Included in these additional responsibilities would be the Microfilming of certain active commands that cannot be release for Microfilming until those headquarters are inactivated.

SECRET

J/Good M/M

PAIS
11

PAGE TWO

SECRET

H/7915

4. United States and British Embassies in Rome have agreed subject to concurrence by proper authorities in Washington and London, to the under mentioned proposals to become effective upon dissolution of Allied Forces Headquarters and withdrawal of Military Forces in Italy.

(A) The respective Military Attaches of the British and American Embassies would assume responsibility for the completion of the ~~entire~~ entire Allied Forces Records Administration program including the Allied Commission Records, and would maintain direct contact with the Combined Chiefs of Staff in order to complete the program, with the reservation that major policies affecting the use and ultimate disposition of Allied Commission Archives would be formulated by the Embassies on a separate basis.

(B) The Contemplated organization would be completely self sufficient and would comprise the present Microfilming Unit and one Archives Unit, both of which would operate under the immediate control of the Allied Technical Administrative group responsible to the respective Military Attaches of the British and American Embassies. This Group would take on present function of Allied Forces Records Administration and would be composed of technical and administrative personnel ~~thoroughly~~ thoroughly familiar with ⁸²² all the aspects of this program.

(C) The cost of the whole undertaking would be borne by such departments of the United States and UK Govt and determined by those governments.

5. This headquarters is now preparing detailed plan of organization and cost analysis as a basis for early discussion with embassies. Inasmuch as no final decision can be reached pending approval of plans described here in, request decision at earliest possible date.

SECRET

404

PAGE THREE

H/7915

SECRET
AC DIST

INFO - Action: Archives Div

Info: Chief Commissioner

Executive Commissioner

Polad (A)

Polad (B)

File

Skeleton

NOV 16 1946

821

SECRET

92657
NOV 12 1946
405HARRIS, VANCE
ATTN: TIA
ARCHIVES DIVISION

Ref. : 15/AB.

12 November 1946

SUBJECT: Master Lists.

TO : Executive Commissioner's Office.

1. In connection with the ultimate disposal of files maintained in your Department and to more easily effect their turnover to Archives will you please carry out the following procedure at as early a date as possible.

2. Prepare lists in triplicate of all files which have been originated in your office giving (a) File number (b) Title (c) Number of volumes.

3. Tick in red on one list all files which have been handed to, or are immediately ready for collection by Archives. Tick in blue files still held in your Department.

4. Send all 3 lists to Archives Division.

5. Archives will check the accuracy of the return of files to their custody and notify you as to any discrepancy, returning one of the completed master lists for your guidance.

6. All copies of master lists will be amended as and when more files are handed to Archives.

7. Your early attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated as it is desired that Archives be in possession of all master lists on or before Nov. 15th, 1946.

823

c/c.

J. P. Carey
ATTN: TIA
ARCHIVES DIVISION

3. Tick in red on one list all files which have been handed to, or are immediately ready for collection by Archivists. Tick in blue (files still held in your Department).
4. Send all 3 lists to Archives Division.
5. Archivists will check the accuracy of the return of files to their custody and notify you as to any discrepancy, returning one of the completed master lists for your guidance.
6. All copies of master lists will be awarded as and when more files are handed to Archivists.
7. Your early attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated as it is desired that Archivists be in possession of all master lists on or before Nov. 15th, 1946.

820

J. H. Brown
Major,
Director,
Archives Division.

c/c. Please take action
as indicated in list
405 G. W. (C. H. W.)
J. H. W.

(J. C. W. M. M.)

PA 12
J. H. W.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

A20 794

ARCHIVES DIVISION

Ref: 15/AB/LO.

8 November 1946

SUBJECT: Master Lists.

TO : Liaison Division.

1. In connection with the ultimate disposal of files maintained in your Department and to more easily effect their turnover to Archives will you please carry out the following procedure at as early a date as possible.

2. Prepare lists in triplicate of all files which have originated in your office giving (a) File number (b) Title (c) Number of volumes.

3. Tick in red on one list all files which have been handed to, or are immediately ready for collection by Archives. Tick in blue files still held in your Department.

4. Send all 3 lists to Archives Division.

5. Archives will check the accuracy of the return of files to their custody and notify you as to any discrepancy, returning one of the completed master lists for your guidance.

6. All copies of Master Lists will be amended as and when more files are handed to Archives.

7. Your early attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated as it is desired that Archives be in possession of all master lists on or before Nov. 15th, 1946.

813

have originated in your office giving (a) File number
(b) Title
(c) Number of volumes.

3. Tick in red on one list all files which have been handed to, or are immediately ready for collection by Archives. Tick in blue files still held in your Department.

4. Send all 3 lists to Archives Division.

5. Archives will check the accuracy of the return of files to their custody and notify you as to any discrepancy, returning one of the completed master lists for your guidance.

6. All copies of Master Lists will be amended as and when more files are handed to Archives.

7. Your early attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated as it is desired that Archives be in possession of all master lists on or before Nov. 15th, 1946.

[Signature]

Z.G. CANNINGS,
Capt. RASC.
Archives Division.

Capt H.

File 10

INCOMING MESSAGE HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: **PL 72968**

Date / Time of Origin: **OCT 30 1745**

Message Centre No: **H/7547**

Date Time Recd: **OCT 31 1215**

Precedence: **ROUTINE**

FROM: **AFHQ SIGNED SACTED CITE PHRG**

TO: **TROOPERS LONDON**

INFO **CHQ CMT ALCOM ROME**

SECRET

SECRET

ALCOM

1. As a result of conversations with the two embassies in Rome have already recommended to the Foreign Office and the State Department that the strength of the Archives be transferred to the Embassies will be (A) Officers or civilians of officer status - 8, 3 British and 3 American (B) HQ/ONS or civilians equal status 10, 5 British and 5 American (C) Italian civilians 34.
2. The Archives Division of ALCOM is largely staffed in this strength and all existing personnel have expressed their willingness to continue under the Embassies in a civilian capacity subject to the terms of employment being acceptable.
3. This estimate takes no account of the Microfilm Unit the future status of which has not yet been decided. At present Microfilming is being carried out by the Unit operated by Allied Forces Records Administration which is an integrated Military body dealing with the records of AFHQ.
4. A conference will shortly take place in Rome as a result of which it is hoped to make recommendations for the reorganisation of AFHQ. Until then it is not possible to state to what extent the Embassies will become responsible for any part of their existing organisation.

already recommended to the Foreign Office and the State Department that the strength of the Archives be transferred to the Embassies will be (A) Officers or civilians of officer status - 5, 3 British and 3 American (B) EM/ONS or civilians equal status 10, 5 British and 5 American (C) Italian civilians 34.

2. The Archives Division of ALCON is largely staffed in this strength and all existing personnel have expressed their willingness to continue under the Embassies in a civilian capacity subject to the terms of employment being acceptable.

3. This estimate takes no account of the Microfilm Unit the future status of which has not yet been decided. At present Microfilming is being carried out by the Unit operated by Allied Force Records Administration which is an integrated Military body dealing with the records of AFHQ.

4. A conference will shortly take place in Rome as a result of which it is hoped to make recommendations for the reorganisation of AFRA. Until then it is not possible to state to what extent the Embassies will become responsible for any part of their existing organisation.

5. It is proposed that should ALCON be abolished prior to the end of the Military period the Archives Division of ALCON will become an integral part of the Liaison and Civil Affairs

SECRET

401
IN COMING MESSAGE
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference:

Message Centre No: H/7547

Date/Time of Origin:

Date Time Rec'd:

FROM: PAGE TWO

Precedence:

TO :

SECRET

SECRET

Branch of G-5 AFHQ and will therefore continue in a military capacity.

Your signal 69835A2 (B) undated received 17 October 1945 (Net to GHQ at Alcom) refers.

AC DIST

Info Action: Executive Commissioner(2)

Info: Chief Commissioner

Polad (A)

Polad (B)

File

Skeleton

Archives Div.
Ex. O. (A) 817
" " (B)

branch of G-3 AFHQ and will therefore continue in a military capacity.

Your signal 6983542 (B) undated received 17 October 1946 (Not to CHQ or Aileen) refers.

AC DIST

Info Action: Executive Commissioner(2)

Info: Chief Commissioner

Polad (A)

Polad (B)

File

Skeleton

Archives Jw.
Ca. O. (A) 817
" " (B) 648

OCT 31 1946

INFO - ACTION

SECRET

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

A P O 794

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref. : 1/AB.

22 October 1946

SUBJECT: Disposal of Archives.

OCT 23 1946

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

1. Reference is made to your G-5:900.24 of 18 June 1946 and to your P 72750 of 18 October 1946. The present position is as follows.

2. Following many discussions with British and American Embassies a tentative procedure for the transfer of Archives Division to the Embassies at the end of the Military period has been submitted, by the Embassies, to the Foreign Office and State Department.

3. The salient points are:-

(a) The Embassies are willing to accept the responsibility for the continuance of Archives Division at the end of the Military period, subject to receipt of authority to do so from Foreign Office and State Department.

(b) The question of staff and terms of service to be investigated by a representative from London in conjunction with a representative of the State Department, Washington.

(c) No definite proposal regarding Microfilm Depot has at present been submitted. It is anticipated that the expense of this Depot will be much higher than that of Archives Division, and its future policy is entirely controlled by A.F.R.A. 818

4. The personnel required for Archives Division upon transfer to the Embassies will be at least-

- 6 Officers or civilians of Officer Status
- 10 EM/ORs or civilians of equal Status
- 34 Italian Civilians.

(Very) Mem)

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

A P O 794

Office of the Executive Commissioner

399

5. It is proposed that Allied personnel should be 50% American 50% British. The Wage cost is at present estimated at 36,000 lire per day, exclusive of allowances for accomodation and feeding. This does not include any Microfilming staff, film, equipment, or provision for maintenance.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

McCar Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copies to: Chief Commissioner.
POLAD (A).
POLAD (E).

815

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

9265 *ad*

Ex Comm
398

F 72750
OCT 181015A

H/ 7272
OCT 191030

APHQ

PRIORITY

ALCOM ROME

SIGNED SACRED CITS FHGEG

RESTRICTED:

Please submit urgently for War Office recommendations requested ^{*last*} para this Headquarters letter g-5 900.24 of 18 June, including number of personnel.

397

AC DIST

~~INFO~~ ACTION - ARCHIVES

INFO ~~SECTION~~ - CHIEF COMMISSIONER 2

INFO ~~INFO~~ - EX COMM

FLOAT

FILE

814

OCT 19 1946

J. McC

(C/COMD M. M.)

see F. 400

21/10/46

9265

COPY

397

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 900.24

18 June 1946

SUBJECT: Archives.

TO : Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
APO 724

1. The following is the text of FAN 672:

"This is FAN 672.

1. Recommendations contained in paragraph 5, FAN 1128 are approved subject to the following provisions:

(A) In reducing the files to archive form the segregation of documents that under no circumstances can be shown to the Italian Government must be considered. This segregation would make it possible eventually, to turn over the remaining archive to the possession of the Italian authorities if circumstances should so dictate.

(B) Regarding screening of files, it is our impression that the major reduction will consist of elimination of duplicates, which is considered satisfactory as long as the cost of screening is NOT more than the saving on the cost of microfilming. If elimination of blocks of material other than duplicates is proposed, an inventory of this material will be furnished to Combined Chiefs of Staff for review prior to elimination or destruction. Screening should be held to a minimum because of the difficulty of finding personnel skilled in archival techniques or with Allied Military Government experience and because of limitations on number of persons who can be transferred to the embassies at the end of the military period.

(C) Microfilm will be forwarded periodically to the UNITED STATES War Department (Attention: the Adjutant General) and to the British Cabinet Offices, (Attention: Historical Section) for review to assure adequate standards of arrangement, indexing and film processing as at present provided for other combined records.

2. You are authorized to make necessary arrangements with UNITED STATES and British Embassies for transfer of responsibility for the archive and for transfer of necessary personnel and equipment to complete the microfilm project at the end of the military period. You will keep

See F-398-400

1516

- 2 -

396

the Combined Chiefs of Staff advised of arrangements made. End of FAN 672.

2. The instruction in paragraph 1 (B) as to the elimination of "blocks of material" will apply whenever any particular class or category of material is proposed to be destroyed. No inventory will be required of documents individually considered redundant. So long as you continue to retain personnel with archival and A&S experience your present procedure may continue; but, in compiling the degree of reduction, regard must be had not only to the skill and knowledge of the present staff but to the time that skilled staff will be available, the staff that the embassy may be prepared to take over, the question of time and the relative expense of screening or filing.

3. You will please segregate those documents that it is considered should under NO circumstances be shown to the Italian Government. Segregation may be by individual documents or by files as may be appropriate. Subject to the over-riding requirement, for removal of documents which under NO circumstances should be so seen, the archives should be as complete and as intelligible as possible.

4. Documents segregated will be photographed in normal manner but specially stored. Instructions as to their disposal will be issued at a later date. Can you supply an estimate of the probable volume of such records.

5. Request you consult with the U.S. and British Embassies relative to the provisions of para 2 of FAN 672 and make pertinent recommendations in connection therewith.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

A.L. HASKIN
Brigadier General, GSO
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

Copy to: AG (Records)
U.S. Polad
Brit Polad

842

~~III~~ 9265
R

395

Tel No. ROME 489081 Ext 592

Subject: Reinforcements - Archives Branch

Headquarters
Allied Commission (ITALY)
CMF

Ref: G-1(B)/495/OR

7 Oct 46

Archives Branch

OCT - 9 1946

371

NR

1. Further to this Office letters of even reference dated 12 and 26 Aug 46.
2. Notification has been received from GHQ 2nd Echelon that 3 Ptes (General Duty) are shortly to be posted to this HQ for duty with Archives Branch.
3. Estimated time arrival is not yet known.

[Signature]

G-1 (B)

HQ Allied Commission

/kp

Copy to:- Office of the Executive Commissioner

811

10/10

(eso)

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
ARCHIVES BRANCH

OCT 3 1946

Ref: 16/AB

3 October 1946

SUBJECT: Files borrowed.

TO : Executive Commissioner CSO.

In view of the frequent staff changes occurring in Allied Commission, will you please confirm that the following files are still being required by your office and state, if possible, the probable date of return.

Archive Group No.	Title of File	Received by	When taken	Probable date of return.
H.5	S. Marino (SECRET) 13203/F	illegibile	22/8/46	?

John E. Durst
John E. DURST,
Capt. INF.

810

PA 5/10
Dr

HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES ARMYED COMMISSION

270 794

(ADMINISTRATIVE)

Office of the Executive Commissioner

27 September 1946

Ref: 20/13.

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT ARCHIVES TRACK-SECT. 26th 1946

Present	Major M. J. WILSON	Chief Archives Officer
	Major D.M. CHAPMAN	"F" Section i/c
	Capt. P.G. WHEAT	"K" Section i/c
	Capt. ROBERT E.C.	"J" Section
	Dr. WILSON	A.F.M.A. Archivist
	Capt. LEWIS	Microfilm Unit
	(Capt. Williams absent on leave)	

1. Major WILSON read contents of letter J13.3 AFM-A-0 dated 21st Sept. 1946 (official copy not yet received).
2. The various conditions and proposals embraced in pars. 2-3-4 were thoroughly discussed and all points agreed.
3. Within the plan for merging "H" and "I" Sections it was noted that certain functions could now be self limited with a consequent gradual reduction of staff.
4. Major CHAPMAN said that probably commencing Tuesday next Oct. 1st a new grouping of operations and teams to include military American and British personnel (from "H") could be instituted.
5. Capt. WHEAT stated that by the end of this week, he could clear up present "H" work to a specified datum line and be ready to commence duties with his staff in the new "J" Section by Oct. 1st.
6. Capt. JOHNSON was requested to take over and carry out the duties of registering and disposal of carded documents to Microfilm Depot and to liaise with Capt. LEWIS of the Depot upon all matters in connection with the filing of AC documents.
7. Dr. WILSON stated that he would formally suggest to AFMA the possible desirability of retaining competent military personnel on a civilian basis, upon the closure of A.C.

It was agreed that a step taken in this direction now, would ensure the future interests of the officers and men now employed as well as the continued efficiency of the work in Archives Depot.

thoroughly discussed and all points agreed.

3. Within the plan for merging "M" and "W" Sections it was noted that certain functions could now be eliminated with a consequent gradual reduction of staff.

4. Major CHAPMAN said that probably commencing Tuesday next Oct. 1st a new grouping of operations and teams to include military American and British personnel (from "M") could be instituted.

5. Capt. WEDEN stated that by the end of this week, he could clear up present "M" work to a specified datum line and be ready to commence duties with his staff in the new M/P Section by Oct. 1st.

6. Capt. WOODMAN was requested to take over and carry out the duties of registering and disposal of cases documents to Microfilm Depot and to liaise with Capt. WEDEN of the Depot upon all matters in connection with the filing of AC documents.

7. Dr. WILSON stated that he would certainly suggest to ALMA the possible desirability of retaining competent military personnel on a civilian basis, upon the closure of A.C.

It was agreed that a stop taken in this direction now, would ensure the future interests of the officers and men now employed as well as the continued efficiency of the work in Archives Branch.

8. It was finally agreed that :-

- (i) commencement to microfilm Section 6 should begin at once, Capt. WOODMAN in close contact with Microfilm Depot.
- (ii) Major CHAPMAN should prepare plans in conjunction with Capt. WEDEN to merge the two Sections M/P with the present staff, immediately.
- (iii) At the request of the LEGAL Subcommittee AG, and with full agreement with Capt. WEDEN of Microfilm, to reserve the 20 cases of Legal Documents of SO WEDEN SECTION for the time being until Col. WEDEN's staff had completed the card records of this Section.
- (iv) the assistance and advice of Dr. WILSON is greatly appreciated in his connection with Archives Branch.

DISSEMINATION: Executive Commissioner.
Officers attending meeting.
Dr. WILSON (2 copies).

POLAD (A) - POLAD (B).

M. H. Wilson
Major,
Chief Archives Officer.

See M-393

(Thomson)

~~SECRET~~
92654

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

See Comm. Archives 390
mc
SEP 26 1946

AG 313.3 AFRA-0

21 September 1946

SUBJECT : Screening of Records of Allied Commission.

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission,
A.P.O. 794.

1. In compliance with AGWAR message W-96237, 1 August 1946 (see Inclosure No. 1), this Headquarters submitted for the approval of the Combined Chiefs of Staff microfilm examples of the classes of materials proposed for elimination from Allied Commission Archives, as defined in NAF 1183 (see Inclosure No. 2). A review of screening practices now in effect in the Archives Branch of Allied Commission was submitted for Combined Chiefs of Staff consideration at the same time (see Inclosure No. 3).

2. The following reply, dated 17 September 1946, has been received from the Combined Chiefs of Staff:

"This is FAR 693.

Proposals in NAF 1183 for screening of documents are approved with the exception of paragraph 2 (A) (2).

As a general principle material falling within that category will be returned and microfilmed with all of commission files unless such material originated in an Overseas Headquarters which is presently engaged in a microfilm project under directives of the Combined Chiefs of Staff."

3. A short interpretation of the exception stated in FAR 693 is as follows:

803

(a) Reproduced documents originating in Allied Force Headquarters may be destroyed whenever found in ALCOM files, unless the preservation of particular reproduced documents is essential to the integrity of particular files.

(b) All other reproduced documents that originated in a higher headquarters must be microfilmed, except that copies in excess of one (1) found in the same folder may be removed and destroyed.

(g/c man)
SECRET

PA 24/9
11

S E C R E T

369

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

(c) Reproduced documents originating in a headquarters subordinate to the headquarters whose records are being screened must be microfilmed, except that copies in excess of one (1) found in the same folder may be removed and destroyed.

4. Your attention is especially directed to the following points:

(a) The necessity of rigid adherence to screening measures proposed by NAF 1183 and now approved, with exception as stated. The "Review of Allied Commission Screening Practices" transmitted to Combined Chiefs of Staff by this Headquarters (see Inclosure No 3) constitutes the definitive screening instructions to be observed by you. There must be no deviation from these instructions, except where they apply to para 2 (A) (2) of NAF 1183, which is now amended in accordance with FAN 693.

(b) The necessity of ensuring that all material earmarked for discard is destroyed as soon as possible.

(c) With a view toward maintaining the recognised standards of archival practices, it is suggested you consider the desirability of merging "A" and "F" Sections, Archives Branch, into one co-ordinated unit. This will necessitate certain physical and personnel changes, but would have the advantage of infusing more American and British direction into the activities of Italian readers presently employed in "F" Section.

(d) The fullest possible use should be made of the AFRA Representative to ALCOM. It is hoped that you will extend him an invitation to attend conferences, etc., that you may convene to discuss the implications of FAN 693. In this connection your attention is directed especially to para 3 of AFRA/I/109 dated 18 July 1946 (see Inclosure No 4). 807

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

Ralph C. Tilley
RALPH C. TILLEY,
Colonel, ASD.,
Adjutant General.

4 Incls:

Incl 1 - AGWAR Message W-96237,
1 August 46 (copy).

Incl 2 - NAF 1183, 18 July 46 (copy).

Incl 3 - AFHQ, AG 313.3 AFRA-O, 14 August 46 (copy).

Incl 4 - AFRA/I/109, 18 July 46 (copy).

Copy to: G-5, AFHQ.
AFRA Representative to ALCOM.

C O P YFILED : 01214
ROUTINEPARAPHRASE UNNECESSARY
SECRET

AFSC N 104/2

388

FROM : AGWAR

TO : AFHQ

REF NO THIS MESSAGE : W 96237

1 August 1946

For SACMED.

Reference your radio NAF 1183.

Subject screening of records of Allied Commission, re
FAN 672 which outlined policy with ref to screening.Your NAF 1183 appears at variance with that policy
especially para 2 (A) (4) and (5) and 2 (B) (2) and (3).Request you ship by fastest means to US WD attn Historical
Rec Sect, AGO, at least 20 microfilm examples of each of the classes
of materials which you propose to eliminate as defined in para 2
NAF 1183.Screening instructions mentioned in para 3 should accompany
shipment for study. NO segregated material will be destroyed
pending final decision.NOTE : NAF 1183 IS FX-69339 MC OUT 543 18/7/46 AG
FAN 672 IS W-91381 MC IN 1459 15/6/46 G-5

ACTION : AG

INFORMATION : SACS C/S MTO G-5 US POLAD BRIT POLAD
**

803

MC IN 107 2 August 1946

PARAPHRASE UNNECESSARY
SECRET

0555B Ref No; W-96237

$\frac{C}{7} \cdot \frac{O}{\cdot} \cdot \frac{P}{\cdot} \cdot \frac{Y}{\cdot}$

SECRET

ROUTINE 387

TO FOR ACTION : AGWAR WASHINGTON FOR COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF
CABINET OFFICES LONDON FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF.

INFO : ALCOM ROME

REF NO : FX-69339

SIGNED : SACMED CITE : FHAGR

This is NAF 1183.

Subject is screening of records of Allied Commission.

(1) NO elimination will be made of blocks of material (i.e. independent or relatively independent series of documents).

(2) Present screening process eliminates exact duplicates within the same file folder, but major reduction results from

(A) Elimination of following prescribed classes of material:

- (i) Routine acknowledgements of receipt of communications, reminders and the like;
- (ii) Reproduced documents originating with higher headquarters, provided NO notations are made thereon;
- (iii) Letters of transmittal;
- (iv) Routine carrier notes;
- (v) Improperly classified material that is of insufficient value to reclassify.

(B) A sampling technique involving the retention of samples only of uniform completed forms or routine periodic reports provided that the information contained in the material discarded is available in another form. Examples of such material are:

- (i) Routine property records when other records reveal total property accountability;
- (ii) Routine records of arrest and trial in misdemeanour cases when consolidated court records essentially reflect discarded information;
- (iii) Periodical narrative or statistical reports when information is consolidated elsewhere.

- 011 -
SECRET

386

(3) This screening process is rigidly defined and is in accordance with accepted archival procedures. By its use the microfilming commitment is reduced and the intelligibility of the film records for research purposes will be increased. The cost of this screening process is less than the cost of micro-filming. The number of personnel with Allied Military Government experience is now at its maximum.

(4) NO material hitherto discarded has been destroyed but discarded material will be destroyed eventually.

(5) Unless contrary instructions are received it will be presumed that the existing practice is in conformity with your policy.

AUTH : KEN MUNDEN, 1st Lt

ORIGINATOR : AG (AFPA)

APPROVED : C/S

INFORMATION : SACS C/S MTO G-5 US POLAD BRIT POLAD **

S E C R E T

C O P Y

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 313.6 AFRA-0

14 August 1946

SUBJECT : Screening of Records of Allied Commission.

TO : The Adjutant General, War Department,
Washington 25, D.C.

ATTENTION: Chief, Historical Records Section.

1. In compliance with AGWAR Message W-96237, 1 Aug 1946, transmitted herewith are microfilm examples (Incl. #1) of each of the classes of materials proposed for elimination from Allied Commission files, as defined in paragraph 2, NAF 1183.

2. A review of screening practices now in effect in the Archives Branch of Allied Commission is also furnished (Incl. #2).

3. Inasmuch as further screening and microfilming are being suspended pending your approval of procedures outlined in NAF 1183, it is requested that the final decision of the Combined Chiefs of Staff be obtained and transmitted to this Headquarters with the least practicable delay.

4. Your attention is invited to these facts in connection with the screening of the records in question:

a. Screening practices outlined by NAF 1183 were already in effect prior to the receipt of PAN 672.

b. Those screening measures are being applied primarily to the records of regional headquarters subordinate to Allied Commission itself, with a view toward perfecting the arrangement of records that did not receive adequate final processing upon inactivation of field establishments.

803

/c.

Incl #3

- 2 -

S E C R E T

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

c. In recognition of the variance with policy outlined in FAN 672, this headquarters summarised current Allied Commission screening practices in AF 1183. It has not been intended to destroy any segregated material or to begin microfilming until a final Combined Chiefs of Staff decision is received.

FOR THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

s/ RALPH C. TILLEY
t/ RALPH C. TILLEY,
Colonel, AGD.,
Adjutant General.

2 Incl:

Incl 1 - Microcopy of examples of materials proposed for elimination.

Incl 2 - Review of Allied Commission screening practices.

S E C R E T

C O P Y

383

Incl to AG 313.6 AFRA-0,
dated 14 August 1946.

ALLIED FORCE RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

3 July 1946

REVIEW OF ALLIED COMMISSION SCREENING PRACTICES

1. Basic Assumptions

- a) Documents are discarded because they lack permanent value for administrative, historical or legal research.
- b) Inasmuch as the microcopy in each instance must be a faithful reproduction of the file series, the discarded material must be destroyed at some future date.
- c) The effect of (a) and (b); documents not worth filming are not worth keeping.
- d) No document is discarded that sets a precedent, that establishes or defines a policy, that directs or outlines a procedure, or that possesses importance in so far as the mission, responsibility, organization, and functions of the agency are concerned.
- e) With the exception of classes of material that may be discarded, as enumerated in paragraphs 2 and 3 below, no document covering any transaction of ALCOM or of its subordinate agencies is discarded. "Transactions" in this sense may bear upon matters of:-

Legal affairs
Mining
Postal affairs
Public health
Public safety
Public works and utilities
Monuments and fine arts
Agriculture
Communications
Economics
Education
Engineering
Finance
Labour
Transportation

801

- 2 -

S E C R E T

382

2. Material to be Discarded

- a) Duplicates found in the same folder (destroyed forthwith).
- b) Routine acknowledgements of receipt of communications.
- c) Mimeographed or otherwise processed (including printed) documents originating with higher headquarters, provided no notations are made thereon to change the character of the document from "nonrecord" to "record".
- d) Letters of transmittal.
- e) Carrier notes of routine or perfunctory nature.
- f) Improperly classified material, that, upon investigation, does not appear to be of sufficient value to reclassify.

3. "Typical" Representation of Material otherwise Discarded

Files consisting entirely of periodic reports in series (whether statistical or narrative), of routine special reports or memoranda all of which are iniform in appearance and content, and of completed forms maintained for bookkeeping or accounting purposes, are discarded provided that:-

- a) No damage results to the structure of the file series of which material so discarded is a part.
- b) The information contained in the material so discarded has been consolidated elsewhere in the files of the same agency, or exists in the form of more final or more usable papers or reports.

Files eliminated or discarded in this manner are represented by a typical selection, for purposes of the microcopy. The samples chosen for filming are introduced by the following remark:

The attached _____ documents are presented as "TYPICAL" of the contents of this folder and sufficient for filming for historical research reasons. The balance of the documents from this folder are filed in the companion "discard" folder.

Specific examples of this technique:

800

- a) Property issue receipts, tally-ins and tally-outs, and other routine property records, when evidence exists elsewhere in the files of property clearance or where other records reveal total property accountability.

- 3 -

S E C R E T

381

- b) Certain documents in legal files concerning apprehension, trial, and disposition of all types of misdemeanour cases, if and when consolidated court records reflect all this information (exception being made of exceptional cases requiring special judicial procedure, such as murder, rape, and other major felonies).
- c) Regular statistical reports that have been reproduced in consolidated and condensed form.

C O P Y

380

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

Allied Force Records Administration,
AG Section,
Allied Force Headquarters.

18 July 1946

Ref : AFRA/I/109

Subject : Designation of AFRA Representative to Archives
Branch, Allied Commission.

To : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission,
A.P.O. 794.
(Attn: Major Harrison, Archives Branch).

1. It will be recalled that a proposal was advanced, in the course of the conference held in the Executive Commissioner's office on 1 July 1946, that a representative of AFRA should be permanently located with the Allied Commission. Both the Executive Commissioner and the Chief Archivist agreed to this proposal, and stated that they would welcome the appointment of such a representative.

2. In consequence, it has been decided to place Dr. Dwight H. Wilson, of Allied Force Records Administration, on detached service with Allied Force Microfilming and Records Depot, to act as AFRA representative to Allied Commission.

3. It will be expected by AFRA that Dr. Wilson will be called upon by the Archives Branch, Allied Commission, for opinions or decisions whenever questions arise that require the point of view, advice, instructions, or decisions of AFRA. It is further requested that you afford Dr. Wilson the means and the authority whereby he may familiarise himself fully with all aspects of archival practices now prevailing in Allied Commission. Separate instructions to Dr. Wilson will require him to submit the more important problems to AFRA for solution.

793

/4.

Incl #4

C O P Y

- 2 -

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

4. It is not intended that Dr. Wilson should be regarded as a liaison agent between Allied Commission and Allied Force Microfilming and Records Depot, except where questions of policy and procedure would appear to involve AFRA. It is confirmed that matters affecting the technical aspects of microfilming should be referred by you direct to the Depot Commander.

s/PAUL M. MORRILL
t/PAUL M. MORRILL,
Lt. Col., Inf.,
Allied Force Records Administrator.

Copies to:

Dr. Wilson,
AFM&R Depot,
G-5.

Translation

E.C. 9265 To handle

14/IX 1946

Rome, 7 September 1946
48, Via Tevere

E.C.
378

I acknowledge letter dated 23 August No. 75153/16644.15/19.11 addressed to you by the Undersecretary of State to the Presidency of the Council of Ministers and, as the sequestrator of the "Istituto Archeologico Germanico" of 79, Via Sardegna, I state that following the disposition of the Undersecretary of State, nothing prevents the premises of this Institute being occupied by offices of the A.C.

I must point out, however, that the Institute in question is only proprietor of the furniture - desks, chairs, shelves, ect. - as per inventory already sent to the Intendenza di Finanze of Rome (a small part of which is being claimed by the Czechoslovakian Legation (in Rome) while the building that was rented by the Institute belongs to the ecclesiastic evangelic commission of Berlin, represented in Rome by Pastor Erich Dahlgr  n - 7, Via Toscana.

Therefore arrangements are to be made with Pastor Dahlgr  n regarding the renting conditions of the building, which I have already visited with an officer of the Archives of A.C., while arrangements to establish the compensation for the furniture's use must be made, through myself, with the Intendenza di Finanze of Rome.

The premises can be handed over by Oct. 1st as I will be out of town at the end of September.

Yours Truly

/s/ Pasquale Scuncio
Avvocato Generale Onorario
Stato

To : Admiral Ellery W. STONE
Chief Commissioner, A.C.
R O M E

E.C. Dist - 16/9/46

Ant. Arch.

Inf. C.C.

E.C. (file 9265/EC)

P.A. 16/9/46
H.D.

(info L)

9265. AD

377

ALLIED

COMMISSION

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM
ARCHIVES BRANCH

AUG 30 1946

SUBJECT: Letter AFRA/B/007

FILE NO. 4063/EC

TO : Executive Commissioner ~~Office~~
for attention Mister Thompson.
File 4063/EC

29 August 1946⁴

These records have nothing to do with AC. Archives.
They are the personal responsibility of Capt. BUCK (Micro
Film Unit) and will be housed in AC. Building ANNEXE.

A.F.R.A. confirm that the security of these Army
Records does NOT rest with Allied Commission.

N.M. Harrison
N.M. HARRISSON,
Major,
Chief Archives Officer.

795

PA
LA 30/8

9265 41

376

29 AUG 1946

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

Allied Force Records Administration,
AG Section,
Allied Force Headquarters.

27 August 1946

Ref : AFRA/B/007

AUG 31 1946

To : Depot Commander (B),
A.F. Microfilming and Records Depot,
A.P.O. 794.

1. The following is an extract from a letter received by this Administration from Brigadier H.B. Latham, Offices of the Cabinet and Minister of Defence:

"It is vital that we should get all the "original" records due to us from A.F.H.Q., and I do implore you to take the utmost care when you start to clear them."

2. It is requested that you will please make necessary security arrangements for the safe custody of these documents whilst they are in your care.

R.V. Russell
(R.V. RUSSELL, Major, E. Lanr.),
D/ Allied Force Records Administrator.

Copy for information to:

Executive Commissioner,
HQ, Allied Commission,
A.P.O. 794.

794

PA
13 30/5

9265

EC

Y

handle

375

EWS

CC

TRANSLATION

PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.
THE UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE.

AUG 27 1946

76169/16644.15/19.11

Rome, 23 August, 1946.

Dear Admiral,

Reference your letter to the President of the Council,
No. 4/AB, dated July 6, 1946, I wish to inform you that contacts
have been made with the trustee of the property of 79, Via Sardegna.
While waiting that the conditions of the contract of these premises be
formally regularized by the Italian Government, the offices of the
Allied Commission may proceed to occupy them, by means of previous
direct agreement with the above-mentioned trustee, Avv. Pasquale
SCUNCIO, of the General Advocateship of the State, (home telephone
number 866.405), who is in charge of the premises.

Sincerely,

(s) Paolo Cappa.

Admiral Ellery W. Stone.

Chief Commissioner

Allied Commission

Rome.

EC DIST - 27 Aug

ACTION - ARCHIVES BR

INFO - EC

- CC

P.A. 27/8/46

See 7-378

(CAPT K)

C60071
231356B AUG

9265 *Ad*

Ex. Comm.
374

H/5963
AUG 231805B

IMMEDIATE

AFHQ

ALCOM ROME INFO AFRA REP TO ALCOM ROME AF MICROFILMING AND
RECORDS DEPOT RE

AUG 24 1946

UNCLASSIFIED

373

Subject microfilming Alcom records region 1. Understand
you are unable to give full certificate as required in our number C 5988
of 22 Aug. Regret before peissan to microfilm region 1 documents can not
be favourably considered.

AC DIST

ACTION: ARCHIVES

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

EX COMMISSIONER

AFRA

MICROFILM UNIT

HEADQUARTERS

1 AUG 1946

lu 373 A C

792

P.A. 24/8/46
[Signature]

[Signature]
(f/c me)

G. mem.

9265 *AS*

Ex. Comm 373

C 59630
AUG. 22 1023B

H/5911
AUG. 23 0900

ROUTINE
AUG 23 1946

AFHQ
ALCOM ROME INFO: TO AFRA REP TO ALCOM ROME AF MICROFILMING AND
RECORDS DEPOT ROME

UNCLASSIFIED

Subject microfilming Alcom records region 1. Proved certificate
can be given by Alcom stating that 1 all duplicated have been
removed and 2 that should CCS give due approval to screening
methods detailed in Maj 1183 insufficient material of types
detailed in Maj 1183 remain in files to justify cost of elimina-
tion can then microfilming can commence immediately.

AC DIST

ACTION ARCHIVES BR
INFO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
AFRA
EX COMM
MICROFILMING
FLOAT 2
FILE

791

See 374

HEADQUARTERS

23 AUG 1946

A. G.

1.A. 248/46
D

(if code m) Y-m-m

9265 *Ad*
ALLIED

372
COMMISSION

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM
ARCHIVES BRANCH

SUBJECT: Files.

15/AB/LOD

19 August

1946

TO

Liaison Officer Division.

Attention J/Cmdr. McMASTERS
(Records Officer)

22 1948

May this Branch please be notified whether
files for Liaison Officer Division are to be sent
to Archives or retained please. *(about)*

*I spoke with Maj. Harrison.
We are to hold files for
a while as he is swamped.*

*G. McW
2/8*

N. M. Harrison
N. M. HARRISSON,

Major,

Chief Archives Officer.

793

*FA
2/8
2*

9265
91

371

Tel No: ROME 18908 at 592

Subject: Reinforcements -
Archives Branch

Headquarters,
Allied Commission (ITALY)
C.M.F.

Ref: G-1(B)/195/OR.

12 Aug 46.

AUG 13 1946

Archives Branch.

366

1. Reference your 8/AB dated 1 Aug 46.
2. Herewith extract of reply received from G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon C.M.F. dated 7 Aug 46 on this subject.

"It is regretted that there are no reinforcements available for posting at present.

It is anticipated that a small number of General Duties Personnel will become available within three weeks."

R. o. Swill. M. j.

/kp.

G-1 (B).
H.Q., Allied Commission.

Copy to: Office of the Executive Commissioner.

783

9 J.S. 1418

P.A. 12/3/46
4

(C 30)

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

A P O 794

Office of the Executive Commissioner

ARCHIVES BRANCH

Ref. : 15/A2/28.

12 August 1946

AUG 12 1946

SUBJECT : Files from Naples.

TO : C.L.O. Naples.

1. Seven boxes of files were received yesterday from Naples Liaison Group.

2. The packing was extremely bad; in some cases the files were packed loose and had become badly mixed up in transit.

3. In one case card indices had been so insecurely packed that they had shaken loose from their boxes and the case was merely a collection of loose cards.

4. Your reference is drawn to Signal 5186 of 16 July 1946, last paragraph and an explanation is requested.

R. H. HANCOCK
R. H. HANCOCK, *map*
Major,
Chief Archives Officer.

Copies to: G 1
Ex. Com. File. ✓

788

See n-370

PA 12/12/46
[Signature]

[Signature]
(1/100 R. H.)

9265 91

785017
E.C. 368

Ref. : 4/AS

7 August 1946.

AUG 7 1946

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

351

It would be appreciated if a reply could be made to my letter 4/AS dated 5 July 1946 on the subject of storing of certain Archives of the Allied Commission in the premises recently vacated by the German Archaeological Institute, Via Sardegna.

Yours very truly,

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier

HENRY W. LUSH

Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

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

783

OK
(1/100 m) 1/100 m

PA
8/8

357

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 794

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref. : 9265/92

17 July 1945

SUBJECT: Disposition of Original Records by
the Allied Commission.

TO : G-5 Section
AFHQ.

347

355

Reference your G-5 G.O. 25 dated 1 July and G-5 G.O. 24 dated
15 July, 1945 passed returned herewith has requested.

For the Chief Commissioner:

A. W. Ketchum

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Encls. as above.

773

PA
9/2

9265 *R*
HEADQUARTERS ARMED CORPS
APO 724
ARCHIVES BRANCH

366

Ref. : 3/43

1 August 1946

AUG 1 1946

SUBJECT : British Staff Archives.

TO : G-1 (R).

1. May any further information be given respecting the replacements of the British Staff referred to in the above letter and especially to para 3.
2. Three of the four DER's mentioned are due for ~~release~~ or release early NEXT WEEK and no reinforcements of any sort have arrived.
3. Production of Twenty thousand documents a day (Quota required by Microfilm Dept) will therefore be decreased by FIFTY PER CENT upon their departure.

H. M. Harrison
H. M. HARRISON, *Major*
Major,
Chief Archives Officer.

Copy to: Executive Commissioner (File ⁹²⁶⁵~~785~~/EC).

See M. 367

788

(1/COX ne)

See 7-371

C.A. 3/2/46
21

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
ARCHIVES BRANCH

Ref. : 11/AB
SUBJECT : Officers (British)
TO : G-1 (B).

1 August 1945

AUG 1 - 1945

1. It is requested that a replacement of Capt. Rowlands Admin. Officer is provided as soon as possible.
2. Admin. Archives. This Branch has been deficient of an Administrative Officer since April and whilst the shortage of Officers in ACOM is appreciated, the duties of the 6 Officers has been carried out under considerable heat and pressure by the remaining four, each Officer is in charge of 2 separate Sections and cannot continue indefinitely.
3. RUK Files. The administration of RUK files formerly in charge of Lt/Col. GARNER CSMY, ~~SMY~~ has had to be also taken care of by myself and until it is transferred to another authority, will have also to be administered by me.
4. Leave. Both American Officers are due for leave and the third (assistant Capt. Cummings) has been in hospital for 5 weeks. This means double supervision by the British Officers.
5. Annulment. No Officers have had a days extra leave since joining the Branch. All are entitled to local leave but will not take it as we are so short handed.
6. May this matter be attended to, urgently, please.

H.M. Harrison
H.M. HARRISON, Major
Chief Archives Officer.

Copy to: Executive Commissioner (File 4003/23).

See 11-367

P.A. 3/8/46

(1/1000 Nc)

9265

Ad

363

HQ ALCON CITE AGEIG

291500JULY1946

AG SLO LIVORNO, BOLOGNA

JUL 31 1946

4372

356

RESTRICTED

EXPEDITE REPLY BY FOUR ONE EIGHT SIX OF TWENTY FIVE JULY

UNDER PARENS XRAY YONE ZEBRA INFORMATION URGENTLY REQUIRED

PD

784

PRIORITY

Office of the Executive Commissioner

MIA

PA 1/8/46
Ad

PA 1/8
(1/10/46)

9265 *df*

312

HEADQUARTERS ALFRED C. HENNING
APO 794
ARCHIVES BRANCH

Ref. : 15/43

30 July 1946

SUBJECT : Unknown files.

JUL 31 1946

TO : G-2 (3).

1. With reference to the recent complaint received through C.S.O. that file applications are not being attended to; the following information is forwarded.

(1) File 04/101/6/2 VIETNAM RESEARCH CENTER.

This file was locked out and held for collection by CBI Branch for two days. Since no call for it has been made by that Branch, the file has been returned to storage.

(2) (in reference) COURT OF HONORARY JUDGES

A third search for this file through the JAPANESE DOCUMENTS has proved fruitless. The only file bearing any possible trace is one entitled "LAST WORDS" - no trace of reference to any action or even any notice concerning the Court is to be found during the period in question, in that file.

It is suggested that papers of the proceedings of a Court of Inquiry would automatically be forwarded to the next higher Station for action and not remain with a Unit, but perhaps there may be other procedures in A.C.

2. It is further requested that any future complaints of this nature be addressed to the Chief Archives Officer in writing so that the matter can be investigated immediately in the proper manner.

783

see 17364

W. H. Harrison

W. H. HARRISON,
Major,
Chief Archives Officer.

1.A. 12/46
2

Copy to : C.S.O. Re. Center's Office. —

H.S. 118
(50)

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

HQ ALCOM CITE AGXGC

231630JULY1946

AC CLO BARI

4294

JUL 25 1946
RESTRICTED

REFERENCE MY FOUR ONE EIGHT SIX OF ONE SIX JULY PD
CERTAIN FILMS HAVE ARRIVED FROM BARI BY TRUCK IN OPEN BOXES LOOSE AND IN OILY CONDITION PD
ATTENTION IS DRAWN MY MEMOS SEVEN DASH EIGHT DATED JANUARY DASH FEBRUARY ONE NINE FOUR SIX
REFERRED TO IN MY SIGNAL PD ON CHECKING LISTS FILE ROGER DASH EIGHTEEN WILLIAM POINT DOG
POINT VEHICLES HANDOVER AND FILE GEORGE DASH TWELVE COAL ALLOTMENTS ARE MISSING PD
INVESTIGATE IMMEDIATELY PD

PRIORITY

Office of the Executive Commissioner

300

McHarrison
Major

See M- 361

NICHOLAS POMBINO
CWO USA
Asst Adjt

782

30/1/46
PAE

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

9265

TELEGRAM

Messages will not be distributed outside
British or U.S. Government Departments or
Headquarters. Messages transmitted even in cipher
without being enciphered. (Messages marked
O.T.P. CIPHER are not enciphered)

FA 69339

181554 B

H/4784

JULY 19 1200

AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FRAGM:

ROUTINE
JUL 19 1946

AGWAR WASHINGTON FR COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF: CABINET OFFICE LONDON FOR REFERENCE

BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF: INFO ALCON ROME:

SECRETSECRET

THIS IS NAF 1183. SUBJECT IS SCREENING OF RECORDS OF ALLIED COMMUNION.

1. NO ELIMINATION WILL BE MADE OF BLOCKS OF MATERIAL (IF INDEPENDENT OR RELATIVELY INDEPENDENT SERIES OF DOCUMENTS).
2. PRESENT SCREENING PROCESS ELIMINATES EXACT DUPLICATES WITHIN THE SAME FILE FOLDER, BUT MAJOR REDUCTION RESULTS FROM (A) ELIMINATION OF FOLLOWING PRESCRIBED CLAUSES OF MATERIAL (1) ROUTINE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF RECEIPT OF COMMUNICATIONS, REMINDERS AND THE LIKE, (2) REPRODUCED DOCUMENTS ORIGINATING WITHIN HIGHER HEADQUARTERS, PROVIDED NO NOTATIONS ARE MADE THEREON, (3) LETTERS OF TRANSMITTAL, (4) ROUTINE CARRIER NOTES, (5) IMPROPERLY CLASSIFIED MATERIAL THAT IS OF INSUFFICIENT VALUE TO RECLASSIFY, (B) A SAMPLING TECHNIQUE INVOLVING THE RETENTION OF EXAMPLES ONLY OF UNIFORM COMPLETED FORMS OR ROUTINE PERIODIC REPORTS PROVIDED THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE MATERIAL DISCARDED IS AVAILABLE IN ANOTHER FORM. EXAMPLES OF SUCH MATERIAL ARE (1) ROUTINE PROPERTY RECORDS WHEN OTHER REVEAL TOTAL PROPERTY ACCOUNTABILITY (2) ROUTINE RECORDS OF ARRESTS AND TRIAL IN MISDEMEANOUR CASES WHEN CONSOLIDATED COURT RECORDS ESSENTIALLY REFLECT DISCARDED INFORMATION (3) PERIODICAL NARRATIVE OR STATISTICAL REPORTS WHEN INFORMATION IS CONSOLIDATED ELSEWHERE.
3. THIS SCREENING PROCESS IS RIGIDLY DEFINED AND IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACCEPTED ARCHIVAL PROCEDURES. BY ITS USE THE MICROFILMING COMMITMENT IS REDUCED AND THE INTELLIGIBILITY OF THE FILM RECORD FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES WILL BE INCREASED, THE COST OF THIS SCREENING PROCESS IS LESS THAN THE COST OF MICROFILMING. THE NUMBERS OF PERSONNEL WITH ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE IS NOW AT ITS MAXIMUM. (CONTINUED ON PAGE 2.)

781

See M-360

SECRET

358

EX 693392

H/4784

SECRET

Page 2.

4. NO MATERIAL HITHERTO DISCARDED HAS BEEN DESTROYED BUT DISCARDED MATERIALS WILL BE DESTROYED EVENTUALLY.
5. UNLESS CONTRARY INSTRUCTIONS ARE RECEIVED IT WILL BE PRESUMED THAT THE EXISTING PRACTICE IS IN CONFORMITY WITH YOUR POLICY.

AC LIST

INFO: ACTION: ARCHIVES (2)

INFO CHIEF COMMR

EX COMMR 2

FILE

SKELETON

HEADQUARTERS

19 JUL 1946

780

SECRET

9/65 File 356

HQ AYCOH CITE AGENCE

160925JULY1946

AC CLO BARI, NAPLES, LECCE, GENOA, BOLOGNA, MILAN, TURIN, TREVISO,
BOLZANO.

4136

RESTRICTED

PERSONAL FROM BARI TO I WANT YOU TO BE PARTICULARLY CAREFUL TO RETURN YOUR ARCHIVES IN
GOOD ORDER TO PARTIES BY FOUR ONE FOUR SEVEN OF ONE TWO ONE FIVE ONE ZERO JULY ONE NINE
FOUR SIX SIGNAL IMMEDIATELY BARI TRAY BARI TOTAL FILES UNDER TITLES OF SUB STANT
COMMISSIONS YOU PROPOSE TO DISPATCH BARI YOUR BARI NUMBER OF FILES RETAINED CMA IF ANY
CMA BARI ZERO BARI ANY FILES OTHER REGIONS IN YOUR POSSESSION TO NO FILES TO BE
FORWARDED UNTIL EX MEMO SEVEN DASH EIGHT IMPLEMENTED AND BARI XRAY BARI BARI YOUR BARI
BARI ZERO BARI INFORMED TO

See 361

778

PRIORITY

Office of the Executive Commissioner

NICHOLAS PICHINNO

CWO

USA

Anst

Adjt

300

S/ Maj. Harrison
Ref-363-369

8
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

Archives
9269
355

G-5: 900.24 R

13 July 1946
JUL 15

SUBJECT: Allied Commission Records.

TO : Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
APO 794

347
It is requested that the CCS papers sent to you
for perusal under cover of this Headquarters letter G-5:
900.24 R of 3 July be returned at an early date.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

[Signature]
A. L. HAMBLIN
Colonel, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

see 7357

EC DIST - 16 July

ACTION - ARCHIVES

INFO - EC. ✓

777
forwarded to EC
17-7-46
NMH

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

AFG 794

Office of the Executive Commissioner

13 July 46

JUL 15 1946

Subject : Correction to Minutes of Conference (Archives - Microfilm) of Monday July 1st.

N.H. HAMMONDS,

Major,

ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS Chief Archives Officer.

G-5 Section

APC 542

G-5: 900.242

9 July 1946

SUBJECT : Minutes of Conference.

TO : Chief Commissioner

Allied Commission

APC 794.

349.

Reference minutes of conference of 1 July:

It is considered that paragraph 12 of the minutes does not accurately represent the views of Lt. Col. White and that the following should be substituted for sub paras (i) to (iii).

- (i) That each sentence should be read independently
- (ii) That the use of the words "major reduction" in the first sentence recognized and allowed the substantial use of other methods of recording such as the elimination of reminders, acknowledgments, and minute sheets.

(iii) That a "block of material" means a series of papers dealing with a particular matter and such should not be eliminated as a block.

778

BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL ROGAN:

A. L. HALE, Colonel, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

9265/911

353

Reference minutes of conference of 1 July:

It is considered that paragraph 12 of the minutes does not accurately represent the views of Lt. Col. White and that the following should be substituted for sub para (i) as (iii).

(i) That each sentence should be read independently

(ii) That the use of the words "major reduction" in the first sentence recognized and allowed the substantial use of other methods of screening such as the elimination of reminders, acknowledgment, and minute sheets.

778

(iii) That a "block of material" means a series of papers dealing with a particular matter and such should not be eliminated as a block.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORRIS:

A. H. WILSON, Colonel, G.S.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

DISTRIBUTION:

Brigadier Lush
Lt. Col. S. H. White
Lt. Col. Williams
Mr. Morley Jones
Mr. B. V. V.
Lt. Col. White Jones
Mr. J. J. Harrison
Mr. J. J. V.
Lt. Col. J. J. V.
Mr. J. J. V.
Mr. J. J. V.

- Ex. Commissioner
- AG-5 AFHQ
- AG Records AFHQ
- Polad (A)
- Polad (B)
- Ex. O. (H)
- Archives AFHQ
- G-1 (H)
- AG Records AFHQ
- Microfilm Dept. B.

NO BE ATTACHED TO MINUTES OF CONFERENCE OF JULY 1st.

11354-2355

A

(4/20/78)

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 900.24R

9 July 1946

JUL 11 1946

SUBJECT: Minutes of Conference.

TO : Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
APO 794

Reference minutes of conference of 1 July:

It is considered that paragraph 1B of the minutes does not accurately represent the views of Lt Col White and that the following should be substituted for sub paras (i) to (iii).

- (i) That each sentence should be read independently
- (ii) That the use of the words "major reduction" in the first sentence recognised and allowed the substantial use of other methods of screening such as the elimination of reminders, acknowledgements, and minute sheets.
- (iii) That a "block of material" meant a series of papers dealing with a particular matter and such should not be eliminated as a block.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

A. L. Hamblen
A. L. HAMBLIN
Colonel, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

775

ACTION - copy to Archives Br.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO ████ 794

Ref. : A/AB

6 July 1946.

My Dear Dr. De Gasperi,

Permission has been received from the Allied Chiefs of Staff for certain of the ARCHIVES of ALLIED COMMISSION to be eventually made available for reference by the Ministries of the Italian Government under the joint direction of the U.S. and British Embassies.

In view of the possibility of the present offices being vacated at some later date, a depository has been found in the premises recently vacated by the GERMAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE, Via Sardegna.

The building is considered ideal both in accessibility, security and in central position and the living accommodation it contains would preclude the necessity of supplying guards for its protection.

Since the acquisition of the building requires a payment of rent, it is requested that steps be taken to procure a lease for say 10 years, in return for the access to and the free provision of expert staff for protecting and cataloguing these documents.

Yours Very Truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief CommissionerDoctor Alcide De Gasperi,
Italian Government,
Rome.Copy to C Com
E Com ✓

JES. 9/17

774

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 794

Office of the Executive Commissioner

JUL 6 1946

Ref. 9265/EC

5 July 1946

Minutes of Conference (Archives - Microfilm) held in the office of Executive Commissioner at 15.00 hrs on Monday July 1st.

PRESENT:

Brigadier Lush (Chairman)

Lt. Col. S.H. White

Maj. Reynolds

Mr. Wesley Jones

Mr. Pavitt

Lt. Col. Wilbe Jones

Major N.M. Harrison

Major Savill

Lieut. Munden

Maj. Reynolds deputized for

Ex. Commissioner

AG-5 AFHQ

AG Records AFHQ

Polad (A)

Polad (B)

Ex.O. (B)

Archives ALCOM

G 1 (B)

AG Records AFHQ

Microfilm Depot.

1. The Executive Commissioner read FAN 672 : -

A) "Segregation of documents NOT to be shown etc....."

Archives stated that at the informal talks this morning, it was accepted that as the number of documents NOT for access would be relatively small, these could be dealt with at the end of the ARCHIVES programme, in probably eighteen months time.

It was agreed that to CCS should be informed accordingly.

B) "Elimination of Blocks of Material, Screening, Cost etc...."

Lt. Col. White (G-5) stated his interpretation of FAN 672 para (B) was:

(i) That each sentence should be read consecutively.

(ii) That the major reduction in screening consisted of both the elimination of duplicates and what could be termed "in the nature of duplicates" (i.e. minute sheets, reminders, etc.)

773

Major Reynolds
Lieut. Menden
Major Reynolds deputized for
AG Records AFHQ
Microfilm Depot.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

1. The Executive Commissioner read FAM 672 : -

A) "Segregation of documents NOT to be shown etc....."

Archives stated that at the informal talks this morning, it was accepted that as the number of documents NOT for access would be relatively small, these could be dealt with at the end of the ARCHIVES program, in probably eighteen months time.

It was agreed that to CCS should be informed accordingly.

B) "Elimination of Blocks of Material, Screening, Cost etc...."

Lt. Col. White (G-5) stated his interpretation of FAM 672 para (B) was:

(i) That each sentence should be read consecutively.

(ii) That the major reduction in screening consisted of both the elimination of duplicates and what could be termed "in the nature of duplicates" (i.e. minute sheets, reminders, etc.)

(iii) That "blocks of material" meant Series of files and as such should not be eliminated.

Major Reynolds (AFRA) agreed that blocks of material should not be eliminated but that a list of such materials for elimination should be examined.

Cost of Screening.

Archives stated that the cost of Screening was necessarily lower than that of Microfilm since the staff was considerably less and no machinery costs involved.

It was agreed that present set-up for Microfilm preparation should continue, AFRA agreeing to make periodical reports to CCS upon those items deemed unnecessary to film.

Sum-350

See 7-352

(1/100 m)

- 2 -

C) Review of Microfilm.

It was agreed Microfilms would be forwarded periodically by the Sections concerned to IG Dept. Washington and British Cabinet Office in accordance with instructions.

2.

Transfer of Archives Staff to Embassies.

E.C. said this matter could not be discussed in some detail. Polad (A) stated that a suggested staff for Archives had already been put forward to the Ministries but that up to now no reply had been received.

E.C. instructed Archives should now prepare a firm plan showing:

- (a) personnel required for the period before microfilming,
- (b) staff necessary during the period of cross indexing and cataloguing after microfilming and
- (c) the number of suggested personnel for librarian duties.

He added it should be remembered that the service of an expert Archivist (A) + (B) should probably be included in (c). Polads (A) + (B) would then have concrete figure to place before Ministries and reasonable terms could be prepared for employed military personnel to continue as civilians after Peace Treaty.

Microfilm Staff.

It was agreed that permission should be obtained for the Microfilm Unit to be attached to a local Military Authority upon ALCOM's close and if necessary at a later date transferred to the Military Attache's Branch of the Embassies until their work is completed.

Army Personnel.

Archives stressed that owing to the shortened PYTHON period, unless staff of 5 Dr. OR's could be made up immediately, production for Microfilm would fall away considerably this month.

E.C. (A) said that this was being borne in mind and suggested that a special case be placed before DSE for 5 clerks to be obtained for Archives until the end of the military period.

E.C. agreed that this should be done.

RUK Files.

He added it should be remembered that the service of an expert Archivist (A) + (B) should probably be included in (c). Polads (A) + (B) would then have concrete figure to place before Ministries and reasonable terms could be prepared for employed military personnel to continue as civilians after Peace Treaty.

Microfilm Staff.

It was agreed that permission should be obtained for the Microfilm Unit to be attached to a local Military Authority upon ALCO's close and if necessary at a later date transferred to the Military Attache's Branch of the Embassies until their work is completed.

Army Personnel.

Archives stressed that owing to the shortened PYTHON period, unless staff of 5 Dr. OR's could be made up immediately, production for Microfilm would fall away considerably this month.

E.C.O. (a) said that this was being borne in mind and suggested that a special case be placed before OZE for 5 clerks to be obtained for Archives until the end of the military period.
E.C. agreed that this should be done.

RUK Files.

E.C. said that since RUK files were ready for microfilm, he wished this to commence as soon as possible. The custody of these files under Archives Branch would be confirmed as soon as certain details were agreed.

The Meeting closed at 15.45 hrs.

N.M. Harrison
N.M. HARRISSON
Major
Archives Branch

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

3 July 1946

G-5: 900.24 P

SUBJECT: Disposition of Original Records by
the Allied Commission.

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
(Attn: Brig Lush),
APO 794.

The attached CCS papers are sent to you for your perusal
and return. It is not considered that the contents of these papers
in any way affect the decisions arrived at at the conference on the
1 July.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

A. L. Hamblen
A. L. HAMBLLEN
Colonel, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

Incls:
Ltr fr CCS, P&O 313
(19 Jun 46) w/incl.

see M 348.

see 357

SECRET

BY AUTHORITY OF DIRECTOR OF P&O

Date

Initials

396

P&O 313 (19 Jun 46)

19 June 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL, U. S. ARMY FORCES, MEDITERRANEAN
THEATER OF OPERATIONS, CASERTA, ITALY:

SUBJECT: Disposition of Original Records By the Allied Commission

1. On 14 June 1946, the Combined Chiefs of Staff approved the recommendation in CCS 701/30, and the message in Appendix "A" thereto was dispatched to the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean, as FAN 672.

2. The inclosure, subject as above, is forwarded for information and guidance.

LAURIS NORSTAD
Major General, GSC
Director of Plans & Operations

K. R. KIMBALL
Major, GSC
Ass't Executive Officer
Plans and Policy Group

1 Incl
CCS 701/30, Cy No. 77

771

SECRET

C.C.S. 701/30

6 June 1946

COPY

COPY NO. 77

COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF

DISPOSITION OF ORIGINAL RECORDS BY THE ALLIED COMMISSION
Reference: C.O.S. 701 Series

Report by the Combined Administrative Committee

THE PROBLEM

1. To draft a reply to a message (Appendix "B") from the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean (SACMED) submitting a plan for the disposition of the original records of the Allied Commission, Italy.

FACTS BEARING ON THE PROBLEM

2. See Appendix "B".

CONCLUSIONS

3. The proposals of SACMED for disposition of the records of the Allied Commission should be approved, subject to the following provisions:

a. Segregation of records to which the Italian Government cannot be permitted access should be accomplished at this time in order that transfer of the remaining archive to the Italian Government can be accomplished in the future if deemed desirable.

b. Servicing of records should be held to a minimum to economize on personnel and to prevent possible destruction of material of administrative or historical value. No material, except duplicates, should be

75

2. See Appendix "B".

COMMISSION

3. The proposals of SAJED for disposition of the records of the Allied Commission should be approved, subject to the following provisions:

a. Separation of records to which the Italian Government cannot be permitted access should be accomplished at this time in order that transfer of the remaining archive to the Italian Government can be accomplished in the future if deemed desirable.

b. Screening of records should be held to a minimum to economize on personnel and to prevent possible destruction of material of administrative or historical value. No material, except duplicates, should be destroyed without permission of the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

c. Microfilm of the records should be forwarded periodically to the United States War Department (Attention: The Adjutant General) and to the British Cabinet Offices (Attention: Historical Section) for review to ensure adequate standards of arrangement, indexing and film processing as at present provided for similar combined records.

CCS 761/30

SECRET

344

4. SACRED is the only agency capable of making the necessary arrangements for transfer of personnel, equipment, and responsibility to the United States and British Embassies. The Combined Chiefs of Staff should be kept informed of such arrangements.

RECOMMENDATION

5. That the message in Appendix "A" be dispatched to the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

763

CCS 701/30

SECRET

APPENDIX "A"

DRAFT

MESSAGE TO THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER, NORTHWESTERN

1. Recommendations contained in paragraph 3, MAP 1128 are approved subject to the following provisions:

a. In reducing the files to archive form the segregation of documents that under no circumstances can be shown to the Italian Government must be considered. This segregation would make it possible eventually to turn over the remaining archive to the possession of the Italian authorities if circumstances should so dictate.

b. Regarding screening of files, it is our impression that the major reduction will consist of elimination of duplicates, which is considered satisfactory as long as the cost of screening is not more than the saving on the cost of microfilming. If elimination of blocks of material other than duplicates is proposed, an inventory of this material will be furnished to Combined Chief's of Staff for review prior to elimination or destruction. Screening should be held to a minimum because of the difficulty of finding personnel skilled in archival techniques or with allied military government experience and because of limitations on number of persons who can be transferred to the Libraries at the end of the military period.

c. Microfilm will be forwarded periodically to the United States **768**
Department (Attention: The Adjutant General) and to the British Cabinet

b. Regarding screening of files, it is our impression that the major reduction will consist of elimination of duplicates, which is considered satisfactory as long as the cost of screening is not more than the saving on the cost of microfilming. If elimination of blocks of material other than duplicates is proposed, an inventory of this material will be furnished to Combined Chiefs of Staff for review prior to elimination or destruction. Screening should be held to a minimum because of the difficulty of finding personnel skilled in archival techniques or with allied military government experience and because of limitations on number of persons who can be transferred to the Wiesbaden at the end of the military period.

9. Microfilm will be forwarded periodically to the United States **788** Department (Attention: The Adjutant General) and to the British Cabinet Offices (Attention: Historical Section) for review to assure adequate standards of arrangement, indexing and film processing as at present provided for other combined records.

2. You are authorized to make necessary arrangements with United States and British Embassies for transfer of responsibility for the archive and for transfer of necessary personnel and equipment to complete the microfilm project at the end of the military period. You will keep the Combined Chiefs of Staff advised of arrangements made.

OS 701/30

Appendix "A"

SECRET

COPY

APPENDIX "B"

FACTS BEARING ON THE PROBLEM

1. Present directives require that original records of the type in question be duplicated, providing a microfilm copy for each government, and that the original records then be allocated to one government for final custody.
2. The records of the Allied Commission represent a special case, since they are the administrative files of a large part of the Government of Italy for an extended period. They must be retained in Italy for a period of years, and it is at least a possibility that a portion of the files may eventually be turned over to the Italian Government for custody. Certain material, to which the Italian Government should never be allowed access, would have to be withdrawn, if the basic archive were turned over to them for custody.
3. The objectives to be achieved by the disposition of these records are as follows:
 - a. To maintain in Italy for the use of the United States and British Embassies an archive for current reference on the Government of Italy.
 - b. To produce for the use of the United States and British Government a microfilm copy of the archive for study of military government and as a record of administrative and fiscal procedures concerned in the occupation.
4. The achievement of these objectives is complicated by the fact that the present military headquarters and personnel will not remain in Italy

material, to which the Italian Government should never be allowed access, would have to be withdrawn, if the basic archive were turned over to them for custody.

3. The objectives to be achieved by the disposition of these records are as follows:

- a. To maintain in Italy for the use of the United States and British Embassies an archive for current reference on the Government of Italy.
- b. To produce for the use of the United States and British Government a microfilm copy of the archive for study of military government and as a record of administrative and fiscal procedures concerned in the occupation.

4. The achievement of these objectives is complicated by the fact that **767** the present military headquarters and personnel will not remain in Italy long enough to complete the microfilming project and to maintain and supervise the archive for the necessary period of use. The United States and British Embassies are vitally concerned in the retention and use of the archive.

5. SAGIED recommended (MAR 1128, Appendix "D") that these records be placed in a central depository in Rome, in joint charge of the United States and British Embassies, the files screened to reduce the bulk and then microfilmed. It was estimated that 17 officers and 20 local civilians would be required as a staff. Upon being queried, SAGIED further stated (CM-DM-3278, Appendix "C") that the Embassies were willing to assume responsibility for administering

OS 701/30

Appendix "D"

SECRET

341
COPY

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND

No. 785017

ing and supervising the archive. On the problem of microfilming, the Libonices were willing to assume responsibility for completing the unfinished work at the end of the military period, provided that adequate microfilming apparatus and staff were assigned at that time.

6. The United States Department of State (Mr. Dowling) stated that they were familiar with the process and that arrangements worked out by the United States Embassy in Rome would be satisfactory. He recommended restrictions in the number of people involved, because of personnel stringencies. After conversations with the British representative (Major Burke) it appears that a similar attitude prevails as regards the British Embassy's participation; arrangements arrived at by the Embassy will be acceptable, as long as strict economy in personnel is exercised.

7. The task of screening the records will require the services of highly skilled archivists or personnel familiar with the activities of the Allied Commission. It has been found by records administrators that screening of files to remove duplicates prior to microfilming is usually uneconomical. Therefore, the major tasks involved with the archive will be segregation of records which cannot be shown to the Italian Government and a survey to determine the blocks of material which should not be retained as part of the archive. No blocks of material except duplicates should be destroyed without permission of the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

that a similar attitude prevails as regards the British Embassy's participation; arrangements arrived at by the Embassy will be acceptable, as long as strict economy in personnel is exercised.

7. The task of screening the records will require the services of highly skilled archivists or personnel familiar with the activities of the Allied Commission. It has been found by records administrators that screening of files to remove duplicates prior to microfilming is usually uneconomical. Therefore, the major tasks involved with the archive will be segregation of records which cannot be shown to the Italian Government and a survey to determine the blocks of material which should not be retained as part of the archive. No blocks of material except duplicates should be destroyed without permission of the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

703

Appendix "B"

CCS 701/50

SECRET

COPY

APPENDIX "C"

From: SACRED
To: War Department
Info: CINC MED
Re: FX 66214

14 May 1946

Reur W 85885 dated 26th April 1946.

American and British Embassies are willing to assume responsibility for administering and supervising the central depository for Allied Commission's records upon the abolition of Allied Commission.

It is not intended to imply that the Embassies shall assume responsibility for microfilming but provided that adequate microfilming apparatus and staff are assigned, they will have no objection to assuming responsibility for completing work unfinished at the end of the military period.

End

CM-IN-3278

(15 May 46)

for administering and supervising the Commission's records upon the abolition of Allied Commission.

It is not intended to imply that the Librarian shall assume responsibility for microfilming but provided that adequate microfilming apparatus and staff are assigned, they will have no objection to assuming responsibility for completing work unfinished at the end of the military period.

RM

(15 MAY 46)

CM-IR-3278

765

Appendix "C"

OCS 701/30

SECRET

COPY

339

APPENDIX "D"

From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserte Italy

To: Combined Chiefs of Staff

Ref: FX 64393 IAF 1128

8 April 1945

References: FAN 605 (Appendix "B" to C.C.S. 701/9), FAN 630 (Enclosure "B" to C.C.S. 701/19), and NAF 1015 (Appendix "B" to C.C.S. 701/9).

1. Subject is disposition of original records of the Allied Commission. After long discussions and detailed examination of the records of the Allied Commission it is the considered opinion here that that should not be treated in the same category as records of purely military nature. The records are being currently used extensively by the U.S. and British Embassies. It is our opinion that they must remain active for period of five or more years for continued use by the Embassies, UNRRA, the Italian Government and other authorized agencies. As records of an initial effort in Allied Military Government, they will be of permanent primary interest for historical (purposes) and research in social, political and economic field rather than of strictly military interest.

2. It is estimated that the records of the Allied Commission amount to approximately one-half the total records of the Allied files in the theater. The files now containing approximately 6,000,000 papers over a reduction period of 16 months be reduced by more than a quarter using a force of 76 officers and men and 20 local employees. To microfilm without reduction

NAF
1128

NAF
1123

records are being currently used extensively by the U.S. and British Embassies. It is our opinion that they must remain active for period of five or more years for continued use by the Embassies, UNRRA, the Italian Government and other authorized agencies. An records of an initial effort in Allied Military Government, they will be of permanent primary interest for historical (purposes) and research in social, political and economic field rather than of strictly military interest.

2. It is estimated that the records of the Allied Commission amount to approximately one-half the total records of the Allied files in the theater. The files now containing approximately 6,000,000 papers can over a reduction period of 16 months be reduced by more than a quarter using a force of 76 officers and men and 20 local employees. To microfilm without reduction would be most uneconomical and impede research efforts.

3. In view of the above it is recommended that:

A. The original documents as properly arranged archives be placed in a central depository and that microfilm copies be sent to the War Department and War Office.

B. Rome be designated as the location of the central depository.

OS 701/30

Appendix "D"

SECRET

C. The depositor be in charge of a small staff under joint control of the U.S. and British Embassies.

D. The microfilming be undertaken as a separate project to commence when the reduction to archive form is under way and to continue, if necessary, after the end of the military period.

END

NOTE: NAF 1015 is CM-IN-18357 (20 Jun 45).
EAM 630 is MARK 86397 (1 Dec 45).
EAM 605 is CM-GWT-44335 (31 Jul 45).

CM-IN-1779

(9 Apr 45)

763

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

763

Appendix "D"

(9 Apr 46)

CG-III-1772

CGS 704/30

9265

File 9265336
JUL 2 1946

ARCHIVES BRANCH

Notes on Conference held in Room 14 10.00 hours 1st July 1946

Part I Present :- Major Harrison in the Chair.
Lt.Col. White - G 5 A.F.H.Q.
Maj.Reynolds - Deputy Allied Force Records
Administrative AFHQ
Lt. Munden - Records Officer A.F.H.Q.

Major Harrison

To days conference had been called in order to discuss fully the various points on the agenda so that crystallised opinions could be formulated and submitted to the Brigadier at the afternoon conference, thus avoiding unnecessary discussion at that Conference.

Lt.Col/White

Matters of Policy concerning Archives would be decided by AFHQ the channel of communication being through G-5.

Maj.Reynolds

drew attention to the fact that AFRA maintained direct correspondence with Records Officer according to the ^{PROVISIONS} of Circular 8.

Major Harrison

Requested information regarding the term "Blocks of Material"

Major Reynolds

Stated a Block of material was regarded by this Dept. as a file series. The required inventory should be made up on this basis. It was agreed by the Meeting that the elimination of Blocks of material as defined could not be Done.

Lt.Munden

To be avoided at all costs would be the destruction of "blocks" or "series" the elimination of which would operate to impair the value of any other "block" or "series" or that would affect adversely the integrity of the archive as a whole.

Lt.Col.White

Stated, he considered that screening was the

Maj. Raynolds

Major Harrison

Major Raynolds

Lt. Munden

Lt. Col. White

Lt. Munden

Lt. Col. White

Major Harrison

Lt. Munden

(V/col m) Dec 11-337.

drew attention to the fact that AFRA maintained direct correspondence with Records Officer according to the provisions of Circular 8.

Requested information regarding the term "Blocks of Material"

Stated a Block of material was regarded by this Dept. as a file series. The required inventory should be made up on this basis. It was agreed by the Meeting that the elimination of Blocks of material as defined could not be Done.

To be avoided at all costs would be the destruction of "blocks" or "series" the elimination of which would operate to impair the value of any other "block" or "series" or that would affect adversely the integrity of the archive as a whole.

Stated, he considered that screening was the real point of issue.

Questioned the method by which screening was at present being conducted, and considered the personnel engaged may not be sufficiently experienced for the type of work they were doing.

Drew attention to the paragraph regarding screening and drew attention to the fact that it specifically referred to screening, and not only to the elimination of blocks.

Referred to Lt. Munden's comments regarding the Screening Section and asked what type of person he considered should ^{do} ~~be~~ this work. *Md*

Said he was not adversely criticising the present set up, but he considered the degree of screening was not sufficiently rigid.

Lt.Col. White

Said there were many type of document which could be screened by quite inexperienced staff.

Lt.Col. White

Further stated he agreed that screening should be kept to a minimum, but at the same time a degree of screening was necessary to avoid the filming of such documents as minute slips, acknowledgments of form letters etc. He further requested details of the provisions laid down by Archives regarding the types of documents which could be screened. He suggested that the work should continue as at present pending the approval by C.C.S. of the table of material being screened.

Lt.Munden

Suggested that the screening process be made more inflexible and the matter screened by very definitely defined.

Item 5 on the Agenda then came up for discussion and it was decided that this question could be better settled at a meeting between Archives and Microfilming Section, and it was decided to hold this meeting on July 2nd at an hour to be arranged later.

Major Raynolds

Stated he would like to crystallise the screening policy as follows :- "The screening process will have a bias to over filming rather than under filming, and a high degree of rigidity will be exercised in the screening process".

Lt.Munden

Offered to contact Major Chapman with a view to laying down rigid rulings regarding the degree of screening.

Part I of the Meeting closed at 11.00 hours

761

Part II opened at 11 o'clock, additional members being present as follows

Mr. Wesley Jones Polad

this question could be better settled at a meeting between Archives and Microfilming Section, and it was decided to hold this meeting on July 2nd at an hour to be arranged later.

Major Raynolds

Stated he would like to crystallise the screening policy as follows :- "The screening process will have a bias to over filming rather than under filming, and a high degree of rigidity will be exercised in the screening process".

Lt. Munden

Offered to contact Major Chapman with a view to laying down rigid rulings regarding the degree of screening.

Part I of the Meeting closed at 11.00 hours

761

Part II opened at 11 o'clock, additional members being present as follows

Mr. Wesley Jones Polad A
Mr. Paviatt Polad B
Major Savill G-1 B A.C.

Major Harrison

The first item for discussion is item 2 on the agenda. The segregation and eventual turnover of records to the Italian Government. He requested further definition as to what documents should not be seen by the Italian Government.

Lt. Col. White

Asked if an upper limit could be fixed as to the files which should not be seen by the Italian Government.

Major Harrison

Said he considered only a very restricted number of highly confidential files (as yet not in the custody of Archives) would come into this category. He did not consider the number of documents involved would be more than 2,000/

334
Sheet No 3

These documents could most conveniently be handled at the very end of the Archives programme.

Lt. Munden

Asked for assurance that this type of highly confidential document would be found only in H.Q. files.

Lt. Col. White

Confirmed that it was most unusual for such highly secret documents to be sent to Regions.

Lt. Munden

Said it was possible that derogatory remarks may have been written on documents other than those of the highly secret category. Should these also be kept ~~from~~^{from} sight of the Italian Government?

Lt. Col. White

Said he considered the documents involved were those of a highly secret or confidential nature relating to countries or personalities.

Mr. Wesley Jones

Said he considered time was the Chief influencing factor. The number of documents falling into this category at the moment would be considerably reduced at the end of say two years from now.

Major Reynolds

AFRA was not concerned with what documents were segregated, but were concerned with the method of segregation. Segregation should be by blocks of material to assure the integrity of file series.

Lt. Col. White

Said that apparently the crystallisation of the records was being made purely with a view to demobilising. ^{was} Reason why the records should not be re organised and cross indexed, and referenced after the filming process.

Lt. Munden

said that once these records had been

Lt. Col. White

those of a highly secret or confidential nature relating to countries or personalities.

Mr. Wesley Jones

Said he considered time was the Chief influencing factor. The number of documents falling into this category at the moment would be considerably reduced at the end of say two years from now.

Major Raynolds

AFRA was not concerned with what documents were segregated, but were concerned with the method of segregation. Segregation should be by blocks of material to assure the integrity of file series.

Lt. Col. White

Said that apparently the crystallisation of the records was being made purely with a view to demobilising. ^{Reason} why the records should not be reorganised and cross indexed, and referenced after the filming process.

Lt. Munden

said that once these records had gone to the Italian Government, their final form ~~was~~ was no concern of ours, provided we had a complete film-record.

Mr. Wesley Jones

There has been no policy decision regarding handing over any records to the Italian Government, so the only thing to be done now is to segregate those documents which it is desirable should not be seen by the Italian Government.

Lt. Col. White

Suggested that the CCS be informed that the number of such documents would be small and would be dealt with at the end of the Archive programme.

Item 4 on the Agenda then came up for discussion.

Mr. Weesley Jones

Stated that nothing was known from his angle regarding the conditions under which Archives

Sheet No 4

staff would be taken over by the Embassies after the Military period.

Major Harrison

Stated that the Staff question was becoming very serious. By the end of August the British O.R. Personnel would be reduced to one, and in consequence unless replacement staff is made available, the output will necessarily fall from 20.000 per day to 10.000

Lt.Col. White

Said it was necessary to have people who would be available for a long period and who would be prepared to continue after the military period. The staff question was very urgent.

Major Harrison

Stated that British or American staff were necessary for the work in question.

Major Savill

Suggested that a special case be put up to 2nd Echelon since in four months time there would be scarcely any of the present Alcom personnel available, in view of Release and Python.

Lt.Col. White

Suggested that Archives might make up a draft letter for approval by G.1 B.

Major Harrison

Said he considered the matter should be attended to by G 1 + B.

Major Savill

Said he would be prepared to make the necessary application to 2nd Echelon, and added he was confident there were plenty of people who would be willing to stay in Italy if they knew the terms and conditions under which they may be transferred to the Embassies.

759

very urgent.

Major Harrison

Stated that British or American staff were necessary for the work in question.

Major Savill

Suggested that a special case be put up to 2nd Echelon since in four months time there would be scarcely any of the present Alcom personnel available, in view of Release and Python.

Lt.Col.White

Suggested that Archives might make up a draft letter for approval by G.1 B.

Major Harrison

Said he considered the matter should be attended to by G 1 + B.

Major Savill

Said he would be prepared to make the necessary application to 2nd Echelon, and added he was confident there were plenty of people who would be willing to stay in Italy if they knew the terms and conditions under which they may be transferred to the Embassies.

Lt.Col.White

Stated that representations should be made for a definite statement of terms in connection with transfer to the Embassies, and suggested that Archives should put up a request for definite information on this matter through G-5.

Major Savill

Again confirmed that he would make very strong representation to 2nd Echelon with a view to obtaining suitable staff for Archives work.

The conference ended at 11.45 hours.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 794

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER
ARCHIVES BRANCH

Ref. 9265/EC

26 June 1946
JUN 27 1946

A Conference will be held in the office of the Executive Commissioner, 3rd floor, HQ. AC, at 15.00 hrs on Monday July 1st 1946.

A G E N D A

Executive Commissioner

1. CCOS Cable FAN 672 and AFHQ Cable NAF 1128

2. Fan 672 (A) Segregation and eventual turnover of balance of Archives to Italian Govt.

3. Fan 672 (B) Elimination of "blocks of material". Inventory of these prior to storage or destruction.

4. Fan 672 (B) Number of staff involved at present with Alcom, later Embassies.

5. Fan 672 (C) Microfilm. Standard set-up for USA / UK approval

Polad (A-B)
G-5 AFHQ
Archives.AFRA
G-5
ArchivesPolads (A-B)
G-1 A/B Alcom
G-5 AFHQ
Archives.AG-5 AFHQ
AFRA
Microfilm
Archive.

Preliminary discussions upon items 2-3-4-5 are requested during the morning of July 1st in Room 10, 1st floor in order that recommendations can be placed before the Executive Commissioner with the least possible delay.

758

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER,

3. Pan 672 (3) Elimination of "blocks of material".
Inventory of these prior to storage or destruction.

4. Pan 672 (E) Number of staff involved at present
with Alcom, later Embassies.

5. Pan 672 (C) Microfilm. Standard set-up for
USA / UK approval

Polads (A-B)
G-1 A/B Alcom
G-5 AFHQ
Archives.

AC-5 AFHQ
AFRA
Microfilm
Archives.

Preliminary discussions upon items 2-3-4-5 are requested during the
morning of July 1st in Room 10, 1st floor in order that recommendations can
be placed before the Executive Commissioner with the least possible delay. **758**

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, *[Signature]*
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Distribution:

G-5, AFHQ
AG (Records) AFHQ
Polad (A)
Polad (B)
A F Microfiling Depot.
Executive Commissioner
G-1 (A)
G-1 (B)
Archives Alcom.

[Signature]

(up to me)

[Signature]

[Signature]

9265 *ST* *EC* *329*

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

APO 512

Allied Force Records Administration,
AG Section,
Allied Force Headquarters,
C.M.F.

21 June 1946.

Ref AFRA/I/109

JUN 21 1946

SUBJECT:- Microfilming of Allied Commission Records.

TO: Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 794

1. Combined Chiefs of Staff cable FAN 672, four copies attached approves in principle this HQ proposal to microfilm the records of Allied Commission. There are, however, certain restrictions involved.

2. It is requested that a conference be called, on or about 1 July 1946, for the purpose of discussing this cable.

3. It is suggested that representation on the conference should be as follows:

The United States Embassy,
The British Embassy,
Allied Commission (to include Archives Branch)
G-5 A.F.H.Q.
Allied Force Records Administration
Allied Force Microfilming and Records Depot
Any other interested party.

4. Will you please notify date, time and location of this conference to all concerned.

PAUL M. MORRILL,
Lt. Col. Infantry,
Allied Force Records Administrator.

753

Copy to G-5
Allied Commission (For Major Harrison.)

REC'DIST - 22 June

ACTION - ARCHIVES BR

INFO - CC

EC

seen by E.C.

A. McW
g.s.
(30)

seen 329,

COPY

FILED: 150013Z

PARAPHRASE UNNECESSARY

AFSC: N294/15

PRIORITY

SECRET

FROM: AGWAR FROM CCS

(BOOK MESSAGE)

TO : AFHQ FOR MORGAN INFO: CABINET OFFICES FOR COMBINED
CHIEFS OF STAFF

REF NO THIS MESSAGE: W 91381

15 June 1946

This is PAN 672.

1. Recommendations contained in paragraph 3, NAF 1128
are approved subject to the following provisions:

(A) In reducing the files to archive form the
segregation of documents that under NO circumstances
can be shown to the Italian Government must be con-
sidered. This segregation would make it possible
eventually, to turn over the remaining archive to the
possession of the Italian authorities if circumstances
should so dictate.

(B) Regarding screening of files, it is our
impression that the major reduction will consist of
elimination of duplicates, which is considered satis-
factory as long as the cost of screening is NOT more than
the saving on the cost of microfilming. If eliminat-
ion of blocks of material other than duplicates is
proposed, an inventory of this material will be furn-
ished to Combined Chiefs of Staff for review prior to
elimination or destruction. Screening should be held
to a minimum because of the difficulty of finding per-
sonnel skilled in archival techniques or with Allied
Military Government experience and because of limit-
ations on number of persons who can be transferred to
the embassies at the end of the military period.

(C) Microfilm will be forwarded periodically
to the UNITED STATES War Department (Attention: the
Adjutant General) and to the British Cabinet Offices,
(Attention: Historical Section) for review to assure
adequate standards of arrangement, indexing and film
processing as at present provided for other combined
records.

758

MC IN 1459

PARAPHRASE UNNECESSARY

SECRET

Copy to Colad A & B

C O P Y

327
SECRET

KEEP NO THIS MESSAGE: W-91381 (Cont'd) 15 June 1946

2. You are authorized to make necessary arrangements with UNITED STATES and British Embassies for transfer of responsibility for the archives and for the transfer of necessary personnel and equipment to complete the microfilm project at the end of the military period. You will keep the Combined Chiefs of Staff advised of arrangements made.

NOTE: MAP-1128 IS FM-64393 MC OUT 338 8/4/46 G-5
HAS BEEN RELAYED TO CINC WED FOR INFORMATION

ACTION: G-5

INFORMATION: C/S WTC SACS US POLAD
MLO AG BRIT POLAD

MC IN 1459 15 June 46 -2- 15458 REF NO: W-91381 rh/x

755

9265

Lx Bmmr

8436373

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

370.5 AFRA-O

15 June 1946

JUN 19 1946

SUBJECT: Allied Force Records Administration

TO : Commanders of all Major Commands, AFHQ

1. Attention is invited to Circular Number 8, Allied Force Headquarters, 18 July 1945, subject: "Allied Force Records Administration".

2. Effective noon, 15 June 1946, Allied Force Microfilming and Records Depot will close its plant at Santa Maria, Italy. The depot will resume operation in the building occupied by the Allied Commission, Via Vittorio Veneto, Rome, on or about 1 July 1946.

3. Issue necessary instructions to all elements of your command to insure that no further shipments of allied records are directed to Santa Maria. Future shipments of such records, if by parcel post, will be addressed to: Allied Force Microfilming and Records Depot, APO 794, United States Army. Records shipped by freight will be directed to the depot, in care of Allied Commission, Via Vittorio Veneto, Rome, Italy.

4. Mediterranean Theater of Operations, United States Army Records Depot will continue to operate at Santa Maria, Italy (APO 512, United States Army), to receive exclusively American records.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

Ralph C. Tilley
RALPH C. TILLEY
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

754

DISTRIBUTION:
"B"

ACTION
INFO

AC DIST
HQ COMMANDANT
~~EXEC~~ COMMISSIONER (EXECUTIVE)
EXEC OFFICER (B)
G-1 (B)
ARCHIVES

See in 324

ag/Chute
(J/CDR M.)

[Signature]

785017

SD 379
JUN. 181600BH/4008
JUN. 190930

ROUTINE

DISTHREE

NAPLES AREA INFO RAAC - ALCOM - NOV NAPLES

JUN 19 1946

UNCLASSIFIED.

Reference GHQ CMF C 49222 of 15 June not to all.

Allied Force micro filming unit and records dep will move 26 June
by RD under Unit arrangements from S. Maria near Caserta to Rome.
On arrival remains under Op Comd AFHQ comes under ADM Comd RAAC.
Units will be Att Comp Comd Alcom.

AC DIST .

ACTION	HQ COMDT 2
INFO	CHIEF COMMISSIONER
	EX GPR B
	G-1 B 2
	EX COMM
	ARCHIVES
	FLOAT 2
	FILE

MEAGUS
12 JUN 1946
A. C.

(1/10000)

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

C 49232
JUN. 181156B

9265
H/3986
JUN. 181715B

EX 000 321
ROUTINE

AFHQ GHQ CMF

DISTHRE INFO RAAC = MOV NAPLES = ALCOM

JUN 19 1946

UNCLASSIFIED.

Order Move Allied Force Micro-Filming unit and records Dep from
S. Moria to Rome 26 June under unit arrangements. Remains under
Op Comd AFHQ comes under ADM Comd RAAC ATT Camp Comd Alcom for
all purposes. CO-ORD AG SEC.

AC DET

ACTION	HQ COMDT 2
INFO	CHIEF COMMISSIONER
	EX OFFR B
	G-1 B 2
	EX COMM
	ARCHIVES
	FILE
	FLOAT 2

HEADQUARTERS 52
19 JUN 1946
A. C.

(s/ctg M.)

9263
RECOUNTING ALLIED COMMISSION

ABO 794

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref. 9265/XC

June 1946

ARCHIVES MEETING HELD AT 1530 HRS. 11 JUNE 1946, IN EXECUTIVE
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

In the chair:

Brigadier Lush, Executive Commissioner.

Present:

Mr. Angus Malcolm, British Embassy.

Mr. Wesley Jones, Political Adviser (A)

Mr. A. Halford, Political Adviser (B)

Lt.Col. Graham, HQ. Commandant

Lt.Col. Cameron Curry, Ruk

Maj. Harrison, Chief Archives Officer (A).

Maj. Squir Joint Diplomatic
Research Section

Maj. Reynolds AF Records Officer

Maj. D. Chapman (A) Archives Officer

Capt. Johnson (A) Microfilm Depot (AFHQ)

INTRODUCTION.

The Executive Commissioner said he had called this meeting on the question of housing of Archives. Sooner or later the Allied Commission would be dissolved and whatever organization followed would take over the Archives with staff up to the time when authority was received from COS to hand over to the Embassies.

From the point of view of accommodation, all sections of Archives should work together in HQ building, including the RUK files Section. It was essential that all Archives work be done under one roof.

1. Archives HQ. Future accommodation

Major Harrison said the question of a permanent repository for Archives was still under discussion.

0 6 8

Mr. J. Reynolds AF Records Officer

Mr. J. D. Chapman (A) Archives Officer

Capt. Johnson (A) Microfilm Depot AFHQ

INTRODUCTION.

The Executive Commissioner said he had called this meeting on the question of housing of Archives. Sooner or later the Allied Commission would be dissolved and whatever organization followed would take over the Archives with staff up to the time when authority was received from GCS to hand over to the Ambassadors.

From the point of view of accommodation, all sections of Archives should work together in HQ building, including the RUK files Section. It was essential that all Archives work be done under one roof. 751

1. Archives AC. Future Accommodation

Major Harrison said the question of a permanent repository for AC Archives was still under discussion. Mr. Wesley Jones stated that a recent meeting the Union of International Archivists had decided they did not now require the premises in which it had been suggested that Archives Branch should be established. The Secretary of the Union had been instructed to communicate to Allied Commission the decision to withdraw any claim on the building. In view of this, Mr. Wesley Jones considered the question of finding alternative accommodation for the files was not so urgent.

There was some discussion on the pros and cons of moving the Section. Major Harrison said it was desirable for Archives Branch to remain in HQ building until a permanent home was found elsewhere. It was proposed to begin

see M319-320
p. 328-326

18

- 2 -

microfilming on 1 July and he would like to see the new building taken on charge on that date. He outlined the accommodation that was available in the new premises. The ownership of the building had presented some difficulty, but it was established that it was not German State, but Church property. The Executive Commissioner pointed out that it was the obligation of the Italian Government to find a permanent home for IC Archives.

The Executive Commissioner asked if the Embassies would agree to Major Harrison going ahead with the plan; approach the Italian Government and try to get the building on a long lease so that if approval came through, the microfilmed documents could be moved into the new building.

Mr. Wesley Jones was more in favour of the Archives Branch remaining at IC building for the time being. Major Harrison stressed the disadvantages of staying on until the last moment and then moving in a rush.

It was stated that it would be two years before all documents were microfilmed and ready to be moved into storage.

Executive Commissioner said the case for moving was to save doing it again later on and the case against moving was duplications of staff and taking over another building in a city which was overcrowded. He repeated that the Italian Government might be approached and told of our plans (although authority had not yet been received for them) and asked to give IC first refusal of the building. In the meantime, work could continue on preparing, storing and microfilming of documents.

2. Joint Diplomatic Research Section.

The procedure and working of this Section was explained. The position was that most secret papers would be finished in two months time. It would take approximately eight months to deal with the remainder of the papers, including reassembling. It was considered that the work of the Section would be held up and delayed if a move to other premises was made.

3. Microfilming.

Major Harrison (in the absence of Major Reynolds) stated that it was not considered practicable to microfilm in IC building. Generators would have to be installed, which were exceedingly noisy and messing and billeting of personnel presented difficulties. The Microfilm Depot had been offered one of the Italian exhibition buildings, just outside ROME, by RAC and considered that this would be very satisfactory.

2. Joint Diplomatic Research Section.

The procedure and working of this Section was explained. The position was that most secret papers would be finished in two months time. It would take approximately eight months to deal with the remainder of the papers, including reassembling. It was considered that the work of the Section would be held up and delayed if a move to other premises was made.

3. Microfilming.

Major Harrison (in the absence of Major Reynolds) stated that it was not considered practicable to microfilm in A.C. building. Generators would have to be installed, which were exceedingly noisy and messing and billeting of personnel presented difficulties. The Microfilm Depot had been offered one of the Italian exhibition buildings, just outside Rome, by RALC and considered that this would be very satisfactory.

4. Joint Diplomatic Research Section.

Returning to the question of the suggested move of the Joint Diplomatic Research Section, Mr. Wesley Jones said he understood that the American side was ready to move on completion of the documents they were now working on, say in two months time. On the British side he suggested that in a period of one or two months what was left in packing cases could be moved into the ALCON building. There was discussion on this and it was not agreed that the British side would be ready to move. The papers belonging to this section were being microfilmed in the present building, an RT unit on loan being employed.

Mr. Malcolm said that he would not press the case for moving this Section; Mr. Wesley Jones stated he could not consider the question until the RUK files had been settled. Mr. Malcolm agreed.

- 3 -

5. RUK Files.

The Executive Commissioner said that RUK files were considered on the same level as the files at present being handled by the Joint Diplomatic Research Section. He suggested that they should be handled by that section with AC staff and all work in the same building. Lt. Col. Cameron Curry stated that accommodation was already limited and the addition of more files would be a hardship. Mr. Malcolm pointed out the desirability of centralising all archives work. Another objection raised was that German personnel were employed on RUK files but it was stressed that these men would work solely on RUK files and not be used for any other section.

Mr. Wesley Jones said the proposal was to transfer the responsibility of RUK files to the Joint Diplomatic Research Section; the questions of space, offices and location were incidental to this. Executive Commissioner said the whole point of putting them in the hands of Joint Diplomatic Research Section was to establish a joint responsibility. The files were ready for microfilming, and this could be completed in four months. Personnel, as always, was a difficulty.

Mr. Malcolm suggested that the State Department be asked for a German speaking official to be appointed and that Lt. Col. Cameron Curry prepare a resume of the work necessary to be done. Executive Commissioner approved. After finishing the work on RUK files, the Joint Diplomatic Research Section would hand over to Archives, and orders as to disposal from ACC BERLIN would be awaited. If the staff was not forthcoming, however, the files would have to go to Archives and they would carry on working on them.

6. Microfilming.

Major Reynolds (JF Records Officer) said that 80% of the purely military records were completed and work was now being started on the AC records. They could cope with an average of 35,000 documents a day.

As stated previously, the RUK files were ready for microfilming. Executive Commissioner was anxious that this work should be completed as the files were most valuable to the American, British and Italian Embassies. He said it should be made a priority job. Mr. Reynolds said he hoped to commence work on the RUK files on 1 July and complete them by 10 August. Executive Commissioner directed Lt. Col. Cameron Curry to ensure that we had permission from AFHQ for microfilming. If that was in order, we should go ahead.

Major Harrison (Archives) pointed out that the new scheme of extra screening before microfilming would slow down but put to some extent.

753

a resume of the work necessary to be done. Executive Commissioner approved. After finishing the work on RUK files, the Joint Diplomatic Research Section would hand over to Archives, and orders as to disposal from ACC BERLIN would be awaited. If the staff was not forthcoming, however, the files would have to go to Archives and they would carry on working on them.

6. Microfilming.

Major Reynolds (AF Records Officer) said that 80% of the purely military records were completed and work was now being started on the AC records. They could cope with an average of 35,000 documents a day.

As stated previously, the RUK files were ready for microfilming. Executive Commissioner was anxious that this work should be completed as the files were most valuable to the American, British and Italian Embassies. He said it should be made a priority job. Mr. Reynolds said he hoped to commence work on the RUK files on 1 July and complete them by 10 August. Executive Commissioner directed Lt. Col. Cameron Curry to ensure that we had permission from AFHQ for microfilming. If that was in order, we should go ahead. 750

Major Harrison (Archives) pointed out that the new scheme of extra screening before microfilming would slow down out put to some extent.

The Executive Commissioner said the question of accommodation did not arise; work should carry on as it was.

In answer to a question as to who would take over responsibility for microfilming if and when AFHQ ceased to function, Executive Commissioner said this would be the responsibility of the governing military body. Major Harrison said that in the early days of Archives a Microfilming Section was planned but the composition of this was uncertain. Executive Commissioner said that G-5 were being pressed for an answer to the Archives signal.

The Executive Commissioner said the RUK files would remain with GEM Branch until 1 July when they would be transferred to Archives Branch to await the decision of the State Department.

Microfilming of RUK files would commence on 1 July and microfilming on AC files on 1 September.

- 4 -

7. Summary.

Executive Commissioner summed up action as follows:

- (a) Archives AC. Major Harrison to approach Italian Govt. (ref. I para. 3).
- (b) Joint Diplomatic Research Section to remain in present premises.
- (c) RUK files under J D R S administration, both Embassies applying for German speaking officials.

H. H. Harrison *148*
Major
Chief Archives Officer.

9265
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

A P O 794

Office of the Executive Commissioner

ARCHIVES BRANCH

Ref :- 26/AB

14 June 1946

SUBJECT:- Disposition of A.C. Archives.

JUN 15 1946

TO :- Allied Forces Records Administrator, AFHQ.

At a meeting with the A.F. Records Officer on Thursday
June 12th, the disposition of Allied Commission
Archives was agreed as follows :-

- (a) that all documents within A C files shall be numbered consecutively.
- (b) those documents necessary for microfilming shall be sent to Micro Film Depot within the original covers and returned in these to Archives Branch for storage.
- (c) those documents not deemed necessary for filming but which may require inspection for various reasons, shall be retained by Archives Branch within a second jacket in their order of number.

The period of such retention to be decided at a later date.

for Executive Commissioner

H.M. Harrison

H.M. HARRISON,

Major,

Chief Archives Officer.

Copies to: Executive Commissioner File 9265. ✓
"F" Section Archives.
File.

743

(S/COE MC)

ADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

A P O 794

Office of the Executive Commissioner

ARCHIVES BRANCH

A meeting will be held under the chairmanship of Executive Commissioner at 15.30 hrs on Tuesday June 11th in the Executive Commissioner's office 3rd floor HQ. AC.

A G E N D A

1. To discuss the housing in this building of the staffs of :-
 - (a) Allied Commission Archives Branch
 - (b) Joint Diplomatic Research Section
 - (c) Team examining RUK files
2. Allocation of floor space on one or more sections of the building.
3. Any other business.

For the Executive Commissioner

N.M. Harrison
N.M. HARRISSON, Major,
Major,
Archives Branch.

DISTRIBUTION

Executive Commissioner ✓
Mr. Malcolm, First Secretary British Embassy
Mr. Wesley Jones POLAD (A)
Mr. AG. Halford POLAD (B)
Major Squair Joint Diplomatic Research Section
Lt.Col. Cameron Curry RUK files
Lt.Col. AG. Graham HQ Commandant
Major Reynolds Microfilm Records AFHQ
Major N.M. Harrison (B) Archives ALCOM
Major D.M. Chapman (A) Archives ALCOM

748

See in 312-3

PA. 8.12.6.

Ref: 9265/EC.

8 June 1946.

SUBJECT: Archives - Air Photographic Prints.

TO : ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.
Attn: G-5 Section.

1. You have recently raised queries with Major Harrison, Archives Section, and myself, regarding the prints of air photographs alleged to be held by the British School in Rome.

2. Your impression is that these prints are the property of the Allied Commission and you have queried the retention of them by the British School. The total photographic material originally in the possession of the Allied Commission can be divided into two parts:

- (a) photos taken by the Allied Air Forces, prints of which were passed to the Allied Commission, Monuments & Fine Arts Sub-Commission, in order that they could assess war damage done and also arrange for protection from bombing. These are properly the property of the Allied Commission and are in the archives of the Allied Commission, safe and sound;
- (b) a number of prints taken by the Royal Air Force during operations based on Italy during 1944-45. These constitute the remaining portion of the print-collection held by RAFI and passed to AC by MAAP for safe custody at the time of the dispersal of the former body. The basic and original intention for the future of these photographs is that they should be used for scientific and cultural research. The AC can lay no claim to retention of these photographs and were merely custodians. At the proper time and with the full consent of the Under Secretary of State for Air to whom the Director of the British School made application on 21 February, these photographs have been handed to the British School for use with certain conditions of copyright.

3. I hope this clarifies the situation and I should like to add that I am perfectly satisfied that the British School certainly intended to retain the prints mentioned in para 2 above but that it would be a great loss to scientific and cultural research if they were not left in that School.

For the Chief Commissioner:

W. A. LUSH

Brigadier,

Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Archives Branch.
British School, ROME.

743

9265-96

306

218/ /46

Office of British
Political Adviser

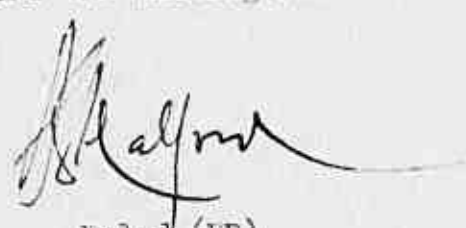
JUN 8 1946

Executive Commissioner

Subject: Disposal of Archives

I think it might be useful if you would arrange for a meeting to be held under your chairmanship at the beginning of next week to discuss the proposal that the staffs of the Allied Commission Archives Branch, the Joint Diplomatic Research Section and the team examining the RUK files, should be housed in this building.

If you agree to this proposal, I suggest that you invite Mr. Malcolm, First Secretary of the British Embassy, Major Squair of the Joint Diplomatic Research Section and Lieut. Colonel Cameron Gurry to attend the meeting and represent the British side.



6.vi.46

Polad (HR)

748

U.S. Polad
Copy to British Embassy

See M 307, 310, 7311 + M312

8
(150)

9265 306
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A P O 794
Office of the Executive Commissioner

REF. : 3/AB. 31 May 1946
SUBJECT : Missing Regional Files. JUN 1 1946
TO : All Records Officers of Sub-Commissions & Branches A.C.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL files are in the final stages of preparation for Microfilm.

In accordance with par.7 of Executive Memo.7 (copy h/w) will Record Officers please confirm on attached pro-forma not later than WEDNESDAY, June 5th, that NO Regional files are being held in their offices.

OR

If any such files are in their possession, please communicate immediately with Archives Branch (Extn. 530/412) for the action to be taken.

BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL ELLERY W. STONE

Emmerson
for Brigadier
Executive Commissioner.

(g/Edr Mc)
(Detach this PRO-FORMA and forward to Archives Branch) 745

1. Reference your letter 3/AB, it is confirmed that NO files belonging to any REGION are being held by this *Office* *EC* Branch/Sub-Commission).
2. The following files are being held subject to arrangement with Archives Branch as to their disposal.

g/Edr Mc
.....
RECORDS OFFICER

Office of EC
.....
S/C/BR BRANCH PA 4/6

29 MAY 46

1808 30 1946

UNCLASSIFIED

742

Office of the Executive Commr

Jon H. Larsson
— Mayor

300

303

HQ ALCOM CITE ACENXG

29 MAY 46

ALCOM LO PIERMONTE FOR OLO

MAY 30 1946

3357

UNCLASSIFIED

REQUEST REPLY ACTION TAKEN MY LETTER ONE FIVE SLANT ABLE BAKER OF TWO NINE
APRIL RE MISSING FILES PIERMONTE REGION PD ALSO RECEIPTS FOR WELFARE FILES
HANDLED UERRA MY EXECUTIVE MEMO NUMBER SEVEN PARA EIGHT REFERS PD

743

ROUTINE

Office of The Executive Commar

NICHOLAS PICOMBINO
CWO, USA
Assistant, Adjutant

300

