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15 November 1944.

CONFERENCE OF FORWARD REGIONS AND ARMY AMG's TO BE HELD AT THE PREFETTURA, SIENA, ON 17 NOV 44 at 1000 hrs.

AGENDA

1. Opening Remarks by CoS.

   (a) Administration of EMILIA Region.
   (b) Visits by Ministers to Army Areas and AMG Regions.
   (c) Distribution of land (Gazetta Ufficiale 77).
   Not to be implemented in AMG territory.

2. Minutes of the last Meeting.

3. Political situation.

4. Civil Affairs Section.

   (a) Movement of civilians - Move of Control line - Abolition of restricted line.
   (b) Patriots - Rations - Camps.
   (c) Implementation of decrees in forward areas.
   (d) Posting of G.O. 35 (defascism) in forward areas.

5. Civil Affairs Section HQ AAI.

   (a) 2 District Questionnaire, N.W. Italy.
   (b) Move from CHIANCIANO.

6. Economic Section.

   (a) Industrial Coordination Committee, Northern Regions.
   (b) Hiring of transport.

7. Any other business.

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Ref: 511/29/COS. 19 November 1944.

MINUTES OF CONFERENCE HELD AT SIENA ON FRIDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 1944.

The following were present:

Acting Chief of Staff.
DCCAO, HQ AAI.
DCOS, CA Section
A/Head, Economic Section.
SCAO, AMG 5 Army.
SCAO, AMG 8 Army.
RC's, LAZIO-UMBRIA, ABRUZZI-MARCHE, TOSCANA, EMILIA, LIGURIA, PIEMONTE, LOMBARDIA and VENEZIA Regions.
Representatives from Econ and CA Secs.
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A/COS mentioned that approval had been given on the discretion of SCAO AMG 8 Army, if the situation became static, to set up an administrative HQ under his control staffed by personnel from Region EMILIA and 8 Army to administer the Provinces in Army area.

A/COS read out a letter sent by the CC to the Prime Minister

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A/COS read out a letter sent by the CC to the Prime Minister regarding the restriction of visits of Ministers to Army areas. He also read a telegram received from HQ AAI saying that no political meetings might be held in the Army areas. Col.Kirkwood asked whether a political meeting which had been requested for SIENA should be permitted, as SIENA was just outside the Army area. A/COS said that it was in his discretion to refuse permission for military reasons if he so wished.

A/COS referred to an Italian Government decree regarding the return of land to the peasants and stated that this decree would not be implemented in the Army areas.

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ACTION BY. 2. Political. Mr. Harry Hopkinson reported that his predecessor, Mr. Harold Caccia, had recently left the Commission for employment in a special post in GREECE which it is hoped will be but temporary.

As regards foreign relations, the most important development since the last meeting was the announcement on 25 October of the assumption of direct relations between the Italian Government and the American and British Governments. The position was that Mr.Kirk would be Ambassador with full powers but that Sir Noel Charles, while holding the rank of Ambassador, did not at present have full powers. In the last analysis, however, their position would amount to the same thing.

Mr.Eden's visit was construed by the Italian Press as indicating a desire to resume more friendly relations. Mr. Hopkinson reported that negotiations were proceeding for an exchange of representatives with the French and that French-Italian relations were showing a decided improvement.

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3. Minutes of last Meeting. No comments.

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COS.

Brig.Upjohn asked whether patriot representatives from ROME were required. Except for 8 Army who said that they would like 6 representatives, it was decided that 2 representatives should be sent to each Regional HQ and that other representatives should be withdrawn. Regions would take their chance on finding further representatives in the North. 5 Army found patriot representatives from ROME were not persona grata with their patriots.

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ACTION BY.

5. Civilian Movement. Colonel Young briefly outlined the present position and emphasised that Army interests were in conflict with AC interests. The difficulty at present was the town of FLORENCE. 5 Army wished free movement in the town of FLORENCE. Col.Gibson, GSI(b), HQ AAI, stated the case from the point of view of the Army and after discussion agreed to recommend to HQ AAI that free movement be allowed in the Province of FLORENCE South of the ARNO. This would also include free movement in the town of FLORENCE North of the ARNO. The Army Control Line would not be moved.

Brig.Upjohn asked whether it would be possible to do away with the restricted line or at any rate move it further North. After discussion Colonel Gibson agreed to recommend to AAI that the line be moved North so as to include the Province of VITERBO in the free zone.

6. Posting of General Order No.35 (Defascism). Brig.Upjohn said that it was most important that Regions should only carry out epuration either in the manner laid down by the Executive Memorandum, or leave it to be carried out by the Italians under DLL 159 of 27 July 1944. With regard to Executive Memorandum No.67 he reminded RC's that Lists "A" and "B" had to be married together and were not to be used separately, i.e., only an official appearing on List "A" who who also had a Fascist character mentioned in List "B" would be suspended. Persons were not to be removed merely because they were holding positions in List "A" without reference to their Fascist character, or, on the other hand, who were Fascists in List "B" without reference to their official position in List "A".

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8. Move from CHIANCIANO. DCCAO reported that he had investigated the possibility of moving Regions from CHIANCIANO. There were a number of EM/ORs not in active employment whom he thought would be better in ROME where they could be temporarily employed as additional military police. RC's stated that they had some unemployed EM/ORs but that generally speaking these were of low medical category and that they would not be suitable for the employment proposed. ORVIETO was a possible alternative accommodation centre but communications were no better than at CHIANCIANO. DCCAO raised

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Est Sec RC's LOMBARDIA, PIEMONTE & LIGURIA.

that (a) Est Sec would look into the question of finding accommodation in ROME; (b) RC's would report the number of EM/ORs available now for temporary employment and the amount of transport available for use elsewhere under the direct control of its own Regional personnel.

9. Hiring of Transport. Reference was made to a proposal some two months ago that transport should be hired instead of requisitioned. A scheme had been prepared for hiring transport in BOLOGNA by 5 Army and Region EMILIA. After discussion it was decided that the experiment of hiring should be carried out in BOLOGNA and that Econ Sec would issue a control directive on the subject.

Econ Sec.

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ACTION BY. 9. Food Situation. Mr.Antolini referred to the President's statement that 300grams would be made available throughout all liberated Italy. He said that 300 grams could be given if the northern stockpiles were used and if a shipping programme to replenish these stockpiles could be arranged. He also stated that supplementary rations were practically exhausted. This was a point in favour of increasing the ration to 300 grams but he pointed out the danger in depleting the northern stockpiles to enable this increase to be made, if, when we got to the North, we found less grain than we counted on. RCs were asked whether they were in favour of increasing the ration to 300 grams or leaving it at the present figure of an equivalent of 225 grams and not touching the Northern stockpiles. RCs were generally of the opinion that it was essential to increase the ration to 300 grams since the public announcement of the President, coupled with the failure to give the extra ration, was producing much dissatisfaction.

Econ Sec. Mr.Antolini referred to the Industrial Coordination Committee which had been decided upon and promised to send the terms of reference to RCs.

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11. AMG Eighth Army.

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Econ Sec. on the questions of the ration scale, provision of petrol and transport for SAN MARINO but had not received an answer. Pol Sec had passed the papers to Econ Sec who undertook to give an early reply.

8 Army had asked whether the Government of SAN MARINO
Pol Sec & Econ Sec. could get permission to go to BARI to collect some wine which it had purchased. Pol Sec and Econ Sec would look into the matter.

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ACTION BY. 11. AMG Eighth Army (Cont'd)

(b) Distribution of Grain in ANCONA and PESARO Provinces. 8 Army had authorised the issue of one quintal of grain per head in these two Provinces in order to save the grain from going bad. There was no storage available and the grain was in such condition that the only means of saving it was by issue to individuals. They had received a strong letter from HQ and complained that the censure contained in the last paragraph was not justified. Mr. Antolini contended that if large quantities such as this were issued by 8 Army without clearance from HQ he could not possibly make proper plans. W/C.Beer said that he had written to the Food Sub-Com early in October reporting what was being done but he had had no reply either condemning or approving his action until the letter he had referred to from Econ Sec was received at the beginning of November. Major Hough of Agriculture Sub-Com confirmed that no other action was possible than that taken by SCAO 8 Army if any grain at all was to be saved. 8 Army wished to know whether they might have permission to pursue the same policy in FORLI. Econ Sec agreed and undertook to examine the position for other Provinces.

Econ Sec

(c) Italians injured by mines. 8 Army asked whether there was any possibility of giving compensation to Italian civilians injured in mine clearance. CA Sec would let 8 Army know the Italian Govt provisions ~~in this respect.~~

CA Sec.

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(e) Promotion - American personnel. The question of American promotion was raised and Pol Sec briefly explained the latest situation.

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13. EMILIA Region.

(a) Provincial Terms. HC asked whether officers in his Province 897 terms loaned to Armies and other Regions still remained under

Est Sec him for administration and discipline. Est Sec undertook to give a reply on this point.

(b) Employment and Assignment of Officers. HC emphasised that he wished his officers used as a team and not as individuals. He complained that his officers were still being assigned away

Est Sec from his Region without prior consultation with him and asked Est Sec that he should be consulted first.

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ACTION BY. 14. ABRUZZI-MARCHE Region.

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Tptn S/C.

(a) Clothing and Boots for CC.RR. Lt.Col.Scholtz said that he was very short of clothing and footwear for CC.RR. Colonel Young said that these items were available in NAPLES and BARI and Transportation Sub-Com undertook to deliver to AQUILA.

(b) Disturbance at MACERATA. Lt.Col.Scholtz reported that there had been a disturbance in MACERATA and that the Prefect had fled to ROME.

15. LAZIO-UMBRIA Region.

(a) Salt. RC enquired what was the position in regard to salt. Econ Sec said that eight schooners were ready loaded with salt from Sicily for discharge at CASTELLAMARE and CIVITAVECCHIA but were at present weather bound.

16. TOSCANA Region.

Econ Sec.

(a) Labour Officer - LIVORNO. RC wished Econ Sec to clarify the position of the Labour Officer in LIVORNO. Was he under his command or directly under Labour Sub-Com? Econ Sec said that he was under command of the RC and promised to confirm in writing.

CA Sec

(b) Hospitals. RC stated that the Italian civilian hospitals were being overcrowded by military patients. CA Sec undertook to take this up with Land Forces Sub-Com.

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(c) Ex-soldiers - ELBA. RC asked what was the position with regard to the 2000 ex-soldiers in ELBA. CA Sec would investigate and reply.

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CA Sec

(d) Universities. RC reported that the universities had been opened but the students were reluctant to attend because of the difficulty in obtaining rations. Econ Sec would investigate and suggest a solution.

17. PIEMONTE Region.

Est Sec.

(a) Employment of Officers. RC asked whether if an officer was unsuitable in the position in which he was employed there would be any objection to him being tried out in another capacity. Est Sec would give a ruling on this point.

Econ Sec

(b) Supply Officers. RC would like a definition of the responsibilities of Supply Officers. Econ Sec undertook to take up this matter.

Est Sec

(c) Promotion - British Officers. RC mentioned that there were a number of Lieutenants from AA Regiments who were worthy of promotion.

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Est Sec

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Econ Sec

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ACTION BY. 18. LOMBARDIA Region.

Est Sec. (a) Officers. RC reported that he was still 20 officers short.

(b) Industry. RC said that he had not yet received any directive as to what industries should be continued. It was most important in an industrial region such as LOMBARDIA that a most precise directive be issued. Econ Sec said that this would be taken care of by the Industrial Coordination Committee as mentioned in para 9. The question of industries in the North was at present under discussion with the Italian Government and Econ Sec would issue the coordinated instructions.

Econ Sec.

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MINUTES OF CONFERENCE HELD AT SIENA ON FRIDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 1944.

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DCOS, CA Section
A/Head, Economic Section.
SCAO, AMG 5 Army.
SCAO, AMG 8 Army.
RC's, LAZIO-UMBRIA, ABRUZZI-MARCHE, TOSCANA, EMILIA, LIGURIA, PIEMONTE, LOMBARDIA and VENEZIA Regions.
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A/COS referred to an Italian Government decree regarding the return of land to the peasants and stated that this decree would not be implemented in the Army areas.

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ACTION BY. 2. Political. Mr. Harry Hopkinson reported that his predecessor, Mr. Harold Caccia, had recently left the Commission for employment in a special post in GREECE which it is hoped will be but temporary.

As regards foreign relations, the most important development since the last meeting was the announcement on 25 October of the assumption of direct relations between the Italian Government and the American and British Governments. The position was that Mr.Kirk would be Ambassador with full powers but that Sir Noel Charles, while holding the rank of Ambassador, did not at present have full powers. In the last analysis, however, their position would amount to the same thing.

Mr.Eden's visit was construed by the Italian Press as indicating a desire to resume more friendly relations. Mr. Hopkinson reported that negotiations were proceeding for an exchange of representatives with the French and that French-Italian relations were showing a decided improvement.

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Brig.Upjohn asked whether patriot representatives from ROME were required. Except for 8 Army who said that they would like 6 representatives, it was decided that 2 representatives should be sent to each Regional HQ and that other representatives should be withdrawn. Regions would take their chance on finding further representatives in the North. 5 Army found patriot representatives from ROME were not persona grata with their patriots.

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ACTION BY.

5. Civilian Movement. Colonel Young briefly outlined the present position and emphasised that Army interests were in conflict with RC interests. The difficulty at present was the town of FLORENCE. 5 Army wished free movement in the town of FLORENCE. Col.Gibson, GSI(b), HQ AAI, stated the case from the point of view of the Army and after discussion agreed to recommend to HQ AAI that free movement be allowed in the Province of FLORENCE South of the ARNO. This would also include free movement in the town of FLORENCE North of the ARNO. The Army Control Line would not be moved.

Brig.Upjohn asked whether it would be possible to do away with the restricted line or at any rate move it further North. After discussion Colonel Gibson agreed to recommend to AAI that the line be moved North so as to include the Province of VITERBO in the free zone.

6. Posting of General Order No.35 (Defascism). Brig.Upjohn said that it was most important that Regions should only carry out epuration either in the manner laid down by the Executive Memorandum, or leave it to be carried out by the Italians under DLL 159 of 27 July 1944. With regard to Executive Memorandum No.67 he reminded RC's that Lists "A" and "B" had to be married together and were not to be used separately, i.e., only an official appearing on List "A" who who also had a Fascist character mentioned in List "B" would be suspended. Persons were not to be removed merely because they were holding positions in List "A" without reference to their Fascist character, or, on the other hand, who were Fascists in List "B" without reference to their official position in List "A".

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Est Sec RC's LOMBARDIA, PIEMONTE & LIGURIA.

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9. Hiring of Transport. Reference was made to a proposal some two months ago that transport should be hired instead of requisitioned. A scheme had been prepared for hiring transport in BOLOGNA by 5 Army and Region EMILIA. After discussion it was decided that the experiment of hiring should be carried out in BOLOGNA and that Econ Sec would issue a control directive on the subject.

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ACTION BY. 9. Food Situation. Mr.Antolini referred to the President's statement that 300grams would be made available throughout all liberated Italy. He said that 300 grams could be given if the northern stockpiles were used and if a shipping programme to replenish those stockpiles could be arranged. He also stated that supplementary rations were practically exhausted. This was a point in favour of increasing the ration to 300 grams but he pointed out the danger in depleting the northern stockpiles to enable this increase to be made, if, when we got to the North, we found less grain than we counted on. RCs were asked whether they were in favour of increasing the ration to 300 grams or leaving it at the present figure of an equivalent of 225 grams and not touching the Northern stockpiles. RCs were generally of the opinion that it was essential to increase the ration to 300 grams since the public announcement of the President, coupled with the failure to give the extra ration, was producing much dissatisfaction.

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8 Army had asked whether the Government of SAN MARINO could get permission to go to RIMI to collect some wine which Pol Sec & Econ Sec. it had purchased. Pol Sec and Econ Sec would look into the matter.

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ACTION BY. 11. AMG Eighth Army (Cont'd)

(b) Distribution of Grain in ANCONA and PESARO Provinces. 8 Army had authorised the issue of one quintal of grain per head in these two Provinces in order to save the grain from going bad. There was no storage available and the grain was in such condition that the only means of saving it was by issue to individuals. They had received a strong letter from HQ and complained that the censure contained in the last paragraph was not justified. Mr.Antolini contended that if large quantities such as this were issued by 8 Army without clearance from HQ he could not possibly make proper plans. W/C.Beer said that he had written to the Food Sub-Com early in October reporting what was being done but he had had no reply either condemning or approving his action until the letter he had referred to from Econ Sec was received at the beginning of November. Major Hough of Agriculture Sub-Com confirmed that no other action was possible than that taken by SCAO 8 Army if any grain at all was to be saved. 8 Army wished to know whether they might have permission to pursue the same policy in FORLI. Econ Sec agreed and undertook to examine the position for other Provinces.

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(a) Provincial Teams. RC asked whether officers in his Provincial teams loned to Armies and other Regions still remained under him for administration and discipline. Est Sec undertook to give a reply on this point.

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(b) Employment and Assignment of Officers. RC emphasised that he wished his officers used as a team and not as individuals. He complained that his officers were still being assigned away from his Region without prior consultation with him and asked Est Sec that he should be consulted first.

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ACTION BY. 14. ABRUZZI-MARCHE Region.

(a) Clothing and Boots for CC.RR. Lt.Col.Scholtz said that he was very short of clothing and footwear for CC.RR. Colonel Young said that these items were available in NAPLES and BARI and Transportation Sub-Com undertook to deliver to AQUILA.

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(b) Disturbance at MACERATA. Lt.Col.Scholtz reported that there had been a disturbance in MACERATA and that the Prefect had fled to ROME.

15. LAZIO-UMBRIA Region.

(a) Salt. RC enquired what was the position in regard to salt. Econ Sec said that eight schooners were ready loaded with salt from Sicily for discharge at CASTELLAMARE and CIVITAVECCHIA but were at present weather bound.

16. TOSCANA Region.

(a) Labour Officer - LIVORNO. RC wished Econ Sec to clarify the position of the Labour Officer in LIVORNO. Was he under his command or directly under Labour Sub-Com? Econ Sec said that he was under command of the RC and promised to confirm in writing.

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(a) Salt. RC enquired what was the position in regard to salt. Economic Sec said that eight schooners were ready loaded with salt from Sicily for discharge at CASTELLAMARE and CIVITAVECCHIA but were at present weather bound.

16. TOSCANA Region.

Econ Sec. (a) Labour Officer - LIVORNO. RC wished Econ Sec to clarify the position of the Labour Officer in LIVORNO. Was he under his command or directly under Labour Sub-Com? Econ Sec said that he was under command of the RC and promised to confirm in writing.

CA Sec (b) Hospitals. RC stated that the Italian civilian hospitals were being overcrowded by military patients. CA Sec undertook to take this up with Land Forces Sub-Com.

CA Sec. (c) Ex-soldiers - ELBA. RC asked what was the position with regard to the 2000 ex-soldiers in ELBA. CA Sec would investigate and reply.

Econ Sec CA Sec (d) Universities. RC reported that the universities had been opened but the students were reluctant to attend because of the difficulty in obtaining rations. Econ Sec would investigate and suggest a solution.

17. PIEMONTE Region.

Est Sec. (a) Employment of Officers. RC asked whether if an officer was unsuitable in the position in which he was employed there would be any objection to him being tried out in another capacity. Est Sec would give a ruling on this point.

Econ Sec (b) Supply Officers. RC would like a definition of the responsibilities of Supply Officers. Econ Sec undertook to take up this matter.

Est Sec (c) Promotion - British Officers. RC mentioned that there were a number of Lieutenants from AA Regiments who were worthy of promotion.

Econ Sec (d) Lifting of Restrictions. RC wished in the event of his Region being isolated for permission to experiment on the lifting of restrictions. Econ Sec said that the Italian Govt. were thinking in terms of free movement of goods. Col.Mayne said that the experiment of "no control" had been tried out in APULIA a year ago and had resulted in precisely no change. Econ Sec would consider the matter and reply to PIEMONTE Region.

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ACTION BY. 18. LOMBARDIA Region.

Est Sec. (a) Officers. RC reported that he was still 20 officers short.

(b) Industry. RC said that he had not yet received any directive as to what industries should be continued. It was most important in an industrial Region such as LOMBARDIA that a most precise directive be issued. Econ Sec said that this would be taken care of by the Industrial Coordination Committee as mentioned in para 9. The question of industries in the North was at present under discussion with the Italian Government and Econ Sec would issue the coordinated instructions.

Econ Sec.

19. Civil Affairs Section, HQ AAI.

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20. Next Meeting. Alternative sites for the next meeting were suggested as ROME or PERUGIA. This matter would be considered and no meeting would be held for at least three weeks.

Lt. Col,
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To the Chief of Staff.

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Office of the Chief of Staff
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Tel: 735

Ref: 512/86/005.

15 November 1944.

SUBJECT: Forward Conference SIENA 17 Nov 44.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.
Economic Section.
Political Section.
Establishment Section.

1. Lt.Col. Friend James advises by telephone that he has made the following accommodation arrangements :

Prefettura SIENA	-	Brig. Upjohn and P.A.
LOMBARDIA Region	-	Col. Young Maj. Magnus
PIEMONTE Region	-	Mr. Antolini Col. Adams Mr. Cleveland. Maj. Imrie Col. Densmore
LIGURIA Region	-	Col. Fiske Mr. Schott Mr. Hopkinson Mr. Taylor

2. The already limited accommodation at SIENA is further reduced due to the fact that there is another conference at the same time and it will be impossible to accommodate anyone else in that town.

3. Before leaving HQ the latest road report should be checked and Col. Friend James strongly recommends that arrangements should be made so that officers arrive at their destination before nightfall.

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Chief Staff Officer
To the Chief of Staff.

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Office of the Chief of Staff

Tel : 735

Ref : 512/39/COS.

15 Nov 1944

SUBJECT : Forward Conference SIENA 17 Nov 44.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.
Economic Section.
Political Section.
Establishment Section.

The following extract of letter dated 13 November 44 from Lt.Col. Friend James, Civil Affairs Section, HQ AAI, is forwarded for your information:

" The quickest road to Cianchiano is on Route 2 to Radicofani thence turn right. When I went this way last Friday, it was necessary to drive through a ford which was eight inches deep at W295820. Will officers who are proposing to stay at Chianciano please ascertain from Capt. Birch at the Dispatch Office, whether this ford is passable. A message will be sent by the courier from Liguria Region to Captain Birch on 15 Nov. If this shorter route is impractiable, the best way is to proceed on Route 2 to S. Quirico, thence turn right. "

Chief Staff Officer
for the Chief of Staff

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Political Section

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Tel: 478201.

Ref: 512/83/COS.

9 November 1944.

SUBJECT: Forward Conference.

TO : SCAO, AMG Fifth Army.
SCAO, AMG Eighth Army.
R.C's LAZIO-UMBRIA, ABRUZZI-MARCHE, TOSCANA, EMILIA,
LIGURIA, PIEMONTE, LOMBARDIA, VENEZIA Regions.
Economic Section.
Civil Affairs Section.
Establishment Section.
Political Section.
DCCAO, HQ AAI Main.
PA to Chief of Staff.

1. The postponed meeting for Forward Regional Commissioners and SCAO's Armies is now arranged for Friday, 17 November, at 1000 hours at the Prefettura, SIENA.

2. Only DCOS's or their Chief Staff Officers are required to attend from this HQ.

3. Any additional items for the agenda or alteration to the names of those attending will be forwarded to me by 1200 hours on 15 November, 1944.

4. Those attending will make their own arrangements for accommodation and if it is required in SIENA should telephone Lt.Col.P.Friend James, Civil Affairs Section, HQ AAI Main, Tel: FILPOT 132.

5. Above confirms signal of today's date (not to all).

Brigadier
Chief of Staff.

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Tel: 478201

30 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Forward Conference.

TO : SCAO Fifth Army.
" Eighth Army.
R.C's LAZIO-UMBRIA, ABRUZZI-MARCHE, TOSCANA, EMILIA, LIGURIA, PIEMONTE, LOMBARDIA, VENEZIA Regions.
Economic Section.
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Establishment Section
Political Section.
PA to Brig. Lush.
DCCAO AAI.

1. Confirming our advice to you today, the meeting arranged for Forward Regional Commissioners and SCAO's Armies is postponed from 1 Nov to Wednesday, 8 Nov at 1000 hrs, at the Prefettura, SIENA.

2. Only DCS's or their Chief Staff Officers are required to attend from this HQ.

3. Any additional items for the agenda or alteration to the names of those attending will be forwarded to me by 1200 hrs on 6 Nov 44.

4. Those attending will make their own arrangements for accommodation, and if it is required in SIENA should telephone Lt.Col. F. Friend James, Civil Affairs Section HQ AAI.

Brigadier
Chief of Staff

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OWING TO TRAVEL DIFFICULTIES DUE TO PRESENT WET WEATHER CONFERENCE ARRANGED FOR SIENA EIGHT NOVEMBER POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Distribution:
For ACTION : LAZIO-UMBRIA Region
LIGURIA Region
PIEMONTE Region
LOMBARDIA Region

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Political Sec.
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Office of Chief of Staff

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Ref: 512/71/CCS. 25 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Forward Conference SIENA 1 Nov 44.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.
Economic Section.
Establishment Section.

1. For your information the following is the sleeping accommodation available in SIENA for those HQ officers who wish to stay there :

At Provincial HQ (Lt.Col.Nicholls) - accommodation for six officers and their drivers.

At AAI Civil Affairs Section (Lt.Col.Friend Jones) - accommodation for one officer and driver.

2. Officers attending the Conference will make their own reservations for the above accommodation.

E.Rhoden
Chief Staff Officer
for the Chief of Staff.

Copy to:- Political Sec

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Ref : 512/68/COS. 19 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Forward Conference.

TO : SCAO Fifth Army.
" Eighth Army.
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Economic Section.
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Political Section.
PA to Brig. Lush.
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2. Items for the Agenda will be forwarded to me by 1200 hrs on 27 Oct 44, together with names of representatives attending.

3. Only DCS's or their Chief Staff Officers are required to attend from this HQ.

4. Those attending will make their own arrangements for accommodation.

for Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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Ref: 511/COS.

14 October 1944.

MINUTES OF CONFERENCE HELD AT SIENA ON 12 OCTOBER 1944.

The following were present :

Chief of Staff.
DCCAO, HQ AAI.
A/Head Economic Section.
SCAO, AMG FIFTH Army.
SCAO, AMG EIGHTH Army.
R.C's Regions LAZIO-UMBRIA, ABRUZZI-MARCHE, TOSCANA, EMILIA, LIGURIA, PIEMONTE, LOMBARDIA and VENEZIA.
Representatives from Civil Affairs Section.
Representatives from Econ. Section.

The Chief of Staff was in the chair.

ACTION

1. Opening Remarks.

Chief of Staff told the meeting that there had been no confirmation from official sources of any reports that had appeared in the press regarding the future of the Commission. Its official title was still Allied Control Commission and no change in its character or functions had yet been made.

He referred to the establishment of Civil Affairs Section at HQ AAI with Colonel Monfort as DCCAO. DCCAO was the representative of the Chief Commissioner at AAI and with a staff representing all Sections of the Commission would advise the C-in-C on all Civil Affairs matters and administer to the immediate needs of AAI Armies and forward Regions.

This did not alter the procedure by which Regions and Armies referred matters to ACC HQ in normal circumstances.

The advance had not proceeded as much as had been expected and the Northern Regions had been formed and some officers left without employment. It was essential, in consultation with other R.C's and SCAO's Armies, that every officer in the non-operative Regions should be fully employed.

2. Political.

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SCAO, AFC EIGHTH Army.
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Mr. Caccia said that the political scene was somewhat confused. As regards Italy's relations with the Allied powers we had not yet been able to explain to the Italian Government exactly what the dropping of the word "Control" from the title of the Commission would mean, nor what was the import of the Question and Answer in the House of Commons about the future of Italy's Colonies, nor what the promise of further supplies would amount to in terms of daily ration. Internally there was also the prospect that when the North had been liberated there would be some change in the Government, a prospect which had already been mentioned in Parliament in England. The question being debated in the Italian press was whether the change would be a reshuffle of personalities within the present six party framework or whether the structure of the Government would be altered, for instance, to give greater weight to those parties who considered they had mass support.

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The question of patriots had come under discussion since the last meeting. Briefly the decision reached at a meeting with AAI (BGS(Ops)) and PWB (Mr.Rayner) was that PWB would gradually reduce publicity for patriots on this side of the line and that the Italia Combatte programme for patriots on the enemy side of the line would, as far as possible, be of a purely military character.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting.

No comments.

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The Chief of Staff read a HQ directive dealing with the relationship between Prefects and the Comitato di Liberazione. It had been approved by AAI. Col. Spicer elaborated, stressing that the Comitato had no executive powers whatsoever and that the Prefect must be upheld at all times. It was reported that Ministers were visiting forward areas not so much for administrative reasons as to canvass for personal support. They spent more time with the Comitato than with the Prefect. Chief of Staff stressed that the Italian Government must comply with our policy in forward areas. The Prefect was the executive authority and must have the backing of both AMG and the Italian Government. SCAO's and R.C's were in agreement with the directive.

5. Visit of Ministers to Army Areas.

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It was requested that heads of Foreign Missions should be informed
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It was agreed that passes issued to certain Government officials to circulate South of the Army boundary should remain in force.

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Estab.Sec. arrange such attachments, or alternatively refer to HQ ACC, and Northern R.C's would not terminate them until it was necessary for the officers to move forward. It was stressed that officers temporarily attached could not be provided with transport by Northern Regions. ABRUZZI-MARCHE, LAZIO-UMBRIA and TOSCANA Regions needed more officers.

7. Accommodation for Northern Regions.

DCCAO. DCCAO AAI was instructed to take up with HQ 71 Garrison (FLORENCE
LOMBARDIA City Command) the move of TOSCANA Region to FLORENCE. LOMBARDIA Region
Reg. was faced with a move at short notice and had great difficulty in finding an alternative location. R.C. was instructed to take the matter up with DCCAO who would get a decision from AAI.

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8. AMG EIGHTH Army.

(a) Transport for ANCONA. SCAO EIGHTH Army asked about transport for ANCONA. Col. Densmore, Economic Section, reported that 1 GT Coy had been made available and would report about 16 October.

9. PIEDMONTE Region.

C.A.Sec. (a) Italian Patriot Officers. R.C. said that there were now 16 Italian Patriot Officers at CHIANCIANO for whom no duty could be found at present and asked that they be recalled.

Estab.Sec. (b) Officers. R.C. asked for names of all officers assigned to him in order to make up Provincial Teams. DCOS Establishment Section undertook to provide.

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12. LAZIO Region.

C.A.Sec. (P.S.S/C) (a) Clothing for Police Forces. Attention was drawn to the low morale of the police agencies due to the lack of clothing and boots. The meeting was informed that Army S/C had agreed to clothe the CC.RR & that 10,000 new uniforms were now available. There was also a stock-pile of 400,000 boots at NAPLES. The civil police and CC.RR had been allotted a certain amount of material for making up and this could be requisitioned by the police agencies through their own channels. The material to be made up in their own workshops. No boots or shoes were available for either the civil police or the CC.RR. SC.O [illegible] Army asked for a written statement of the position. Public Safety Sub-Commission will issue.

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(b) Grain for ROME. Trucks, total capacity of 180 tons, had been sent to MACERATA to transport grain to railhead at IESI for shipment to ROME. The trucks were not good enough for the condition of the roads and help was needed. SCAO EIGHTH Army agreed to give assistance when his new GT Coy arrived.

13. LOMBARDIA Region.

Estab.Sec. (a) Personnel and Transport. The Region was still incomplete in personnel. They were short of 20 Provincial Officers and deficient of 12 jeeps.

14. Civil Affairs Section.

C.A.Sec. (a) Posting of General Orders. It was agreed by SCAO's Armies that Provincial Commissioners could post General Orders, in addition to General Orders No.1 and 2, in Provinces still in Army areas provided SCAO's concurrence was first obtained. Civil Affairs Section would issue directive to ensure the procedure was understood.

15. Economic Section.

Econ.Sec. (a) Food. Mr. Antolini gave a brief outline of the food situation. AFHQ was gravely concerned with the situation and a message had been sent by SACMED to the COS. No change in the ration scale would be made anywhere until instruction had been received from WASHINGTON and LONDON.

Major Imrie, Food Sub-Commission, said that unless further imports were received the present stocks of miscellaneous foodstuffs in the country would be exhausted in four months, if rationing was continued on the present basis. He suggested that the available stocks should be distributed in the following priorities :

1. Hospitals.
2. Police of all classes.
3. Refugees.
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14 October 1944.

MINUTES OF CONFERENCE HELD AT SIENA ON 12 OCTOBER 1944.

The following were present :

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DCCAO, HQ AAI.
A/Head Economic Section.
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ACTION

The question of patriots had come under discussion since the last meeting. Briefly the decision reached at a meeting with AAI (HGS(Ops)) and PWB (Mr.Rayner) was that PWB would gradually reduce publicity for patriots on this side of the line and that the Italia Combatte programme for patriots on the enemy side of the line would, as far as possible, be of a purely military character.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting.

No comments.

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7. Accommodation for Northern Regions.

DCCAO. DCCAO AAI was instructed to take up with HQ 71 Garrison (FLORENCE
LOMBARDIA City Command) the move of TOSCANA Region to FLORENCE. LOMBARDIA Region
Reg. was faced with a move at short notice and had great difficulty in finding an alternative location. R.C. was instructed to take the matter up with DCCAO who would get a decision from AAI.

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8. AMG EIGHTH Army.

(a) Transport for ANCONA. SCAO EIGHTH Army asked about transport for ANCONA. Col. Densmore, Economic Section, reported that 1 GT Coy had been made available and would report about 16 October.

9. PIEMONTE Region.

C.A.Sec. (a) Italian Patriot Officers. R.C. said that there were now 16 Italian Patriot Officers at CHIANCIANO for whom no duty could be found at present and asked that they be recalled.

Estab.Sec. (b) Officers. R.C. asked for names of all officers assigned to him in order to make up Provincial Teams. DCOS Establishment Section undertook to provide.

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Abruzzi-Marche Reg. Econ. Sec. (a) Civil Labour Office. R.C. reported that the title "Civil Labour Union" was being used in ANCONA instead of "Civil Labour Office". He was instructed to submit full details to Economic Section for a ruling.

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C.A.Sec. (P.S.S/C)

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(b) Grain for ROME. Trucks, total capacity of 180 tons, had been sent to MACERATA to transport grain to railhead at IESI for shipment to ROME. The trucks were not good enough for the condition of the roads and help was needed. SCAO EIGHTH Army agreed to give assistance when his new GT Coy arrived.

13. LOMBARDIA Region.

(a) Personnel and Transport. The Region was still incomplete in personnel. They were short of 20 Provincial Officers and deficient of 12 jeeps.

Estab.Sec.

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REF : 511/1/COS. 4 October 1944

SUBJECT : Forward Conference.

TO : SCAO Fifth Army
" Eighth Army.
R.C.s Regions Lazio, Abruzzi-Marche, Toscana, Emilia, Liguria, Piemonte, Lombardia, Venezia.
Economic Section
Civil Affairs Section
Establishment Section
PA to Brig. LUSH
ACC. L.C. AAI. Adv.
ACC Adv. H.Q.
Political Section

1. The next meeting for Forward Regional Commissioners and SCAO's Armies will be held at SIENA on Thursday 12 Oct 44, at 1000 hrs.

2. Items for the Agenda will be forwarded to me by 1200 hrs on 10 October together with names of representatives attending.

3. Only DCS's and their Chief Staff Officers are required to attend from this HQ as with the limited time available for the Conference only items of major policy will be discussed.

4. Those attending will make their own arrangements for accomodation.

5. Copy of letter to LIGURIA, PIEMONTE, LOMBARDIA, and TOSCANA Regions is attached for your information.

6. The attention of SCAOs & RCs PIEMONTE, LIGURIA & LOMBARDIA Regions is drawn to a further Conference at 15.15 hrs. on the same date as advised direct by ACC Advanced HQ.

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Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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SUBJECT : Forward Conference.

TO : LIGURIA, PIEMONTE, LOMBARDIA & TOSCANA Regions.

1. In a notice issued today giving date of the next Forward Conference, on 12 October, those attending have been asked to make their own arrengements for accommodation.

2. Should you receive applications I am sure I can count on your hospitality to the extent of any accommodation you may have available for the nights of 11 and 12 October 44.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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Ref/784/62/CA.

1 October 1944.

MINUTES OF CONFERENCE HELD
AT SIENA ON 27 SEPTEMBER 1944.

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Brig. Lush stated that the nomenclature of the Regions would be territorial and not numerical.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting.

No comments.

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3. Political.

Mr. H. Caccia said that Caretta's lynching was significant in two ways as a reflection on the Italian Government. The arrangements for the trial were bad and it showed that the Carabinieri were unreliable in a crisis. The six parties which made up the Government were united on one score, that of frustration which they felt against the firm control maintained by the ACC. The change of name from Allied Control Commission to Allied Commission should convince them that it was intended they were to assume more responsibility.

They were no further developments in the North. The Milan Committee did not regard themselves in conflict with the Rome Government and sent messages of goodwill to General Alexander and the Government. In both replies it was made clear that General Alexander was in supreme command.

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(iii) It was stated that the issue of Proclamation No.1 had been delayed by alterations to the Preamble due to political reasons. General Order No.29 was at the printers and should be ready this week.

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11. Patriots.

Col. Mayne registered a strong protest against preferential treatment of Patriots. He said that comparatively few were honest fighters, and that they were a potential source of danger if favoured and treated as a special body. There was no objection to treating individual patriots better if they had deserved well, but this preferential treatment should not automatically be extended to the whole band. The important thing was to disarm, disband and turn them into good citizens. The Exec Comm pointed out that this in fact was the basis of the main directive on Patriots. Col. Mayne suggested the broadcasts and pamphlets promised and publicised them too much. Mr. Caccia pointed out that in the North they were serious fighting units led by Allied Officers. Brig. Upjohn considered AAI should be asked to moderate its publicity in this respect. Col.McCarthy said he had asked AAI to put their views on paper. Lt.Col. Rye raised the point of feeding and caring for the Patriots between their disbandment and future employment. He said that he had arranged to house and feed them until work had been found. If it was refused he was not further concerned. He pointed out the strong political flavour of the patriot bands and said that few wanted to go back into ordinary employment. Several bands wanted to be absorbed into the Italian Army as communist divisions, but this was not acceptable to the Army. Mr. Caccia said there were two distinct views held by the Italian Government. They were anxious because of possible danger in the future from armed communist bands. They were proud of the prestige they had won. Brig. Dunlop stressed the future danger to Allied plans if the Italian Government tried to use the argument that Italian patriots had driven the Germans out of Italy.

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(e) VENEZIA Region.

Brig. Dunlop said communicationsto his Region should be addressed to Eight Army AMG, with whom he was in daily contact. It was agreed that the "Follow Up" Regions should stay as close as possible to Armies.

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Estab. Sec.

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(iii) It was stated that the issue of Proclamation No.1 had been delayed by alterations to the Preamble due to political reasons. General Order No.29 was at the printers and should be ready this week.

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11. Patriots.

Col. Mayne registered a strong protest against preferential treatment of Patriots. He said that comparatively few were honest fighters, and that they were a potential source of danger if favoured and treated as a special body. There was no objection to treating individual patriots better if they had deserved well, but this preferential treatment should not automatically be extended to the whole band. The important thing was to disarm, disband and turn them into good citizens. The Exec Comm pointed out that this in fact was the basis of the main directive on Patriots. Col. Mayne suggested the broadcasts and pamphlets promised and publicised them too much. Mr. Caccia pointed out that in the North they were serious fighting units led by Allied Officers. Brig. Upjohn considered AAI should be asked to moderate its publicity in this respect. Col.McCarthy said he had asked AAI to put their views on paper. Lt.Col. Dye raised the point of feeding and caring for the Patriots between their disbandment and future employment. He said that he had arranged to house and feed them until work had been found. If it was refused he was not further concerned. He pointed out the strong political flavour of the patriot bands and said that few wanted to go back into ordinary employment. Several bands wanted to be absorbed into the Italian Army as communist divisions, but this was not acceptable to the Army. Mr. Caccia said there were two distinct views held by the Italian Government. They were anxious because of possible danger in the future from armed communist bands. They were proud of the prestige they had won. Brig. Dunlop stressed the future danger to Allied plans if the Italian Government tried to use the argument that Italian patriots had driven the Germans out of Italy.

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(d) Lt.Col. Stewart gave particulars of new directives on food and two decrees dealing with olive oil which were being issued, together with a directive on the feeding of refugees.

13. Administrative Section.

(a) Brig. Upjohn read out the names of Prefects ready to go forward in the Northern Provinces. Eleven more existed in the pool. He asked R.Cs. to restrict their demands made on the Interior Sub-Commission to Prefects and the like. Demands for other officials should be sent to the relevant Sub-Commission. In view of the shortage of Prefects it was always desirable to select a Prefect from those available rather than to callfor one from the Italian Government.

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It was decided that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday, 11 Oct 44, at a place to be decided later, according to operational necessity.

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R.C. & M.G. SECTION
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REF : 784/49/CA. 21 September 44.

SUBJECT : Forward Conference

TO : SCAO Fifth Army.
" Eighth Army.
R.C.s Regions IV,V,VIII,IX,Piemonte, Liguria,XI,XII.
Political Section.
Economic Section.
Admin. Section.
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Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.
Patriot Branch.
PA to Brig. Lush.
ACC. L.C. AAI. Adv. and Main.

1. The next meeting for Forward Regional Commissioners and A.M.G. Areas will be held at SIENA on Wednesday 27 September at 1100hrs.

2. Items for the Agenda must be forwarded to this Branch by 1200 hrs 25 September, together with names of representatives attending.

3. Those attending will make their own arrangement for accomodation. Those wishing to be accommodated at HQ. Region XII will give the Regional Commissioner 48 hours notice, and include the number of ORs/EM /Italian drivers to be billetted. Rations will be carried.

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Regional Control and Military Government Section

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MINUTES OF CONFERENCE HELD
AT SIENA ON 13 SEPTEMBER 1944

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The recommendations of the Manpower Committee have been approved by the Acting Chief Commissioner and the matter was in the hands of AFHQ G-5.

2. Political.

Mr. Caccia said the Italian Government had carried on and were doing good work. An interesting development had been the formulation of party programmes in which early Provincial and Communal elections were advocated. The Italian Government had proposed the official recognition of the Central Committee of Liberation in Milan so that there would be an operating body to maintain law and order if there were a period

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of vacuum. There was a representative here at the moment who was soon to return. In general R.C's were opposed to the recognition of the Milan Central Committee as being the representatives of the Italian Government in Rome since this might prejudice the work of AMG later and it was decided that no official sanction should be given.

Political Section

Colonel Grafftey-Smith said it had been suggested an Italian Minister should go in with first AMG teams to explain policy, personalities, etc., of the Government in Rome. Both SCAOs stated that they saw no objection to the presence of an Italian Minister in newly occupied areas, provided it was clearly explained to him that SCAOs were in complete control.

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6. Promotions

Est. Br. — Colonel Mayne asked that special attention might be given to promotions as delay was causing much discontent. Colonel Fiske explained that NATOUSA had frozen promotions from Field Rank and were awaiting a policy from Washington. He said HQ had done everything possible on American side. It was now in hands of G-5, AFHQ. Colonel Farren said British promotions were coming through slowly. Esteblishment Branch told to check with 5 Army on its promotion list.

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7. Slaughtering of Cattle

Colonel Kirkwood also raised question of slaughter of work cattle which was being carried on by order of Patriots and orders from Vatican. Patriots were operating old Fascist laws. It was agreed that orders

Econ.Sec. should be issued in Army areas prohibiting, either by General Order or in some other way, the slaughter of work cattle.

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13. Food and Supplies for Northern Regions

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25. Patriots

Colonel McCarthy told the meeting that a new Italian Committee had been formed to deal with the whole of the patriots south of the line. He gave particulars of four publications which had been prepared and passed by AAI, viz. a revision of the existing poster signed by General Alexander, a poster to be used in any vacuum period which may arise, a small memorandum on patriots for use by officers in forward areas, and a pamphlet issued by PWB. These publications would shortly be in the press and available for issue.

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Political Section

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Colonel Kirkwood also raised question of slaughter of work cattle which was being carried on by order of Patriots and orders from Vatican. Patriots were operating old Fascist laws. It was agreed that orders should be issued in Army areas prohibiting, either by General Order or in some other way, the slaughter of work cattle.

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Lt. Col. Bordass, Transportation Subcommission, gave particulars of an organisation named E.N.A.C. which is in force in Italian Government territory for the control of road haulage transport. He said that it was desirable to get this machinery working in AMG territory and particulars would be handed to R.Cs.

AMG 5 Army

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Admin.Sec: It was directed that the training centre planned for OKBETELLO would go to PISA. The trained personnel would be broken down into teams of about 10 men each and would be available for moving about the country. RC's Regions IV and V both indicated that they would like to keep the untrained companies at present in their Regions until such time as they could be trained.

Admin.Sec. Econ.Sec. Administrative Section to clear with Economic Section the question of requisitioning vehicles for these mine clearing teams. Executive Commissioner suggested that the possibility of training Genio Civile as mine lifters should be explored.

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21. Local Government

Captain Temple of the Interior Subcommission said that Prefects had already been nominated for towns in the present path of the armies. The reserve of Prefects was now reduced to a few Vice-Prefects and these, together with a few reliable Prefects from the south, would have to be used for the Northern Regions. The Italian Government had notified the Interior Sub-Commission that there were 28 Prefects thought to be in hiding in German occupied territory. Particulars were known and steps were already being taken so that initial screening could be put in hand. The main difficulty was in getting names from the Ministries and the time taken in screening. Regions would be asked to do the screening on the spot where possible.

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25. Patriots

Colonel McCarthy told the meeting that a new Italian Committee had been formed to deal with the whole of the patriots south of the line. He gave particulars of four publications which had been prepared and passed by AAI, viz. a revision of the existing poster signed by General Alexander, a poster to be used in any vacuum period which may arise, a small memorandum on patriots for use by officers in forward areas, and a pamphlet issued by PWB. These publications would shortly be in the press and available for issue.

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(b) Atrocities. It had been laid down by AFHQ that the JAG's Dept AAI was the competent authority to investigate enemy atrocities.

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(c) Communications. Stress was laid on the use of Air Courier Services between the Armies and ROME. Investigation was promised into the cause of continued delays.

(d) Passes. These should be issued by one authority and one officer in ACC HQ. The promiscuous use of passes was again referred to.

(e) Elba. It was proposed that ELBA should be administered by Region VIII as soon as AFHQ agreed.

It was confirmed that necessary action had been taken with regard to the remainder of the minutes.

3. Political.

Mr. H. Caccia reviewed the present political set up of the Italian Government. SCAO Fifth Army (Brig.Gen.Hume) commented and made a comparison between political conditions in LIVORNO and SIENA. LIVORNO it was found was strongly in support of the present Italian Government; in SIENA there was a more independent and critical point of view. The Leftists wanted to rule in their own way. SCAO Eighth Army (Group Capt.Benson) commented. He raised the question of political appointments on entering a new area and said that the further we went North the more forthright and independent were the views of Committees of Liberations who now wished to make appointments of officials rather than AMG.

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6. Region VIII.

(a) Political matters. Colonel R.C. Kirkwood, Regional Commissioner, asked for a ruling that public meetings should not be used as occasions for political demonstrations. In reply the Executive Commissioner said that if any incidents occurred he should call the various political authorities together and explain that further public meetings would not be permitted if there were further demonstrations. The circumstances should be reported to HQ ACC in order that Political Section could take action on the party concerned.

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(b) Rations for Civilians employed by AMG. Economic Section agreed to take up at the highest level the suggestion that British Army rations should be purchased by ACC for civilians sent away from their homes on AMG/ACC work.

Econ Sec

(c) Charcoal. Regional Commissioner asked that an allocation should be made of the charcoal available in GROSSETO Province in order to avoid exploitation by black marketeers. Economic Section said that the matter was in hand.

(d) Forestry Survey. SCAO's Armies agreed to the request for permission to make a forestry survey in areas in Region VIII still under Army administration.

7. Region V.

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AMG 8 Army

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Patriot Br.

A start had been made to repair the damage done to the Pontine Marshes. He warned the meeting that if similar damage occurred in the Po Valley it would mean a very serious situation in that area. Colonel McCarthy, Patriots Branch, undertook to consider the possibility of communicating with Patriots in order to save as much as possible of the machinery from German destruction.

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Region VIII — Mr.Antolini said that it would be necessary for the 300 gm ration scale in ELBA to be brought down to the mainland scale of 200 gms. Col.Kirkwood will take action when the Island is handed over to Region VIII.

Finance Sub-Com. — Mr.Antolini asked R.C's to report if they found any undue delay in payment to the farmers for grain after collection. Lt.Col.Hartman, Agriculture Sub-Commission, explained that one of the reasons for this delay was the shortage of money in the banks. Finance Sub-Commission to take up.

(b) Food Sub-Commission.

Food Sub-Com — Colonel Legg reported that the whole food situation in Region IV and particularly ROME area was being considered with a view to making improvements. The universal ration scale would be reviewed at the end of the month but any increase would be dependent on the result of Granai del Popolo. There was a 30 days supply stockpiled for FLORENCE.

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(a) Defascistization.

Adm Sec. — Colonel Upjohn reported satisfactory progress. In reply to a question by Brig.Parkinson as to whether steps were being taken to purge noted industrial leaders in the north who are not civil officials, Colonel Upjohn explained that a degree is now being drafted to cover that eventuality.

(b) Pools of Italian Officials.

Some difficulty is being experienced in finding medical and agriculture officials but it is hoped to obtain enough to form a small pool.

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(c) Medical Supplies.

RC/MG Sec. Brigadier Parkinson warned SCAO's and RC's that there will be a shortage of medical supplies up to the end of this month, but the situation will probably be eased after that date.

RC/MG Sec. Civil Affairs Branch will take up the question of the reopening of a factory at ANCONA for the manufacture of medical supplies.

(d) Public Safety.

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It was confirmed that necessary action had been taken with regard to the remainder of the minutes.

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Econ Sec.

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It. Ref. Branch

Italian Refugee Branch agreed to supply Regions V and VIII with particulars of G1098 stores required for refugee camps if the RC's concerned would inform them of the size of the camps for which the stores were required.

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Minutes of conference held at Region 3 Headquarters on 4 August 1944 at 1435

Present were: Brigadier LUSH, Executive Commissioner, ACC.
Col. Upjohn, [illegible] Administrative Section, ACC.
Col. Adams, Transportation Sub-Com, ACC.
Col. Temperley, Provincial Commissioner, Foggia Prov.
Col. Legg, Food Sub-Com, ACC.
Col. Chapman, Regional Commissioner, Region 3.
Col. Zellars, Regional Commissioner, Region 2.
Col. Evans, Commerce Sub-Com, ACC.
Col. Densmore, Chief Staff Officer.
Col. Albright, Establishments Officer, ACC.
Lt.Col. Jenney, Public Works and Utilities Sub-Com, ACC.
Lt.Col. Hartman, Agriculture Sub-Com, ACC.
Lt.Col. White, Executive Officer, Region 3.
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The main reasons for the consolidation are administrative, political and economical. The criterion will always be the Allied Troops and installations. As long as we can get over the economical and food problems, this will work out very well.

Col. UPJOHN pointed out that it is better to make a start at some time, now, and give the Italians a fair chance of a start. Mr. CACCIA, Political Section (P) stressed the same facts. We should build this new government up. The present Italian Government is a very weak one. It is a coalition government, having 6 parties competing with each other. The Allied policy will be to back them up, if they fall down. From the political point of view, we are interested how far they are able to go. We certainly will help them administratively too.

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A conference would be held at Naples on 4th August to consider a proposal for the amalgamation of Regions II, III, VII, CAMPOBASSO and FOGGIA Provinces, into one Region with Provincial teams in the main ports and towns where military garrisons remained.

AFHQ's suggestion that SICILY should be abandoned entirely had been turned down. The evacuation on the whole was going well although a certain amount of difficulty had been experienced in SICILY. The situation here, however, was improving.

The Exec. Commissioner gave news of General Mason MacFarlane, reporting that he had been seriously ill but was now considered to be out of danger.

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(iii) Patriots. This problem was becoming more difficult and they objected to being disarmed. A directive had been issued and should be followed.

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(iv) Requests by Economic Section. AMG 5 Army had not the time nor the personnel to deal with these requests. Col. Todd pointed out that such requests were made to give information of the existence of valuable raw materials, plant facilities, machinery etc., and to prevent their waste and misuse. He instanced the use of sulphate rock, which is vital to the economic life of the country, being used as road material. SCAO AMG 5 Army asked that an officer be sent by HQ to investigate such matters and it was agreed that this would be done. The SCAO stated that AMG 5 Army would be of assistance when possible and would pass on to the Armed Forces such information as the Industry Sub-Commission forwarded as being of interest to them.

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(ii) Channels of Communication. The matter was raised and discussed at length. SCAO's Armies and R.C's present all expressed a strong preference for continuing the existing procedure, i.e., command channels of communication. They were quite satisfied with addressing correspondence to R.C. & M.G. Section on all matters except technical and routine matters, in which it was agreed there was no objection to correspondence with Sub-Commisaions direct. The same procedure applied in the reverse direction.

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(iii) Passes. SCAO 8 Army was most concerned about the indiscriminate issue of passes to enter Army areas. Only in exceptional circumstances should they be issued at the point of destination to enter Army areas without first obtaining permission from the Army. There appears to be either abuse or misunderstanding and Civil Affairs Branch would arrange to clarify existing instructions on the subject. It was agreed that when Armies asked for Italian civilian officials to be sent forward or Sub-Commissions wished to send Italian officials into Army areas, that Armies would send back a pass ready made out to facilitate their movement, at the same time as they conveyed their approval.

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(iv) Wage Scale. SCAO 8 Army reported a new wage scale in PERUGIA. Economic Section will investigate.

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(v) Requisition Forms. SCAO reported that the CRO on this subject has been re-written with Brig. Claims and Hirings and will shortly be published. It removes responsibility from AMG.

(vi) Supplies.

(a) The issue of 200 gms in forward areas as opposed to 300 gms in rear areas was causing serious discontent.

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SCAO's Armies

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(iii) SCAOs were asked to report promptly the location of all supplies of leather which was in short supply everywhere.

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AMG 5 & 8 Armies.
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8. CLOSING REMARKS.

(a) Exec. Commissioner stated that the next full R.Cs. meeting would be held in ROME on 22/23 August 1944.

(b) The next meeting of AMGs, Armies, and forward Regions would be held in the Prefettura Building, SIENA, on 16 August 1944 at 1100 hrs.

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	Lieut.C.J.Macnamara	- PA to Executive Commissioner.

ACTION

1. Opening Remarks.

The Executive Commissioner, Brig. M.S.Lush, opened the meeting at 1115 hrs. He gave a brief outline of future planning. Colonel Pennycuick was taking over Region VI from Brig. Carr; Brigadier Carr was replacing Col. Hancock in Region I; Colonel Hancock was coming North to organise a Northern Region; Rome Region and Region IV were now one Region under Col. Poletti known as Region IV; Brig. Dunlop was at present planning for Region "Z" and would run a short course for officers. It was anticipated that in the latter stages of the formation of the Northern Regions it would be necessary to withdraw officers from Army AMGs.

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A conference would be held at Naples on 5th August to consider a proposal for the amalgamation of Regions II, III, VII, CAMPOBASSO and FOGGIA Provinces, into one Region with Provincial teams in the main ports and towns where military garrisons remained.

AFHQ's suggestion that SICILY should be abandoned entirely had been turned down. The amassi on the whole was going well although a certain amount of difficulty had been experienced in SICILY. The situation here, however, was improving.

The Exec. Commissioner gave news of General Mason MacFarlane, reporting that he had been seriously ill but was now considered to be out of danger.

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(ii) Extra Duties. AMG Armies could not take on the various extra duties they were now being requested to perform with their existing staffs. Examples were given, i.e. the enlistment of patriots into the Italian Army and the tracing and collection of escaped Allied POW. In these two instances it was pointed out that the responsibility lay respectively with MMLO and AAI and that CAOs should give such assistance as they could.

(iii) Patriots. This problem was becoming more difficult and they objected to being disarmed. A directive had been issued and should be followed.

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(iv) Requests by Economic Section. AMG 5 Army had not the time nor the personnel to deal with these requests. Col. Todd pointed out that such requests were made to give information of the existence of valuable raw materials, plant facilities, machinery etc., and to prevent their waste and misuse. He instanced the use of sulphate rock, which is vital to the economic life of the country, being used as road material. SCAO AMG 5 Army asked that an officer be sent by HQ to investigate such matters and it was agreed that this would be done. The SCAO stated that AMG 5 Army would be of assistance when possible and would pass on to the Armed Forces such information as the Industry Sub-Commission forwarded as being of interest to them.

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(iii) Passes. SCAO 8 Army was most concerned about the indiscriminate issue of passes to enter Army areas. Only in exceptional circumstances should they be issued at the point of destination to enter Army areas without first obtaining permission from the Army. There appears to be either abuse or misunderstanding and Civil Affairs Branch would arrange to clarify existing instructions on the subject. It was agreed that when Armies asked for Italian civilian officials to be sent forward or Sub-Commissions wished to send Italian officials into Army areas, that Armies would send back a pass ready made out to facilitate their movement, at the same time as they conveyed their approval.

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SCAO's Armies

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(ii) SCAOs and RCs were asked to let the Sub-Commission know when there was a demand for manufactured articles. The Sub-Commission was now in a position to supply certain products. He instanced the question of mine lifting apparatus which he thought there would be no difficulty in supplying. It would, however, take some four months before the article was in production.

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(iii) SCAOs were asked to report promptly the location of all supplies of leather which was in short supply everywhere.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION.

(a) Review of Sentences. It was approved that the review of all cases in AMG Courts in the Army areas should be done by RLOs of the Regions following up. Papers to be sent direct between Armies and Regions. A proposal was under consideration that Prov. L.Os. should be authorised to review sentences under two months.

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AMG 5 & 8 Armies.
C.A. Br.

(e) Establishment Branch. Shortage of transport officers was acute, and RCs were requested to keep a strict eye on M.T. maintenance. Maintenance has now been placed under the Transportation Sub-Commission.

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8. CLOSING REMARKS.

(a) Exec. Commissioner stated that the next full R.Cs. meeting would be held in ROME on 22/23 August 1944.

(b) The next meeting of AMGs, Armies, and forward Regions would be held in the Prefettura Building, SIENA, on 16 August 1944 at 1100 hrs.

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MINUTES OF CONFERENCE HELD AT HQ. AAI
19 July 1944.

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4. Political Section.

Adm.Sec.

They asked for every support to be shown by CAO's in forward areas and Provinces to the present Italian Government. Need was felt for bigger and stronger teams of Italian officials. After discussion it was thought that certain suitable Italians might be found in the towns when they were captured who could be employed and that therefore it would be more suitable to have a pool of officials rather than a team. Admin Section listed the officials required, and would take action.

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ACTION

5. Patriots.

(a) Col. McCarthy handed out copies of the new memorandum giving a general directive on Patriots and the terms of reference of the Patriots Branch. He explained briefly this document to Armies and Regions, who had no comments. 2,000 of the new Patriot Certificates were also distributed to each Army. This would be enough for immediate needs and further supplies were being printed.

(b) Policy. The policy is laid down in the memorandum which had been agreed by all concerned and was quite clear except for the re-habilitation of those young Patriots who wished to continue fighting as Patriots and not join the Italian Army. The Executive Commissioner said that there was only one Italian Army. The Patriots must be absorbed into civilian life. (It might however be possible to train some of those young men for mine clearance duties, see later para.6 (c)).

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(c) Mine Clearance. The Allied Armies will not accept the responsibility for mine clearance in any areas except for operational requirements in the forward areas. This is roughly a 20 ft. strip each side of main roads. This is now becoming a major problem in the liberated areas of Regions IV, V and VIII. It is getting worse and not better. Many Italians are killed every day, and it retards development. Some organisation is required to be set up to deal with this problem but it must be composed of Italians.

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Measures taken at present consist in the employment of two mine lifting Coys of the Italian Army, one in Region IV and one in Region V. There is none to spare at present for Region VIII. These Coys are training two Italian Army Inf Coys who will eventually replace them. It was suggested that a school to train young volunteer Partisans in these duties was started. It was hoped that the Army might loan instructors and equipment. Executive Commissioner said he would talk to General Browning on this point.

R.C.& M.G. Sec.

7. Admin. Section.

(a) Col. Upjohn took up Political Section's point of having a pool of Italian officials ready for the early phases of the occupation of Italian towns.

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Adm. Sec. Regions and Armies were requested to give their views to Admin. Section.

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(b) FLORENCE. AMG Eighth Army have managed to build up 10 days supplies for FLORENCE and AREZZO Province in SIENA. There is also another 1,300 tons at Railhead if transport for distribution is available. The new harvest will not help since the transport problem remains the same owing to the bringing up of POL for milling instead of the flour.

(c) ANCONA. Here POL is the problem. There is not enough transport in this Province. Col. French of Region V asked whether schooners could be made available. POL is chiefly required for the collection of the harvest. No.2 District are prepared to help over this and supply all requirements of Region V in POL if AAI approved. Col. French to take up with Col. Adams in ROME.

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ACTION

(d) Misc. Supplies. The need for these was stressed. They were actually required at present more urgently than flour. A fair quantity had arrived at PIOMBINO but there was no transportation for distribution. Food Sub-Commission stated that these supplies were still all arriving at NAPLES and had to be re-shipped or railed up to forward areas.

(e) Eighth Army Bread Price. Lt.Col.Spencer, Supply Officer of Eighth Army, said that he had first put up this problem to Economic Section two or three months ago, and finally three weeks ago asked for an urgent decision which was promised in a few days. He still had no answer and had to use his own discretion in fixing the price of "new-grain bread".

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