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FURTHER TO OUR EX 79612 DATED 21 MAY, UTILIZATION OF
 GERMAN PW AND SURRENDERED ENEMY PERSONNEL NOW EXTENDED
 TO INCLUDE EMPLOYMENT IN TRUCK UNITS THEREBY REPLACING
 US - ITI UNITS (.) M T O U S A PW COMD 88 DIV WILL
 ORGANIZE SUCH UNITS AT THE REQUEST OF MAJOR COMMANDS UNDER
 SIMILAR CONDITIONS IN RELATION TO PAST REQUIREMENTS (.)
 M T O U S A PW COMMAND 88 DIV WILL FURNISH GUARD PERSONNEL
 FOR NEWLY FORMED UNITS AND WILL EMPLOY MAXIMUM NUMBER GUARD
 PERSONNEL TO ACCOMPANY GERMAN CONVOYS IN AREAS WHERE RECENT
 DISTURBANCES HAVE OCCURRED BETWEEN ITALIAN CIVILIANS AND
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SUBJECT: Supervisory personnel for P.O.W's (German)
employed in Minefield Clearing and other work

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, A.C. (MMIA)

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18 June 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Your ref 18923/MOB, subject as above, dated 14 June 45 has been noted and an answer will be given after further study and after the policy is firmer.

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REP
for Major General
MMIA

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War.

REF: 18928/Mob.

TO: M.M.I.A.

DATE: 14 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Supervisory personnel for P.O.W.s employed on
minefield clearing and other works.

1) - Two meetings were held on the 5th. and 7th. inst. at the Presidency of the Council of Ministries, which were attended by representatives of the various Ministries (Public Works - Industry, Commerce, and Employment - Agriculture - Foreign Affairs - War) in order to reach agreements regarding the use of P.O.W.s (German) placed at the disposal of the Allied Authorities, in addition to the numbers to be employed, types, and locality for employment.

2) - In their letter dated 14.5.45 addressed to the President of the Council of Ministries, the A.C. laid down the following regarding the employment of the P.O.W.s:

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 - b) - supervision of employment and technical direction will be carried out by Italian authorities.
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- minefield clearing;

- work on dike repairs and work for the fitting up of water installations in the cleared area;

- Mining work.

4) - On the basis of the foregoing a project was submitted by this S.M. and the Engineer Directorate General for the employment of a

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maximum of 10,000 prisoners for minefield clearing. The said project, of which the competent A.C. offices are already informed, provides for the immediate employment of 3000 men and the subsequent employment of 7000.

5) - The Ministry of Public Works would provide employment for:

- 3000 P.O.W.s in the lower Po valley area - Comacchio valley;
 - 2000 P.O.W.s in the lower Tibur valley - Fiumicino area;
- for dike works.

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NCOs.....	175
Other ranks.....	1512
CC.RR NCOs.....	70
CC.RR other ranks.....	280

- c) - For the P.O.W.s employed by the Ministries of Public Works and Commerce, Industry, and Employment, the supervisory personnel can be considered as practically equal to that referred to above, calculated on the basis of 20 - 30% of the prisoners to be supervised, according to the larger or smaller breaking up of the work.

The total requirement is:

Officers.....	460
NCOs.....	500
Other ranks.....	4400
CC.RR NCOs.....	200
CC.RR other ranks.....	800

The possibility of resorting to recalled personnel being excluded for known reasons, we notify the new requirements in order that M.M.I.A. may lay down from which units the personnel may be drawn. As far as the CC.RR is concerned it will be necessary to increase the quota of 1850 men at the disposal of the Army, which quota, as is known, is fully occupied on duties strictly pertaining to the activities of the units.

Sgd .LIUZZI

Gen.

O. Danin Cpl.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
Ufficio Ordinamento e Mobilitazione

SG/da

N. 18298/Mob. di prot.

P.M. 3800, li

14 giugno 1945

OGGETTO: Personale di sorveglianza per i prigionieri di guerra
addetti alla bonifica campi minati e ad altri lavori

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (MMIA)

ROMA

- I) - Presso la Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri nei giorni 5 e 7 del c.m. si sono tenute due riunioni, alle quali hanno partecipato i rappresentanti di vari Ministri (Lavori Pubblici - Industria Commercio e Lavoro - Agricoltura - Esteri - Guerra), per prendere accordi sulla utilizzazione dei prigionieri di guerra tedeschi messi a disposizione delle autorità alleate, nonché sulla quantità dei prigionieri da impiegare, specie e località di lavoro.
- II) - L'A.C., con lettera indirizzata al Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri in data 14/5/45, ha fissato i seguenti dati circa l'impiego dei prigionieri:
- a) continuano ad essere prigionieri degli alleati che provvedono alla loro amministrazione ed al loro vettovagliamento;
 - b) sorveglianza sui lavori e sovrintendenza lavori stessi a cura autorità italiane;
 - c) strumenti di lavoro forniti dalle autorità italiane;
- III) - Dalle discussioni è scaturito che per non aggravare il problema della disoccupazione della mano d'opera italiana, i prigionieri tedeschi verrebbero utilizzati come segue:
- bonifica campi minati;
 - lavori di riparazione di argini ed opere per la sistemazione idrica di zone bonificate;
 - lavori da minatore.
- IV) - Sulla base di quanto sopra, a cura di questo S.M. e della Direzione Generale del Genio, è stato presentato un progetto per l'utilizzazione di un massimo di 10.000 prigionieri per la bonifica dei campi minati. Detto progetto, già a conoscenza dei competenti uffici dell'A.C., prevede un immediato impiego di 3.000 unità ed un successivo di 7.000.
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- 3.000 prigionieri nella zona bassa valle del Po - ~~valle~~ di Comacchio;
 - 2.000 prigionieri nella bassa valle del Tevere - zona di Fiumicino, per lavori di arginatura.

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Il Ministero dell'Industria - Comme
 invece l'impiego di:
 - 4.000 prigionieri in Sardegna;
 - 2.000 prigionieri in varie son
 per lavori in miniera.

Lavoro, prevederebbe

Penisola;

VI) - Dato quanto prescritto dall'A. circa la sorveglianza sui lavori
 - paragrafo II) lettera b) - si prospetta la necessità di una rapi-
 da risoluzione del problema del personale addetto alla sorveglianza
 dei prigionieri calcolato nella seguente misura:

a) per i primi 3.000 uomini addetti alla bonifica campi minati:

Ufficiali	n. 68
Sottufficiali	" 74
Truppa	" 648
Sottufficiali CC.RR.	" 30
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(Giorgio Liuzzi)

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ECONOMIC SECTION

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WORK SHEET

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APC 394

Office of the Chief Commissioner.

Ref.

June 1945.

SUBJECT : Employment of German POW's

TO : Assistant Chief of Staff

G-5 Section, AFHQ.

1. I refer to your memorandum of 13 May 45 setting forth the conditions under which you propose German POW's might be made available for employment in Italy. The question has been discussed with the Italian Government in some detail but at the moment it would appear that the number of prisoners they wish to employ is only about 20,000. In a letter which I have received from the Prime Minister dated the 9th June, he proposes that they be disposed as follows:-

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2,000 To be similarly employed in the lower part of the Tiber valley in the Fiumicino area.

3,000 Rising eventually to 10,000 for mine clearance - disposed initially as follows:

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200 - Rimini, Cesena, Faenza, Forli, 100

- Firenze 100 - Pistoia 100 - Lucca 100

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 - 4,000 Employed in the Sardinian coal, lead and zinc mines.
 - 2,000 Employed in the lignite and pyrites mines in the Grosseto Province.
- 2. It appears to me that the next step is to settle the detail of employment on the ground and to go into Questions of administration, accommodation, and guarding.

3.

It would be in accordance with normal practice to make a reconnaissance with a party consisting of representatives of each branch of A.T.H.Q. and A.C. concerned and of the Italian Government Departments.

3. I request therefore that you set up such reconnaissance parties and that you include the following:

- (a) Representatives of the Branch or Branches of AFHQ who will be responsible for administering and maintaining the prisoners.
 - (b) Representatives of the Italian Ministries of Industry, Commerce & Labour, Agriculture, Public Works and War according to the nature of the work project under examination.
 - (c) Representative of M.M.I.A. who will have to make the arrangements with the Italian Ministry of War for the supply of the necessary guards.
 - (d) Representative of the Allied Commission.
4. It should be possible to carry out a number of the reconnaissances simultaneously and I should be glad if you would agree to them being commenced at as early a date as may be possible.

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ELLERY W. STONE
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APPROVED: A.D. Bonham-Carter, Lt.Col, C.S.O.
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14 May 1945

SUBJECT: Minutes of Conference Held at Headquarters 15th Army Group on Disposition of Surrendered Enemy Forces.

TO: See Distribution.

1. Attached are copies of minutes of a conference held at this Headquarters on 12 May 1945 on the above subject. It is requested that action on each point covered in the conference be taken as indicated in the attached minutes, without further instructions.
2. It is important that surrendered forces be disposed of at an early date. Accordingly, it is requested that prompt action be taken to implement responsibilities accepted at the conference.

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MINUTES OF CONFERENCE HELD AT HQ 15 ARMY GROUP

ON 12 MAY 45 ON DISPOSITION OF SURRENDERED ENEMY FORCES

1. PRESENT.

Presiding - Brig. Gen. R.H. TATE, A.C. of S., G-4, 15th Army Group.

AFHQ

- Major Gen. M.W.A. MACLEOD, DAG.
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Lt. Col. G.J.F. MacKay, AQMG
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Lt. Col. H.C.L. Terzin, G-4 (Tn)
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b. Fifth Army has been charged with responsibility for initial concentration of all surrendered forces of Army Group "C", wef 0001 hours, 13 May 1945. This task was given Fifth Army because the bulk of the surrendered forces is in Fifth Army's sector, and Eighth Army is engaged in occupying VENETIA GUILLA and southwestern AUSTRIA.

c. Fifth Army is now engaged in concentrating surrendered forces in initial concentration areas. This task is about completed. It is now necessary to move enemy troops to final concentration areas.

d. Following is estimate of surrendered forces and PW in the area under control of Fifth Army:

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ACTION - AFHQ
1 District

d. The principle at b above will be applied to the 33,000 PW held by Fifth Army at MODENA, but MTOUSA are anxious that as many as possible should be treated as surrendered personnel by getting them reorganized into units. MTOUSA agreed to issue a directive on classification.

ACTION - MTOUSA
Fifth Army

e. Personnel in hospitals will be treated as PW but should be returned to organized formations where possible (see also para 2f).

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ACTION - Fifth Army

4. FINAL DISARMAMENT AND DISBANDEMENT.

Major General WHITE stated that SHAEF Disbandment Directive No. 1 planned for the early return to Germany of key personnel for industry and agriculture. AFHQ will issue an instruction for registration of such personnel to take place in the Final Concentration Areas. This will not apply to SS or non-German personnel. SHAEF are being informed of our action, but otherwise nothing firm can be stated.

5. SELECTION OF CONCENTRATION AREAS - GERMAN VIEW.

a. Brig. Gen. TATE read for information a memorandum submitted by the German G-in-C Southwest requesting that concentration should take place in the South Tyrol on the principal grounds of:

- (1) Avoidance of move of hospitals.
- (2) Available accommodation.
- (3) Better climate.
- (4) Hostility of PO Valley population.
- (5) Threat of desertion becoming uncontrollable in event of move.

It was decided to ignore this request.

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ACTION - Fifth Army

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ACTION - AFHQ,
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DMRS

8. RESPONSIBILITY OF US AND BRITISH IN FINAL CONCENTRATION AREA.

Agreed this should be on 50-50 basis taking a cross section of all categories as far as possible, except in the case of Italians (see para 6 above).

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ACTION - Fifth Army

9. DISPOSITION OF SS AND OTHER SPECIAL CATEGORY PERSONNEL.

a. G-2, 15th Army Group, stated that about 60,000 SS and other Special category personnel were now held, of which approximately 55,000 were SS and a very small proportion Italian. It was agreed that it was most essential that there should be no further delay in evacuating the SS personnel to PW cages out of the Army area.

b. It was agreed that movement would take place approximately as follows:

(1)	To <u>PBS</u> -	14 May	5,000
		15 May	10,000
		16 May	10,000

(2) To 1 District - Commencing 17 May as rapidly as possible at rate of approximately 10,000 per day, dependent on movement facilities and 1 District capacity to accept.

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e. Fifth Army agreed to increase the guard over SS troops in the Army area once movement had started in order to prevent attempts at desertion.

f. Agreed that all such personnel will be classified as PW and should be disarmed prior to movement to PW cages.

ACTION - AFHQ
Fifth Army
PBS
1 District

10. DISPOSITION OF LUFTWAFFE PERSONNEL.

It was agreed these should be treated exactly the same as other surrendered forces, and no special priority would be given to their evacuation. They would be split 50-50 between US and British.

ACTION - Fifth Army

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ACTION - Fifth Army

12. MOVEMENT OF CIVILIANS FROM FINAL CONCENTRATION AREAS.

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a. No eviction of civilians to take place except for their own protection and after agreement with AC. In order to avoid delays AC were asked to ensure a reasonable policy would be adopted and that powers of decision on such matters be delegated to Regional Commissioners.

ACTION - 1 District
AC

b. MRS desired to place on record that there was unlikely to be any capacity for movement of civilians by rail.

13. PHASING OF SURRENDERED FORCES INTO FINAL CONCENTRATION AREA.

a. It was agreed that the following priorities should be observed:

- (1) German HQ (probably Corps) with Engineer and Signal Recce parties.
- (2) Engineer units.
- (3) Hospitals and sanitary units.
- (4) Essential Service troops.
- (5) Remainder of Force.

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- (1) HQ Army Group 80th.
- (2) HQ Tenth Army.
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ACTION - Fifth Army
1 District

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ACTION - 15th Army Group
Fifth Army
1 District
NTUSA

15. USE OF BUILDINGS BY SURRENDERED FORCES IN FINAL CONCENTRATION AREA.

a. No eviction of civilians for surrendered forces except for hospitals.

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- b. Any vacant buildings or buildings becoming vacant as a result of movement of tenants out of the area may be used.
- c. Any buildings previously requisitioned by the Allies and not yet derequisitioned may be used.
- d. Otherwise German or Allied tentage or improvised shelters must be used.

ACTION - 1 District
ATOUUSA

16. DISPOSITION OF SENSITIVE GERMAN OFFICERS.

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ACTION - Fifth Army
AFHQ

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ACTION - AFHQ

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c. CSO, 15th Army Group, stated there would be a requirement for employment of certain signal construction units under CSO L of C. It was agreed that if possible these should not be brought into the Final Concentration Area, but would be counted against the British allocation and be a British commitment. CSO undertook to give further details of the units required.

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d. It was agreed that Mine Clearing personnel and equipment should be divided equally between British and US.

ACTION - Fifth Army
MRS
CSO 15th Army
Group

20. DISPOSITION OF SURRENDERED FORCES IN PRESENT EIGHTH ARMY ZONES OF ACTION.

Eighth Army are holding some 40,000 Germans and 50,000 Cossacks, of which latter 20,000 are women and children, in their present Zone of Action. CAC has been informed and has stated that AFHQ will issue a policy decision on disposal. Meanwhile Eighth Army will be responsible for maintenance of these personnel.

ACTION - AFHQ
Eighth Army

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c. It was emphasized that classification of German personnel by civilian occupation must proceed as rapidly as possible. General MCNARNEY has directed that conversion of the units must not require longer than six weeks. This time limitation is necessary in order that staging areas at PBS can be cleared for redeployment of troops. Some 90,000 German personnel must be provided for by that time in order to clear these staging areas. The German personnel will take over the equipment and the accommodation now being utilized by the Italian units. When the conversion of an Italian unit has been accomplished so that the personnel can be released, the organization which now has operational control of such a unit will report this fact to G-3, AFHQ, for disposition of the Italian personnel. German personnel will not be used to release Italian civilian personnel. Also it is considered impracticable to work the Germans along-side Italian civilians.

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d. The surrendered personnel may be used on any type of work including clearing of mines, after the proper training and the provision of equipment. For the present, German personnel classified as PWs can only be used on work as provided by the Geneva Convention. Within these limitations General MACGRUDER pointed out that maximum use of the German personnel could be used for units to be redeployed. He cautioned about the use of German personnel in maintenance units at the moment, inasmuch as the maintenance program is critical and it is desired that nothing be done which would retard the progress of the present program.

e. It was announced that the technical service regiments would remain at present under the command of PBS and Fifth Army for the control of the Italian PW and military units which remain, and, for the German units, which are formed.

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ACTION - MTCUSA
Fifth Army
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15th ARMY GROUP

APO 777

AG 091.711-0

26 April 1945

SUBJECT: Classes of Germans and Italians Who Should be Detained in the Event of Surrender of German Armed Forces

TO: Supreme Allied Commander
Allied Forces
APO 512

MMIA-'G'
FILE: G/805
DATE: R/4/5

1. It is recommended that the following classes of Germans and Italians should be detained for security reasons in the event of surrender of the German Armed Forces in Italy:

a. Germans

(1) All SS Police Units. These include some 10 SS Police Regiments, estimated strength 12 - 15,000, all Kasernierte Polizei units, estimated strength 1000. The Divisional or Army Military Police units should not come in this category, as they will be needed to assist in maintaining order. All German officers and NCO's of 1 Italian Waffen SS Division and the German cadre personnel of 24 SS Mountain Division at present in North East Italy should be put into Camps. Estimated total, 1,000 to 1,500.

(2) Any troops of the Brandenburg Regiment (sabotage troops and trained in subversive activities) and Spreng Kommandos (demolition troops). Estimated total, 1,000.

(3) All members of German secret intelligence and secret police organizations; viz, ABWEHR, Sicherheitsdienst, GESTAPO, (including Grenz Polizei) and Geheime Feld Polizei, and any other office, branch, or department of the Reichssicherheitshauptamt not already specified, and any special units or organizations under its command, many Intelligence personnel at Division Headquarters level and above will probably have to be detained at a later stage. Approximately 600.

(4) All NSFO's (Nazi Commissars). Estimated 100.

(5) Members of Propaganda Companies including the Propaganda Staff HOTZ and 699 Pz Propaganda Company. Approximately 400.

(6) A certain number of senior officers and General Staff Officers known to be ardent Nazis. The placing of these in detention could probably wait until disarmament has been completed. Approximately 250.

(7) All Germans who are known to be War Criminals or who may be classed as such after the surrender. Estimated 100.

(8) Marine Einsatz Kommando 80 and Meeres-Kampfer Group of the K.d.K (Kommando der Fverbände) (estimated total 100).

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(9) Certain personnel, as indicated, of the following organizations should be taken into custody provided that they can be spared or as soon as they can be replaced:

NSKK (Nazi Kraftfahrkorps): Officers of the rank of Staffelfuhrer and above.
TENÖ (Technische Nothilfe): Officers of the rank of Landesfuhrer and above.
RAD (Reichsarbeitsdienst): Officers of the rank of Arbeitsfuhrer and above.
TODT Organization: All German personnel.
(Estimated total, 1000).

The above does not include parachute troops of which it is estimated there are 40,000, or German officers and NCO's from Armed Forces between the ages of 18 and 25, the latter amounting to approximately 60-70,000 of which 10,000 are officers. Both of these classes of Germans form a possible source, in the first place, for potential guerillas for activities in the establishment of a National Redoubt and in the latter class, they form the most likely source of any underground revival of National Socialism. Since there is no positive evidence that the groups as a whole intend to operate along the lines indicated, it is suggested that in view of the numbers involved, that these two classes be treated at least initially as the ordinary German formation unless evidence comes to light which indicates their intention to continue or revive resistance. In this case they must be detained pending disposition. In any case we must be prepared to take the necessary action to implement this.

b. Italians. A large number of Italians, especially those most incriminated in the eyes of their compatriots, will either attempt to fade into obscurity or else be liquidated by local partisans. Any Italians of the following classes who surrender should be detained for security reasons:

(1) All Italian SS Officers, NCO's and troops, in particular members of 1 Italian Waffen SS Division. Approximately 20,000.

(2) Members of Black Brigades and local anti-partisan units, including TAGLIAMENTO Regiment.

(3) Members of "M" Battalions, especially members of the affiliated ARDITI Battalions which are found in most of the large cities.

(4) Troops of the "Republican" FOLGORE Regiment (FOLGORE Battalion and NEMBO Battalion), and of the VEGA Battalion, the NP Battalion and GAMMA Group of 10 FLOTILS. Approximately 4,000.

(5) All personnel of Fascist Training Schools and Anti-Partisan Schools. Approximately 3,000.

(6) Token senior officers of Italian Republican Divisions.

Total number of Italians, up to 90,000. However, it is considered that a large proportion will be liquidated or go into hiding.

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- c. Neither German G.I.F or Naval personnel have been considered.
2. Estimated total of personnel to be detained initially:
 - a. Germans 15,000 - 18,000
 - b. Italians up to 90,000
105,000 - 108,000
 - c. Total does not include parachute troops or 18 to 25 year age group included in paragraph above.
3. Although initially none of the above classes will be classified as prisoners of war, it is recommended that normal prisoner of war channels be used for evacuation, administration, interrogation, etc. This would greatly aid in arriving at final disposition of the above classes of Germans and Italians, and of selecting those who may be declared as prisoners of war by Supreme Allied Commander.
4. The above recommendations should not be included in the instructions issued by Commanding General, 15th Army Group, to Commander-in-Chief, South West, but should be issued as a part of secret instructions to the Armies implementing.
5. Copies of this letter have been sent to Fifth and Eighth Armies in order to facilitate their planning.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

s/ A. M. Gruenther
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Major General, GSC
Chief of Staff

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS, APO 512, 11 May 1945

TO: Commanding General, 15th Army Group, APO 777

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1. Although it is agreed that the categories of German and Italian surrendered personnel mentioned in paragraph 1a and b, of the basic communication, with the exception of parachute troops, may need to be segregated and placed in confinement, it is not possible to pass all disarmed surrendered troops through normal prisoner of war channels as appears to be indicated in paragraph 3 of your letter for the following reasons:

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- a. the cage space in ITALY is totally inadequate to deal with the numbers
 - b. the large amount of movement involved in sending them back to base cages (LEGHORN for United States captures and TRIENTO for British captures), and then returning them to the North of ITALY after screening, is unjustified and undesirable;
 - c. the difficulties created by having in the same cage, prisoners of war on one scale of rations and system of documentation, and disarmed troops on a different scale, would lead to endless confusion and disension.
2. Consequently, on receipt by you of the order of battle of the enemy surrendered forces, troops of the categories mentioned in paragraph 1a and b of your letter, may be segregated in your discretion as far as your resources allow, having regard to the policy that surrendered enemy forces should be left with sufficient key personnel to enable them to be self-administering. Notice should then be given of the desire to evacuate to PW cages as outlined in paragraph 16c of AFHQ letter, file AG 323/061 GDS-O, dated 3 April 1945, subject: "Occupation of North East Italy", relating to recalcitrant enemy personnel.
 3. From information received from the German emissaries, it is likely that the numbers who require segregation will be somewhat in excess of the estimate in paragraph 2a of your letter. The estimate given by the German emissaries for German SS and Police is 57,454. On the other hand, your estimate of Italian troops that require segregation appears to be in excess of the actual numbers, as the German emissaries gave a total figure of 90,000 for all Italian troops, and it is considered that not more than 20 per cent of these will be classified as recalcitrant.
 4. Personnel not in the categories mentioned but who are considered dangerous to security should be treated in the same way as indicated in paragraph 2, above.
 5. Detailed instructions on the treatment of surrendered personnel are in the course of preparation and will be issued shortly.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

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