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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 27 MARCH.

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A/Ex C directed Est Sec to take up with AFHQ the question of transport for the AC officers left behind being the responsibility of the local unit commander.

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4. N.W.Italy Planning. A/Ex C had visited IV Corps, who had prepared a Staff Memorandum in which it was proposed to integrate the staff of IV Corps, Regions and No. 2 District during Phase I. A/Ex C thought this a good plan.
General CRITTENBERGER wanted to see RCs at an early date and would arrange a meeting. At the moment he did not want the Regions to move North, but was willing that specialist officers should move to LUCCA. A/Ex C was hopeful of persuading him to accept the full Regional Staffs up there.
A/Ex C directed that CAO IV Corps be on the distribution for all important matters.

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5. Staff Hours for Italian Civilian Employees. CA Sec stated that Sub-Commissions were asking for a ruling on office hours for Italian civilian employees. Est Sec stated that the working hours of 0830 to 1800 with 1½ hours for lunch had been published. A/Ex C directed that a reminder be issued.

6. Proposed Training Course for Officers. Est Sec gave list of officers required to attend a two weeks training course. It was agreed that it was difficult to release these officers.

7. Manual of the Activities of AC. PRO stated this was practically completed. A/Ex C directed that it should be passed to him and he would pass it to VPs.

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Chief Staff Officer,
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21 March 1945.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 20 MARCH.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(c). Withdrawal from the South. The question of withdrawing the olive oil amassing officers was discussed and it was agreed that they should remain at any rate until 15 April when the matter could again be reviewed. CA Sec undertook to find out from the Minister of the Interior what instructions, if any, had been given to Prefects about the withdrawal of AC.

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3. Wages Policy in Northern Italy. Ex C had a letter from Director, Labour S/C, attaching a memorandum on wages policy. It was agreed that this memorandum must be submitted to CC, and after it had been cleared by him Econ Sec were instructed to get out a directive for RCs.

4. Employment of German POW. The Italian labour aspect of this problem was discussed and Econ Sec were directed to draft a telegram to AFHQ giving the Commission's views.

5. UMBRIA-MARCHE Region. Ex C confirmed that the Provinces of TERNI and PERUGIA would be absorbed into the new Region to be known as "UMBRIA-MARCHE." CSO to Ex C said that those concerned had been informed of this and that Est Sec had been asked to cut the necessary orders.

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6. Repatriation of Italians from ERITREA. CA Sec said that AFHQ had agreed with the views of the Commission and had asked us to take the matter up with the Italian Government. CA Sec were opposed to approaching the Italian Government on this question. Ex C directed CA Sec to send an interim reply to the AFHQ letter, saying that the matter was being studied and adding that we did not think that the proposed visit by Brig. McCARTHY would serve any useful purpose.

7. Enlistment of Patriots in the Italian Army. CA Sec brought up the question of Italian patriots joining the Italian Army. Ex C reminded Land Forces S/C that SACMED had decided that as many patriots as possible were to be absorbed into the Italian Army, and told the S/C that any proposal to modify or delay this policy must be referred to CC.

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23 March 1945.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 23 MARCH.

Dep Ex C presided in the absence of Ex C on leave in ENGLAND.

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(e) - 5. UMBRIA-MARCHE Region. CSO to Ex C stated that we were waiting for the firm date to be given for the absorption of the two Provinces of TERNI and PERUGIA before the orders were cut.

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(f) - 6. Repatriation of Italians from ERITREA. CA Sec reported that CC wanted to know the views of the Italian Government and action was being taken accordingly. AFHQ had stated that Brig. McCARTHY was already on his way.

(g) - 7. Enlistment of Patriots in the Italian Army. Dep Ex C had discussed with Gen. BROWNING, who stated that inaccurate information had been conveyed. Land Forces S/C stated that in Army areas patriots were being recruited and absorbed into the Gruppi. In addition they had received elements of the Garibaldi Division who were being kept together and Gen. BROWNING had recommended that they be formed into a new regiment, which would mean raising the ceiling of combat troops.

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7. UNRRA. CA Sec reported that UNRRA had a plan to assume the financial responsibility for Allied Nationals in ROME which they wanted to start on 1 April. This work had been done by Disper. Finance S/C had approved the UNRRA plan.
UNRRA had also asked to be allowed to extend the plan to AMG territory. There was discussion on this, especially in regard to FLORENCE.
Dep Ex C ruled that permission could be given for the plan to be put into operation in ROME and depending on how it worked a decision could be made at a later date in regard to extending the plan to AMG territory.

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8. Executive Commissioner's Meetings. There was discussion as to whether one meeting per week would not be sufficient. Dep Ex C argued that it was preferable to have two shorter meetings a week than one long one. He stated that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday as usual and a decision as to future meetings would then be made.

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10 March 1945.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 10 MARCH.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 4. Allied Civilian Personnel. CA Sec said there had been further complaints about accommodation at the Flora Hotel. Ex C stated this matter must be settled soon. He directed Est Sec to furnish him with particulars of alternative accommodation for people moved out of the Flora Hotel.

2. Political Adviser. Mr. Dowling, who would be taking over the duties formerly performed by Mr. Schott, was introduced to the meeting.

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Ex C ruled the vehicles could be purchased but as they were intended for use in distributing films, application should be made to PWB for petrol. Est Sec to explain this to Liaison Division.

6. Civil Telegraphs in Florence. Communications Sub-Commission said civil telegraphs in Florence opened to-day. This had been cleared with 15 Army Group.

7. New Deal for Italy. Econ Sec said they had no definite information to give to Sub-Commissions and asked if a memorandum could be issued. Ex C asked Heads of Sections to let him know the points they wanted clarified and he would prepare a memorandum for Sections. 4063

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8. Prison Rations. Econ Sec raised this matter again. CA Sec had suggested it be discussed at a VPs meeting, but Econ Sec considered it should be first discussed at Executive Commissioner's meeting. Ex C agreed.

9. Truck Brigade. Ex C ruled that for the time being the Truck Brigade must remain the responsibility of Econ Sec.

Joseph C Rinel
for Chief Staff Officer,
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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 16 MARCH.

Dep Ex C was in the Chair in the absence of Ex C.

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(c) - 2. Withdrawal from the South. Dep Ex C stated that RCs had been informed that they could go ahead on the basis of the directive of 7 March. The names of liaison officers had been sent to them. It was proposed that transport not needed for the North be turned over to the Italian Government, who would be responsible for supplying transport for the AC liaison officers left behind. 4063
A meeting of all RCs had been called for Monday, 19 March, at 1000 hrs, which would probably last all day, and Dep Ex C asked that Heads of Sections and Sub-Commissions make themselves available for consultation during the day. 4062

(d) - 6. Weekly Bulletin. Dep Ex C confirmed that the Weekly Bulletin would be re-classified "SECRET." It would therefore be mimeographed and not printed.

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(d) - 6. Weekly Bulletin. Dep Ex C confirmed that the Weekly Bulletin would be re-classified "SECRET." It would therefore be mimeographed and not printed.

2. International Red Cross Vehicles. The International Red Cross owned two vehicles which bore AC markings, and therefore received AC maintenance, servicing, and petrol. Dep Ex C said he thought that this should not be an AC responsibility. He considered that the care and feeding of this organization, and the maintenance of its vehicles, was the responsibility of the Italian Government. This was agreed.
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Ex C ruled the vehicles could be purchased but as they were intended for use in distributing films, application should be made to PWB for petrol. Est Sec to explain this to Liaison Division.

6. Civil Telegraphs in Florence. Communications Sub-Commission said civil telegraphs in Florence opened to-day. This had been cleared with 15 Army Group.

7. New Deal for Italy. Econ Sec said they had no definite information to give to Sub-Commissions and asked if a memorandum could be issued. Ex C asked Heads of Sections to let him know the points they wanted clarified and he would prepare a memorandum for Sections.

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8. Prisoners. Econ Sec raised this matter again. CA Sec had suggested it be discussed at a VPs meeting, but Econ Sec considered it should be first discussed at Executive Commissioner's meeting. Ex C agreed.

9. Truck Brigade. Ex C ruled that for the time being the Truck Brigade must remain the responsibility of Econ Sec.

for Chief Staff Officer,
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AMENDMENT TO MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 9 JANUARY.

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(g) - 9. Olive Oil Amassing. Econ Sec said that the total of olive oil collected to date was 32,500 tons. This was 34% of the target figure. Fairly satisfactory progress was being maintained.
PRO stated that the olive oil film had been completed but there was difficulty in finding material to make prints. Econ Sec considered that although it was rather late in the campaign the film might have some effect.
Ex C considered another olive oil press campaign was due and instructed PRO to start on this.

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Econ Sec stated that the olive oil cases were not being brought to the law courts. Ex C said the matter should be referred to the Italian Government for prompt action. Application had been received for an increase in the olive oil ration to the Italian Army. Econ Sec had prepared a letter for AFHQ protesting against this. Land Forces S/C stated that the application was not supported from the Italian Army point of view.

2. Regional Commissioners Meeting. Ex C stated that CC would not be well enough to be present, but did not wish the meeting to be postponed since RCs had already made arrangements to attend. The meeting would open with an address by the A/President and a message from CC would be read.

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23 February 1945.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 23 FEBRUARY.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(b). Regional Commissioners' Meeting. Ex C had prepared for submission to CC an Agenda for the Meeting on 8 March and read this to the meeting. He said there would be nearly 100 people at the RCs' Meeting and that it was very difficult to cut down this number. Ex C said that Generals McNARNEY, PENCE and SPOFFORD should be invited to attend.
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Est Sec detailed the arrangements made for office accommodation and it was stated that Labour Sub-Commission were dissatisfied with the space allotted to them. Ex C would look at the offices allocated and make a decision.

(c) - 8. UNRRA Visits to Army Area. Arising out of the invitation by AMG Eighth Army to an UNRRA representative, it was re-emphasised that all correspondence in connection with any UNRRA activity must channel through AC HQ for the attention of Major DOE.

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2. Civilian Personnel. Ex C stated that all correspondence on civilian appointments should go through Est Sec. There had been considerable D.O. correspondence from and to LONDON and WASHINGTON and this should be on Est Sec files. 4059

3. Demilitarisation of AD. It was emphasised that Junior Assistants (civilian) were to replace junior officers and not enlisted personnel. Ex C said that the civilianisation of AD must not result in an increase of staff.
The question of MI was discussed and Est Sec was committed to 100 for AUSTRIA, to be found from those withdrawn from the South. The matter would be followed up with NTOUSA and Gen. SPOFFORD.

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4. Moderno Hotel. Dep Sec asked the position of the Moderno Hotel when Lazio-Umbria Region was abolished. Ex C explained that Lombardia Region would be in ROME for planning and directed Dep Sec to find out from RC how much space he would want so that spare rooms might be made available.

5. Passes to Civilians. CA Sec reported that Public Safety were very concerned about the issuing of passes to Fifth and Eighth Army areas for Italian civilians. The position was dangerous in view of the number of agents that are known to be around. Ex C agreed with CA Sec's recommendation that the matter of issuing passes should be handled only by Public Safety Sub-Commission and directed CA Sec to get out a directive accordingly, setting out clearly the whole procedure of how passes should be obtained.

6. Communications from Italian Government. CA Sec stated that their Section and Public Safety Sub-Commission had three clerks dealing with this. They had told Public Safety that police gazettes and similar publications could go through the post. Ex C agreed.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 20 FEBRUARY

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

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5. AC Messes. Est Sec reported that an inspection had been made of the various AC Hotel Messes in Rome and that general conditions were found to be satisfactory. The "Milano" was, however, considered unsatisfactory, and an alternative hotel was being found. Ex C suggested that the Messing Committees should appoint an officer whose job would be to inspect the kitchens etc. from time to time.

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6. Differential in Wages of Male and Female Civilian Employees. VP Econ Sec said that AC had lost the battle in this matter. It was agreed that the matter should be taken up again with AFLRS.

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7. Italian Civilian Personnel for the North. VP CA Sec stressed the importance of proper screening for any Italian civilians whom it was proposed to take north. It was agreed that the screening should first be carried out by Security and then referred to the Italian authorities.
IPOW Sub-Commission mentioned the case of a Dutchman who, they understood, was still working in one of the Regions, who was suspected and whose case was being investigated some months ago. Ex C directed CA Sec to enquire into this.

8. UNRRA Visits to Army Area. CA Sec reported that 8 Army had invited UNRRA to come into the Army area. Ex C said that this was wrong, as their work lay in the South, and said that he would tell AMG 8 Army and instruct UNRRA that all their correspondence and requisitions must channel through this HQ (Major DOE).

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14. Call Up. Land Forces Sub Commission reported that AFHQ had postponed the Sardinian Phase Two call up from early March to early April. He said the reason for this was that the calls up were going so well and that they were obtaining 95% of the Italian estimate.

15. Patriot Meeting on 18/2/45. Ex C said that he had attended this meeting and was much impressed by the national spirit displayed. He suggested that Land Forces Sub-Commission might consider the question of putting the Italian Army entirely into a wartime uniform, say battledress.
Land Forces Sub-Commission said that they had recently recommended to Count CASATI the holding of Man Management Courses and CASATI had agreed. AFHQ would instruct Area and District Commanders to keep a watch on these courses.

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16. Olive Oil. Econ Sec reported 26,000 tons as against 23,000 last week. This was a bit slow, but he still felt confident that the 50,000 tons would be reached. Ex C said that we would still keep to our target of 80,000.

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Ref: 210/TS/AC. 16 February 1945.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 16 FEBRUARY.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(e). Demilitarisation of AG. Ex C said that Pol Sec must review the 11 November letter since it was largely out of date particularly from the CA Sec point of view. Ex C stated that when the selection of officers for Austria was completed we should have a better knowledge of the number of civilian replacements required.

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5. Ambulances. CA Sec had obtained eight tyres for ambulances for the Italian Red Cross from Commerce Sub-Commission.

6. Personnel for Austria. Est Sec stated this matter was progressing. They had examined thirty officers for Austria yesterday, and were now engaged in selecting officers who would be trained for that theatre

7. Italian Film Industry. PRO had some correspondence on the film situation and a number of other questions on which he would like some advice. Ex C said he would arrange a meeting with Major Fielden and perhaps Legal Sub-Commission.

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They raised the question of channels of communication in regard to calls-up and suggested that it would have been better for the Italian Government to have put this request through the Ministry of War. Ex C agreed and said that the solution was for Land Forces Sub-Commission to tell Count Casati this and action could be taken within the Italian Government.

9. Accommodation for M.L. Land Forces Sub-Commission reported they had received further commitments from AFHQ in regard to the Italian Army which would involve an increase in their personnel of 16 Officers and 63 ORs. They asked if they could have the whole of the top floor for their own use and accommodation for Labour Sub-Commission be found elsewhere. Ex C asked them to put in an application in writing to Est Sec in the normal manner.

Chief Staff Officer,
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PRES/45001/AC. 14th February 1945.

Chief Commissioner.
(Copy to:- Chief of Staff
Political Section).

In my minute to you of 19th January I referred to a conversation which the Italian Ambassador in London had had with Mr Macmillan at this Headquarters on the 3rd January in which Count Carandini had said that he had been promised by the British Ministry of War Transport 500 trucks for Italy.

2. It has now been learned from the Foreign Office that Count Carandini had misunderstood what he had been told. No such promise had been made. It has been explained to him that there is no chance of any second hand lorries being supplied to Italy, except on military programmes. Any civilian demand would carry too low a priority for any lorries whether new or second hand to be supplied to Italy during the present squeeze on all transport.

3. The War Office and C.C.A.C. are, however, considering availabilities to meet SACMED's demand for 3,000 lorries for Italy in additional to the much higher demand from SHAEF for Civil Affairs North West Europe.

Personal Assistant.

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Ref: 310/53/Ec. 23 February 1945.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 23 FEBRUARY.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(b). Regional Commissioners' Meeting. Ex C had prepared for submission to CC an Agenda for the Meeting on 8 March and read this to the meeting. He said there would be nearly 100 people at the RCs' Meeting and that it was very difficult to cut down this number. Ex C said that Generals McNARNEY, PENCE and SPOFFORD should be invited to attend.
CC had said that he would like it to be a one-day meeting if possible and had asked Ex C to put the question of an Agenda before Heads of Sections. The general opinion was that a set agenda was not necessary. It was considered that after the A/President and CC had addressed the meeting on the New Deal it should be a purely business meeting. Ex C would put up to A/President, through CC, on these lines.

(b) - 2. Office Space. CA Sec raised the question of accommodation for ICCR. Ex C said that they must move out of this building and that he would take the matter up with Sir C. HEATHCOTE SMITH.
Est Sec detailed the arrangements made for office accommodation and it was stated that Labour Sub-Commission were dissatisfied with the space allotted to them. Ex C would look at the offices allocated and make a decision.

(c) - 8. UNRRA Visits to Army Area. Arising out of the invitation by AMG Eighth Army to an UNRRA representative, it was re-emphasised that all correspondence in connection with any UNRRA activity must channel through AC HQ for the attention of Major DOE.

(d) - 12. Repatriation of Italian POW. LAW Sub-Commission had approached Naval Sub-Commission as to whether it might

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2. Civilian Personnel. Ex C stated that all correspondence on civilian appointments should go through Est Sec. There had been considerable D.O. correspondence from and to LONDON and WASHINGTON and this should be on Est Sec files.

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3. Demilitarisation of AC. It was emphasised that Junior Assistants (civilian) were to replace junior officers and not enlisted personnel. Ex C said that the civilianisation of AC must not result in an increase of staff.
The question of RI was discussed and Est Sec was committed to 100 for AUSTRIA, to be found from those withdrawn from the South. The matter would be followed up with MTOUSA and Gen. SPOFFORD.

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4. Moderno Hotel. Est Sec asked the position of the Moderno Hotel when Lazio-Umbria Region was abolished. Ex C explained that Lombardia Region would be in MMIB for planning and directed Est Sec to find out from RC how much space he would want so that spare rooms might be made available.

5. Passes to Civilians. CA Sec reported that Public Safety were very concerned about the issuing of passes to Fifth and Eighth Army areas for Italian civilians. The position was dangerous in view of the number of agents that are known to be around. Ex C agreed with CA Sec's recommendation that the matter of issuing passes should be handled only by Public Safety Sub-Commission and directed CA Sec to get out a directive accordingly, setting out clearly the whole procedure of how passes should be obtained.

6. Communications from Italian Government. CA Sec stated that their Section and Public Safety Sub-Commission had three clerks dealing with this. They had told Public Safety that police gazettes and similar publications could go through the post. Ex C agreed.

7. Olive Oil Retention. Ex C Lazio-Umbria Region had passed to CA Sec a letter from PG PERUGIA Province on the question of the retention of olive oil. CA Sec read this letter. Ex C stated there had evidently been some confusion and directed Econ Sec to handle the matter.

8. N.W. Italy Planning Committee Meeting. Ex C said it was desirable to hold a meeting before the Regional Commissioners' Meeting and fixed 1 March as the date for the next meeting.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 16 FEBRUARY.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 13 FEBRUARY.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(b). Personnel. Econ Sec raised the question of the five officers at Civitavecchia and COS agreed that these could come under the appropriate Sub-Commission.

(b) - 1(d). Stocks of Chlorine. CA Sec reported that they had been informed by Public Health Sub-Commission that a priority shipment of 160 tons of rock salt had been made

(c) - 9. Italian Army Trucks. Land Forces Sub-Commission felt that the breaking up of the trucks should proceed as it was the only means of obtaining spare parts. MTO Sub-Commission had discussed with MMIA and had agreed to withdraw their objection.

(d) - 12. Olive Oil Amassing. Econ Sec stated that since the last report the percentage of the desired target of olive oil collected had risen from 21% to 24% (23,000 tons). They were confident that the 'B' target figure of 50,000 tons would be reached, which would provide the ration for devastated areas and the Italian Army and towns up to 50,000 inhabitants. Econ Sec said they had good hopes of the full 80,000 tons being amassed.
COS directed Econ Sec to tell the Italian Government that only 24% of the target figure had been collected in order to speed them up. COS asked how AMG compared with other territory and directed Econ Sec to write to Toscana Region, who had only amassed 17% and draw the attention of this Region that they were behind other Regions.

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Econ Sec said they had submitted two draft telegrams to Est Sec recently on the matter.
COS directed Est Sec to obtain the 11 November letter and relevant correspondence and go through it with Sections to get the matter tidied up.

(f) - 15. Hand-Back of Territory. CA Sec had heard from RC that 4052
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COS directed Est Sec to obtain the 11 November letter and relevant correspondence and go through it with Sections to get the matter tidied up.

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2. Food Situation and Basic Ration. COS said we had received no reply from AFHQ and instructed Econ Sec to send a telegram stating that unless we received final decision on raising the ration to 300 grams by 16 February the ration could not be increased on 1 March.

3. Director of Public Relations Branch. Mr. Stewart Brown was welcomed by COS who said that the Commission would give him all the help possible. Heads of Sections and Sub-Commissions would send copies of correspondence and reports on matters of current importance to PRO.

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4. Civilian Movement into Army Areas. CA Sec read a letter from 8 Army asking that civilian movement into Army areas be kept to a minimum and restricted to Allied civilians as far as possible. COS said that at the present moment military security in that part of the front was vital and we must restrict civilian movement even at the expense of AMG work. COS directed CA Sec to send a copy of 8 Army letter to Est and Econ Secs.

5. Advance Information of Moves. CA Sec reported that they had received a request from Public Safety Sub-Commission for advance information of moves so that spearheads of CC.RR. could be collected and transport arranged. COS directed CA Sec to write a letter to DCMO asking him to give a firm appreciation of the situation week by week. COS would go into the matter with DCMO on his next visit.

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13. General Orders. COS directed that Sections, when putting up General Orders for signature, must explain in a short minute the background - the reason for the General Order, who originated it and its effect.

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10 February 1945.

MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 9 FEBRUARY.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

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(b) - 1(b). Personnel. COS had got out a new paper on withdrawal from the South, which would leave 42 officers in Southern Italy, Sicily and Sardinia. Of these, 34 were AMG officers in Naples Commune and 2 AMG officers in Pantelleria and Lampedusa. Some of the balence of 6 officers would only be there for a limited period.
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(d) - 4. Stocks of Chlorine. GA Sec had sent a letter to Econ Sec and the matter was now most urgent. COS directed Econ Sec to take immediate steps to get some rock salt up to Rome.

(e) - 5. Call-Up for Sardinia. Land Forces Sub-Commission explained the reasons for delaying the issue of clothing to recruits for the Italian Army until they reached their receiving stations. Many recruits deserted and it was not desirable that they should be in possession of Allied clothing. At the request of RC Sardinia clothing was being issued at call-up points in Sardinia, but owing to the scarcity of greatcoats these would be taken away from recruits at Naples and handed back at the receiving stations.
COS again stressed the great importance of good coordination between GA Sec and Land Forces Sub-Commission on all matters affecting call-ups.

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2. Visit to Emilia Region. DCOS Est Sec had visited Emilia Region and raised certain points.

(a) Commerce Sub-Commission. It was stated that an officer from Commerce Sub-Commission had been sent up to Emilia to do an urgent job, but RC had not asked for him and did not know the purpose of his visit. Econ Sec to investigate.

(b) CC.RR. Regional Public Safety had reported that Carabinieri uniforms were available but there was no transport to collect them. CA Sec to investigate.

(c) Mine Clearance. Appreciation was expressed of the excellent work done by CA Sec.

(d) Public Works. A request had been made to DCOS Est Sec that a Public Works representative should visit Emilia Region. COS directed that this be arranged.

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9. Italian Army Trucks. WMD Sub-Commission had received a report that 72 Italian Army trucks, which could not be repaired by the Italian Army, were being broken up on instructions from AMMA. WMD considered that if these trucks were handed over to a private repairer, about 60 could be made useable.
Land Forces Sub-Commission stated they were Italian Army vehicles and the combined resources of Italian Army and military could not repair them. Breaking them up would make other vehicles more serviceable. COS stated it was an Italian Army commitment and might be left to them but in view of WMD's report the matter should be investigated. Land Forces Sub-Commission promised to do this.

10. Requisitioning of Civilian Vehicles. Pol Sec had received a memorandum from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs that ADOS were reported to be resuming the requisitioning of vehicles belonging to Italian civilians. CA Sec pointed out that this type of report without details was useless. COS directed Econ Sec to obtain details and take the necessary action.

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11. Increase in Wages for Blackcoat Workers. Econ Sec had received a report from Labour Sub-Commission recommending the proposed increase. Econ Sec read this report. Econ Sec said AC's chief duty was to encourage the Italian machinery of negotiation between employer and employee. COS agreed but also stressed that in AMG territory AC, by using its experts, could influence the Italian Government by setting an example.

12. Olive Oil Amassing. Econ Sec read reports of the progress made in the collection of olive oil up to 5 February. In general the situation was fairly satisfactory. Plans for further publicity were being put into operation, a newspaper campaign by the Ministry of Agriculture and radio speeches. The total amassed was 20,347 tons out of a target figure of 80,000 tons.

13. Demilitarisation of AC. This would be discussed by COS with Brig. Gen. Spofford to-day.

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6 February 1945.

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(f) - 11. Italian Call-Up. Land Forces Sub-Commission stated that the new call-up directive had been modified to include Jews, who had been excluded from military service under the fascist regime.

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2. AF Shoulder Insignia. COS stated that AFHQ had permitted British AC military personnel to wear the AF shoulder insignia. COS said he would consider the matter before giving a decision on this.

3. 15 Army Group Appreciation - N.W. Italy. COS asked DCAO to take this up with N.W. Italy Planning Committee in order to ensure that it did not conflict with what had been laid down by AFHQ.

4. Stocks of Chlorine. CA Sec reported the Italian Government were getting short of chlorine for the purification of water. There were 600 tons of chlorine awaiting shipment in Sicily. If part of this could be got to Rome, there was a plant capable of manufacturing half a ton of chlorine daily. CA Sec would send a letter to Econ Sec for action.

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3 February 1945.

MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 2 FEBRUARY.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

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(b) - 3(b). UNRRA. COS had held a meeting with UNRRA at which all Sections were represented. We had got from UNRRA a very helpful idea of their intentions and commitments in dealing with the Italian Government.

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CA Sec considered that Appendix C was now out of date. COS agreed and proposed having a Manpower Committee meeting on Monday, 5 February, at 0900 hrs.

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(f) - 13. Civilian Drivers. Land Forces Sub-Commission said they had provided 40 Italian soldiers who could be trained as drivers but Land Forces Sub-Commission had no training facilities available. COS suggested that the drivers be attached to the training school AFHQ were setting up and instructed Est Sec to contact Land Forces Sub-Commission on this.

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COS stated the price of bread must be increased at the same time as the increase in ration and asked Econ Sec what progress had been made in deciding how much the price increase should be.
Econ Sec said the Italian Government was not yet decided on this point, prices of 8, 10 and 12 lire having been discussed. COS said there was no objection to Econ Sec discussing with the Italian Government what the price would be if the ration was increased providing such discussion was kept secret.

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(e) - 3. Report from No. 1 Special Force. It was confirmed that this would be circulated to Sections.

(f) - 5. Enlistment of Patriots in the Italian Army. COS asked CA Sec to arrange to see Gen. Browning's memorandum.

(g) - 7. Situation in Sicily. COS directed that RG's DO letter and report on graft be sent to Econ and CA Secs.

(h) - 12. Archives. CA Sec drew attention to a report by the Archives Committee. COS proposed to take the Chair at their next meeting and said that the subject was important.

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4. Wages of Female Civilian Employees. Econ Sec had received a report from Labour Sub-Commission on this matter. It was stated that the Italian Government imposed no differential in respect of professional and clerical grades but there was a differential in the lower grades, such as messengers, cooks and cleaners. If it was considered that the employees of AC could be regarded as on a similar footing to Italian Government employees then the differential could be removed for the appropriate grades.
COS ruled that the differential should be removed in respect of Italian professional and clerical employees of AC, but would remain for the lower grades, to keep in line with the Italian Government.
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9. Visit of Brig. Gen. McKINNY. Econ Sec reported this officer had been sent over by the War Department G&G. His exact functions were unknown but it was understood he would act as a liaison officer between G-5 and AC.

10. Representatives from British Ministries of Food and Supply. Econ Sec said representatives had been here for some time, working mainly in the field and asked their position. COS had taken up the matter with the Ministries on his visit to London and had made it clear that any officials coming out were attached to AC and could not work without AC authority. COS said he would look up the papers on this. Visitors of this sort must be attached to particular Sub-Commissions.

11. Italian Officials dismissed in AMG Territory. CA Sec asked what our policy would be in regard to Italian officials removed by AMG in the North being employed by the Italian Government in the South. The general opinion was that we should take no action but Pol Sec thought we could put in a friendly word for officials who had done us good service. COS thought we were in close enough touch with the Italian Government to enable this to be done, but otherwise our policy was that it was the responsibility of the Italian Government as to whom they employed.

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12. Payment for Transport by Italians and Members of Missions. DA Sec stated that demands for payment for transport had been made from members of missions and cited the instance of an urgent request to despatch a member of a Yugoslav mission, who on arrival at the airport was asked to pay. COS directed Est Sec to look into the matter.

13. Civilian Drivers. Est Sec stated that two civilian drivers had refused to go on a trip last week because of inadequate allowance and rations and inability to obtain accommodation. The last point had been taken up with Regions, who had been asked to provide a list of billets. Little could be done about the food. The question of the maintenance allowance had been taken up but no reply had been received.
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16. Canteen Service for Italian Army. Land Forces Sub Commission reported that there were plans to establish mobile canteen services for the Italian Army.

17. Epuration. Pol Sec cited the instance of a person held for epuration who had been released by intervention of AFHQ. The Questura strongly resented this. It was pointed out that repercussions would fall on AC and we should know more about the case. COS said the matter should be reported to AFHQ with all the facts and Pol Sec would coordinate with CA Sec on this matter.

18. Civilian Employees' Mess. The problem of feeding AC civilian employees was discussed. Est Sec thought that swill was not suitable food and that there was no waste food in the messes other than swill.
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18. Civilian Employees' Mess. The problem of feeding AC civilian employees was discussed. Est Sec thought that swill was not suitable food and that there was no waste food in the messes other than swill.
COS said it was important that something should be done to improve the meal for the civilian employees and the matter must be pursued.

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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 26 JANUARY.

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2. Food Situation and Basic Rations. COS outlined what had taken place between AFHQ and CC. He said he had put up a scheme for consideration by CC, and read to the meeting the draft of a telegram which recommended the basic bread ration of 200 grams plus a pasta ration of a minimum 40 grams (equals 50 grams of bread) and a maximum of 80 grams (equals 100 grams of bread). COS recommended that the Italian Government should be informed that at a date to be decided, possibly 15 February, throughout Italy and the Islands the bread ration would be equalised at 200 grams, and the pasta ration from 15 February to the end of March at 80 grams. Future rations of pasta would be announced when the shipping position was known, and would vary from month to month according to imports. The provision of the maximum pasta ration for this initial period was possible since total imports of wheat and flour for February would be 106,000 tons. Econ Sec agreed with the recommendation, but not with the actual wording of the telegram. COS said that CC would no doubt wish to discuss this proposal with VP Econ Sec and himself.

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3. Report from No. 1 Special Force. COS stated that VP Pol Sec had produced an excellent summary of a No. 1 Special Force appreciation of what the policy should be in regard to supplying arms and equipment to Italian partisans in the North. This would be circulated to Sections.

4. Press Agency Reports. COS observed that the local press agencies would produce sheets giving summaries of news and directed PRO to see if the scheme could be tried for a week for Heads of Sections.

5. Enlistment of Patriots in the Italian Army. Gen. Browning had put forward a memorandum setting forth his views on the possibility of enlistment of patriots into combat groups of the Italian Army. CC had studied this and would like an exploration made as to how the French Maquis were absorbed into the French Army.
COS suggested that a representative from CA Sec and Land Forces Sub-Commission could go to SHAEF to look into this matter and directed CA Sec and Land Forces Sub-Commission to nominate officers.

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IPW Sub-Commission raised the question of clothing for POWs and CA Sec agreed to ask Lt. Col. Andrews to include IPOWs in their appeal.

11. Coordination of Intelligence Agencies. In answer to Econ Sec, COS stated the papers had come out from CC, who had been informed that other VPs were in agreement. CC's first reaction was that the plan would not be approved by AFHQ but COS would take the matter up again.

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12. Archives. PRO reported that the work of the Archives Section had come to a standstill as material was not being sent in by Sub-Commissions. He was concerned that they did not get a regular flow of papers and asked if the matter could be taken up with Sub-Commissions. COS said that though apparently academic the question of Archives was serious and due regard must be given to it. PRO thought that civilian archivists should be brought over from London and Washington. COS said if this was done they should come in under the Embassies. Archives Section should consider the matter and also the possibility of Sub-Commissions sending in all papers other than directives etc. in current use dated before 30 June 1944.

13. History of Italian Campaign. COS stated that Col. Kittse was visiting this country to obtain material for a history of the Italian Campaign. Mr. Eric Linklater would also be making a visit at a later date in the same connection. They would be referred to PRO.

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(e) - 3. Visits to Regions. COS reminded members of the Meeting that he wished Directors and Deputy-Directors of Sub-Commissions to visit every Region within the next two months. Transport would be arranged by HQ Commandant.

(f) - 4. "Siena" Conference. COS stated there was no definite date fixed for the proposed conference in Rome.

(g) - 5. Visits of RCs to HQ. HQ Commandant stated an office had been provided for visiting RCs and a letter had gone out to RCs setting out the arrangements.

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(h) - 9. Successor to Basic News. COS directed PRO to look into the possibility of News Agencies issuing special Summaries of News.

2. Operation Order for M.W. Italy. COS had cleared this point with CAO, AFHQ, and would confirm by letter to Gen. Robertson.

3. Transportation. COS read a long telegram to AFHQ asking for powers of requisitioning which CC had approved for sending. This telegram pointed out how lack of transport was hampering the work of the Commission and cited instances to prove this.

4. Visit of COS to Toscana Region. COS had visited all Provinces in Toscana Region with the exception of Grossito. In general, conditions were fairly good.

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7. Outgoing Signals. COS acceded to CA Sec's request that Heads of Sub-Commissions be allowed to use their own discretion as to whom they should show Confidential and Restricted telegrams. In the case of Secret telegrams, the VP should be responsible.

8. Demilitarisation of AC. There was discussion on the question of American civilianisation. COS directed that Est Sec should telephone AFHQ asking the position and if nothing was available a wire should be sent to Brig. Gen. Spofford in Washington.

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9. Visits of Italian Journalists. Econ Sec read a long list of questions which Italian newspapermen had asked Transportation and Labour Sub-Commissions, and a report from Director, Labour Sub-Commission giving his reasons why the questions should not be answered. There was some discussion, and COS said that answers could be given to some of the questions in very general terms, and other questions left unanswered. Many of the matters were the responsibility of the Italian Government, and the newspapermen should be informed accordingly. COS would discuss the whole matter with PRO.

10. Movement of Grain. Econ Sec reported that part of one GT Company was engaged in the movement of grain from Ancona district to Rome and an average of 300 tons a day was being transported. More transport could be used as there was 70,000 tons of grain surplus to local needs. Another GT Company which was earmarked for sulphur was being moved over from the West and would be put on to moving this surplus grain. COS stated 15 Army Group would be arranging to move flour from Leghorn to Ancona to have a stockpile at Bologna. Econ Sec had written a letter to DCCAO 15 Army Group to tie up with AFHQ plans.

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15. Land Forces Sub-Commission (MLO) were not represented at the meeting and COS said that a representative should always attend.

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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 16 JANUARY.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(b) Olive Oil - Arabian. The progress of the scheme was discussed. DCOS (C) Sec was disturbed by the wording of the Econ Sec directive in respect of the powers of Allied officers. COS directed that a short follow-up should be sent out defining exactly what Allied officers can and cannot do.
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This would ensure that spare rooms in the Flora Hotel would be available for the use of officers in transit.

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7. Use of Code Words in Signals from No. 3 District. CA Sec asked if we had the codes. COS directed Maj. Talbot to ask PAAC for a copy of the codes.

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8. Patriots. CA Sec drew attention to an announcement in a Florence newspaper that a death payment of 10,000 lire would be paid by a certain individual to the families of dead patriots who had been members of one of three parties. DCOS CA Sec said that he had ruled that there should be no discrimination and the payment should apply to all dead patriots or that no payment be made at all. COS would take up the matter during his visit to Florence.

9. Successor to Basic News. CA Sec asked if it would be possible for PRO to continue something on the lines of Basic News. Although Econ and Pol Secs agreed with CA Sec that the presentation of Italian news would be most useful, PRO was against the proposal.
COS said that most of the military news was covered by the Army newspapers and other points were to be seen in PRO's "Daily Digest."
There was some discussion on the subject.
COS stated that CC was holding a meeting this afternoon and the matter would be discussed then.
A possible solution was for News Agencies to issue special Summaries of News.

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COS announced there would be no Chief of Staff's Meeting on Friday, 19 January. The next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 23 January, at 0900 hrs.

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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 5 JANUARY.

The following amendments were agreed to the Minutes of the Chief of Staff's Meeting of 3 January 1945.

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The collecting of arms and shotguns was not successful, and had become more difficult recently.
Pol Sec remarked a different situation arose in the Piemonte district, where the CLN had been in control and were overthrown by the Communists. COS said that in the Po Valley there was a Left Wing force seeking to hinder Allied military movement.
There was some discussion on the control of CLN, and COS stated the necessity arose for forward HQs to know what had been done. It was

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agreed that SCAOs should now know the content of the military agreement that had been signed and we should ask SACMED for permission to tell them.

3. Letter from G-5, AFHQ. COS read extracts from a letter from Col. Henn, setting out at length what he was doing to help AC in regard to coordination of Administrative Instructions. Several instances were cited. Col. Henn was always willing to help and COS asked that any future cases should be put up by Sections, and COS would take up with Col. Henn in informal correspondence.

4. Review of Carabinieri. This would take place at 1030 hrs tomorrow. COS agreed that tickets should be allocated 45 to NLAC, 45 to AC, and 10 to Lazio-Umbria Region. CA Sec would discuss further details with PAO after the meeting.
It was notified later that this review would probably be cancelled.

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12. Floor Space in Headquarters. Est Sec reported the HQ Commandant was working on a plan of the floor space of the whole HQ. It was suggested that floor space should be allocated to Sections, and when the plan was completed, it would be brought up and discussed at a COS Meeting.

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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 3 JANUARY.

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(d) - 9. Clothing and Equipment. This matter would be dealt with by COS at an early date. 4035

2. Priorities Board. A Priorities Board was being set up in AC to deal with the allocation of all overall priorities and the meeting of all bids. Econ Sec had prepared a draft order, and explained the composition and functions of the Board. COS asked for comments and explained that the Board should be kept small, it being the duty of the Secretariat, and not the members of the Board, to find where the materials were. After discussion, COS approved the personnel of the Board as outlined by Econ Sec.

3. Meeting on N.W. Italy. COS stated that AFHQ had sent out the minutes of the meeting at which General ROBERTSON presided. These had been circulated to Heads of Sections.

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4. Acting President's Memorandum. The memorandum prepared by A/President would be circulated to VPs and Heads of Sections. COS emphasized that this document was Top Secret; it should not go out of offices, and circulation should not extend below Heads of Sub-Commissions. Under no circumstances should it be mentioned to the press, and a note should be kept of the officers to whom it was shown. Parts of this memorandum had been cabled to Washington and discussions were being held on that basis.

5. Patriots - Policy. A telegram had been received from AFHQ ruling that patriots coming through the lines would be entitled to Italian Army rations and clothing. CA Sec stated that Land Forces Sub-Commission had no clothing, and the matter was being taken up with them. Econ Sec had received a telephone request from G-5, AFHQ for clothing, and COS said that this should be confirmed by telegram. He agreed with CA Sec, who stated that clothing for Patriots should be a military commitment, and not a matter for the Priorities Board. The responsibility for allocation of clothing should belong to AC.
Pol Sec said two considerations were involved. The first was the danger of the clothing being issued having the semblance of military uniform. The importance of not allowing the patriots to look like Allied soldiers was stressed. The second point was whether the proposed issue of clothing clashed with Scoccimarro's decree on the new Ministry of the Interior in the Italian Government. DCOS, CA Sec said that he was not prepared to discuss this matter, which raised many important and difficult points of policy, but would give the matter careful study.

6. Rations for Returned POW. WD & IPW Sub-Commission were getting requests from the Italian Ministry of War to give repatriated Italians from the Balkans the same rations as those received by the inmates of Taranto camp. At present they were getting civilian rations. COS said this was a separate issue. The matter had been put up to AFHQ about a month ago, and Lt.Col. Shipp was directed to check up on this. Pol Sec raised the question of the Garibaldi unit coming over. COS directed WD & IPW Sub-Commission to put up a memorandum, and the matter would be taken up with Land Forces Sub-Commission.

7. Olive Oil - Amassing. The Italian Government had put forward a formal request for 100 officers, 100 EM/ORs and some transport to be placed at their disposal for the collection of olive oil. This request had come at a time when we were considering reducing staff in the South, and COS asked for comments. There was considerable discussion, the main body of opinion being that the personnel should not be provided. Econ Sec said it was difficult to persuade CCS to supply shipping for imports when there was olive oil and wheat available in Sicily for collection, and suggested personnel might be obtained from disbanded AA batteries, convalescent personnel and our own officers earmarked for Northern Regions.
COS said if it was certain the olive oil would be produced he was in favour of granting the request - in part, at least - but if little or no olive oil was forthcoming we should have vitiated our responsibility and gained nothing. Econ Sec would let COS know the total quantity to be collected and how much of this would be brought in by the help of Allied personnel. COS would then put the matter up to the Chief Commissioner, and it would be discussed at the VP meeting tomorrow.

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Pol Sec said two considerations were involved. The first was the danger of the clothing being issued having the semblance of military uniform. The importance of not allowing the patriots to look like Allied soldiers was stressed. The second point was whether the proposed issue of clothing clashed with Soccimarro's decree on the new Ministry of the Interior in the Italian Government. DCOS, CA Sec said that he was not prepared to discuss this matter, which raised many important and difficult points of policy, but would give the matter careful study.

6. Rations for Returned PCW. MMD & IPW Sub-Commission were getting requests from the Italian Ministry of War to give repatriated Italians from the Balkans the same rations as those received by the inmates of Taranto camp. At present they were getting civilian rations. COS said this was a separate issue. The matter had been put up to AFHQ about a month ago, and Lt.Col. Shipp was directed to check up on this. Pol Sec raised the question of the Garibaldi unit coming over. COS directed MMD & IPW Sub-Commission to put up a memorandum, and the matter would be taken up with Land Forces Sub-Commission.

7. Olive Oil - Amassing. The Italian Government had put forward a formal request for 100 officers, 100 NCOs and some transport to be placed at their disposal for the collection of olive oil. This request had come at a time when we were considering reducing staff in the South, and COS asked for comments. There was considerable discussion, the main body of opinion being that the personnel should not be provided. Econ Sec said it was difficult to persuade CCS to supply shipping for imports when there was olive oil and wheat available in Sicily for collection, and suggested personnel might be obtained from disbanded AA batteries, convalescent personnel and our own officers earmarked for Northern Regions.
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8. Electoral Lists. A request had been received from the Italian Government for assistance to transport electoral papers. In view of the fact that the holding of municipal elections had been generally approved, COS agreed we should help the Italian Government to get the machinery working.

9. Inspection of Carabinieri. CA Sec raised the question of advance publicity from the security angle. COS said a brief announcement could be made that there would be a review and march past of the Carabinieri on Saturday, not disclosing names, and he would mention the point to CO.

10. Formation of CCMD. DCOS CA Sec reported that the CCMD had now been constituted by MTOUSA as the 26[illegible]5th Central Civilian Medical Depot. This organization under MTOUSA would be responsible for the procurement and warehousing in Italy of all medical supplies. At present they had three warehouses at Naples, Bari and Florence respectively; probably a fourth would be necessary when the North of Italy was liberated. This organization was responsible also for all accounting and for the distribution of supplies

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according to the requirements of the Italian Government, and also for the distribution in 5 and 8 Army areas, which still remained the responsibility of Army AMGs. It followed that it was no longer necessary to maintain at AC HQ any Medical Supply Branch as no functions remained to be performed by it. Accordingly any question of a transfer of this Branch to the Econ Sec also ceased and DCOS asked Econ Sec to note that the meeting he had fixed to discuss this matter on Friday next be treated as cancelled.
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11. Nuns for Cyrenaica. CA Sec stated the British Military Mission in Cyrenaica reported that they were short of nuns and would like five more. The matter had been making slow progress, and up to now the policy angle had been overlooked. COS ruled this matter could proceed, but in future such matters should, if possible, be done through the Legation to the Vatican.

12. Tyres for Ambulances. CA Sec reported the Secretary General of the Italian Red Cross had succeeded in obtaining a quantity of old tyres from 5 Army. These would be repaired and put into service on Italian ambulances.

13. Meals for Civilian Employees. Est Sec had been trying to provide a noonday meal for civilian employees of HQ instead of the present soup, but it was difficult to obtain the food. COS directed that Econ Sec take up the matter with Food Sub-Commission and it would be brought up at the VP meeting tomorrow.

14. Allocation of Office Space. Est Sec said HQ Commandant had suggested a reshuffle in order to give Pol Sec the extra space they required. The effect was that PRO gave Room 13 to the WAD & DP Sub-Commission, who made Room 5 available to Pol Sec. COS directed that these moves be carried out.

15. Waiting Time for Taxis. Est Sec considered the present system was now working satisfactorily, and did not think it necessary to extend the waiting time to one hour. Arrangements had been made for some taxis to be available between 1700 and 1900 hours.

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19. Italian Officials - Palermo. The Italian Government wanted to downgrade 23 of the Italian officials appointed by AMG. The A/President had strong views on the exercise of right of approval in future appointments. The question would be discussed at the next VP meeting.

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13 February 1945.

MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 13 FEBRUARY.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(b). Personnel. Econ Sec raised the question of the five officers at Civitavecchia and COS agreed that these could come under the appropriate Sub-Commission.

(b) - 1(d). Stocks of Chlorine. CA Sec reported that they had been informed by Public Health Sub-Commission that a priority shipment of 160 tons of rock salt had been made

(c) - 9. Italian Army Trucks. Land Forces Sub-Commission felt that the breaking up of the trucks should proceed as it was the only means of obtaining spare parts. MTD Sub-Commission had discussed with MMIA and had agreed to withdraw their objection.

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COS directed Est Sec to obtain the 11 November letter and relevant correspondence and go through it with Sections to get the matter tidied up.

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2. Food Situation and Basic Ration. COS said we had received no reply from AFHQ and instructed Econ Sec to send a telegram stating that unless we received final decision on raising the ration to 300 grams by 16 February the ration could not be increased on 1 March.

3. Director of Public Relations Branch. Mr. Stewart Brown was welcomed by COS who said that the Commission would give him all the help possible. Heads of Sections and Sub-Commissions would send copies of correspondence and reports on matters of current importance to PRB.

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4. Civilian Movement into Army Areas. CA Sec read a letter from 8 Army asking that civilian movement into Army areas be kept to a minimum and restricted to Allied civilians as far as possible. COS said that at the present moment military security in that part of the front was vital and we must restrict civilian movement even at the expense of CMC work. COS directed CA Sec to send a copy of 8 Army letter to Est and Econ Secs.

5. Advance Information of Moves. CA Sec reported that they had received a request from Public Safety Sub-Commission for advance information of moves so that spearheads of CC.RR could be collected and transport arranged. COS directed CA Sec to write a letter to DCCAO asking him to give a firm appreciation of the situation week by week. COS would go into the matter with DCCAO on his next visit.

6. Transportation. COS stated that Transportation Sub-Commission must be quite definite about transportation for 5 Army, both for CC.RR. and civil supplies. Both 5 Army and 15 Army Group had the wrong impression of what Transportation Sub-Commission could do and we did not want a repetition of the previous situation south of Rome. Econ Sec were instructed to look into this situation carefully.

7. Italian Civilians held by French. CA Sec stated that Italian civilians were being seized by the French and cited the case of an Italian arrested on 1 November 1944 still in prison in Rome under French guard. Pol Sec said it was difficult to find out the charges preferred against such civilians. They had written letters on five occasions but had received no satisfaction. COS asked Pol Sec to put the case up again in stronger terms to AFHQ who must be made to give a ruling so that we could inform the Italian Government. Pol Sec should press for an interim reply from AFHQ.

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13. General Orders. COS directed that Sections, when putting up General Orders for signature, must explain in a short minute the background - the reason for the General Order, who originated it and its effect.

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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 9 FEBRUARY.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(a). Wages of Female Civilian Employees. Econ Sec stated that an AFHQ order was necessary to put the proposal into effect. The matter would be raised at the meeting of the Labour and Wages Committee of AFHQ on 15 February. COS directed that a top representative from Econ Sec be sent to that meeting.

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He asked Est Sec to examine the possibility of moving Piemonte Region HQ to Siena as Regional and Area HQs should be together.
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(d) - 4. Stocks of Chlorine. CA Sec had sent a letter to Econ Sec and the matter was now most urgent. COS directed Econ Sec to take immediate steps to get some rock salt up to Rome.

(e) - 8. Call-Up for Sardinia. Land Forces Sub-Commission explained the reasons for delaying the issue of clothing to recruits for the Italian Army until they reached their receiving stations. Many recruits deserted and it was not desirable that they should be in possession of Allied clothing. At the request of RC Sardinia clothing was being issued at call-up points in Sardinia, but owing to the scarcity of greatcoats these would be taken away from recruits at Naples and handed back at the receiving stations.
COS again stressed the great importance of good coordination between CA Sec and Land Forces Sub-Commission on all matters affecting call-ups.

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2. Visit to Emilia Region. DCOS Est Sec had visited Emilia Region and raised certain points.

(a) Commerce Sub-Commission. It was stated that an officer from Commerce Sub-Commission had been sent up to Emilia to do an urgent job, but RC had not asked for him and did not know the purpose of his visit. Econ Sec to investigate.

(b) CC.RR. Regional Public Safety had reported that Carabinieri uniforms were available but there was no transport to collect them. CA Sec to investigate.

(c) Mine Clearance. Appreciation was expressed of the excellent work done by CA Sec.

(d) Public Works. A request had been made to DCOS Est Sec that a Public Works representative should visit Emilia Region. COS directed that this be arranged.

(e) Flooded Areas. Pumps had been obtained and good work had been done on the reclaiming of flooded areas.

3. Visits to Regions. COS wished to know at the next meeting how many Heads of Sub-Commissions had visited Regions in accordance with his instructions.

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Land Forces Sub-Commission stated they were Italian Army vehicles and the combined resources of Italian Army and military could not repair them. Breaking them up would make other vehicles more serviceable. COS stated it was an Italian Army commitment and might be left to them but in view of MAD's report the matter should be investigated. Land Forces Sub-Commission promised to do this.

10. Requisitioning of Civilian Vehicles. Pol Sec had received a memorandum from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs that ADOS were reported to be resuming the requisitioning of vehicles belonging to Italian civilians. CA Sec pointed out that this type of report without details was useless. COS directed Econ Sec to obtain details and take the necessary action.

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11. Increase in Wages for Blackcoat Workers. Econ Sec had received a report from Labour Sub-Commission recommending the proposed increase. Econ Sec read this report. Econ Sec said AC's chief duty was to encourage the Italian machinery of negotiation between employer and employee. COS agreed but also stressed that in AMG territory AC, by using its experts, could influence the Italian Government by setting an example.

12. Olive Oil Amassing. Econ Sec read reports of the progress made in the collection of olive oil up to 5 February. In general the situation was fairly satisfactory. Plans for further publicity were being put into operation, a newspaper campaign by the Ministry of Agriculture and radio speeches.
The total amassed was 20,347 tons out of a target figure of 80,000 tons.

13. Demilitarisation of AC. This would be discussed by COS with Brig. Gen. Spofford to-day.

14. Midday Meal for drivers at Super Garage Pool. CA Sec raised this matter but it was stated that the employees did not want this service and preferred to continue as they were now doing.

15. Hand-back of Territory. CA Sec suggested that in addition to Ascoli and Terni Provinces, Grossetto Province might be considered for handing back to the Italians. COS agreed and directed CA Sec to obtain the RC's views.

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14. Midday Meal for drivers at Super Garage Pool. CA Sec raised this matter but it was stated that the employees did not want this service and preferred to continue as they were now doing.

15. Hand-back of Territory. CA Sec suggested that in addition to Ascoli and Terni Provinces, Grossetto Province might be considered for handing back to the Italians. COS agreed and directed CA Sec to obtain the RC's views.

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6 February 1945.

MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 6 FEBRUARY.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(d). Wages of Female Civilian Employees. Est Sec had written a letter to Labour Sub-Commission on 3 February, to which there had been no reply. Econ Sec would check up.

(b) - 1(e). Personnel. COS said that as a general rule officers from Sicily would go to Venezia Giulia, officers from Southern Region to Venezia, officers from Lazio-Umbria Region (less Terni and Perugia Provinces) to Lombardia Region. Extra officers required for Piemonte would be drawn from Abruzzi-Marche Region, and extra officers for Liguria from Toscana Region. By the end of this week it was hoped to have a complete picture of personnel for North Italy. COS said he would circulate the draft directive for the withdrawal of Allied officers from Italian Government Italy to those attending the special V2s meeting being held this afternoon at 1700 hrs. He asked the DCCAO and RC Southern Region to attend.
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COS emphasised that the whole question of personnel for the North must be regularised and be completely tidied up at a very early date, and instructed Est Sec to take immediate action.

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(e) - 9. Typhus in Brindisi. CA Sec reported there was no typhus in the town itself and that the statement at the last meeting was not quite correct. There was known to be one case in the area and three recent deaths may have been due to typhus. The matter was being investigated.

(f) - 11. Italian Call-Up. Land Forces Sub-Commission stated that the new call-up directive had been modified to include Jews, who had been excluded from military service under the fascist regime.

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2. AF Shoulder Insignia. COS stated that AFHQ had permit ed British AC military personnel to wear the AF shoulder insignia. COS said he would consider the matter before giving a decision on this.

3. 15 Army Group Appreciation - N.W. Italy. COS asked DCOS to take this up with N.W. Italy Planning Committee in order to ensure that it did not conflict with what had been laid down by AFHQ.

4. Stocks of Chlorine. GA Sec reported the Italian Government were getting short of chlorine for the purification of water. There were 600 tons of chlorine awaiting shipment in Sicily. If part of this could be got to Rome, there was a plant capable of manufacturing half a ton of chlorine daily. GA Sec would send a letter to Econ Sec for action.

5. Report from No. 1 Special Force. Pol Sec said they had had another report from an officer of No. 1 Special Force that the French were planning to move into Valle d'Aosta when the Germans withdrew. The French force on the frontier was not well organized, consisting mostly of Maquis.
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6. Communications. Communications Sub-Commission asked if a communications officer would be left behind when the Southern Regions were liquidated. This point would be raised at this afternoon's special WPB meeting.

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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 2 FEBRUARY.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

(a) - 1(a). Demilitarisation of AC. Est Sec would submit information to COS to-day. COS read a draft letter from Econ Sec to G-5 AFHQ on civilian replacements for American officers. He would give the gist of this to Col. Fiske on the telephone to-day.

(b) - 3(b). UNRRA. COS had held a meeting with UNRRA at which all Sections were represented. We had got from UNRRA a very helpful idea of their intentions and commitments in dealing with the Italian Government.

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(e) - 7. HQ - N.W. Italy. COS had a meeting with RC Piemonte Region and had found that his staff was under strength. Some 40 extra officers would be required. It was discovered that British officers were something like 100 under the ceiling strength and COS stated this must be rectified at once. He considered that with those extra officers on the British side we could meet our commitments towards N.W. Italy and also Austria.
COS wanted Heads of Sections to warn Sub-Commissions that with the reduction of our commitments in Southern Italy and the Islands the number of officers serving at AC HQ would be reduced and would fall below the ceiling laid down by CO at the Manpower Committee
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CA Sec asked the position of American officers earmarked for Austria. COS stated Col. Fiske had taken a list to G-5 AFHQ and CC had laid it down that not more than 106 American officers would be earmarked for Austria and that in any case no officers assigned to Northern Regions would be touched.
CA Sec considered that Appendix C was now out of date. COS agreed and proposed having a Manpower Committee meeting on Monday, 5 February, at 0900 hrs.

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(f) - 13. Civilian Drivers. Land Forces Sub-Commission said they had provided 40 Italian soldiers who could be trained as drivers but Land Forces Sub-Commission had no training facilities available. COS suggested that the drivers be attached to the training school AFHQ were setting up and instructed Ext Sec to contact Land Forces Sub-Commission on this.

2. Olive Oil in Perugia Province. COS reported that the former PC of Perugia, in addition to issuing pasta, had released quantities of olive oil in the form of retrospective rations. Olive oil was not now being issued, with the consequence that the amassing was going badly and would continue to go badly so long as no olive oil was issued. COS had discussed with RC and Col. Legg yesterday and decided that to avoid a very serious effect upon our olive oil amassing normal rations should be issued during January, February and March and the olive oil issued retrospectively by the PC must be written off.

3. Enlistment of Patriots into the Italian Army. COS said it had been suggested that Land Forces Sub-Commission explore this matter with the Ministry of War. Gen. Browning thought it premature to discuss with the Ministry of War, but COS pointed out that the Ministry had produced very comprehensive and far seeing schemes in respect of patriots. COS asked Land Forces Sub-Commission to approach Gen. Browning again on this. Land Forces Sub-Commission said it was difficult to find an officer to send to France and COS suggested that they ask Gen. de Savin to give them a report as to how Maquis were enlisted into the French Army.

4. Mine Clearance. CA Sec asked for additional Italian personnel to build up another company for mine clearance. These men could be trained by the other two companies. COS agreed that one more company should be formed and asked Land Forces Sub-Commission to take the necessary action.

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8. Devastated Areas. CA Sec reported that the Friends Ambulance Unit wanted to operate in a village in the devastated areas. COS said there would be no objection provided the British and American Red Cross approved. CA Sec would clear the matter with Red Cross.

9. Typhus in Brindisi. CA Sec reported there had been four cases of typhus in Brindisi, resulting in three deaths. Further information would be obtained.

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10. Disorders in Ragusa. CA Sec asked if there was any objection to the conclusions on the behaviour of CC.RR found in the Howard Manley report being made known to the Italian Government. Land Forces Sub-Commission saw no objection and COS agreed. It was ruled that the report be reclassified "Secret".
COS asked Land Forces Sub-Commission to arrange a day for a conference between No. 3 District, Brig. Carr, CA Sec and themselves on the points made in this excellent report. Land Forces Sub-Commission suggested 7 February

11. Italian Call-Up. Land Forces Sub-Commission recommended extending the Lazio and Campania call-up period for a further ten days, i.e. till 16 February. COS agreed and Land Forces Sub-Commission would inform the Regions concerned.

12. Italian Barracks. Land Forces Sub-Commission reported that the Cesena refugees would be moved on 9 February.

13. Trucks. Econ Sec stated that the trucks being supplied from U.S.A. were shipped in parts and it would need an assembly plant to put them together. They had a meeting with AFHQ and Ordnance had stated that they were not in a position to assemble the trucks but would lend us some tools and personnel. Econ Sec had argued that the assembling of the trucks was a military commitment.
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COS directed CA Sec in consultation with IPW Sub-Commission to issue a directive on the general question of channels for repatriation which should include the repatriation of civilian internees.

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COS would discuss with Col. Astley and PRO. 4027

16. Code Words in Signals. Office of COS had now received a list of the code words from No. 3 District, and would send it to CA Sec.

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31 January 1945.

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AFHQ had rejected the suggestion that the 300 gram ration should start from 15 February and their firm view now was that they would not make any addition to the ration until 1 March and only then if they could get assurance from COS of firm shipping commitments March through July. They would make no decision or announcement until they got a reply to the telegram sent off asking for such assurance.
COS stated the price of bread must be increased at the same time as the increase in ration and asked Econ Sec what progress had been made in deciding how much the price increase should be.
Econ Sec said the Italian Government was not yet decided on this point, prices of 8, 10 and 12 lire having been discussed. COS said there was no objection to Econ Sec discussing with the Italian Government what the price would be if the ration was increased providing such discussion was kept secret.

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(e) - 3. Report from No. 1 Special Force. It was confirmed that this would be circulated to Sections.

(f) - 5. Enlistment of Patriots in the Italian Army. COS asked CA Sec to arrange to see Gen. Browning's memorandum.

(g) - 7. Situation in Sicily. COS directed that RC's DO letter and report on graft be sent to Econ and CA Secs.

(h) - 12. Archives. CA Sec drew attention to a report by the Archives Committee. COS proposed to take the Chair at their next meeting and said that the subject was important.

(i) - 14. Signals Communication. COS agreed that this minute was wrong and that routine signals should be sent by ELS at the discretion of Heads of Sub-Commissions.

2. New Deal for Italy. COS announced that CC took immediate action in the matter of the draft joint public statement, circulated to Heads of Sections yesterday, and had sent a telegram to Mr. Macmillan suggesting two short amendments: (i) in the first sentence of paragraph 5 adding "with those countries with which it had diplomatic relations" after the word "relations" and (ii) the insertion of the word "Regional" in front of "officers of the AC" at the end of paragraph 5, this latter to prevent HQ being required to move out of Rome into AMG territory.
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(d) 'Pat'or 'Tap' Signals. There had been some discussion on this at AFHQ. COS asked Econ Sec to show him the serials as soon as they received them.

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(e) Visit of DCOS Eat Sec. COS stated AFHQ wanted Col. Fiske to go there on Thursday and Friday, and again on Monday, to discuss planning for Austria.

4. Wages of Female Civilian Employees. Econ Sec had received a report from Labour Sub-Commission on this matter. It was stated that the Italian Government imposed no differential in respect of professional and clerical grades but there was a differential in the lower grades, such as messengers, cooks and cleaners. If it was considered that the employees of AC could be regarded as on a similar footing to Italian Government employees then the differential could be removed for the appropriate grades.
COS ruled that the differential should be removed in respect of Italian professional and clerical employees of AC, but would remain for the lower grades, to keep in line with the Italian Government.
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11. Italian Officials dismissed in AMG Territory. CA Sec asked what our policy would be in regard to Italian officials removed by AMG in the North being employed by the Italian Government in the South. The general opinion was that we should take no action but Pol Sec thought we could put in a friendly word for officials who had done us good service. COS thought we were in close enough touch with the Italian Government to enable this to be done, but otherwise our policy was that it was the responsibility of the Italian Government as to whom they employed.

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12. Payment for Transport by Italians and Members of Missions. Est Sec stated that demands for payment for transport had been made from members of missions, and cited the instance of an urgent request to despatch a member of a Yugoslav mission, who on arrival at the airport was asked to pay. COS directed Est Sec to look into the matter.

13. Civilian Drivers. Est Sec stated that two civilian drivers had refused to go on a trip last week because of inadequate allowance and rations and inability to obtain accommodation. The last point had been taken up with Regions, who had been asked to provide a list of billets. Little could be done about the food. The question of the maintenance allowance had been taken up but no reply had been received.
Est Sec had asked for 40 Italian Army drivers and, if obtained, they would solve the problem. COS asked Land Forces Sub-Commission to look into this point.

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15 December 1944.

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Pol Sec stated that General Brown of RAAC had communicated direct with the Italian Government. COS stated it should be checked if this were correct, as communications to the Italian Government ought to be made by Allied Commission.
There was discussion on the general policy of requisitioning.

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(m) 10 - Italians in Eritrea. Brig. McCarthy had approached the Italian Government and had sent off an agreed telegram. The line taken by Allied Commission was that we could not agree unless and until a written request had been received from the Italian Government.

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10. Hospitals in 8 Army Area. CA Sec had been asked for an increase in the ration for hospitals in advanced areas. CA Sec considered the present ration was sufficient. COS asked Econ Sec to let him know the position.

11. Performances by Professional Artists in Allied Commission. Ent Sec stated certain members of the Commission who were professional artists had been invited by the Italians to give performances. COS stated there would be no objection provided
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(b) that cases should be referred to Ent Sec,
(c) that the giving of such performances would not interfere with work.

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12. Telephone Situation. Est Sec raised the question of alleged excessive civilian telephone calls. Col. Henderson said the reports were exaggerated and the number of calls was not excessive. There was a close checking system and the restriction was being enforced. COS said that another public statement from the Italian Government should be issued, and Communications Sub-Commission should submit such a statement to PRO.

13. Olive Oil. Econ Sec had held a meeting with Regional Commissioner, Southern Region, on the olive oil situation. The position was that the Food Sub-Commission would make a statement of the amount needed to maintain the ration. This statement would be put up to the Minister of Agriculture, who would be told that we needed this amount, whether by amassing or purchasing.

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COS stated the price of bread must be increased at the same time as the increase in ration and asked Econ Sec what progress had been made in deciding how much the price increase should be. Econ Sec said the Italian Government was not yet decided on this point, prices of 8, 10 and 12 lire having been discussed. COS said there was no objection to Econ Sec discussing with the Italian Government what the price would be if the ration was increased providing such discussion was kept secret.

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(e) - 3. Report from No. 1 Special Force. It was confirmed that this would be circulated to Sections.

(f) - 5. Enlistment of Patriots in the Italian Army. COS asked CA Sec to arrange to see Gen. Browning's memorandum.

(g) - 7. Situation in Sicily. COS directed that PS's DO letter and report on graft be sent to Econ and CA Secs.

(h) - 12. Archives. CA Sec drew attention to a report by the Archives Committee. COS proposed to take the Chair at their next meeting and said that the subject was important.

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The patriots would be regarded as returned prisoners of war, not as part of the Italian Army. COS said we would be more likely to get what we wanted from the COS on that basis.

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(c) Transportation. COS said that the telegram sent by CC regarding requisitioning and hiring of vehicles had gone through wrong channels at AFHQ and had been dealt with by QAE. The matter would be taken up at the proper level and reconsidered. COS would take up the matter again at the end of the week when Gen. Robertson visited AC.

(d) 'Pat' or 'Tap' Signals. There had been some discussion on this at AFHQ. COS asked Econ Sec to show him the serials as soon as they received them.

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(c) Visit of DCOS Est Sec. COS stated AFHQ wanted Col. Fiske to go there on Thursday and Friday, and again on Monday, to discuss planning for Austria.

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COS ruled that the differential should be removed in respect of Italian professional and clerical employees of AC, but would remain for the lower grades, to keep in line with the Italian Government.
COS directed Est Sec to go into the question of receptionists and messengers and give him a statement as to whether they were all fully employed and the number held was justified.

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10. Representatives from British Ministries of Food and Supply. Econ Sec said representatives had been here for some time, working mainly in the field and asked their position. COS had taken up the matter with the Ministries on his visit to London and had made it clear that any officials coming out were attached to AC and could not work without AC authority. COS said he would look up the papers on this. Visitors of this sort must be attached to particular Sub-Commissions.

11. Italian Officials dismissed in AMG Territory. CA Sec asked what our policy would be in regard to Italian officials removed by AMG in the North being employed by the Italian Government in the South. The general opinion was that we should take no action but Pol Sec thought we could put in a friendly word for officials who had done us good service. COS thought we were in close enough touch with the Italian Government to enable this to be done, but otherwise our policy was that it was the responsibility of the Italian Government as to whom they employed.

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12. Payment for Transport by Italians and Members of Missions. CA Sec stated that demands for payment for transport had been made from members of missions, and cited the instance of an urgent request to despatch a member of a Yugoslav mission, who on arrival at the airport was asked to pay. COS directed Est Sec to look into the matter.

13. Civilian Drivers. Est Sec stated that two civilian drivers had refused to go on a trip last week because of inadequate allowance and rations and inability to obtain accommodation. The last point had been taken up with Regions, who had been asked to provide a list of billets. Little could be done about the food. The question of the maintenance allowance had been taken up but no reply had been received.
Est Sec had asked for 40 Italian Army drivers and, if obtained, they would solve the problem. COS asked Land Forces Sub-Commission to look into this point.

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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 26 JANUARY.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 8. Demilitarisation of AC. There was discussion on the question of recruiting of civilians to take the place of any military officers that might be taken away. COS directed Est Sec to put up the number of American civilian officials of officer status who had arrived at this theatre during the last year, whether they had actually taken the place of officers and how many civilian officials AC would require to take the places of American officers (a)according to the list sent to AFHQ some two months ago and (b) to replace officers who would be withdrawn for Austria. COS also wanted from Est Sec a list of all American and British officers earmarked for Austria, detailed in divisions and showing the present assigned posts in AC and qualifications of officers. On the basis of the information provided it might be necessary to wire for replacements.

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3. Report from No. 1 Special Force. COS stated that VP Pol Sec had produced an excellent summary of a No. 1 Special Force appreciation of what the policy should be in regard to supplying arms and equipment to Italian partisans in the North. This would be circulated to Sections.

4. Press Agency Reports. COS observed that the local press agencies would produce sheets giving summaries of news and directed PRO to see if the scheme could be tried for a week for Heads of Sections.

5. Enlistment of Patriots in the Italian Army. Gen. Browning had put forward a memorandum setting forth his views on the possibility of enlistment of patriots into combat groups of the Italian Army. CC had studied this and would like an exploration made as to how the French Maquis were absorbed into the French Army.
COS suggested that a representative from CA Sec and Land Forces Sub-Commission could go to SHAEF to look into this matter and directed CA Sec and Land Forces Sub-Commission to nominate officers.

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IPW Sub-Commission raised the question of clothing for POWs and CA Sec agreed to ask Lt. Col. Andrews to include IPOWs in their appeal.

11. Coordination of Intelligence Agencies. In answer to Econ Sec, COS stated the papers had come out from CC, who had been informed that other VPs were in agreement. CC's first reaction was that the plan would not be approved by AFHQ but COS would take the matter up again.

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12. Archives. PRO reported that the work of the Archives Section had come to a standstill as material was not being sent in by Sub-Commissions. He was concerned that they did not get a regular flow of papers and asked if the matter could be taken up with Sub-Commissions. COS said that though apparently academic the question of Archives was serious and due regard must be given to it. PRO thought that civilian archivists should be brought over from London and Washington. COS said if this was done they should come in under the Embassies. Archives Section should consider the matter and also the possibility of Sub-Commissions sending in all papers other than directives etc. in current use dated before 30 June 1944.

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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 23 JANUARY.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(c). UNRRA. DCOS G. Sec reported that Public Health Sub-Commission had received a memorandum from UNRRA in which they had passed plans for visiting Florence and other places. There was discussion on UNRRA activities and COS said these should be confined to Italian Government Italy. As AC supplied transport, tyres and petrol, we should limit UNRRA expeditions to reasonable limits. COS said Major Doe should tell UNRRA this, and emphasised that Major Doe must keep track of all UNRRA activities.

(b) - 1(d). Requisitioning of Cars. Est Sec reported that AFHQ wanted us to turn all our cars over to the Italian Government and borrow them back on contract. After discussion COS instructed Est Sec to approach the Italian Government and if it was impossible to come to an arrangement we would follow up CO's telegram (mentioned in Minute No. 3 herein) with another one.

(c) - 1(e). Hotel Accommodation. At an Est Sec meeting it had been decided to go into the question of segregating civilians from officers. COS reiterated that it was not desirable to separate civilians from officers as far as Commission personnel was concerned.
The question of the Flora Hotel was raised. It was agreed it was overcrowded and the service in general could be greatly improved upon. COS approved Est Sec's suggestion that a senior officer could live at the Flora Hotel and be Chairman of the Mess Committee. COS considered that this hotel was at present under bad management and changes would be required. Est Sec would take necessary action.

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(b) - 1(d). Requisitioning of Cars. Est Sec reported that AMHQ wanted us to turn all our cars over to the Italian Government and borrow them back on contract. After discussion COS instructed Est Sec to approach the Italian Government and if it was impossible to come to an arrangement we would follow up CC's telegram (mentioned in Minute No. 3 herein) with another one.

(c) - 1(e). Hotel Accommodation. At an Est Sec meeting it had been decided to go into the question of segregating civilians from officers. COS reiterated that it was not desirable to separate civilians from officers as far as Commission personnel was concerned.
The question of the Flora Hotel was raised. It was agreed it was overcrowded and the service in general could be greatly improved upon. COS approved Est Sec's suggestion that a senior officer could live at the Flora Hotel and be Chairman of the Mess Committee. COS considered that this hotel was at present under bad management and changes would be required. Est Sec would take necessary action.

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(f) - 4. "Siena" Conference. COS stated there was no definite date fixed for the proposed conference in Rome.

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4. Visit of COS to Toscana Region. COS had visited all Provinces in Toscana Region with the exception of Grosseto. In general, conditions were fairly good.

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7. Outgoing Signals. COS acceded to CA Sec's request that Heads of Sub-Commissions be allowed to use their own discretion as to whom they should show Confidential and Restricted telegrams. In the case of Secret telegrams, the VP should be responsible.

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There was some discussion, and COS said that answers could be given to some of the questions in very general terms, and other questions left unanswered. Many of the matters were the responsibility of the Italian Government, and the newspapermen should be informed accordingly. COS would discuss the whole matter with PRO.

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15 January 1945.

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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 12 JANUARY.

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(d) - 7. Pass for Civilian Employees. Econ Sec were preparing a memorandum on this subject.

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(e) - 9. Threat of Strike of Government Employees in Bari. It was stated that the Director of Labour Sub-Commission was arranging to be present at the meeting of the delegates of the Government employees from Bari in Rome. There was some discussion on comparative wage rates and C/S stressed that Allied officers present at meetings must be observers only and were not to participate in any way. G. Sec read a memorandum put out by PC setting forth the advance points of the Bari Committee. COS emphasised that any idea of a strike at Bari must be stopped and a firm line taken with the Italian Government. The matter would be refined at the V2s meeting.

(f) - 11. Arrest of Uberto. G. Sec had sent off signals on 4 and 9 January to which no replies had been received. They reported that Uberto had been arrested and received three months imprisonment for making a speech at a political meeting. COS instructed G. Sec to send for the code for review.

(g) - 12. UNRRA. COS announced there was a meeting this evening. G. Sec reported that Brig. Parkinson had suggested we should hand over malaria control to UNRRA. No negotiations had taken place. COS considered this was a function of local government and hesitated about handing over to UNRRA. If UNRRA merely proposed to work out all schemes it might be all right but we must impress on UNRRA that the actual work would have to be done by Italians. It would also have to be closely coordinated with the army since malaria control was of vital military importance. The matter would be discussed at the V2s meeting.

(h) - 13. Request From Secondments. P & O Sec had heard nothing more. Lt.Col. Sibley said the request had come from Secondments as a Minister and had been returned to be put forward by the Prime Minister in the proper way. Nothing had yet come through.

(i) -18. Requisitioning of Cars. This matter would be brought up at the next COS meeting on Tuesday, 16 January.

(j) - 19. Hotel Accommodation. HQ Commandant reported that accommodation was scarce and Lazio-Umbria Region already had fifty beds from us. He was in touch with R.A.C with a view to getting another hotel. HQ Commandant was holding a meeting with UNRRA regarding accommodation but COS directed that UNRRA should go to R.A.C for hotel rooms. COS asked HQ Commandant to provide a list of personnel in the Flora Hotel and their status.

(k) - 20. Situation in Sicily. Communications Sub-Commission said communications were as good now as they ever were. COS conceded this point, saying that what was meant in the former discussion was that lines of communication had been

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2. Equality of Provinces. CCG was issuing an order on this and pointed out that there was equality of Provinces. Some officers resented being posted from AMG to LC, or vice versa, considering they were receiving a less important assignment. This was not so and Heads of Sections would make this point clear.

3. Planning for N.W. Italy. COS proposed to set up a coordinating Committee under the two DCs, Col. Marshall and Col. Feasey, to deal with the planning for N.W. Italy. The Committee would meet once a week with representatives of Sections attending and Lt.Col. Shipp was directed to get out a letter on these lines. COS ruled that HQ of the Regions would remain at Chianciano because of accommodation difficulties.

4. Priorities Board. This had been set up and would hold its first meeting at twelve o'clock on 15 January after the DCs meeting.

5. Decree for the Ministry of Occupied Territory. Pol Sec asked the position. COS said the decree had been commented on by GL Sec and a letter submitted to CC to send to AMG. The letter reported unfavourably on most of the clauses of the decree.

6. Liaison Officer at San Marino. Pol Sec reported that San Marino had sent a letter stating the liaison officer had left some time ago and no one had taken his place. HQ, Middle Region reported that San Marino had been visited twice a week and he considered this was more than enough. COS considered that as we had officers to spare at the moment we might send someone and asked Pol Sec to consider this.

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13. Transport Required for Radio Rome. Nat Sec reported that PWB were transferring the operation of Radio Rome to the Italian Government who were now asking for trucks. Communications Sub-Commission had the matter in hand.

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30 December 1944.

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COS directed that Lt. Col. Shipp send out a memorandum, giving more details, to all Sections, and the matter would be brought up at the next meeting for further discussion.

4. Displaced Persons Sub-Commission - Vehicles. Est Sec suggested that in view of the high proportion of lost and damaged vehicles in the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission transport pool the vehicles should be incorporated in the Headquarters transport pool. This would avoid further losses and would be better for the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission as well. CA Sec asked if they could go into the matter with Displaced Persons Sub-Commission and COS agreed, but said he was in favour of Est Sec's proposal. The matter had already been mentioned at the Manpower Committee meeting, and would be brought up at the next COS meeting for a decision.

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5. Russian Delegation - Cars. Est Sec stated the Russian Delegation had fourteen cars, all bearing AC markings, and all being fuelled and maintained by the Commission. Four were AC requisitioned. The establishment provided for one car only for the General. Of the four he had, the General had asked to be allowed to retain two. COS stated this request should be refused, and the question of the ten extra cars would be left for overall consideration. He did not consider that French and Russian delegations were entitled to preferential treatment, and would ask the CC to speak to the General on the matter.

6. Signing of Correspondence "For Chief Commissioner." Econ and Est Secs raised this question again. After discussion, COS ruled that the arrangement made in Minute 1(b) of the COS meeting on 22 December would stand.

7. Waiting Time for Taxis. CA Sec complained that taxis did not wait for officers who had called on Government officials and other places. The official waiting time was half an hour, but this was not always strictly observed. Even if it were observed, it was not long enough for many visits. The matter was discussed, and COS instructed Est Sec to examine the possibility of increasing the waiting period to one hour.

8. Education in Naples. The Prime Minister had written to CA Sec asking that education be handed back to the Italian Government. RC had no objections, but he would not hand over the schools until the new Sindaco was appointed. COS stated CA Sec should write to the Prime Minister stating there was an impasse unless Palermo withdrew his nomination for the Sindacoship of Naples.

9. Clothing and Equipment. CA Sec stated that correspondence had passed between Col. Campbell and Col. Denmore. The matter was being brought up to COS and would be dealt with to-day.

10. Honours from Italian Institutions. The policy of the Commission had been laid down in Establishment Memorandum No. 26. CA Sec read a letter in which the University of Rome recorded appreciation of several officers, including Major Washburne, who had asked for a ruling on the matter. The position was awkward, as no honour had actually been given, and the officer was confronted with a "fait accompli." After discussion, COS agreed to ask CC to see the Prime Minister with a view to avoiding recurrence of such incidents.

11. Chart of Allied Commission. Mr. Myron Taylor had asked CA Sec for a Chart of Allied Commission. COS agreed that an official one could be sent.

12. Regional Commissioners' Meeting. CA Sec asked if it was proposed to hold a meeting in the near future. COS stated the A/President would be in Rome this afternoon, and CC would ask him.

13. Extra Lighting for Professional Workers. CA Sec had received a request for more light for professional workers, doctors, and magistrates. COS said the matter should be taken up by the C representative on PAAC Electricity Board.

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7. Waiting Time for Taxis. CA Sec complained that taxis did not wait for officers who had called on Government officials and other places. The official waiting time was half an hour, but this was not always strictly observed. Even if it were observed, it was not long enough for many visits. The matter was discussed, and COS instructed Est Sec to examine the possibility of increasing the waiting period to one hour.

8. Education in Naples. The Prime Minister had written to CA Sec asking that education be handed back to the Italian Government. RC had no objections, but he would not hand over the schools until the new Sindaco was appointed. COS stated CA Sec should write to the Prime Minister stating there was an impasse unless Palermo withdrew his nomination for the Sindacoship of Naples.

9. Clothing and Equipment. CA Sec stated that correspondence had passed between Col. Campbell and Col. Densmore. The matter was being brought up to COS and would be dealt with to-day.

10. Honours from Italian Institutions. The policy of the Commission had been laid down in Establishment Memorandum No. 26. CA Sec read a letter in which the University of Rome recorded appreciation of several officers, including Major Washburne, who had asked for a ruling on the matter. The position was awkward, as no honour had actually been given, and the officer was confronted with a "fait accompli." After discussion, COS agreed to ask CC to see the Prime Minister with a view to avoiding recurrence of such incidents.

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13. Extra Lighting for Professional Workers. CA Sec had received a request for more light for professional workers, doctors, and magistrates. COS said the matter should be taken up by the AC representative on RAAC Electricity Board, but suggested that magistrates should be able to go to the Ministry of Justice to work late, where there was already adequate lighting.

14. Red Cross Ambulances. The Italian Government had offered five completely equipped and staffed Red Cross ambulances, with the suggestion that these be sent to Army areas. COS pointed out that as Eighth Army had recently received six ambulances from Army sources they should not go there.

15. Proposed Visit of RC Southern Region to King Victor Emmanuel. RC Southern Region had telephoned saying he expected to receive an invitation to visit King Victor Emmanuel at Taranto. COS ruled that this invitation should not be accepted.

16. Status of Mr. Bell. Econ Sec stated that Mr. Bell was the representative of the Shipping Sub-Commission. Pol Sec said he had been very useful and helpful to them.

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17. Civilian Situation at Livorno. Econ Sec stated soup kitchens had been set up. Although he considered the situation was still serious, the PC had matters under control. Econ Sec would keep careful watch on the situation.
In addition to the Allied soldiers, there were many Italian troops in the town, who were buying up local food resources. This would be discussed with Land Forces Sub-Commission.

18. Prison Rations. COS stated that this had been settled at the VP's meeting yesterday and that the orders sent out by Econ Sec would stand, with the exception of Rome.

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To the Chief of Staff.

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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 16 JANUARY.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(b) Olive Oil - Amassing. The progress of the scheme was discussed. DCOS G.S. Sec was disturbed by the wording of the Econ Sec directive in respect of the powers of Allied officers. COS directed that a short follow-up should be sent out defining exactly what Allied officers can and cannot do.
The publicity was starting off well and COS directed PRO to give further publicity to the scheme.
It was important that ACs in the North understood their responsibilities in the matter and showed the Italian Government what could be done in AMG territory.

(b) - 1(e) HQ in N.W. Italy. P & I Sec drew attention to their comment in the last minutes, and stated that one central control was in their opinion desirable but not "essential" as stated.

(c) - 1(g) UNRRA. COS directed that Major Doc should attend all UNRRA meetings and should watch the Agenda carefully but that no regular AC attendance other than Major Doc was necessary.

(d) - 1(i) Requisitioning of Cars. Mat Sec had gone carefully into this question. Of the 1,144 cars AC had, 170 would have to be scrapped, leaving 974, which was a surplus of 715 over the T.E. of 261. AFHQ had ruled that cars outside the T.E. would be for the use of people not on T.E., and wanted to reduce the number of cars used by AC to the minimum to conserve fuel, tyres and spare parts. Mat Sec had prepared a draft letter to the Regions telling them they must cease requisitioning new running cars.
AFHQ had replied to COS's letter of 6 January asking for powers of requisitioning for AC to the effect that the matter would receive due consideration. In view of this COS ruled that the matter should stand as it was at present.

Mat Sec submitted to COS details

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AFHQ had replied to CC's letter of 8 January asking for powers of requisitioning for AC to the effect that the matter would receive reconsideration. In view of this COS ruled that the matter should stand as it was at present.

(e) - 1(j) Hotel Accomodation. Mat Sec submitted to COS details of the residents of the Flora Hotel. A letter had been drafted to UNRRA asking them to find [illegible] accomodation.
COS did not want a differentiation between civilians and officers in AC and ruled that the solution was that UNRRA should find accomodation elsewhere and HQ Commandant should obtain another hotel.
This would ensure that spare rooms in the Flora Hotel would be available for the use of officers in transit.

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(f) - 3. Planning for N.W. Italy. There was a brief discussion on this matter.
DCOS CA Sec stated that he was by no means clear as to what was meant by para 6(a) (Phase 1) of Operation Instruction "Occupation of N.W. Italy" addressed to 15 Army Group dated 21 Dec 44.
"The Regional Commissioners for Liguria, Piedmonte and Lombardy with their respective Regional HQs will be placed under command 15 Army Group in order to assist AMG." DCOS CA Sec considered that this might be read to mean that the DCOAO (Forward) would come into the chain of command between HQ AC and the Regions, a situation which would be undesirable and for which purpose the DCOAO had no staff.
DCOS CA Sec suggested that during Phase I it would be better to continue the present system whereby certain provinces were under 5 Army although administered by Regional personnel.
In para 6(b) (Phase II) nothing was said as to AMG chain of command but DCOS CA Sec assumed we were covered by para 5, which stated AC were responsible for AMG.
COS stated he would clear the matter with AFHQ on his visit.

(g) - 4. Priorities Board. This was now functioning and had held its first meeting.

(h) - 7. Office Accommodation at HQ. With a view to accommodating additional HQ officers COS directed Est Sec to see whether Navy and Air Sub-Commissions and IGCH could not move into the PWB building in the Via Veneto. He was against moving Land Forces Sub-Commission.

2. Article in "Partisani." COS drew attention to a mischievous article in this paper and asked PWB if the paper could be suppressed. PWB stated it was a matter for the Italian Press Commissioner, unless it was taken up on the grounds of military security.
COS would bring the matter to the attention of CC.

3. Visits to Regions. COS stated he wished Directors and Deputy Directors of Sub-Commissions to visit every Region within the next two months.

4. "Siena" Conference. COS announced there would be a Conference in Rome as soon as A/President had received the result of the Washington conversations.

5. Visits of RCs to HQ. COS stated that it must be a rule that visiting RCs see Heads of Sections. He directed Est Sec to arrange for a reception room to be available [illegible]

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Office of COS was instructed to put out a letter to RCS on these lines.

6. Relations between PRC and Sub-Commissions. CA Sec cited the instance of a newspaper report concerning Public Health and Italian Red Cross ambulances. COS ruled that Sub-Commissions would be responsible for clearing proposed press releases with any third party involved before approaching PRC.

7. Use of Code Words in Signals from No. 3 District. CA Sec asked if we had the codes. COS directed Maj. Talbot to ask FACC for a copy of the codes.

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8. Patriots. C. Sec drew attention to an announcement in a Florence newspaper that a death payment of 10,000 lire would be paid by a certain individual to the families of dead patriots who had been members of one of three parties. COS C. Sec said that he had ruled that there should be no discrimination and the payment should apply to all dead patriots or that no payment be made at all. COS would take up the matter during his visit to Florence.

9. Successor to Basic News. C. Sec asked if it would be possible for PRO to continue something on the lines of Basic News. Although Scon and P.1 Secs agreed with C. Sec that the presentation of Italian news would be most useful, PRO was against the proposal.
COS said that most of the military news was covered by the Army newspapers and other points were to be seen in PRO's "Daily Digest."
There was no discussion on the subject.
COS stated that CC was holding a meeting this afternoon and the matter would be discussed then.
A possible solution was for News Agencies to issue special Summaries of News.

10. Italian Army Newspaper. Land Forces Sub-Commission raised the question of an Italian army newspaper being issued on similar lines to the "Union Jack" and "Stars and Stripes." This scheme was being considered.

11. Italian Motor Companies. COS said Col. Miller had put forward for consideration a request for some of the Italian motor companies, including Fiat, that spares and motor vehicles be found from North Africa. COS thought there was nothing available in North Africa. There might be something in Eritrea, but transport was the difficulty. Econ Sec said they would look into the matter.

12. Intelligence Reports. COS stated there was no doubt that reports on political and economic problems went out from this country from about eight different sources and had a widespread distribution both here and abroad. He was submitting a paper to CC for consideration. The aim was to have one coordinated report on the political and economic aspects in Italy to go from one centre, namely AC.
Although it would be impossible to prevent reports from other sources being sent to their parent bodies in U.K. and U.S.A., there was no reason why they should be circulated elsewhere.
COS suggested an AC Committee should be formed, to which the various agencies would bring their reports, cross check them, and issue a comprehensive report bi-monthly or perhaps weekly.
P.1 Sec emphasised that Embassies must be consulted.

13. Movement of Interpreters. C. Sec reported that officers arriving in Rome often brought their own interpreters with them and then required transport to send them back. COS said this was wrong and directed Ext Sec to take up the matter with Col. Cripps, G. Sec and issue an order.

14. Glass Desktops at AC. PRO said there was comment in newspapers that although glass was short in schools certain public bodies retained glass desktops. C. Sec stated the Italian Government could have the glass from AC if they wanted it but had said emphatically that it

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15. Greatcoats at Salvage Depot. LFSD Sub-Commission reported there were 25,000 greatcoats lying rotting at a salvage depot in Naples because the responsibility for disinfestation was in dispute. COS directed Land Forces Sub-Commission to take over these greatcoats and arrange with Public Health Sub-Commission to have them disinfested.

COS announced there would be no Chief of Staff's meeting on Friday, 19 January. The next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 23 January, at 0900 hrs.

E. Faith Hope
Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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Ref: 210/61/30S 13 January 1945

MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 12 JANUARY.

Please note the following amendments to the Minutes of the Chief of Staff's Meeting of 9 January.

1. Minute 6. - HQ in N.W. Italy. Delete last two lines and substitute: "No. 2 District HQ were preparing to move to Lido Rose and a temporary extension of their responsibility was being planned. At present they were in Florence."

2. Minute 5. In heading delete "Female".

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1. Minutes of last Meeting.

(a) - 1(a) Clothing and Equipment. COS stated a discussion had taken place and the distribution of functions between A&D Sub-Commission and Econ Sec on this matter had been agreed.

(b) - 1(b) Olive Oil - Processing. Econ Sec reported that the Head of Agriculture Sub-Commission had returned and the operation was commencing satisfactorily.
COS said HQ in the South would be left free to take necessary action, subject to general direction from this HQ, but COS in the North should have definite instructions. These must go out this week-end.
Nat Sec had personnel earmarked.
PRO reported that PWB had asked that HQ should sign a letter stating that no olive oil was being exported. This should be coordinated with Econ Sec.

(c) - 6. HQ in N.W. Italy. COS stated preliminary views had been put up to CO. Econ Sec read a report on the views of their Sub-Commissions. General opinion was in favour of one large Region. COS summarised Econ Sec's requirements as a large Regional HQ with three or more Zones between Region HQ and Provinces. Econ Sec remarked that the question of Regional personnel being withdrawn for Austria must be borne in mind. Ops Sec had discussed at some length and it had been agreed that this problem touched Econ Sec more closely than themselves. No one had strong views except Legal Sub-Commission, who said that from their experience of issuing Proclamations and Orders it was much better to have one Region and thus one set of Orders. On the whole, however, opinion was against a large Region as the HQ would inevitably split up into Regional Divisions

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2. Minute 8. In heading, delete "Female".

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COS said HQ in the South would be left free to take necessary action, subject to general direction from this HQ, but FCs in the North should have definite instructions. These must go out this week-end.
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(d) - 7. Need for Civilian Employees. Econ Sec were preparing a memorandum on this subject.

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(c) - 9. Threat of Strike of Government Employees in Bari. It was stated that the Director of Labour Sub-Commission was arranging to be present at the meeting of the delegates of the Government employees from Bari in Rome. There was some discussion on comparative wage rates and CCS stressed that Allied officers present at meetings must be observers only and were not to participate in any way. C. in C. read a memorandum put out by RC setting forth the advance points of the Bari Committee. CCS emphasized that any idea of a strike at Bari must be stopped and a firm line taken with the Italian Government. The matter would be raised at the VP's meeting.

This could possibly mistake be Cruft in Cyprus

(f) - 11. Arrest of Uberti. C. in C. had sent off an aide on 4 and 9 January to which no replies had been received. They reported that Uberti had been arrested and received three months imprisonment for making a speech at a political meeting. CCS instructed C. in C. to send for the case for review.

(g) - 12. UNRRA. CCS announced there was a meeting this evening. C. in C. reported that Brig. Packenham had suggested we should hand over Adriatic control to UNRRA. No negotiations had taken place. CCS considered this was a function of local government and hesitated about handing over to UNRRA. If UNRRA merely proposed to work out all schedules it might be all right but we must impress on UNRRA that the actual work would have to be done by Italians. It would also have to be closely coordinated with the Navy since naval control was of vital military importance. The matter would be discussed at the VP's meeting.

(h) - 13. Request from Secondary. P.M. Sec had heard nothing more. Lt.-Col. Sharp said the request had come from Secondigne as a Minister and had been returned to be put forward by the Prime Minister in the proper way. Nothing had yet come through.

(i) -18. Requisitioning of Cars. This matter would be brought up at the next CCS meeting on Tuesday, 16 January.

(j) - 19. Hotel Accommodation. Mr Commandant reported that accommodation was scarce and Leslie-Ubrin Hotel already had fifty beds for us. He was in touch with AMG with a view to getting another hotel. Mr Commandant was holding a meeting with UNRRA regarding accommodation but CCS directed that UNRRA should go to AMG for hotel rooms. CCS asked Mr Commandant to provide a list of personnel in the Flexibility and their status.

(k) - 20. Situation in Sicily. Communications Sub-Commission said communications were as good now as they ever were. CCS corrected this point, saying that what was meant in the former discussion was that lines of communication had been damaged by insurgents. He commented that news from MC invariably reached us last, the first intimation being from the Italian Government, then from the Army, and thirdly from MC. This was not the fault of the

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(h) - 13. Request from Scoccimarro. D.I.Sec had handed nothing in re. Dr.C.L. Sharp and the request had come from Scoccimarro as a Minister and had been returned to be put forward by the Prime Minister in the proper way. Nothing had yet come through.

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COS then gave a brief resume of the latest situation, again stressing that the Italian Government must handle the matter themselves and Allied Forces would not participate in any way. Col. Henderson raised the question of imposing censorship in Ragusa. COS considered this would be Allied intervention and the best thing was for the Italian Government to continue the censorship they already imposed in Palermo and Syracuse. The matter, however, would be put up to CC.

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2. Equality of Provinces. CCS was issuing an order on this and pointed out that there was equality of Provinces. Some officers resented being posted from AMG to AC, or vice versa, considering they were receiving a less important assignment. This was not so and Heads of Sections would make this point clear.

3. Planning for N.W. Italy. CCS proposed to set up a coordinating Committee under the two DCs, Col. Marshall and C.L. Feasey, to deal with the planning for N.W. Italy. The Committee would meet once a week with representatives of Sections attending and Lt.Col. Shipp was directed to get out a letter on these lines. CCS ruled that HQ of the Regions would remain at Chiancisno because of accommodation difficulties.

4. Priorities Board. This had been set up and would hold its first meeting at twelve o'clock on 13 January after the CCS meeting.

5. Decree for the Ministry of Occupied Territory. Pol Sec asked the position. CCS said the decree had been circulated on by C. Sec and a letter submitted to CC to send to AFHQ. The letter reported unfavourably on most of the clauses of the decree.

6. Liaison Officer at San Marino. Pol Sec reported that San Marino had sent a letter stating the liaison officer had left some time ago and no one had taken his place. HQ, Emilia Region reported that San Marino had been visited twice a week and he considered this was more than enough. CCS considered that as we had officers to spare at the moment we might send someone and asked Pol Sec to consider this.

7. Office Accommodation at HQ. HQ Commandant raised the question of office space and CCS directed that all Heads of Sections ensure that all space was being used to the maximum advantage before we engaged fresh in another building.

8. Heating of HQ Building. HQ Commandant had sent twelve trucks for a supply of Welsh steam coal. The heating system of the building was not successful and FU & U Sub-Commission were making a report on the possibility of converting the system to fuel oil from coal.

9. Movement of Offices. Communications Sub-Commission asked that the telephone supervisor be informed when offices were being vacated or moved so that efficient service could be maintained. CCS directed Heads of Sections to watch this point.

10. Outgoing Signals. CA Sec asked for a ruling on the wording to be used for the address. It was confirmed that "HQ ALLIED" was correct. CCS stressed that telegrams must be coordinated within the Commission by the originator before they are sent off. A directive would be issued on these lines.

11. Allied Policy - Italy and Japan. CA Sec asked the position. CCS said the matter would be brought up to CC.

12. AFCUS Directive on U.S. Army Training. Pol Sec drew attention to this matter and stated days and times for U.S. Enlisted Men to attend parades. Sections were in agreement with the arrangements, which were for parades on Monday to Thursday inclusive, between the hours [illegible] and

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13. Transport required for Radio Rome. Econ Sec reported that PWB were transferring the operation of Radio Rome to the Italian Government who were now asking for trucks. Communications Sub-Commission had the matter in hand.

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14. Proposed Italian Government Mission to China. Pol Sec reported the Italian Government were sending a mission to China. Two of the members had doubtful antecedents. The matter had been referred to G-5, AFHQ. It was asked if we were entitled to stop these people going if we wanted to.
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12. UNRRA. CA Sec reported that UNRRA had been borrowing from Public Health Sub-Commission dust guns for use in malaria and typhus control. COS pointed out CC had ruled that only items entirely surplus should be handed over to UNRRA. These would be handed over as a permanency, not a loan. The General Routine Order when issued would be applied in such cases.

13. Request from Scoccimarro. Pol Sec raised the question of Scoccimarro's request to go North. The matter had been brought to them by Liaison and had now passed to CC. COS would ascertain the latest position.

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14. Proposed Italian Government Mission to China. Pol Sec reported the Italian Government were sending a mission to China. Two of the members had doubtful antecedents. The matter had been referred to G-5, AFHQ. It was asked if we were entitled to stop these people going if we wanted to.
COS said if it were decided by the COS or Foreign Office that it was inadvisable for the journey to take place on security grounds we would not give travel permits. Pressure could be brought on the Italian Government in the usual manner by the British Embassy rather than by AC.

15. Italian POW in Russia. Pol Sec reported that for the first time the Russians had announced they would allow families of Italian POW to communicate through Red Cross and Moscow with their relatives in Russia.

16. POW Parcels from U.S.A. to Italy. Pol Sec reported that a request had been received from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs that Italian POW in USA classed as cooperators should be allowed to send parcels to their relatives in Italy.

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18. Requisitioning of Cars. A telegram had been received from Commanding General RAAC giving the revised table of equipment for 2675 Regt., pointing out AC would hold a number of cars above the establishment, and suggesting that such cars be supplied by Italian Government on loan to AC.
COS ruled we should derequisition cars and tell Italian Government we wanted them for military necessity and asking them to re-requisition on our behalf. Col. Parkin was directed to submit a draft letter for signature of CC to the appropriate Italian authority asking for the cars.

19. Hotel Accommodation. Lazio-Umbria Region had asked for fifty beds in our hotels. COS would like to help them if possible and they should be regarded in the same way as HQ officers. If we agreed, HQ Commandant would need extra accommodation. The question of finding accommodation for UNRRA was raised, but it was pointed out this was not an AC responsibility. They should be told to refer to RAAC for accommodation.

20. Situation in Sicily. PRO raised this question and was told by COS that Public Safety Sub-Commission had all the relevant information on this security matter. COS outlined the main facts and stated the situation at Ragusa was under control. He explained the measures that had been taken as a result of CC meeting yesterday.
COS mentioned the Italian Government were extremely worried over the affair, the more so as we had drawn attention to weakness of troops and Carabinieri and lack of coordination between Italian ministries. CA Sec pointed out the difficult task RC encountered, and how he was hampered by lack of personnel. COS agreed but stated that lack of communications was the main handicap, and this should be partially removed when Italian military communications were set up.
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21. Request for Repatriation of Italian POW. Land Forces Sub-Commission had asked LAW Sub-Commission for repatriation of about 30,000 Italian POW to make up the shortage of specialists in Italy. Some of these POW were in England and others in USA. Pol Sec considered it would be a good thing if this request could be granted. COS directed LAW Sub-Commission to put up a memorandum to him for CC's decision.

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5 January 1945.

MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 5 JANUARY.

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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 3 JANUARY.

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(a) - 1(f). Study of the Italian Language. CA Sec suggested it was not advisable to make promotion dependent upon a working knowledge of Italian; it would be better to try and arrange tuition on a voluntary basis. PRO had prepared a note on the matter. COS agreed that study should be voluntary, and stated he would write to Headquarters and Regions on these lines after he had seen PRO's note.

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CA Sec considered that greater power could be given to the RO in respect of certain details such as the appointment of Patriot Representatives.
Est and Pol Secs were in favour of a large Regional HQ. Pol Sec suggested that a member of their Section should be up there for some time.
COS said we should consider the possibility of setting up a DCCAO and staff at No. 2 District, identical to that now at 15 Army Group, with a view to amalgamation of the Regions, say, two months afterwards.
There was further discussion, and COS directed that the matter be brought up again at the COS meeting on Tuesday, 9 January.

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(c) - 4. Displaced Persons Sub-Commission - Vehicles. CA Sec had not yet got a report from the Sub-Commission, but would pursue the matter.

(d) - 9. Clothing and Equipment. This matter would be dealt with by COS at an early date.

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COS said we should consider the possibility of setting up a DCCAO and staff at No. 2 District, identical to that now at 15 Army Group, with a view to amalgamation of the Regions, say, two months afterwards.
There was further discussion, and COS directed that the matter be brought up again at the COS meeting on Tuesday, 9 January.

(c) - 4. Displaced Persons Sub-Commission - Vehicles. CA Sec had not yet got a report from the Sub-Commission, but would pursue the matter.

(d) - 9. Clothing and Equipment. This matter would be dealt with by COS at an early date.

2. Priorities Board. A Priorities Board was being set up in AC to deal with the allocation of all overall priorities and the meeting of all bids. Econ Sec had prepared a draft order, and explained the composition and functions of the Board. COS asked for comments and explained that the Board should be kept small, it being the duty of the Secretariat, and not the members of the Board, to find where the materials were. After discussion, COS approved the personnel of the Board as outlined by Econ Sec.

3. Meeting on N.W. Italy. COS stated that AFHQ had sent out the minutes of the meeting at which General [illegible] presided. These had been circulated to Heads of Sections.

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4. Acting President's Memorandum. The memorandum prepared by A/President would be circulated to VPs and Heads of Sections. COS emphasized that this document was Top Secret; it should not go out of offices, and circulation should not extend below Heads of Sub-Commissions. Under no circumstances should it be mentioned to the press, and a note should be kept of the officers to whom it was shown. Parts of this memorandum had been cabled to Washington and discussions were being held on that basis.

5. Patriots - Policy. A telegram had been received from AFHQ ruling that patriots coming through the lines would be entitled to Italian Army rations and clothing. CA Sec stated that Land Forces Sub-Commission had no clothing, and the matter was being taken up with them. Econ Sec had received a telephone request from G-5, AFHQ for clothing, and COS said that this should be confirmed by telegram. He agreed with CA Sec, who stated that clothing for Patriots should be a military commitment, and not a matter for the Priorities Board. The responsibility for allocation of clothing should belong to AC.
Pol Sec said two considerations were involved. The first was the danger of the clothing being issued having the semblance of military uniform. The importance of not allowing the patriots to look like Allied soldiers was stressed. The second point was whether the proposed issue of clothing clashed with Scoccimarro's decree on the new Ministry of the Interior in the Italian Government. DCOS, CA Sec said that he was not prepared to discuss this matter, which raised many important and difficult points of policy, but would give the matter careful study.

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7. Olive Oil - Amassing. The Italian Government had put forward a formal request for 100 officers, 100 EM/ORs and some transport to be placed at their disposal for the collection of olive oil. This request had come at a time when we were considering reducing staff in the South, and COS asked for comments. There was considerable discussion, the main body of opinion being that the personnel should not be provided. Econ Sec said it was difficult to persuade COS to supply shipping for imports when there was olive oil and wheat available in Sicily for collection, and suggested personnel might be obtained from disbanded AA batteries, convalescent personnel and our own officers earmarked for Northern Regions.
COS said if it was certain the olive oil would be produced he was in favour of granting the request - in part, at least - but if little or no olive oil was forthcoming we should have vitiated our responsibility and gained nothing. Econ Sec would let COS know the total quantity to be collected and how much of this would be brought in by the help of Allied personnel. COS would then put the matter up to the Chief Commissioner, and it would be discussed at the VP meeting tomorrow.

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10. Formation of CCMD. DCOS CA Sec reported that the CCMD had now been constituted by MTOUSA as the 2675th Central Civilian Medical Depot. This organization under MTOUSA would be responsible for the procurement and warehousing in Italy of all medical supplies. At present they had three warehouses at Naples, Bari and Florence respectively; probably a fourth would be necessary when the North of Italy was liberated. This organization was responsible also for all accounting and for the distribution of supplies

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according to the requirements of the Italian Government, and also for the distribution in 5 and 8 Army areas, which still remained the responsibility of Army AMGs. It followed that it was no longer necessary to maintain at AC HQ any Medical Supply Branch as no functions remained to be performed by it. Accordingly any question of a transfer of this Branch to the Econ Sec also ceased and DCOS asked Econ Sec to note that the meeting he had fixed to discuss this matter on Friday next be treated as cancelled.

Public Health Sub-Commission would retain one officer at AC HQ as a "trouble shooter" to advise and supervise in respect of the activities of ENDIMEA, the distributing agency which the Italian Government had set up, and to perform the same function in respect of 5 and 8 Army AMGs. All the remaining Medical Supply Branch personnel were being transferred to the 2675 CCSD.

11. Nuns for Cyrenaica. CA Sec stated the British Military Mission in Cyrenaica reported that they were short of nuns and would like five more. The matter had been making slow progress, and up to now the policy angle had been overlooked. COS ruled this matter could proceed, but in future such matters should, if possible, be done through the Legation to the Vatican.

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COS directed that Lt. Col. Shipp send out a memorandum, giving more details, to all Sections, and the matter would be brought up at the next meeting for further discussion.

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4. Displaced Persons Sub-Commission - Vehicles. Est Sec suggested that in view of the high proportion of lost and damaged vehicles in the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission transport pool the vehicles should be incorporated in the Headquarters transport pool. This would avoid further losses and would be better for the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission as well. CA Sec asked if they could go into the matter with Displaced Persons Sub-Commission and COS agreed, but said he was in favour of Est Sec's proposal. The matter had already been mentioned at the Manpower Committee meeting, and would be brought up at the next COS meeting for a decision.

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5. Russian Delegation - Cars. Est Sec stated the Russian Delegation had fourteen cars, all bearing AC markings, and all being fuelled and maintained by the Commission. Four were AC requisitioned. The establishment provided for one car only for the General. Of the four he had, the General had asked to be allowed to retain two. COS stated this request should be refused, and the question of the ten extra cars would be left for overall consideration. He did not consider that French and Russian delegations were entitled to preferential treatment, and would ask the CC to speak to the General on the matter.

6. Signing of Correspondence "For Chief Commissioner." Econ and Est Secs reised this question again. After discussion, COS ruled that the arrangement made in Minute 1(b) of the COS meeting on 22 December would stand.

7. Waiting Time for Taxis. CA Sec complained that taxis did not wait for officers who had called on Government officials and other places. The official waiting time was half an hour, but this was not always strictly observed. Even if it were observed, it was not long enough for many visits. The matter was discussed, and COS instructed Est Sec to examine the possibility of increasing the waiting period to one hour.

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15. Proposed Visit of RC Southern Region to King Victor Emmanuel. RC Southern Region had telephoned saying he expected to receive an invitation to visit King Victor Emmanuel at Taranto. COS ruled that this invitation should not be accepted.

16. Status of Mr. Bell. Econ Sec stated that Mr. Bell was the representative of the Shipping Sub-Commission. Pol Sec said he had been very useful and helpful to them.

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17. Civilian Situation at Livorno. Econ Sec stated soup kitchens had been set up. Although he considered the situation was still serious, the PC had matters under control. Econ Sec would keep careful watch on the situation.
In addition to the Allied soldiers, there were many Italian troops in the town, who were buying up local food resources. This would be discussed with Land Forces Sub-Commission.

18. Prison Rations. CCS stated that this had been settled at the VP's meeting yesterday and that the orders sent out by Econ Sec would stand, with the exception of Rome.

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(b) - 4. Relations with Italian Press. PRO stated this matter was making progress, and said that Lt.Col. Bonham-Carter, of Lazio-Umbria Region, had got out a letter to the Italian press representatives. COS asked to see a copy of this letter.

(c) - 12. Casualties from Allied Driving in Rome. PRO had discussed with A/RO, Lazio-Umbria Region, and action had been taken.

2. Staff Procedure in G-5, AFHQ. COS read a G-5 Staff Memorandum on office procedure. He said this was a useful document, and would prepare something similar for the use of the Commission.

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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 22 DECEMBER.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(a) Planning for N.W. Italy. COS announced that a meeting would be held on 23 December at 1500 hrs. Econ Sec stated the supplies were there but the problem was getting them in. COS said it was essential that all should go to the meeting with full knowledge of what our demands would be, and wanted the documents ready for a briefing by this afternoon or tomorrow morning. He said those attending the meeting would be Brig. Parkinson, CA Sec; Col. Densmore and Mr. Cleveland, Econ Sec., with representatives of Transportation and Food Sub-Commissions; Mr. Hopkinson and Mr. Schott, Pol Sec.

(b) - 3. Signing of Correspondence "For Chief Commissioner." COS stated the CC wanted to ensure that Heads of Sections limited letters signed by Sub-Commissions to those in "Group C" classification. Letters on policy must go through Secretariat, and Heads of Sections were requested to pay special attention to this. All correspondence from AC to a higher authority must be sent in the name of the CC, either signed by, or for him.

(c) - 4. Coal for Hospitals. Econ Sec had a short report on the situation. 300 tons per day was required for hospitals, and this supply had been arranged. Hospital requirements had now increased to 485 tons per day, and supply had been reduced to 185 tons per day, making it necessary to obtain a further 300 tons per day. This would be forthcoming by the end of December, but there would be a shortage for two weeks, as the stockpile of 1,000 tons would last for only 3½ days. Econ Sec had the matter in hand.

(d) - 7. Nenni's Declaration to the London Press. PRO submitted a paper prepared by CA Sec, but COS considered this did not contain enough concrete evidence to publish a denenti. PRO thought a Parliamentary question might be asked. COS instructed CA Sec to get some facts ready in case this happened.

2. Allied Governments' Policy - Italy and Japan. Replying to Pol Sec, COS said this matter would be taken up by him with CC.

3. Cable from U.S. Secretary of State. COS stated a cable had been received from Mr. Stettinius addressed to certain FEA personnel about the possibility of recruiting for FEA American officers due for return to civilian status. This cable was passed to Pol Sec for action.

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4. Relations with Italian Press. PRO had put up a memorandum suggesting that greater encouragement should be given to representatives of the Italian press to visit and see for themselves what was going on in AC, rather than to have full press conferences. COS stated that these representatives should first see PRO, who would pass them through the Head of Section to an officer of the appropriate Sub-Commission. Great discretion would have to be exercised by Heads of Sections as to the information to be transmitted. PRO would get out an order to Sections for approval of COS.

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5. Draft. C/S confirmed that the proposed AFHQ directive to UNRRA was approved by all Sections. A copy would be placed in Col Sec before sending it to AFHQ.

6. Duty Officers. The question of the weekly day off was again examined. C/S said this could be left to Heads of Sections. There would be a duty officer, and key officers should be accessible if required.

7. Black Market activities. It had been suggested that the Black Market Control Unit at Area-Liaison Section should be under the control of Public Safety Sub-Commission. After discussion on the activities of this unit C/S ruled that the Black Market Control Unit should be left under Regional control.

8. Disorders in Catania. C/I Sec had received an unofficial report on the recent Catania disorders from Lt.Col. Campbell (Loyal). This report alleged that the whole matter had been grossly mishandled by the civil and Italian military authorities. C/S pointed out that no one had been warned that there might be trouble in connection with the call-up notices. C/I Sec had arranged that they should receive early warning from Land Forces Sub-Commission when the call-up in Sardinia was to take place. Land Forces Sub-Commission should get out definite instructions to the military authorities on their conduct when called out to aid civil power. C/S would take the matter up with Land Forces Sub-Commission.

9. Requisitioning and Requisitioning of Property. A draft had been prepared by C/I Sec on the allotment of accommodation in Italian buildings. C/I Sec would circulate this to Sections for comment. C/S suggested that after discussion it might be brought up at a meeting of the Local Resources Board.

10. Vehicles with Caoutchouc Tyres. Lt.Col. Campbell complained that vehicles with Caoutchouc tyres belonging to the Transportation Pool had been impounded by Black Market agents. He suggested the vehicles should not be taken off the road, but a report sent in. C/S directed Lt.Col. Campbell to draft a letter so that the matter could be put up to CG.

11. Press Report on Abruzzi and other Provinces. PRO raised the question of a press report on devastated areas given by Col. Andrews. C/S directed C/I Sec to call up Col. Andrews to ascertain who authorised him to make such a report.

12. Casualties to Allied Drivers in Rome. PRO stated there was a press campaign on the high casualties caused by Allied drivers. C/S suggested this might be counteracted by pointing out the carelessness and jaywalking of pedestrians, and instructed PRO to discuss with A/RO Lazio-Umbria Region. The question of disciplinary action for driving offences should be taken up with PRO, if it was thought necessary.

13. Alleged Starvation in Rome. PRO drew attention to an article in "L'Avvenire". C/S stated this was a matter for the Italian Government, who should take it up.

14. Criticism of Allied Policy in Foggia. It was alleged that the Allies were removing all stone in Foggia to build airfields. C/S said not much could be done about this, as it was obviously a case of military necessity.

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14. Criticism of Allied Policy re Roads. It was alleged that the Allies were removing all stone in Italy to build airfields. COS said nothing could be done about this, as it was obviously a case of military necessity.

15. Telephone Service to the U.S. Lt. Col. Shipp stated CC had approved Vice-Presidents and Heads of Services using the telephone service to U.S.

16. Representative of Displaced Persons in Southern Section. PRO had asked for a representative and has quoted two instances where it could have used the services of a man on the spot. This conflicted with the proposals now put forward by both Sardinia and Sicily to reduce their staff. Lt. Col. Shipp asked whether there had been any other instances

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of Regional Commissioners writing in to Sections asking for the posting to them of a specialist representative of a Sub-Commission. No such cases had occurred and it appeared that this was an isolated instance, which would be referred to G. Sec.

Chief Staff officer,
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Ref: 210/47/COS. 19 December 1944.

MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 19 DECEMBER.

The meeting was presided over by DCOS Estab Sec in the absence of the COS.

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(b) - 1(e) Use of Italian Troops in Support of Civil Power. CA Sec had received a telegram from MG Sicily Region asking for instructions in this matter. There were two directives, one issued by AFHQ and the other by No. 3 District, which did not agree.
Lt.Col. Shipp said the AFHQ order was in line with what we had suggested, but the No. 3 District order had gone beyond the terms stipulated by AFHQ. The matter was being taken up with No. 3 District by CA Sec.

(c) - 1(f) Requisitioning of Government Buildings. Pol Sec reported that RAAC had been communicating with the Italian Government through their liaison officer. DCOS directed that the matter should be taken up with RAAC.

2. Personnel. CC had approved the appointment of Lt. Col. Hensley as Chief of Staff, AMG 5 Army.

3. Signing of Correspondence "For Chief Commissioner." CC had raised the question of the signing of correspondence on his behalf, and had suggested that this be restricted to Chief of Staff, Deputy Chiefs of Staff, Heads of Sections, and Heads of Independent Sub-Commissions. There was discussion on this, and it was agreed that Office Memorandum No. 17 should be appropriately amended, and brought up at the next COS meeting for discussion. Instructions should also be drafted about correspondence with the Italian Government.

4. Coal for Hospitals. CC had ruled that coal for hospitals be given a high priority. CA Sec stated dissatisfaction had been expressed that AC had handed over the coal distribution to an Italian organization, which had no lignite or fuel in stock. Econ Sec stated the supply of lignite was an AC responsibility. There was an allocation of lignite to Rome from forward areas and DCMAO would take the matter up and let

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5. Alleged Reprisals on AC Employees. CA Sec had heard rumours that AC employees had been threatened with reprisals after leaving the employment of the Commission. DCOS considered that this was not general, and that each case should be taken on its merits.

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12. Promotion of American Officers. CA Sec said this question was causing some concern. DCOS assured the meeting that everything possible was being done, but there were difficulties with AFTOUSA.

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was definitely misleading, and in no case had AC put in a Prefect unsuitable t the Italian Government. CA Sec had statistics and would put up a statement to COS so that PRO could, if necessary, refute the story.

8. Applications to AFHQ concerning Italian POW. G-5 AFHQ were getting similar enquiries on the same subject from four or five sources in AC and wanted correspondence to be coordinated. Lt.Col. Shipp thought the reason for this was that Italian officials wrote in to every source in hopes of getting agreement finally from someone. DCOS directed that this should be carefully watched.

9. Translations of Italian Documents. DCCAO stated SCAO MG 8 Army was receiving documents from Public Safety Sub-Commission in Italian, with no translations forwarded Translations should be sent so that the documents could be checked for security. CA Sec were directed to take the matter up.

10. Reinforcements for Public Security in Sicily. Lt.Col. Shipp stated that 700 Alpini troops were being sent to strengthen the Carabinieri in Sicily. A signal was sent to AFHQ yesterday, concerning the move of two Internal Security battalions, a matter which had been outstanding for some time.
MC Sicily Region had reported by signal yesterday that demonstrations throughout the Island were widespread, but so far there had been no further actual riots.

11. Copies of Correspondence. DCOS asked that Heads of Sub-Commissions should ensure that great care was exercised in the distribution of copies of letters.

12. Promotion of American Officers. CA Sec said this question was causing some concern. DCOS assured the meeting that everything possible was being done, but there were difficulties with WTOUSA.

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SUBJECT: Chief of Staff Meeting 5 Dec 44.

TO : Distribution as below.

1. At the Meeting on 5 Dec 44 the Regional Commissioner Southern Region will be present and will be given an opportunity to raise some Regional problems.

2. Attached for your consideration is a brief agenda received from the Regional Commissioner.

3. I would like all addressees to attend this Meeting.

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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A G E N D A

1. Brief report on present position in Southern Region.

2. Proposals for further rationalisation in Southern Region as and when necessary.

3. Proposals for transfer of mechanical transport to Italian Government.

4. Proposals for possible supply of tires.

5. Further transfer of administrative powers to Italian Authorities of Naples Commune.

6. Activation of factories capable of producing spare parts for civilian vehicles.

7. A simplification of the procedure for providing lunches for school-children.

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11 December 1944.

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 8 DECEMBER 1944 TO DISCUSS THE AFHQ PAPER, LCG P164 OF 29 NOVEMBER 1944 ON THE SUBJECT OF R.C.ITALY.

The meeting took the form of a discussion on the AFHQ paper, which was read out paragraph by paragraph by the Chief of Staff. The Minutes will therefore refer to paragraphs of the AFHQ paper.

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This was a fundamental issue, which would be discussed at further meetings with AAI and AFHQ.

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(b) that the requirement should be increased to 3,100 tpd if the 300 grammes ration should be agreed to.

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Para 14. 5. Communication.
It was debatable whether supplies should be brought in through ANCONA or LEGHORN, or through a combination of both. The disadvantage of ANCONA was a long road and rail haul; the disadvantage of LEGHORN was a very difficult road haul. ANCONA, it was thought, would only get a very small allocation for civilian supplies, whereas LEGHORN would be senior. It was agreed that according to the latest information, the

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coast road to GENOA was not likely to be opened.
It was agreed:

(a) that stockpiles should be in BOLOGNA, and that this should be fed by both LIVORNO and LEGHORN until the port of GENOA was open. Even if the highest priority was given to clearing GENOA it was unlikely that it would be open and fully functioning inside two months.

(b) that arrangements should be made for feeding the LIGURIAN coast by small vessels.

Para 16. 6. Ports.
A decision had still to be given on whose responsibility it was to open the port of GENOA. AFHQ wanted AC, and AC thought that AC could not do it and that it should, at any rate in the early stages, be their responsibility. It was necessary that Italian help should be enlisted and was urgent investigated, because even if military help was given to open the port, it was certain that the operation of the port would be handed over to the Italian Government at the earliest possible stage. It also was still conceivable that the Allied Commission and the Italian Government would have to do everything from 'D' Day, without military help.
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Col. CARNES made the point that whatever number of G.T. Companies were agreed, only the vehicles would be made available at the time and that unless we took steps now to train drivers and supervisory personnel, the Companies could not operate when required.

It was decided that Transportation Sub-Commission should rewrite Paragraph 19, bringing out Col. CARNES' point.

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Para 21. 10. Roads.
If Allied Commission were to undertake what is required of them, it would entail giving up commitments in the rest of Italy. P.W. & U. Sub-Commission should handle this.

Para 22. 11. Civil Resources.
Chief of Staff stressed the need for bringing the Italian Government into the picture so as to ascertain the resources available. The question of mine clearance should be taken up by Civil Affairs Section. Economic Section said they might get some minesweepers from Naples.
It was decided that Economic Section should answer paragraph 22 and brief DCCAO for his meeting with AAI.

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9 December 1944

MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 8 DECEMBER.

1. Visit of General Wilson. COS announced that General Wilson would be visiting the HQ at 11 o'clock this morning and wished to see Senior Members of the Commission.

2. Situation in N.W. Italy. COS stated that a meeting would be held at 5 o'clock this afternoon to discuss the appreciation made by AFHQ on affairs in N.W. Italy. This meeting would be attended by the Regional Commissioners from the North, Heads of Sections, and Directors of Transportation and Food Sub-Commissions. The object of the meeting was to get views of members so that COS could put up a general appreciation of the Commission's viewpoint to AAI and AFHQ.

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4. Municipal Elections. Pol Sec had been asked whether it was desirable to hold municipal elections. There was considerable discussion on this, and opinion was fairly equally divided. In summing up, COS stated the points to be considered were:-

(a) that Italy was a Latin, and not an Anglo-Saxon country,
(b) whether this was an appropriate time with the economic situation so confused,
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It was decided that Pol Sec, in consultation with Col. Spicer, should canvass the views of the Regions on the holding of municipal elections, but that Army areas were definitely to be excluded.

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7. Security in HQ Building. Col. Chapman, of Public Safety Sub-Commission, had arranged spot checks and the position generally had been found satisfactory. Concern was expressed about Secret documents being carried about the building by Italian civilians, a cited case being a Secret cable regarding the move of Fifth Army Headquarters. COS instructed Sec Sec to take up with HQ Commandant the question of supplying small locked boxes or cases. It was suggested that over-classification was prevalent, and Lt.Col. Shipp was instructed to draw the attention of all to the directive on classification of documents.

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8. Applications to go to Army Areas. Applications were being received by telephone for permission to proceed to Army areas. COS directed that in these cases Heads of Sections receiving the request should make the Head of the Sub-Commission concerned exclaim it. The question of POWs wishing to return home was raised. COS asked that DCCAO should clear this with AAI.

9. Food Riots in Rome. PRO reported that there had been several small food riots in Rome yesterday afternoon. No report on this had been received from Lazio-Umbria Region. COS complained of the delay in reports, and said that the Regional Commissioner should be asked to ensure that reports came in promptly. COS directed that a memorandum be sent to AFHQ following up the telegram on the proposed hunger march. He asked for a report from CA Sec, and that a further telegram be sent to AFHQ reporting the food riots, based upon the accurate information of the Regional Commissioner.

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Chief Staff Officer,
the Chief of Staff.

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5 December 1944

MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 5 DECEMBER.

1. Monthly Reports. COS directed that Sub-Commissions should submit their reports in an easily readable form, and include a concise summary.

2. Vehicle Situation. AFHQ had insisted on having six cars, which had been duly allocated.

3. N. W. Italy. AFHQ had prepared an appreciation of the situation taking the line that military commitments in N.W. Italy would be extremely few, the re-opening of the port of Genoa and reconstruction of railways would be the responsibility of the Italian and Allied Military Governments. COS directed that Heads of Sections and Regional Commissioners would have their views ready for discussion at a conference on Friday, 8 December.

4. Transportation Sub-Commission. COS announced that Mr. Taylor had been appointed Director of Transportation Sub-Commission and Colonel Thomas would be coming from U.K. as Deputy Director, Transportation Sub-Commission. Agreement had been reached with Q(Movements) at Caserta on the set-up of the Sub-Commission.

5. Distribution of Sub-Commission Monthly Reports. It was believed that Sub-Commission monthly reports had been getting into unofficial hands. After discussion, COS directed that Heads of Sub-Commissions would control circulation to official channels.

6. Tyres for Ambulances. It was reported that no tyres of the proper size for Italian ambulances were available. None could be obtained from salvage, and COS directed that the whole facts should be set forth in a memorandum to the Relief Societies.

7. Political Situation. The political issue was still confused. Sections reported that effective contacts with the Italian Government had ceased for the present.

8. Labour Sub-Commission. COS explained the position with regard to Mr. Brayne, and stated that the appointment of Mr. Brayne as Director of the Labour Sub-Commission would probably be confirmed.

9. UNRRA. COS directed that Pol and other Sections be kept informed of developments. He confirmed the statement in Minute 1.(f) of the meeting on 1 December.

10. CC.AR. in Switzerland. There were 1,500 Carabinieri in Switzerland and the Italian Government and ourselves wanted them released for use in [illegible]. COS directed G Sec to take the matter up [illegible]

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2. Visit to AFHQ by COS.

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15. Set-Up in N.W. Italy. COS announced there would be a meeting early next week. AFHQ had ruled that civil needs would come before military needs, and AMG would deal with all matters of rehabilitations, opening of ports, etc.

16. Demilitarisation of AC. It was stated that Col. Fiske had a satisfactory meeting with General Spofford, and had given him a clear picture of the views of the Commission.

17. Southern Region. The FO would be at the next COS Meeting and would like to discuss the future of Southern Region. COS would inform members later whether this would be the subject of a full meeting or not.

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28 November 1944.

MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 28 NOVEMBER.

1. Political Situation. Pol Sec raised the question of Count Sforza. It was stated that in view of the British attitude towards him, Sforza would not be the new Prime Minister. It was the opinion of Pol Sec that he was being used by the Left.

2. Review of Carabinieri. Field Marshal Alexander was reviewing 2,000 Carabinieri on 9 December. After discussion, it was agreed that the Via dell'Impero would be the most suitable place, and the necessary arrangements would be put in hand.

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COS directed that the 48-hour notice of a long trip be cut to 24 hours, and that 12 hours notice be given for a 1-day trip. The qualifying distance of an officer's billet for the use of a car would be 1 mile. Estab Sec stated a certain latitude would be extended for the use of cars in the evening, and all requests for cars should have the approval of the Head of the Sub-Commission. The trip-ticket system would be continued, and in a covering letter accompanying the memorandum the HQ Commandant would be given instructions by Estab Sec as to what restrictions to impose. The Estab Sec would draw up a schedule for car turn in, one section to be taken at a time, starting as from 1 Dec., and the scheme would be ready to operate by 7 December.

5. Labour Decree on the Application of the new Wage Scale. This had been amicably settled between Legal and Labour Sub-Commissions.

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7. Security in Rome. Civ Aff Sec was directed to contact G-2, [illegible] for better coordination, as Public Safety Sub-Commission had complained they were not receiving copies of reports.

8. Wage Rates in AMG and Italian Territory. Dissatisfaction had been reported at the difference in wages paid in AMG territory and Italian Government territory, particularly in Naples. COS directed Economic Section to have Labour Sub-Commission look at the minutes of the Siena meeting in order that anomalies could be removed, and prepare a report to COS so that the matter could be raised at the V.P. meeting on Thursday.

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9. History of AC. Pol Sec read a long telegram from U.S. regarding the unfavourable publicity that continued to follow AC/AMG in Italy. COS stated PRO had prepared a history of AC over the last fifteen months. It was decided that this was not suitable for public consumption, but the Chief Commissioner had agreed that copies should go to AFHQ for transmission to War Department and War Office and these were on the way to AFHQ. In view of the telegram, COS stated it might be possible to make part of the history available for publication after necessary deletions had been made. He, together with Pol Sec, would discuss the matter with the Chief Commissioner.

10. San Marino. Gp. Capt. Benson had stated his intention to remove the liaison officer from San Marino to Rimini. San Marino had sent a message asking if the liaison officer could remain. COS instructed Major Stearns to send a signal that the liaison officer was to remain at San Marino until 31 December. The position would be reviewed on 1 January 1945.

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15. Chiemsee. DCOS (A) raised the question of accommodation for the forward teams, and this would be taken up by DCOS, Estab Sec at Naples.

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J.W. Stearns
Major
Chief Staff officer
To the Chief of Staff.

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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 24 NOVEMBER.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

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5. Food for Hospitals. DCOS CA Sec said that he had received a letter from 8 Army complaining about the food for hospitals in forward areas. Meeting agreed that the matter should be re-opened. CA Sec to arrange for Brigadier Parkinson to discuss the matter with Food Sub-Com. Mr.Antolini, Econ Sec, would instruct Food Sub-Com to treat as a special case.

6. Disturbance at Regina Coeli Prison. DCOS CA Sec gave a brief outline of the present position at the prison and the measures being taken to relieve conditions. COS mentioned that he had seen two very recent warning reports from

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Colonel Pollock to the effect that further disturbances were likely to occur and asked whether they had been received by Public Safety Sub-Com and if so what action had been taken on them. CA Sec to investigate this point. COS brought up the question as to what action should be taken if the Italian Government were to ask for our assistance in quelling such disturbances. The points at issue were whether we should intervene if asked to do so by the Italian Government and what should we do if we did intervene. COS said he would circulate a brief minute on this subject to Heads of Sections, asking for their comments, and that the matter would be further discussed at the next meeting.

7. Theft of Cars. DCOS Est Sec asked whether it would be possible for Italians accused of stealing requisitioned cars belonging to the Commission to be tried by AM Courts. Agreed that this would be in order.

8. Requisitioned Cars. DCOS Est Sec produced a paper to the meeting setting out the policy which AFHQ wished to adopt in regard to requisitioned cars. The meeting agreed that the conditions laid down by AFHQ were not favourable to the Commission and/said that we should get our own house in order so that we may present a good case to AFHQ. A meeting was arranged for this afternoon to discuss the allocation of individual vehicles and the formation of a Headquarters pool.

9. San Marino. DCOS Econ Sec reported that it had now been settled in conjunction with Pol Sec and AMG 5 Army that we should continue to sell food to SAN MARINO and that we should loan them captured or Italian vehicles against receipt.

10. Miscellaneous Foodstuffs. DCOS Econ Sec reported that the general issue of miscellaneous foodstuffs would be discontinued in order to build up stockpiles for issue to the selected groups, except in Army areas.

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Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 22 NOVEMBER.

COS was in the chair. He introduced to the meeting S/Comd. Stones, who was here on a tour of inspection from the C.A. Branch, War Office. He asked Heads of Sections to give her every assistance possible.

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting.

No. 1(b) - Vehicle Situation. DCOS, Est Sec, reported that he was getting out a draft Establishment Memorandum on this subject, and it was agreed that the matter should be discussed by the members of the "Manpower" Committee immediately after their next meeting.

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4. Culbertson Mission. COS reported that a group of US civilians, headed by a Mr. Culbertson, had arrived and were studying four main points: the industrial productive capacity of the country, import and export mechanisms, and the currency exchange position. A report would be prepared by the Mission and the COS stressed that this should be submitted to AC for approval before issue.

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5. San Marino. It was reported that the Republic of San Marieno would shortly be out of bounds to all troops due to an outbreak of typhoid, and an Army Routine Order was being issued to this effect. The Republic had been placed out of bounds to troops even after the lifting of the typhoid restriction, except for day leave parties.

6. Administration of Army Areas. DCOS reported that AMG 5 Army had made arrangements with Region EMILIA for an Admin staff, composed of mixed Regional and Army personnel, to operate under command SCAO Army in that part of the Region at present under Army administration. DCOS Est Sec undertook to take up with the SCAO 5 Army the possibility of the same arrangement being carried out in 5 Army area.

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(c) Brig. Upjohn reported that there was a draft decree in existence which would enable private owners to get public subsidy for repairs.

(d) Clothing. CA Sec was a bidder for clothing for 4 Sub-Comms and Branches. It was agreed that they should make their bids to Econ Sec and that Econ Sec should submit a letter for approval of COS to forward to AFHQ setting out the position and asking for a higher priority to be given to devastated areas for the issue of clothing.

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(e) It was agreed that the PRO should publish an appeal in the Press for voluntary societies to give practical aid, and that the matter should also be represented to the L.R.B. by QMG Sec with a view to obtaining a higher priority for the release of cement and building materials.

14. Patriots. DCOS QMG Sec reported that he had held a conference with SCAOs 5 and 8 Armies to discuss the measures necessary for the reception of large numbers of patriots which the Armies anticipate will be coming through the lines. It had been decided to set up camps in Army areas where the patriots would be disarmed, receive their certificates, be recruited for the Army, provided with employment, or dispersed to their homes. It had been agreed at the last Siena conference that 8 Army would take 6 patriot representatives but none were required by 5 Army. COS asked DCOS/O to co-ordinate policy with AMG Armies. It was agreed that AAI should be asked to approach AFHQ with a view to a policy being laid down for the feeding, clothing, and hospitalisation of patriots by the Armies. DCOS QMG Sec also reported that No. 1 Special Force had agreed to increase the scope of their "Muster" reports and that the reports compiled by Major Drage would be discontinued. COS asked for more information on the economic side in these reports and instructed DCOS Econ Sec to arrange for one of his staff officers to scrutinise the reports when received and have the necessary extracts forwarded to the appropriate Sub Comms.

15. UNRRA Directive. DCOS QMG Sec said that in his opinion the draft UNRRA directive was not practical. Econ Sec's comments would be ready to-day. COS pointed out that the CC felt very strongly on the matter and he did not wish the negotiations to be continued on the conditions previously suggested by UNRRA.

16. Communications. Col. Henderson reported that civil radio and cable communications scheduled to commence 15 November had not yet been opened, as it had not been found possible to reach agreement on a commercial basis.

17. Italian Soldiers in S.E. France. Lt Col. Campbell reported that there were large numbers of Italians in S.E. France who were unemployed and starving when it was desired to repatriate to Italy. Mr. Hopkinson said that the French authorities had agreed to the appointment of Italian consuls in Paris, Marseilles and Toulouse. It would be one of their duties to represent the plight of these Italians to the French authorities. COS ruled that there should be no question of repatriation of Italians resident in France and that it would not be possible to accept anyone who lived North of the Rimini-Pisa line. The matter had been put up to AFHQ for representation to 6 Army Group. Col. Campbell said that representation was also being made for the repatriation of Italian soldiers from other countries such as Bulgaria and Roumania.

18. Matters for discussion with AAI. DCOS/O, AAI asked that matters concerning AAI should be submitted to him for investigation before being referred to AFHQ. Agreed.

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[illegible] Tolini reported that the 1700 5-ton trucks

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Siena conference and 5 Army [illegible] but none were required by 5 Army. COS asked DCCAC to co-ordinate policy with AAI Armies. It was agreed that AAI should be asked to approach AFHQ with a view to a policy being laid down for the feeding, clothing, and hospitalisation of patriots by the Armies. DCOS CA Sec also reported that No. 1 Special Force had agreed to increase the scope of their "Muster" reports and that the reports compiled by Major Drage would be discontinued. COS asked for more information on the economic side in these reports and instructed DCOS Econ Sec to arrange for one of his staff officers to scrutinise the reports when received and have the necessary extracts forwarded to the appropriate Sub Cmtes.

15. UNRRA Directive. DCOS CA Sec said that in his opinion the draft UNRRA directive was not practical. Econ Sec's comments would be ready to-day. COS pointed out that the CC felt very strongly on the matter and he did not wish the negotiations to be continued on the conditions previously suggested by UNRRA.

16. Communications. Col. Hunders on reported that civil radio and cable communications scheduled to commence 15 November had not yet been opened, as it had not been found possible to reach agreement on a commercial basis.

17. Italian Soldiers in S.E. France. Lt Col. Campbell reported that there were large numbers of Italians in S.E. France who were unemployed and starving when it was desired to repatriate to Italy. Mr. Hopkinson said that the French authorities had agreed to the appointment of Italian consuls in Paris, Marseilles and Toulouse. It would be one of their duties to represent the plight of these Italians to the French authorities. COS ruled that there should be no question of repatriation of Italians resident in France and that it would not be possible to accept anyone who lived North of the Rimini-Pisa line. The matter had been put up to AFHQ for representation to 6 Army Group. Col. Campbell said that representation was also being made for the repatriation of Italian soldiers from other countries such as Bulgaria and Roumania.

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18. Matters for discussion with AAI. DCOS, AAI asked that matters concerning AAI should be submitted to him for investigation before being referred to AFHQ. Agreed.

19. Transport. Mr. Antolini reported that the 1700 3-ton trucks promised to the Commission had been reduced to 1½-ton trucks, thus in effect halving the numbers promised. Econ Sec will prepare a memorandum on this for General Spofford to take to Washington.

20. Manufacture of Munitions. Mr. Cleveland reported the formation of a committee who would meet shortly to discuss the policy involved.

21. Derequisitioning of Industrial Plants. Mr. Cleveland mentioned the number of requests by the Prime Minister to the CC for the derequisitioning of industrial plants and said that he would endeavour to get the Italian Government to submit these on a lower level to the Econ Sec instead of writing to the CC. The Econ Sec would then submit the requests to the Industrial Coordination Committee.

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22. Information Bureau. Mr. Cleveland asked whether it would not be possible to establish some sort of information office to which Italians could go with their problems. COS ruled that PRO should get out a press statement as to what help AC can give in Italian Government territory. Econ Sec would supply a list of questions with answers on some of the more common points. Such information bureau should be run by the Italians themselves if it were decided to set one up.

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To the Chief of Staff.

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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 14 NOVEMBER.

The meeting was presided over by the A/COS in the absence of the COS.

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting.

(a) No.1(c) - Devastated Areas. Lt.Col.Craig had now arrived to take up his appointment as co-ordinating officer. The Chief Commissioner had approved the removal of the glass tops from desks in the HQ building for use in devastated areas.

(b) No.1(e) - Vehicle Situation. The meeting agreed that a small committee consisting of 3 Vr'n and the HQ Cadt should be formed to discuss the personal reassignment of vehicles and the number of vehicles available for the pool.

2. Demilitarisation of Commission. Copy of reply to AFHQ on this subject to be circularised to Sections for information.

3. Security. A/COS reported that there had been a serious leakage of information in regard to an important telegram recently received at this HQ. The meeting considered that there was need for a general tightening up of security measures at HQ. It was agreed that in future all "Top Secret" documents should be numbered. GA Sec to arrange for a check-up on security measures in the HQ building after office hours.

4. Messes. A/COS brought up the question of an officer of the rank of Major who had applied for permission to open a mess. Present ruling is that only officers of the rank of Lt.Col. and above are allowed to have their own messes and it was agreed that no deviation should be made from this ruling.

5. "Manpower" Meeting. The next meeting of the Personnel and Organisation Committee was arranged for 10 am on Saturday, 16 Nov 44.

6. Policy on Producing Munitions in Italy. Econ Sec reported that it had been discovered that several factories in Italy are preparing their plants for the manufacture of munitions and asked for a ruling on the matter. It was agreed that Econ Sec should obtain the views of the Service Sub-Commissions in regard to the present requirements of the Italian Services and then report to the meeting, with recommendations for the turning over of the factories to other industries if not required for munitions.

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7. American Officers for "Rankin" Parties. Mr.Schott, Pol Sec, reported that it was not possible to obtain American officers from OSS for use on "Rankin" missions.

8. Closing down of Chancelleries. Agreed that this should be placed on the Agenda for discussion at the Siena Conference.

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9. Flying of Flags at Meetings. DCOS CA Sec read a suggestion from RC, Southern Region to the effect that the flags of US, UK, France, Russia and Italy should be flown at political meetings to avoid disturbances through the flying of one particular nation's flag. Agreed that no action should be taken.

10. Questionnaire from No.2 District. DCOS CA Sec reported that a questionnaire had been received from No.2 District asking for a considerable amount of detailed information, much of which could be supplied by the Armies. Matter to be placed on Agenda for Siena conference at which GOC No.2 District will be present.

11. Italian Government Decrees. DCOS CA Sec asked for a ruling as to whether the Italian Government decree relating to the distribution of uncultivated land to the peasants should be implemented in AMG territory. Meeting agreed that the decree should not be implemented in AMG territory and that no press announcement should be made of the fact.

12. Carrying of Arms by Allied Civilians. DCOS CA Sec reported an application by an Allied civilian employed in the Econ Sec for permission to carry a pistol. Public Safety Sub-Commission advise that permits should not be granted. CA Sec to investigate further and report.

13. Central Civilian Medical Depot. DCOS CA Sec reported that this matter was now cleared and that AFHQ will have their own establishment for this depot.

14. Transport for AC Civilian Employees. Est Sec are working out a scheme for conveying civilian employees to their homes after working hours. This will, if possible, take the form of a bus service, with armed guards, to specific areas of the city.

15. Repatriation of Italians from Dodecanese. DCOS CA Sec gave particulars of a proposal from AFHQ to repatriate some 1000 Italians of certain special categories from the Dodecanese Islands. CA Sec to write to G-5 AFHQ saying that the Commission is opposed to the suggestion.

16. Salvaged Army Clothing. DCOS CA Sec reported that much of the salvaged clothing disposed of by the Army was finding its way into the Naples black market. CA Sec and Econ Sec had arranged a meeting to discuss the possibility of obtaining such clothing for AC use.

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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 18 NOVEMBER

The meeting was presided over by D/COS in the absence of the COS.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) No. 1 - 1 Siena Meeting. The next meeting would take place at 10 o'clock Friday, 17th November. There would be no change of location, unless travelling conditions deteriorated.

(b) No. 1 - 3 Olive Oil. In accordance with the decision made at the last meeting, the proposed telegram had not been sent. The Italian Government had been informed by ES that the Commission did not concur in the price fixed. The question of the Quass. Law would be discussed with the Italian Government.

(c) No. 1 - 9 Devastated Areas. Colonel Craig had been ordered to report for duty at the earliest opportunity.

(d) No. 1 - 10 Restriction of Movement. This matter was placed on the Agenda for discussion at the Siena meeting.

(e) No. 1 -23 Vehicle Situation. At the meeting held on 7th November it was decided that maintenance and repairs of HQ vehicles should be turned back to HQ Commandant. Transportation Sub-Commission would confer and make the necessary arrangements. It was suggested that the Super Garage be taken over by the HQ Commandant and the Lancia Garage retained for other work. The formation of a transport pool was discussed at length and it was generally agreed that the success of such a pool depended on a large number of cars being at its disposal. It was stressed that the A/CS did not want cars requisitioned in Italian Government territory. Requests to requisition an additional 300 cars had been refused. A/COS directed that each Section prepare a list of the absolute minimum number of cars required in their Section or Sub-Commissions and that the matter be brought up at the next meeting.

2. Communist Propaganda Posters. A/COS mentioned the series of four posters displayed on the walls of the city. He regarded the matter as extremely serious, and had reported it to A/CC. The Communists had arranged a mass meeting on the 12th in the centre part of the city. Such a meeting was undesirable. A shooting incident had occurred when an Italian policeman interrupted three men posting Communist bills, and this had received exaggerated press accounts. Civil Affairs Section were directed to take

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3. Northern Provincial Teams. ES wanted surplus officers who would be useful in helping with the olive oil and hemp massing. Ten officers had also been asked for to assist Road Transportation. A/COS was prepared to assign officers immediately provided they were available to go forward at twenty four hours notice.

4. Rehabilitation of Telephone Services in Italy. The Swedish Charge d'Affaires had made a formal request for the resumption of the Ericsson telephone service in Southern Italy. This Company would be willing to send two experts to look at the plant, and if necessary would be prepared

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to send necessary materials for repair from Sweden in Swedish ships, provided the contract could be renewed with the Italian Government. The various aspects of the matter were discussed at length and A/COS recommended Political Section to answer the Swedish Charge d'Affaires that the whole question was premature, and to inform London and Washington of the facts.

5. Illicit Buying of Goods by Yugoslavs and French. The matter was raised of the illegal and illicit buying of goods by Yugoslav and French personnel, and a letter had been sent to G-5 MFAO by ES blocking the purchase. The question would be brought up at the Local Resources Board Meeting on Saturday, 11th November.

6. Appointment of Executive Director - Economic Section. Mr. Harlan Cleveland had been appointed Executive Director of the Economic Section in place of Mr. Antolini, who was returning to the United States. A/COS spoke for the meeting in expressing his appreciation of the good work done by Mr. Ant lini, and voiced the regrets of all present at his departure.

7. Visit of Head of Army Sub-Commission, Roumanian Allied Commission. Colonel Geber, Head of Army Sub Commission, Roumanian Allied Commission, was on a visit for a few days and Lt Col Shipp was arranging for him to visit the various Section, who should give him all the help they could. Colonel Geber would be particularly interested in our relations with the Russians here, the position being reversed in Roumania, where the Russians had control.

8. Visit of Culbertson Mission. A group of 14 members of the Culbertson Mission, headed by a Lt Col nel with the status of Ambassador, would arrive on 17th November. This would be a purely investigatory mission.

9. Employment of AC/CRs on Police Duties. It had been suggested that the AC/CRs now at Chiavolano could be usefully employed as policemen in Rome. A/COS would take up the matter with PAAO.

10. Payment of Sindaci. It was a fundamental Italian principle that Sindaci performed duties honorarily. Difficulties had been arising because Sindaci were not paid, as in some cases a suitable Sindaci could not afford to take on the duties without payment. Provincial Commissioners in some cases found difficulty in obtaining suitable candidates because they could not afford to take on an unpaid post. There was some discussion as to whether they should be paid, but as the percentage of difficult cases was only 6% and the Italian Government were definitely opposed to payment it was decided no action should be taken.

11. Hiring of Transport. Nothing further had transpired on proposals made some time ago for hiring of civilian transport. Finance Sub-Commission had said that they saw no objection to the scheme in principle and it had been left that Provincial Commissioners were to recommend rates of hire for discussion. These rates should conform with those in force with PWB and the latter had been asked if necessary to reduce their rates. It was decided that the hiring of transport was desirable and the Transportation Sub Commission should have proposals ready for [illegible] the work Siena Conference.

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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 7 NOVEMBER.

The meeting was presided over by D/COS in the absence of the C/S.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) No. 1 - Siena Meeting. In view of bad travelling conditions, it was suggested that the meeting take place in Rome. If this were done there would be more officers to come down to Rome than would go up to Siena. Perugia was suggested as an alternative, as it was more convenient, but nothing definite was fixed.

The main point of the meeting would be to discuss the distribution of food, and the disposal of the surplus officers from Northern Regions, by pulling out personnel and placing them where they could be more useful. Fifth Army had said they did not want four Provincial teams now with them.

(b) No. 3 - Olive Oil. The telegram referred to at the last meeting had not been sent. ES suggested it was a little premature. It was proposed that ES should refuse in writing, stating the views of the Commission. If the Italian Government should go ahead with the price fixed, we would take action.

It was asked if the Italian Government plan to buy all unattached goods in the open market was a modification of the Fascist plan of sequestration. ES stated this was not so, the main difference being the question of subsidy. The proposed scheme had been tried out in England, France and Russia, and was a measure of war economy. ES stated it was not practical to experiment with the scheme in the winter months. The Italian Government were going ahead with the plan, but there would be no change in AMG territory.

(c) No. 6 - Return of ... It was not possible to get an answer for the A/CC to take to Caserta today in regard to demobilization. The matter would be discussed with Brigadier General Spofford in Rome shortly. We were forwarding a report of progress of officers released or about to be released. The A/CC was telling General Spofford that we would continue to explore the situation in accordance with the telegram received on Saturday. There were so many elements to be considered that it would be folly to requisition additional civilian personnel by category and qualification until the matter had been cleared up. It was pointed out that while hostilities were still going on in Italy it was wrong to have a large civilian staff.

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(d) No. 7 - Policy on Channels of Diplomatic Communication. The A/CC

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It was asked if the Italian Government plan to buy all unrationed goods on the open market was a modification of the Fanfani plan of assessing. DS stated that we did not so, the main difference being the question of subsidy. The proposed scheme had been tried out in England, France and Russia, and was a measure of war economy. DS stated it was not practical to experiment with the scheme in the winter months. The Italian Government were going ahead with the plan, but there would be no change in the near future.

(c) No. 6 - Future of ACC. It was not possible to get an answer from A/CoS to date to Caccese's query in regard to demobilisation. The matter would be discussed with Brigadier General Spofford in Rome shortly. We were forwarding a report of progress of officers released or about to be released. The A/C was telling General Spofford that we would continue to explore the situation in accordance with the telegram received on Saturday. There were so many elements to be considered that it would be folly to requisition additional civilian personnel by category and qualifications until the matter had been cleared up. It was pointed out that while certilities were still going on in Italy it was wrong to have a large civilian staff.

(d) No. 7 - Police on Channels of Diplomatic Communication. The A/CC had not yet received a reply from AFHQ on this question.

(e) No. 9 - Devastated Areas. It was stated that the question of Lt Colonel Bonham Carter was not decided. HQ Lazio-Abruzzi Region wanted this officer to stay in his present job. Brigadier Upjohn said the matter was urgent and he wanted Lt Colonel Bonham Carter for one month. Lt Colonel Sharp suggested that Lt Colonel McCleary would be a good replacement for Lt Colonel Bonham Carter. The Coordinating officer would require a clerk, and it was suggested that a suitable man might be obtained from Lombardy Region.

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(f) M. B. ... 2nd Depot. It was stated that the order issued did not represent the agreement at all. General Stafford and Colonel Butterworth were coming in Rome shortly to discuss the matter, and it was hoped we would be settled then.

(g) No. 10 - Restriction of Movement. This matter was getting urgent, and it was suggested that the Army Control Line must be moved North of Florence. This would be brought up at the next Rome meeting.

(h) No. 22 - Vehicle Situation. A report had been received from Naples that our vehicles be pooled, that none be assigned to Sub-Commands, but only to Regional Commands. There was considerable discussion about this. ES were holding a meeting at 1500 hours today, and Colonel Parkin was to report back to Rome. Arrangements in Sub-Commission had obtained authority to issue 100 petrol coupons per month, but this was being held up on instructions from A/CCS.

2. Congratulatory Telegram. A telegram from General Alexander to A/CS had been sent, which expressed appreciation of the good work done by AC in helping the military during the first year of its existence.

3. (a) Flood at Grosseto. A telegram had been received reporting a disastrous flood at Grosseto. There had been ill-health 400 people rendered homeless and a certain amount of agricultural damage. The dam on the river overlooking the banks at two places in the extreme N, flooding part of the city. It was stated in the telegram that Grosseto was tackling its own problems and did not require assistance. An effort would be made to obtain more information from Regional Hq.

(b) Air Ministry Building. A telegram had been received stating that following Col Hall-Patch's visit it was confirmed with Q(Works) that the Air Ministry building would not be available for the Italians after 1st December.

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(b) Sub. Cr. Vehicle Situation. A report had been received recommending that all vehicles be pooled, that none be assigned to Sub-C Headquarters, but only to Regional Commissioners. There was considerable argument on this. AS were holding a meeting at three o'clock to-day, and Col Neal Parkin was to attend. Transportation in Sub-Commission has obtained authorisation in that October to requisition 50 cars, but this was being held up on instructions from G/CCS.

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3 November 1944.

MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 3 NOVEMBER.

1. Siena Meeting. COS stated the Siena Meeting would take place at 10 o'clock Wednesday, 8 November, and instructed Transportation Sub-Commission to take up the question of getting a Diesel engine coach for the use of A/CC.

2. Wheat in Sicily. It was decided last night that a wire should be sent to AFHQ stating that the Anassi had failed, and recommending that it would be impractical to follow up the policy that no wheat should be imported. The wire would suggest that we wait until December when the overall position of food in the country can be reviewed. This may be bad and we may be forced to cut down the basic ration below 300 grammes per day.

3. Olive Oil. A telegram is being sent to AFHQ stating thate we do not agree with the price fixed, but asking what control there is.

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18. Restriction of Movement. The whole question of movement of civilians and issue of permits was under review. COS said it should be brought up at the Siena meeting and directed it to go on the Agenda. GSI(B) should be brought in to the Siena meeting on this subject.

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14. Repatriation of Italian Soldiers from Greece. DCOS CA Sec reported no further news on this question. COS said he had received a verbal assurance from Colonel Lewin-Harris that it would be handed over to the Army Sub-Commission. As an interim measure to deal with present emergencies COS undertook to take up the release of clothing with General Browning. He stressed the point that IPOW should only handle the policy of repatriation, and not deal with questions of movements and settlement.

Lt. Col,
Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.C. 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

Ref: 210/48/COS. 22 December 1944.

MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 22 DECEMBER.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(a) Planning for E.Y. Italy. COS announced that a meeting would be held on 23 December at 1500 hrs. Econ Sec stated the supplies were there but the problem was getting them in. COS said it was essential that all should go to the meeting with full knowledge of what our demands would be, and wanted the documents ready for a briefing by this afternoon or tomorrow morning. He said those attending the meeting would be Brig. Parkinson, CA Sec; Col. Densmore and Mr. Cleveland, Econ Sec., with representatives of Transportation and Food Sub-Commissions; Mr. Robinson and Mr. Schott, Pol Sec.

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(d) - 7. Hearst's Declaration to the London Press. PRO submitted a paper prepared by CA Sec, but COS considered this did not contain enough concrete evidence to publish a denial. PRO thought a Parliamentary question might be asked. COS instructed CA Sec to get some facts ready in case this happened.

2. Allied Governments' Policy - Italy and Japan. Replying to Pol Sec, COS said this matter would be taken up by him with CC.

3. Cable from U.S. Secretary of State. COS stated a cable had been received from Mr. Stettinius addressed to certain FTA personnel about the possibility of recruiting for ECA American officers due for return to civilian status. This cable was passed to Pol Sec for action.

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4. Relations with Italian Press. PRO had put up a memorandum suggesting that greater encouragement should be given to representatives of the Italian press to visit and see for themselves what was going on in AC, rather than to have full press conferences. COS stated that these representatives should first see PRO, who would pass them through the Head of Section to an officer of the appropriate Sub-Commission. Great discretion would have to be exercised by Heads of Sections as to the information to be transmitted. PRO would get out an order to Sections for approval of COS.

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5. MFAA. C/S confirmed that the proposed AFHQ directive to MFAA was approved by all Sections. A copy would be passed to Pol Sec before sending it to AFHQ.

6. Duty Officers. The question of the weekly day off was again raised. C/S said this could be left to Heads of Sections. There would be a duty officer, and key officers should be accessible if required.

7. Black Market Activities. It had been suggested that the Black Market Control Unit at Area Headquarters Naples should be under the control of Public Safety Sub-Commission. After discussion on the activities of this unit C/S ruled that the Black Market Control Unit should be left under Regional control.

8. Disorders in Catania. G2 Sec had received an unofficial report on the recent Catania disorders from Lt.Col. Campbell (Legal). This report alleged that the whole matter had been grossly mishandled by the civil and Italian military authorities. C/S pointed out that no one had been warned that there might be trouble in connection with the call-up notices. G2 Sec had arranged that they should receive early warning from Land Forces Sub-Commission when the call-up in Sardinia was to take place. Land Forces Sub-Commission should set out definite instructions to the military authorities on their conduct when called out to aid civil power. C/S would take the matter up with Land Forces Sub-Commission.

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11. Evans Report on Abruzzi and other Provinces. PRO raised the question of a press report on devastated areas given by Col. Andrews. C/S directed G2 Sec to call up Col. Andrews to ascertain who authorized him to make such a report.

12. Casualties from Allied Driving in Rome. PRO stated there was a press campaign on the high casualties caused by Allied drivers. C/S suggested this might be countered by pointing out the carelessness and jaywalking of pedestrians, and instructed PRO to discuss with PWB Latin-Unbria Region. The question of disciplinary action for driving offences should be taken up with MAAG, if it was thought necessary.

13. Alleged Starvation in Rome. PRO drew attention to an article in "L'Unità." C/S stated this was a matter for the Italian Government, who should take it up.

14. Criticism of Allied Policy in Foggia. It was alleged that the Allies were removing all stones in Foggia to build airfields. C/S said nothing could be done about this as it was obviously a case of military necessity.

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15. Telephone Service to the U.S. Lt. Col. Shipp stated CC had approved Vice-Presidents and Heads of Sections using the telephone service to U.S.

16. Representative of Displaced Persons in Southern Region. RO had asked for a representative and had quoted two instances where he could have used the services of a man on the spot. This conflicted with the proposals now put forward by both Sardinia and Sicily to reduce their staff. Lt. Col. Shipp asked whether there had been any other instances

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of Regional Commissioners writing in to Sections asking for the posting to them of a specialist representative of a Sub-Commission. No such cases had occurred and it appeared that this was an isolated instance, which would be referred to G. Sec.

Chief Staff officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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Office of the Chief of Staff

Ref: 210/40/CCS

15 December 1944.

MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 15 DECEMBER.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

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Civ Aff Sec asked to what degree the situation could be discussed with Heads of Sub-Commissions. COS ruled that so long as they were instructed that it was at Top Secret level, there would be no objection, but would prefer to wait until the final telegram had gone off.
Econ Sec remarked that UNRRA had a similar problem with shipping, which might result in a revision of their programme.

(d) 4 - Prison Rations. CA Sec suggested that no action be taken until the date of the proposed new ration of 350 grammes per day was known. COS agreed and said it should then be decided whether to cut down the ration right away or to reduce it gradually.

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Pol Sec stated that General Brown of RAAC had communicated direct with the Italian Government. COS stated it should be checked if this were correct, as communications to the Italian Government ought to be made by Allied Commission.
There was discussion on the general policy of requisitioning.

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(g) 10 - Italians in Eritrea. Brig. McCarthy had approached the Italian Government and had sent off an agreed telegram. The line taken by Allied Commission was that we could not agree unless and until a written request had been received from the Italian Government.

2. Personnel. COS announced that Col. Gevers had been asked for on the Austria planning, and CC had agreed to release him. He would be replaced by Col. Page, Public Health Officer, who would take over the duties of Executive Officer in addition to his other duties.

3. Requests for Assistance from AFHQ. COS stated there was a certain amount of justified criticism at AFHQ of the way in which cases for assistance were presented. He stressed the importance of presenting all cases clearly and concisely, giving full details, so that the matter could be presented to the highest authority without further explanation or amplification. Heads of Sub-Commissions should have this matter brought to their notice.

4. Catania Disorders. Pol Sec raised the question of certain disorders which were said to have taken place at Catania. No reports had come to this Headquarters.

5. Articles in Italian Newspapers. Pol Sec drew attention to an article appearing in "L'Avanti" attacking the Prime Minister. There was considerable discussion as to whether and if so what pressure could be brought to bear to stop such articles and after hearing all views COS said he would put up a memorandum framing the points raised in the discussion to CC.

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11. Performances by Professional Artists in Allied Commission. Est Sec stated certain members of the Commission who were professional artists had been invited by the Italians to give performances. COS stated there would be no objection provided
(a) the performers did not accept remuneration,
(b) that cases should be referred to Est Sec,
(c) that the giving of such performances would not interfere with work.

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12. Telephone Situation. Ext Sec raised the question of alleged excessive civilian telephone calls. Col. Henderson said the reports were exaggerated and the number of calls was not excessive. There was a close checking system and the restriction was being enforced. COS said that another public statement from the Italian Government should be issued, and Communications Sub-Commission should submit such a statement to PRO.

13. Olive Oil. Econ Sec had held a meeting with Regional Commissioner, Southern Region, on the olive oil situation. The position was that the Food Sub-Commission would make a statement of the amount needed to maintain the ration. This statement would be put up to the Minister of Agriculture, who would be told that we needed this amount, whether by amassing or purchasing.

14. Director of Labour Sub-Commission. The position with regard to Mr. Brayne was not settled. COS stated the matter had been taken up in London by the A/President, and a reply should shortly be received.

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16. Munition Factories. An agreement had been reached that there should be no munitions industry in this country, and we should make no effort to save such plants. There was discussion as to whether it was better to keep intact plants operating until they could be switched over to industrial work, thus keeping people employed.
COS stated the question of war materials was also involved and that WMD Sub-Commission should be brought into the discussion. He directed that Econ Sec should put in an agreed memorandum on the situation to him.

17. Newsprint. PRO said there was a guaranteed import of 1,000 tons per month, and the Italians were producing 550 tons per month. Of the total of 1,550 tons per month, PWB used 300 tons and the Italian Government 550 tons. Out of the surplus, 400 tons a month was being stocked for the North. COS directed that Econ Sec, in consultation with CA Sec should study requirements and see if imports could be cut down.

18. Italian Navy. CA Sec had received a request that Commanders of ships should be allowed to visit POW camps. This had not been put up to AFHQ and COS considered no action was necessary.

19. Italians in the South of France. Comments had been received on the situation of Italian PW in France. COS directed the matter should be referred to AFHQ in a letter.

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20. Status of Italian PW. No reply had been received from AFHQ on this question. COS wanted to see the papers.

21. Taxis in Transportation Pool. At 1700 hours every day all taxis were engaged in taking home civilian staff. As transportation was required for military use, it was requested that some vehicles be made available

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Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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Office of the Chief of Staff

Ref: 219/38/COS

12 December 1944.

MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 12 DECEMBER.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) 2. - Situation in N. Italy. COS asked that Econ Sec prepare their report on this matter.

(b) 4.- Municipal Elections. The point was raised whether Regional Commissioners should be consulted on the desirability of municipal elections. COS considered they should be. COS informed PRO that reports of COS meetings should not be included in the Weekly Bulletin without his direction.

(c) 7. - Security in HQ Building. COS asked what action had been taken. CA Sec stated that attention had been drawn to Security Orders.

(d) 14. - 300 grammes ration. A memorandum had been drafted for S.CAD. This memorandum included the suggestion that Sicily be put on parity with the rest of Italy if the ration was fixed at 250 grammes. The RC should be kept informed of the situation.

2. Withdrawal of Staff from Sicily. CA Sec stated this matter had been discussed at the last CA meeting, and the opinion was that it would be unwise to withdraw Public Safety and Legal personnel at the present time. COS agreed and stated that no withdrawals at all would take place before 1 January 1945.

3. Supply of Clothing for Devastated Areas. This situation was well in hand. 100 truck loads had been made available for Rome and Livorno.

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5. Prefect at Palermo. CA Sec reported that another and more suitable Prefect had been appointed by Dir IA & EC. Full details were not available, but COS concurred with the action taken.

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6. Italian Government. Pol Sec had a full list of Ministers in the newly formed Italian Government. COS directed that Regions be informed. This information was also being included in the Weekly Bulletin.

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7. Use of Italian Troops in Support of Civil Power. COS said this matter needed further study and would be brought up again at the next meeting. The main point at issue seemed to be whether Italian troops could be called out by the Prefect without first consulting the Allied Military Commander.

8. Requisitioning of Government Buildings. Pol Sec reported that the Italian Government had complained of the requisitioning of Government buildings by RAAC, and instanced the proposal to use the main floor of the Palazzo Venezia for a club for troops. After discussion, COS stated he would telephone Brigadier LAY of RAAC with a view to stopping this requisition. COS directed that other instances quoted be collected by CA Sec and sent to G-5, AFHQ for action.

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9. Radio Telephone Service to U.S. This service, which was a commercial concern, would be allowed to open by the State Department, Washington. It could be used for official business only, and there were many restrictions. Col. Henderson asked for a ruling as to the members of the Commission who could use the service. In view of the many restrictions imposed, COS expressed the opinion that the service was not of much value, but he would put the matter up to the CO, suggesting that all VIPs be allowed to use it.

10. Italians in Eritrea. Brig. McCARTHY, who had come over from General PAGET, C-in-C, MEF, raised the question of the repatriation of Italians in Eritrea. There were 40,000 Italians now in Eritrea, and the maximum number that could be employed at any time was 10,000. Of the balance of 30,000, 5,600 were on relief and a large number were only working part time. The savings accumulated during the boom period were being exhausted, which would mean the numbers depending on relief would increase.
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Pol Sec confirmed that the British Government was in favour of the scheme. COS said that anything to do with former Italian colonies should be done on an informal basis and at the proper time UNTOG should be consulted.
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9 December 1944

MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 8 DECEMBER.

1. Visit of General Wilson. COS announced that General Wilson would be visiting the HQ at 11 o'clock this morning and wished to see Senior Members of the Commission.

2. Situation in N.W. Italy. COS stated that a meeting would be held at 3 o'clock this afternoon to discuss the appreciation made by AFHQ on affairs in N.W. Italy. This meeting would be attended by the Regional Commissioners from the North, Heads of Sections, and Directors of Transportation and Food Sub-Commissions. The object of the meeting was to get views of members so that COS could put up a general appreciation of the Commission's viewpoint to AAI and AFHQ.

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7. Security in HQ Building. Col. Chapman, of Public Safety Sub-Commission, had arranged spot checks and the position generally had been found satisfactory. Concern was expressed about Secret documents being carried about the building by Italian civilians, a cited case being a Secret cable regarding the move of Fifth Army Headquarters. CCS instructed Ext Sec to take up with HQ Commandant the question of supplying small locked boxes or cases. It was suggested that over-classification was prevalent, and Lt.Col. Shipp was instructed to draw the attention of all to the directive on classification of documents.

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8. Applications to go to Army Areas. Applications were being received by telephone for permission to proceed to Army areas. COS directed that in these cases Heads of Sections receiving the request should make the Head of the Sub-Commission concerned confirm it. The question of POWs wishing to return home was raised. COS asked that DCCAO should clear this with AAI.

9. Food Riots in Rome. PRO reported that there had been several small food riots in Rome yesterday afternoon. No report on this had been received from Lazio-Umbria Region. COS complained of the delay in reports, and said that the Regional Commissioner should be asked to ensure that reports came in promptly. COS directed that a memorandum be sent to AFHQ following up the telegram on the proposed hunger march. He asked for a report from CA Sec, and that a further telegram be sent to AFHQ reporting the food riots, based upon the accurate information of the Regional Commissioner.

10. Patriots in the North. COS stated that SCAO AMG 5 Army rang up last night and said this situation was getting out of hand. Col. Spicer would discuss with DCCAO HQ AAI after the meeting.

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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 1 DECEMBER.

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(g) No.15 - Chiancians. COS stated that accommodation in Siena might be available for some of the Chiancians personnel.

2. Visit to AFHQ by COS.

(a) Transportation Sub-Commission. Agreement had been reached with regard to the set-up. The Chief Commissioner had been asked for his approval, which it was hoped would be forthcoming.

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(c) Food for Sicily. AFHQ had decided that no more grain would be sent to Sicily. Nevertheless, the Italian Government must take steps to meet starvation, and AFHQ were prepared to make 'ad hoc' arrangements for soup kitchens. The possibility must be explored of feeding the people by the system of soup kitchens, and the actual distribution of food must be controlled completely either by the Italian Government or by the Relief Agencies. COS stated, in answer to Pol Sec who raised the point that the 300 grammes ration would be reduced in Sicily at a time when it was being adopted in Italy, that this had been stressed to AFHQ at the meeting, but the decision had been made, and we must do our best to work it out. The whole matter would be discussed with the Regional Commissioner.

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9. Correspondence from Eritrea to Italian Government. A letter had been written from Eritrea to the Italian Government asking about examinations and whether students in Eritrea could come to the Italian Universities. This was contrary to the policy that no approach should be made to the Italian Government on affairs in former colonies, and that such permission would invite a two-way circulation of Italians between this country and her former colonies. Pol Sec reported that an Italian had come from Eritrea to work for the Italian Government. COS asked Col. Henderson to let him see the papers on this, and Civ Aff Sec would distribute the file on the matter of the Italian students in Eritrea.

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10. Repatriation of Italians from Greece. Major Driffield White visited Civ Aff Sec yesterday. The first 7,300 Italians would be handled by UNRRA in conjunction with Displaced Persons Sub-Commission. It was agreed, subject to approval, that this policy should continue. Another 8/9,000 would probably come.

11. Tyres for Ambulances. Although 1,300 tyres had been retreaded in Rome, none had been made available for ambulances. G-5, AFHQ, had suggested the conversion of 2½-ton or 3-ton trucks to ambulances, but no such trucks were available. If the tyres were forthcoming, more ambulances could be put on the road. COS ruled that ambulances should be given a high priority for tyres.

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17. Southern Region. The PC would be at the next COS Meeting and would like to discuss the future of Southern Region. COS would inform members later whether this would be the subject of a full meeting or not.

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17. Southern Region. The FO would be at the next COS Meeting and would like to discuss the future of Southern Region. COS would inform members later whether this would be the subject of a full meeting or not.

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for Chief Staff Officer, Mty
To the Chief of Staff.

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4 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Chief of Staff Meeting 5 Dec 44.

TO : Distribution as below.

1. At the Meeting on 5 Dec 44 the Regional Commissioner Southern Region will be present and will be given an opportunity to raise some Regional problems.

2. Attached for your consideration is a brief agenda received from the Regional Commissioner.

3. I would like all addressees to attend this Meeting.

Brigadier,
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AGENDA

1. Brief report on present position in Southern Region.
2. Proposals for further rationalisation in Southern Region as and when necessary.
3. Proposals for transfer of mechanical transport to Italian Government.
4. Proposals for possible supply of tires.
5. Further transfer of administrative powers to Italian Authorities of Naples Command.
6. Activation of factories capable of producing spare parts for civilian vehicles.
7. A simplification of the procedure for providing lunches for school-children.

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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 28 NOVEMBER.

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3. Visit to AAI. COS stated that Lt. Col. Shipp had started on a trip to AAI. Up to the present no information had come through about 15 Army Group.

4. Vehicle Situation. A draft memorandum was submitted to the meeting by Estab Sec, with regard to the setting up of a transport pool. The general consensus of opinion was in favour of a pool, and there was considerable discussion. The question of three Security vehicles for Public Safety Sub-Commission was raised, and it was ruled these should go into the pool, as should the W.D. vehicles coming for Public Health. The four cars for FBA would also be incorporated in the pool.
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COS directed that the 48-hour notice of a long trip be cut to 24 hours, and that 12-hours notice be given for a 1-day trip. The qualifying distance of an officer's billet for the use of a car would be 1 mile. Estab Sec stated a certain latitude would be extended for the use of cars in the evening, and all requests for cars should have the approval of the Head of the Sub-Commission. The trip-ticket system would be continued, and in a covering letter accompanying the memorandum the HQ Commandant would be given instructions by Estab Sec as to what restrictions to impose. The Estab Sec would draw up a schedule for car turn in, one section to be taken at a time, starting as from 1 Dec., and the scheme would be ready to operate by 7 December.

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7. Security in Rome. Civ Aff Sec was directed to contact G-2, MAAC, to ensure better coordination, as Public Safety Sub-Commission had complained they were not receiving copies of reports.

8. Wage Rates in AMG and Italian Territory. Dissatisfaction had been reported at the difference in wages paid in AMG territory and Italian Government territory, particularly in Naples. COS directed Economic Section to have Labour Sub-Commission look at the minutes of the Siena meeting in order that anomalies could be removed, and prepare a report to COS so that the matter could be raised at the V.P. meeting on Thursday.

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9. History of AC. Pol Sec read a long telegram from U.S. regarding the unfavourable publicity that continued to follow AC/AMG in Italy. COS stated PWB had prepared a history of AC over the last fifteen months. It was decided that this was not suitable for public consumption, but the Chief Commissioner had agreed that copies should go to AFHQ for transmission to War Department and War Office and these were on the way to AFHQ. In view of the telegram, COS stated it might be possible to make part of the history available for publication after necessary deletions had been made. He, together with Pol Sec, would discuss the matter with the Chief Commissioner.

10. San Marino. Gp. Capt. Benson had stated his intention to remove the liaison officer from San Marino to Rimini. San Marino had sent a message asking if the liaison officer could remain. COS instructed Major Stearns to send a signal that the liaison officer was to remain at San Marino until 31 December. The position would be reviewed on 1 January 1945.

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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 14 NOVEMBER.

The meeting was presided over by the A/COS in the absence of the COS.

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2. Demilitarisation of Commission. Copy of reply to AFHQ on this subject to be circularised to Sections for information.

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8. Closing down of Chiancianno. Agreed that this should be placed on the Agenda for discussion at the Siena Conference.

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9. Flying of Flags at Meetings. DCOS CA Sec read a suggestion from HQ, Southern Region to the effect that the flags of US, UK, France, Russia and Italy should be flown at political meetings to avoid disturbances through the flying of one particular nation's flag. Agreed that no action should be taken.

10. Questionnaire from No.2 District. DCOS CA Sec reported that a questionnaire had been received from No.2 District asking for a considerable amount of detailed information, much of which could be supplied by the Armies. Matter to be placed on Agenda for Siena conference at which GOC No.2 District will be present.

11. Italian Government Decrees. DCOS CA Sec asked for a ruling as to whether the Italian Government decree relating to the distribution of uncultivated land to the peasants should be implemented in AMG territory. Meeting agreed that the decree should not be implemented in AMG territory and that no press announcement should be made of the fact.

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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 10 NOVEMBER

The meeting was presided over by D/COS in the absence of the COS.

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(a) No. 1 - 1 Siena Meeting. The next meeting would take place at 10 o'clock Friday, 17th November. There would be no change of location, unless travelling conditions deteriorated.

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4. Rehabilitation of Telephone Services in Italy. The Swedish Charge d'Affaires had made a formal request for the resumption of the Ericsson telephone service in Southern Italy. This Company would be willing to send two experts to look at the plant, and if necessary would be prepared

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5. Illicit Buying of Goods by Yugoslavs and French. The matter was raised of the illegal and illicit buying of goods by Yugoslav and French personnel, and a letter had been sent to C-5 MFAO by ES blocking the purchase. The question would be brought up at the Local Resources Board Meeting on Saturday, 11th November.

6. Appointment of Executive Director - Economic Section. Mr. Harlan Cleveland had been appointed Executive Director of the Economic Section in place of Mr. Antolini, who was returning to the United States. A/COS spoke for the meeting in expressing his appreciation of the good work done by Mr. Antolini, and voiced the regrets of all present at his departure.

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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 7 NOVEMBER.

The meeting was presided over by D/COS in the absence of the COS.

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The main point of the meeting would be to discuss the distribution of food, and the disposal of the surplus officers from Northern Regions, by pulling out personnel and placing them where they could be most useful. Fifth Army had said they did not want four Provincial teams now with them.

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It was asked if the Italian Government plan to buy all unrationed goods on the open market was a modification of the Parcels plan of smuggling. DS stated this was not so, the main difference being the question of subsidy. The proposed scheme had been tried out in England, France and Russia, and was a measure of war economy. DS stated it was not practical to experiment with the scheme in the winter months. The Italian Government were going ahead with the plan, but there would be no change in AMG territory.

(c) No. 6 - Future of AC. It was not possible to get an answer for the A/CS to take to Caserta today in regard to demilitarization. The matter would be discussed with Brigadier General Spofford in Rome shortly. We were forwarding a report of progress of officers released or about to be released. The A/CS was telling General Spofford that we would continue to explore the situation in accordance with the telegram received on Saturday. There were so many elements to be considered that it would be risky to requisition additional civilian personnel by category, and qualifications until the matter had been cleared up. 3954
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Policy on Channels of Diplomatic Communication. The A/CS

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(d) No. 7 - Policy on Channels of Diplomatic Communications. The A/CC had not yet received a reply from AFHQ on this question.

(e) No. 9 - Devastated Areas. It was stated that the question of Lt Colonel Bonham Carter was not settled. RO Lazio-Umbria Region wanted this officer to stay on his present job. Brigadier Urquhart said the matter was urgent and he wanted Lt Colonel Bonham Carter for one month. Lt Colonel Sharp suggested that Lt Colonel Mosley would be a good replacement for Lt Colonel Bonham Carter. The Coordinating Officer would require a clerk, and it was suggested that a suitable man might be obtained from Lombardy Region.

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(f) [illegible] - [illegible] Dupuy. It was stated that the order issued did not represent the agreement reached. General Sharp and Colonel Butcher would be coming to Rome shortly to discuss the matter, and it was hoped it would be cancelled then.

(g) No. 10 - Destruction of Documents. This matter was getting urgent, and it was suggested that the Army General Dump must be moved North of Florence. This would be brought up at the next Rome meeting.

(h) No. 53 - Vehicle Situation. A report had been received recommending that all vehicles be no [illegible], that none be assigned to Sub-[illegible] ordinance, but only to Regional Control notes. There was a considerable discussion on this. MS were holding a meeting at which [illegible] Sharp, and Col Hol Purdue was to attend. Transportation Sub-Committee had obtained authority [illegible] to requisition 50 cars, but this was being held up on instructions of A/CS.

2. Congratulatory Telegram. A telegram from General Alexander to A/CS was read, which expressed appreciation of the good work done by MS in handling the military during the first year of its existence.

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8. Independence of Sicily. Attention was drawn to a question asked in the House about the movement which existed to separate Italy from Sicily, such movement being alleged to have the support of the Allies. The reply had been given to the questioner that the movement had no backing from UK and it had been stated that the US had also repudiated the movement.

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9. Devastated Areas. A Coordinating Officer had not yet been appointed for the devastated areas, as COS had been waiting for a recommendation. Two names were suggested, and it was pointed out that the appointment should be made quickly, in order that the work could be finished. After discussion, it was agreed that Lt Colonel Bonham Carter should be appointed for one month, and orders would be issued accordingly.

10. Repatriation of Italian Soldiers from France. This matter was under discussion, and the Italian Ministry have been informed that 6 Army Group is studying the situation.

11. Spies Sentenced to Death. Of the three men sentenced to death in October, one had been shot, but not the other two, and AFHQ had not issued any orders. Rome Allied Area Command had stated that upon orders from COS the men would be shot within twenty-four hours. Colonel Mitchell was requested to take up with G-5, AFHQ.

12. Disper in Florence. Two members of the Yugoslav Mission, bearing Yugoslav passes, had been found in Florence buying unauthorised things. The Provincial Commissioner had been ordered to keep them in jail. It was stated that they were not members of a Diplomatic Mission, but of Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, and it was agreed that they should be prosecuted.

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17. Food in Liberated Italy. MS stated that within a week the feeding of Liberated Italy would be turned over to the Italian Government. The Italian Government would go into the market and purchase all unrationed goods. In view of the present prices they would have to subsidise through the consumer groups. The opinion of the Italian Government was that being the principal buyers themselves after three weeks the black market could not compete with them. They had to find the subsidy money and proposed to increase the price of bread to 8 lire and pasta to 15 lire, thus eliminating the bread subsidy and using it to subsidise other foods. Colonel Grafftey-Smith would look into the matter. AC would have to give the Italian Government support on the transport side until the position was better under the ENAC scheme. COS stated this was an interesting economic experiment which should be tried out. Procedure in AMG territory would continue as before.

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18. Restriction of Movement. The whole question of movement of civilians and issue of permits was under review. COS said it should be brought up at the Siena meeting and directed it to go on the Agenda. GSI(B) should be brought in to the Siena meeting on this subject.

19. Publishing of Figures. The question of publishing figures was raised, such as the amount of wheat imported. COS instructed ES to check up with PRO and get the facts.

20. Operational Control of 2675 Regiment. It was stated that 2675 Regiment was at present under G-5 operational control. COS said the matter should be taken up by D/COS with G-5, as all personnel must be under the A/CS.

21. Typewriter Situation. ES reported that a request had been received for 30 typewriters and none were available. The census showed a total of 253 typewriters and 49 more in for repair.

22. Officer Status for Italian Civilians. This point would be brought up at the next Manpower Committee meeting.

23. Vehicle Situation. Establishment Section would like all other Sections to bring pressure to bear on the vehicle situation. Figures were given of vehicles stolen, missing and wrecked. COS directed that a strong memorandum be issued, warning every officer to take care of his vehicle. The question of insurance was raised and the matter would be brought up.

24. Frontier Boundaries. Liguria Region had questioned the line of Customs Ports on the Italian France border. It was generally agreed that the pre-war frontier lines would be the effective boundaries.

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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF MEETING
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3. Labour Rates.

Civil Affairs Section reported a signal from AFHQ had been received saying that the Labour Decree had been published. This was incorrect if it meant publication in the Gazette as a proposal to publish it in the near future. Economic Section to find out if the AFHQ telegram conflicted with the one AC sent to them.

4. MUSTER Reports.

COS reported that he had studied the Drage Reports. He thought they would be useful to Regional Commissioners and that they should be continued for their benefit. It was important that Major Drage should not set up a G-2 Section for No.2 District and his reports should not be too long. Distribution of MUSTER Reports would be cut down to Political Section and COS.

5. Italian/.....

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5. Italian Soldiers from Greece.

It was decided there should be one authority in AC to deal with this question. There was discussion as to whom this should be. Econ Sec undertook to detail Col Murphy to find out if UNRRA were prepared to handle this.

6. Officer Status for Civilians.

Establishment Section were asking Regional Commissioners for their views. Establishment Section were to put up a proposal as to the status of the business manager of F.E.A.

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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S CONFERENCE - 24 OCTOBER

1. Minutes of the last Meeting.

(a) Decrees. DCOS Civil Affairs read a letter for the Prime Minister's signature. COS would submit this to A/CC for final approval.

(b) Comissarios - Control of Appointments. The points raised by the Economic Section were considered. It was decided that the question was not to be raised with the Italian Government but to carry on with present procedure. Heads of Sub-Commissions should remind their opposite numbers informally that the A.C.C. were concerned over unsuitable appointments and reference should be made beforehand to the Commission. This question would be raised at the next V.P's Meeting.

(c) UNRRA. The Economic Section would be the coordinating agency for UNRRA in the Commission, through Colonel Murphy. It was decided that Displaced Persons should deal direct with UNRRA.

(d) Trading with the Enemy Act. Mr. Caccia reported that he had received a Memorandum on this from H.M.G., which was being circulated to all Departments.

2. SICILY.

(a) It was reported that the A/CC took with him to CASERTA a statement regarding the riots in PALERMO. Brig. Carr reported that the situation was now under control, and a full report was awaited from him. Civil Affairs Section thought there were sufficient Carabinieri in SICILY and that they could maintain law and order, provided that they developed more drive and initiative.

(b) It was agreed that the Economic Section should arrange for the despatch of six officers of the VENEZIA team from Region XII to go to SICILY as soon as possible.

(c) It was reported that the L. 100 bonus on transportation of the Amassi in SICILY had been agreed to by the A/CC.

3. OFFICERS OF THE NORTHERN REGIONS.

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(b) Comissarios - Control of Appointments. The points raised by the Economic Section were considered. It was decided that the question was not to be raised with the Italian Government but to carry on with present procedure. Heads of Sub-Commissions should remind their opposite numbers informally that the A.C.C. were concerned over unsuitable appointments and reference should be made beforehand to the Commission. This question would be raised at the next V.P's Meeting.

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(d) Trading with the Enemy Act. Mr. Caccia reported that he had received a Memorandum on this from HMG., which was being circulated to all Departments.

2. SICILY.

(a) It was reported that the A/CC took with him to CASERTA a statement regarding the riots in PALERMO. Brig. Carr reported that the situation was now under control, and a full report was awaited from him. Civil Affairs Section thought there were sufficient Carabinieri in SICILY and that they could maintain law and order, provided that they developed more drive and initiative.

(b) It was agreed that the Economic Section should arrange for the despatch of six officers of the VENEZIA team from Region XII to go to SICILY as soon as possible.

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It was decided after discussion that instead of officers from HQ ACC visiting AFHQ C.A.Section should ask AFHQ to send one representative to discuss both these subjects here.

5. PORT OF NAPLES.

COS reported that AFHQ had replied that the Port would be required for military purposes for an indefinite period after hostilities ceased.

6. DDCAO/.....

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6. DCCAO HQ AAI.

COS asked all DCOS's to ensure that the DCCAO (Forward) should be kept fully informed of all important matters relating to AMG Armies and Northern Regions.

7. OSS REPORT ON ANCONA.

An exaggerated and inaccurate report had been put out by OSS on AMG political activities in ANCONA, with copies to LONDON and WASHINGTON. COS had already written to AFHQ, but wished Political Section to take up the matter and make an early report.

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(b) Civil Affairs Section proposed that Major Drage should come under Colonel Monfort for matters connected with Rail Area, and COS agreed.

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13. DEATH SENTENCES.

COS pointed out that ACC was responsible for following up after the signing of death sentences. Although the carrying out of the execution might be the responsibility of AAI or AFHQ, this did not alter the responsibility of the ACC.

14. REQUISITIONING OF VEHICLES.

(a) It was agreed that the representatives of ACC at the Transport Conference at AFHQ should oppose vigorously any attempts to reduce our transport.

(b) AFHQ had asked for six saloon cars from ACC and COS had ruled that four of these cars were to be produced from Economic Section. Economic Section stated that it was very difficult for them to produce these cars. COS agreed that they should only be required to produce 2 cars, the remaining 2 to be made up from elsewhere in this HQ. Establishment Section to take action.

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To the Chief of Staff.

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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S CONFERENCE - 20 OCTOBER.

The meeting was presided over by Brigadier Upjohn during Brigadier Lush's absence.

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3. Carabinieri. PAO said that it was difficult for him to protect the reputation of the Carabinieri if he did not get early information on disorders. CA Sec would issue a memorandum to Regions asking them to notify HQ immediately any serious disorder occurred.

4. Treatment of Patriots as POW. Pol Sec produced a draft reply which was discussed briefly. CA Sec undertook to produce the Legal Officer's comments to Chief of Staff, who would then prepare a draft reply to submit to A/CC.

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6. Grain. Econ Sec reported that AMG 8 Army had distributed 100 kilos of grain per head to the local population. This was agreed to be extremely unsound. Econ Sec to take action.

7. Police in Sicily. Econ Sec referred to a letter from RC, Sicily which had been sent to them for action on 5 Oct. He stated that the whole situation had been discussed by ALDISIC with the A/CC yesterday, and that therefore no action appeared necessary. CA Sec said that no more Carabinieri were to be taken away from Sicily until they had been replaced by Italian soldiers. Sicilia Region had been informed of this.

8. Forward Planning. DCOS Econ Sec asked that all plans should be coordinated by Chief of Staff and sent to RCs in completed form by him. There was not

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likely to be any change in the policy of CA or Pol Sec and therefore the Econ Sec would be the Sec mainly affected.

9. Petrol for Political Correspondents. PRO reported he was quite unable to procure any petrol for civilian correspondents, of whom there would be about 12. He was instructed to submit a rought estimate of quantities likely to be required to the Econ Sec, which would try to meet this demand.

10. Control Cars. Int Sec said that it had not been possible to obtain jeeps for use as control cars with the new "Q" Coys. Authority had therefore been granted by COS to requisition up to 50 civilian cars for this purpose. COS undertook to confirm that this step was not in conflict with a letter sent by the A/CC to the Italian Govt on this subject.

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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S CONFERENCE - 17 OCTOBER.

1. Appointment of Commissarios. Econ Sec is preparing a memo. CA Sec was in favour of leaving matters alone until the whole policy was changed.

2. Decrees. COS quoted the instance of the decree promising an increase in the wage scale without reference to this Commission and the strong protest being made in an airgram taken personally by Commodore Stone to AFHQ today. It was hoped that this would raise the whole issue of the Commission's powers. Brig.Upjohn stressed the importance of keeping all dealings with the Italian Government on a very formal level. COS undertook to prepare for the A/CC a paper which would determine the exact position of the Commission.

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10. Specialist Officers in Regions. Opinion in the Econ Sec was divided on the point under whose control specialist officers in Regions should come. Col Jenny was of the decided opinion that his specialist officers should be com-

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pletely divorced from Regional control, Col.Densmore thought that an instruction might be drawn up making an exception in this case. After discussion it was agreed that all specialist officers in Regions should remain directly under the control of the RO. CCS would reply to Southern Region in these terms.

11. Feeding of ACC Civilian Employees. Col.Fiske asked Mr.Antolini what was the position about feeding arrangements for civilian employees of ACC. Mr. Antolini replied that Food Sub-Com had the matter in hand and he would have a statement ready for the next meeting.

12. Appointment of Commissaries. With reference to Minute 3 of meeting of 14 Oct. Brig.Upjohn reported that he had asked the Legal Sub-Commission to advise him on the question of the appointment of Commissaries. Econ Sec were to put up their proposals to Mr.Caccia and Brig.Upjohn after which a final draft would be prepared by CA Sec.

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20. Italian Customs Office. Mr.Caccia also enquired if the Italian Customs were working. Mr.Antolini undertook to find out if they were in operation.

21. Application for Minister to go to Florence. Mr.Caccia said that we had an application for a Minister of the Government to proceed to Florence. Lt.Col. Shipp said that the Liaison Section had been warned that all such visits were forbidden. A draft order was being prepared.

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22. Visits to Army Areas. Mr.Caccia complained that he had been incorrectly reported both at the Siena Conference and at the last VP's meeting. He did not wish to circulate the Diplomatic Corps on travel to army areas as the Diplomatic Corps as a whole had behaved extremely well and only one unfortunate incident had been reported.

23. Scorched Earth Policy. Mr.Caccia said that secret service reports showed that scorched earth policy is probably going to be carried out drastically in Northern Italy. COS said that AAI should be informed and asked if SOE could not do something to stop it. Col.Monfort undertook to mention this.

24. Russian Labour Observers. Mr.Antolini enquired as to the whereabouts of the Russian observers. Lt.Col.Shipp reported that they had gone to Brindisi, Bari and Naples. He undertook to keep DCOS informed of their movements from time to time, as far as was possible.

25. Devasted Areas. Brig.Upjohn reported that the Prime Minister had accepted an invitation to preside at the meeting on devasted areas which was to be held during next week. This had delayed matters a little but it meant that they would be taken up on a much higher level.

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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 14 OCTOBER 1944.

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2. Shoulder Flashes. Col.Fiske said this question was difficult and complicated. The meeting finally decided it was impracticable and the whole matter is to be dropped.

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6. Black Market Restaurants. COS informed the meeting that RAAC was pressing for the views of the ACC on placing all civilian restaurants out of bounds to Allied troops in Rome. It was decided that a letter should be sent to RAAC stating that in principle we agreed with this project with the proviso that it could be enforced: it was agreed that a similar procedure should be adopted in large towns throughout Italy and that AAI and AFHQ be advised accordingly.

7. Sicily. The question of removing ACC personnel from the Island was discussed. It was decided to recommend to A/CC against the move. At request of Econ Sec the question of sending two Provincial teams from N.Regions could be considered.

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7. Sicily (Cont'd).
The question would be raised again after the amassi. COS undertook to talk to the A/CC on the whole question of enforcement of grain collection in Sicily.

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24. Civil Affairs Section, AAI. DCCAO stated that GOC 2 District was moving to Florence. He wished two or three of the Regional Staffs of the N.W. Regions to be with him during the planning period and a permanent liaison officer when they moved in. Toscana Region is moving to Florence.

Lt. Col,
Chief Staff Officer,
to Chief of Staff.

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27 October 1944.

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COS reported that he had studied the Drage Reports. He thought they would be useful to Regional Commissioners and that they should be continued for their benefit. It was important that Major Drage should not set up a G-2 Section for No.2 District and his reports should not be too long. Distribution of MUSTER Reports would be cut down to Political Section and COS.

5. Italian/.....

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5. Italian Soldiers from Greece.

It was decided there should be one authority in AC to deal with this question. There was discussion as to whom this should be. Econ Sec undertook to detail Col Murphy to find out if UNRRA were prepared to handle this.

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24 October 1944.

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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S CONFERENCE - 24 OCTOBER

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It was decided after discussion that instead of officers from HQ ACC visiting AFHQ C.A.Section should ask AFHQ to send one representative to discuss both these subjects here.

5. PORT OF NAPLES.

COS reported that AFHQ had replied that the Port would be required for military purposes for an indefinite period after hostilities ceased.

6. DDCAO/.....

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6. DCCAO HQ AAI.

COS asked all DCOS's to ensure that the DCCAO (Forward) should be kept fully informed of all important matters relating to AMG Armies and Northern Regions.

7. OSS REPORT ON ANCONA.

An exaggerated and inaccurate report had been put out by OSS on AMG political activities in ANCONA, with copies to LONDON and WASHINGTON. COS had already written to AFHQ, but wished Political Section to take up the matter and make an early report.

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13. DEATH SENTENCES.

COS pointed out that ACC was responsible for following up after the signing of death sentences. Although the carrying out of the execution might be the responsibility of AAI or AFHQ, this did not alter the responsibility of the ACC.

14. REQUISITIONING OF VEHICLES.

(a) It was agreed that the representatives of ACC at the Transport Conference at AFHQ should oppose vigorously any attempts to reduce our transport.

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Chief Staff Officer,
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For Thursday's meeting at 9.

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8. Forward Planning. DCOS Econ Sec asked that all plans should be coordinated by Chief of Staff and sent to RCs in completed form by him. There was not

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9. Petrol for Political Correspondents. PRO reported he was quite unable to procure any petrol for civilian correspondents, of whom there would be about 12. He was instructed to submit a rought estimate of quantities likely to be required to the Econ Sec, which would try to meet this demand.

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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S CONFERENCE - 17 OCTOBER.

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3. Bonus for Wheat Collection in Sicily. Agreed to recommend no intervention.

4. Decrees. Brig.Upjohn read a proposed memorandum suggesting that all decrees should be sent to the Minister of Justice for drafting, whereby the Commission would be enabled to check all proposed legislation. Brig.Upjohn undertook to discuss this matter with the Minister of Justice. The meeting agreed that the Government should also be restrained from publishing the contents of decrees before they had been formally ratified.

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6. War Crimes. A proposal was being considered, according to the minutes of the Advisory Council, for the responsibility in connection with collecting and transmission of information on war crimes to be placed on the ACC. Although this matter was at present only in the preliminary stages, COS said that this was a task far beyond the powers of the Commission with its present staff and an immediate protest should be made. The present procedure by which the reporting of all crimes was entirely a matter for AAI through their JAG's Department, was perfectly satisfactory. Mr.Cabcia and Brig.Upjohn would discuss this with the A/CC at the next VP's meeting with a view to a protest being made at the next meeting of the Advisory Council.

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10. Specialist Officers in Regions. Opinion in the Econ Sec was divided on the point under whose control specialist officers in Regions should come. Col Jenny was of the decided opinion that his specialist officers should be com-

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pletely divorced from Regional control. Col.Densmore thought that an instruction might be drawn up making an exception in this case. After discussion it was agreed that all specialist officers in Regions should remain directly under the control of the RC. COS would reply to Southern Region in these terms.

11. Feeding of ACC Civilian Employees. Col.Fiske asked Mr.Antolini what was the position about feeding arrangements for civilian employees of ACC. Mr. Antolini replied that Food Sub-Com had the matter in hand and he would have a statement ready for the next meeting.

12. Appointment of Commisarios. With reference to minute 3 of meeting of 14 Oct. Brig.Upjohn reported that he had asked the Legal Sub-Commission to advise him on the question of the appointment of Commisarios. Econ Sec were to put up their proposals to Mr.Caccia and Brig.Upjohn after which a final draft would be prepared by CA Sec.

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20. Italian Customs Office. Mr.Caccia also enquired if the Italian Customs were working. Mr.Antolini undertook to find out if they were in operation.

21. Application for Minister to go to Florence. Mr.Caccia said that we had an application for a Minister of the Government to proceed to Florence. Lt.Col. Shipp said that the Liaison Section had been warned that all such visits were forbidden. A draft order was being prepared.

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22. Visits to Army Areas. Mr.Caccia complained that he had been incorrectly reported both at the Siena Conference and at the last VP's meeting. He did not wish to circulate the Diplomatic Corps on travel to army areas as the Diplomatic Corps as a whole had behaved extremely well and only one unfortunate incident had been reported.

23. Scorched Earth Policy. Mr.Caccia said that secret service reports showed that scorched earth policy is probably going to be carried out drastically in Northern Italy. COS said that AAI should be informed and asked if SOE could not do something to stop it. Col.Monfort undertook to mention this.

24. Russian Labour Observers. Mr.Antolini enquired as to the whereabouts of the Russian observers. Lt.Col.Shipp reported that they had gone to Brindisi, Bari and Naples. He undertook to keep DCOS informed of their movements from time to time, as far as was possible.

25. Devasted Areas. Brig.Upjohn reported that the Prime Minister had accepted an invitation to preside at the meeting on devasted areas which was to be held during next week. This had delayed matters a little but it meant that they would be taken up on a much higher level.

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16.October, 1944.

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6. Black Market Restaurants. COS informed the meeting that RAAC was pressing for the views of the ACC on placing all civilian restaurants out of bounds to Allied troops in Rome. It was decided that a letter should be sent to RAAC stating that in principle we agreed with this project with the proviso that it could be enforced: it was agreed that a similar procedure should be adopted in large towns throughout Italy and that AAI and AFHQ be advised accordingly.

7. Sicily. The question of removing ACC personnel from the Island was discussed. It was decided to recommend to A/CC against the move. At request of Econ Sec the question of sending two Provincial teams from N.Regions would be considered.

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7. Sicily (Cont'd).
The question would be raised again after the amnesti. COS undertook to talk to the A/CC on the whole question of enforcement of grain collection in Sicily.

8. Salt from Sardinia. COS stated that there were large quantities of salt on the Island and he was anxious that a considerable amount should be brought over to the mainland. Mr.Antolini said a plan would be ready by Tuesday next.

9. Honours and Awards from Italians. Col.Fiske stated that he had received a ruling from MATOUSA that awards and decorations of any kind from the Italian Government for members of the ACC should categorically be refused. This to issue as a directive for all American and British Officers of ACC.

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20. Visit of party from AFHQ. Mr.Antolini reported that a party from AFHQ had visited his Section in connection with a tyre retreading mill. They had come without warning and nothing was known about the party. Mr.Antolini was asked to obtain further information from AFHQ.

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21. Postings - Officers. COS undertook to clear the matter of the orders regarding the future postings of W/Comd.Dickie and Lt.Col.Hartmann.

22. Visits. COS announced that Col.Pitts who is to be in charge of Civil Affairs, Mediterranean Theatre, at the War Office, is to visit ACC during the next few days. There is also a party of 4 civilians, Mr.Morris, Foreign Office, Mr. Hordon, Ministry of War Production, and two Americans, Mr.Sydney Mitchell and Mr.Wayne Jackson, arriving shortly on a mission probably in connection with industry.

23. Elba. Col Monfort asked about the status of Elba. COS said that as soon as the French left it would come under the civil administration of Livorno. The title of Military Govenor would then lapse. The French troops were moving as soon as weather conditions permit. Letter to AFHQ.

24. Civil Affairs Section, AAI. DCCAO stated that GOC 2 District was moving to Florence. He wished two or three of the Regional Staffs of the N.W. Regions to be with him during the planning period and a permanent liaison officer when they moved in. Toscana Region is moving to Florence.

Lt. Col,
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16. Future Chief of Staff Meetings. It was agreed that Chief of Staff's Meetings should be held on Tuesdays and Fridays at 9 am. Matters on a Vice-Presidential level should not be raised.

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Lt.Col,
Chief Staff Officer,
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13. Italian Legislation & Appointment of Italian Officials. The question of control over Italian legislation and decrees was raised. Chief of Staff said that he would get out a draft memorandum suggesting procedure to deal with this matter.

14. Transport. Col.Demmore asked for control vehicles to be attached to mobile units following up 5 Army. It was agreed that requisitioning would probably not be satisfactory. Col.Fiske was to go into the matter of supplying motor cycle to serve as a temporary measure.

15. Anniversary of Italian Co-Belligerency. It was agreed that no publicity should be given to the anniversary of the Italian entry into the war as co-belligerents.

16. Future Chief of Staff Meetings. It was agreed that Chief of Staff's meetings should be held on Tuesdays and Fridays at 9 a.m. Matters on a Vice-Presidential level should not be raised.

H.D. Shipperlee

Lt.Col.
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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 6 OCTOBER 1944.

PRESENT:

Brigadier M.S. Lush, Chief of Staff - Chairman.
Brigadier G.R. Upjohn, DCOS, Civil Affairs Section.
Mr. A. Antolini, A/DCOS, Economic Section.
Mr.H.Caccia, Jt V.P., Political Section.
Mr.Schott, Jt. V.P., Political Section.
Colonel I.D. Denmore, CSO, Economic Section.
Colonel Parkin, Ex.Off(A), Establishment Section.
Colonel R.R. Cripps, CSO, Civil Affairs Section.
Lt.Colonel G.W.I. Shipp, CSO, Chief of Staff's Section.
Colonel Wilmer, RIO, Venezia Region.

1. The meeting discussed a letter from Brigadier Dunlop on the administration of the four Eastern Provinces of ISTRIA. The problem before the meeting was whether to use existing machinery of law and order or to impose AMG. This was particularly relevant to the latest speech of Marshal Tito which implied he had every intention of occupying this territory with Yugoslav forces. The Chief of Staff said he proposed to write to AFHQ asking for full information on the area from all sources: he would also draft a questionnaire to be sent to other agencies (SOE, etc). He would also submit to AFHQ proposals of action to be taken, giving Regional Commissioners full discretion to act in the light of conditions found. It was also agreed that no Italian officials or Carabinieri should be imported from the mainland. We should set up our own police force, using such suitable personnel as we found there, either Italian or Yugoslav, based on a nucleus of Military Police companies.

Brigadier Upjohn raised the question of printing Proclamations in Slovene. It was decided that this should also be referred to AFHQ, as there might be objections from the point of view of security. It was also open to question whether Serb, Croat and Hungarian translations might not also have to be made, once Italian was departed from. The meeting was in favour of printing the Proclamations only in Italian which was the official and legal language of the country.

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Mr.Caccia reported that the civilian population of Pola was said to be in the process of total evacuation.

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The Chief of Staff said that Brigadier Dunlop had asked for an increase of staff. He wanted 12 Legal Officers for the area and 30 Civil Affairs Officers for the 4 Provinces.

2. The Chief of Staff asked Mr.Antolini to restrict demands of returns from the understaffed Regions. The Regional Commissioner, Southern Region had reported that one demand from Transportation Sub-Commission would entail the making of 1000 documents.

3. The final form of Channels of Communication was produced and passed subject to any comment from V.P. Economic Section who would give it further study.

4. A meeting of the Personnel and Organisation Committee was fixed for Tuesday, October 10th at 1500 hours. Establishment Section were asked to obtain final proposals from Sections as to their establishment.

for Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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