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G-3 SECTION

FILE : G-3 AFHQ/131/1
SUBJECT : Control of Production of Armaments in ITALY
TO : Chief, IDAS

Reference IDAS/116/CS, subject as above, 20 February 1947.

1. Effective upon ratification of the Italian Peace Treaty the Ambassadors of the four great powers in ROME will assume the responsibility for supervising the execution of the Peace Treaty.
2. The Italian Peace Treaty is expected to be ratified in the near future. Accordingly it is not considered that bringing technical experts out from England and the United States, which would be necessary should IDAS be charged with these functions, could be justified.
3. The responsibilities of IDAS and its sub-sections will therefore continue to be those exercised by the sub-commissions of the Allied Commission.

*In this work we have not
the function of control of production of
armaments except that we have
a special division in respect of armaments
i.e. at our disposal.*

BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Military Affairs Section
APO 794

IMAS/116/CS

20 February, 1947.

SUBJECT: Control of Production of Armaments in Italy.

TO : Chief of Staff, AFHQ. APO 512, U.S. Army.

1. Paragraph 2 of FAN 711 authorizes the establishment of IMAS, to be charged with the control functions of supervision and direction of the Italian Armed Forces heretofore exercised by the Land, Naval and Air Force Sub-Commissions of the Allied Commission and the control of the production of armaments.

2. Paragraph 4 of Acting Chief of Staff's letter, G-3 AFHQ/131/1 of 26 January states that "IMAS and its Sub-Sections will continue to operate in accordance with existing directives for, and practices of, the Service Sub-Commissions."

3. Since AFHQ Staff Memorandum No. 3 dated 31 January, 1947 excludes from the responsibilities of the Chief Civil Affairs Officer, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5, AFHQ, control of the production of armaments in Italy, and since existing directives and practices of the former Service Sub-Commissions of the Allied Commission did not include responsibility for Italian armament production control, instructions are requested as to whether this function should be assumed by IMAS. If so, it is recommended that this function be added to those of the Land Forces Sub-Section, with authority to co-opt services of the Naval and Air Forces Sub-Sections when necessary.

4. In this connection, it is the view of Director, Land Forces Sub-Section, with which I concur, that if the responsibilities of his Sub-Section are to include supervision and inspection of factories and arsenals, it may become necessary to augment the staff of his Sub-Section with personnel having technical qualifications beyond those at present available.

signed ELLERY W. STONE.
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