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MINUTES OF WEEKLY STAFF CONFERENCE HELD IN ROME 7 MAY 1947.

All Officers. 1. Director's Opening Remarks. The Director stated that plans to authorise Italian Airlines to fly external routes and into Military Government Territory are now being considered; the former in Washington.

All Officers. 2. Re-equipment Scheme for the Italian Air Force. The Director stated that the combined Chiefs of Staff have approved a plan to re-equip the Italian Air Force. Air Ministry, London has offered the Italian Air Force most of the equipment now in Italy on a no price basis. The American Government has offered fifty Mustangs plus three backlog of parts for a nominal cost. A training mission is also under consideration to give the Italians conversion training on the Mustangs. Director suggested that D.D. make enquiries from Germany to get more information about the conditions of the proffered aircraft.

S.E.O.

3. High Speed Launches. S.E.O. has stated that an offer of the high speed launches at present in the Middle East has been made to the Italian Air Ministry at minimum cost and an answer is expected by 16 May 1947.

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4. Courier Service. Director made the suggestion that the Courier service be suspended as an allied commitment prior approval being obtained from M.I.A. He suggested that the Rome - Venice - Milan run could be continued for a short time. It is felt that with curtailment of the Courier service more personnel can be allotted for training.

S.T.O.

5. Radar Stations. S.T.O. stated that the radar stations at Lido di Venice and Treviso had been turned over to the Italian Air Force.

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17th April 1947.

MINUTES OF AIRPORTS CONFERENCE HELD AT ROME 16/4/1947.

All Officers

1. Director's Opening Remarks. The Director requested that all letters then signed by the D. or D.D. be countersigned upon and

2. Staff Officers visits to the Italian Air Ministry. The D.D. emphasized the necessity for State Officers visiting the A.A.I. to do so on an agreed basis whenever possible. If an officer does so alone a report should be made and circulated for information. Prior to visiting the I.A.M., topics to be discussed should be taken up with the D.D.D., or A.A.C.

All Officers

3. Visit of General to the Director. The Director requested that action taken on file be referred to him to aid him in fitting acquainted with the work of the A.A.C.

S.E.O.

4. Allocation in the Comune Schedule. On, I stated that the carrying of passengers and general distribution, Rome-Cagliari and Rome-Catania, were being discontinued as civil aviation had begun along these routes. These lines will continue to operate on a twice weekly schedule carrying military and other non-passenger passengers. Or. II to check on the number of personnel carrying and if possible to circulate a copy of the new schedule. Or. III

Mr. I.

5. Letter from the Minister of War. Mr. I to investigate the possibility of returning their air service commitments in the north.

S.E.O.

6. High Speed Launches. The Director stated that as far as had been sent to the British Sett Government requesting a report on launches available in the Canal Zone. The British Air Ministry has asked the C.C. A.E. to obtain a launch for the I.A.F. When a reply is received the S.E.O. will send a letter to the I.A.F. asking for their views. 6/6

D.D.

7. Air Traffic Control. A representative from the United Traffic Control is coming to Rome on the 27 April 1947 to discuss the return of the air traffic control, now handled by I.A.F., to the I.A.F. D.D. to call in the Traffic Control Officer from A.S.C. Ciampino for the discussion.

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3. Limitation of liaison to the Director. The Director requested that action taken by the S.S.C. be subject to his instructions accounted for the work of the A.M.B.

4. Allocation in the Service Schedule. On, I stated that the carrying of aircraft from the American Zone to Milan, Rome-Cagliari and Rome-Palermo has been discontinued as civil aviation had begun along these routes. The American will continue to operate on a twice weekly schedule carrying civilian military and other non-combat-priority passengers. Or, II to check on the number of personnel carried and if possible reduce the number of aircraft when possible. Or, II to circulate a copy of the new schedules.

5. Baltimore Flight to Milan. Air I to investigate the possibility of returning the Baltimore flight at Milan to Geneva, taking into consideration their air sea rescue commitments in the north.

Sir T.
S.S.C.

6. British Switzerland. The Director stated that a signal had been sent to the British East Coast requesting a report on launches available in the Central Zone. The British Air Ministry has asked the O.C. A.E. to cooperate in obtaining launches for the I.A.F. When a reply is received the S.S.C. will send a letter to the I.A.I. asking for their views. G.I.U.

7. Air Traffic Control. A representative from the I.M.T. Traffic Control is coming to Rome on the 25 April 1947 to discuss the return of the Air Traffic Control, now handled by I.M.T., to the I.A.F. D.D. to call in the Traffic Control Officer from A.C. Ciampino for the discussion.

8. Employment of the P.A.F. Ciampino by the I.A.F. C.C.O. stated that the I.A.I. is taking over the P.A.F. section of P.A.P. Ciampino and the D.D. expected to have full control by the end of May. As soon as K.H.Q. fully releases the present Yugoslav guard the I.A.F. will also assume the responsibility for security.

9. Sale of Surplus American Weapons. The D.D. reported that the American C.P.I.C. has received instructions from Washington to dispose of 100 Brownings machine guns and 3 Smith-Cotton revolvers. D.D. to pursue the subject with the I.A.I. and O.F.L.C.

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TO THE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE
THE U.S. AIR FORCE
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1. Director's Conference Report - The Director stated that Air Force Intelligence has recently visited the Director of U.S. Air Force, Mr. George C. Kenney, on March 1, 1947. The two Directors will visit again in the near future, which may 17th March, encouraged by J.T. 1, and discuss the functions of the Director of Intelligence, to receive recommendations of the C.T.C. next month. On March 1, 1947, the Director of Intelligence requested to submit any recommendations he had to the various Chiefs.

2. Director's Conference Report - The Director informed the Director of Intelligence that he had before him SIC 107 which each Section of the U.S. Air Force had been asked to submit to the J.S.C. a copy of their department to continue intelligence functions and of the way or administrative function of the U.S.A.F. in the present state of the U.S. and those areas where it is possible to include organisations of U.S. and Canadian Forces, one for Director, one for Materiel, one for Personnel, one for Training and one for Personnel.

3. Director's Conference Report - The Director informed the Director of Intelligence that he had before him SIC 107 to decide on the Air Traffic Control Plan for Italy.

4. Director's Conference Report - The Director stated that one Italian Officer had been sent to Tashkent to ward the wreckage of the C.T.C. plane which crashed on 8th March, thus preventing local authorities from carrying out parts of the C.T.C. plan.

5. Director's Conference Report - The Director stated that one Italian Officer had received calls from Tashkent asking to send one or more officers to Tashkent to repair the wreckage of the C.T.C. plane which crashed on 8th March, thus preventing local authorities from carrying out parts of the C.T.C. plan. The Director informed the Director of Intelligence that the Italian Air Force had sent one or more officers to Tashkent to repair the wreckage of the C.T.C. plane which crashed on 8th March, thus preventing local authorities from carrying out parts of the C.T.C. plan. The Director informed the Director of Intelligence that the Italian Air Force had sent one or more officers to Tashkent to repair the wreckage of the C.T.C. plane which crashed on 8th March, thus preventing local authorities from carrying out parts of the C.T.C. plan.

January 22, 1947. - The new Director will visit
the Italian Islands of the Mediterranean, to reconnoiter
and inspect the Italian Air Force, and to recon-
noiter the Italian Air Force's ability to defend the C.R.C.
against the British. He will visit the Sicilian and
Sardinian Islands, and will inspect and
reconnoiter to obtain information on the various places.

2. Request to the C.A.C. for information on the S.S. Merchantman - The Director
will request the C.A.C. to furnish him the latest information on the S.S. Merchantman, which
was sunk off the coast of Sicily on January 22nd, en route from the U.S. to the S.S. C. to recon-
noiter the Italian Islands. The Director will request the C.A.C. to contact the U.S. Consul
in Sicily, and to furnish him the present status of the I.T.F. to
enable him to evaluate the situation of I.T.F. This
information will be required, one for Director, one for
Director's Staff, one for the British, and one for P.M.

3. Request to the C.A.C. for information on Italy - C.A.C. to take action to
inform the Director on the Air Traffic Control in
the Italian Islands.

4. Request to the C.A.C. for information on Italy - III. I stated that one Italian Officer
of the P. M. R. was shot down over Sicily to ward the wreckage of the
airplane from carrying any parts of wreckage.

5. Request of H.M.P. P. M. - The C.A.C. had received calls from
various countries to send one or more officers to Iberia to help to
overcome the difficulties in reconditioning the T-17's that were to be
used by the C.A.C. to help the Scutariot and
to help the British to be involved; and then report re-

quested his 354 personnel to the meeting time at the British Air Force
surveillance office. The C.A.C. informed them these un-
available and would be unable to attend the I.T.F.
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3. Main Speed Launches - The A.S.C. stated that the Italiots will have either 7 or 10 Cloud Launches and no others.

9. Surplus Ammunition to T.A.M. - The Equipment Officer informed that the T.A.M. had received 50,000 rounds of 303 ammunition from AFM sources. It was brought out that the T.A.M. made up its mind too late to obtain the Morisch ammunition at home, but that more should become available soon.

10. T.E.F. Personnel to England - Intelligence said one T.E.F. General Property officer came to Duxford for discussion on selection of station, took suggestion and informed more at the invitation of Ministry of Supply (xx)

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T. E. F. Property, GATF, M.S.

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27th February, 1947.

MINUTES OF WEEKLY STAFF CONFERENCE HELD IN ROE 26 FEB. 1947

1. Director's Opening Remarks - The Director stated that the Civil Aviation plan has been approved and the I.A.U. has been informed. The Under-Secretary for Air is extremely interested in Civil aviation and ORG.I to find out how the new organisation of the Ministry of Defence (Italian Air Force) operates. ORG.IV to draw letter to I.A.U. requesting their views on the proposed A.I.I.I. ROE - C.T.A.L. - TRICLI Air Route.

2. Director's Replacement - The Director stated that he is expecting to leave on the 15th March, 1947 and his replacement, Air Commodore BISHOP is arriving on Monday. All Section Heads are requested to have any information pertaining to their departments ready to present to the new A.O.C. at that time. S.I.O. to have a list of the principal officers in the I.A.U. and a brief sketch of each.

3. New Personnel in the A.F.S.S. - The Director stated that two new American Officers have been assigned to the A.F.S.S. They are: - ALL OFFICERS Lt. L.E. MERRIFIELD, who is going to act as Assistant Pilot and P-51 Consultant, and Lt. J.J. TRUDELL, who is going to replace Lt. Favro as PADD. Lt. A.C. HULL is taking over the position of ST. MCC. AIR I: I to brief him on his work and give him the necessary backlog in AET. matters.

4. SI-95 Crash - The I.A.U. Aircraft Accident Investigation Board held a conference on the 24th February, 1947 concerning the SI-95 crash. The Board has dismissed the idea of inquiring as the cause. Divers are trying to recover the wreckage to enable the Board in their investigation. AIR II to check on the investigation and see if it follows British or American procedure.

5. American Publication to the I.A.U. - D.D. stated that a large number of American publications on aircraft maintenance, engines, etc., have arrived and were turned over to Col. BRENTA for distribution in the Italian Air Ministry.

6. Ammunition and Bombs - S.E.O. to draft a letter for the Director's signature to the Under-Secretary of State expressing the Director's concern over the apparent failure of the I.A.F. and A.R.A.R. to agree, and in doing so, to include the American methods.

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- S.E.O. 7. Baltimore Aircraft - The I.A.F. needs twelve (12) spare engines for their Baltimore Aircraft. S.E.O. to write to A.F.Q. Italy direct for information on their availability.
- AIR I 8. Radar Equipment in the North - Authority has been given to hand over the R.P. Radar Equipment in the North of Italy to the I.A.F. The equipment will be turned over in full operating condition but due to a lack of I.A.F. personnel in the North it will probably be some time before they resume operations.
- AIR I 9. Closing Down of Ischia - AIR I to find out when the R.F. personnel on Ischia will pack up.

