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To: Chief Commissioner.

Reference attached letter from Mr. MacMillan.

All salvage and scrap material is disposed off in terms of regulations laid down. It was decided after considerable discussion at this Headquarters that the best way to handle the disposal of all salvage and surplus material was through the Italian Government. In every instance the Italian Government have first refusal of any material which is available - in very few instances and only when the Italian Government refuse material offered is the material sold on the open market.

If the Acting President has in mind material such as clothing, rags and canvas, this is at present being remade and issued:-

65% to Italian workers, working for Allied Forces.
25% to Italian Ministry of Industry and Commerce
for such distribution as they think fit.
15% to Civil Affairs Section for Displaced Persons
and Patriots.

Material actually reduced to rags and beyond repair is passed to I.C.E. who disposes of woollen rags to textile manufacturers and cotton rags to paper manufacturers.

The price of all scrap is fixed by PBS and British Salvage and payments are made by the buyers to the Italian Government in Lire who make credits to the British or American Governments in Sterling or Dollars.

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Number of Italian POW held by Allies.by U.S.A.

in U.S.A.	50000
in Algeria and Italy	30000
in France	30000
	<u>110000</u>

by Great Britain

in England, France and Italy	120000
in E. Africa	50000
S. Africa	45000
Australia	15000
W. Africa	3000
Middle East	50000
Algeria	21000
India, Ceylon and Aden	35000
	<u>339000</u>

by France

in N. Africa	<u>35000</u>
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by Russia

	<u>70000</u>
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These are all Red Cross figures

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*Original taken to President by
 Maj. Partridge 9/2/45
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No. of Italian POW held by Allies.British held

England	120,000
India & other	
British countries	220,000
Italy	15,000

American held

America	50,000
Italy	24,500

There are a number of co-operators both British and American held now in France - these figures we only have approx. from Italian Red Cross.

American held	30,000
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French held in N.Africa	35,000
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Russian held	70,000 (this figure is very questionable)
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Chief of Staff.

9 January 1945

Reference 219/4/COS dated 6 January 1945.

MEMORANDUM
Attached is ~~statement~~ (in duplicate) setting out in-
formation for the Acting President on the status of Italian
Prisoners of War.

(Sgd) J. A. CAMPBELL.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APC 394

WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND

ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR SUB COMMISSION

9 January 1945

MEMORANDUM REGARDING STATUS OF ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR.

1. The present status of Italian co-operators working in Italy remains that of Prisoner of War.
2. Since the early days of the Badoglio Government representation has continually been made to the Allied Commission by the Italian Government to remove from Prisoner of War status all Italian soldiers held as such by the Allies.
3. These requests have been forwarded to higher authority by this Headquarters and a ruling asked for. In June the question became more involved as it was then suggested that a number of Italian Prisoner of War co-operators from North Africa should be brought to Italy to work with the British Forces. The Commission advised against this action but to-day in Italy there are 15,000 Italian co-operators employed with British Forces and 3,000 with American Forces. On the arrival of their prisoners in Italy the Italian Government again made representation that these Italians should not be given the stigma of Prisoner of War in their own country.
4. Considerable correspondence passed between Allied Force Headquarters and this Headquarters not only regarding Italian co-operators in Italy but also regarding 30,000 which were transferred from North Africa to France.
5. The question of the status of Italian Prisoners of War in Italy obviously involved their status in other countries and in the middle of November the Chief Commissioner wrote to Allied Force Headquarters forwarding a translation of a letter from Prime Minister Bonomi suggesting that a meeting be called to consider the matter with Anglo American and Italian Representatives only.

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6. The question was considered at the meetings of the Political Committee, Allied Force Headquarters and in a letter dated 23 November from the Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, the Commission was requested to ask the Italian Government to present their suggestions as to how the status of Prisoner of War could be removed from prisoners held in this theatre.
7. The question was put to the Italian Government, and a conference was held with the Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War and representatives of the Italian War Ministry and the Italian Government's suggestions are awaited.
8. The position as understood by this Sub-Commission is:
 - a.) The Italian Government want the status of Prisoner of War removed from all Italians held by the Allies as Prisoners of War but more especially those in Italy. A scheme by the Italian Government as to how this can be achieved without upsetting the war effort is in course of preparation. The Italian press continually refer to the question and blame the Italian Government.

b) The American Government is not unsympathetic to the Italian wishes and would appear to be prepared to consider the matter.

c) The British Government do not see how the status of Prisoner of War can be removed without upsetting a machine which is at present working satisfactorily and are against any change of status.

9. Italian Prisoners of War in British hands, with the exception of those in India, are nearly all working for the war effort.

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Office of the Chief Commissioner

Ref. 219/5 /COS.

8 January 1945

SUBJECT: Information for the Acting President.

TO : DCOS, CA Section
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1. Reference 219/4/COS dated 6 Jan 45.
2. Sections and Sub Commissions concerned will submit their statements IN DUPLICATE.

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6 January 1945.

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1. The Acting President is anxious to acquaint himself on some of the more important items of the Commission's work. Some of these are defined on the accompanying list together with the section or Independent Sub-Commission responsible and the office or officers who should, subject to agreement of Heads of Sections, present the information.

2. Heads of Sections and Independent Sub-Commissions will furnish to Chief of Staff by 9th January a short statement (not exceeding 500 words) on each subject, giving the salient facts and figures and will be ready to discuss at a personal interview with Mr. Macmillan on or after 10th January. The object of these interviews is two-fold: (a) to bring the Acting President up to date on the various subjects; (b) to afford the Acting President an opportunity of renewing his acquaintance with the officers and officials of the Sections and Sub-Commissions concerned.

3. The Acting President will wish to be informed of future progress in these matters and Heads of Sections and Independent Sub-Commissions will furnish further information thereon to Chief of Staff from time to time.

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<u>Subject.</u>	<u>Section of Sub-Commission.</u>	<u>Officer Concerned.</u>
1. Food: (a) Generally, but especially the question of the 300 gramme ration. (b) Distribution.	Economic Sec. Food Sub-Com.	Col. Denamore (A) Col. Legg (B)
✓ 2. Status of Italian Prisoners of War in ITALY.	Political Sec. W.D. & I.W. Sub-Com	Mr. Hopkinson (B) ✓ Mr. Schott (A) Lt. Col. Campbell (B)
3. Epuration.	Civil Affairs Sec	Brig. Upjohn (B)
4. Housing. Repair of damaged houses and living conditions of the people	Public Works & Utilities Sub-Com	Lt. Col. Jenny (A) Lt. Col. Craig (B)
5. Roads & Bridges. What progress the Italians are making.	Public Works & Utilities Sub-Com	Lt. Col. Jenny (A) Lt. Col. Rhodes (B)
6. Transport. (Carrandini is said to have been promised 500 trucks in England). Motor tyres and bicycle tyres.	Transportation Sub-Commission.	Mr. Taylor (A) Col. Thomas (B)
7. Industrial reconstruction. For instance, what is happening to the Galito hydro-electric plant?	Industry Sub-Com Public Works & Utilities Sub-Com	Mr. Vaughan (A) Lt. Col. Jenny (A)
8. Local Elections.	Local Government Sub-Commission.	Col. Spicer (B)
9. Carabinieri. Their clothing, equipment and status.	Public Safety Sub-Commission.	Col. Chapman (A)
10. C.I.P. and control of oil in Italy.	Economic Sec. Commerce Sub-Com.	Mr. Cleveland (A) Maj. Breton (B)
11. The Lira Account.	Finance Sub-Com	Col. Crafftey-Smith (B) Comd. Lawler (A)
12. Land Reform - especially in Southern Italy and Sicily.	Agriculture Sub-Commission	Mr. Allbaugh (A)
13. Statement of facts about, and of the limiting factors in Italian recruitment	Land Forces Sub-Commission.	Major-General Browning (B)
14. Civilianisation:	Establishment	Col. Fiske (A)

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13. Statement of facts about, and of the limiting factors in Italian rearmament	Land Forces Sub-Commission.	Major-General Browning (B)
14. Civilianisation: (a) Progress in obtaining American civilians (b) Progress in obtaining British civilians	Establishment Section.	Col.Fiske (A) Lt.Col.Jones (B)
15. Italian Minister for Occupied Territory.	Civil Affairs Sec	Brig.Upjohn (B)
16. Question of enlistment into Italian Army of patriots who cross the line. Patriot policy generally.	Land Forces Sub-Commission. Civil Affairs Sec	Col.Kerr (A) Lt.Col.Craig (B)
17. Displaced Persons UNRRA IGOR	Displaced Persons UNRRA IGOR	Col.Findlay (B) Mr.Keeny (A) Sir Clifford Heathcote Smith(B)

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