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MINUTE

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TO : C.A. Section.

Re folio 155-A I do not agree that Black Market study should be made by Public Safety Sub-Commission : Control of black market activities involves supply and distribution which are economic questions - not police.

John W. Chapman
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, D.P.S.

25/11/44
Room 8, 5th floor
Tel. Ext. 686.

II

This is an Economic Section's function who should produce the report.
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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

MINUTE SHEET

FILE :

SUBJECT : BLACK MARKET.

No. Date To

I. 28 Nov. ECON. Sec. Re. Minute 2 inside by COS.

R. A. Cripps

II 15 Dec. C.A. Section Paper being prepared in Secy Sec. Should be ready by Dec 23. Good, main. Econ. Sec.

III 16 Dec. P.S. Noted R. A. Cripps at

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

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6 NOV. 1944

4 November 64

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SUBJECT: Minutes of Conference

TO : V.F. Civil Affairs Section

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1. Ref. R.C. & M.G. Section's No. 14/153/CA dated 29 Sept 44.
2. Para (e) Black Market. We consider that this question more properly is one for Public Safety Sub-Commission to deal with. Regional Public Safety Officers would be better informed on this matter than officers from Sub-Commissions of this Section.
3. Para (b) (2) Bakeries in Rome. Attached is copy of a memo addressed to the A/CC on the 28th Sep which has some bearing on this matter. In addition, Food Sub-Commission are working on a new order for the enforcement of regulations which would cover the "mal-use" of flour by bakers. This order, if adopted by the Italian Government would apply to all Italy and enforcement would be by the Government. It is hoped to have this order ready for presentation to the Government in about 10 days time.

L. D. Densmore
L. D. DENSMORE,
Colonel, F.A., CSO
Economic Section

Encl: Copy memo as in para 3.

Copy to: Food S/C

TO	INCL	DAT
COL CHAMBERLAIN	(initials)	10/1
COL YOUNG		
LT COL WILSON	(initials)	13/1
MAJ H. H.		
MAJ WILSON		
MAJ J. B. RAY		
CPT RAY		
Sgt GUILLARDE		
CPT POWELL		

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Displaced Persons

M. See 146 para d.
Refugees in which he
will see there is some
All action.

Letter from
29.9.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

Phone:
84034

Ref/14/153/CA

29 Sep 44

SUBJECT: Minutes of Conference.

TO : Col. Densmore, CSO Economic Section.

In reply to your memo of 27 Sep 44, it is expected that Economic Section will act on para (e) of minutes of Conference held at ACC HQ on 14 Sep. Action is also required by your Section on para (b) (2) - bakeries in Rome.

SC
NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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27 September 1944

MEMO TO CIVIL AFFAIRS BRANCH -

1. Ref minutes of a conference held at ACC HQ, 14 Sep 44, covered by AFHQ G-5 memo 18 Sep.
2. See Para C's "Black Market". Is it expected that the Economic Section will take any action?

[Signature]
L. D. DENSMORE
Colonel, GSO.

[Signature]
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SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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"Plan for emergency services for Public Utilities"
Brief Notes on a conference at Regional Headquarters on 22 September 1944.

Attendance

Colonel C. E. TEMPERLEY, Regional Commissioner, Southern Region, ACC, presiding.

Royal Navy:

Captain COLVILLE, NOIC.

No 3 District:

Lt. Col. MUNN, GSO 1
Lt. Col. GIBBINS, AGO
Major HOPE, SOE & H

57 Area:

Major GARDNER, GSO 2
Captain LAMER, Civil Labor

Peninsular

Base Section:

Colonel BURNS, Chief Engineer
Colonel REYNOLDS, Chief Signal Officer
Lt. Col. COOLEY, Engineer Section

HQ ACC:

Colonel DAVIS, Labor Sub-Commission
Lt. Col. LAFER, Electricity Section
Captain RYAN, Electricity Section

ACC Southern

Region:

Major FITZGERALD, Public Works and Utilities
Captain BRIDGMAN, Telecommunications
Captain BOTHAM, Labor
Lt. SEROLLA, Electricity Officer

ACC Naples

Zone:

Lt. Col. SIMSON, Zone Commissioner.

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No 3 District:

Lt. Col. WEAVER, GSO 1
Lt. Col. GIBBINS, AGO
Major HOWE, SOR & M

57 Area:

Major GARDNER, GSO 2
Captain DANGER, Civil Labor

Peninsular

Base Section:

Colonel BURNS, Chief Engineer
Colonel REYNOLDS, Chief Signal Officer
Lt. Col. COOLER, Engineer Section

HQ ACC:

Colonel BAIN, Labor Sub-Commission
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Colonel BAIN, HQ ACC, Labor Sub-Commission, was not convinced, from the labor point of view, that investigations were worthwhile, Small troubles could be handled by ACC. Wide-spread violence would be an affair for troops and tanks.

Colonel BURNS, Chief Engineer, PBS, suggested that a small committee should be formed to consider exactly what eventualities should be provided against and what resources were available. Incidentally Colonel Burns mentioned that they already had priority schedules for cutting off users of electricity which have been prepared in case the supply were reduced through accidents etc. The same priorities would serve in the event of labor trouble reducing the supply.

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Captain COLVILLE, NOIC, said, that if electricity were cut off, work in the dock yards would cease and a number of Naval technicians might be available. In any event he could supply crews for the boilers at the Capuana plant and for the internal engines at Volturmo. He pointed out that, if the water were cut off, all shipping would be held up; great quantities of water are required by vessels before putting to sea. The Port depended to some extent on electric pumping, but it might be possible to provide gravity water by cutting off the rest of the town.

Major HOWE, SOE & L, No 2 District, pointed out that 3 District was responsible for the Sila plant, which was supplying a large proportion of the load for all Italy. Their responsibilities were therefore very wide. At one time he had had emergency crews available for local plants. Owing to the movement of troops, these had largely disappeared but might be available in emergency.

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"To consider what emergency organization (if any) should be set up to be ready to maintain the essential utility service of Naples and its neighborhood in the event of labor unrest leading to temporary interruptions; to assess what personnel and equipment might be necessary for the job and to discover who could supply it - with discretion to widen the scope of their inquiry to other parts of Southern Italy, if they thought fit".

The Committee was to be as follows:

- Capt. RYAN, HQ ACC, Electrical Engineer
- A representative of NOIC
- A representative of PBS
- A representative of 3 District

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Captain Ryan would do the secretarial work of the committee and organize its activity as agreed with other members. No date was fixed for the committee to render a report.

C. E. Temperley

C. E. TEMPERLEY
Colonel,
Regional Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: 14/112/QA.

26th September 1944.

SUBJECT: Conference.

TO : Regional Commissioner,
LAZIO Region.

1. I forward herewith copy of minutes of a conference held at this Headquarters on 14th September 1944.
2. This conference was called informally and it is regretted that you were not asked to attend.
3. I should be glad if you would follow up points on which action is required and report to me what is being done.

(Sga) M.S. Wade

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Copy to: Boon See (with copy of minutes).

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Brigadier Lush.

Ref. 146.

No copy was sent to Econ Sec.

The ☒ items required ACC action.
Will you follow through please.

E.S.S.

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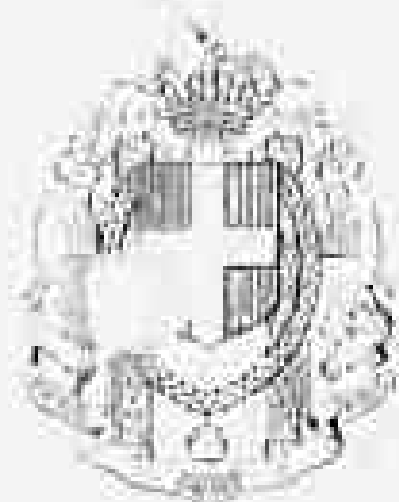
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Report Ex. Com. will wait
to see 146 - I will then
show to Bill Friday and
then check with him.
Sent on the motion
taken

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EC to see.

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See 146A.

P.A. Please b.f. the cable
(1c) finally sent.

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ALLIED
C-3 Section
APO 512HEADQUARTERS
22 SEP 1944

MEMORANDUM

TO : All Concerned

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18 September 1944

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1. An informal conference of the Economic Subcommittee of the Supreme Allied Commander's Political Committee, with representatives of ACC, was held at the Allied Control Commission Building in Rome on Thursday, 14 September 1944. As a result of the discussions which took place the following actions were approved:

a. Wages.

It was desirable to raise the wages of Italians working for the Allied Armed Forces within an area to be determined, including the City of Rome. This rise would take care, inter alia, of the fact that Italians working for the Armed Forces were not eligible for family allowance.

Since, however, to raise the wages of this class of worker would have a reaction on the Italian wage proposals, which have not yet been received, these proposals should be awaited and considered in the light of the agreement that a rise for workers for the Armed Forces was necessary.

b. Bread ration for Rome.

- (1) It was undesirable to consider Rome as a 300-gram "island" in a 200-gram "sea." An increased bread ration for Rome should only be considered as part of a general Northward movement of the 300-gram boundary.

The possibility of advancing this line must now be reconsidered by the ACC in the light of probable commitments.

- (2) To prevent the mal-use of available flour the ACC should institute a scheme for the effective supervision of bakeries in the City of Rome.

c. A draft cable concerning the 300-gram ration for the coming year was considered by the meeting and agreed with some amendments. (Note: subsequent cables have necessitated a redraft.)

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d. Refugees.

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It was undesirable to move refugees from an area such as Rome, where they could be accommodated, to other areas where it might be no less difficult to feed them and it would be certainly harder to accommodate them.

- (1) AFHQ will take action to provide, as far as possible, the Italian military personnel which the Italian Government requires to control the movement of refugees.

- (2) The ACC will bid through normal channels for the increased railway capacity for movement of personnel which they consider necessary to carry out any agreed movement of refugees.

- (3) AFHQ will take up through the usual channels the provision of expert advice from the Ministry of Works

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and Buildings, who have considerable experience in refugee accommodation problems, now largely increased as a result of flying bomb damage.

e. Black Market.

The ACC undertook to submit to AFHQ a study of the Italian Black Market problem, including recommendations as to how it could be better controlled when hostilities ceased and more resources were available to deal with it.

*JE Butterworth
cc. 1 to file for*

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Brigadier General, G. S. C.
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5

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- ✓ Brig. M. S. Lush, Executive Commissioner, ACC *(Chief affairs Br.)*
- ✓ Food Subcommittee ACC
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/14/114/CA.

6 Sept 1944

SUBJECT : Reservation of Conference Room.

TO : Legal Sub-Commission.

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1. Reference your AGC/4013/4/L dated 5 Sept 44.
 2. The Conference Room will be made available on Wednesday, 20 September 44, from 0900 hrs to 1200 hrs.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,

Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

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6 SEP Recd
5th September 1944

ACC/4013/4/L

SUBJECT: Reservation of Conference Room.

TO : R C & M G Section

Request is hereby made for reservation of the Conference Room on the 4th Floor in which to hold a conference of Regional Legal Officers.

Time required: 0900 hrs to 1200 hrs - Wednesday, 20th September 1944.

Will you please confirm.

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Jos W Levy 4563
JOS. W. LEVY,
Captain,
for Chief Legal Officer.

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EMERGENCY
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
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Phone:
478803

REF : 14/142/GA.

31 August 1944

SUBJECT: Refugees etc.

TO : Col. G.B. Flalley, Internees & Displaced
Persons Sub-Commission.
Col. L.R. Mills, Refugee Branch.

With reference to the meeting to be held at A.F. H.Q.
on Saturday 2 September 44, the refugee natives will foregather
at the Office of G-5 (Archway B- stairway 25 - 1st. floor) at
1115 hrs. The main meeting will be held at the Office of the
Chief Administrative Officer at 1130 hrs. *You will get.*
Copies of the Agenda so some action can be taken.

J.M.

WILLIAM E. FINEGS
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

21. 4. 14. 9. 2. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100.

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Ex Comm:

Reg 141

Whom do wish to represent
At this meeting at AFHQ
on Refugees and Displaced
Persons - Col Hulls or
Col Findlay?

2. 1 ECP have been
asked to send a rep.

Col Hulls,

U 28/8.

Will you pl. arrange
Mr 30/8

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
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24 August 1944

SUBJECT: Advisory Committee, Refugees and Displaced Persons, 27 AUG Recd
Mediterranean Theatre of Operations.

TO : See distribution below

1. In view of the problems likely to confront the authorities concerned with Refugees and Displaced Persons in this theatre in particular and in Europe generally, it is considered desirable that representatives of the various Governmental and Private Relief and Refugee Organisations should meet to discuss these problems.

2. A preliminary meeting will accordingly be held at A.P.H.Q. on Saturday, September 2nd, 1944, at a time to be notified later. Your organisation is invited to send a representative.

3. Would you kindly indicate the name and location of the officer designated as your representative, to whom the agenda and further particulars of time and place will be sent (with copy to you).



Charles M. Spofford
CHARLES M. SPOFFORD,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5.

Distribution:

- G.S.C., A.P.H.Q.
- Liaison Officer, U.N.R.R.A., A.P.H.Q. (Mr. Cochran)
- Allied Control Commission.
- American Red Cross (Mr. Jefferson, Naples).
- British Red Cross (Sir Serphous Brooke, Rome).
- War Refugee Board (Mr. Ackerman)
- Intergovernmental Committee for Refugees (Sir Clifford Northcote-Smith)
- American Joint Distribution Committee (Mr. Greenleigh)
- Friends Service Committee (Mr. Kimberland, Algiers, Mr. Griggins, Rome).

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A.M.C. REGION V
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RC & MG list
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MINUTES OF CONFERENCE OF PREFECTS - Headquarters Region V - 20 August 1944

PRESENT:

A.M.C. REGION V

Colonel R. P. Marshall, RC
Lt Col C. H. French, Exec Officer
Lt Col H. Middlewood, Reg Agric Officer
Lt Col S. Pickering, RUSO
Lt Col J. L. Willis, RLO
Lt Col H. Marshall, RPHO
Lt Col H. T. Beard, RFO
Major G. E. Monk, RSO
Capt B. C. Walsh, Ind. & Comm

PREFECTS

Ancona - Avv. Oddo Marinelli
Ascoli - Dott. Guido Broise
Aquila - Dott. Francesco Aria
Chieti - Avv. Gaetano Petrella
Lacerata - Dott. Giorgio Aurelio Ponte
Pescara - Dott. Gerardo Pace
Torino - UFF. Giovanni Lorenzini

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Also Present - Lt Col H. A. H. Dickie, AGC Agricultural Sub-Commission.

Opening the conference, Colonel Marshall explained that it would be a purely informal meeting for the purpose of coming to an agreement on certain procedures. He expressed appreciation of the fact that the prefects had come to the conference at some effort and difficulty, but said that the Allies had also come to Italy at some effort and difficulty. The Allied Military Government, he said, looks for no advantage to the Allies, no profit to its administrators. Its sole objective is to aid in restoring an Italian government which represents the true choice of the Italian people, so that Italy may regain control of her own affairs, her own destiny. This requires the full co-operation of Italians, he pointed out, and it is necessary that all activity at every level must be performed by Italian officials. When this goal has been reached, he concluded, we shall all have a grand celebration and the AMG personnel can go home.

I. COLLECTION OF THE HARVEST - Lt Col H. Middlewood

Before the Allies entered Italy, the Regional Agricultural Officer said, they had prepared to make the shipments of wheat necessary to provide a good ration for the Italian people. But because of the fault co-operation of the Italians and because of the black market, it had been necessary to bring in more food than expected at a time when the shipping was badly needed elsewhere. This had resulted in a reduction of the ration.

The division's first responsibility, he said, was to obtain in Italy materials useful to the army. Its second is to obtain the largest possible crops to feed the Italian people, the third to ascertain the long-term needs to put the second into effect, and the fourth to give all possible assistance in collections of the 1944 harvest.

In this program, he said, AMG is following the program of the Italian government as outlined in the ministerial decree of 28 April and would hold absolutely to those terms. A great deal of education had been proved necessary before the communal committees (the new Italy's first democratic venture) can function properly. Prefects are asked to use all the influence possible to achieve this goal. It would be necessary for the agricultural inspectors to go around the provinces to see that the committees are working, Lt Col Middlewood said. He recommended that every committee be put out a program for grain-collection, with due allowances for war damage or any other cause. He said that it should be possible, over all, to equal or exceed the 1942 harvest and that committees which did match the 1942 totals would be considered having co-operated fully with AMG.

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A much more vigorous policy by all Italian officials from the prefects downward was urged, and a reluctance on the part of all civilian officials, including the Carabinieri, to adopt a vigorous policy was noted. It was particularly requested that the prefects use their requisitioning authority to make sure that agricultural inspectors had cars.

Attention of the prefects was called to the evils of the retentions system. Farmers are permitted to keep a year's supply of food before the city population has anything. This means it is sometimes necessary for the Allies to transport wheat and flour for many miles at a time when transportation is at a high premium and when there are tons of wheat and flour in or near the town. It was remarked that it was necessary for the Italians to help themselves more than they have done, particularly since the extension of AMG over ever-wider territories meant considerably fewer officers per province.

On the question of agricultural requirements, Lt. Col. Middlewood said that it was useless for inspectors to send in long lists of requirements without careful thought to the requirements and without justification for each point. These requisitions must be made six months in advance and be kept to an absolute minimum.

The prefects were informed that an exportable surplus of 200,000 tons of wheat is expected from the nine provinces of Region V for feeding the large populations of Rome, Naples and the North.

The Prefect of Chieti, Avv. Petrella, raised the question of the lack of oxen in the territories overrun by the Germans and said that he believed some of those driven out of his province were in the provinces of the Marche. The prefect of Teramo, Uff. Lorenzini, asked permission to distribute to the population grain for which no warehouse space is available. Lt. Col. Middlewood expressed the opinion that a great part of the Teramo problem could be solved by an early transport of the exportable surplus. The Chieti problem was presented as an example of how the prefects of the various provinces might be able to work out some of their own problems by agreement among themselves (with approval of AMG). On other problems, it was suggested that the Prefects make formal written recommendations to the Regional Headquarters, through the Provincial Commissioners. These would be welcomed by the Region and carefully considered.

2. REFUGEES - Lt. Col. H. Marshall.

To facilitate the rehabilitation of refugees from the forward areas and particularly because of the impossibility of sending more refugees to the south, the four forward provinces (Teramo, Ascoli, Macerata and Ancona) will each be called on to absorb between 2500 and 3000 refugees on a temporary basis. Prefects are to instruct their sindaci to prepare lists of the number which can be absorbed in the various communes, at an average rate of ten per cent of the population. A central camp for the distribution of refugees will be set up in each province near the capital and on main communications lines, capable of handling from 300 to 400 refugees at a time. Cooking utensils, blankets and rations must be provided there. Administration of these camps will be under the prefect, the medico provinciale and the Italian Red Cross, with food obtained through the Consorzio Agrario. When persons are transferred from this camp to the receiving communes they will be given rations sufficient for the time until it will be possible for them to obtain a ration card in the commune. Lists of the numbers to be absorbed by each commune are required within a week, the prefects were told. It will be the duty of the sindaci to have places prepared for the refugees on their arrival. The prefects of Ancona and Macerata, Avv. Marinelli and Dott. Ponte, expressed a wish to be exempted from this program because of the large number of refugees already in the provinces, but were told that the desirability of keeping the refugees as close as possible to their homes would make necessary further inconvenience to the people of the forward provinces.

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In response to Dott. Ponte's question, Lt Col Marshall said that a definite scheme for the evacuation of refugees who have intact and unoccupied homes in Southern Italy is being prepared. Until it is finished, however, none will be permitted to move. At that time it will be put into effect by the use of Regional transportation facilities.

The prefects were also reminded by Lt Col Marshall of the responsibility of the medico provinciale to make a general report and a requisition for medical needs of the following month not later than the 25th of each month and a return of infectious diseases every ten days.

3. FINANCE - Lt Col N. T. Beard.

The prefects were reminded that clear lines must be drawn between obligations dated prior to the liberation of the province and those dated after the arrival of the allies. Payments which have been made since liberation on debts existing prior to the date of the allies' coming must be recovered. Final decision on these indebtednesses will be made by an Italian commission, not by allied authority. The prefects were also reminded of the necessity of preparing their budgets immediately, as no payments for institutions included in the budget could be made until the budget had been approved. They were also warned of the necessity for prompt inspection of the communes, because advances had been made by spearhead AMG officers in many cases.

4. PUBLIC SAFETY - Lt Col S. Pickering

Prefects were warned of their full responsibility for keeping law and order in their territories. Present policy on political meetings is that all parties represented in the government will receive equal treatment, but that no open meetings will for the present be permitted. A shortage of carabinieri will require drafts from some provinces of the Region to fill the needs of others.

Two representatives are now in each province with the purpose of organizing and recognizing the genuine patriots. They will be given certificates and efforts will be made to find them employment. But cases of armed robbery of Italians by persons calling themselves patriots will be strongly suppressed.

The general behavior of the population of Region V has been good, with the recent exception of threats of attacks upon allied soldiers and welfare workers in a single community. The police officers of the region are experienced officers and have not been harsh, but it would be a mistake if this should be looked upon as a symptom of weakness.

5. SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT - Major G. E. Monk.

Establishment of an economic department in the provincial government, even in advance of specific instructions from Rome as to its organization, was urged upon the prefects. Responsibility for economic and supply matters will be in Italian hands. The CIP is not under the prefect but is instead responsible to Rome. This does not, however, relieve the prefects of responsibility over rationing of POL, which will be accomplished through the economic department of the provincial government.

In conclusion, Colonel Marshall urged continued co-operation. Time is vital, he said. The war is won and it is perhaps only a matter of weeks before the Italian government must stand alone on its own feet for all of Italy. It is the duty of Italian officials to take over responsibilities at once, leaving officers free to give assistance. Italy is the first country to be freed from Nazi control; therefore its opportunity today is the greatest in its long history. It is the hope of the Allies that Italy may quickly regain its strength and its prestige in the world.

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Office of the Acting Chief of Mission
APO 344

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Vice President's Meeting, 1000 Hours, 14 August 1944, Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner, Rome.

Present: Acting Chief Commissioner Captain William W. Stone, Brigadier Dush, Colonel Upham, Mr. Canalis, Mr. Schott, Mr. Antolini, and Colonel Benamone.

1. Acting Chief Commissioner:

Captain Stone

a. The Italian government has requested publication of mission terms and explanation of head lease. Acting Chief Commissioner referring matter to AFHQ (2. 1/203--Aug 16).

b. Acting Chief Commissioner announced that he had had a conference with Major Eyer of the International Aid Division, War Department, who with Major Ellis, Mr. Dallas Dert, and Mr. Workman have completed their visit to Allied Control Commission to obtain information from and exchange views with Allied Control Commission concerning problems involved in gradual shifting of ultimate responsibility for civilian supply in Sicily, Sardinia, and southern Italy from military to civilian hands. The purpose of the mission was to obtain Allied Control Commission views as basis for report and recommendation by AFHQ. It is understood report will be submitted to Allied Control Commission for final review and comment.

Brig. Dush

c. With additional territory, including Rome, to be transferred to Italian government as of 0001 hours 15 August 1944, Brigadier Dush to check Administrative instructions No. 35 (1061 Q1 HQ AAI) dated 28 June 44, subject "Establishment of Rome Allied Command with RAC and AAI for necessary changes".

Col. Canalis

d. The matter of channels for dealings with the Vatican discussed. Colonel Upham will, in coordination with the other sections, work out something on this matter. Allied Control Commission, Rome Allied Area Command and Region IV all affected.

Mr. Antolini

e. Mr. Antolini to follow through with respect to publicity on transportation.

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3. The Italian government has requested publication of armistice terms and application of land lease. Acting Chief Commissioner reviewing matter to ASAC (C. 1/203--Aug 10).

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4. The matter of channels for dealings with the Vatican discussed. Colonel Upjohn will, in coordination with the other sections, work out something on this matter. Allied Control Commission, Rome Allied Area Command and Region IV all affected.

e. Mr. Antolini to follow through with request to Publicity on transportation.

f. Brigadier Lush to follow through with respect to requisitioning of buses.

g. Discussion was had on the question of emigration out of Rome.

h. Mr. Antolini to provide information with respect to permission to import. The question being "can limit of 10 kilos of unrationed goods be applied to rationed goods?"

i. Colonel Upjohn to look into question of how Italian doctors and drug stores obtain medical supplies.

j. Question of continuing to give rations to the R. Gar- dia di Finanza. Letter J 3134/X-9, from R. B. Bonard, 6 August, to be referred to Administrative Section, who will draft reply for Acting Chief Commissioner's signature.

1. Two memoranda dated 13 August, "Food for Rome" and "Cooking Gas for Rome" from General G'Dwyer, Acting Chief Commissioner to discuss with Mr. Antolini.

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To See Spec on 9/16/48

Captain Stone

Brig. Lush

Col. Upjohn

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2. Mr. Cascia:

- a. Give review of current political developments. Political Section to prepare memorandum for AFHQ.
- b. Draft with respect to AMG relations San Marino now in hands of Political Section to be coordinated with Legal, Finance, and NC & MG.

Mr. Cascia

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- c. Question of Italian Military Mission to Tito's Forces, being handled by Army Sub-Commission, who will coordinate with Political Section.

3. Mr. Schott:

- a. Announced establishment of additional recognized communities. Political Section to provide list of all recognized Communities and notify AFHQ on new changes.

Mr. Schott

4. Colonel Lipson:

- a. Reports indicate monuments in Florence not destroyed.
- b. Mr. East has requested assistance with respect to "text books". Request to be made that Lieutenant Colonel Smith, Education Sub-Commission, be sent to North East for 10 days or 2 weeks. Allied Control Commission has no objection.

Col. Macdon

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- c. AFHQ direction with respect to release of Count Pellegrini carried out. Allied Control Commission to send HQ all copies of correspondence.

5. Mr. Antolini:

- a. Wheat assembly report dated 14 August 44 discussed. Copy attached as Appendix "A".

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4. Colonel J. J. J. J.

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5. Mr. Antolini

a. Report unavailing report dated 14 August 44 discussed. Copy attached in Appendix "f".

6. Brigadier Lush

a. Brigadier Carr has taken over Region I. Colonel Hancock will be here in a few days to take up his new assignment.

b. New Regional Committee for Southern Region will take over 22 August. Turn over period 23-24 August.

c. Island of Ibiza to be for the present administered as a part of Region VIII. Brigadier Lush will clear with AAI.

d. Rumors of possible trouble in Rome on turn over to Italian government. Police alerted.

Med-Vice Presidential meeting - 1000 hours, Friday, 18 August 1944.

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APPENDIX A

BL-CT: Wheat Amassing

Herewith latest information available to Economic Section on amassing of wheat:

Amassing in Quintana

Region	Agric. S/C total estimate Aug 61	Reports from Regions	Date of Report	Percentage of total estimate
1	2,210,000	350,874	8 Aug	16
2	1,530,000	476,756	8 Aug	32
Region	1,590,830	810,966	5 Aug	51
3	350,000	35,360	9 Aug	10
4	1,400,000	224,265	7 Aug	16
5	2,550,000	37,093	5 Aug	1.5
6	430,000	147,450	12 Aug	34
7	280,000	111,900	12 Aug	40
8	1,000,000	42,127	7 Aug	4
	11,040,000	2,238,771		20

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APPENDIX B

available to Economic Section on unassing of wheat:

Quintile

Reports from Regions	Date of Report	Percentage of total estimate	Normal Pre-war percentage by 31 July	31 August
350,874	8 Aug	16	16	62
478,756	8 Aug	32	25	54
610,965	5 Aug	51	21	54
35,350	7 Aug	10	21	54
234,255	7 Aug	16	32	78
37,093	5 Aug	1.5	32	78
147,458	12 Aug	34	12	63
111,700	12 Aug	40	21	54
42,127	7 Aug	4	32	78
2,238,779		30	24	60

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Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 10 August 1944, Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner, Rome.

Present: Acting Chief Commissioner Captain Ellery W. Stone, Brigadier Lush, Colonel O'Dwyer, Mr. Caccia, Mr. Schott, Colonel Upjohn, Mr. Antolini, and Colonel Densmore.

1. Acting Chief Commissioner:

a. Announced that Colonel Monfort was in 73 Station Hospital
--broken arm.

b. Message No. F-81103 has been received from AFHQ relative to the arrest of Count Pellegrini. Colonel Upjohn to obtain facts and call G-5.

Col. Upjohn

c. Name of "Comando Supremo" changed to "Stato Maggiore Generale" (Italian General Staff). Evacuations matters of the services are to be handled by the three service ministries.

2. Mr. Caccia (Political Section):

- a. Gave report on present political developments.
- b. Asked for clarification of notes Vice-Presidents' meeting of 7 August 1944. Note para 3 g which indicated that Mr. Caccia in co-ordination with Brigadier Lush and Colonel O'Dwyer to prepare memorandum for AFHQ. Clarified with understanding Brigadier Lush and Col. O'Dwyer will draft material to be co-ordinated by Political Section.

Brig. Lush
Col. Upjohn
Mr. Caccia

c. Called Economic Section's attention to PAB/RLO HQ ACC, 6 August, "Trend of Copy Filed by Correspondents", which follows:

"Representatives of the General Confederation of Italian Labour called on Gronchi, Minister of Industry, Commerce and Labour, and made strong appeals for urgent measures to be taken to relieve unemployment in liberated Italy. The delegates said that the real solution of the problem lay in sponsoring public and private works of reconstruction of devastated villages, towns and cities, but that if the Government delayed beginning works on a large scale their organization would be forced to demand exceptional provisions 'to guarantee the unemployed the elementary right to existence'.

Col. O'Dwyer

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COL. O'DWYER

"Gronchi replied that he recognized the gravity of the situation for the working masses especially in Rome and Lazio Provinces and declared that his Ministry is planning to reactivate those industries which it would at least be possible to operate on a reduced scale.

"At the same time the Italian Cabinet announced the setting up of an emergency Committee to work on the problem of reconstruction. Headed by Bonomi, the Committee had already started work on housing but owing to shortage of raw materials and transport this can probably only mean emergency provisions for sheltering the homeless before winter comes.

"The representatives also mentioned that salaried workers in Rome were in a deplorable condition because of the rising prices. Wages did not suffice to buy even rationed goods."

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3. Colonel Upjohn (Administrative Section):

a. Reference made to correspondence between Acting Chief Commissioner and H.E. Bonomi relative transfer of administrative functions to Italian Government Naples--Colonel Upjohn to draft further reply to H.E. Bonomi for Acting Chief Commissioner's signature.

4. Brigadier Lush (AC & MG Section):

a. Requested correction of note para 1 a of Vice-Presidents' meeting of 7 August 1944, stating that medical supplies referred to had to do with Alcona.

b. The matter of atrocities covered by AFHQ Directive. No action required--see note para 4 b of Vice-Presidents' meeting of 7 August 1944.

c. Reviewed latest report on situation in Florence.

d. Reported Manpower Committee now at work.

e. Conveyed appreciation from the Pope for work being done by ACC.

5. Colonel O'Dwyer (Economic Section):

a. Reported that Commission's policy to deal with organized labor through Italian Government and not direct had been laid down, also that situation with respect to labor legislation was being clarified with Italian Government and that a further examination would be made of General Orders No. 23.

b. Reported the establishment of a Statistical Branch in the Finance Sub-Commission. Cooperation of other sections requested. All sections indicated full cooperation.

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b. Reported the establishment of a Statistical Branch in the Finance Sub-Commission. Cooperation of other sections requested. All sections indicated full cooperation.

c. Gave a most encouraging report on progress being made with respect to food, fish, gas and coke affecting home. Discussed a constructive program.

d. Progress report on massing to be given at Monday Vice-Presidents' meeting.

e. Question of continuation of military rations for some 60 ACC civilian employees, specialists brought to home from Bari, Salerno and Naples discussed. Brigadier Lush to arrange for issue to be continued until request can be submitted to AFHQ.

Brig. Lush

Col. O'Dwyer

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Executive Commissioner.

Reference your minute at Folio 128. Comments of Col. Farren are at 133 and of Major Talbot at Folio 131 for information as requested.

2. D.O. letter at front cover to which you wish to reply.

Ref A in draft opposite
3. Naval Sub Commission have asked Farren to consider this, but no answer yet received.

W. J. Shipman

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Please draft reply to Col Naudette

Not a member of the committee
DW 10/8

Est. Marshall 4552
called 11/5
written discussed
reply advised
committee return
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Region V meeting.

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Welfore also brought his interesting points

- (a) Problem of housing. Itahano's home has been destroyed. He suggested a Rehabilitation Commission.
 - (b) Relation between the Red Cross & UNRRA. specially when will the latter commence to function.
2. There were some comments on the large sums paid to Itahano who have assisted escaped Allied Prisoners of War - up to 30000 lire per person. Some said 500-1000 would be ample. One woman said she would prefer a letter from Pres Roosevelt or Mr. Churchill.
 3. Genl W. Pichonni was particularly sincere in his remarks regarding the granting of passes to the Security Circle.
 4. Lt Col Middleton - agriculture - spoke very well. The question of milk here requires attention - no standard rate has been laid down so there is really no ground on which to take action for overcharging.

I think the rental - wages parallel has been incorrectly put down in the minutes - It should be - one rental pays the wages of one labourer for 2 weeks (last week)

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Col Middlewood also stressed the necessity for quick ¹³²
action regarding the harvesting & disposal of the potato crop
in the Avezzano district.

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PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE - REGION V.

held on August 1 and 2 - AQUILA.

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PRESENT : ~~Executive Commissioner~~
Regional Commissioner
Col. O'Dwyer
Maj. Obbach "P.A."
Provincial Commissioners
Heads of Divisions.

Major Nichols, Ancona. 500 ton. medical supplies and also a factory for making medical supplies into which Ordnance are moving.

Water will, be on, in a day or two in Ancona. Supplies of farm-labour. No troubles regarding mines in the fields, unlike Pescara district.

As Poles do not have transport AMG have to provide.

Lt. Col. Middlewood, Agriculture, has never come across a bad Italian agriculture official. AMG officers should snap checks of farm carts and mules, carrying grain and flour to see that they have one of the following four forms:

- 1) Thresher to Consorzio or back to farm for storage, for retention. (given by owner thresher machine)
- 2) After threshing to Consorzio or back to farm. (given ^{by} to Consorzio when threshing machine has moved on)
- 3) After threshing AMG truck trip ticket.
- 4) Milling card for retention grain, (very small amounts)

Specimen pro-formas of above, should be distributed ~~to~~ ^{by} all concerned including Carabinieri. Any movement grain without these forms is an illegal movement.

Communal Agriculture Committee apt, without encouragement, to degenerate into priest, sindaco and Carabinieri, keeping the farm representation out. Provincial officers to encourage this democratic movement and try to keep the farm representatives in. Farmers are afraid of it.

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Lt. Col. Middlewood pointed out that provinces had put in ridiculous bids for P.O.L. unless grain had to be exported, a great deal could be done by hand, horses etc. and good stacking keeps wheat for 9 months., or until P.O.L. arrives.

20 Gallons petrol a day are necessary for a thresher.

Interesting point is that in Foggia province $\frac{2}{3}$ of all harvest is done mechanically, in rest of Region V $\frac{2}{3}$ is done by hand, horses etc.

Middlewood was doubtful whether the "Granai del Popolo" film would do much good, because whilst the harvest is on, the workers would be too busy to see it.

However PCs were instructed to make arrangements to show it.

1000 Lire wheat and 65 Lire wages is ideal for the farmers, but Middlewood thought the workers would remember it with resentment for years.

There should be an export surplus of 200,000 tons in Region V, probably more.

Storage facilities are all right, but transport, to move the surplus, is the problem.

Marche has more wheat to the acre than Foggia, and is to fine what Foggia is Naples.

Lt. Colonel Marshall, Public Health - Refugees coming forward without much control from both the south and north. He emphasized the effect of Ancona factory.

Health good, no typhus, no epidemics.

In Campobasso 50,000 children have been inoculated diphtheria and 35,000 in Foggia. One case of smallpox in Campobasso, was a man from Naples jail who has been sent back.

Colonel O'Dwyer talked of transport and said there were two possibilities :

- 1) G. 3 trucks from the Army.
 - 2) If line suddenly collapsed ~~of AFM~~ have agreed to let ACC have some transport.
- The Colonel left at 12.15.

Lt. Colonel Parsons, Campobasso, tyres ? Send copy of Antolini 's letter to ~~AFM~~ **4548**

R.C.s.

Lt. Colonel Ritter, Ascoli, talked of Patriots and asked how the Committee of National Liberation had to be treated. Told to encourage them. Suggest Patriot branch

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send out directive on this.

Major Heasler, Macerata, also talked of Patriots and said he believed communists are hiding arms. He is convinced that Patriots Representatives will be a great help.

Major Piga in particular is doing good work. There is a cleavage between C.M.L. and the Military Patriots, rivalry and politics. Also Yugoslav Patriots are being a nuisance, looting etc. No evidence of communists distributing money in any region.

Food situation is good in Macerata. Suggest another poster to deal with political problem, C.M.L. and Military Patriots.

Lt. Colonel Pickering, Public Safety talked of passes. Have Region got enough passes because unofficial forms are not allowed. Same old complaint about Rome letting people out without passes. What happens to passes when they expire.

Lt. Col. Pickering quite at sea and didn't know that Campobasso and Foggia still had restricted movement.

Regional Commissioner told Provincial Commissioners, that except in an emergency when they must report to Regional HQ., that his office would issue passes to leave the Region, leaving inter-provincial passes to P.C.

Telephone is now through to Aquila from Rome.

All harvest cut, and practically all carried, in Aquila province.

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Minutes of conference held at Boston 3 headquarters on 1 August 1944 at 1437

Present were: Brigadier LUSH, Executive Commissioner, ACC.
Col. Upjohn, Chief of the Administrative Section, ACC.
Col. Adams, Transportation Sub-Com, ACC.
Col. Temperley, Provincial Commissioner, Foggia Prov.
Col. Long, Food Sub-Com, ACC.
Col. Chantam, Regional Commissioner, Region 3.
Col. Zallans, Regional Commissioner, Region 2.
Col. Evans, Commerce Sub-Com, ACC.
Col. Denmann, Chief Staff Officer.
Col. Albright, Establishments Officer, ACC.
Lt.Col. Jenner, Public Works and Utilities Sub-Com, ACC.
Lt.Col. Hartman, Agriculture Sub-Com, ACC.
Lt.Col. White, Executive Officer, Region 3.
Lt.Col. Fesse, Regional Commissioner, Region 7.
Major Stewart, I.A. to Executive Commissioner, ACC.
Major Knight, Reg. Supply Officer, Region 2.
Major White, Agriculture Officer, Region 3.
Major Washer, Economic Section, ACC.
Lt. Comr. Schlee, Camp Control Officer, Region 3.
Mr. Antolini, Ex. Director, Economic Section, ACC.
Mr. Gaccia, Political Section, ACC.
Mr. Shott, Political Section, ACC.

Brigadier Bush opened the meeting and told the assembly that he called this meeting in order to discuss the possibility of consolidating Regions 2 and 7 with Region 3. The Ex. Comm. pointed out that it is felt by the Actg. Chief Commissioner, that large parts of the southern parts of Italy should be turned over to the Italians entirely and it should be decided in the meeting if this would be possible and practicable. He said that the decision will not cause any inconvenience. It is planned to have a Regional headquarters in Naples and not more than 6 Provincial Teams. It will be necessary to retain Allied Officers in areas where there are Allied Teams, another reason for retaining ACC Officers in these areas is an administrative one. The third one is a political one. This step would be an intermediate one, and later on the entire southern part of Italy would be turned over to the Italians. The Brigadier stressed the fact that these teams would have to be mobile and that more personnel would be needed. Here Allied Forces are station-

Col. Tellara, Regional Commissioner, ACC.
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Col. ZELLARIS, Regional Commissioner, Region 2, pointed out that the Army must know what is going on. The Italians must know that the Allied back up and this is up to ACC. They are very fearful. Then we must give them some means. The motor transportation problem is very serious. He agreed with Naples as Reg. Hq. **4546**

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Col. CHAPMAN, Regional Commissioner, Region 3 pointed out, that the only way to master this situation is, to have teams of a very mobile character. He said, that he can centralize, but it is long way from being mobile. The Colonel said that he can see the necessity for the administrative change, but now is not the time. From the political point of view, Naples is the center of political activities and not Rome. Here in Naples is the greatest concentration of organized labor. All movements have their HQ here in Naples. The Italian Government is in Rome and they have left officials here in Naples. They have never announced a program. Everything is in a state of chaos. From the economical point of view: No one has got the factories which are left. Every factory in Region 3 is not in our hands. The agricultural situation is bad. After we turned over the provinces to the Italians, 24 hours later the IIRP industry went out of control. He had enough in Naples provided to export. Grain: There is no cooperation from the Italian officials. The Italian officials are advising farmers not to bring the grain to granaries. We will have only one half of it. The complaint is that price is too low but he was not prepared to agree with this entirely. Then the farmers have no confidence in the money. The Italian farmer would rather have his grain than money.

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In closing Brig. LUSH announced the new Provincial terms with HQ. in 4545
Naples, Taranto-Brindisi, Catanzaro, Naples and Salerno. He pointed out that the new change will be more an administrative than an establishment change. Leave the Italians alone, as long as Allied interests are not concerned. The brigadier announced that the new consolidation would probably go into effect on 31 August 1944. After a discussion regarding the number of officers to be assigned to the new set-up the meeting adjourned at 1750 hours.

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Provincial Commissioners Conference
Region V

1. Minutes of the first Provincial Commissioners Conference in this Region make interesting reading. Major Talbot was present at this meeting and could expand on any point you may wish.
2. It is interesting to note that the Agriculture Officer considers that the non-arrival of PCL will not seriously hamper the threshing of the wheat which has nearly all now been harvested.
3. I think the Executive Commissioner might like to see this.

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HEADQUARTERS - AUG REGION V
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Colonel R. H. Warren, executive officer, RG & MG Section, ACC
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Lt Col E. K. Parsons, provincial commissioner, Campobasso
Lt Col J. W. Holmes, provincial commissioner, Chieti-Pescara-Teramo
Lt Col E. C. V. Rutter, provincial commissioner, Ascoli-Piceno
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PART ONE

Lt Col Parsons, Campobasso - The changeover from AOC to AOC has been so recent that officers in this province have not yet become accustomed to the new phase. Lacking specific instructions as to the method of operating in the new conditions, few changes in policy have been made and procedure remains just about as it has been since the appointment of the new prefect, "Advice" now given by AOC officers is accepted in the same way as orders were received previously. The new setup immeasurably eases the officers' work by taking away the pass difficulty.

Col Marshall advised the other provinces to make preparations so that their experience in the turnover would be similar to Campobasso's and so that the transfer would necessitate no real change in operation. The secret, he said, was imposing as much of the work as possible on the Italians from the beginning.

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Other features of Campobasso operation: Population uncertain and vary as to the nature of the change. Stoppage of PCI supplies at Iornoli has paralyzed both threshing and fishing there. The refugee problem has eased considerably. The post officers were completely opened on July 17 but mail is piling up because of a lack of censors, promised by the Italian army. A bus schedule now in operation is proving very useful, though the time problem causes apprehension. Tax collections are coming in well. There is an excess of half a million lire in purchases of buoni postali fruttiferi above the payments made on those securities, all schools, elementary and secondary, are expected to open about 1 September, although there is a shortage of text-books.

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At Col Holmes, Chieti-Pescara-Teramo - Chieti is probably the most difficult problem of the whole east coast because it was the scene of the battle of the Sangro. For 6 1/2 to 7 months, while the provincial capital was in the hands of the Germans, we had a large number of Regional and Army CACs in the province and the Italians became accustomed to asking AMG advice before even going to the levatory. Now the AMG staff has been reduced so far that it is necessary to demand that the Italians do all or most of the work. Furthermore, 16 communes have been completely blown to bits. Finally, Chieti was a highly Fascist province from the beginning, witness the fact that it was chosen as the scene of the Matteotti trial.

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Only 49 cases have been tried by AMG courts in the province and no strong efforts
to enforce curfew regulations have been made, because few allied troops are present.
Capestrano is the only commune now lacking water, and temporary arrangements are
being made on other utilities. The province raises the seed potatoes for almost
all Italy and a crop of 40,000 tons is expected. The wheat crop may depend upon
the amount of transport and PCL available. Failure to get in the whole crop will
result in a need for importing more flour, since one third of the province's needs
must be imported in any case.

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Lt Col Butcher, Anacoli-Piceno - The provincial commissioner asked whether travel within the province may be permitted without passes. Col Marshall suggested that such action may be within the authority of the PC, after consultation with the Region and with army units in the area. Col Marshall also believed it was within the PC's power to control exports from the province and to require approval of the provincial supply officer before exports can be made.

San Benedetto port is now reported by the navy to be free of mines and available for the landing or exporting of goods. About 10 fishing boats are operated out of San Benedetto and Port S. Giorgio and eight larger boats are ready to start fishing. Moving of a turbine will, within a month, double the capacity of the province's electrical power plant and permit it to make permanent concessions of power to neighboring provinces which are without generating plants.

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The city of Assenza is 55 per cent destroyed and there are no lights, water, gas or public transportation. The PC requests 30 three-ton trucks to bring supplies into the city. The railway, completely destroyed, is being rebuilt toward the north. Port tonnage is already 6000 tons daily. Most labor has to be paid daily and there is some discontent over wages, which are lower than were being paid by the Germans.

The SIA soap factory at the north end of the city has enough raw materials to produce about 40 quintals of its product. The medical store is half destroyed, but the remaining portion could be quickly restored to operation. There is a large civilian hospital of 600 beds, of which 300 are unable to operate to the mines; only 134 are occupied and 100 reserved for the army. Fishing has been restored on a small scale; a 90,000 ton grain harvest is expected.

Major Wilson, Assenza - No provincial report. Territory in enemy hands.

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PART TWO

Major Reynolds, Local - A new directive issued by the Regional Legal Officer outlines the duties of provincial legal officers. It gives precedence to criminal cases over civil proceedings, suggests courts meet in circuits to overcome transport problems, lays down a general policy of having as many cases as possible tried by Italian courts (though special permission must be obtained for trial of proclamation violations in the civilian courts), and states that provincial officers are not to deal with long-term or overall policy and must be submitted to the RLO for approval as to form.

Lt Col Pickering, Public Safety - Little security seems to be afforded by passes at present, as they are being issued on every conceivable kind of excuse and no possibility of tracing civilian movement by their use is provided. CIB AAI is likewise unsatisfied with the policy and a tightening up is considered absolutely necessary. Inter-provincial pass correspondence will not be required to clear through this headquarters, though it will be necessary that inter-regional requests do so.

Lt Col Middlewood, Agriculture - No changes are to be made by PCs in the provisions of agricultural directive No. 1, as these will only rebound upon the provinces when turned back to the Italians. There is no way for wheat to go into the black market if it moves only upon proper tickets, with which all AIG officials and carabinieri should be familiar.

The wheat crop, even in the mountain provinces, is now 90 per cent cut. The agricultural officer disagrees that crops will be wasted for lack of FOL. He believes that it will be possible to do large portions of the threshing by non-mechanical means and that the remaining wheat can be kept in stacks for several months if necessary before threshing. A regional surplus of 225,000 tons of wheat is expected to be available for export.

The importance of teaching democracy through the communal agricultural committee is stressed. These organizations are likely to regenerate into sounding boards for sindaco, priest and carabinieri with farmer and labor members afraid to speak out, unless care is taken to share them properly. Political activities of these committees must be suppressed from the very beginning.

Farmers in the high areas are being held to ransom of as much as one-third of the price of the grain by owners of the mules which are necessary to bring the grain down. Draught action is urged along this line (Col Farren expressed some doubt as to the authority upon which it might be taken.) Farm labor is also believed to be underpaid at 65 lire a ^{day} ~~week~~. The historic formula is that the price paid for one quintal of grain would pay one laborer's wages for one week. This would be about 150 lire a quintal for the laborer at the present price.

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La Col Middlewood, Agriculture - No changes are to be made by ECs in the provisions of agricultural directive No. 1, as these will only rebound upon the provinces when turned back to the Italians. There is no way for wheat to go into the black market if it moves only upon proper tickets, with which all AG officials and carabinieri should be familiar.

The wheat crop, even in the mountain provinces, is now 90 per cent cut. The agricultural officer disagrees that crops will be wasted for lack of FOL. He believes that it will be possible to do large portions of the threshing by non-mechanical means and that the remaining wheat can be kept in stacks for several months if necessary before marketing. A regional surplus of 225,000 tons of wheat is expected to be available for export.

The importance of tracking technology through the communal agricultural committee is stressed. These organizations are likely to degenerate into scumming boards for silence, priest and carabinieri with farmer and labor members afraid to speak out, unless care is taken to start them properly. Political activities of these committees must be suppressed from the very beginning.

Farmers in the high areas are being held to ransom of as much as one-third of the price of the grain by owners of the mills which are necessary to bring the grain down. Drastic action is urged along this line (Col. Fernon expressed some doubt as to the authority upon which it might be taken.) Farm labor is also believed to be underpaid at 65 lire a day. The historic formula is that the price paid for one quintal of grain would pay one laborer's wages for one week. This would be about 150 lire a quintal for the laborer at the present price.

The need for copper sulfate for grain processing had not been foreseen before the harvest, but "stirring unit" is now being found in the soft wheat of the mountain provinces. The copper sulfate should be applied to the seed before it is sown this fall; failure to do so can result in a loss of as much as 50 per cent of the crop. The amount needed is from 50 to 60 tons per province, but the need is urgent and was reported to AGC a fortnight ago.

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Major Monk, Economics and Supply - The worst of the supply problem is now over, although personnel is going to be even more depleted than previously. Supplies will continue to be shorter than the native desire and the Food Sub-Commission has indicated there will be no olive oil at all available until after the olive harvest. About 100 tons of salt are to be shipped to Ostia, for use of all provinces. FOL is under strict control. A speedy answer is urged from all PSOs to Brigadier Lush's request as to the proportion of the population of the provinces who hold ration cards. None should hold them who have been permitted to retain grain from the harvest, and pressure (even the cutting off of supplies) should be brought to bear on the communes to reduce the number of cards outstanding.

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Lt Col Beard, Finance - Report was short, emphasizing need for strict compliance in the provinces with ACC financial directives.

Lt Col Marshall, Public Health and Welfare (Part of report given by Major Birt) - Health in all the provinces is very good. The only problem is typhoid, Italy's memorial scourge. Scabies is very prevalent. There is no typhus. About 50,000 school-children in Puglia and Campobasso Provinces have been inoculated against diphtheria and vaccinated. Medical supplies are expected shortly to meet all requisitions. Most important phase of this work is to see that the Italian medicine provinciale is properly functioning.

On the refugee problem, Region V is "in the middle," between Italian Refugee Branch and No. 2 District, both of which are turning refugees over to the Region without adequate warning or without a consistent policy. Provinces are being ordered to prepare to billet 10 per cent of the population, in addition to the 5000 who will be sent to Ascoli and Teramo provinces.

So far as welfare is concerned, the Regional staff considers ACC Directive 58 impossible of application in the short time available. Efforts are being given over to assuring the continued operation of all previously existing welfare agencies. Establishment of an ACC Disaster Area sub-commission to handle the war-ravaged territory is recommended.

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Major Harris, Transportation - Something near to 10 schooners are available on the Adriatic for use. Regional truck pools with a capacity of about 375 tons (187 trucks) are in operation on a parastatal, commercial basis without subsidy. Priorities for this transportation are allotted by the Provincial Supply Officers.

Major Carming, Communications - Full postal service, already operating in Campobasso, will be restored on 14 Aug. in Chieti, Pescara, Teramo and L'Aquila, coincident with the doubling of Italian postal rates. Telephonic communication is available from Regional headquarters to Rome and Ancona, and a courier service is operating to all provinces.

Capt Masse, Monuments, Mine Mats and Archives - PCs are warned to be familiar with the list of protected monuments, as troops in the rear areas are even more likely than front-line troops to damage important treasures. The priority of this department is low now, except for its propaganda value, but will increase in importance as the armistice nears.

Major Newell - Property Control - Unless the situation is altered or unless more allied property is found, the Regional Property Controller can take care of all problems in this field, relieving PCs of any responsibility.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: 14/117/CA.

16th July 1944.

NOTES ON CONVERSATION WITH DEPUTY
COMMANDER, ROME AREA COMMAND.

Action By.

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Reg. Com.,
ROME Region.

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for Service
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Distribution: Economic Section.
Administrative Section.
Secretary General.
Army Sub-Commission.
Monuments & Fine Arts Sub-Commission.
Transportation Sub-Commission.
Regional Commissioner, ROME Region.

1. Brigadier Lowe told me that the 120 vehicles now allotted to ROME Region from 1st Div transport (1 G.T. Coy) would be removed at once and would not be replaced. I explained the necessity of replacing them and said that I thought the matter would have to be taken up with AAI

2. Brigadier Lowe said that he thought that a great deal of improvement could be made in the maintenance of the Italian Truck Company's transport.

3. Brigadier Lowe asked if it would be possible for one representative of the ACC to put forward demands for accommodation including barrack accommodation for the Service Sub-Commissions. At the moment there appeared to be lack of co-ordination between Service Sub-Commissions.

4. Brigadier Lowe said that it was impossible to give up the Castro Pretorio Barracks but that the Perloti Barracks might be surrendered to the ACC.

5. Brigadier Lowe said that in spite of the fact that it was an "ancient monument" it would be essential to requisition the Villa Larnarina as a hostel for Canadian nurses. I asked that a representative of the Monuments & Fine Arts Sub-Commission should be consulted and allowed to remove, if necessary, any treasures before requisitioning and entry took place. Brigadier Lowe agreed.

MSL
Brigadier,
Executive Commission
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COL. ALBRIGHT'S MEETING

1. Warning about mines in the beach and water of Lido Roma
2. 2675 Regt. S.O. are to read so that A.C.C. is authority and not 2675
This will keep Reg. Col. from being touchy about our ordering their men around.
3. Hq. Comdt.
Rockerfeller Foundation workers not getting proper care.
Maj. Drage investigate
4. Requested 10 rooms in Excelsior Hotel
Hq. give authority to Navy for issuing rooms either from here or from Reg. III Region.
5. Lt. Col. Robinson has arranged for property via Medina
Mess to be turned over to P.R.S. (?)
6. Reg. VIII visit Report
 - a) Need 10 clerk-typists
 - b) " 10 drivers & one mechanic
 - c) Must at least have some one to stay in Hq. while officer is away.
 - d) Up-keep of vehicles is problem
Need mechanic to teach driver 1st echelon maintenance
 - e) Needs American typewriter.
Has British
7. Will get Col. Clough and Maj. Sterns together to work out a Plan to reduce EM throughout Hq. on a fair and equitable basis.

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Ref: 14/116/CA.

15th July 1944.

SUBJECT: Weekly Conference.

TO : Headquarters,
Allied Armies in Italy.

1. The intention is to hold a weekly meeting at Advance AAI to co-ordinate the activities of spearhead AAI and the Regions with the various heads of Sections at Headquarters, the Executive Commissioner attending, and the first meeting to be held on Wednesday, 19th July at 1100 hours.
2. No accommodation will be asked for as the AOC has its own office with you and those concerned will bring their own lunch.
3. Their number will be approximately 10 persons.
4. May we have your permission to hold these meetings.

(Sgd) M. S. Lush.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner,
for Acting Chief Commissioner.

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Copy to: AOC Liaison Officer, HQ, AAI.

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Ref: 11/115/CA.

16th July 1944.

SUBJECT: Weekly Conference.

TO : SCAO, AMB 5 ARMY.
SCAO, AMB 8 ARMY.
R.C., Region V.
R.C., Region VIII.
R.C., Region IX.

1. Headquarters of ACC is already so far behind the front line and communications are thereby rendered so difficult that it is proposed to hold a weekly meeting at Advance HQ AAI to make decisions on the spot.
2. These meetings will be attended by the Executive Commissioner and representatives of the Administrative, Economic and R.C. & M.G. Section. SCAO's 5 and 8 Armies, and Regional Commissioners, Regions V, VIII and IX, should attend or send senior representatives with any specialist officers they wish to bring.
3. The first meeting will be held on Wednesday, 19th July at 1100 hours. Officers should bring their own lunch.

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner 4534

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TO ACC ADV

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YOUR SIGNAL NO NUMBER REQUESTING REPRESENTATIVE THIS HQ AT MEETING S
 EVERY SEVEN DAYS. APPRECIATE FULLY NECESSITY COORD SUP ARRANGEMENTS
 IN FWD AREAS BUT CONSIDER R ROME NOW TOO FAR BEHIND.

SUGGEST YOU ARRANGE FOR ACC REP COME FORWARD TO SOMEWHERE IN ARMY

AREA MUTUALLY CONVEIENT ALL CONCERNED.

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ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION INCOMING MESSAGE

TO: RAC FOR HQ ACC ADV FOR EX COMM, AMG & ARMY MAIN INFO
 FROM: AMG, T ARMY, SGD MAYNE
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 DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: 081400B

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 CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL
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 OFFICE OF ORIGIN: NOT RECORDED

REF TELEGRAM OF ECONOMICS SECTION ACC ADV OF 7 JULY. NO NUMBER.
 HEARTILY AGREED NECESSITY COORDINATING SUPPLY ARRANGEMENTS BUT DRAW
 ATTENTION IMPRACTICABILITY NOW OF TOSCANI ATTENDING MEETING EVERY
 FIVE DAYS IN ROME AND IMPOSSIBILITY AFTER NEXT MOVE FORWARD. SUGGEST
 PRESENT SITUATION AND FURTHER PROBABLE DEVELOPMENTS CAN ONLY BE
 SATISFACTORILY MET BY REORGANIZATION. CONSIDER THERE SHOULD BE A
 SECTION CHARGED WITH COORDINATING ARMY AMG'S SUPPLY REQUIREMENTS AND
 INSURING THAT SUPPLIES COME FORWARD. FURTHER SUGGEST THIS SECTION
 MIGHT ALSO BE CHANNEL FOR PERSONNEL MATTERS THAT IS IT SHOULD COMBINE
 G-1 AND SUPPLY DUTIES FOR ARMY AMGS. CITE OUR 127.

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4 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Meeting of 3 July

TO : Allied Control Commission (Att'n: Brigadier Lush)

1. Receipt is hereby acknowledged of telegram number M/C NR: 490 asking that General Hume or Colonel Wayne attend meeting in Rome on 3 July 1944. This telegram was received on the morning of July fourth, otherwise one of these officers would have attended the meeting.

2. It is suggested that when time is short, message be sent by telephone to LIGHTNING 77.

Edgar Erskine Hume
EDGAR ERSKINE HUME
Brigadier General, G. S. C.,
Senior Civil Affairs Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. Section
APO 394

Ref/11/111/CA.

5 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Conference of Provincial Commissioners, Region I.

TO : Economic Section
Establishment Branch
Information Division

It is notified for your information that the next Provincial Commissioners Conference in Region I is arranged for Wednesday, 19 July 1944, in case you should wish to send a representative to attend.

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MORAN E. FISK,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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STREET REGION HEAD OFFICE
RPO 394

1 July 1944

REFID:RC/001

TO : Executive Commissioner
P.D. & M.C. Section
U.S. A.C.C. Waples

The next Provincial Commissioner's conference in Region I is arranged for Wednesday 19 JULY 44.

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W. Hancock
W. M. Hancock
Colonel
Regional Commissioner

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