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E X T R A C T**I - ESTABLISHMENT OF UNITED STATES GROUP CONTROL COUNCIL (AUSTRIA)**

1. In compliance with the provisions of JCS 1169/2, subject: "Planning for Military Government in Austria," dated 16 December 1944, and of JCS 1169/3, subject: "Acceptance by the United States of Zone of Occupation in Austria," dated 25 December 1944, and Message WX-83322, there is hereby established a US nucleus planning staff designated as the US Group Control Council (Austria).

2. The Commanding General, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, U.S. Army, assumes command of the US Group Control Council (Austria).

3. Brigadier General LESTER D. FLORY, 012320, USA, is designated as Acting Deputy USGCC (Austria), and is charged with the following mission:

a. Developing, for approval by the Commanding General, MTOUSA, detailed plans for:

- (1) The organization, personnel, and equipment requirements of USGCC (Austria).
- (2) The requirements of army, navy and air disarmament, demobilization and related agencies to be employed in the US zone of occupation.

b. Acting as the Theater Commander's agent in carrying out liaison with the US Delegation on the European Advisory Commission with respect to the development of US policy in Austria.

c. Developing, for approval by the Commanding General, MTOUSA, policies consistent with those of higher authority which will give effect to US views with respect to Austria and which will serve as the basis for US negotiations and conversations.

d. Coordinating with Military Government planning agencies at AFHQ the preparation of plans for initial functioning of elements of the USGCC (Austria) introduced into Austria during the period of the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theater's responsibility.

e. Liaison with the Allied counterparts of the US Group and with USGCC (Germany).

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4. To facilitate initial planning and to maintain close liaison with the European Advisory Commission, with the Allied counterparts of the staff referred to in paragraph 1 above, and with the USGCC (Germany), the US Group Control Council (Austria) will be located temporarily in London at a place to be designated by the Commanding General, ETOUSA. Liaison will be maintained with this Headquarters.

5. General Flory will report periodically to the Commanding General, MTOUSA. The assistance of the General Staff at this Headquarters will be available to him in formulating plans for the organization of the USGCC (Austria) and in the procurement of the necessary facilities and personnel therefor.

6. With the concurrence of the Commanding General, ETOUSA, General Flory is authorized to deal directly with the Commanding General, Communications Zone, ETOUSA for accommodations, personnel, and equipment to the extent available. Such additional personnel as may be needed will be requested from this Headquarters.

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By command of Lieutenant General McNARNEY:

GEORGE D. PENCE,
Brigadier General, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

C. W. CHRISTENSEN
Colonel, IGD,
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GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 4)

8 January 1945

ANNOUNCEMENT OF DEPUTY THEATER COMMANDER,
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS

Announcement is made of the appointment of Major General OTTO L. NELSON, JR., 015713, USA, as Deputy Theater Commander, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, United States Army.

By command of Lieutenant General McNARNEY:

GEORGE D. PENCE,
Brigadier General, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

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GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 3)

7 January 1945

1. Attention is invited to the following statement of our President and Commander-in-Chief in his annual address on "The State of the Union" made on the opening of the 79th Congress:

"The tremendous operations in Western Europe have overshadowed in the public mind the less spectacular but vitally important Italian front. Its place in the strategic conduct of the war in Europe has been obscured, and by some people, unfortunately underrated.

It is important that any misconception on that score be corrected now.

What the Allied Forces in Italy are doing is a well considered part in our strategy in Europe, now aimed at only one objective, the total defeat of the Germans. These valiant forces in Italy are continuing to keep a substantial portion of the German Army under constant pressure, including some 20 first line German Divisions and the necessary supply and transport and replacement troops, all of which our enemies need so badly elsewhere.

Over very difficult terrain and through adverse weather conditions, our Fifth Army and the British Eighth Army, reinforced by units from other United Nations, including a brave and well equipped unit of the Brazilian Army, have, in the past year, pushed north through bloody Cassino and the Anzio beachhead, and through Rome until now they occupy heights overlooking the valley of the Po.

The greatest tribute which can be paid to the courage and fighting ability of these splendid soldiers in Italy is to point out that although their strength is about equal to that of the Germans they oppose, the Allies have been continuously on the offensive.

That pressure, that offensive by our troops in Italy will continue.

The American people, and every soldier now fighting in the Apennines, should remember that the Italian front has not lost any of the importance which it had in the days when it was the only Allied front in Europe."

2. It is desired that the President's statement be brought to the attention of all personnel of this command.

By command of Lieutenant General McNARNEY:

MILLER G. WHITE,
Major General, GSC,
Acting Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

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W. C. CHRISTENSEN,
Colonel, AGD,
Acting Adjutant General.

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1 January 1945

NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

Never before has the vital importance of the Italian Front been so obvious as in this crisis of the great counter-offensive which the Germans have launched against our forces in Luxembourg and Belgium.

The great number of men and vast amount of supply needed by the Germans to pursue the Italian Campaign is costing him dearly now in his all-out, desperate counter-attack on the Western Front.

Anything short of a superhuman effort on our part, any slackening in our effort, means a longer and more difficult war. It is not enough for us merely to hold and engage the enemy force. We must carry the fight to him and destroy him. We must force him to pour more and more men and supplies into Italy.

As we enter the New Year I call on every one of you, in every branch of the Service, to drive yourselves to the utmost, to give your last ounce of courage and determination, and to destroy the enemy ruthlessly wherever you find him. Only by putting all that we have into this final battle for victory can we be assured that the New Year will bring us the peace and the reunion with our own that we all so much desire. May good fortune attend your efforts.

Joseph T. McNarney
JOSEPH T. McNARNEY
Lieutenant General, U.S. Army
Commanding.

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GENERAL ORDERS)

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19 December 1944

CHRISTMAS MESSAGES

1. The following special Christmas messages have been received from the Commander-in-Chief, the President of the United States:

TO OUR ILL AND WOUNDED FIGHTERS

"With a deep personal sense of obligation I welcome the privilege of sending to you this Christmas day, a message of admiration and affection. You have given of your blood and health to restore to Christmas its meaning and to make the spirit of Christmas genuinely prevail throughout the world. It takes courage to fight on a battle front and it takes courage to fight from a hospital bed. We would not cheapen your hours of heroism by wishing you a "Merry Christmas" but we wish you to know that we are with you in spirit, in comradeship and in faith."

TO THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE ARMED FORCES

"On behalf of a grateful Nation, I send to the men and women of our Armed Forces everywhere warm and confident good wishes this 4th Christmas of War. On Christmas Day more than on any other day, we remember you with pride and with humility; with anguish and with joy. We shall keep on remembering you all the days of our lives."

It is, therefore, with solemn pride that I salute those who stand in the forefront of the struggle to bring back to a suffering world the way of life symbolized by the spirit of Christmas."

(signed) FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

2. It is desired that the President's messages be read or otherwise brought to the personal attention of all personnel of this command on the morning of Christmas Day.

By command of Lieutenant General McNARNEY:

OFFICIAL:

MILLER G. WHITE,
Major General, GSC,
Acting Chief of Staff.

G. W. CHRISTENSEN,
Colonel, AGD,
Acting Adjutant General.

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GENERAL ORDERS)
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20 December 1944

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

1. The following Special Christmas Message has been received from General of the Army George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff, United States Army:

"Since my Christmas message a year ago a great change has come over the Army. In Europe our troops with the British are attacking the enemy along a thousand mile front. American bombers and fighters are covering all of Germany. In the Pacific more and more troops and planes are being deployed against the enemy, and with the tremendous blows of the Navy, the liberation of the Philippines is now well within our reach. In Burma and China, American planes are punishing the Japs with the vigorous support of our ground echelons. The nation is thankful for the victories of recent months, for the magnificent work and sacrifices of the men in the field. The people are very proud of the Army and they have great confidence in its ability to crush the enemy's final resistance.

This Christmas message goes to every man and woman in the service with my personal thanks for what each of you is doing for the honor and security of AMERICA and for the liberation of oppressed people throughout the world. I am aware of the hardships and the hazards that are your daily portion and I am conscious of the price you pay for every victory. May the Lord watch over you and may you find, wherever you are, some cheer in this Christmas season."

2. It is desired that the message of the Chief of Staff be read or otherwise brought to the attention of all personnel of this command on the morning of Christmas Day.

By command of Lieutenant General McNARNEY:

MILLER G. WHITE,
Major General, GSC,
Acting Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

Christie Berry
C. W. CHRISTIE BERRY,
Colonel, AGD,
Acting Adjutant General.

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21 December 1944

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

1. The following Special Christmas Message has been received from The Honorable Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of War:

"At this Christmas season the thoughts of the entire nation are with the troops. The candles which burn in the windows are beamed straight from the heart of AMERICA to the men and women in uniform. Wherever you are stationed, it is your Christmas that we hope to share.

I have a very personal knowledge of your service and your sacrifices. I have been with you on distant fronts where your courage has overcome the fiercest resistance of the enemy. The pride I feel in your valor has been deepened by the evidence of your humanity and your dignity in foreign lands. In liberated areas, I have seen the gratitude of people whom you have rescued from the oppression and misery engendered by a savage foe. This year, because of you, the meaning of Christmas has been restored to them.

From millions of homes the spirit of Christmas flows out to the Posts and Bases and Battle lines where Americans serve throughout the world. From thousands of altars the nation offers up its prayers for you in the midst of War. In sending you my warmest greetings I express the admiration of a grateful nation for your courage and fortitude. Through you the joy of Christmas will return once more to a world at peace."

2. It is desired that this message be read or otherwise brought to the attention of all personnel of this command on the morning of Christmas Day.

By command of Lieutenant General McHARNEY:

MILLER G. WHITE,
Major General, GSC,
Acting Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

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GENERAL ORDERS)

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16 December 1944

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMANDING GENERAL FIFTH ARMY

Announcement is made of the appointment of Lieutenant General LUCIAN K. TRUSCOTT, JR., 07096, USA, as Commanding General, Fifth Army, vice Lieutenant General MARK W. CLARK, 05309, USA.

By command of Lieutenant General McNARNEY:

MILLER G. WHITE,
Major General, GSC,
Acting Chief of Staff.

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GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 110)

22 October 1944

ASSUMPTION OF COMMAND

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-20 and in compliance with War Department radio number 'X-49086, dated 19 October 1944, the undersigned assumes command of the North African Theater of Operations, United States Army, effective at 2130A hours 22 October 1944.

JOSEPH T. McHARNEY
Lieutenant General, U.S. Army
Commanding.

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