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Ch. W. MacFarlane

Executive Officer

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22 January 1944

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

22nd Meeting

21 January 1944

PRESENT

Lt. Gen. Sir T. N. Mason MacFarlane (Chairman)	Deputy President A.C.C.
Colonel Charles M. Spofford	D.C.C.A.O.
Brigadier E. Gueterbock	Chief of Staff
Rt. Hon. the Viscount Stansgate	Vice Pres. Econ & Adm. Sect.
Hon. H. Grady	Deputy Vice Pres. Econ & Adm. Sec.
Brigadier G. S. Parkinson	Director P. H. Subcommission
Colonel R. R. Rathbone	Executive Officer
Colonel P. G. Kirk	Director P. S. Subcommission
Colonel D. S. Adams	Chief Staff Officer Econ. Dir.
Colonel A. E. Young	Security and Intelligence
Colonel J. C. Todd	Deputy Dir. Ind. & Com. Subcom.
Colonel Fitch	Director Int. Transport. Subcom.
Colonel Upjohn	Director Legal Subcommission
Lt. Col. R. R. Cripps	C.S.O. Admin. Directorate
Lt. Col. E. M. Reiter	Chief Industrial Planning Staff
Lt. Col. L. A. Jenny	Director P.W. & Mines Subcom.
Lt. Col. J. R. Smith	Director Labor Subcommission
Lt. Col. E. L. Clough	Adjutant General
Lt. Col. R. H. Wilmer	Deputy Dir. Legal Subcommission
Lt. Col. Carl Miller	Deputy Dir. Finance Subcommission
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Lt. Col. Legg	Director Food Subcommission
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Major Davis	Rep. Telecommunications & Post Subcom.

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 Rep. Interior Subcommission
 Acting Secretary

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223. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 1500 hrs.

224. The Chairman said that as from 0001 hrs. 25th January 1944, ACC and AMG would become one organization under his administration from this Headquarters, which would be known as HQ. ACC. He said that AMG 5th and 8th Armies will continue to function, controlled operationally by the tactical Commanders, but administered technically by HQ. A.C.C.

The Chairman emphasized the importance of the work that had to be done. General Maitland Wilson has appointed General Alexander Acting President of A.C.C. and the main task of this Headquarters was to relieve General Alexander of the necessity of ever looking over his shoulder, so that he could concentrate on operations. All members of the organization must pull together and previous misunderstandings must be buried.

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225. The Chairman referred to the abolition of C.E.C. whose functions would now be taken over by Mr. Grady's Section. The overriding question was feeding the population and the problem was divided as follows:

- (a) Reception of goods at ports
- (b) Distribution of goods to the consumers

Arrangements had been made for acquiring 1000 lorries and these would be organized into companies of 25 or 50 vehicles under Italian military units.

226. The Chairman said the restoration of Regions I and II to the Italian Government was again imminent. For the time being he would maintain the Regional organization and, after the turn over, would place the four lower provinces of Apulia under Region II. After the turn over officials in the Regions would have advisory instead of executive functions and Subcommissions must make contact with them so that they become tenacles of the Subcommissions.

227. Mr. Grady laid emphasis on the great importance of the food problem. The difficulties were many, among which were inadequate warehousing facilities, guarding of warehouses and the shortage of transport in spite of the 1000 lorries. He felt confident, however, that the problem can and will be tackled successfully.

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Chief Communications Section
Public Relations Officer
Heads all Subcommissions
Secretary
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Executive officers

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15 January 1944

MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
21st Meeting
14 January 1944

PRESENT

Col. Charles M. Spofford (Chairman)
Brigadier E. Gueterbock
Rt. Hon the Viscount Lord Stansgate
Mr. Grady

Brigadier G. S. Parkinson
Col. J. J. Albright
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Director, Ind. & Com. Subcom.
Security and Intelligence
Director, Internal Transp. Subcom.
Chief Staff Officer, Admin. Dir.
Chief, Ind. Planning Staff
Deputy Director, Interior Subcom.
" " Pub. Wks & Mining
Sub-Commission
Dep. Dir. Telecom. Sub-Commission
" " Labor Sub-Commission
Adjutant General
Dep. Director, Legal Sub-Commission
" " Finance Sub-Com.
Dir. Agri. For. & Fish Sub-Com.
" Monuments, Fine Arts and
Archives Sub-Commission
P. R. O.
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Control Sub-Commission.
Aide, V.P. Eco & Adm. Section
Secretary

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208. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 1500 hrs.
209. D.C.C.A.O. reported that many of the major difficulties which had been holding up the transfer of territory to the Italian Government have now apparently been met. Higher Headquarters have approved the proposed terms of transfer. It was now a question of securing their acceptance by the Italian Government. While no exact estimate on time is possible, the transfer might occur in a month's time. In the meantime the military government would continue to be conducted with a view to providing a smooth transition from AMG to ACC when the transfer was made.

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210. D.C.C.A.O. stated that an office memorandum would be issued shortly notifying all parties concerned that the Vice-President and Deputy Vice-President of the Economic and Administrative Section were on duty in Naples and that matters of policy in this field should be referred to them.
211. The Deputy Vice President of the Economic and Administrative Section, and the representative of this Headquarters on the Central Economic Committee, explained that it was essentially a coordinating and implementing Committee. He said that it had been decided that matters involving this Headquarters would be taken through channels and not directly to the Subcommittee involved. All important communications between this Headquarters and the Central Economic Committee should channel through him. D.C.C.A.O. stated that this Headquarters had promptly answered the call for personnel for the Central Economic Committee in virtually all cases but that from now on it would be of great assistance to this office if personnel were not requested by name but rather that requests specify the qualifications desired. The Vice-President and Deputy Vice-President concurred.
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212. Copies of the reports to the Engineering Materials Committee were requested by the Deputy Vice President of the Economic and Administrative Section. The Chief of the Industrial Planning Staff stated that he could secure them in so far as they related to the rehabilitation of industry.

213. D.C.C.A.O. explained the AFHQ directive requiring monthly reports and emphasized the necessity of receiving the monthly reports from Subcommittees promptly. It was decided to circulate the weekly situation reports to the various Subcommittees.

214. The acting Chief of the Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives Subcommittee reported on the work of the Commission of Enquiry, appointed to investigate the damage done to works of art and historical monuments in Italy.

215. The Vice President of the Economic Section stated that owing to the preparation of regular reports it would not be necessary for any special

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reports to be submitted by the Subcommissions to him in accordance with a recent request which he had made.

216. The Deputy Director of the Interior Subcommission asked which matters of policy could be brought up in the Executive Council more appropriately than directly through channels. The D.C.C.A.O. outlined the history of the Executive Council and stated that there was no answer to this question but that, if an important question of policy arose which members believed could profitably be discussed with the full council, such an item could appropriately be placed upon the agenda.

217. At the request of the Chief of the Public Works and Mining Subcommission, it was decided that the R.C.A.O., Region V should report to these Headquarters with a nominal roll of personnel as soon as he arrived in Italy, so that qualified personnel could be supplied to these Headquarters for special jobs from Region V.

218. The Director of the Public Works and Mining Subcommission requested that some program be worked out so that Italian officers who repeatedly came to see him at this office could more readily be furnished with passes in order to avoid delay. Col. Young was instructed to work out a system of permanent passes to cover any Italian governmental or other officials who were frequently authorized to visit the office.

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220. The Chief of Staff stated that an Archivist had arrived to keep an accurate record of the Allied Control Commission. He requested all Senior Officers ⁹⁰⁰ to cooperate with him as much as possible.

221. The Chief of Staff stated that the problem of servants and other equipage for small Officer's messes in the regions was under discussion. He hoped that a scheme would soon be worked out which would avoid undue expense and hardship.

222. Meeting adjourned at 1600 hours.

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- Executive Officers
- Economic Director
- Administrative Director
- Adjutant General
- Chief of Security Intelligence
- Chief of Communications Section
- Public Relations Officer
- Chief of Each Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 512

The 19th Meeting of the
Executive Council
17 November 1943

19 November 1943

Present:

Brigadier E. Gueterbock (Chairman)	Vice Chief of Staff
Brigadier R. A. Hanlyn	- Acting Economic Director
Brigadier G. S. Parkinson	- Director of Public Health
Colonel P. G. Kirk	- Chief of Public Safety
Colonel W. Evans	- Deputy Director of Ind. & Comm.
Colonel J. R. Bain	- Acting Director of Labor
Colonel Foley	- Acting Finance Director
Colonel J. J. Albright	- Acting Executive Officer
Colonel D. S. Adams	- Economic Director
Colonel C. M. Spofford	- Deputy Chief of Staff
Colonel D. Murphy	- Director of Industry and Commerce
Colonel R. R. Rathbone	- Executive Officer
Colonel G. R. Upjohn	- Deputy Chief of Legal Division
Lt. Col. W. C. Chanlor	- Chief Legal Officer
Lt. Col. F. H. McFarland	- Acting Director Displaced Persons
Lt. Col. L. D. Densmore	- Acting Director Communications
Lt. Col. R. R. Cripps	- Acting Administration Director
Lt. Col. E. L. Clough	- Acting Adjutant General
Lt. Col. C. R. Harris	- Director of Property Control
Lt. Col. G. R. Gayre	- Acting Director of Education
Lt. Col. L. A. Jenny	- Acting Director of Public Works
Lt. Col. Hammer	- Deputy Director Displaced Persons
Major W. A. Hartman	- Acting Director of Agriculture
Major P. K. Baillie-Reynolds	- Deputy Director of Fine Arts
Major R. W. Desmond	- Acting Chief of Information
Captain Charles Poore	- Public Relations Officer
Captain L. H. Van Dusen	- Secretary

Col. Albright, Exec Officer

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Colonel J. R. Bain	- Acting Director of Labor
Colonel Foley	- Acting Finance Director
Colonel J. J. Albright	- Acting Executive Officer
Colonel D. S. Adams	- Economic Director
Colonel C. M. Spofford	- Deputy Chief of Staff
Colonel D. Murphy	- Director of Industry and Commerce
Colonel R. R. Rathbone	- Executive Officer
Colonel G. R. Upjohn	- Deputy Chief of Legal Division
Lt. Col. W. C. Chanler	- Chief Legal Officer
Lt. Col. F. H. McFarland	- Acting Director Displaced Persons
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189. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 1500 hours.

190. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

191. The Chairman stated that action had been taken by D.C.C.A.O. on items 183 and 184. The order authorizing a wage increase for public servants has been signed by D.C.C.A.O.

192. The Chairman stated that all orders should be "By Order of Brigadier General McSherry," and that all communications should make it clear that this was Headquarters AMG and not Headquarters ACC. The officers now stationed at Brindisi constitute Headquarters A.C.C. These Headquarters would become A.C.C. at a future date when more territory was handed over to the Italian Government. At present these Headquarters could plan what they would do under those conditions.

193. The Chairman said that shortly a group of officers from MGS, A.F.H.Q. would come to work out the personnel situation as between HQ, AMG, and 15th Army Group, and ACC at Brindisi. It would be proposed that certain ACC records would be kept here as if ACC, Brindisi, were a detachment of those Headquarters, which was not the case. This arrangement was merely one of convenience.

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194. The urgent requirement (Sub-heading C of Item 174) as regards directives is that under AMG conditions limiting the powers of regions or reserving certain powers to HQ, AMG. Statements on these points by Sub-Commissions are to reach Acting Chief of Staff not later than evening 18 November. Additional requirements from Sub-Commissions are as follows, and are to reach the Chief of Staff not later than Wednesday 24th November.

(a) (Subheading A of Item 174) Directives for Sub-Commissions under A.C.C. conditions; these are to be written by Sub-Commissions for the governance of their own activities.

(b) (Subheading B of Item 174) Technical instructions by Sub-Commissions governing the duties, powers and limitations of action of technical officers in regions, provinces, etc. under ACC conditions. These instructions will be edited by Deputy Chief of Staff (Operations and Intelligence) with a view to their becoming appendices to a draft order which **he is to write**. This draft order will explain in general terms to Senior ACC officers at Regional HQs their duties and powers under ACC conditions.

(c) (Subheading D of Item 174) Notes to form the basis of a letter to 15 Army Group, requesting them to conform to ACC policy as far as the tactical situation permits.

In this connection Colonel Albright stated that the abstracts referred to in Item 185 were ready. He explained that they were not extracts but abstracts and that no language taken from the abstracts was to be quoted in the directive or elsewhere without first consulting the Legal Sub-Commission. He explained that even the abstracts contained secret information.

195. The Chairman then directed all Sub-Commissions and Chief Staff Officers to submit to General McSherry by November 18th a proposed list of assignments of their officers. This list should include all officers at or on detached service from these Headquarters. If a surplus existed it should be so stated. If more personnel were required to carry on Military Government in these Headquarters they should be requested. The officers assigned to ACC in Brindisi should not be included. The Chairman stated that these proposed assignments could be prepared without reference to any T/O or W/E.

196. The meeting adjourned at 1615 hours.

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Colonel Foley - Actg. Finance Director
Colonel J. J. Albright - Actg. Executive Officer, Admin.
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Lt. Col. Harris, G.R. - Actg. Director of Prop. Control
Lt. Col. R.G.B. Spicer - Deputy Director of Interior
Lt. Col. G.R. Gayre - Actg. Director of Education
Lt. Col. C. Carter - Actg. Chief Fuel Officer
Major W.A. Hartman - Actg. Director of Agriculture
Major P.K. Baillie-Reynolds - Deputy Director of Fine Arts
Capt. Charles Poore - Public Relations Officer
Capt. L.H. VanDusen - Secretary - Staff O. Econ.
Col. D.S. Adams-Actg. Econ. Director
Lt. Col. E.L. Clough- Actg. Adj. Gen.
Col. R.B. Rathbone - Executive Officer Admin.
Major Desmond - Information

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Col. Upjohn,
Deputy Chief of Legal
Lt. Col. Charles Poletti,
RCMO, Region I
Maj. Hickingbotham
Dir. Shipping and
Ship building
Colonel Lindberg
Colonel Bentlett
Major S.H. Head, Director
of Postal Services

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 512

16 November 1943

SUBJECT: Preparation of draft directives ordered by

- (a) Paragraph 166 - Minutes of 16th Meeting of Executive Council, 29 October 1943
- (b) Paragraph 174 - Minutes of 17th Meeting of Executive Council, 5 November 1943

TO : Director _____ Sub-Commission

1. Reference paragraph 185, minutes of 18th Executive Council Meeting, 10th November 1943, the abstracts appended hereto will affect the operations of the Allied Control Commission in general, and of your Sub-Commission in particular.

2. Your draft directives will be prepared in the light of these abstracts.

3. No technical action should be taken on the sole basis of these abstracts without first consulting the Legal Sub-Commission.

4. Attention is again directed to paragraph 8 of ACC Directive No. 1, dated 10th November 1943.

5. Draft directives should be submitted, through channels, to Vice Chief of Staff for approval by Deputy President ACC soonest possible and in any case not later than 1800 hours, 26 November 1943.

By command of Major General JOYCE:

E. GUETERBOCK
Brigadier
Acting Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

E. L. Clough
E. L. CLOUGH
Lt Col, AGD
Actg Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS
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16 November 1943

ABSTRACT NO. 1

The Italian Government and people will abstain from all action detrimental to the United Nations. Personnel of the Italian administrative, judicial and public services will carry out their functions and all orders given by the United Nations promptly and efficiently. There shall be no destruction or concealment of archives: records, plans or other documents or information and they must be made available on request.

The Italian authorities will make available in occupied and non-occupied Italian territories all transport facilities required by the United Nations, and all members of the forces and officials of the United Nations will have the right of passage in or over such territories.

All instructions issued by the Allied C-in-C or officers designated by him, regarding the use and control of airfields, ports, shipping, inland transport systems and vehicles, intercommunication systems, power stations and public utility services, oil refineries, stocks and fuel and power supplies, and means of producing same, and all connected repair and construction facilities will be complied with.

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16 November 1943

ABSTRACT NO. 2

Italian warships of all descriptions, auxiliaries and transports will be dealt with as prescribed by the Allied C-in-C. All merchant ships, fishing or other craft, and all inland transport, and port equipment of whatever nationality in Italian or Italian occupied territory or waters will, pending verification of their identity and status, be prevented from leaving and be held at the disposal of the United Nations.

Merchant shipping, fishing or other craft whether Italian or United Nations', now in Italian hands, and any constructed or completed during the period of this agreement will be made available in good repair and seaworthy conditions by the competent Italian authorities and at the expense of the Italian Government. Crews will remain on board pending further instructions regarding their continued employment or dispersal.

Existing options to purchase, reacquire or resume control of Italian or former Italian vessels sold, transferred or chartered will be exercised forthwith. The above provisions will apply to all such vessels and their crews.

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16 November 1943

ABSTRACT NO. 3

All fascist organizations, including all branches of the Fascist Militia (MVSN), the Secret Police (OVRA), all Fascist Youth organizations will, insofar as this is not already accomplished, be disbanded in accordance with the directions of the Allied C-in-C. The Italian Government will comply with all such further directions as the United Nations may give for abolition of Fascist institutions, the dismissal and internment of Fascist personnel, the control of Fascist funds, the suppression of Fascist ideology and teaching, and for the repeal of Fascist legislation.

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ABSTRACT NO. 4

The Italian Government will:

(a) Make available such Italian currency as the United Nations may require.

(b) Withdraw and redeem Italian currency within such time-limits and on such terms as the United Nations may specify all holdings in Italian territory of currencies issued by the United Nations during military operations or occupation.

(c) Hand over the currencies withdrawn free of cost to the United Nations.

(d) Take such measures as may be required by the United Nations for the control of banks and business in Italian territory, for the control of foreign exchange and foreign commercial and financial transactions and for the regulation of trade and production.

(e) Comply with directions prescribed regarding restitution, reparation payments and the costs of occupation.

(f) Give information required regarding the assets of the Italian State, the Bank of Italy, state or semi-state, institutions or Fascist organizations or residents and will not dispose or permit disposal of such assets.

(g) Comply with any instructions issued by the United Nations regarding these and similar matters.

There shall be no financial, commercial or other dealing with any enemy or other foreign country except under the authorization of designated officials.

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ABSTRACT No. 5

The Italian Government will carry out such measures of ~~disarmament~~, demobilization and demilitarisation as may be prescribed.

Italian subjects will be prevented from leaving Italian territory except as authorized, and those at present serving or working in countries at war with the United Nations will be recalled as directed by the Allied C-in-C.

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ABSTRACT No. 6

Prisoners of War, and **nationals** belonging to the United Nations held under restraint in Italian or Italian occupied territory will forthwith be handed over to the United Nations.

Persons of whatever nationality who have been held under restraint on account of dealings or sympathies with the United Nations, or on grounds of race, color, creed or political opinions will be released and relieved from all legal disabilities on that account.

The Italian Government will take steps to safeguard the persons and property of foreign states and foreign nationals.

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ABSTRACT No. 7

The Italian Government will comply with any instructions given concerning the internment, custody or disposal, utilization or employment of any of civilian nationals, vessels, aircraft, material, vehicles and other transport equipment and property in Italian territory belonging to any country against which any of the United Nations is carrying on hostilities or which is occupied by any such country.

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ABSTRACT No. 8

All wireless and intercommunications installations, power stations, oil refineries, public utility services, railroad, port and harbor and transport installations, facilities and equipment, and in general all public or private utilities stocks, local resources and services as may be required by the United Nations will be made available by the competent Italian authorities with the personnel required for working there.

There will be no destruction of nor damage to any of the above and the necessary maintenance and repairs will be the responsibility of the Italian Government.

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ABSTRACT No. 9

No radio or telecommunication installations or other forms of intercommunications, shore or afloat, under Italian control, whether belonging to Italy or any nation other than the United Nations will transmit until directions for the control of these installations have been prescribed by the Allied C-in-C. The Italian authorities will conform to such measures for control and censorship of press and of other publications, of theatrical and cinematograph performances, of broadcasting and also of all forms of intercommunication as the Allied C-in-C may direct. The Allied C-in-C may, at his discretion, take over radio, cable and other communication stations.

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11 November 1943

The 16th Meeting of the
Executive Council
10 November 1943

Present

Brigadier E. Gueterbock (Chairman)	Vice Chief of Staff
Brigadier R. A. Hamlyn	- Acting Economic Director
Brigadier G. S. Parkinson	- Director of Public Health
Colonel P. G. Kirk	- Chief of Public Safety
Colonel W. Evans	- Acting Director of Ind. & Comm.
Colonel J. R. Bain	- Acting Director of Labor
Colonel Foley	- Acting Finance Director
Colonel J. J. Albright	- Acting Executive Officer
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Lt Col G. R. Gayre	- Acting Director of Education
Lt Col C. Carter	- Acting Chief Fuel Officer
Lt Col J. R. Smith	- Acting Deputy Director of Labor
Lt Col Bentlet	- Actg Chief of Telecommunications
	Sub-Commission
Major W. A. Hartman	- Acting Director of Agriculture
Major P. K. Bailey-Reynolds	- Deputy Director of Fine Arts
Major A. S. Breckton	- Actg Deputy Chief Fuel Officer
Major S. H. Head	- Actg Chief of Postal Services
Major R. W. Desmond	- Actg Chief of Information
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177 The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 1500 hours.
178 The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

179 The Chairman stated that the meeting was of the Executive Council of AMG and not of ACC as the directive setting up ACC as an operating unit had not yet arrived.

180 The Chairman stated that at a recent staff conference it was decided to form a committee on the Black Market similar to the Committee on Food.

181 Lt Col Clough reported that in the near future he would have collected for the DCCAO all the reports on AMGOT operations which had been requested. He hoped this would be prior to the return of DCCAO to Palermo.

182 The Chairman promised that the basic directive on the functions of ACC would be circulated shortly, although no order formally putting ACC into operation had yet been received.

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Request for more flour. Brigadier Hamlyn stated that he had drafted a cable which he suggested be sent to Washington through AFHQ pointing out the absolute necessity of securing a substantial tonnage of wheat in the next four months in order to feed the occupied portions of Italy and Sicily. A copy of this draft cable is attached to the original minutes.

The draft was discussed in some detail.

Col. Foley pointed out that the facts had been secured from the various Sub-Commissions. Lt Col Chanler objected to the assertion that the currency in circulation had increased by 3 or 4 hundred million lire since July 1943, (the total amount pumped into circulation by MGOI) as misleading. He thought large sums had been destroyed, removed to the mainland or otherwise withdrawn from circulation immediately prior to the occupation. As a result of the discussion which followed, Chief of Staff directed that the following words be placed in front of the fourth paragraph of the cable: "Recent rapid increase in currency situation illustrated by....." He also directed that the word "billion" be replaced by the appropriate number of "millions" so that there could be no misunderstanding of the number intended.

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2. They were the agency designated by the Combined Chiefs of Staff to maintain law and order on the island.
3. They were the most reliable element among the various domestic police forces and yet in many cases they received less pay than the auxiliary police.
4. The Combined Chiefs of Staff had decided that there would be no Allied Military police available to maintain order among civilians in Sicily, or Italy.
5. The morale of the C.C.R.R. was low. There had recently been 40 cases of desertion in Palermo. Twenty-five of the offenders had been caught and would be dealt with in accordance with the usual rules applicable to such offenses.
6. The C.C.R.R. were a part of the Italian Army and were entitled to the same rations as other Italian soldiers. Col. Chanler substantiated the validity of this assertion.

Col. Kirk stated that for the foregoing reasons it was imperative that both the rations and wages of the C.C.R.R. be increased at once.

Col. Bain and Lt. Col. Smith agreed that many public servants required wage increases, according to the formula previously submitted, in order to freeze wages at a place comparable to the place where prices had been fixed. However, they strongly opposed granting any group of public servants an increase and postponing action on an increase for the rest. They stated that all

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Italian Servants were equally essential to the operation of the Allied Military Government. They showed that some strikes had been called and others threatened. Each time a serious situation was averted by promises of action about to be taken on the proposed wage increases.

Brigadier Hamlyn stated that the crux of the difficult situation was food. If sufficient quantities of food could be brought in there would be some chance of controlling the Black Market and averting industrial and other disturbances. He did not oppose the increase in rations but he did oppose any general increase in wages to any or all groups at this time. He thought that the results produced by the proposed cables should be awaited before further action on wages was taken.

Col. Foley stated that a wage increase at the present time would render the task of securing authority from Washington for additional grain infinitely more difficult. Furthermore, if a wage increase was granted, it would have to be accompanied by a certain control of the black market or an inflation of considerable magnitude would result.

Col. Evans emphasized that, although food was the most important element in the situation, still the flour requested would only yield the present ration of 200 grams per day and would not raise the present standard of living. Either more flour or a wage increase to government employees was necessary to accomplish this result. He also pointed out that, to increase the ration of C.C.R.R. to 400 grams daily, would only take 18 tons of flour per day. This amounted to one day's supply in a month and was therefore, negligible.

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Colonel Foley stated that now was the time to hold the long pending action on the request for flour. If an increase was granted in wages, the former scale could never subsequently be restored.

The Chairman then directed that:

- (a) Colonel Bain prepare a one page brief of his arguments in support of the full proposed wage increase.
- (b) Brigadier Harlyn prepare a one page brief of his arguments opposing the increase at this time.
- (c) Colonel Adams prepare a one page brief of his reasons for recommending an increase to the C.C.R.R. only at this time.

The Chairman announced that he would take these papers together with the whole problem to Brindisi to be dealt with there by the conference and the D.C.C.I.O.

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The Chairman said that it was necessary for each Sub-Commission to have an extract of those parts of the long-term directive which were applicable to it in order to enable it to prepare its own directive. These abstracts could be secured from Colonel Albright.

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Due to extreme shortage of clerks and typewriters, all notes between personnel in Headquarters should be written in long hand where a copy was not essential. Furthermore, action is being taken to distribute the existing facilities where they would do the most good.

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- 187 Lt Col Clough announced that a two minute silence would be observed at Headquarters at noon on November 11th.
- 188 The meeting adjourned at 1635 hours.

Ken H. Van Dusen
 LEWIS H. VAN DUSEN,
 Captain, Ord.,
 Secretary

DISTRIBUTION:

D.C.C.A.O.

Vice Chief of Staff
 Deputy Chief of Staff
 Director of Economics
 Director of Administration
 Chief Staff Officer, Comm.
 Heads of all Sub-Commissions

Information Sub-Commission	Labor Sub-Commission
Finance	Interior
Foreign Trade	Public Health
Industry and Comm.	Legal
Fuel	Public Safety
Agric. Forests and	Prop. Control
Fisheries	Educ. Fine Arts
Public Works and	Displaced Persons
Utilities	

Executive Officer
 Information Officer
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 Adjutant
 Secretary
 File
 War Diary
 Stores

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

8 November 1943.

MinutesStaff Conference

Present:

Brig. E. Gueterbock	Acting Chief of Staff
Brig. R.A. Hanlyn	Acting Economic Director
Col. D.S. Adams	Economic Directorate
Col. A.E. Young	Security Intelligence
Col. J. Albright	Acting Chief Executive Officer
Lt. Col. F.H. MacFarland	Acting Director of Displaced Persons
Lt. Col. R.R. Cripps	Administrative Directorate
Lt. Col. W.C. Chanler	Administrative Directorate
Major R.A. Persell	Administrative Directorate
Lt. Col. F.A. Furgold	G-1
Lt. Col. C.G. Brown	G-4
Lt. Col. F.M. Reiter	Industrial Planning Staff
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(a) C. of S. observed that the statement that persons not of U.S. or Empire nationality were to be cared for, was not quite true, in that it included displaced Italians. He added that pre-arranged Italian prisoners were looked after by A.F.H.Q.

Lt. Col. MacFarland stated that all displaced Italians were not his responsibility and that the Sicilian prisoners were handled and screened by Italians. It was recommended that Public Health should group refugees so that the Sub-Commission could handle the mass movement and see that the Italians were put into the right Italian channels.

(b) Mass movements across the Sicilian straits had been approved, but the Chief of Staff emphasized that the security question be completed before movement. Screening by 15th Army Group was recommended.

(c) Forward areas needed specialists it was stated and experienced officers had been sent for from the Middle East.

(d) The Chief of Staff reminded the meeting that the Italian National "Committee" had no sovereign rights in AMG. It was preferable to have a separate Italian Committee to work in AMG area under AMG command, with the Sub-Commission to work with it.

(e) AMG had no responsibility in 15 Army Group Area but took over responsibility at railroad. "Working by Railroad."

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- (f) Disposal of Displaced Persons depended on category and was subject to security and the idea of a separate Sicilian committee was deprecated by the Chief of Staff. Orders had been received as to disposal of all nationalities barring Chinese and Russians and instructions were issued by the Chief of Staff to cable as to their disposal. Screening was to be done by the Sub-Commission. It was recommended that screening on the Peninsula be at important points other nationals being under our supervision. The Chief of Staff suggested that in view of actualities a paper be proceeded with on the subject. It was stated that the raising of either a Yugoslav Army or Labour Corps was not acceptable. Mention was made as to the disadvantage of the Italian civilian compared with the refugees in matter of food etc. and it was stated that there was surplus labour in Sicily, but possible employment of DPs (other nations) was to be enquired into.
- (g) Displaced persons necessities. It was observed that Camp Feeding was a drain on local markets. There was no obligation to use Army Rations. The Chief of Staff instructed that a telegram be sent to AFHQ stating the position, mentioning that rations were being used and that this did not apply to the Italians. Brig. Hamlyn emphasized that no money was to be issued direct to the Italians and that it was to go through the Govt. Main and that all records were to be kept in quantities, the Sub-Commissions and Regions concerned to be advised and made responsible for the bulk issues.
- (h) Clothing. 100,000 sets class III would be available by Jan. 1 and that it was expected that D.Ps would have share, but it was a responsibility of the Italian Govt. and a Regional problem. Some supplies arriving through Regions and others through Red Cross.
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- (n) Red Cross Assistance. British, American and Italian were available but the Italian was not recognized at Geneva. The matter was in hand.
- (o) Provision of Personnel. Chief of Staff recommended the matter be left with Col. Albright. Original quota of Intelligence Officers not thought necessary and it was recommended that Camp Commanders use ordinary officers with a visiting team of four well trained Intelligence Officers. Captain Tate to supervise G-2.
- FOOD
1. Black Market. The Chief of Staff referred to the setting up of a Food Committee consisting of Economics, Administration, Communications, Interior, Public Safety, Agriculture and Public Health. An order was to be produced. Committee was suggested to deal with the Black Market which was to be different from the Food Committee and Col. Albright was instructed to proceed with the matter.
- a. General Wage Increase. Issue of differential rations suggested and a recommendation that on mixed expeditions rations be issued to the Carabinieri and also that supplementary rations be issued to keep the

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Carabinieri out of the Black Market. The Chief of Staff directed that a memorandum be drawn up to General McSherry as to classes of differentiation.

Meeting was adjourned at 1115 hours.

By command of Brigadier General McSHERRY:

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Colonel, Inf.
Executive Officer
Administration

OFFICIAL:

E. L. CLOUGH
Lt. Col., A.C.D.,
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Chief of Internal Transportation Sub-Commission
Chief of Shipping Sub-Commission
Chief of Postal Services Sub-Commission
Chief of Industrial Planning
Chief of Public Health Sub-Commission
Chief of Public Safety Sub-Commission
Chief of Property Control Sub-Commission
Chief of Education Sub-Commission
Chief of Political Intelligence Sub-Commission
Secretary Intelligence Committee

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5 November 1943.

The 17th Meeting of the
Executive Council
5 November 1943

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Brigadier R. A. Hamlyn - Acting Economic Director
Brigadier G. S. Parkinson - Director of Public Health
Colonel P. G. Kirk - Chief of Public Safety
Colonel Young - Deputy Chief of Public Safety
Colonel W. Evans - Acting Director of Industry & Commerce
Colonel Foley - Acting Finance Director
Colonel J. J. Albright - Acting Executive Officer
Lt. Colonel Hamner - Deputy Director of Displaced Persons
Lt. Colonel L. A. Jenry - Acting Director P.W. & Utilities
Lt. Colonel W. C. Chanler - Chief Legal Officer
Lt. Colonel F. H. McFarland - Acting Director Displaced Persons
Lt. Colonel L. D. Densmore - Acting Director Communications
Lt. Colonel Cripps - Acting Administration Director
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Lt. Colonel Spicer - Deputy Director of Interior
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Lt. Colonel C. Carter - Acting Chief Fuel Officer
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171. The meeting was called to order at 1500 hours.

172. The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

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Colonel W. Evans	- Acting Director of Industry & Commerce
Colonel Foley	- Acting Finance Director
Colonel J. J. Albright	- Acting Executive Officer
Lt. Colonel Harner	- Deputy Director of Displaced Persons
Lt. Colonel L. A. Jenny	- Acting Director P.W. & Utilities
Lt. Colonel W. O. Chanler	- Chief Legal Officer
Lt. Colonel F. H. McFarland	- Acting Director Displaced Persons
Lt. Colonel L. D. Densmore	- Acting Director Communications
Lt. Colonel Crinnes	- Acting Administration Director
Lt. Colonel E. L. Clough	- Acting Chief of Secretariat
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- (a) 155 (a) and 164 (a) - Colonel Kirk reported that the suggested plan for stamping out the black market had been submitted to the Legal Division and that there was no legal objection to it. Acting will be taken to put the plan into effect.
- (b) 155 (j) and 164 (b) - Colonel Kirk reported that steps had been taken to comply with the Geneva Convention and to remove any civilian internees from prison and to lodge them elsewhere. On November 3rd, 70 internees had been placed in a comfortable home. Four in Agrigento were soon to be transferred. Arrangements are being made with No. 1 District to remove eight or nine internees lodged in Siracusa. Colonel Kirk also reported that the JAG of 7th Army had relinquished all interest in civilian internees and the problem is now handled wholly by AMG. The Chief Staff Officer directed the Chief Legal Officer, the Chief Security Officer and the Director of Public Safety to cooperate in handling this problem.

- (c) 166 - 168 - D.C.C.A.O. directed Lt. Colonel Clough to follow up the various reports referred to in order to ensure their prompt preparation and proper distribution and handling.

174. Explanation of the New A.C.C. structure and functions.

The Acting C.O.S. outlined the substance of a directive which had been received by General Joyce from A.F.H.Q. He said that the directive would shortly be distributed to the members of the Council in the form of a basic directive from Major General Joyce. This directive set forth the purpose and functions of A.C.C. generally. The Acting C.O.S. emphasized the importance of not making any long term commitments of any kind without the approval of higher authority, as A.C.C. had no long term objectives. On this point he read extracts from the basic directive. He said that this directive should govern the objectives set forth in the various directives in process of preparation by the Sub-Commissions. The relations between A.C.C. and the Italian Government were also discussed.

D.C.C.A.O. stated that A.C.C. would operate with its new organization in about one week, but that it might have to carry on military government as AMG for some little time before it was handed over any territory for Allied Control. The Acting C.O.S. explained that four subjects should be covered on the directives being prepared by each Sub-Commission.

- (a) an explanation of how the Sub-Commission proposes to operate.
- (b) a statement of the relations between the Regions and the Sub-Commissions and the powers of the former, under A.C.C. conditions.
- (c) a similar statement regarding the powers of Regions under Military Government conditions.
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175. Proposed Wage Increase to Public Officials. 165 - The Acting Economic Director stated that he and Colonel Foley had prepared a rough draft of a document outlining their reasons for opposing the adoption of the Plan at once. He said that to avoid the inflation which was imminent it was essential not to raise any wages except as part of an integrated anti-inflation plan. The proposed plan involved the following points, which he believed should be considered, explored, and acting upon before any wage increase became effective:

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- "(a) Facilitate increases in local agricultural and industrial production. In determining the goods and shipping space for local civilian supply, emphasis should be placed on those imports which will contribute most effectively to increasing local production.
- (b) Reexamine the rationing system in order to determine what relation it bears to subsistence requirements and whether it is as liberal as supplies permit. Every effective increase in rations deprives the black market of customers, drives down black market prices and reduces the cost of living.
- (c) Reexamine the MGOT legal price list to ensure its being as realistic as possible. Prescribed prices may not be enforced if they bear no reasonable relationship to prevailing prices.
- (d) Examine the operation of the black market to determine its extent, main sources of supply, organization, and the factors giving rise to it. It is also necessary to determine the actual extent of the black market in individual commodities.

- (e) Pursue with energy the enforcement of price, rationing, and anti-black market regulations. The various devices, including posting of price lists, closing of shops of violators, imposition of severe fines and imprisonment, and confiscation of stocks must be employed energetically.
- (f) Increase the supply of transportation available to the civilian economy.
- (g) Eliminate unnecessary governmental expenditures, increase governmental revenues by taxation and borrowing from the public, and stimulate private savings in all forms.
- (h) Keep to a practical minimum the local purchases of civilian goods and services for our military operations and the personal expenditures of the members of our armed forces."

D.C.C.A.O. pointed out, for the benefit of those present who had recently arrived in Sicily, that JMG officers in varying numbers had been working to the best of their ability in this territory since July 10. He stated that he thought they had recognized the importance of each of the points raised and had exerted their best efforts to handle them. D.C.C.A.O. then reiterated his belief that, in the case of a matter as urgent as this one, it might be wise for those desiring to postpone action to review what had been done in the past four months by JMG. When point brought forward was then discussed, D.C.C.A.O. explaining the steps which had been taken with regard to that point. He pointed out that it was, in his opinion, unlikely that much more could be accomplished and that it was a question of very serious import the answer to which had been long delayed. An immediate decision of some kind was required. If the increases were not given disturbances would probably result.

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Stocks on hand about	<u>5,000</u> "

The heads of many Sub-Commissions stated that the public officials with whom they dealt were grossly underpaid particular emphasis being laid upon the C.C.R.R., the school teachers, the employees of the courts, and the employees of public utilities.

D.C.C.A.O. said that his AGOT staff was fully alive to the possibilities of inflation and that all practicable steps have been taken by AGOT to head it off.

It was decided to let the matter be decided after a conference between D.C.C.A.O., the Acting Economic Director, and Colonel Foley.

176. The meeting adjourned at 1645 hours.

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Minutes of
The 16th Meeting of the Executive Council
29th October 1943

PRESENT

Brigadier General McCherry	(Chairman)	D.C.C.A.O.
Colonel Evans		Acting Director of Industry & Commerce.
Colonel Young		Deputy Chief of Public Safety.
Lt.Colonel Carter		Acting Chief Fuel Officer.
Lt.Colonel Charlier		Chief Legal Officer.
Lt.Colonel Cripps		Acting Administration Director.
Lt.Colonel Hamner		Deputy of Acting Director of Displaced Persons.
Lt.Colonel Harris		Director of Property Control.
Lt.Colonel Jenny		Acting Director Public Works and Util.
Lt.Colonel Menapace		Deputy of Acting Finance Officer.
Lt.Colonel Farley Smith		Acting Administration Director.
Lt. Colonel T.V. Smith		Acting Director of Education.
Lt.Colonel Smith		Deputy of Acting Director of Labour.
Lt.Colonel Spicer		Deputy of Acting Director of Interior.
Major Hartman		Acting Director of Agriculture.
Major Martin		Deputy of Acting Director of Foreign Trade.
Major Reynolds		Deputy of Acting Director of Fine Arts.
Major Scheele		Deputy of Director of Public Health.
Captain Morse		Labour Sub-Commission
Captain Poore		Acting Director of Information.

162. The meeting was called to order by the chairman at 1500 hours.
163. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
164. The following reports were made in the items on which action was directed at the last meeting;
 - (a) 155(a) Deputy Chief of Public Safety said that owing to the change-over no action had been taken. D.C.C.A.O. directed that action be taken before the next meeting (Action Public Safety)
 - (b) 155 (j) - Deputy Chief of Public Safety said that owing to the change over no action had been taken. D.C.C.A.O. directed that action be taken before the next meeting. (Action Public Safety)
 - (c) 155 (k) Chief Legal Officer said he had discussed the Black-market plan with the Chief Police Officer and said that there was no objection to the plan from the legal point of view. D.C.C.A.O. directed that Chief Legal Officer and Deputy Chief of Public Safety were to consult together and report at the next meeting. (Action Chief Legal Officer and Public

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165. Lt. Colonel Smith, deputizing for the Acting Director of Labour, addressed the meeting in the subject of a proposed increase of wages and salaries of government employees. He pointed out that the last increase of salaries to government employees was on December 1st 1942 and since that date the legal food prices had risen at least 76%. The prices for clothing had also risen consistently and he argued that the present Salary Scale was insufficient to support life and that the proposed increases were quite essential. In the discussion that followed the point was made that the raising of salaries might have the effect of merely causing a rise in Black Market prices and that nobody would be better off at all except the "Black Marketeers". D.C.C.A.O. emphasized the emergency nature of the proposed increase. The increase was necessary to catch up with an existing situation. It was pointed out that 60% of private employees have already had their wages raised to a level equal to the proposed salary increase. Lt. Colonel Monapace (Finance) said that the proposal was of course, the start of the old vicious spiral of inflation but he supported it as an emergency measure and believed that as

such it was necessary. Finally the Council agreed to the proposal, but D.C.C.A.O. directed that the concurrence of Brigadier Hamlyn must first be obtained. In the meantime the Legal Sub-Commission and the Labour Sub-Commission were to consult together as to the measures necessary for putting the proposal into effect if approved.

(Action Chief Legal Officer and Acting Director of Labour)

166. ✓ D.C.C.A.O. ordered each Sub-Commission to prepare, as soon as possible, a directive setting out its functions and aims, and details of organization and method. These directives to be submitted to D.C.C.A.O. who would submit them to General Joyce. When finally approved by General Joyce they would become the official directives of each Sub-Commission. D.C.C.A.O. emphasized to members of the Council that the work of A.C.C. was supervisory whereas AMG's work had been to direct. Sub-Commissions were to remember this when preparing their directives.

(Action all Sub-Commission Heads)

167. D.C.C.A.O. directed that the old AMOT Divisions were to prepare reports as at Nov. 1st 1943 showing what the divisions in AMOT had accomplished and which would give an indication of what could be expected from an Allied Military Government in the future. These reports would eventually be amalgamated and sent to London and Washington. In preparing these reports full use was to be made of the "AMOT Manual".

(Action Heads of AMOT Divisions)

168. D.C.C.A.O. said that A.C.C. was required to issue a monthly report of its activities on the 7th of each month. To enable this to be done, reports from Sub-Commissions must be in by the 5th of each month. Sub-commissions were directed to send their first reports in on 5th November.

(Action all Sub-commission Heads)

169. D.C.C.A.O. emphasized to members of the Council the prime importance of having really good men in the field and of not concentrating only on having an efficient Headquarters Staff.

170. The meeting adjourned at 1600 hours.

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Minutes of

The 15th Meeting of the Executive Council
15 October 1943

PRESENT

Brigadier General McSherry (Chairman)	- D.C.C.A.O.
Colonel Todd	- D.E.S.
Colonel Zellars	- D.D.E.S. (Acting)
Colonel Bolles	- C.P.S.
Lt. Col. Farley Smith	- D.C.S.O.
Lt. Col. Chanler	- C.L.O.
Lt. Col. Harris	- C.P.
Lt. Col. Menapace	- D.C.F.O.
Lt. Col. Denamore	- D.T.C.U.
Major Chayton	- D.A.D.
Major Scheele	- D.D.P.H.
Captain Morse	- D.L.D.
Captain Van Dusen	- Secretary

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(a) 148 (b) and 135 - C.L.O. stated that it was necessary under International Law to put all political prisoners in camps and not in jails. - D.C.C.A.O. directed C.P.S. to see that action was taken accordingly at once. (Action C.P.S.)

(b) 148 (c) and 136 - D.C.S.O. reported that the required action had been taken. 880

(c) 148 (d) and 137 - D.L.D. reported that the survey of wages and by governmental agencies had been completed and was available.

(d) 148 (g) and 139 - C.L.O. stated that he had conferred with Major Chayton on the preparation of a general order covering the proposed Agricultural Re-Organization, but that he thought it was unwise at this time to set up an entirely new Agricultural system in view of the probability of the Badoglio Government coming into the picture shortly. D.C.C.A.O. stated that the new Agricultural Commission, when formed, would prepare recommendations which could later be taken up with the Italian Government.

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- (e) 148 (h) and 140 - The issuance of this general order was postponed for the same reasons as those stated in the last paragraph.
- (f) 148 (i) and 142 - C.P.S. reported that all Questori have been instructed to insist upon the possession and use of all licenses required under Italian Law before the occupation.
- (g) 148 (p) and 142 - D.C.F.O. reported that, since there was no officer available to replace Lt. Comdr. Southard, he would rely on the Price Index now in process of preparation by D.L.D.
- (h) 148 (r) and 144 - D.C.S.O. reported that the required action had been taken.
- (i) 149 - D.L.D. reported that a telegram had been sent to AFHQ as directed. D.C.C.A.O. stated that further action would be postponed until a reply to this message was received.
- (j) 150 - D.A.D. reported that, since he had been away for the greater part of the past week, he had not been able to prepare the memorandum requested. D.C.C.A.O. stated that he had discussed the question with several S.C.A.Os including all of those who were alleged to have grain surpluses. From these discussions he realized that the situation was serious. Various expedients were being tried in different provinces to collect more grain. Enna had offered rewards for the disclosure of grain hoards; which were confiscated when discovered. This procedure resulted in considerable resentment on the part of the populace of Enna. D.C.C.A.O. stated that he thought more grain would have to be imported than had originally been requested. D.C.C.A.O. directed C.P.S. to make periodic checks on the movement of trucks carrying grain or flour at night. (Action C.P.S.)
- (k) 151 - D.A.D. stated that he still favored his original plan for attacking the black market in grain and flour. This plan involved sending C.C.R.R. to the country in pairs with directions to visit farms or houses in a specific area. Where grain was found, they were to make it clear to those in possession that no action was contemplated against them but that severe steps were to be taken against the sellers. In this way he hoped to ascertain who were the big operators. D.C.C.A.O. directed C.P.S. to discuss this plan at once with C.L.O. and his Chief Police Officer. (Action C.P.S. and C.L.O.)

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156. Delegation of authority by Division Chiefs to R.C.A.O.s. Owing to the uncertainty of events, D.C.C.A.O. stated that this matter should be dropped for the present, except in any special cases where some further delegation was imperative in order to enable the Regional Program to operate.

157. Labor Plans. D.L.D. asked whether these plans should be extended to Regions II and III. D.C.C.A.O. stated that the matter should be left in abeyance pending further clarification of the method of operation for the future.

158. Presentation of Wage Studies. D.C.C.A.O. directed that D.L.D. submit these studies to each Division. After agreement had been reached with the various Divisions then the studies should be presented to D.C.C.A.O. (Action D.L.D.)

159. Proposed Amalgamation in Provincial Administration. D.C.C.A.O. stated that in Region II all Provincial Administration was eliminated except S.C.A.O.s.

and S.C.A.P.O.s. Larger areas formed the operating units to conserve staffs. However, no amalgamation would take place in Region I until the new S.C.A.O.s had become familiar with their present assignments.

160. D.C.C.A.O. told the meeting that Headquarters should be prepared to hand over the administration of Sicily to Region I very quickly. He explained that new personnel were coming to combine with these Headquarters and that every assistance should be given to these men to enable them to learn quickly that which they needed to know concerning the present organization.

161. The meeting adjourned at 1620 hours.

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17 October 1943

AMCOT HEADQUARTERS

Minutes of
The 14th Meeting of the Executive Council
15 October 1943

PRESIDENT

Brigadier General McSherry (Chairman) - D.C.C.A.O.
Colonel Zellars - D.L.S. (Acting)
Colonel Bolles - C.P.S.
Lt. Col. Farley Smith - D.C.S.O.
Lt. Col. Rowe - D.C.L.O.
Lt. Col. Harris - C.P.
Lt. Col. Menapace - D.C.F.O.
Lt. Col. Densmore - D.C.T.U.
Major Chayton - D.A.D.
Major Scheele - D.D.P.H.
Captain Morse - D.L.D.
Captain Van Dusen - Secretary

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- (d) 137-The D.L.D. reported that the survey of wages paid by governmental agencies would be completed by the end of the week. The survey relating to wages paid by private employers would follow shortly thereafter. (Action D.L.D.)
- (e) 138-D.C.C.A.O. stated that in order to conserve personnel some of the provinces would have to be temporarily consolidated. The suggested consolidation is as follows:

Ragusa to be combined with Siracusa
Agrigento to be combined with Caltanissetta
Catania to be combined with Enna

D.C.C.A.O. stated that this subject would be brought up for discussion and final decision at the next meeting.

(f) 138-D.C.C.A.O. agreed that stronger control over S.C.A.O.s should be exercised in the future.

(g) 139-D.C.L.O. stated that he could report at the next meeting with a draft of a general order covering the proposed Agricultural Re-organization. (Action D.C.L.O.)

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- (h) 140-D.A.D. reported that a general order had been prepared and submitted to C.C.A.O. (Action D.C.C.A.O.)
 - (i) 142-(Par. 4a) D.O.F.O. and C.P.S. stated that they would report at the next meeting on the question of the revenue to be derived from licenses. (Action D.C.F.O. and C.P.S.)
 - (j) D.C.F.O. reported that (under Par. 4a (2)) the new Italian Budget had greatly increased the tax rates and that he was preparing data on the basis of which to make recommendations. D.C.C.A.O. wanted it clearly understood that no duty was to be levied on any imports for military use, including all AMCOF imports, whether for resale to civilians or not.
 - (k) 142-Postal Savings - D.C.F.O. reported that Washington had authorized the treatment of Postal Savings Deposits on the same basis as bank deposits. Therefore, the Postal Savings Departments would be opened in the near future. D.C.F.O. thought that the withdrawals would not necessitate much help from AMFA as the banks had generally been able to finance themselves to date, with deposits exceeding withdrawals.
 - (l) 142-D.C.F.O. reported that the Italian Post offices were now open.
 - (m) 142-D.L.D. reported that the recent establishment of uniform wage scales for the island has in many cases resulted in a reduction of the existing rates.
 - (n) 142-C.P.S. reported that under Par. 5a No. 1, price lists were not generally posted owing to the failure to secure a general distribution of General Order No. 3 as yet. A discussion followed concerning the efficacy of General Order No. 5 as an aid in the effort to control the Black Market in grain.
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149. Proposed Labor Plan No. 3.
 D.L.D. read the letter attached to Labor Plan No. 3 and explained the Plan. D.C.C.A.O. pointed out the inconsistency of prohibiting all political meetings and yet authorizing meetings of labor organizations which might easily become political. D.L.D. reported that in Enna and Ragusa labor syndicates had been formed and a Chamber of Commerce in Palermo. D.C.C.A.O. directed D.L.D. to take the plan up with the Legal Division and bring up an agreed proposal at a later meeting. (Action D.L.D. and D.C.L.O.) D.C.C.A.O. also directed D.L.D. to confer with him concerning the preparation of a letter to the Combined Chiefs of Staff in Washington notifying them of the preparation of the Plan and asking for authority to make it effective when circumstances permitted. (D.L.D.)

150. Interprovincial Movement of Foodstuffs

D.A.D. outlined his proposal (Exhibit A to the Agenda). He emphasized the failure of some S.C.A.O.s to adhere to the price ceilings and to cooperate in preventing movements of foodstuffs about the island. This action was not only inflationary but tended to absorb much transport taking food from places where it was already needed. Palermo was alleged to be a chief offender. D.C.C.A.O. directed D.A.D. to prepare a memorandum of any specific price violations so that he could talk the matter over with the S.C.A.O.s involved. (Action D.A.D.) With specific reference to the plan D.C.C.A.O. stated that there was a real inconsistency between the free trade referred to in Par. 3(b) and the price fixing authorized in Par. 3(c). D.A.D. stated that he favored removing all controls but he did not believe that the risk involved in so doing could be run. D.C.C.A.O. stated that he desired to discuss the proposal with various S.C.A.O.s before expressing his opinion on it. (Action D.C.C.A.O.)

151. Action to deal with Serious Grain Problem

D.A.D. stated that the situation which motivated his proposal was the report that A.F.H.Q. would be unable to furnish more than 15,000 tons of grain prior to Jan. 1, 1944 for Sicily. D.C.C.A.O. stated that the Allied had promised to feed the occupied portions of Italy and Sicily, that there was grain being shipped to Italy, and that AMGOT, or its successor, would control the distribution of that grain to points where it was needed. However, as much grain should be gotten from Sicily itself as was possible.

D.C.C.A.O. stated that he was not in favor of transporting grain from Provinces with a present surplus to Provinces with a present deficit, if the former Provinces had not sufficient grain to last until the next harvest. Otherwise, unnecessary duplication in transportation would result.

D.A.D. outlined the conclusion reached in his proposal (Appendix B to the Agenda). He stated that the Public Safety Division had promised to inaugurate an agreed program for breaking the Black Market in mid-September but had failed to do so. He further contended that the Public Safety Division was relying on General Order No. 5 and the declarations required thereunder. D.A.D. thought it unwise to wait until these declarations came in and, further, thought that action should be taken to find the big operators holding large stocks of grain rather than to attempt to catch the small man. D.A.D. stated that if this hoarded grain could be secured the island would be self-sufficient until within two months of the next harvest.

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D.T.C.U. stated that he thought further transport for the distribution of existing grain stocks could be secured through the island-wide reissue of permits contemplated.

152. The meeting adjourned at 1725 hours.

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C.P.S.
D.C.S.O.
D.C.L.O.
C.P.
D.C.F.O.

D.C.T.U.
D.A.D.
D.D.P.H.
D.L.D.
Secretary (2)
File
Float

War Diary
Spares (10)

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136. Re-establishment of Prefects Council and Provincial Giunta. (Item 3 of Agenda)
C.S.O. recommended that S.C.A.O.s be authorized to resurrect these bodies in cases where they considered it desirable. The C.S.O. stated that these organizations were a part of the Administrative set-up and might in some cases profitably be re-instated. The D.O.L.O. cautioned against requiring the approval of these bodies to communal orders and decrees as under the Italian law. The Council agreed. (Action C.S.O.)
137. Policy on revision of wages for employees of private employers. (Item 4 of Agenda)
The D.L.D. asked the Council's approval of the preparation of a survey of the prevailing wage scales being paid by private employers in Sicily. The survey would be accompanied by appropriate recommendations. The meeting agreed and recommended prompt action. (Action D.L.D.)

138. Rotation of S.C.A.O.s (Item 5 of Agenda)

The D.E.S. (Acting) summarized the difficulties encountered in the distribution of food, and other supplies, throughout the Island. The problem of equitable distribution could be solved only by the institution of various remedial measures. He proposed that, since the S.C.A.O.s of the provinces having present surpluses had not, in his opinion, taken the necessary steps to assist those now in need, S.C.A.O.s be interchanged between the "have" and "have-not" provinces.

The D.A.D. mentioned, as an example of inequitable distribution, that one Province was now granting to its own inhabitants more than the maximum permitted ration of bread and pasta, which was in fact double the weighted average of the Island.

The D.E.S. strongly recommended that a greater control be exercised by this H.Q. over S.C.A.O.s.

General discussion ensued on the supply situation with particular reference to the province of Messina and Trapani.

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- The Council approved the D.A.D.'s plan and the C.S.O. directed that steps be taken to issue a General Order to make it effective. (Action D.A.D.)
141. Public Safety Division Meetings. (Item 8 of Agenda).
An announcement was made of certain meetings planned by Public Safety Division, and the C.P.S. invited all Division Heads or their representatives who might be interested to attend these meetings.
142. Plan for Control of Inflation in Sicily. (Item 9 of Agenda).
Lt. Comdr. Southard was invited to review his Plan (Appendix A to the Agenda). He stated that he had drawn it with a view to the practicability of its enforcement by each division. Each division would be required to implement the details of that part of the program applicable to it. Lt. Comdr Southard stated that as the Seventh and Eighth Armies withdrew from Sicily, some of the factors contributing to inflation would be reduced. The Plan was analysed by the Council and necessary action noted as follows:-

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Par. 4 A. The C.P.S. drew attention to the multifarious trade and street-vendors' licenses etc. that had formerly been required in Sicily. He pointed out the difficulties that Finance Division would encounter in attempting to collect the revenue derived from these licenses and stated that he would make himself responsible for controlling their issuance and cooperating on the entire program with Finance Division.

(Action C.P.S. - D.C.F.O.)

Revenue.

The Finance Division was directed to report at the next meeting on the progress being made under Par. 4 A subsection No. 2 (Action D.C.F.O.)

Postal Savings.

Par. 4 B, subsection No. 2. Finance Division was directed to review cables from C.C.S. and to be responsible for the existence of a uniform policy on this subject at Headquarters. (Action D.C.F.O.)

Finance Division was further directed to ascertain from Major Head when Italian Post Offices will be reopened. (Action D.C.F.O.)

Wages - Par. 4 C.

Labor Division was directed to continue its present anti-inflation efforts and to carry out all the proposals applicable to it which were contained in the plan.

(Action D.L.D.)

Continued appeals to troops

Par. 4 D - Comdr. Southard expressed his doubts as to the efficacy of further action in this respect. The C.S.O. agreed.

Price and Rationing Enforcement. Par. 5 A - subsection No. 1.

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Supervision of distribution channels for commodities (Par. 5 B). The C.P.S. reported that every effort was being exerted to accomplish the desired results.

Ration level policy. (Par 5 C). It was reported that every effort was being exerted to carry out this proposal.

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The D.E.S. (Acting) reported that every effort was being made to secure more transportation.

Imports, (Par. 5 F) The desired action was being taken.
In reference Par. 5 G the Public Welfare Section was directed to report on the possibility of re-opening amusement centres. In this connection the D.T.C.U. reminded the Council of the electric power shortage.
(Action D.P.H.)

Price Index (Par. 6)
Comdr. Southard was directed to discuss this further with Public Health Division, Finance Division and Labor Division. (Action D.P.H.)

(D.C.F.O. & D.L.D.)
Comdr. Southard's report was approved by the Council and all concerned were directed to have action reports at the next meeting of the Council.
Comdr. Southard was invited to attend the meeting.

143. The C.S.O. reported that Major Gayre, Educational Adviser, was ill and brought the outline (Appendix E to the Agenda) submitted by the Educational Adviser to the attention of the Council.

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144. In the course of discussion on Price and Rationing enforcement the C.P.S. recommended that one Division in this H.Q. be charged with the responsibility for delivering and posting of all Proclamations and General Orders.
(Action C.S.O.)
145. The meeting was adjourned at 1700 hours.

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