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PRIORITY

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REFERENCE YOUR PX FOUR ZERO FOUR SIX NINE OF NINE MARCH CITE NAGDE
PD UTILIZATION OF GERMAN PRISONERS OF WAR IN AREAS UNDER AC SLASH AND
SUPERVISION HAS BEEN THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED AND IT IS THE OPINION OF
THIS HQ AND CONCURRED IN BY THE ITALIAN MINISTER OF LABOUR THAT SUCH
EMPLOYMENT SHOULD BE CONFINED TO MINE CLEARANCE AND ANY OTHER
ACTIVITIES THAT ARE IN NO WAY COMPETITIVE TO THE CIVILIAN LABOUR
MARKET PD

PAREN TO AFHQ FOR MTOUSA FROM ALCOM CITE ACXC PAREN PD

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN POW AND CIVILIAN RATIONS WOULD LEAD TO WIDESPREAD
LABOUR UNREST WITH CONSEQUENT POLITICAL REPERCUSSIONS PD THESE
PRISONERS OF WAR SHOULD ONLY BE USED IN MILITARY SERVICES UNDER ARMY
CONTROL CMA HOWEVER NOT REPEAT NOT IN ANY WAY TO REPLACE ITALIAN
LABOUR NOW BEING EMPLOYED BY THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES AS FOR EXAMPLE
IN PORTS CMA QM STORAGE DUMPS CMA TRUCK COMPANIES CMA ETC

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: FX 40469

Date/Time of Origin: MAR 09/1623A

Message Centre No: D/4659

Date/Time Rec'd: MAR 10/0830

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED MTOUSA CITE NASDS.

TO: 5TH ARMY, PENBASE, ADRIATIC BASE COMMAND, REINFORCEMENT AND TRAINING
COMMAND, INFO: ALCOM, ROME AREA.

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1. In view of events now in progress and a possibility of US being confronted with the necessity of guarding, feeding and employing a large number of German prisoners of war it will be necessary to construct main prisoners of war enclosures.

2. The location of these enclosures will be determined by the ability of the major commands to utilize these prisoners. These main enclosures will be guarded and administered by PMG.

3. It is desired to utilize these prisoners to the maximum.

4. Based on the above, it is requested that this Headquarters be furnished:

A. The number of German prisoners of war which can be used by your command.

B. Approximately where prisoners are to be used and for what duties.

C. Length of time German prisoners of war may be usefully employed.

5. Reports are to reach this Headquarters on 16 March 1945 current.

Copy to 6-4(A) in turn for info.
6-1 (A) HEADQUARTERS

17 MAR 1945

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Info: A/PRESIDENT

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