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REORGANIZATION OF ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY & AIR COUNCIL
MAR. 1943 – MAY 1944; AUG. 1945 – OCT. 1946
(1 OF 2)

AIR COUNCIL

CONSIGLIO DELL' ARIA

Presidente: Il Ministro

Gabinetto (7)

AFSC/369/Org. (Rome)

Sottosegretario di Stato (1) (Under Secretary of State)

Capo di Stato Maggiore (2) (Chief of Air Staff-CAS)

Segretario Generale (4) (2) (Secretary General)

Membro per il personale M. (3)(2) (Member for personnel-AMP)

- (5) Direzione Personale Civ. (Direct. of Civilian Personnel.)
- (5) Direzione Aviazione Civile. (Direct. of Civil Aviation)
- Direzione Costruz. Aeronaut. (Direct. of Aviat. Construct.)
- Direzione Armamento (Direct. of Armament)
- Direzione Servizi (Direct. of Works or Services)
- Direzione Telecomunic. (Direct. of Communic. and Signals)
- Direzione Demanio. (Direct. of Engineer. Works)
- Direzione Personale Militare. (Direct. of Military Personnel)
- Direzione Comm.to. (Direct. Pay, Allowances, Pensions, Welfare Expendit.)
- Direzione Sanita' (Direct. of Health)

I.A.F. Director of Finance (8) (with a vote on his responsibility)

NOTA A) Il relatore competente per ogni argomento e' il Direttore Generale competente.
(The competent authority for each argument will be the (General) Director of the Department in question.

NOTA B) Il Segretario nel Consiglio e' permanente.
(The Secretary in the Council is an I.A.F. Officer-not retired and not political).

NOTA C) (Maintenance of the various categories of equipment will be the responsibility of each Gen.Director as appropriate).

(1) Carica Politica - Assume le funzioni di V.Presidente nel Consiglio in assenza del Presidente.
(Political Office - Assumes the functions of Vice President of the Council in the absence of the President).

(2) Carica non politica.
(Non-Political Office).

(3) L'incarico puo' anche essere conferito al Direttore Generale del Personale Militare.
(This office can also be conferred on the Director General of Military Personnel).

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(4) Orders to General-Directors shown and coordinates their work with C.A.S. and A.M.P. His title should be Secretary General, not Secretary Permanent.

(5) Civilian Office.

(6) Met work Civilian Office but may be held by I.A.F. Officers - Signals and MET. ~~Under~~ Separate off with Dr Meteorologist.

(7) Secretary of the Air Council (signing all orders and instructions on behalf of the Air Minister after approval by him).

(8) May be a civilian. (Comment - but why should he know a lot on Air Council?).

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GENERAL DIRECTION OF CIVIL
DIREZIONE GENERALE DELL'AVIAZIONE CIVILE

(retta da un Direttore Generale Civile op
HEADED BY A CIVILIAN GENERAL O

SEGRETERIA

(retta da un Funzionario Civile di gr

I^ DIVISIONE TRASPORTI AEREI (retta da un Dir. Capo Divisione)	2^ DIVISIONE LEGISLAZIONE - TRATTATI E PUBBLICAZIONI (retta da un Dir.Capo Divisione)	SERVIZ LI ED (ret
I^ SEZIONE: Trasporti aerei commerciali 2^ SEZIONE: Brevetti 3^ SEZIONE: Aeroporti controlli sul traffico aereo - Concessioni varie (rette ciascuna da un Capo Sezione	I^ SEZIONE: Legislazione e trattati 2^ SEZIONE: Notizie, statistica e pubblicazioni (rette ciascuna da un Capo Sezione	I^ S 2^ SE 3^ SE

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ZIONE CIVILE E DEL TRAFFICO AEREO

ale Civile oppure da un Generale A.A.)

GENERAL DIRECTOR OR BY A GENERAL OF THE AERONAUTICAL DIRECTION

SECRETARIAT
SEGRETERIA

Civile di grado non inferiore all'8°)
(civil rank not below the 8th grade)

...ELICA= ...ione)	3^ DIVISIONE SERVIZI AMMINISTRATIVI - CONTABILI ED ISPETTIVI (retta da Dir.Capo Divisione)	4^ DIVISIONE SERVIZI TECNICI (retta da un Col.A.A.r.n.o G.A.r.i.)
...ic dia- ...na da ...apo Se- ...ze	I^ SEZIONE: Contratti e liquidazioni 2^ SEZIONE: Bilancio e contabilità 3^ SEZIONE: Ispezioni (rette ciascuna da un Capo Sezione)	I^ SEZIONE: Studi tecnici relativi ai trasporti aerei ed alle rotte aeree (retta da un T.Col.o Mag A.A.r.n. o G.A.r.i.) 2^SEZIONE: Utilizzazione radiometeorologica (retta da un Uff.del Genio Aeron.

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GENERAL DIRECTION OF CIVIL AVIA

(headed by a Civilian General Direct
Aeronautical Aircrew Bra

SECRETARIAT

(headed by a Civilian official with a rank

1st DIVISION

AIR TRANSPORTS

(headed by a Chief of Division
Director)

1st SECTION: COMMERCIAL AIR TRANSPORTS

2nd SECTION: LICENCES

3rd SECTION: AIRPORTS CONTROLLING ? AIR TRAFFIC VARIOUS CONCESSIONS.

(each one headed by a Section Chief)

2nd DIVISION

LEGISLATION - TREATIES AND PUBLICATIONS -

(headed by a Director Chief of Division)

1ST SECTION: LEGISLATION AND TREATIES.

2nd SECTION: INFORMATION ON DUTIES AND PUBLICATIONS.

(each one headed by a Section Chief)

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ON OF CIVIL AVIATION AND AIR TRAFFIC

ien General Director or by a General of the
tical Aircrew Branch)

SECRETARIAT

ficiel with a rank not below the 8th grade)

	3rd DIVISION	4th DIVISION
PUBLICA- of	ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - ACCOUNTS AND INSPECTIONS. (headed by a Director Chief of Division)	TECHNICAL SERVICES (headed by a A.A.r.n. or C.A.r.i.)
AND ON DUTIES IONS. ion Chief)	1st SECTION: CONTRACTS AND LIQUIDATION 2nd SECTION: ACCOUNTS AND BUDGETS 3rd SECTION: INSPECTION. (each headed by a Section Chief)	1st SECTION: TECHNICAL STUDIES RELATIVE TO AIR TRANSPORTATION AND AIR LINE ROUTES. 2nd SECTION: RADIOMETEOROLOGICAL UTILISATION. (each headed by an Officer of the Aeronautical Engineering branch.)

?) Liaison with P.T.T. Telecommunications Service
Civil Aviation Inspectorate

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SUPREME AIR COUNCIL

ART. 1

The Supreme Air Council is the advisory body of the Air Ministry for all matters concerning the Military Air Force.

The Headquarters of the Supreme Air Council is situated in the Air Ministry.

ART. 2

The advice of the Supreme Air Council is compulsory on matters laid down by the present decree and other regulations at present in force.

ART. 3

When the advice of the Supreme Air Council is compulsory, on decrees approving provisions of a non legislative character, a heading "By advice of the Supreme Air Council" will be inserted in the introduction.

In the case of legislative provision the advice will be noted in the actual report.

ART. 3 Bis

When the Minister, ~~in his discretional capacity,~~ does not approve the ~~advice given by~~ the Supreme Air Council on matters pertaining to the organization, power and efficiency of the Air Force, the matter will be submitted to the Council of Ministers for decision.

ART. 4

The Supreme Air Council is composed of a President, Vice President, Ordinary Members, Extraordinary Members.

ART. 5

The post of President is conferred upon the General holding the highest rank and seniority and who does not fill the position of Minister; Under Secretary of State, Chief of the Air Staff, or Secretary General of the Air Ministry. The post of Vice President is filled in by a Major General (Generale di Squadra).

ART. 6

The Ordinary Members of Supreme Air Council are: -

a) The Inspector General or Officer holding the highest rank and seniority in the Air Force Technical Engineering Branch, not filling the post of Director General or Head of Central Offices (Capo di Uffici Centrali).

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b) A Director General of the Air Force Administration Branch;

c) An Air Force General particularly conversant in defence matters;

d) An Air Force General expert in armament matters;

e) The Officer holding the highest rank and seniority in the Air Force Commissariat Branch, not filling the post of Director or Head of Central Offices;

f) An Air Force Brigadier (Generale di Brigata Aerea) or a Colonel in the Aircrew Branch, with secretarial duties in military matters;

g) An Air Force Brigadier (Generale di Brigata Aerea) or Colonel in the Aircrew Branch with secretarial duties in technical matters;

h) An Inspector General or a Divisional Chief Director (Direttore Capo Divisione) in the Air Force Administration Branch with secretarial duties in administrative matters;

ART.7

The extraordinary Members of the Supreme Air Council ~~with~~ without the right of deliberative voting, are: -

a) Chief of the Air Staff;

b) Secretary General of the Air Ministry;

c) General Directors of Heads of the Air Ministry Central Offices;

The Chief of the Air Staff and the Secretary General will be present only at plenary assemblies of the Council and will participate as rightful members.

On invitation received by the President, the General Directors or the Heads of the Air Ministry Central Offices will be present at plenary and section assemblies when matters concerning them will be discussed.

If prevented from attending they will be substituted by their Deputies.

When dealing with special matters the President can, from time to time, call on to participate in Supreme Air Council activities, and to give their opinion on the matters to be treated, without deliberative voting, Air Force, Army and Navy Officers as well as Officials of the State Administration and Civilian persons who are particularly competent on the subjects.

ART.8

The President and Vice President are nominated by ~~Royal Decree, by consultation with the Council of Ministers and on proposal by the Air Minister.~~

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ART. 8 Bis.

The Minister, ~~on~~ his own initiative or on proposal ~~by the President of the Council,~~ can invite to participate ~~with deliberative voting~~ in ~~plenary~~ assemblies and when matters of particular importance are to be discussed, the Commanding Officers of the I.A.F. Main Headquarters Territorial Commands (Comandanti di Grande Unita' della R. Aeronautica), ~~even if below the rank of Major General (Generale di Squadra Aerea).~~

ART. 9.

The advice of the Supreme Air Council must be obtained on: -

1) matters of high importance relating to Military Regulations and to the Organisation and war preparations of the Air Force;

2) legislative plans to be proposed by the Air Minister;

3) the drawing up of a Decree relating to Air Force Military Regulations;

4) the drawing up of Regulations relating to the Military Technical Service and Discipline;

5) the normal constitution of the Air Force Units and personnel for every Branch of the service and on the approval of Technical-Military Programmes;

6) projects, invention and reports of a notable technical-military importance;

7) proposals of rewards for works or inventions useful to the Air Force;

8) the scrapping of existing equipment;

9) plans of new aircraft construction (~~and~~, including large scale conversions of types of aircraft in hand) including the appropriate armament and on the characteristics of new aircraft construction;

10) characteristics of new aircraft ~~arms~~ and armament equipment);

11) the general or particular responsibilities, or projects for contracts of interest to the Air Force, in cases where the State Exchequer deems it advisable to hear the opinion of the State Council;

12) technical conditions of the competitive programmes for the supply of arms, machinery, and/armament equipment, for both aircraft and ground installations;

13) locations, programmes and characteristics of building construction;

14) locations and long term projects on the organisation of ground services.

Note: Word 'signal' used in wide sense to include Radio and Radar.

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The Air Minister on his own initiative or on proposal by ~~the President~~ C.A.S., Secretary General or Director General can submit for examination by the Supreme Air Council any other question of technical, military, ~~and~~ administrative ~~interest~~ and financial interest.

ART. 10.

The Supreme Air Council formulates in conjunction with the Air Minister the regulations relating to the Military Air Force. but not to Civil Aviation. Meetings to which the Air Council may be summoned by the Air Minister or Director of Civil Aviation.

ART. 11.

The Supreme Air Council will meet in plenary assembly or divided into Sections.

There are two Council Sections: -
First Section: for question of a technical character;
Second Section: for questions relating to Organisation and Administration.

ART. 12.

The President presides over the plenary and 1st Section assemblies.
The Vice President presides over the 2nd Section assemblies and substitutes the President in his absence.

ART. 13.

The Ordinary Members of the 1st Section are: -

a) the Inspector General or the Officer holding the highest rank and seniority in the Air Force Technical Engineering Branch;

b) the Air Force General particularly conversant in defence questions;

c) the Air Force General expert in aircraft armament questions;

d) the Major General (Magg. Generale) or the Colonel in the Air Force Technical Engineering Branch, with secretarial duties for technical matters;

The Ordinary Members of the 2nd Section are: -

a) The General Director in the Air Force Administrative Branch;

c) The Brigadier (Generale di Brigata Aerea) or the Colonel in the Air Force Aircrew Branch, with secretarial duties for military matters;

d) The Inspector General or the Divisional Chief Director in the Air Force Administration Branch, with secretarial duties for administration matters.

ART. 14.

The nature of the subjects to be discussed in a plenary assembly are

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established by the President, when this is not directly established by the Air Minister.

ART. 15.

The Supreme Air Council examines the question submitted for it's approval from a Military, Aeronautical, Technical, Administrative and Economic point of view.

The Supreme Air Council carries the motion by open voting and by an overhelming majority of votes; in case of parity the President's vote prevails. ~~In order to carry the motion the presence of at least seven members is necessary.~~ has the right to postpone a matter for study Decision by the Council of Ministers (see Art 3 Par)

The opinion on every question is given by means of the minutes of the meeting or meetings in which the question was discussed. In the minutes the discussion must be summarised, the voting results recorded and the opinion given by the minority or minorities inserted. Records to be passed to next meeting to verify their accuracy

The minutes are forwarded to the Air Minister.

When the question deals with projects of new aircraft construction or conversions and important technical matters in general, a detailed technical report must be attached to the minutes.

ART. 16.

The coordination of secretarial duties is entrusted to the General ~~or Colonel~~ Secretary for Military Affairs.

Secretarial and Technical duties are entrusted to the Supreme Air Council officers and civilian officials of the Air Force Administration.

ART. 17

The President of the Supreme Air Council corresponds directly with the Air Minister and with the other Central and Air Force Allthorities: the President corresponds with the other Ministries through the Minister's Cabinet.

Decisions of the Air Council are notified to those concerned by the Secretary General.

Translated by Sgt. Cumbo.

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DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE TELECOMUNICAZ

(retta da un Generale

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SEGRETERIA

(retta da un Ufficiale Superiore de

(Leader Lg a Senior Officer

2ª Div.

2^ DIVISIONE

Meteorologia

(retta da un Colonnello A.A.r.n.)

(Leader Lg a Col. AA rn)

1ª Div.

I^ DIVISIONE

Studi e Regolamentazione

(retta da un Col. A.A. r.n.)

(Leader Lg a Col. AA rn)

1ª Sect.	Studies	
I^Sezione:	Studi	(Leader Lg a Lt/Col or Maj, AA rn (retta da un T.C. o Magg.A.A.r.n.
2ª Sect.	Regulations	
2^Sezione:	Regolamenti	
3ª Sect.	Preparation & utilisation Technical	
3^Sezione:	Preparazione utilizzazione personale tecnico (retta da un T.C.o Magg. A.A.r.n.)	personnel

(Leader Lg a Lt Col or Maj AA rn)

1ª Sect.	Supplies & Installations	
I^Sezione:	Approvvigionamenti impianti	(retta da un I^Sez. T.C.o Magg. G.A.r.i.
2ª Sect.	Organisation &	
2^Sezione:	Organizzazione ed esercizio rete	(retta da un T.C.o Mag. A.A.r.n. 2^Sez
3ª Sect.	Forecasts & Climatology	
3^Sezione:	Previsioni e climatologia (retta da un T.Col.o Magg.G.A.r.i. o Geofisico Capo)	(Leader Lg a Lt Col or Maj AA rn or Chief Met 3^Se

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Telecommunications and Air Traffic Control

DIREZIONE TECNICA E DELL'ASSISTENZA AL VOLO

(Ufficio Generale dell'A.A.)

SEGRETERIA

(Ufficio Superiore dell'A. A.)

3^ DIVISIONE Radioelettrica (retta da un Colonnello A.A.A.r.n.)	4^ DIVISIONE Telegrafonica (retta da un Colonnello A.A.A.r.n.)
1^ Sezione: Approvvigionamenti ed impianti (retta da un T.Col.o Magg. G.A. r.i.)	1^ Sezione: Approvvigionamenti ed impianti (retta da un T.C.o Magg. G.A. r.i.)
2^ Sezione: Organizzazione esercizio rete (retta da un T.C.o Magg. A.A.r.n.)	2^ Sezione: Organizzazione esercizio rete (retta da un T.C.o Magg. A.A.r.n.)
3^ Sezione: Navigazione e Rotte aeree (retta da un T.C.o Magg. A.A. r.n.)	5^ Sezione: Autonoma Amministrativa (retta da un Capo Sezione)

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GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF TELECO
AIRCRAFT SAFETY.

(headed by a General of th

SECRETARY's OFFICE

(headed by a Senior Officer

Ist DIVISION	2nd DIVISION	3rd
STUDIES AND REGULATIONS	M E T.	RAD
(headed by a Col.A.A.r;n.)	(headed by a Col.A.A.r.n.)	(Head
Ist SECTION: STUDIES (headed by a (Lt.Col.or Maj (A.A.r;n.	Ist SECTION: SUPPLIES & IN-STALLATIONS (headed by a It.Col. or Maj.AAr.n.)	Ist
2nd SECTION: REGULATIONS	2nd SECTION: ORGANISATION AND OPERATIONS OF THE LINES (headed by a Lt.Col.or Maj.A.A.r.n.)	2nd
3rd SECTION: PREPARATION & UTILISATION OF TECHNICAL PERSONNEL (headed by a Lt.Col.or Maj A.A.r;n.)	3rd SECTION: FORECASTS & CLIMATOLOGY (headed by a It.Col.or a Maj.C.A.r.i; or a C Chief Met Expert.)	3rd

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TORATE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND
IRCRAFT SAFETY.

r a General of the A.A.)

ETARY's OFFICE

e Senior Officer of the A.A.)

3rd DIVISION
RADIO ELECTRIC
(Headed by a Col.A.A.r.n.)

4th DIVISION
SIGNALS.
(headed by a Col.A.A.r;N.)

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OLIMATOLOGY
Lt.Col.or
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ert.)

Ist SECTION: SUPPLIES AND INSTALLATIONS (headed by a Lt.Col. or Maj.C.A.r.i.)

2nd SECTION: ORGANIZATION OF USE OF LINES (headed by a Lt.Col. or Maj.A.A.r.n.)

3rd SECTION: NAVIGATION AND AERIAL ROUTES (headed by a Lt.Col. or Maj.A.A.r.n.)

R/T + W/T + Radar

Ist SECTION: SUPPLIES AND INSTALLATIONS. (headed by a Lt.Col.or Maj.G.A.r;i.)

2nd SECTION: ORGANIZATION ON THE OPERATION OF LINES (headed by a Lt.Col.or Maj.A.A.r.n.)

3rd SECTION: AUTONOMUS ADMINISTRATION (headed by a Chief of Section)

Telephone + Telegraphs

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AIR COUN

CONSIGLIO D

PRESIDENTE:

PERM
SECRE

Sottosegretario di Stato (1)
UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE

Capo di Stato Maggiore (2)
CHIEF OF STAFF - CAS
(Air)

Seg

Direzione Gen. (3)
Personale Civ.
GEN. DIRECTORATE OF CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

Direzione Gen. (5)
Aviazione Civ.
GEN. DIR. OF CIVIL AVIATION

Dir.Gen.Costruz.
Aeronautiche
GEN. DIR. OF AVIATIONAL CONSTRUCTION.

Dir.Gener.
Armamento
GEN. DIR OF ARMAMENT.

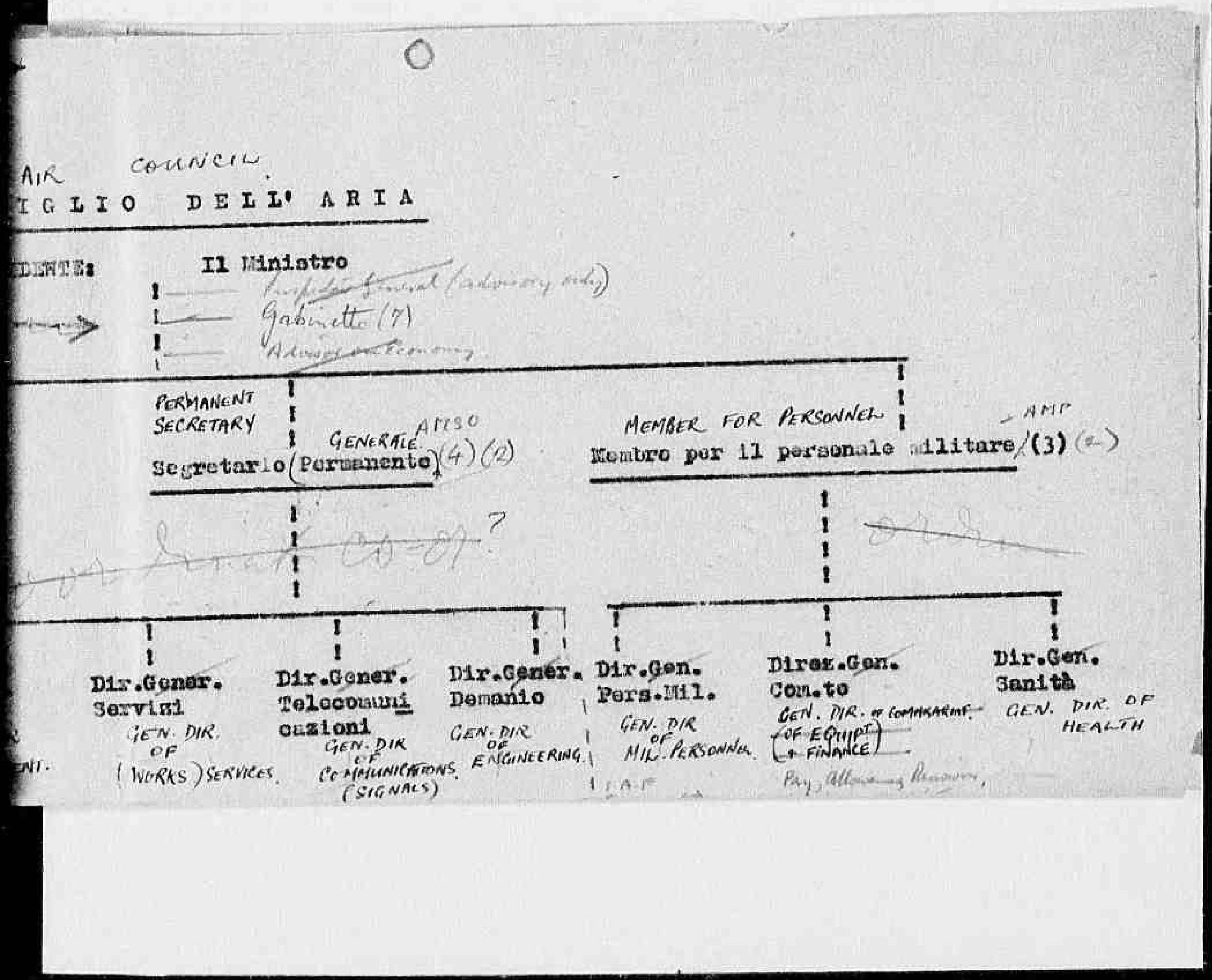
Dir.Gener
Servizi
GEN. DIR OF (WORKS)

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AIR COUNCIL.

CONSIGLIO DELL' ARIA



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Direzione Gen.(5) Personale Civ. GEN. DIRECTORATE OF CIVILIAN PERSONNEL	Direzione Gen.(5) Aviazione Civ. GEN. DIR. OF CIVIL AVIATION	Dir.Gen.Costruz. Aeronautiche GEN. DIR. OF AVIATIONAL CONSTRUCTION.	Dir.Gener. Armamento GEN. DIR OF ARMAMENT.	Dir.Gene Servizi GEN. D OF WORKS

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THE COMPETENT AUTHORITY FOR EACH ARGUMENT WILL BE THE GENERAL DIRECTOR OF THE

NOTA A): Il relatore competente per ogni argomento è il Direttore Generale competent

THE SECRETARY IN THE COUNCIL IS (PERMANENT) a

NOTA B): Il Segretario nel Consiglio è permanente.-

Note (c) POLITICAL OFFICE - ASSUMES THE FUNCTIONS OF VICE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL IN T

(1) = Carica politica - Assume le funzioni di V.Presidente nel Consiglio in assen

NON-POLITICAL OFFICE

(2) = Carica non politica.

THIS OFFICE CAN ALSO BE CONFERRED ON THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF MILITA

(3) = L'incarico può anche essere conferito al Direttore Generale del Personale

(4) Duties to General Directors shown and coordinate their work with C.A.S. & A.M.P. (This title should

(5) Civilian office

(6) Civilian Office but may be held by I.A.F. officer - Equals and Not to be represented

(7) Secretary of the Air Council (signing all orders and instructions on behalf of the Minister of

(8) May be a civilian

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Dir.Gener. Servizi	Dir.Gener. Telecomunicazioni	Dir.Gener. Demanio	Dir.Gen. Pers.Mil.	Direz.Gen. Com.to	Dir.Gen. Sanità
GEN. DIR. OF (WORKS) SERVICES	GEN. DIR OF COMMUNICATIONS (SIGNALS)	GEN. DIR OF ENGINEERING	GEN. DIR OF MIL. PERSONNEL	GEN. DIR. OF COMMISSARIAT (OF EQUIPT + FINANCE)	GEN. DIR. OF HEALTH

NT.

Director of Finance (8)

Pay, Allowing Pensions, Welfare expenditure.

RECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT IN QUESTION. (with a veto on his responsibility)

ale competente.-

on Director or Assistant

E COUNCIL IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PRESIDENT.

le in assenza del Presidente.

L OF MILITARY PERSONNEL

l Personale Militare.

his title as Ist Le Secretary General, not Dir Personnel)

~~Gen. Dir.~~ Ist Director

for Pensions after approval by him)

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General Directorate of Military

DIREZIONE GENERALE PERSONALE

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Headed by a Gene

SEGRETERIA
Secretary
(retta da un Ufficiale Superiore A.A.)
headed by a Senior Officer A.A.

1st Div.	2nd Div.	3rd Div.	4th
I^ DIVISIONE	2^ DIVISIONE	3^ DIVISIONE	4^
Movement & Registration	Legal Department	Discipline	
MOVIMENTI E MATRICOLA	STATO GIURIDICO	DISCIPLINA	
(retta da un Col.A.A.r.n)	(retta da un Dir.C.Div.)	(retta da un Col.A.A.r.n.)	(retta
headed by a Col. A.A.r.n.	headed by a director, head of division	headed by a Col. A.A.r.n.	headed
I^Sezione: Ufficiali in servizio ed in congedo - Movimenti e matricola - (retta da un T.C.o Magg. A.A.)	I^Sezione: Ufficiali - reclutamento - stato avanzamento - brevetti - esoneri (retta da un Capo Sezione)	I^Sezione: Disciplina generale - disposizioni normative sulle licenze (retta da un T.Col.o magg.A.A.)	I^Sezi ficial (retta zione
2^Sezione:			2^Sezi

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Route / military personnel U schools.

...EGALE DI ...SONALE MILITARE E DELLE SCUOLE

...da un ...ficiale generale A.A.r.n.)
...d by a General (A.A.F.R.N) ~~officer~~ officer of the

UFFICIO DEL GENERALE ISPETTORE DEI CENTRI
LEVA E MATRICOLA
Office of the Inspector General of the ~~registration~~ Conscription and Registering Centres.

4ª Div. - 1ª DIVISIONE MONEY ORDER ...NZIONI	5ª Div. - 5ª DIVISIONE Pensions PENSIONI	6ª Div. 6ª DIVISIONE Schools SCUOLE
...A.r.n.) ...retta da un D.C.Div.)	(retta da un Dir.C.Div.)	(retta da un Col.A.A.r.n.)
...ina ge... ...oni ...enze ...O	I^Sezione: Assegni ufficiali (retta da un Capo Sezione) I^Sezione: Assegni	I^Sezione: Pensioni privilegiate ordinarie indennizzo privilegiato aeronautico (retta da un Capo Sezione)	I^Sezione: Scuole di volo (retta da un T.Col.o Magg. A.A.r.n.) I^Sezione: Scuole specialisti (retta da un T.Col.o Magg.

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(retta da un T.C.o Magg. A.A.)

2^Sezione: Sottufficiali e truppe in servizio ed in congedo - movimenti o matricola -
(retta da un T.C.o Magg. A...)

1st Sect. Officers on active service & released - Movement & registration (headed by a Lt/Col or Maj. AA)

2nd Sect. O.R. on active service & released - Movement & registration (headed by a Lt/Col or Maj. AA)

di avanzamento - brevetti - esoneri
(retta da un Capo Sezione)

2^Sezione: Sottufficiali e truppa - Arruolamento - stato - avanzamento - brevetti ed esoneri
(retta da un Capo Sezione)

1st Sect: Officers - recruiting - Promotions - qualifications - licenses & exemptions -
(headed by a Chief of Section)

2nd Sect O.R. recruiting - Promotions - qualifications & exemptions -
(headed by a chief of Sect.)

normative sulle licenze
(retta da un T.Col.o Magg.A.A.)

2^Sezione: Questioni disciplinari di stato - contenzioso - materia penale - matrimoni
(retta da un Capo Sezione)

3^Sezione: Ricompense - Libretti personali e di volo
(retta da un T.Col. o Magg.A.A.)

1st Sect. General discipline - rules & regulations on discharges -
(headed by a Lt/Col. or Maj. A.A.)

2nd Sect. Disciplinari matters of state - legal department - Penal matters - Weddings (headed by a Chief of Section)

3rd Sect Awards - Personal documents & air mail log books -
(Headed by a Lt/Col & Maj. A.A.)

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ze (retta da un Capo Sezione)

2^Sezione: Assegni sottufficiali e militari di truppa
(retta da un Capo Sezione)

3^Sezione: Contabilità e contratti
(retta da un Regio - re superiore)

vilegiate ordinarie indennizzo privilegiato aeronautico
(retta da un Capo Sezione)

2^Sezione: Pensioni ordinarie - riscatti - assicurazioni
(retta da un Capo Sezione)

(retta da un T.Col.o Magg. A.A.r.n.)

2^Sezione: Scuole specialisti
(retta da un T.Col.o Magg. A.A.r.n.)

1st Section (headed by a Lt/Col or Maj. Art.)

2nd Sect. Technical Schools ~~Schools for Technic~~
(headed by a Lt/Col or Maj. A.A.r.n.)

1st Sect. Pensions, privileged & ordinary - Aeronautical privileged indemnity.
(headed by a chief Section)

2nd Section: Normal pensions - Redemptions Insurances -
(headed by a chief 3rd Sect.)

1st Sect: Checks for Sections (headed by Chief of Section)

2nd Sect. Checks for O.R. (headed by a chief Section)

3rd Sect. Accounts & contracts - (headed by a Senior Assistant)

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GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY

(headed by a General Officer

SECRETARY

(headed by a Senior Officer A.A.)

1st DIVISION	2nd DIVISION	3rd DIVISION	4th DI
MOVEMENT & REGISTRATION (headed by a Col.A.A.r.n.)	LEGAL DEPART (headed by a Director head of Division)	DISCIPLINE (headed by a Col A.A.r.n.)	MONEY (headed head o
1st SECTION: OFFICERS ON ACTIVE SERVICE AND RELEASED. MOVEMENT AND REGISTRATION. (headed by a Lt .Col.or Maj. A.A.)	1st SECTION: OFFICERS - RECRUITING PROMOTIONS QUALIFICATIONS- LICENCES- EXEMPTIONS. (headed by a Chief of Section)	1st SECTION: GENERAL DISCIPLINE RULES & REGULATIONS ON DISCHARGES (headed by a Lt.Col.or Maj.A.A.)	1st SE (headed
2nd SECTION: O.R. ON ACTIVE SERVICE AND REIEASED. MOVEMENT AND REGISTRATION. (headed by a Lt.Col. or Maj. A.A.) .	2nd SECTION: O.R. RECRUITING- PROMOTIONS- QUALIFICATIONS - EXEMPTIONS. (headed by a Chief of Sections)	2nd SECTION: DISCIPLINARY MATTERS OF STATE. LEGAL DEPARTMENT. PENAL MATTERS- WEDDINGS (headed by Chief of Section)	2nd (head 3rd (hea ac

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CTORATE OF MILITARY PERSONNEL & SCHOOLS

Deputy General Officer of the A.A.r.n.)

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE CONSCRIPTION AND REGISTERING CENTRES.

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GENERAL
DISCIPLINE
RULES & RE-
GULATIONS
ON DISCHARGES
Lt.Col.or
.A.)
: DISCIPLI-
NARY
MATTERS
OF STATE.
LEGAL DE-
PARTMENT.
PENAL
MATTERS-
WEDDINGS
Chief of
Section)

4th DIVISION

MONEY ORDER
(headed by a Direct.
head of Division)

1st SECTION: CHEQUES
FOR OFFICERS
(headed by Chief of
Section)

2nd SECTION: CHEQUES
FOR O/R.
(headed by a Chief
Section)

3rd SECTION: ACCOUNTS.
(headed by a Senior
accountant)

Determining the Salaries Assigning the Money to Zones

5th DIVISION

PENSIONS
(headed by a Direct.
head of Division)

1st SECTION: PENSIONS
PRIVILEGED
& ORDINARY.
AERONAUTICAL
PRIVILEGED
INDENNITY.
(headed by a Chief
Section)

2nd SECTION: NORMAL
PENSIONS-
REDEMPTIONS
INSURANCES.
(headed by a Chief of Sect)

6th DIVISION

SCHOOLS
(headed by a Col.A.A.r.
n.)

1st SECTION: FLYING
SCHOOLS
(headed by a Lt.Col.
or Maj. A.A.r.n.)

2nd SECTION: TECHNICAL
SCHOOLS
(headed by a Lt.Col.or
Maj. A.A.r.n.)

Assigning Headings 45

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Gen. Directorate of civilian personnel

DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL PERSONALE CIVILE

(retta da un Direttore G

(headed by a General

Secretary

SEGRETERIA

(retta da un funzionario civile di grado non inferiore all'8°)

(not inferior to the

(headed by a civil servant of 8th grade

1st Division

I^a DIVISIONE

Civilian personnel, permanent & temporary

PERSONALE CIVILE DI RUOLO ED A CONTRATTO Contract -

(retta da un Dir. Capo Divisione)

(headed by a Director, chief of Division)

1st Sect. Legal branch

I^a Sezione: Stato Giuridico e movimenti

2nd Sect. Economical treatment

2^a Sezione: Trattamento economico

3rd Sect. Registrations -

3^a Sezione: Matricola-pensio

rette ciascuna da un Capo Se-

2nd Division

2^a DIVISIONE

PERSONALE SALARIATO ED AVVENTIZIO

Employment of temporary personal

(retta da un Dir. Capo Divisione)

(headed by a Dir. Chief of Div.)

1st sect. Employment

I^a Sezione: Personale salariato

2nd Sect. Temporary personnel

2^a Sezione: Personale avventizio

3rd Sect. Pensions &

3^a Sezione: Pensioni - As

rette ciascuna da un Capo Sezione

(headed each by a Chief D Section

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...ndia, personnel & general matters -

...SO IAL CIVILI E DEGLI AFFARI GENERALI

...un Direttore Generale)

...e General Director)

UFFICIO ISPEZIONI

(retto da un funzionario civile di grado non inferiore al 6°) 7°-

(head by a civil servant ~~of the~~ 6th grade ~~of the~~)

3ª DIVISIONE

AFFARI GENERALI

(retta da un Dir•Capo Divisione)

(headed by a Dir. Chief of Division)

I^ Sezione: Affari Generali

2^ Sezione: Viaggi e missioni

3^ Sezione: Ufficio del Consegnatario Cas-

rette ciascuna da un Capo Sezione

4ª DIVISIONE

REVISIONE - CONTABILITA' - BILANCIO

(retta da un Dir•Capo Divisione)

(headed by a Director Chief of Division)

I^ Sezione: Revisione

2^ Sezione: Contabilità

3^ Sezione: Bilancio

rette ciascuna da un Capo Sezione

(each headed by a Chief Section)

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I^a Sezione: Stato Giuridico e movimenti

2^a Sezione: Trattamento economico

3^a Sezione: Matricola-pensioni-statistica

} rette ciascuna da un Capo Sezione

I^a Sezione: Personale salariato

2^a Sezione: Personale avventizio

3^a Sezione: Pensioni - Assicurazioni

} rette ciascuna da un Capo Sezione

-°- Alla diretta dipendenza del Direttore Generale è previsto un funzionario civile di grado non inferiore al 6°, per servizi ispettivi.-

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1st Sect. General affairs

1ª Sezione: Affari Generali
2nd Sect Travels & duties
2ª Sezione: Viaggi e missioni missions
3ª Sezione: Ufficio del Consegnatario Cassiere
3rd Sect Office of the head Cashier

rette ciascuna da un Capo Sezione
each headed by a Chief Section

1st Sect. Revision

1ª Sezione: Revisione
2nd Sect Accounts
2ª Sezione: Contabilità
3rd Sect Budget
3ª Sezione: Bilancio

rette ciascuna da un Capo Sezione
each headed by a Chief Section

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GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF CIVILIAN PERSONN

(headed by a General Direc

SECRETARY

(headed by a civil servant not inferior to the Cth grade)

IST DIVISION

CIVILIAN PERSONNEL, PERMANENT & UNDER CONTRACT;

(headed by a Director Chief of Division)

Ist SECTION: LEGAL BRANCH & MOVEMENTS.

2nd SECTION: ECONOMICAL TREATMENT

3rd SECTION: REGISTRATIONS - PENSIONS- STATISTICS -

(each headed by a Chief of Section)

2nd DIVISION

EMPLOYMENT OF TEMPORARY PERSONNEL

(headed by a Dir.Chief of Dir.)

Ist SECTION: EMPLOYED PERSONNEL

2nd SECTION: TEMPORARY PERSONNEL

3rd SECTION: PENSIONS & INSURANCES

(each headed by a Chief of Section)

A Civilian Official holding a rank not inferior to the 6th Grade will come directly under the Director General, with Inspection duties.

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CIVILIAN PERSONNEL & GENERAL MATTERS

y a General Director)

INSPECTORATE

(headed by a civil servant not inferior to the 6th grade

	3rd DIVISION	4th DIVISION
FERSONNEL	GENERAL MATTERS	CONTROL, ACCOUNTS, BUDGET
of Dir.)	(headed by a Dir.Chief of division)	(headed by a Director Chief of Div)
PERSONNEL	Ist SECTION: GENERAL MATTERS.	Ist SECTION: CONTROL — ?
PERSONNEL	2nd SECTION: TRAVELS & DUTIES MISSIONS.	2nd SECTION: ACCOUNTS
INSURANCES	3rd SECTION: OFFICE OF THE HEAD CHASHIER. — ?	3rd SECTION: BUDGET
f of Section)	(each headed by a Chief of Section)	(each headed by a Chief Section)

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General Directorate of P
DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE COS

(retta da un General
(headed by a General
Secretary
SEGRETERIA

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(headed by a Senior Offic

1st Division I^ DIVISIONE PROGRAMMAZIONE, ATTREZZATURA INDUSTRIALE E MOBILITAZIONE (retta da un Col.G.A. r.i.)	2nd Division 2^ DIVISIONE PRODUZIONE ED APPROVVIGIONAMENTI (retta da un Col.G.A. r.i.)	3rd Division 3^ DIVISIONE IMMAGAZZINAMENTO E DISTRIBUZIONE MATERIALE DI VOLO (retta da un Col.G.A.r.i.)
1st Sect. Planning. 1^ Sezione: Programmazione	1st Sect. Studies and experiment 1^ Sezione: Studi ed esperienze	1st Sect. aircraft 1^ Sezione: Aeromobili
2nd Sect. Industrial 2^ Sezione: Attrezzatu	2nd Sect. Aircraft	2nd Sect. engines 2^ Sezione: Motori
(rette da un Col.G.A. r.i.)	(rette da un Col.G.A. r.i.)	(rette da un Col.G.A. r.i.)

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...ate of Aeronautical Construction -
...LE DELLE COSTRUZIONI AERONAUTICHE

...a un Generale del G.A.r.i.)
...y a General of the "G.A.R.I." Aeronautical Engineering Branch)
...Secretary's Office
...SEGRETERIA

...fficiale Superiore A.A. o G.A. r.i.)
...Senior Officer, "A.A." or "G.A.r.i." Aeronautical Air Force General or Engineering Branch)

...ione	3ª Divisione	5ª Divisione
...SIONE	4^ DIVISIONE	5^ DIVISIONE
...ento e distribu-	MANUTENZIONE, RIPARAZIONE E ALIENAZIONE	AMMINISTRATIVA
...ale di volo		
...Col.G.A.r.i.)	(retta da un Col.G.A.r.i.)	(retta da un Dir.Capo Divisione)
...(Col. G.A.R.I.)	(Head of a Col. G.A.R.I.)	(Head of a Dir. Chief Division)
...aft	1st Sect. aircraft	1st Sect. Contracts
...romobili(	I^Sezione: Automobili(rette	I^Sezione: Contratti (
...ngini {rette	2nd Sect. engines - {ciascu	2nd Sect. Legislation ({rette ciascuna
...ori	2^Sezione: Motori	2^Sezione: Legislazione

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(retta da un Col.G.A. r.i.) (headed by a Col. G.A. r.i.)	(retta da un Col.G.A. r.i.) (headed by a Col. G.A. r.i.)	(retta da un Col.G.A.r.i.) (headed by a Col. G.A. r.i.)
1st Sect. Planning. I^Sezione: Programmazione 2nd Sect. Industrial 2^Sezione: Attrezzatura industriale e program. 3rd Sect. 3^Sezione: Preparazione e utilizzazione del personale tecnico Preparation & utilization of technical personnel.	rette ciascuna da un T.C. o Magg. G.A. r.i. (headed by a Lt/Col or Maj. G.A.R.i.C)	1st Sect. Studies and experiments I^Sezione: Studi ed esperienze 2nd Sect. Aircraft 2^Sezione: Aeromobili 3rd Sect. Engines 3^Sezione: Motori 4th Sect. Preparation 4^Sezione: Allestimento	rette ciascuna da un T.C. o Magg. G.A.R.I. (headed by a Lt/Col or Maj. G.A.R.I.C.	1st Sect. aircraft I^Sezione: Aeromobili 2nd Sect. engines 2^Sezione: Motori 3rd Sect. Preparation 3^Sezione: Allestimento 4th Sect. Statistics 4^Sezione: Statistica	rette ciascuna da un T.C. o Magg. G.A.R.I. (headed by a Lt/Col or Maj. G.A.R.I.C.

NOTA: Dalla Sezione Studi ed esperienze dipenderà il Centro Sperimentale.

NOTE: The Experimental Centre will come under the Studies and Experiments Section.

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Col.G.A.r.i.) (retta da un Col.G.A.r.i.) (retta da un Dir.Capo Divisione)

Aeromobili(rette ciascuna da un T.C. o Magg. G.A.r.i.

1^Sezione: Aeromobili(rette ciascuna da un T.C. o Magg. G.A. r.i.

2^Sezione: Motori

3^Sezione: Installazioni

1^Sezione: Contratti

2^Sezione: Liquidazioni

3^Sezione: Bilancio

rette ciascuna da un Capo Sezione

Motori

Allestimento

Statistica

The above 5 Archivuses each headed by — —

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GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF AERONAUTI

(headed by a General of the "T.A.R.I." Ae

SECRETARY's OFFI

(headed by a Senior Officer "A.A." or "C.A.r.
Engineering Bra

1st DIVISION PLANNING, INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT & MOBILISATION (headed by a Col. C.A.r.i.)	2nd DIVISION PRODUCTION & SUPPLIES (headed by a Col.C.A.r.i.)	3rd DIVISION STORING & DISTRIBUTION OF FLYING EQUIPMENT (headed by a Col.C.A.r.i.)
1st Section: Planning 2nd Section: Industrial equipment. 3rd Section: Preparation and utilisation of technical Personnel.	1st Section: Studies and equipments. 2nd Section: Aircraft. 3rd Section: Engines 4th Section: Preparation;	1st Section: Aircraft 2nd Section: Engines 3rd Section: Preparation 4th Section: Statistics
The above three sections are each headed by a Lt.Col. or Maj. C.A.r.i.	The above fourth Sections are each headed by a Lt. Col. or Maj. C.A.r.i. NOTE: The Experimental Centre will come under the Studies and Experiments Section.	The above three Sections are each headed by a Lt. Col. or Maj. C.A.r.i.

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ECTORATE OF AERONAUTICAL CONSTRUCTIONS.

of the "C.A.R.I." Aeronautical Engineering Branch)

SECRETARY's OFFICE

cer "A.A." or "C.A.r.i." Aeronautical Aircrew Branch or
Engineering Branch).

SION & DISTRIBUTION G EQUIPMENT by a Col.C.A.r.i.)	4th DIVISION MAINTENANCE; REPAIR AND SALES (headed by a Col.G.A.r.i.)	5th DIVISION ADMINISTRATIVE (headed by a Dir.Chief of Division)
ion: Aircraft ion: Engines ion: Preparation ion: Statistics	Ist Section: Aircraft 2nd Section: Engines 3rd Section: Installation	Ist Section: Contracts 2nd Section: Liquidations 3rd Section: Budget
ve three Sections h headed by a Lt. Maj. C.A.r.i.	The above three Sections are each headed by a Lt. Col. or Maj. G.A.r.i.	The above three sections are each headed by a Chief of Section.

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General Directorate of Transports
DIREZIONE GENERALE DEI TRASPORTI E S

(retta da un Generale A.A.)
(headed by a General A.A.)

1st Division I^ DIVISIONE Motor transport - Matters relating to technical personnel AUTOMEZZI - QUESTIONI RELATIVE AL PERSONALE TECNICO PER LE ESIGENZE DEI SERVIZI DI COMPETENZA (retta da un Colonnello A.A.A.r.n.) (headed by a Col. A.A.A.r.n.)	2nd Division 2^ DIVISIONE AEROPORTI (retta da un Col.A.A.A.) (headed by a Col. A.A.)
1st Sect. Motor Transport I^Sezione: Autoveicoli ed imbarcazioni and water surface craft 2^Sezione: Trasporti 1st Sect. Transportation {rette ciascuna da un T. Col.o Magg. A.A. each headed by a Lt/Col or a Mag. A.A.	1st Sect. Fuels/lubricants I^Sezione: Carburanti e lubrificanti 2nd Sect. 2^Sezione: Materiale vario d'aeroporto Various airfield equipment {rette ciascuna da un T.Col.o Magg.A.A.) each headed by a Lt/Col. or a Maj. A.A.

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Transportation, Armi Varie e Servizi

TRASPORTI E SERVIZI VARI

enerale A.A.)
Gen. di C.A.)

3ª DIVISIONE
FOTOGRAFICA

(retta da un Col.A.A.r.n.)
(headed by a Col. A.A.r.n.)

1ª Sezione: Apparati
2ª Sezione: Laboratori - materiali e personale relativi

(rette ciascuna da un T.Col. o Magg. A.A.)
(each headed by a Lt/Col or Mag. A.A.)

4ª DIVISIONE
Amministrativa e Materiali
AMMINISTRATIVA E DELLA GESTIONE DEL MATERIALE

(retta da un Dir.Capo Divisione)
(headed by a Director, chief of division)

1ª Sezione: Amministrativa
2ª Sezione: Contabilità del materiale
3ª Sezione: Revisione

(rette ciascuna da un Capo Sezione
each headed by a chief of section)

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GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF TRANSPORTATI

(headed by a General o

1st DIVISION

MOTOR TRANSPORT - MATTERS REFERRING TO TECHNICAL PERSONNEL AND TO REQUIREMENTS OF THE SERVICES.

(headed by a Col. A.A.r.n.)

1st SECTION: MOTOR TRANSPORT AND WATER SURFACE CRAFT.

2nd SECTION: TRANSPORTATION

The above two Sections are each headed by a It.Col. or q Maj.A.A.

2nd DIVISION

AIRFIELDS

(headed by a Col. A.A.)

1st SECTION: FUEL & LUBRICANTS.

2nd SECTION: VARIOUS AIRFIELD EQUIPMENT.

The above two sections are each headed by a It.Col. or a Maj.A.A.

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TE OF TRANSPORTATION AND VARIOUS SERVICES

eaded by a General of the A.A.)

	3rd DIVISION FHOTOGRAPHY	4th DIVISION ADMINISTRATIVE & HANDLING OF EQUIPMENT.
ol. A.A.)	(headed by a Col.A.A.r.n.)	(headed by a Director Chief of Division)
FUEL & LUBRICANTS. VARIOUS AIRFIELD EQUIPMENT.	1st SECTION: APPARATUS 2nd SECTION: LABOARATORIES EQUIPMENT & RELATIVE PERSONNEL.	1st SECTION: ADMINISTRATION 2nd SECTION: ACCOUNTING OF EQUIPMENT. 3rd SECTION: OVERHAULS.
ections are each Col. or a Maj.A.A.	The above two Sections are each headed by a Lt.Col. or Maj. A.A.	The above three Sections are each headed by a Chief of Section;

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Direzione Generale
DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE ARMI E M

(Direttore Generale (un Generale dell'A.A.
General Director (A General AA
Secretary
Segretaria

(retta da un Ufficiale Superior
(headed by an AA officer

1st Division
I^ DIVISIONE
Experimentation Research
STUDI ESPERIENZE

(retta da un Colonn.G.A.r.i.)
(headed by a Colonel GAri)

2^ DIVISIONE
Armi and Organization
ARMI E ORGANIZZAZIONE

(retta da un Colon. G.A.
(headed by a Col. GA

III^ Sezione: Studi e Progetti
2^ Sezione: Esperienze
3^ Sezione: Preparazione ed utilizzazione personale tecnico
(rette ciascuna da un T.C.o Magg.G.A. r.i.
(retta da un Ten.Col.o Magg.A.A.)

I^ Sezione: Armi fisse e mobili e loro installazione
2^ Sezione: Munizionamento
3^ Sezione: Impianti

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rolle di t'A.A. o G.A. r.i.)

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le Superiore A.A.)

DIVISIONE

OMANDO DI BARDIA

Colonn. T.A.A.r.i.)

3^ DIVISIONE

MUNIZIONAMENTO DI CADUTA E INSTALLAZIONI RELATIVE

(retta da un Colonnello A.A.r.n.o G.A. r.i.)

I^Sezione: Munizionamento di caduta (bombe e siluri) — rette ciascuna da un T.C.o Magg.A.A. r.n. o G.A.r.i.

2^Sezione: Installazioni

3^Sezione: Immagazzinamento e distribuzione (retta da un Ten.Col.o Magg.A.A.)

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III^ Sezione: Studi e Progetti
2^ Sezione: Esperienze
(rette ciascuna da un T.C.o Magg.G.A. r.i.

3^ Sezione: Preparazione ed utilizzazione personale tecnico
(retta da un Ten.Col.o Magg.A.A.)

I^ Sezione: Armi fisse e mobili e loro installazione
2^ Sezione: Munizionamento di lancio
3^ Sezione: Immagazzinamento
(rette da un Ten. Col.o A.A.)

N.B.- Naturalmente dalla I^ Sezione dipendono la Sala Disegni e dalla 2^ Sezione il Centro Sperimentale Armamento.

1st Section: Naval ord. Projects
2nd Section: Experiments
3rd Section: Training and use of technical personnel
(headed by a Lt. Col. or Maj. of the A.A.)

1st Section: Fixed and mobile guns and their installation
2nd Section: Ammunition
3rd Section: Storing and
(headed by a

N.B. Naturally the Naval Dept. will become under the 1st Section and the Experimental Armament Center under the 2nd Section.

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(Headed by a Colonel or a Lt. Col.)

1^ Sezione: Munizionamento di caduta (bombe e siluri) — retta ciascuna da un T.C.o Magg.A.A. r.n. o G.A.r.i.

2^ Sezione: Installazioni

3^ Sezione: Immagazzinamento e distribuzione (retta da un Ten.Col.o Magg.A.A.)

Sezione Autonoma Amministrativa (retta da un Capo Sezione)

1st Section: Bombs. (Headed by a Lt Col or Maj AA r.n. or G.A.r.i.)

2nd Section: Installations

3rd Section: Storing and Distribution (Headed by a Lt Col or Maj AA)

Autonomous Administrative Section (Headed by a Chief Section)

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GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF ARMS AND

(General Director (A General of the A/A. or

SECRETARY's OFFICE

(headed by an A.A. Senior Office

1st DIVISION

EXPERIMENTAL RESEARCH

(headed by a Colonel of the C.A.r.i.)

1st SECTION: RESEARCH AND PROJECTS (each headed by (a T.C. or Maj. (G.A.r.i.

2nd SECTION: EXPERIMENTS

3rd SECTION: TRAINING AND USE OF TECHNICAL PERSONNEL. (headed by a Lt.Col. or Maj. of the A.A.)

NOTE. Naturally the Drawing Dept. will come under the 1st Section and the Experimental Armament Center under the 2nd Section.

2nd DIVISION

ARMS AND AMMUNITION

(headed by a Colonel of the

1st SECTION: FIXED AND MOB
WEAPONS AND T
STALLATIONS. (

2nd SECTION: AM UNITION

3rd SECTION: STORING AND D
(headed by a L

4th Section Explosive

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ernal of the A/A. or G.A. r.i.)

ETARY's OFFICE

A.A. Senior Officer)

2nd DIVISION

AND AMMUNITION

y a Colonel of the G.A.r.i.)

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TION: AMMUNITION

TION: STORING AND DISTRIBUTION (headed by a Lt.Col.or Maj.A.A.)

Explosives

3rd DIVISION

BOMBS AND RELATIVE FITTINGS

(headed by a Colonel of the A.A.r.n. or G.A.r.i.)

Ist SECTION: BOMBS (each headed by a Lt.Col. or a Maj.A.A.r.n. or G.A.r.i.

2nd SECTION: IN-STALLATIONS.

3rd SECTION: STORING AND DISTRIBUTION (headed by a Lt.Col.or Maj.A.A.)

AUTONOMUS ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION (headed by a Chief Section)

4th Section Explosives

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DIREZIONE GENERALE

(retta da un Generale di

(Headed by a Brigadier

Fourth Department

(retta da un Colonnello

(Headed by a Colonel

1ª DIVISIONE Works & Buildings DEPARTMENT (retta da un Colonnello G.A.r.i.) (Headed by a Col. G.A r.i.)	2ª DIVISIONE WORKS DEPARTMENT (retta da un Colonnello G.A. r.i.) (Headed by a Col. G.A r.i.)
1ª Sezione: Immobili. (rette ciascuna da un Ten.Col.o Magg.o G.A. r.i.	1ª Sezione: Studi e Progetti (
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(Supreme Office of the A.A.)

3ª DIVISIONE
AMMINISTRATIVA
ADMINISTRATIVE

(retta da un Dir. Capo Divisione)

(headed by a Chief Section Director)

1ª Sezione: Appalti

2ª Sezione: Acquisti di immobili ed espropriazioni

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I^a Sezione: Studi e Progetti
II^a Sezione: Costruzioni edili } retta ciascuna da un Ten.Col.o Magg. C.A. o.i.
III^a Sezione: Costruzioni metalliche ed impianti
IV^a Sezione: Collaudi

1st Section: Buildings } each headed by a Lt.Col. or Maj. G.A. o.i.
2nd Section: Expropriations }

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2nd Section: Building Construction } each headed by a Lt.Col. or Maj. G.A. o.i.
3rd Section: Metallic Construction and installation
4th Section: Tests

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3° Sezione:	Bilancio - gestione Demanio	Contabilità e materiale del

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Capo Sezione

1st Section: Contracts.

2nd Section: Purchase of buildings and expropriations

3rd Section: Budget — Accounting and Administration of Movable and Building Material

each headed by a Chief Section

each headed by a I.G.C. or Maj. G.A.

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GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF WORKS

(headed by a General G.A.r.i

SECRETARY's OFFICE

(headed by a Senior Officer

1st DIVISION

WORKS AND BUILDINGS

(headed by a Col.G.A.r.i.)

1st SECTION: BUILDINGS
2nd SECTION: EXPROPRIATIONS

(each headed by (a Lt.Col.or Maj. (G.A.r.i.

2nd DIVISION

.WORKS

(headed by a Col.G.A.r.i

1st SECTION: RESEARCH & PROJECTS
2nd SECTION: BUILDING CONSTRUCTION
3rd SECTION: METALLIC CONSTRUCTION INSTALLATIONS

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DIRECTORATE OF WORKS AND BRICKS.

by a General G.A.r.i.)

SECRETARY's OFFICE

by a Senior Officer of the A.A.)

2nd DIVISION

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ded by a Col.G.A.r.i.)

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(each headed (by a Lt.Col. (or Mag.G.A. (r.i.

3rd DIVISION

ADMINISTRATIVE

(headed by a Chief Section Director)

1st SECTION: CONTRACTS

2nd SECTION: PURCHASE OF BUILDINGS & EXPROPRIATIONS

3rd SECTION: BUDGET - ACCOUNTING AND ADMINISTRATION OF WORKS AND BUILDINGS MATERIAL

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Direttore Generale (Generale

SEGRETERIA

(retta da un Ufficiale superiore

Studies Office, Preparation and Utilization of Technical Equipment

UFFICIO STUDI E PREPARAZIONE ED UTILIZZAZIONE M

Ten.Col.o Magg. C.C. r.c.)

1ª DIVISIONE	2ª DIVISIONE	3ª DIVISIONE
VIVERI	VESTIARIO ED EQUIPAGGIAMENTO	MATERIALE ORDINARIO
(retta da un Col.C.C. r.c.)	(retta da un Col. C.C. r.c.)	(retta da un Col.
1ª Sezione: Consumo	1ª Sezione: Consumo	1ª Sezione: Consumo

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...LE DEL COMMISSARIATO AERONAUTICO

...rale (Generale C.C. r.c.)

...SEGRETERIA

...ale Superiore C.C. r.c.)

...LIZZAZIONE PERSONALE TECNICO (retto da uf
... C.C. r.c.)

3^ DIVISIONE ...ERTALE ORDINARIO ...da un Col. C.C. r.c.)	4^ DIVISIONE AMMINISTRATIVA (retto da un Col. C.C. r.c.)	UFFICIO ISPEZIONI (retto da un Col.C.C.r.

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I° DIVISIONE

VIVERI

(retta da un Col.C.C. r.c.)

I° SEZIONE: Approvvigionamento

(retta da un T.Col.o Magg. C.C. r.c.)

2° SEZIONE: Tecnico-economica

(retta da un T.Col.o Magg. C.C. r.c.)

2° DIVISIONE

VESTIARIO ED EQUIPAGGIAMENTO

(retta da un Col. C.C. r.c.)

I° SEZIONE: Approvvigionamenti

(retta da un T.Col.o Magg.C.C. r.c.)

2° SEZIONE: Tecnico-economica

(retta da un T.Col.o Magg.C.C. r.c.)

I° SEZIONE: M

(retta da un T.C
r.c.)

2° SEZIONE:

(retta da u T.C
r.c.)

INTERPRETIVE NOTE:-

X 2nd SECTION - Technical-Accounts. This Section checks the purchases effected by the 1st Section from a Technical and economical point of view.

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3^ DIVISIONE

MATERIALE ORDINARIO (Barrack stores)

da un T.Col.o Magg.C.C.

TECNICO-AMMINISTRATIVA

3^ SEZIONE: Tecnico-economica

da un T.Col.o Magg.C.C.

4^ DIVISIONE

AMMINISTRATIVA

(retta da un Col. C.C. r.c.)

I^ SEZIONE: Contratti - contenzioso

(retta da un T.Col.o Magg.C.C. r.c.)

2^ SEZIONE: Bilancio

(retta da un Ragioniere Sup.)

3^ SEZIONE: Contabilità giudiziale

(retta da un Ragioniere Sup.)

ISPEZIONI

(retto da un Col.C.C.r.

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(headed by a Superior Of

STUDIES OFFICE, PREPARATION AND UTILISATION O

Ten.Col. or Maj.C.C.

Ist DIVISION	2nd DIVISION	3rd
FOOD (headed by a C.C.r.d.Col)	CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT (headed by a Col. C.C.r.c.)	CONSUMAB STORES) (headed
Ist SECTION: SUPPLIES (headed by a Ten.Col.or Maj. C.C.r.c.)	Ist SECTION: SUPPLIES (headed by a Cbl.or a Maj. C.C.r.c.)	Ist SECTI (headed b C.C.r.c.
2nd SECTION: SPECIALISTS ESTIMATE OF ACCOUNTS. (headed by a Ten.Col.or a Maj.C.C.r.c.)	2nd SECTION: SPECIALISTS ESTIMATE OF ACCOUNTS. (headed by a Ten.Col. or Maj. C.C.r.c.)	2nd SECT (heade C.C.r

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DIRECTORATE OF AERONAUTICAL COMMISSARIAT

ECTOR GENERAL (GENERAL C.C.r.c.)

SECRETERY's OFFICE

ded by a Superior Officer C.C.r.c.)

ON AND UTILISATION OF TECHNICAL PERSONNEL (headed by a Ten.Col. or Maj.C.C.r.c.)

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	3rd DIVISION	4th DIVISION	INSPECTIONS OFFICE
	CONSUMABLE EQUIPMENT (BARRACK STORES) (headed	ADMINISTRATION (headed by a Col.C.C.r.c.	(headed by a Col; C.C.r.c.)
	Ist SECTION: CONSUMABLE EQUIPMENT(BARRACK STORES) (headed by a Ten.Col. or Maj. C.C.r.c.)	Ist SECTION: CONTRACTS-LEGAL PROCEEDURES. (headed by a Ten.Col. or Maj.C.C.r.c.)	
	2nd SECTION: SPECIALISTS ESTIMATE OF ACCOUNTS. (headed by a Ten.Col. or Maj. C.C.r.c.)	2nd SECTION: BUDGET (headed by a Superior accounting Officer)	
		3rd SECTION: LEGAL ACCOUNTING. (headed by a Superior Accounting Officer)	

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I^a DIVISIONE

(resto di un documento del 1915)

1^a Sezione Studi - Preparazione ed utilizzazione personale tecnico

2^a Sezione Servizio sanitario in pace ed in guerra - Trasporti e soccorsi militari

3^a Sezione Igiene e profilassi - Difesa contro gli agenti chimici

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DIREZIONE DI SANITA'

(Ufficio Generale del C.S.A.)

Sezione Tecnica

(Ufficio Tecnico del C.S.A.)

DIVISIONE

(retta da un Colonnello del C.S.A.)

1° Gruppo Presidio medico legale ed accertamenti sanitari

2° Gruppo Materiale sanitario

3° Gruppo Ospedali, convalescenziari e luoghi di cura specializzati

(retta da un Ten.Col.o Med.o del C.S.A.)

Gruppo Autonomo Amministrativo (retto da un Capo Gruppo)

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MEDICAL INSPECTORATE

(headed by an Officer Genera

SECRETARIAT

(headed by a Ten.Col. or Maj

1st DIVISION

MEDICAL SERVICE
(headed by a Col. of the C.S.A.)

1st SECTION: STUDIES - PREPARATION & UTILISATION OF TECHNICAL PERSONNEL

2nd SECTION: MEDICAL SERVICE IN PEACE AND IN WAR TIME -
TRANSPORTS AND MILITARY MEDICAL AID -

3rd SECTION: HYGIENE AND PREVENTATIVES - ANTI CHEMICAL WARFARE.

each one headed by a Ten.Col. or Maj. of the C.S.A.

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L INSPECTORATE

en Officer General of the C.S.A.)

SECRETARIAT

a Ten.Col. or Maj.of the C.S.A.)

2nd DIVISION

LEGAL MEDICAL MATTERS, MEDICING INSTALLATIONS & MATERIAL
(headed by a Col. of the C.S.A.)

SONNEL

1st SECTION: LEGAL MEDICAL MATTERS AND MEDICAL BOARDS

2nd SECTION: MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

3rd SECTION: HOSPITALS, CONVALESCENT CENTRES AND SPECIAL TREATMENT CENTRES;

each one headed by a Ten.Col. or Maj. of the C.S.A.

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From:- Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, ROME.

To :- Italian Air Ministry.

Date:- 24th October, 1946.

Ref :- AFSC/368/ORG.

ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW POST IN THE ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY KNOWN AS SECRETARY GENERAL.

3/A.

Reference your letter 2424/3328 Coll., dated 24th September, 1946 and our conversation with the Air Minister and General Monti on 15th October, it is confirmed that we agree in principle to the establishment of the post of Secretary General in the Air Ministry. We, therefore, agree that General Monti shall fill this new post and that General Ceppi shall take over General Monti's existing duties as Director of Military Personnel temporarily.

2. It is understood that the post of Secretary General will be filled by a serving Italian Air Force officer (until such time that a new Law is passed to make the post a civilian one to be filled by an I.A.F. General retired*), and that it will not be a political appointment. Further more it is understood that the Secretary General will be responsible to the Air Minister for the co-ordination of certain Directorates (the details of which should be agreed between us at a further conference) and that he will advise the Chief of Air Staff and the Director of Military Personnel and other Directorates in those matters which are delegated to them by the Air Minister. There is of course no objection to the appropriate officers in all departments of the Air Ministry contacting officers in other Directorates on a staff level in order to ensure that the means employed in the preparation of draft policies are the best practicable.

3. It is understood that there is no intention on the part of the Air Minister to institute a new post equivalent to the British Permanent Under Secretary of State for Air who is a civilian and in a non-political appointment.

4. It is requested that you confirm that the statements made in paras. 2 and 3 above are correct.

5. As regards para. 2 above*, I see no reason why the post of Secretary General should ultimately be held by a retired rather than an active serving officer (as is the case with the C.A.S. and A.M.P.) and I suggest that we discuss this later but before being finally committed.

I. E. BRODIE,
AIR VICE MARSHAL,
DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION.

Copy to S.I.O. for filing Reg para 1 (appointments).

D.D. – J.k.m 25/10
S.S.O. – [illegible] 25/10
Ors. – [illegible] 25/10

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* Note: D.D.R.& Ops. with C.A.S. & Gen Brodie who confirm that as post of Gen. Sec. will always be filled by an Officer on the Active List (not a Retired Officer) – no further action JSR 24/11

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LOCAL MINUTE

DIRECTOR V&A 25/10.
E.D. JSM 25/10

I visited the Italian Air Ministry to-day 22nd October, 1946 with WT/O LEGAT and spent two hours with General MONTI and Capt. BERARDUCCI discussing the Secretary General post, the Air Council and the Reorganisation of the Air Ministry.

2. I have redrafted your letter to the Italian Air Ministry concerning the establishment of the Secretary General post, after discussion with General Monti. the activities of General Cappi during the war were extremely pro-British, our fears were unfounded, and after looking into the Files with General Monti, S.I.O. is quite satisfied, he should replace General Monti temporarily.

3. With reference to your queries on the Air Council: -

(a) The Head of the Directorates of Civilian Personnel and Civilian Aviation are filled by Civilians.

(b) The Directorate of Civilian Personnel should also read and of Finance and General Affairs including Budgets, and the Directorate of Commissariat and Equipment deals with the Payment of Military Personnel, Clothing, Rations, Equipment etc. Does not include Welfare Expenditure. Therefore they do not wish to have another Director of Finance,

(c) The Gabinetto is entirely military and is not part of the Air Council, the Minister has a secretary of his own,

(d) Met. will be a civilian post in the future.

(e) Signals and Met. must be combined as the General Directorate but separate Divisions. That covers Allegato 1; we seem to agree on all points and no further discussion was necessary.

4. As regards Allegato 13 Medical Services include Dental.

Allegato 12: No comments.
Allegato 11: 4th Division, 2nd Section is the Liaison between civilian and military Telecommunications.
Allegato 10 : O.K.
Allegato 9 : There is an Inspectorate of explosives in the 2nd and 3rd Division.
Allegato 8 : 3rd Division deals with A/T W/T and Radar and the 4th Division deals with Telephone, Telegraphs and all land lines.
Allegato 7 : 1st Division includes movements.
Allegato 6 : O.K.
Allegato 5 : O.K.
Allegato 4, 5, and 6 : 4th Division. This Division determines the salaries and assigns the money to the ZAFs.

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5. With regard to the Welfare in the I.A.F. there is no Welfare Directorate in the I.A.M. General Monti said it was all tied up with Politics, and the Italian Air Minister had told him in future he was going to be i/c Welfare and eventually Allegato 4 would be the Directorate for Welfare.

6. The Supreme Air Council Articles are cancelled, General Monti said the Air Minister and C.A.S. are drafting a draft decree on the lines of Encl.7 E and are letting us have same as soon as they can.

7. There is no further action on our part for at least 14 days. In the meantime I shall go through the beginning of the Air Force List and see how their Directorates compare with the I.A.F. set up.

A.C. SALTER, S/LDR.,
ORG.I.

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From : The Italian Air Minister, Rome.

To : A/V/M I.E. BRODIE C.B.E.,
Air Forces Sub Commission,
A.C., R O M E.

D.D. - FEMA 16/10

Date : 26th September 1946.

S.S.O. - wg 15/10

Ref : 1914/1.D.

to see (first by hand).

Dear Air Vice Marshal,

Further to our conversation on the 23rd instant, I enclose herewith copy of the study made by the appropriate Commission, nominated by my predecessor, on the organisation of the Air Force.

The report is at present under examination by the Chief of the Air Staff.

A.V.M. Director
Sent in the Hands of the C.A.S
General Spaatz requested the transfer
informed he thinks the before we
may have. And in any case a Navy
hope since have to be passed before
Navy Chief have Sir Arthur
Tedder spoke the speak
on Tuesday with A.M
Lord Monk
11/10 Bridle.

THE MINISTER

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No further action
at this moment

ENCLOSURES I3.

AIR MINISTRY.

REPORT ON THE STUDY OF A NEW ORGANISATION OF THE AIR MINISTRY.

During the study on the organisation of the Air Ministry the Commission worked on the rules set out by the Minister in the initial sitting, as well as on the given fact of the actual strength of aircraft in use. It is possible to presume that the Allies, if not increased will at least not be reduced.

During the study it was brought to notice the two preceding organisations of I930 and I938 as especially the latter one, appropriately amended and with the addition of new systems, it appears could correspond to the estimates requirements of the Air Force.

Furthermore the Commission bore in mind the suggestions made by the Allies and the general plan outlining the organisation proposed by them (Allies).

Consequently the opportunity and possibilities of creating two new posts were considered with regards also to the organisation of the Italian State. These posts are the Secretary General and the Superior Air Council who form an important part of the British Air Ministry.

Regarding the institution of the Secretary General, (see reports dated 3rd November, 6th and IIth December I945 and IIth Jan. I946 - sitting No.I - 2 - 3 - 4) the Commission, with majority of votes, has decided it opportune to create this post to lighten the heavy charge of the Minister who is absorbed with political matters, as well as to provide cooperation and continuity in the various Ministerial activities judged absolutely indispensable, especially

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Furthermore they must produce in their report the already reported inconvenience of grouping in one office the duties of the Director Generals. This fear should not exist however as the Secretary General would be entrusted with the technical questions which demand a particular coordination and continuity of work to arrange military-technical programmes which due to obvious reasons have not in the past been guaranteed by the Ministers or Secretaries of State.

The Commission agreed not to create new offices brought about by the institution of the above mentioned post.

Regarding the Institution of the Superior Air Council (see minutes dated 3rd Nov, 6th and IIth December I945 - IIth and 25th Jan. I946, - Ist 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th sitting), although the Commission was informed that the law provision submitted to the Council of Ministers for the abolishment of the Air Force advisory bodies had been showed, and a discussion on the already existing concessions were left in force after having been assured that the Allies had approved that similar provisions were to be adopted for all Armed Forces, the Commission decided to continue with the discussions on the matter using as a guide the decree already laid down by the Navy for the creation of it's Superior Council.

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A point worthy of reference treated during the discussion on the formation of the Superior Air Council, was the opportunity of stabilising that, in case of disagreement over opinions between the Superior Council and Minister on matters regarding defence, organisation and improvements of the Air Force, the matters are deferred by the Minister to the Council

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of Ministers decision, bearing in mind that he disposes of the competent bodies such as the General Chief of Staff and the Supreme Defence Commission - (see minutes dated 11th and 25th January - 2nd and 5th February 1946 - 4th 5th 7th and 8th sitting).

The main points in favour of the arrangement are: it is a purely democratic aspect as it avoids any mentual dictatorial tendencies also in the higher circles of the state's organisation: it is not always possible to create criticism in Parlament against the Minister's actions in military matters nor when the mista - ke has already been verified; that it provides a grater guarantee for the development of the Air Force and a profitable use of the sums deposited; that it must not be considered harmful to the Minister's prestige and that, finally, this institution has been in use in the British Air Force, that is, very democratic nations, without any disagreement having ever arisen between the Air Council and Minister. The main exceptions brought to light during the above mentioned meeting, were; that the Superior Air Council is an internal (good) advisory (bad) body of the Administration to which the Minister is mainly responsible and cannot therefore be bound to the opinions of the Superior Air Council: that a fixed opinion would alter the scope of this body, and that hearing the opinion of the Council of Ministers in case of difference of opinions between the Minister and Council would mean to agree, in an indirect manner, to a fixed opinion.

(I took upon myself Ministers can over rule with authority of Council of Ministers)

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The above being the pros. and cons. on the subject the Com-
mission stated that in case of disagreement between the Minister
and Superior Council on matters of high importence regarding the
defence of the country and which due to their secrecy are not
to be approved by Parlament, the matters will be submitted by
the Minister to the Council of Ministers for decision.

The Commission also stated, that the institution cannot of
course be in use only in the Air Force Administration but con-
temporaneously in all the Armed Forces.

It would therefore be necessery to issue an appropriate law
which would enforce that the opinion of the Council of Ministers
be heard when disagreement arises on important questions which
could reflect on the future and which concern mainly the natio-

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nal defence.

Regarding the organisation of the various branches of the Ministry it must be pointed out that a measure was adopted to attribute to each general direction apart from the storing of their equipment, also the use of it's technical resources down to it's squadrons in order to avoid the inconveniences of dividing the responsibility between supplies and use (see minutes dated 6-12-45 2nd sitting). One Direction alone will be entrusted with the Transport and Various Services and the accounting procedure of speciel Aircraft equipment as the Commission thought it best and opportune, bearing in mind the present requirements, not to alter the system now in force and not to attribute to each of the General Directions the accounting procedure for the equipment in their possession (see minutes dated 16-13-1946 and 2-4-1946 - 16th and 18th sitting).

Another simultaneous change was to entrust the General Directions, according to their competence, with the training, preparation and utilisation of technical personnel, in order to obtain a greater urgency and accuracy in the functioning of the various services of the Squadrons and a known source of responsibility regarding the work and usefulness of the personnel employed (see minutes dated 1-3-1946-11st sitting).

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Moreover they maintain that:

a) While leading to a better working of the branch itself through singleness of aim, administrative centralisation would allow for a noticeable economy of personnel, now per force, engaged on the same administrative account duties at each of the General Directorates.

b) Such a centralisation would concede greater autonomy to

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the Services, which would be entrusted to the competence and the responsability of specialised personnel while being kept from eventual interferences from Directors who are more competent technically than administratively.

The principle of vertical organisation as interpreted to upheld the centralisation of the administrative branch would not be applied correctly seeing that:

a) Each central organisation should be self contained in order to achieve its ends, complete administrative action being one of these.

b) A mix up of the developping process & the accomplishment of the administrative function would result from a centralisation of the administrative branches. At the same time more waste of time in the necessary contacts with the technical directorate, then in the decentralised system. The latter appears contradictory rather against the Commission's aim to reduce the number of central organisations of this Ministry to come instead to the institution of a new General Directorate.

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As for the structure & the responsibilities of the various General Directorates the opinions given earlier have lead to new definitions of attributions specially as regards the actuel organisation of the Directorate of Constructions & that of Airfield equipment.

It having been shown necessary to attribute to the first, matters depending from the second, in the new orgenisation they are called:

Directorate for Aeronautical constructions and Directorate for Transportation & Supplies.

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It would be of use to inform each Office or Service of the new modifications as compared to the organisation already existing.

The position of the Office of Air Pubblication established by Ministerial Decree Nº. 361 on the 25/6/940, has been settled and it is to be under the Air Ministry - Cabinet of the Minister- (Minute 6/3/946 - 12th sitting).

The commission pointed out that such an Office appears as an organisation which cannot be considered as belonging to the State Administration for the following reason:

That it is an organisation of a private character whose administration is not subjected to the State's general rules of accounting save for a certain control by the Finance although the Chief of the Accounting Branch of the Air Ministry belongs by right to the Body of Censors.

It being, the Commission considers that the position of the Office is not legal, and considers it opportune to suppress it, while entrusting that part of its duties which should be carried out, to the Press Office of the Ministry.

Cabinet of the Minister.

Its constitution has remained such as established by instruction Nº. 8 dated 8/10/45, except for the Budget Office whose seat, the Commission has considered, is to be by the General Directorate for Civilian Personnel, to which it will be restituted as soon as the requirements arising from the actual contingencies cease. (minute 1/3/46 - 11th sitting).

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General Directorate of Military personnel and Schools.

Above all the Commission does not consider the Officers and S.N.C.O's Cash Office as depending on the General Directorate as they are indipendent Units and have a totally different Administration, it would be convenient therefore not to include them within the Ministry's Organization.

It is fereseen that everything concerning Flying and Specialist schools will come under the General Directorate and consequently the General School Command will be abolished.

The Commission besides think it advisable to establish an office for the General Inspector of the recruiting and registra-

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tion Centre retaining it advisable to reestablish such centres and abolish the present Recruiting and Registration Inspectorate; seeing that the direct recruitment of General Duties Personnel by the Air Force did not give the expected results and since the Armed forces have been reduced, the return to the old procedure is foreseen by obtaining a determined contingent from the Army with the necessary guarantee concerning the efficiency of the recruits; the direct recruitment of tradesmen will naturally be carried out by the Air Force.

Even with the new authority given them, the General Directorate, is constituted on 6 Divisions compared to the 8 Divisions previously held (see minutes 1 - 8 - 11 - 14 March 1946 - sittings 11 - 13 - 14 - 15).

General Directorate of Transport and General Services.

For the reasons indicated above and so as to avoid dividing the responsibility for supplying material which previously was in charge of the General Directorate, and all Air Force material will now come under the General Directorate of Aeronautic Construction.

The responsibilities of the General Directorate have, therefore, been noticeably allevieted and the Directorate has been constituted on 4 Divisions compared to the present 5, handing over the responsibilities to only one Division instead of the present two: the 4th and 5th Administration dealing with the management of special Air Force.

The grouping of the work into only one Division was advised, owing to the presumed minor quantity of material available,

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The inspection Service was retained.(See minutes 12 - 2 - 14 - 16 March 1946 - sittings 10 - 15 and 16)

General Directorate of Aeronautic Construction.

Following the complete disbanding of the Superior Directorate of Studies and Experiments and of the Inspectorate of Engineering and Aeronautic Production Inspectorate. The work of such units was allotted according to their trades to other General Directorates, particularly to the one dealing with construction, from

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which, consequently, the Planning Offices, Equipment Section, part of the Aircraft Installation Section and the Chemical-Technological Section are withdrawn and which already make part of the above mentioned Superior Directorate.

In dividing the work between the various offices of the Directorate, it was decided to divide it between the Supply, management and repairs, since it is considered that in this way, better control of the Departments organization and afficiency could be obtained.

This has also been considered so that work could be carried out with the minimum of delay and so have a better organization for the maintenance of operational aircraft.

Requests have besides been made to the General Directorate for the work carried out by the technical personnel which were previously covered by the Engineering inspectorate.

The General Directorate although having taken charge of the work of the two abovementioned disbanded units , as previously, is constituted on 5 Divisions, the subdivision in two Units, remaining nevertheless abolished(minutes 12/2 - 2/4/1946 - Sitting 10 - 15).

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According to these considerations the General Directorate was constituted on three Sections for the Technical side and one Section for the Administration. It was also born(in mind in the study of the organization of the Central Unit in question the possibility of reexamining that the total organization concerning the antiaircraft defense in Italy be entrusted to the

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Air Forces. If this takes places the service itself would have to be carried out by the appropriate direction (see minutes dated 12th/2 - 9/4/1946 - 10th - 20th sitting).

Directorate of Telecommunication and Flying Aid.

This section was amplified owing to the very important tasks allotted to it in the modern Air Force and to the increase which these duties could have in relation to the ever increasing necessity to the navigation and to the flying assistance and also due to the fact that the Direction has been attributed with duties already allocated to the General Direction of Construction (Supplies, Tests, etc. radio-electrical aircraft equipment), the works and Buildings General Directorate (telephone lines) and the Services General Directorate) W/T links) and that the present direction especially in Meteorological matters carries out auxiliary services for other Departments (see minutes 12/2 - 9/4/1946 - 10th and 21st sitting).

With regard to the Directorate of Civil Personnel and General Affairs, the General Directorate of the Aeronautic Commissariat (see minutes 15/2 - 15/4/1946 - 10th 23rd sitting) the General Directorate of works and Buildings, Medical Inspectorate (see minute 12/4/1946 - 22nd sitting). no variation worth mentioning relating to the present organization have been noted.

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Finally, the commission referring to the organization scheme proposed by the Allies, points out, that, whenever the various General Directorates would be put under one command and whenever a different State constitutional organization would permit to institute an Air Council with the power to act on its own initiative, the organization at present under study could even comply to the Allied

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proposals.

A graphic schedule is attached herewith showing the grouping of direction which can be put into effect.

THE PRESIDENT
(Sgd) Gen. P.A. A. MONTI

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From:- Director, Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C., ROME.

To :- General Monte, c/o. Italian Air Ministry.

Date:- 16th October, 1946.

Ref :- AFSC/368/ORG.

ITALIAN AIR COUNCIL.

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Herewith copy of the Order in Council concerning the British Air Council, which it was agreed, I would send to you personally yesterday.

I hope it will be of some assistance to you in drawing up the final draft decree of the Supreme Air Council (Italian). Meantime I am working on the draft decree instituting the Supreme Air Council (Italian) based on the draft which you recently sent us concerning the advisory ~~job~~ body as distinct from the executive Air Council. But as the Air Minister and you, yesterday, agreed that the Supreme Air Council should be an executive, ~~job~~ body I am working on it in that light.

D.D. - JEM 16/10

ORS Ref 16/10

I.E. BRODIE,
AIR VICE MARSHAL,
DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION.

AFSC will be doing the work instead of ACC. 16/10/46
(see 35A para 2)

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AIR MINISTRY

MINISTER

Private Secretary's Office | Cabinet (Secretary General) | Under-Secretary of State, Private Secretary

General Direct. for Military Personn. and Schools	General Direct. Civil. Personn. and General Matters	General Direct. Aeronautical Constr.	Gen.Dir. Transport. and Miscellaneous Duties	Gen.Dir. Telecomm. and Flying Assist.	Gen.Dir. Arms and Ammuni.	Gen.Dir. Works and Bricks	Gen.Dir. Civil Aviat. and Air Traffic	Gen.Dir. Supplies	Health Inspect.

Director's Note: (1) Met. should be separated from Telecomm.
(2) Gen.Directorate of Supplies - Supplies other than Technical.

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LOOSE MINUTE

Secretary General - Italian Air Ministry.

At 0930 hrs. - 11-10-46 I attended a conference (Reference 31 A.B) with General MONTI, Capt. Berarducci, F/O Beneducci acted as interpreter.

After considerable discussion I have come to the following conclusions: -

1. The Secretary General Post is not exactly the counterpart of our Under Secretary of State for Air but is essential to the I.A.M. The Chief of Staff is extremely anxious for the post to be filled by General MONTI as soon as possible, if only to give the Minister a right hand man of Military experience.

2. The Secretary General will be a permanent position held by a C.D. General of the Italian Air Force, he will act as the right hand man of the Air Minister and be the Liaison Officer between the Chief of Staff and the Air Ministry. He will not be in any way Senior to the Chief of Air Staff.

3. He will coordinate the work of the Heads of all Departments in the Italian Air Ministry, e.g. when a Squadron or Wing moves instead of the Various Detachments issuing instructions, they will inform the Secretary General who will be responsible for issuing one Movement Order incorporating Works and Bricks, M.T., Financial arrangements etc. (One instruction instead of half a dozen.) With regard to the Technical Military Programmes (para 4 of the Ministers' letter refers) this means the Stato Maggiore will submit the plans to the S.G. who will be able to advise them whether there are enough funds available in the Treasury to meet their demands before forwarding the plans to the Air Minister.

4. The Italian Navy have just appointed a S.G. last week. The Italian Army do not need one as their Minister's Department has enough personnel Military and Civilian to cope.

5. As regards other members of the Air Council, General Monti said the Chief of Staff was studying his proposals and a decision would be given in the near future, if they do form an Air Council, it would only be an experiment as a new Law would have to be passed before the Air Council was instituted.

6. The Air Minister will be back on Monday afternoon and I have temporarily arranged for a meeting on Tuesday to be confirmed by telephone on Monday afternoon.

7. As everyone is anxious for this post to be instituted at once (C.A.S. Air Minister, General Monti) I am rather on their side our original idea of making the S.G. the counterpart of our Under Secretary of State for Air would not be practical and I do feel after this morning discussion the S.G. is an essential permanent post

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as the Chief of Air Staff says, if only to have a Military Man working with the Minister all decisions and actions will be speeded up and acted on efficiently.

The Permanent Under Secretary of State for Air at home is a civilian, and is to be responsible for such duties discharged by the Air Council. Financial advise as accounting officer, control of all expenditure and conduct of correspondence. Direction of the organisation and the coordination and furtherance of the business of the Air Council. Secretary of the Air Council and as such charged with the preparation of all officials correspondence and communication of the Air Council.

A. G. SALTER, S/LDR.,
ORGANISATION(I).

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INSTITUTION OF THE
SECRETARY GENERAL POST.

Considering the necessity of establishing one address for all matters referring to the military - technical reorganisation of the Air Force, with special reference to the reconstruction of Aeronautical industries, the drawing up of projects and plans on the reorganisation of the Air Force, as well as strength figures and regulations for personnel, and pending the regulations regarding the definite organisation of the Central Administration of the Air Force, I hereby instruct that :-

I) The post of Secretary General of the Air Minister has been temporarely instituted as from the Ist October 1946. A Senior I.A.F. General Officer will fill the post.

2) The Secretary General cooperates with the Ministry in all matters regarding the organisation of the Ministry and it's depending Units, the recruiting and administration of the personnel, or matters pertaining to the Air Force organisation.

He deals in particular with matters concerning the Military Personnel, Constructions, Armament, Works and Buildings, and Commissariat and General Directions and the Telecommunications and Medical Inspectorates.

3) The heads of these Central Branches will keep the Secretary General informed in all matters of major importance and in particular matters referred to in para 2. The heads of the Branches though they must inform the Minister when dealing with matters which request his decision and though they must keep him directly informed on matters dealt by them, they must first of all submit the matters themselves to the Secretary General.

4) The Military - Technical programmes and the relative dispositions will be submitted to the "Stato Maggiore" for study and preparation ~~pending agreement~~ with the Secretary General to determine the necessary military-technical subjects, and then submit them to the Minister for final decision.

The Secretary General is responsible to coordinate the work of each Unit for the carrying out of the above mentioned military - technical programmes.

5) When matters entrusted to the Secretary General, as laid down by these regulations, have a certain connection to matters dealt with by the Under-Secretary of State, the Secretary General will have to obtain the necessary advice.

6) The Secretary General will have a Secretarial Office whose organisation will be defined at a later date.

Translated by Sgt. Cumbo

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From : Air Minister, ROME.

To : A/V/M I.E. BRODIE O.B.E.
A.F.S.C., A.C., ROME.

Date : 24th September 1946.

Ref : 24244/3328 Coll.

Dear Air Vice Marshal,

To proceed with the reorganisation of the Ministry, I have decided to institute the post of Secretary General as from the Ist October, 1946. The charges attributed to the Secretary General are shown in the attached sheet.

General Adriano MONTI at present Director General of the Military Personnel, will fill in the post which can very nearly be compared to the Permanent Under-Secretary post, in the British Air Ministry.

The institution of the Secretary General post has been formed on a temporary basis.

Will you kindly furnish me with a reply on the above subject as soon as possible.

(signed) The Minister

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FROM : AIR MINISTRY
CABINET OF THE MINISTER

TO : AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, A.C. ROME

DATE : 8TH MAY 1946

REF : 10881/1807 Coll.

AIR COUNCIL

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Reference is made to letter AFSC/368/Org. dated 24th April 1946.

2. The Italian Air Council shall be constituted in its final form with the law for the re-organization of the Air Ministry.

3. At present the said Council operates under its provisional form already known to your Sub-Commission..

THE MINISTER

AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION
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MINISTERO AERONAUTICA
GABINETTO DEL MINISTRO
Segreteria

Roma, - 8 MAG. 1946 1946

Prot. N. 10881 / 1807 Cab.

= ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE ALLEATA
A.C. (Tramite Uff.Coll.)
= R O M A =

Oggetto: Consiglio dell'Aria.-

Si fa riferimento al foglio di codesta Sottocommissione AFSC/368/Org. del 24/4/1946 e si ringrazia per le aggiornate interessanti notizie fornite sul funzionamento del Consiglio dell'Aria Britannico.

2. Il Consiglio dell'Aria Italiano sarà istituito nella forma definitiva con la legge che riorganizzerà il Ministero dell'Aeronautica, la cui elaborazione è molto avanzata, come già reso noto.
3. Attualmente esso funziona nella forma provvisoria nota a codesta Sottocommissione.=

IL MINISTRO

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TRANSLATION

From : I.A.F. "Stato Maggiore".

To : I.A.M.:
Direzione Personale Militare e Scuole - Sede
Direzione dei Servizi "
Direzione del Demanio "
Direzione Costruzioni Aeronautiche "
Direzione del Commissariato "
Direzione delle Comunicazioni "

Date : 29th April, 1946.

Ref. : Prot. no. 201830/od.2/1674 Coll.

U.A. N. 257 7/5 368/ORG

OFFICERS TO DEAL WITH CORRESPONDENCE WITH ALLIED AUTHORITIES

According to your request, we are taking necessary steps to appoint in each of the a/m Directorates, an Officer, directly under the Director, with the duties to deal with all correspondence originating from Allied Authorities to the Italian Air Force or vice-versa.

It is not necessary for these Officers, who will be chosen from those already serving with the a/m Directorates, to speak English, as all the correspondence between the Allied Authorities and the Italian Air Force will be forwarded to the Liaison Office, of the Minister's Cabinet, for translation and registration.

The above addressees will submit to this "Stato Maggiore" the names of the officers selected. We would like to inform you however that once the Officers in question are chosen they must not, as far as possible, be replaced at a later date, so as not to defeat the object of their assignment which is to ensure that all the correspondence from and to Allied Authorities is properly addressed and dealt with by one person in each Directorate.

WE enclose herewith for the Directorate of Personnel copy of letter No. AFSC/368/ORG, dated 3rd April, 1946, attached to covering letter No. 1325/Coll, dated 4th April, from the Liaison Section.

Note to 24 A

CCL. REMONDINO

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STATO MAGGIORE R.AERONAUTICA
II° REPARTO = ORDINAMENTO
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Roma, li 29 APR 1946

Sezione Ordinamento

Prot.N° 201830/ad.2 16.74 GAB.

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AL MINISTERO DELL'AERONAUTICA:

= Direzione Personale Militare e Scuole = SEDE
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= Direzione del Commissariato = SEDE
= Direzione delle Comunicazioni = SEDE

OGGETTO: Uffici per la trattazione delle pratiche con gli Alleati.-

e per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO DELL'AERONAUTICA = Gabinetto del Ministro = SEDE

ALL' A. F. S. C. - A. C. (Tramite Ufficio Collegamento)
(Rif.f.n° AFSC/368/Org. del 3.4.1946) SEDE

Per aderire ad analoge desiderio espresso dall'A.F.S.C. di Roma, si dispone che presso ciascuna delle Direzioni in indirizzo, un Ufficiale, posto alle dirette dipendenze del Direttore, abbia il compito di curare e seguire presso le Sezioni interessate, lo svolgimento di tutte quelle pratiche che possano investire la competenza degli Enti Alleati e che dagli stessi pervengano.-

Non è necessario che l'Ufficiale, scelto fra quelli già in servizio presso ciascuna delle suddette Direzioni, sia a conoscenza della lingua inglese, in quanto resta invariata l'attuale procedura per l'inoltro e la ricezione della corrispondenza tra R.Aeronautica ed Autorità Alleate, che continuerà ad essere effettuata tramite l'Ufficio Collegamento del Gabinetto del Ministro che provvede al servizio di traduzione ed al controllo unificato della predetta corrispondenza.-

In relazione a quanto sopra, le Direzioni in indirizzo comunichino a questo Stato Maggiore i nominativi degli Ufficiali prescelti. Si ritiene opportuno segnalare al riguardo che una volta scelto l'elemento ritenuto idoneo per le funzioni di cui sopra, bisognerà evitare, per quanto possibile, variazioni a breve scadenza per non frustrare lo scopo per cui viene dato incarico ad un solo Ufficiale di trattare le pratiche con gli Alleati, che è quello di assicurare una uniformità di indirizzo nella trattazione delle predette pratiche.-

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(Rif.f.nº AFSC/368/Org. del 3.4.1946)

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Non è necessario che l'Ufficiale, scelto fra quelli già in servizio presso ciascuna delle suddette Direzioni, sia a conoscenza della lingua inglese, in quanto resta invariata l'attuale procedura per l'inoltro e la ricezione della corrispondenza tra R.Aeronautica ed Autorità Alleate, che continuerà ad essere effettuata tramite l'Ufficio Collegamento del Gabinetto del Ministro che provvede al servizio di traduzione ed al controllo unificato della predetta corrispondenza.-

In relazione a quanto sopra, le Direzioni in indirizzo comunichino a questo Stato Maggiore i nominativi degli Ufficiali prescelti. Si ritiene opportuno segnalare al riguardo che una volta scelto l'elemento ritenuto idoneo per le funzioni di cui sopra, bisognerà evitare, per quanto possibile, variazioni a breve scadenza per non frustrare lo scopo per cui viene dato incarico ad un solo Ufficiale di trattare le pratiche con gli Alleati, che è quello di assicurare una uniformità di indirizzo nella trattazione delle predette pratiche.-

Per la Direzione del Personale si acclude copia del foglio nº AFSC/368/Org. in data 3 aprile c.a. trasmesso con attergato nº 1325/Coll. del 4 aprile 1946 dell'Ufficio Collegamento.-

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
d'ordine
IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
DELLA R. AERONAUTICA

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From : Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. ROME.

To : Italian Air Ministry -
Attention : GENERALE MOFFI.

Date : 7th May, 1946.

Ref. : AFSC/

REORGANISATION OF THE GREEK AIR MINISTRY

I enclose herewith the proposed reorganisation of the Greek Air Ministry together with Notes and Recommendations by the R.A.F.

2. I should be glad if you would study the plan and take into consideration the recommendations put forward by us which may be of considerable assistance to you in the reorganisation of the Italian Air Ministry.

3. Please return to me when you have completed the study of the Notes and Plans.

A. G. SALTER, S/LDR.,
AIR VICE MARSHAL,
DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION.

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FROM: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.

TO: ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY. (2 COPIES).

DATE: 24TH APRIL, 1946.

REF: AFSC/363/ORG.

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During my recent visit to the M.A.F.H.Q. Middle East I was able to obtain first hand information concerning the British Air Council, on certain points of which I was not certain. Your letter 205/Coll dated 23rd January and my reply AFSC/363/ORG dated 15th February, 1946, refer.

2. The following important details are confirmed, and I am passing them to you so as to remove any doubt on the matter which may still exist in your mind and that of your staff.

(a) The British Air Council is an executive body in that decisions are taken in Council whenever practicable. An exception to this procedure would be unusual.

(b) Should, however, the Chairman of the Air Council - normally the Secretary or Under Secretary of State for Air - disagree with the Chief of Air Staff, or other Air Force Members, the Chief of Air Staff has the right to go to the Defence Minister, or alternatively the case would be put to the Cabinet by the Secretary of State for Air. In doing this the Secretary of State for Air would present not only his own views, but those of the other Members of the Air Council. The Cabinet would then make the decision.

3. I would be glad to receive information on the progress being made on the drafting of a decree concerning the institution of the Air Council.

Ors
D.D. — With 25/4

I.R. BROKE,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION.

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Room T.A.F. Comando 26ª
and H.Q.s.

The Units' Aeree after the 8th of September, was responsible for uniting under its command all the units of the Regia Aeronautica who fought with the Allies in the War of Liberation.

Units' Aeree besides summing up and personifying all the traditions of Italian Airmen, can also be considered the heir and safeguard of these traditions.

Although war time operational duties have ceased to exist, Units' Aeree is more than ever necessary for the existence of the Air Force for the following reasons :

a) - To unite and coordinate operational and training activities of units and giving them a unified address (i.e. centralised control ?)

b) - To support at the Central Directorates of the Ministry, the demands and needs of its depending units in order to ensure a maximum efficiency.

c) - To keep the General Air Staff informed, and this on the basis of experience gained during the war, with subjects necessary for projects on new organisations and for the guidance of units.

d) - To experiment in the carrying out of the propositions put forth to the General Air Staff when they have been agreed upon, and to suggest amendments in order to improve them and bring them up to the standards of Modern Warfare.

e) - To prevent the extinction of what remains sain and vital in the R.A.

To these activities of Units' Aeree are opposed the various Garrisons H.Q.s and C.A.Rs whose tendencies are to && blot out the importance of Units' Aeree.

These Garrisons are Mustering Centres set up in the Main Italian Centres when the day of Liberation took place, were entrusted with the duties of gathering together disbanded personnel, see and provide to their needs and administrate them.

Now, one year after Liberation, these Garrisons HQs and C.A.Rs have outlived their original purpose, and are only justifying their existence by using personnel who would otherwise be employed.

They represent a dead weight for this new Air Force and a serious obstacle for the return to normal conditions.

I, therefore, think that these units ought to be progressively disposed of, and the personnel they employed... other posted to useful jobs or sent to Centres pending discharge.

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L'Unità Aerea, sorta dopo l'8 Settembre, ha riunito in sé tutti i Re= parti dell'Aeronautica Italiana che hanno combattuto a fianco degli Allea= ti nella Guerra di Liberazione .

Essa, pertanto, personifica e riassume la tradizione di tutti gli a= viatori italiani, ne é la depositaria e la salvaguardia.

. Pur essendo cessati i compiti operativi di guerra, essa é più che mai necessaria per la esistenza dell'Arma in quanto provvede:

a)- A riunire e coordinare tutta l'attività operativa ed addestrativa dei Reparti assicurando ad essi unicità d'indirizzo;

b)- A patrocinare presso gli Enti Centrali del Ministero le loro esigenze e necessità al fine di garantirne la efficienza;

c)- A fornire allo Stato Maggiore, sulla base delle esperienze di guerra, i temi per lo studio dei nuovi ordinamenti e indirizzi dei Reparti;

d)- A sperimentare se, quanto é frutto degli studi suggeriti alla S.M., é di pratica attuazione, ed in qual modo gli stessi debbono essere rive= duti per rispondere alle esigenze della Guerra Moderna;

e)- Impedire che ciò che é rimasto di sano e vitale dell'Aeronautica, ven= ga comunque disperso.-

A queste attività proprie dell'Unità Aerea, fa contrapposto la pos= sibilità dei vari Presidi e C.A.R. che tendono sostanzialmente al suo soffo= camento.

Questi Presidi e Centri Affluenza e Riordinamento, costituiti nei Ca= poluoghi all'atto della liberazione, avevano il compito di raccogliere tut= to il personale sbandato, vagliarlo, inquadrarlo e amministrarlo.

Ad essi inoltre vennero aggregati, a seconda della loro importanza i Nuclei Recupero.

Ora, ad un anno dalla liberazione , questi Presidi e C.A.R. hanno esa urito la loro funzione e sopravvivono esclusivamente per giustificare la presenza in servizio di nuclei di personale che non potrebbero altrimenti essere sistemati.

Essi rappresentano un peso morto per la nuova Aeronautica ed un osta colo per il ritorno alla normalità.

Penso quindi che, sia pure con gradualità a seconda della loro impor= tanza, debbano essere sciolti recuperando il personale di utile impiego e mettendo a disposizione il rimanente.

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IL PRESIDENTE

DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI

Rome, 9 April 1946.

Dear Admiral, 223

I hasten to assure you that your suggestions as contained in letter No. 637/4/EC dated 21.3.1946 for a rapid reorganization of the Italian land and air Armed Forces, have been sent by me to the competent Administration, so as they will be quickly and attentively examined, and consequent measures taken.

As soon as possible I will communicate on the subject.

Please accept my cordial salutations

/s/ De Gasperi

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Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner, A.C.
R O M E.

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From : Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. ROME.

To : Italian Air Force - "STATO MAGGIORE".

Date : 3rd April, 1946.

Ref. : AFSC/ 305/Org.

I.A.F. DIRECTORATES

This headquarters during the last few months has been very impressed by the efficient way in which correspondence and enquiries have been dealt with by the Directorate of Personnel.

2. Captain BERARDUCCI of the Italian Air Force, under the direction of Gen. AGNESI acts as a liaison officer (he has an English speaking officer in his office with him), and is personally responsible for knowing the functions of the nine Sections within the Personnel Directorate. All letters and enquiries are addressed for his attention and he personally forwards them to the appropriate section, thus ensuring they are acted on by the correct section promptly and efficiently and there is an absolute minimum amount of delay.

3. The organisation of all Directorates on similar lines would appear to be an excellent idea, your views on this proposal would be very much appreciated.

A. G. SALTER, S/LDR.,
AIR VICE MARSHAL,
DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION.

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TRANSLATION OF ENCLOSURE.

Not to be quoted at or with Italian Air Ministry 18/23/3

1. I have been entrusted with the Presidency over a Commission whose object is to study the reorganisation of the Air Ministry, which in spite of the directive issued by the A.F.S.C. in its letter 351/CMC of the 24th August 1945, should be in accordance with the exigencies required at present, and in the immediate future, and in perfect harmony with our statury laws which would render possible the taking of immediate action.

2. The actual Italian constitution allows the Minister powers which are substantially different to those of a British Minister, in that the Minister has full administrative and penal responsibilities.

3. Under these conditions it was not possible to give the Air Council deliberative powers, as no Minister, called upon to explain the efficiency and expansion of his Ministry, could accept decisions taken by others even if these were decided in Council.

4. In view of the above, and consequently bearing in mind that the Air Council must absolve - at least for the present - only consultative functions for the Minister, it would seem opportune that he should not form part of the Council, as his presence in the heart of the Council, and particularly under the cloak of President, might influence? the opinions which the other members would be called upon to give on the various questions submitted for their examination.

5. For the same reason it seemed opportune not to include the C.A.S. as an ordinary member of the Council, in order to avoid that eventual decisions adopted by the Minister, which are in contrast with the opinion of the Council, and therefore also of the C.A.S. would force the latter, who is responsible for the efficiency of his service, to resign?

6. The C.A.S, however, could be included in the Council as a member extraordinary, but with the right to vote, every time that important technical questions concerning the Italian Air Force are under consideration.

7. In this way the Council assumes the functions of a purely consultative technical organ, with the possibility of deliberating with absolute freedom, and without the danger of being influenced by higher authorities, whether this be the Minister or the Chief of Air Staff.

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9. In the plan made up for the Air Council the Commission has thought it necessary to regroup in one body the attributions that the pre-existing laws assigned to three consultative bodies of the old Air Force:

Air Council
Head Committee of the Air Force
Committee for Technical Air Plans,

and has endeavoured in this way to speed up solution of outstanding problems and avoid the pre-existing bureaucratic tendencies which were prevalent.

10. It is the opinion of the Commission that if in future the Italian statuary laws should undergo changes in the sense that technical administrative matters no longer be the responsibility of the Minister, but that his responsibility be solely a political one, then the Air Council must transform itself from a consultative body to a deliberative body.

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11. In this case, if the attributions of the Council are to be the same, its composition should be substantially altered and the Minister as President, the Under Secretary of State, the Chief of Air Staff and the Heads of Branches will be members.

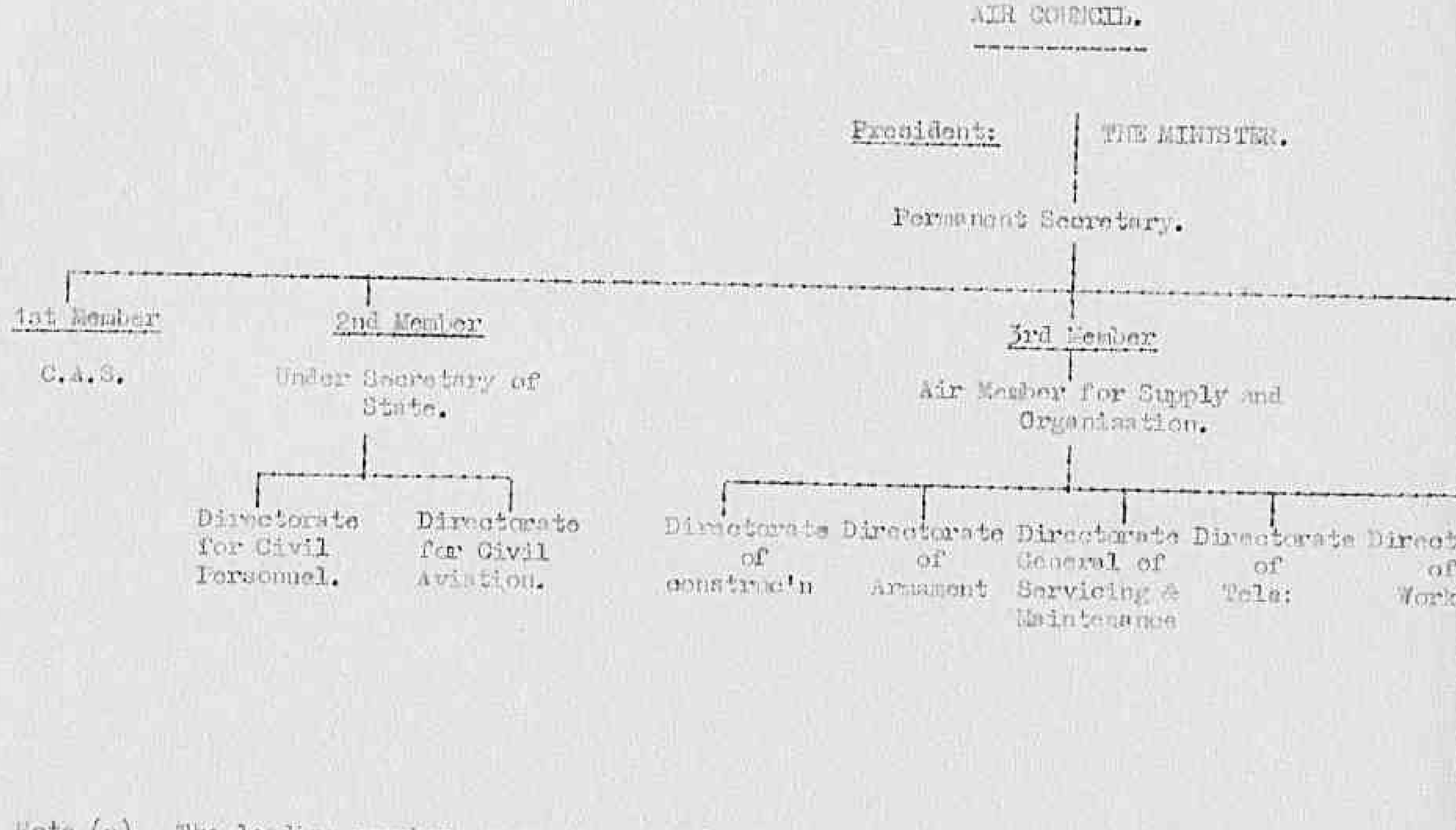
12. A plan for such a Council could be the one here attached.

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Note (a) The leading speaker on every proposal will be the Director General of the Dept directly c

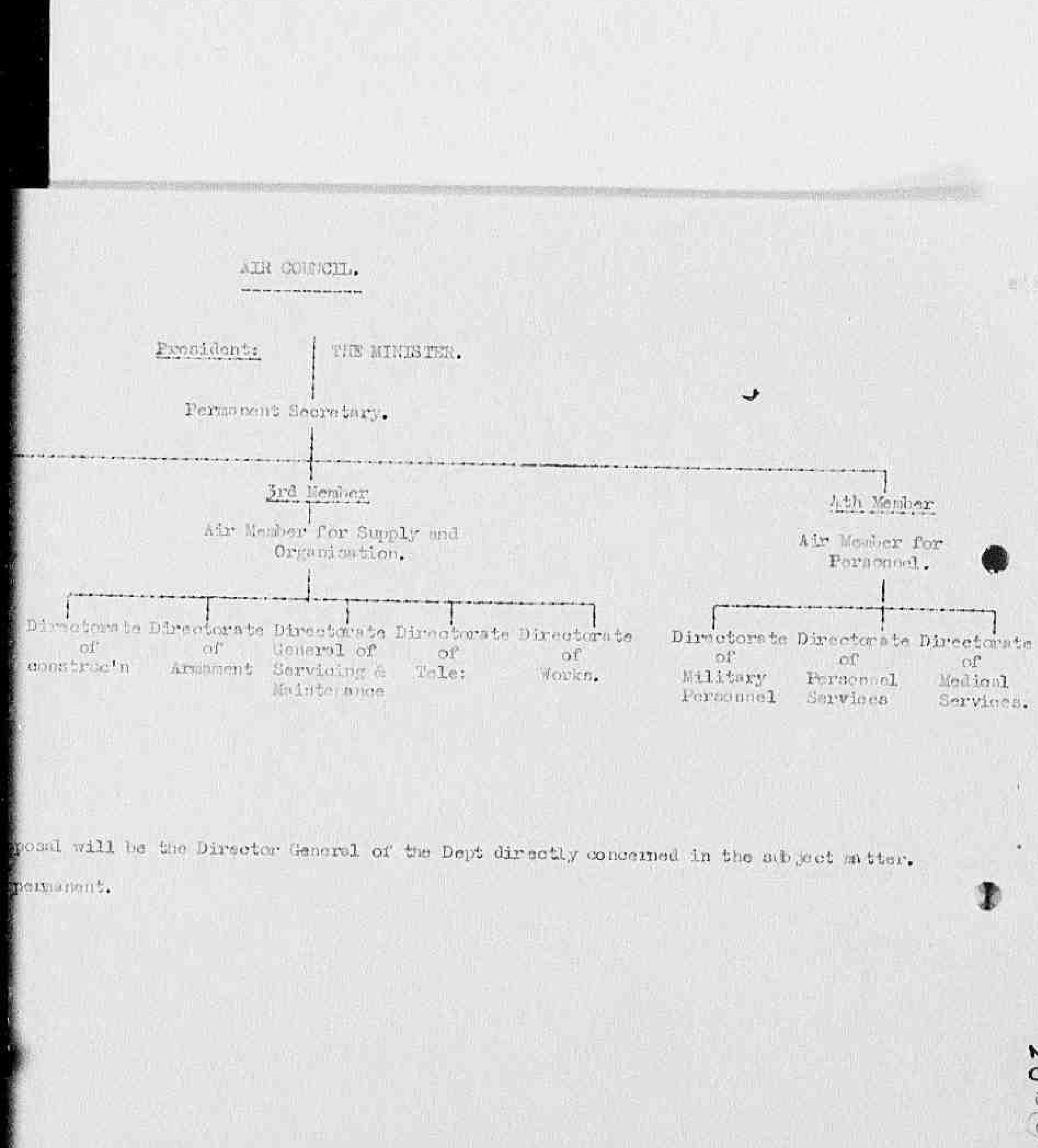
Note (b) The Secretary of the Council is permanent.

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Ufficio di Stato Maggiore
della Regia Marina

Per il Duca Litta

Il Duca Monti ha
inviato l'unito appunto personale
sul Consiglio dell'Aria.
Il Duca Monti gradirebbe
che venisse tradotto e consegnato
all'A.V.M. Brodie e che nessun
accenno venga fatto al mandato
di quest'appunto.

L. Cl. Schuckburgh

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P R O M E M O R I A

N. 1 - Il mandato affidato alla Commissione da me presieduta consiste nello studio di un ordinamento del Ministero dell'Aeronautica, il quale, pur tenendo conto delle direttive impartite dall'A.F. S.C. con il foglio n. 351/ORG in data 24 agosto 1945, fosse in relazione alle esigenze effettive dell'Arma nel momento attuale e nell'immediato futuro ed in perfetta armonia con le disposizioni delle nostre leggi statutarie in modo da renderne possibile anche la sollecita attuazione.-

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N. 5 - Parimenti è sembrato opportuno non includere il Capo di Stato Maggiore fra i Membri ordinari del Consiglio allo scopo di evitare che eventuali decisioni adottate dal Ministro in contrasto con il parere del Consiglio e quindi anche del Capo di S.M., possano in alcuni casi costringere questo quale responsabile della efficienza bellica dell'Arma, a rassegnare le proprie dimissioni.-

N. 6 - Il Capo di S.M. entra invece a far parte del Consiglio come Membro straordinario, ma con diritto di voto, tutte le volte che in seno al Consiglio debbano essere esaminate questioni tecniche di importanza particolare per l'Arma.-

N. 7 - In tal modo il Consiglio assume la fisionomia di un organo tecnico di pura consulenza, in condizione di poter deliberare con assoluta obbiettività, senza pericolo di influenza alcuna da parte delle autorità superiori, siano esse il Ministro o il Capo di Stato Maggiore.-

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Consiglio dell'Aria

Comitato Superiore d'Aeronautica

Comitato per i progetti dei velivoli, delle installazioni di bordo e delle armi,

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e ha cercato di sfollire, per una maggiore rapidità di funzionamento, tutta l'attrezzatura burocratica preesistente.-

N. 10 - E' parere della Commissione che se in avvenire le leggi statutarie italiane dovessero subire modifiche nel senso che alla persona del Ministro non sarà più affidata la responsabilità tecnico-amministrativa della forza armata, ma soltanto la responsabilità politica della stessa, il Consiglio Superiore d'Aeronautica debba trasformarsi da Organo consultivo in Organo deliberativo.-

N. 11 - In questo caso, evidentemente, ferme restando le attribuzioni del Consiglio, la sua composizione dovrebbe essere sostanzialmente mutata in quanto ne entrerebbero a far parte il Ministro, quale Presidente, il Sottosegretario di Stato, il Capo di S.M. e gli altri Membri responsabili per le singole branche dell'organizzazione dell'Aeronautica.-

N. 12 - Uno schema, sommariamente elaborato, per tale Consiglio potrebbe essere quello in allegato.-

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C O N S I G L I O D

PRESIDENTE : Il

Segretario per

1° MEMBRO

Capo di S.M.

2° MEMBRO

Sottosegretario di Stato

3° MEMBRO

Intendente General Materiale

Dir. Gen. Personale Civile

Dir. Gen. Aviazione Civile

Dir. Gen. Costruzioni

Dir. Gen. Armamento

Dir. Ge Servizi

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GLIO DELL'ARIA

IDENTE : Il Ministro

retario permanente

3° MEMBRO

ente Generale per il Materiale

- Dir. Gen. Servizi
- Dir. Gen. Telecomunicazioni
- Dir. Gen. Demanio

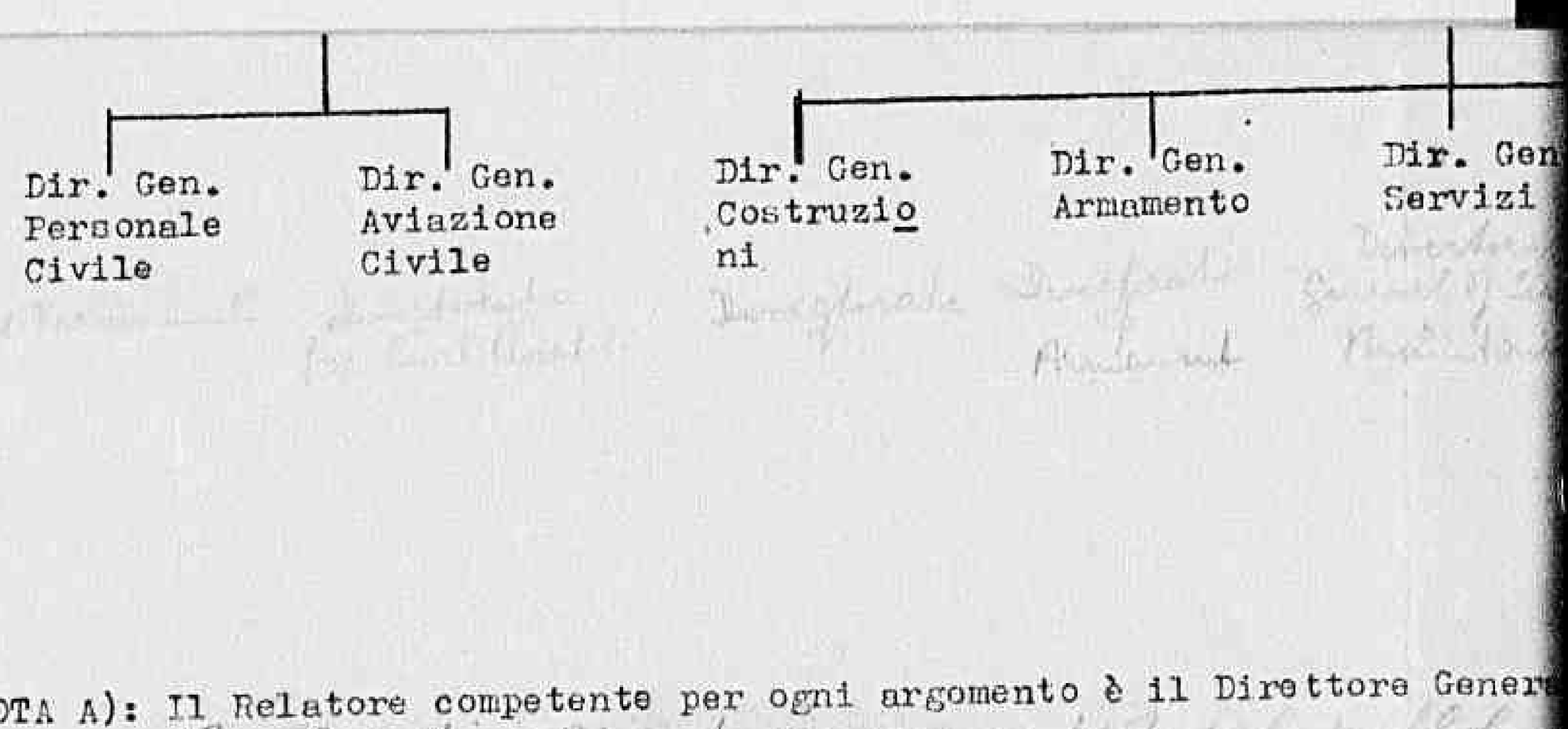
4° MEMBRO

Intendente Generale per il Personale Militare

- Dir.Gen. Personale Militare
- Dir. Gen. Commissariato
- Dir. Gen. Sanità

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NOTA A): Il Relatore competente per ogni argomento è il Direttore Gener

NOTA B): Il Segretario del Consiglio è permanente.-

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Direttore Generale dell'argomento in discussione

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AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION,
ROME.

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AFSC/368/CIG. 23rd March, 1946.

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Dear

The attached copy of a letter from the Chief Commissioner to the Prime Minister concerning the reorganisation of the War Ministry and the Air Ministry, is forwarded for your information.

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S.I.O.

Yours

Doctor M. Covelotto,
Minister for Air,
Italian Air Ministry,
Rome.

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Ref: 637/1/SD.

21 March 1946.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

The evolution of the post-armistice Italian land forces into their present form has been dictated largely by the sequence of events. Before the German surrender the primary requirement was to develop an ade d hoc forces to take their part in the fighting against Germany. Since May 1945 the problem have been to demobilise the older classes and reorganise the Army on to a reduced peace basis.

To avoid confusion, the present set up of the Ministry of War has been maintained to date.

The crystallisation of the present "Interim" Army is now well advanced and the merging of this into the Peace Treaty Army should not present undue difficulty.

The Ministry of War, however, remains organized on the traditional lines of the past and contains many features out of keeping with modern thought and development, particularly in view of the changed circumstances of the Italian Army, both in respect of size and armament. I might mention that considerable reorganisation has begun to take place both in the British War Office and the U.S. War Department.

I feel strongly, therefore, that in order to achieve economy and efficiency in Italy's own interest, the time has now arrived when the organisation of the Ministry of War should be examined comprehensively.

I would suggest that the first step should be to appoint a strong committee within the War Ministry to examine, with the assistance of my Land Forces Sub-Commission, the existing organization and to make recommendations for such reorganisation as may be required.

The above remarks apply to the Italian Air Ministry as well, and I understand that a similar study, with the assistance of my Air Forces Sub-Commission, is already in progress.

The exploration of this problem will take time and should not be unduly delayed. I would therefore be glad to have your concurrence as soon as possible.

Yours very truly,

W.d.15/4 for/ Ellery W. Stone

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Rear Admiral, U.S.N.
Chief U.S. Commissioner

cc: Navy Sub-Commission, AC.
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His Excellency
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President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
Rome.

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SECRET.

Reference:- Reorganisation of the Air Section of the C.C.S.

Local Forces Sub-Commission, A.C.
Washington.

1/6
14 March 1945.

Executive Commissioner,
Allied Commission.

Further to the above and your records talks with Lt/Col. Brown-

1. I attach a suggested draft of a letter to be sent by Chief Commissioner to the Italian Ministers.

2. I feel that we should-

(a) explain why we have not proposed this reorganisation before and why we do so now. (Then the proposal will not come as a "Minister bombshell").

(b) Explain why it is so necessary and that the British U.S. and U.S.S.R. are doing the same. (Get all "cover them" for them.

(c) Take a firm line and say it must be done now. Otherwise they may stall and procrastinate, leaving the political implications and the feeling of such a major change now.

3. The only way they want to change, on the answer is to start the exploration within here and the Ministries. Later, in the course of discussion, we can see whether it is possible or advisable to consider a combined supply service for all three service Ministries, but there is no need to raise that aspect yet.

4. The above has been agreed by Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C.

2. Brownell

Air Member,
Executive.

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Copy to:- Naval Sub-Commission, A.C.
Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C.

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TO :- Prime Minister

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Rear Admiral, USN,
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ALLIED COMMISSION.

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20A

Notes on discussion between General Monte and F/Lt. Smith on 5th March and subsequent action.

On the 5th March, after the conference about the Air Council, in your office (A.V.M. Brodie, General Lee, General Monte, F/Lt. Smith Org I), I took General Monte back to my office where I established the following:

1. In my opinion General Monte is trying to be co-operative but, inspite of being head of the Commission for the reorganisation of the I.A.M. and establishing of the Air Council, he has not been acquainted with the Sub-Commissions' views on the subject since seeing your original letter on the subject dated 22nd August, 1945 (Enclosure 2A).

2. According to the present Italian Constitution which the Allies can not repeat not alter, we can not make the Air Minister constitutionally subject to veto by the Air Council.

3. General Monte appears to believe that the Air Minister wishes to be co-operative , but according to the Italian Constitution, Minister's are personally responsible for any action taken within their Ministries, and as long as such conditions exist, he must protect himself and his present powers.

4. General Monte has been working on a draft decree, a copy of which he has given me prior to submitting it to the Air Minister. He does not wish the Air Minister to know this, and suggests that when the Air Minister gets his copy we should request one for ourselves from him.

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(b) Article 2 - states that the Air Minister must consult it on all important matters (see Articles 9 to 16).

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7. Everyone is in agreement that in the near future the Italian Constitution must be changed, but it appears to me that the present decree should keep the Air Minister in line until such time as the elections have been held, and the change can be effected. It will also be a good guide for the future. It should be remembered, however, that we will most probably have to apply a fair amount of pressure to get this through.

Thursday 7/3/45.

8. I have been informed this afternoon that General Monte asked the Air Minister if he could see all the correspondence on this subject on Wednesday 6/3/46. He was not shown it but he was not refused. I am now awaiting to find out what

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happens following the instructions you gave to Doctor Cevolotto at this morning's Air Council meeting.

Subsequent action.

9. Air Vice-Marshal Brodie spoke with Doctor Cevolotto on the 7th March concerning the above matter and requested that Doctor Cevolotto would send for General Monte to show him all the correspondence which has taken place between this Sub-Commission and the Air Minister since the 24th August 1946 when the original skeleton scheme was forwarded by the A.F.S.C. to the Italian Air Minister - (see enclosure 22A).

10. The Air Minister agreed to do so and to instruct General Monte to forward to the A.F.S.C. a first draft plan for the reorganisation of the Air Ministry and the Air Council, after considering subsequent correspondence to that of the 24th August 1946.

11. When we receive this first draft it will be examined in A.F.S.C. and then discussed in detail with General Monte with a view to incorporating further amendments chiefly from information in regard to the reorganisation of the Greek Air Ministry - (see enclosure 23A).

12. After a suitable interval of time, F/Lt. Smith or Org 1 is to chase General Monte for the first draft of both the Air Council and the reorganisation of the Air Ministry itself.

13. It is disappointing that little progress has been made since August in these matters, and at the meeting between the Director and Deputy Director, Org 1 and General Monte on the 5th March, it was decided not to go into further detail until the first draft schemes were received from the Italian Air Ministry.

Paras 1 – 8 by Flt Smith
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When the Minister, in his discretional capacity, does not approve the advice given by the Supreme Air Council on matters pertaining to the organisation, and efficiency of the Air Force, these matters will be submitted to the Council of Ministers for decision.

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The Supreme Air Council is composed of a President, Vice President, Ordinary Members, and Extraordinary Members.

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The post of President is conferred upon the General holding the highest rank and seniority and who does not fill the position of Minister, Under Secretary of State, Chief of the Air Staff or Secretary General of the Air Ministry. The post of Vice President is filled in by a Major General (Generale di Squadra).

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f) An Air Force Brigadier (Generale di Brigata Aerea) or a Colonel in the Aircrew Branch, with secretarial duties in military matters;

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The extraordinary Members of the Supreme Air Council with the right of deliberative voting, are : -

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This article 8 bis for unofficial A.F. Council 7/3

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Given privately by Gen Monte
Not seen by Sec Minister. subs for info and as a private suggestion. Copy as however going officially to Minister who should be asked for copy.

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CONSIGLIO SUPERIORE DELL'AERONAUTICA

Il Consiglio Supereiore d'Aeronautica è l'organo consultivo del Ministro per l'Aeronautica per tutti gli affari riguardanti la Aeronautica Militare.

Esso ha sede presso il Ministero del l'Aeronautica.

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Art. 6

Sono Membri ordinari del Consiglio Superiore :

a)-Il Generale Ispettore o Ufficiale più elevato in grado e più anziano del Corpo del Genio Aeronautico che non rivesta la carica di Direttore Generale o Capo di Uffici Centrali;

b)-Un Direttore Generale della carriera amministrativa dell'Aeronautica;

c)-Un Generale dell'Arma Aeronautica particolarmente versato in questioni relative alla difesa;

d)-Un generale dell'Arma Aeronautica esperto in materia d'armamento;

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b)- il Segretario Generale del Ministero dell'Aeronautica;

c)- i Direttori Generali o Capi degli Uffici Centrali del Ministero dell'Aeronautica;

Il Capo di S.M. ed il Segretario Generale prendono parte soltanto alle riunioni plenarie del Consiglio e vi partecipano di diritto.

I Direttori Generali o Capi degli Uffici Centrali del Ministero dell'Aeronautica prendono parte alle riunioni plenarie ed a quelle di sezione, in seguito ad invito del Presidente, quando si discutono

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questioni di loro competenza. Essi in caso d'impedimento sono sostituiti da chi ne fa le vèci.

Per la trattazione di particolari questioni il Presidente può, di volta in volta, chiamare a partecipare ai lavori del Consiglio Superiore d'Aeronautica, per dare il parere, senza voto deliberativo, sulle questioni stesse, Ufficiali della R^Aeronautica, del R^oEsercito, della R^Marina ed eventualmente Funzionari dell'Amministrazione Statale e personalità civili che abbiano speciale competenza in materia.

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3° sugli schemi di decreto relativi agli ordinamenti militari aeronautici;
4° sugli schemi di regolamento relativo al servizio tecnico militare ed alla disciplina;
5° sulla costituzione normale dei Corpi e del personale per ogni ramo di servizio e sull'approvazione di programmi tecnici militari;
6° sui progetti, invenzioni e rapporti di notevole importanza tecnico militare;

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7° sulle propeste di premi per lavori ed invenzioni utili alla R^Aeronautica;

8° sulle radiazioni di materiale di dotazione;

9° sui programmi di nuove costruzioni aeronautiche (e di grandi trasformazioni di tipi di velivoli esistenti ?) compreso il relativo armamento e sulle caratteristiche delle nuove costruzioni;

10° sulle caratteristiche delle nuove armi di bordo e del materiale di armamento;

11° sui capitolati d'oneri generali o particolari, ovvero progetti di contratti, interessanti la R^Aeronautica, nei casi in cui la legge sulla contabilità di Stato prescrive di sentire il parere del Consiglio di Stato;

12° sulle condizioni tecniche di programmi di gare per le provviste di armi, macchinari e materiale d'armamento, sia per i velivoli sia per le istallazioni a terra;

13° sugli indirizzi, sui programmi e sulle caratteristiche dei lavori demaniali;

14° sugli indirizzi e sui progetti di massima dell'organizzazione dei servizi a terra;

Il Ministro dell'Aeronautica di propria iniziativa o su proposta del Presidente, può sottoporre all'esame del Consiglio Superiore dell'Aeronautica ogni altra questione di interesse tecnico, militare ed amministrativa.-

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Il Consiglio Superiore d'Aeronautica formula quegli schemi di provvedimenti relativi all'Aeronautica Militare che ad esso sono connes

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Art. 11

Il Consiglio Superiore d'Aeronautica delibera in riunione plenaria o diviso per sezioni.

Le sezione del Consiglio sono due :

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Prima Sezione : per gli argomenti di carattere tecnico.
Seconda Sezione : per gli argomenti di carattere organico ed amministrativo.

Art. 12

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La designazione degli affari da esaminare in riunione plenaria è stabilita dal Presidente, ove la designazione stessa non sia stata fatta direttamente dal Ministro dell'Aeronautica.

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Esso delibera a maggioranza assoluta di voti e con votazione palese; in caso di parità, prevale il voto del Presidente.

Per la validità delle deliberazioni occorre la presenza di non meno di sette membri.

Il parere su ciascuno affare è dato a mezzo del verbale di adunanza o delle adunanze, in cui esso fu discusso. Nel verbale deve essere riassunta la discussione e deve essere indicato il risultato della votazione, inserendo, il parere della minoranza o delle minoranze.

Il verbale è trasmesso al Ministro dell'Aeronautica.

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Art. 18

Il Presidente del Consiglio Superiore d'Aeronautica corrisponde direttamente col Ministro per l'Aeronautica e con le altre

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FROM: AIR VICE-MARSHAL T.E. BROOKE, CBE.

AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.

AFSC/368/OIC. 5th March, 1946.

Dear

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Thank you for your letter MAAC/4200/DCOF of the 27th February. I have returned the report of Air Vice-Marshal Therold under cover of my letter of even reference dated 23rd February, and I return herewith Appendix "A" which shows in diagrammatic form the re-organisation of the Greek Air Ministry.

2. Thank you for applying to Air Headquarters, Greece, for attachments "B" and "C".

Yours

Wing Commander Maxwell Fisher,
Secretary,
M.A.A.C. Secretariat,
Caserta.

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Mediterranean Allied Air Committee
Secretariat,

Air Headquarters Italy,

R.A.F., C.M.F.

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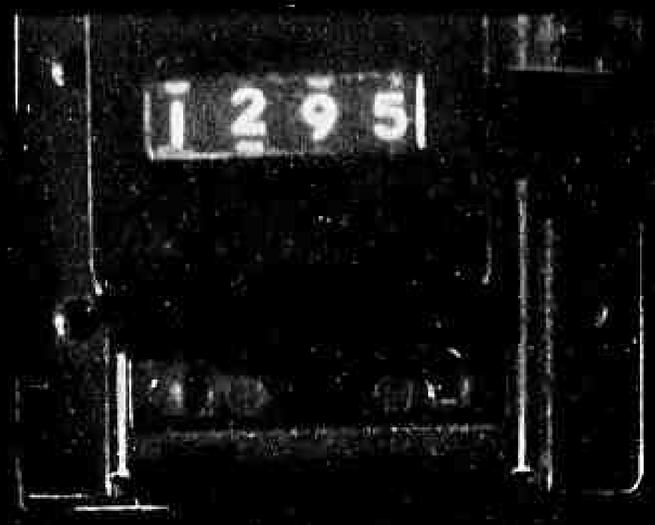
Attached is the organisation, in diagrammatic form, of the Greek Air Ministry as requested in your letter. It would be appreciated if this could be returned along with the Report of Air Vice-Marshal Thereld, at your convenience.

It is regretted that the attachments "B" and "C" mentioned in your letter, are not held by Air Headquarters Italy, the originals being returned to Air Headquarters Greece, to whom I am writing, requesting further copies. These will be forwarded to you as soon as received.

Yours Sincerely,

Secretary to The
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR COMMITTEE

Air Vice-Marshal I.E. Bredie, CBE.
The Director,
Air Forces Sub-Commission,
ROME.


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REORGANIZATION OF ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY & AIR COUNCIL
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REPORT ON THE RE-ORGANISATION OF THE GREEK MINISTRY OF AIR

Written by - Air Vice-Marshal H.K. Thorold C.B., C.B.E., D.S.C, D.F.C. A.F.C.

For - The Deputy Director of Organisation Air Ministry,

at

Athens - December 1945.

Attachments:

Present organisation of the Greek Ministry of Air.
Diagramtic "lay out " attached.....A1
Memorandum on the suggested organisation.....B
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Recommendations on the proposed organisation.....C

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6. In last September a start was made in re-organising the Ministry. As a result, an organisation was devised which is shown in detail at Attachment A. The organisation of the Departments is in diagramatic form at Attachment A1. This latest establishment of the Ministry of Air shows a total of 90 officers divided between the various branches. The organisation seems, however, to be more in the nature of something to be aimed at rather than what has already been accomplished.

7. The main points to be noted in the present Greek planned organisation are as follows:-

(i) The senior RHAF officer is shown immediately under the Ministry of Air. He is the chief Air Adviser to the Minister and appears to have no special departmental duties.

(ii) The head of the Air Branch is a separate appointment.

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(iii) "Organisation" and "Personnel" are combined under one h .

(iv) There is a separate Maintenance branch, but this includes only the technical aspect of Equipment. The head of the Maintenance branch is not a permanent member of the Air Council. The "supplies" aspect of Equipment is in another Branch, together with Stores Accounts.

(v) There seems to be no Civil Service in our sense of the Term. All clerical and secretarial work is dealt with by Service personnel as at a Headquarters.

(vi) There is no Finance Department which would correspond with that of our Air Ministry and it is difficult to ascertain at the present what are the precise functions of the Secretary of Finance. It would appear that at present the Department is not actually functioning in the manner shown.

(vii) In planning their organisation, too much attention has been paid to existing personalities and the desirability of satisfying the present holders of appointments and keeping them in office.

Suggested re-organisation.

8. In considering the re-organisation of the Ministry, the following facts have to be borne in mind: -

(i) The desirability of organising it in general on the lines of the British Air Ministry to conform with the remainder of the RHAF organisation which is already on R.A.F. lines.

(ii) The need to keep the Ministry as small as possible on account of the size of the Greek Air Force and of financial stringency. A large Works programme is necessary as all Air Force installations were destroyed in the war.

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Chief of Staff.		Service Members.
Air Member for Personnel.		
Air Member for Organisation and works.		
Air Member for Maintenance.		
Director General of Finance.		
(additional Member).		

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12. The Directorates under the Memb. of the Air Council to be as follows :-

(i) The Chief of the Air Staff.

Operations and Intelligence. Training and staff duties. Signals.

(ii) The Air Member for Personnel.

Postings. Welfare. Personnel services.

(iii) The Air Member for Organisation and Works.

Organisation. Works Services.

(iv) The Air Member for Maintenance.

Engineering. Equipment.

13. The chief points to note from the foregoing are :-

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(ii) To ensure that full consideration is given to personnel matters - at present chaotic - particularly postings and records of officers and airmen, a separte Department of Personnel is recommended.

(iii) The Engineer and Equipment Services to be placed under one co-ordinating head as Air Member for Maintenance with a seat on the Air Council. This will ensure that the maintenance of the RHAF in material is dealt with adequately and considered as a whole. At the same time, it would correspond with the Maintenance organisation already in existence at RHAF Headquarters. This organisation would also do away with the present division which exists between the technical and non-technical aspects of Equipment. In view, however, of the small size

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(iv) A finance Member with clearly defined duties as regards finance generally, Accounting and Contracts is recommended. He would be a serving Officer. In view of H.M.G. decision that Greek armed forces are to pay for their own maintenance w.e.f. 1.1.46 it is essential that this department is set up without delay.

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13. (v) Since the Chief of the Air Staff is at present unable to devote adequate attention to the Department for Air, a Deputy Chief of the Air Staff is recommended. This officer would be responsible immediately under the Chief of the Air Staff for the day to day direction and co-ordination of the work of the Air Branch. In view of the importance of his duties this officer should be a member of the Air Council. When conditions change, as mentioned in paragraph 13 (i), it may well be possible to dispense with this appointment.

(vi) A separate Directorate to deal solely with Welfare is proposed, in view of the importance of developing and maintaining a high standard in Welfare and morale in a young Air Force such as the Greek.

Recommendations to the Greek Air Ministry.

14. The following are some of the more important recommendations which have already been forwarded to the Greek Ministry of Air - attachment C refers:

(i) A publication on the lines of the Memorandum and diagram in attachment B and B1 to be compiled and published for the information generally of the Ministry of Air and the R.H.A.F. as a whole, so that all concerned can be aware of the organisation of the Ministry of Air.

(ii) A start on the reorganisation of the Ministry of Air to be made as soon as possible after approval has been given to the suggested organisation. The first step should be the separation of Personnel from Organisation and its formation into a separate Air Council Department.

(iii) When the reorganisation of the Ministry has been completed, specialist British officers to be asked for advice on the detailed work in the various Departments, particularly Personnel and Finance.

(iv) The duties of each officer in the Ministry of Air to be clearly defined and a list showing the duties in detail within the Ministry of Air compiled and kept up to date.

(v) The internal office work, filing system and method of dealing with correspondence to conform as closely as possible with that of the British Air Ministry.

(vi) On the basis of the proposed organisation, the detailed organisation of the Departments and Sections showing the duties of each officer to be undertaken by representatives from the Greek Ministry of Air and R.A.F. Headquarters. A revised Establishment should then be compiled.

Note: Going to the more efficient organisation and better

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(i) A publication on the lines of the Memorandum and diagram in attachment B and B1 to be compiled and published for the information generally of the Ministry of Air and the R.H.A.F. as a whole, so that all concerned can be aware of the organisation of the Ministry of Air.

(ii) A start on the reorganisation of the Ministry of Air to be made as soon as possible after approval has been given to the suggested organisation. The first step should be the separation of Personnel from Organisation and its formation into a separate Air Council Department.

(iii) When the reorganisation of the Ministry has been completed, specialist British officers to be asked for advice on the detailed work in the various Departments, particularly Personnel and Finance.

(iv) The duties of each officer in the Ministry of Air to be clearly defined and a list showing the duties in detail within the Ministry of Air compiled and kept up to date.

(v) The internal office work, filing system and method of dealing with correspondence to conform as closely as possible with that of the British Air Ministry.

(vi) On the basis of the proposed organisation, the detailed organisation of the Departments and Sections showing the duties of each officer to be undertaken by representatives from the Greek Ministry of Air and R.A.F. Headquarters. A revised Establishment should then be compiled.
Note: Owing to the more efficient organisation and better definition and lay out of duties, there should be no increase over the present Establishment.

General Recommendations.

15. Since agreement has now been reached with the Greeks on a re-organised Ministry of Air, it is recommended that formal approval be given to the proposals. This will enable the Greeks to start on their re-organisation without further delay.

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Conclusions.

16. The fact that such a considerable measure of re-organisation has been agreed upon is largely due to the spirit of friendly co-operation displayed by the senior officers of the Ministry of Air and their sincere desire to improve upon existing conditions.

17. The work could not however have been accomplished in the time if it had not been for the help so willingly afforded by the Air Officer Commanding, Air Commodore G.W. Tuttle, CB, OBE, DFC, and the staff of his Headquarters.

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12A

AIR POWERS SUB-COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION,
ROME.

AFSC/366/ORG. 23rd February, 1946.

Dear

Reference the report on the Re-organisation of the Greek Air Ministry, a copy of which you kindly loaned me, (and which I will be returning), the most important part of the report is not attached, namely the detailed organisation in diagrammatic form marked attachment "B.1". Might I also have a copy of attachment "B" and attachment "C"?

2. From the report itself, I think the only radical difference between this, and the suggestions which I gave to the Air Ministry some months ago, is the separate Directorate to deal solely with Welfare, and I think that is a good idea.

3. For your information there is a hold up in the Italian Air Ministry in getting the Air Council going on R.A.F. lines, because the Council of Ministers wishes to get all three Service Ministries on a similar basis, and I know that there is going to be some delay in the formation and initiation of the Army Council, and probably also in the Ministry of Marine; however, the Air Minister has promised to convene conferences under the existing Decree of 1937 which, as I have pointed out to the Air Minister, will serve a useful purpose provided the meetings are held in a democratic spirit, and on the lines on which I have suggested that the Air Council shall work. The Italian Air Ministry has promised to invite General Lee and myself to the first meeting of the substitute Air Council - it should be interesting to see how they run it!

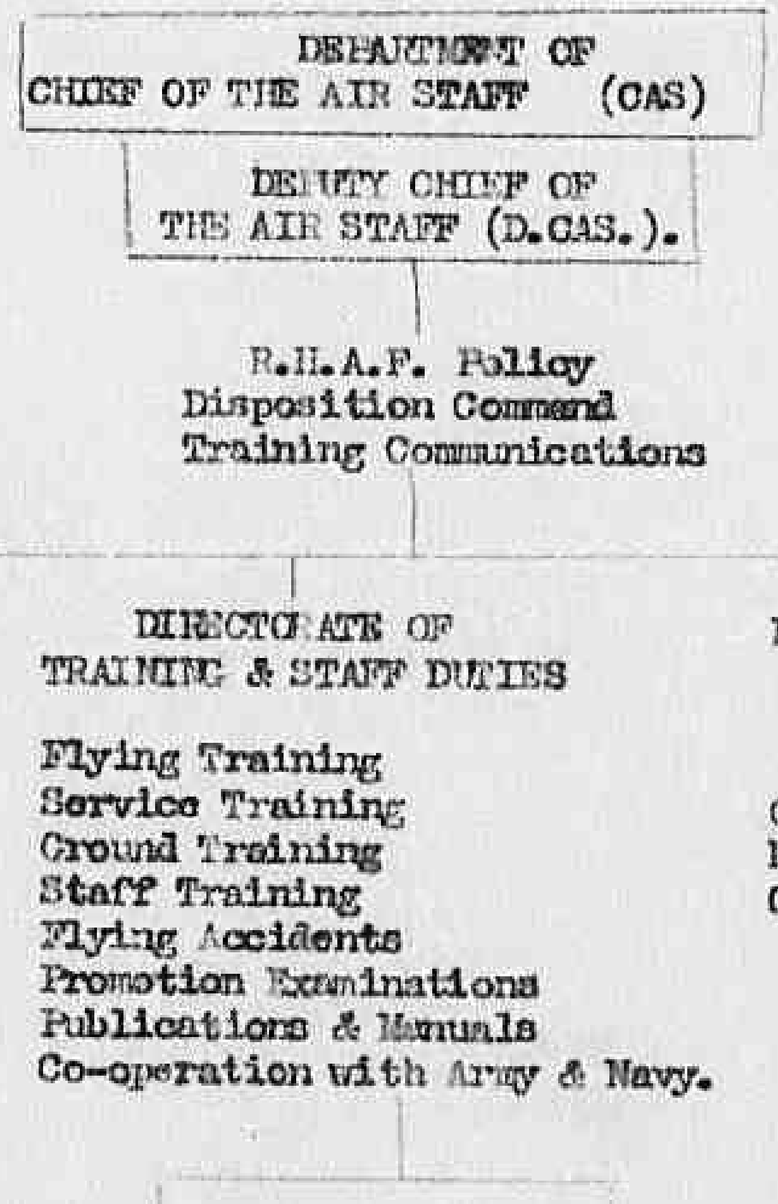
Yours

Wing Commander Maxwell Fisher,
Secretary,
M.A.A.C. Secretariat.
Caserta.

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DIRECTORATE OF POSTINGS

Postings & Selection for Specialist Training Careers (Officers)

DIRECTORATE OF WELFARE

Welfare Services
Leisure time activities on stations.
Education & Cultural Activities
Religeous Welfare

ARMAMENT NAVIGATION PHOTOS MET

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...ISED ORGANISATION OF THE GREEK MINISTRY OF AIR

(pro... by Air Vice-Marshal Therold - British Air Ministry).

THE MINISTER FOR AIR

Responsible to Council of Ministers
President of the Air Council.

CHIEF OF THE AIR STAFF (C.A.S.)

Senior Air Member of the Council.
and principle adviser to the Minister
for Air on the direction of the RHAF.

DEPARTMENT OF AIR MEMBER FOR PERSONNEL (A.M.P.)

Personnel Discipline,
Welfare, Postings, Manning.

DEPARTMENT OF ORGANISATION

DIRECTORATE OF ORGANISATION

Peace & War Organis...
Establishments
Formation of Units
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MEDICAL

Medical &
Dental Branches.
Medical
Examinations.

DIRECTORATE OF PERSONAL SERVICES

Individual Personnel
Questions
Promotions
Legal
Discipline
Records of Officers & airmen
Honours & Awards
Ceremonial
Manning
Recruiting

JUDGE ADVOCATE

OFFICERS AIRMEN

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DEPARTMENT OF AIR MEMBER FOR ORGANISATION & WORKS (AMOW).

DEPARTMENT OF AIR
FOR MAINTENANCE (

Organisation & Works

Research, Technical Develo
Production Inspection Repa
Servicing, Supply, Control
Maintenance Units.

DIRECTORATE OF ORGANISATION

Peace & War Organisation
Establishments
Formation of Units
Mobilisation
Organisation Planning
Administrative Planning
Transportation & Moves

DIRECTORATE OF WORKS

Construction & Servicing of airfields.
Aquisition of Land
Hirings
Provision
Operation & Maintenance of Electrical & Mechanical Plants

DIRECTORATE OF ENGINEERING

Research
Technical Development
Production
Repair & Servicing
Inspection
Salvage

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Appendix "A"

DEPARTMENT OF AIR MEMBER FOR MAINTENANCE (AMM).

DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FINANCE (D.G.F).

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Financial Advice, Control of Expenditure, Contracts.

NATIONAL METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE

CIVIL AVIATION

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DIRECTORATE OF EQUIPMENT

ESTIMATES & FINANCE

CONTRACTS

...Development

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Provision of General & Technical Equipment
Airframe Parts & Accessories
Petrol, Oil & Lubricants
Ammunition
Mechanical Transport
Rations
Clothing

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AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION,
ROME.

AFSC/368/GRC. 15th February, 1946.

Dear 13A

Thank you for your letter reference 265/Coll of the 23rd January 46, concerning the institution of the Air Council. I am sorry that I have had to be so long in replying; I thought it my duty to refer the matter to higher authority.

2. We are sorry to hear that action cannot at present be taken on the lines of your letter 33575/6091/Coll of the 11th November as amended by my letter AFSC/368/GRC of the 8th December. It seems that it will be a long time before a new decree can be passed on the formation of an Air Council pending a common policy for the Italian Army and Navy. However, I note, in paragraphs 5 and 6 of your letter, that you have given orders for the Air Council and the Superior Aeronautical Committee as decreed by No.210 to begin its meetings again during this month. It is hoped that their meetings will be conducted in the spirit intended in the new draft decree which has been referred to in the two letters mentioned in this paragraph, especially remembering that the advisory bodies as decreed in No.210 were instituted during a very different kind of regime, and when the Air Force was comparatively very much larger.

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4. I agree with you that there seems to be no purpose in reforming the Committee for aircraft planning at this time.

5. I would be very glad to see General Monte who I understand is the Chairman of the Committee reviewing the reorganisation of the Air Ministry and the institution of the Air Council, on those matters at an early date, as I have further information to give as the result of my visits to London and to Paris and Caserta.

6. I would very much like to speak to you about the lines on which you will be running the Air Council, and I would be glad if you would let me know when you will be ready to do so.

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Yours

Doctor M. Cevolotto,
Minister for Air,
Italian Air Ministry,
Rome.

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15A

FROM: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.

TO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER,
HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.

DATE: 30TH JANUARY, 1946.

REF: AFSC/368/ORG.

Please see enclosure 24A. I should be glad of your advice as to whether or not you think it is too strong.

2. When the documents in relation to the institution of the Air Council and the reorganisation of the Italian Air Ministry are finally agreed by the Italian Air Minister and myself, I propose to pass them to you for any alterations which you may think necessary.

3. I think that the provisions for the institution of the Air Council have reached such a stage now that you may like to glance at them - see 13B as amended by 15A, and 23A in reply to 15A.

I.E. BRODIE,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION.

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AIR MINISTER. PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL.

Dear

Thank you for your letter 285/Coll dated the 23rd January 1946 concerning the institution of the Air Council.

2. I am sorry to hear that no action is being taken in issuing a decree on the formation of the Air Council pending a common policy for the Italian Army and Navy, because I am most anxious that a Council or Committee should meet regularly in order to advise you of alternative methods of carrying out any particular thing and to decide, if it is within the power of the Air Ministry to do so, what action shall be taken (whilst in committee) and I do not consider that the consultive bodies incorporated in decree No.210 fully meet the case because decree No.210 was drawn up in very different circumstances when dictatorship was the ruling motive throughout Italian Governmental bodies, whereas now it is the aim that Governmental bodies shall be democratic. Furthermore the decree invisaged a comparatively large Air Force and many Senior ranking officers - for example, the composition of the Supreme Aeronautica Committee is composed of a large number of high-grade officers and maybe they were not necessary Members of the Air Ministry; and I observe that Members are nominated by Royal decree and remain in office for three years and can be re-elected - see Chapter 3 articles 7 and 9.

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4. I must point out that it is the Allied policy that all organisations in the Italian Government shall be democratic and not dictatorial, and it is the function of the Allied Commission, (in this case myself), to see that non-democratic institutions are eradicated.

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5. I cannot help thinking that you may yourself be in favour of dictatorial methods which may be a legacy from a past regime. I agree that you are responsible for the affairs of the Italian Air Force, but you are responsible to the Council of Ministers, and, therefore, if you are of the opinion that a certain thing should be done in a different way to the majority of your advisors, then it is your duty to refer the matter stating both sides of the particular question fairly to the Council of Ministers. I rather feel that you may be inclined to take too much responsibility on yourself by not consulting your chief advisors enough and that you therefore sometimes act contrarily to the opinion of your advisors. I would mention here that I and my advisors have gained this impression in a number of small ways, but not directly from any particular officers at the Air Ministry.

6. Although the Italian law, as at present existing and in so far as it affects the Air Ministry, seems to give the Air Minister dictatorial powers, I am strongly of the opinion that until the law is modified you should approach the affairs of the Air Ministry in a democratic spirit.

7. There therefore appear to be two courses of action possible:

(a) The strictly legal one of reinstituting the advisory bodies as described in decree No.210, but suited to meet modern conditions and in a democratic spirit.

(b) That you convene a weekly meeting of your Chief Advisors working to the scheme of provisions for the institution of the Air Council as described in your 33575/6091/Coll dated the 11th November, 1945 and as modified by my letter AFSC/368/ORG dated the 8th December 1945, and in particular to sub paragraphs 3(i) and 3(iii). This could be

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8. If, as I hope, you will adopt the second of these two alternatives, namely (b), I think you will gain considerable influence when discussing a common decree for the Navy, Army and Air Force in the institution of their Councils, because you will be able to explain how this procedure helps everybody concerned and how it works.

9. I would remind you that the success, or otherwise, of these meetings will entirely depend upon the spirit in which you yourself conduct them.

10. Finally I would be very glad to see General Monte on the matter of the institution of the Air Council (or your "weekly meetings) and also the reorganisation of the Italian Air Ministry, on which I have further information and advice to give as a result of my visit to London and to Paris; I would be glad if General Monte would call on me as soon as possible as I am most anxious that these metters shall be settled quickly. Perhaps you would be good enough to give him a message stating which of the above two courses of action you propose to take, and to point out to me through him any further difficulties which you may have, in which connection I would remind you that this matter has been under discussion for a very long time, and the sooner it is settled the better it will be for all of us.

Note: General Monte is the Chairman of the Committee reviewing the reorganisation of the Air Ministry and the institution of the Air Council.

11. If you think, as I do, that it would be helpful for me to attend the first of the meetings to which you have referred in paragraph 8 of your letter of the 23rd January, in order to give me a better idea of how you will be running these meetings, or how the Air Council and the Superior Aeronautics Committee (23A

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12. I am sending you this letter in Italian, with an English copy (which is the authorative letter), in order to save you any embarrassment through your Interpreting Section because I want to be perfectly frank with you as I hope you will be with me.

DJ has seen this & agrees. 7/1/38.

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23rd January, 1946.

Dear

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I would refer you to AFSC/360/Org.

1. I am pleased to note that with the exception of a few amendments here and there, you have agreed in principle to the plan for the institution of the Air Council.

2. The institution of the Air Council, should, owing to legislative exigencies be preceded by a Lieut. General of the Realm Decree, which would abrogate the decree of 10th March, 1943, No. 210.

3. The Lieut General of the Realm decree for the abrogation of No. 210, which was presented by me to the Council of Ministers on the 2nd of January, was postponed by the Council owing to the following reasons:

(a) because it seemed appropriate that the whole question of the consultative bodies of the R.A. be left over until the whole organisation is discussed.

(b) because it seemed appropriate that the constitution and function of the Air Council, or any other consultative body, should be surveyed at the same time as the survey being carried out by the Army on the constitution and function of the Army Council.

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5. With this in view, I have given orders to the interested parties in my Administration that by February the Air Council should come into operation as decreed by No. 210.

6. Subsequently, but always in the near future, the Superior Aeronautical Committee will take up its functions.

7. I do not think in the present circumstances and for obvious reasons, that it would be appropriate to reform the Committee for aircraft planning, which is the third consultative body foreseen by decree No. 210.

8. I shall be happy to let you have definite news of the initial date of the functioning of the Air Council and Superior Aeronautical Committee.

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The Minister.

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Al

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UFFICIO LEGGI E DECRETI

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Risposta al f.° del
Div. Sez. N.°

OGGETTO

Caro Maresciallo.

Mi riferisco alla lettera AFSC/368/ORG, per esporre quanto appresso:

1. - Ho constatato, con compiacimento, che lo schema di provvedimento concernente l'istituzione del Consiglio dell'Aeronautica e di cui al foglio di questo Ministero n° 33575, dell'11 novembre 1945 sia stato anche da Lei riscontrato conforme agli accordi in precedenza intercorsi, salvo qualche ritocco da apportare in sede di perfezionamento.

2. - L'istituzione del suddetto Consiglio dell'Aeronautica avrebbe dovuto, per esigenza legislativa, essere preceduta da un decreto legislativo Luogotenenziale, che abrogasse la legge 18 marzo 1943, n° 210, sul riordinamento dei Corpi consultivi della R. Aeronautica in modo da poter subito dopo dar vita al provvedimento di istituzione del nuovo Consiglio dell'Aeronautica.

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3. - Il decreto legislativo Luogotenenziale di abrogazione della legge 210, però, da me presentato al Consiglio dei Ministri nella riunione del 2 c.m., è stato dal Consiglio rinviato nel suo esame, per le seguenti considerazioni:

a) perchè è sembrato opportuno che tutta la questione dei Corpi consultivi della R. Aeronautica fosse trattata, per ragioni di organicità, quando dovrà essere deciso l'ordinamento, che sarà per avere il Ministero dell'Aeronautica;

b) perchè è sembrato opportuno che lo studio sulla costituzione e sul funzionamento del Consiglio dell'Aeronautica o di qualunque altro organo consultivo, fosse condotto di pari passo e di intesa reciproca con lo studio, che al presente sta conducendo il Minist

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ro della Guerra sulla costituzione e sul funzionamento del Consiglio dell'Esercito;

c) perchè è sembrato opportuno che, sulla materia dei Corpi consultivi interni, sia pure propri di ciascuna Amministrazione militare, vi fosse una previa intesa fra i Ministeri militari; tale che valesse a stabilire, compatibilmente con le esigenze proprie di ciascuna di esse Amministrazioni, una auspicabile uniformità di indirizzo. fra i tre suddetti Ministeri.

4. - Dopo il rinvio da parte del Consiglio dei Ministri e nelle more di un riesame di tutta la complessa questione e delle intese da stabilire con i Ministero della Guerra e della Marina, e con Lei convenendo io sulla necessità che l'Amministrazione aeronautica abbia, senza ulteriore indugio, un'organizzazione interna a carattere consultivo, che sia di garanzia nella trattazione degli affari più importanti, non resta che ricostituire e gradualmente far funzionare i Corpi Consultivi previsti dalla legge 18 marzo 1943, nº 210, iniziando dal Consiglio dell'Aria.

5. - In tal senso, ho impartito disposizioni agli organi competenti della mia Amministrazione; in modo che, entro il prossimo febbraio c.a. possa iniziare il suo funzionamento il Consiglio dell'Aria, nella composizione prevista dalla legge n. 210 di sua istituzione, compatibilmente con l'attuale situazione di impiego del personale militare della R. Aeronautica, e con le attribuzioni in essa legge previste.

6. - Successivamente, ma sempre in un prossimo avvenire, riprenderà il suo funzionamento il Comitato Superiore di Aeronautica; intendendosi ripetuta la riserva di cui innanzi, per quanto concerne la sua costituzione, come prevista dalla legge n. 210.

7. - Non ritengo, invece, che - nelle attuali circostanze e per ovvie ragioni - sia da ricostituire il Comitato per i progetti dei velivoli, delle installazioni di bordo e delle armi, terzo dei tre Corpi consultivi previsti dalla legge 18 marzo 1943, n. 210.

8. - Mi sarà gradito darle successive comunicazioni sulla data di inizio di funzionamento del Consiglio dell'Aria e del Comitato Superiore di Aeronautica.

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4. - Dopo il rinvio da parte del Consiglio dei Ministri e nelle more di un riesame di tutta la complessa questione e delle intese da stabilire con i Ministero della Guerra e della Marina, e con Lei convenendo io sulla necessità che l'Amministrazione aeronautica abbia, senza ulteriore indugio, un'organizzazione interna e carattere consultivo, che sia di garanzia nella trattazione degli affari più importanti, non resta che ricostituire e gradualmente far funzionare i Corpi Consultivi previsti dalla legge 18 marzo 1943, nº 210, iniziando dal Consiglio dell'Aria.

5. - In tal senso, ho impartito disposizioni agli organi competenti della mia Amministrazione: in modo che, entro il prossimo febbraio c.a. possa iniziare il suo funzionamento il Consiglio dell'Aria, nella composizione prevista dalla legge n. 210 di sua istituzione, compatibilmente con l'attuale situazione di impiego del personale militare della R. Aeronautica, e con le attribuzioni in essa legge previste.

6. - Successivamente, ma sempre in un prossimo avvenire, riprenderà il suo funzionamento il Comitato Superiore di Aeronautica; intendendosi ripetuta la riserva di cui innanzi, per quanto concerne la sua costituzione, come prevista dalla legge n. 210.

7. - Non ritengo, invece, che - nelle attuali circostanze e per ovvie ragioni - sia da ricostituire il Comitato per i progetti dei velivoli, delle installazioni di bordo e delle armi, terzo dei tre Corpi consultivi previsti dalla legge 18 marzo 1943, n. 210.

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AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION,
HQMG.

AFSC/368/GEG. 24th December, 1945.

Thank you for your letter 33575/6091/Cell and for giving me this opportunity of expressing my opinion on the draft Scheme of Provisions concerning the institution of the Air Council. Generally speaking I have little criticism to make and although there may be some things slightly wrong, I feel that the importance of meetings of the Air Council taking place being initiated regularly at the earliest possible date outweighs the advantages of getting this document right in every respect at this stage. In any event the scheme will need some revision when the reorganisation of the Air Ministry has been completed. I would stress again the importance of meetings taking place as soon as practicable, and for that reason I trust that the document as at present written will not require legislative action by the Government or the Lieutenant General of the Realm; I would suggest that if possible the document be issued officially, as a Ministers decree by you, or alternatively that you temporarily name the Air Council an Air Ministry Committee until the Government decree, if it be necessary, is published.

2. I would suggest that this document might well be considered and criticised in Committee by those individuals at the Air Ministry who will form the Air Council; by this means some time and trouble may be saved at this stage before the decree is drafted in its final form.

3. I have the following detailed comments to suggest:-

(i) In Article 4, I still think that the Council should have executive authority in that decisions are made during Council meetings, but as Article 6 seems partly to cover the point, I would not press for this amendment at this moment, especially as you told me that that in itself would require a Government decree, which would cause delay in initiating meetings of the Air Council.

(ii) As regards Article 4, it is noted that the Chiefs of the Air Ministry Central Units as well as the General Directors etc. would be Rightful Members. For the time being I agree that this may be necessary, but upon the reorganisation of the Italian Air Ministry on the lines indicated by the A.F.S.C, I would strongly recommend you to exclude the Chiefs of the Air Ministry Central Units in order to restrict the number of members, because at all meetings it is found that the fewer the number of voting members, the quicker and more expeditiously the business is conducted.

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(iii) Article 6, I would suggest that the following paragraph be added at the end "In the event of the Air Minister disagreeing with the majority of the voting members of the Air Council, the subject must be fully represented to the Council of Ministers for final decision".

(iv) Article 7, concerning the last paragraph of the notes: I take it that with every change of Air Minister it would not be contemplated that the Chief of the Secretarial Office of the Air Council shall be changed, as it is most important that this office be one more-or-less permanently held in order to ensure continuity; and I would suggest that the following be added to the last sentence of the note: "and so long as the appointment is approved by a majority vote of the Air Council or the over-riding decision of the Council of Ministers". I would also suggest adding a paragraph to that note "Normally upon change of Air Minister, the Chief of the Secretarial Office of the Air Council will retain his office in order to ensure continuity".

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(v) Article - I cannot quite make out what "relator member" is, although I agree with the notes to that article. Is it the intention that a separate member of the Air Council shall be appointed for the functions given in the notes to Article 9? Surely, the Chief of the Secretarial Office could undertake that function, or failing him the Secretary of the Air Council; if you agree with this suggestion, I would suggest that the words "Secretary of the Air Council" be substituted for "relator members" in Article 9 itself and in the notes on Article 9.

(vi) Article 10 - I would suggest that the following addition be made at the end of the sentance "and the minutes are passed at the beginning of the next meeting (to confirm accuracy)". If that be inserted I think you could well delete the second paragraph in the notes of Article 10.

(vii) Article 11 - I hope it may be found to be unnecessary, if existing laws will allow you, to issue a Ministerial decree rather than obtaining legislation for a decree of the Lieutenant General of the Realm, at any rate at this stage.

I.E. BROWNE,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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Good Letter,

Doctor M. Cevolotto,
Minister for Air,
Italian Air Ministry,
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NOTES: on Scheme of Provisions for the Institution of the Air Council.

ARTICLE (1) - Working as an "advisory" body is hardly enough, and the Air Council must be capable of issuing Orders in Council.

An "executive Committee" temporarily would bridge the legal gap for this purpose.

ARTICLE (2) - "10" Checking of Costs - This hardly seems an Air Council matter, except as comparison of tenders and the like.

ARTICLE (4) - It is not fully agreed that "the General Directors and Chiefs of the Air Ministry Central Units should be members. It is clear, for example, that the Director of Communications should have little interest in the Air Council (except when some special affair is being discussed regarding communications) as he is not of the same importance as the members for personnel or supply. His function is to ensure compliance with orders or decisions taken in Council. If all were members, the Air Council would be formed by a minimum of eleven, not taking into consideration any outside members (Art.5).

The fewer members there are, the more chance of speedy agreement.

ARTICLE (7) - The last note - "The Air Minister can appoint any person he choosen" is perhaps a dangerous one. Being one of the most important positions, as well as a permanent one, is it sound that the Air Minister, possibly with no practical experience of the air and of Air Force matters, should be solely responsible for appointing another of equal ignorance in vital matters?

ARTICLE (9) - Yet another member for the Council. It would appear that the work of the "relator" (?) should be part of the Permanent Secretary's duties.

These notes submitted by Squadron Leader Bradshaw.

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Rome 11th November, 1945.

AIR MINISTER.

REF: 33575/6091/Coll.

Dear Air Vice-Marshal,

I have, as agreed, instructed my Legislative Office to draw up a scheme of provisions concerning the institution of the Air Council.

The above office compiled this scheme in conformity with the points mentioned in your letter AF3C/351 dated 4th October 1945.

Will you kindly express your own opinion on the scheme, in order to better its legislative aspect, pending the rescinding of law No.210 of the 18th March 1943, which rearranges the Advisory Bodies of the Regia Aeronautica.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) THE MINISTER

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Air Officer Commanding (Director),
A.F.H.C. A.C. Rome.

Translated by Sergeant Cumbo.

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SCHEME OF PROVISIONS FOR
THE INSTITUTION OF THE
AIR COUNCIL

As shown in the undermentioned Articles, this scheme is formed according to the arrangements made on this subject between the Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, and the Air Ministry; also in reference to your letter AFSC/351/Org, dated 4th October, 1945.

It has, therefore, been endeavoured to set up an agile organisation, in its constitution and functioning, with almost precise attributions, for the most important questions of the Air Force Administration.

This will be clearly seen in the Articles set out below.

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Art.1 - No arrangements have been made for the Superior Air Committee and for the Committee of A/C projects, installations, and armament as advisory bodies to the "Regia Aeronautica"; as previously laid down in law 210.

Consequently, as mentioned in Art.2 of this scheme, certain attributions already given to the Superior Air Committee and to the Committee of A/C projects have been transferred to the new Air Council, in addition to those already attributed to the Air Council.

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It is superfluous to add that Art.1 of this scheme, calls for the suppression of the Superior Air Committee and Committee of A/C projects as well as the Air Council.

Article 2

The Air Council must advice on:

1. - Provisions relating to Air Force arrangements and regulations regarding equipment as well as personnel;
2. - Projects concerning the services organisation;
3. - Programmes of new building operations;
4. - General directives for the technical-administrative Air Force

Art.2 - This article recapitulates the attributions already given to the Air Council, Superior Air Committee and the Committee of A/C projects, A/C installations and armament, with the following additions and amendments:

a) in para.8, advice must also be seeked on transactions as well as the application of penal, allowances, forfeitures and other clauses;

b) letter d) in Art.13 of law 210 was not included as the advice on technical conditions of the specific charges already known by

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organisation and for all provisions relating to Air Force technical services;

5. - Specifications on technical, particular, special and general charges.

6. - Contracts relating to all matters exceeding the sum of 300,000 lire. In case of long term contracts, this limit will be applied by reaching a total sum of the expenses to be incurred for the whole period;

7. - Projects and schemes of sales contracts for unserviceable items and articles, or sales of earth products, recurring periodically, no matter what the amount may be;

8. - Proposals of annulment of penal, allowances, forfeitures, transactions and other clauses; when the total amount of the sums relinquished by the Administration, exceeds the limit of 30,000 lire;

9. - Decisions on the reservations of the contractors, when the total amount of the sums envolved exceeds 100,000 lire;

10. - Checking of costs;

11. - Projects of A/C, engines, A/C installations and armament;

12. - Projects concerning conversions of A/C in use and A/C installations;

13. - Programmes of new constructions and eventual conversions of existing equipment;

14. - Programmes relating to maintenance of war operational A/C;

15. - Questions appertaining to the production of A/C equipment;

16. - Aeronautical experiments;

Furthermore, the Air Council (on request of the Air Minister) can advice on matters of a military-technical, administrative and economic character, as well as on questions concerning the suitability of A/C equipment.

Article 3

the Committee of A/C projects, is included in the advice on the specific general charges as well as technical, particular and special charges, mentioned in para.5 of this article;

c) attribution was given for the advice on matters dealing with the production of Aeronautical equipment, without adding (as mentioned in letter e) of Art.13 of law 210) "formulating suggestions apt to equilize this production to the technical - military requirements", because the Air Committee, as an advisory body, has not sufficient information to judge and be aware of the technical-military requirements of the Service;

d) attribution was given for the advice on aeronautical experiments, deleting since it is unnecessary, "and suggests eventual further tests if considered necessary for the perfection of equipment required for the progress in Aeronautical Science and Engineering".

The Article covers optional and obligatory advices; the latter, have also been covered as optional advices, by Art.8, para 3, and Art. 13, para.2 of law 210.

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Article 3

The Air Council is summoned by the Air Minister for weekly meetings.

Art.3 - This article lays down a point agreed upon with the Air Forces Sub-Commission (see AFSC letter Ref.351 dated 4th October,45).

Having assured with the preceding article obligatory advice on certain matters, this article assures a frequent periodic summoning of the Air Council.

The Air Minister cannot therefore, not hear the advice of the Air Council on any matter, or postpone the summons.

Article 4

The rightful members of the Air Council are:

- the Air Minister and the Under-Secretary of State;

Art.4 - The composition of the Air Council was lightened in comparison to the composition of the three advisory bodies laid down in law 210.

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- the Chief and Deputy Chief of the Air Staff;
- the general Directors and Chiefs of the Air Ministry Central Units, in matters concerning them.

The Air Minister is the president of the Air Council; the Undersecretary of State for Air is the Vice president.

body assumes the attributions already given to the dissolved three advisory bodies, it appeared opportune ensuring the Air Council, in all cases, the specific competence of the general directors, in questions concerning matters of every single general directorate of the Ministry.

The position of President of the Air Council has obviously been reserved for the Air Minister.

The position of Vice President has been reserved for the Undersecretary of State for Air, as the Air Council is an advisory body of the same Air Administration.

In this Article, the words "rightful members", were used to avoid an ulterior investiture of the members themselves, chosen for the post by means of an appropriate Royal Decree, or even just a Ministerial Decree.

Article 5

The Air Minister is authorised to invite at the Air Council seatings Officers of the Air Force, Army and Navy, as well as persons belonging to Science and Industry, who are particularly competent on the technical matters to be discussed.

The Air Minister is also authorised to invite at the Air Council seatings, Air Force officials, who are particularly competent in juridical administrative matters, when the subjects mentioned in paras.5,6, 7,8, and 9 of Art.2, are to be discussed.

Art.5 - This Article is to ensure that the Air Council receives expert advice on special matters.

Considering these matters as technical matters as well as juridical-administrative matters, it appeared opportune to give the Air Minister the authority to choose technical experts amongst military personnel (no rank distinction) of the Armed Forces, amongst persons belonging to Science and Industry, and to choose juridical-administrative experts amongst Air Force officials (no rank distinction) both military and civilian.

Article 6

The motion is carried by the Air Council on matters under discussion, by open voting and by an overwhelming majority of votes. In case of parity the President's vote prevails.

Discussion minutes must be taken separately on every matter to be dealt with by the Air Council and not on the Air Council meeting.

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In the minutes the discussion must be summarised, and the opinion and arguments put forward by the members who have voted against, inserted.

The experts mentioned in Art. 5 do not take part in the voting.

In the event of a [illegible] decision [illegible] disagreeing with the majority of the voting members of the Council, the subject must be fully reported to the Council of Ministers for final decision.

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d) the experts, who are not members of the Air Council, cannot vote;

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f) the minutes are not to be taken as a whole on the Air Council meetings, but separately on every matter under discussion, so that, for every matter discussed by the Council, appropriate minutes are taken showing votes and the opinion expressed.

Article 7

The Air Council disposes of an appropriate Secretarial Office, headed by a military or civilian Air Force official and nominated by Ministerial Decree.

Art.7 - The institution of a Secretarial Office for the Air Council is indispensable if we consider the enormous amount of work which the Council is obliged to advice upon and other

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The Chief of the Secretarial Office of the Air Council, is, by right, Secretary of the Air Council.

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It appeared opportune, in order to economise the organisation and liaison, to appoint only one person for both the post of Chief of the Secretarial Office of the Air Council and Secretary (without the power to vote) of the Air Council.

The Air Minister can nominate by a Ministerial Decree, an Officer or a civilian employee, with no distinction of rank, seniority or trade, as long as he comes under Air Force Administration.

Article 8

The questions to be submitted to the Air Council for approval are forwarded to the Secretarial Office of the Air Council, by the general Directors or Chiefs of the Central Offices of the Air Ministry, or eventually, by the Chief of the Air Staff of the"Regia Aeronautica".

These questions must be included in the daily meeting orders of the Air Council not later than 15 days after the date of receipt by the Secretarial Office.

The Air Minister, is authorised to submit to the opinion of the Air Council matters which he considers should be examined by the Council, even if these matters are not forwarded by the general Directors or Chiefs of the Central Offices of the Air Ministry, or eventually, by the Chief of the Air Staff of the "Regia Aeronautica".

Art.8 - This Article rules that the Air Council receives instructions only from the Air Minister, the Chief of the Air Staff of the "Regia Aeronautica", and by the general Directors and Chiefs of the Central Offices of the Air Ministry.

The Air Minister will not only consider all the questions for which advice is obligatory or optional, as mentioned in Art.2, but also any question which he considers the Air Council's opinion to be necessary.

While Article 3 assures a frequent periodic seatings of the Air Council, this article also assures the rapid handling of questions, seeing that the questions to be actioned must not be delayed more than 15 days, from the date received by the Secretarial Office of the Air Council.

Article 9

The questions are made known to the Air Council by the relator members, who is personally appointed by the President of the Council, not less than 10 days before these questions are discussed in front of the Air Council.

Art.9 - This Article not only introduces the appointment of a relator, emphasizing that he must be a members of the Air Council, even he should be the President, but also provides the relator himself, an adequate period in which to study the questions he must put forth.

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It was considered unnecessary to state in this article that the relator can only be a rightful member as the regulations concerning the composition of the Air Council, provides for rightful members (Art.4) and experts (Art.5) only; the latter are not members of the Air Council and cannot therefore, vote (Art.6).

Article 10

Minutes on the questions upon which the Air Council has expressed its opinion, are forwarded by the Secretarial Office of the Air Council to the Air Minister for approval.

Art.10 - Seeing that the opinion of the Air Council is obligatory but not binding, it has been necessary to outline in the article, the transmitting of the minutes to the Air Minister for approval.

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This was mentioned due to the fact that it is possible that the Air Minister may not approve the minutes and consequently not accept an obligatory advice, if he should not consider it suitable to meet his political responsibilities and in case of great economic consequences, it should not meet his administrative responsibility.

Article 11

In all government acts pertaining to matters to be examined by the Air Council, a heading "By advice of the Air Council", will be inserted in the Introduction.

Art.11 - This Article confers the guarantee to other persons interested or concerned with this Government Act and is a prestige to the advisory functions of the Air Council.

N.B. This Article is necessary if the new provisions are issued by legislative Decree of the Lieutenant of the Realm; it will however not be necessary if law 210 is repealed and is issued by a Decree of the Lieutenant of the Realm.

Translated by SGT. J. CUMBO.

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Caro Maresciallo

In conformità degli accordi intercorsi, ho fatto predisporre dal mio ufficio legislativo uno schema di provvedimento concernente l'istituzione del Consiglio dell'Aeronautica.

Nella redazione, il suddetto ufficio ha fatto presente i punti della lettera AFSC/351, del 4 ottobre 1945.

Voglia compiacersi, Caro Maresciallo, esprimere il proprio parere sullo schema stesso, onde poter provvedere al suo perfezionamento legislativo, previa abrogazione della legge 18 Marzo 1943, n° 210, che riordina i Corpi Consultivi della R.Aeronautica.

Con i migliori saluti

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SCHEMA DI PROVVEDIMENTO DI ISTITUZIONE DEL CONSIGLIO DELL'AERONAUTICA

Il presente schema si ispira, nella redazione degli articoli, agli accordi intercorsi in materia tra l'"Air Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission" e il Ministero dell'Aeronautica e di cui al foglio dell'A. F.S.C. 351/Org., del 4 ottobre 1945.

E' stata, perciò, costantemente tenuta presente la necessità di predisporre un organismo agile, nella costituzione e nel funzionamento, con attribuzioni il più possibile precise, relative agli affari più importanti dell'Amministrazione aeronautica.

Il che si potrà desumere dagli articoli stessi e dalle note illustrative.

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Articolo 1

E' istituito il Consiglio dell'Aeronautica, quale corpo consultivo della Regia Aeronautica.

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Conseguentemente, come si legge nell'art. 2 dello schema, alcune delle attribuzioni già conferite al Comitato Superiore di Aeronautica e al Comitato progetti vengono devolute al nuovo Consiglio dell'Aeronautica, in aggiunta a quelle che a detto Consiglio dell'Aeronautica ne vengono dalle attribuzioni già conferite al Consiglio dell'Aria.

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E' superfluo aggiungere che l'articolo 1 dello schema, come formulato, comporta la soppressione, non solo del Comitato Superiore di Aeronautica e del Comitato progetti, ma dello stesso Consiglio dell'Aria.

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Articolo 2

Il Consiglio dell'Aeronautica deve esprimere parere:

1° - sui provvedimenti relativi ad ordinamenti aeronautici e regolamentazioni ad essi attinenti, sia per quanto riguarda il materiale, che il personale;

2° - sui progetti concernenti l'organizzazione dei servizi;

3° - sui programmi di nuove opere demaniali;

4° - sulle direttive generali per l'organizzazione tecnico-amministrativa dell'Aeronautica e sui provvedimenti in genere, relativi ai servizi tecnici dell'Aeronautica;

5° - sui capitolati d'oneri generali e capitolati tecnici particolari e speciali;

6° - sui contratti relativi a qualsiasi materia ed il cui importo superi le £. 300.000. In caso di contratti continuativi, per l'applicazione di questo limite, si avrà riguardo alla spesa complessiva occorrente per tutto il periodo;

7° - sui progetti e schemi di contratto di vendita di cose ed oggetti fuori uso o di vendita dei prodotti del suolo, ricorrenti periodicamente, qualunque ne sia l'ammontare;

8° - sulle proposte di revoca dell'applicazione di clausole penali, abbuoni, condoni, transazioni, ecc.; quando l'ammontare delle somme che l'Amministrazione

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a) nel par. 8°, è stato previsto il parere anche sulle transazioni, oltre che sull'applicazione di clausole penali, abbuoni, condoni, ecc.;

b) non è stata riportata la lettera d) dell'art. 13 della l. 210, perchè il parere sulle condizioni tecniche dei capitolati d'onere, già di competenza del Comitato progetti, è compreso nel parere sui capitolati d'oneri generali e capitolati tecnici particolari e speciali, di cui al par. 5° del presente articolo;

c) è stata conferita l'attribuzione del parere sulle questioni attinenti la produzione del materiale aeronautico, senza aggiungere (come invece leggesi nella lettera e dell'art. 13 della l. 210) "formulando proposte atte ad adeguare la produzione predetta alle necessità tecnico-militari", perchè il Comitato dell'Aeronautica, come organo consultivo, non ha elementi sufficienti per conoscere e giudicare delle necessità tecnico-militari dell'Arma;

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9° - sulla risoluzione di riserve degli appaltatori, quando l'ammontare delle somme in contestazione superi le £. 100.000;

10° - sulle analisi dei prezzi;

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L'articolo prevede pareri obbligatori e pareri facoltativi; questi ultimi, già previsti anche essi come pareri facoltativi, dall'art. 8, comma 3°, e dall'art. 13, comma 2°, della l. 210.

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11° - sui progetti dei velivoli, dei motori, delle installazioni di bordo e delle armi;

12° - sui progetti concernenti modifiche di aerei in servizio e le installazioni di bordo;

13° - sui programmi di nuove costruzioni ed eventuali trasformazioni di materiali esistenti;

14° - sui programmi relativi all'allestimento bellico dei velivoli;

15° - sulle questioni attinenti la produzione del materiale aeronautico;

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Articolo 4

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- il Ministro e il Sottosegretario di Stato per la R.Aeronautica;
- il Capo e il Sottocapo di Stato Maggiore della R. Aeronautica;

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- i direttori generali e capi degli enti centrali del Ministero dell'Aeronautica, negli affari di loro competenza;

Il Ministro per l'Aeronautica è il presidente del Consiglio della Aeronautica; il Sottosegretario di Stato per l'Aeronautica ne è il vice presidente.

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Articolo 6

La trattazione degli affari nel Consiglio dell'Aeronautica si conclude con la votazione palese e per maggioranza di voti. In caso di parità di voto, prevale, come presso del Consiglio dell'Aeronautica, quello che, nel Consiglio stesso, ha rassegnato il voto del Presidente.

Il verbale di discussione deve essere redatto per ciascun affare trattato dal Consiglio dell'Aeronautica e non per seduta del Consiglio stesso. Il verbale deve riassumere la discussione, contenere il parere adottato e gli argomenti addotti dai membri, che abbiano dato voto contrario.

Gli esperti, di cui all'art.5, non partecipano alla votazione.

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a) che il Consiglio dell'Aeronautica emette il parere, previa votazione dei suoi membri;

b) che alla votazione si procede per affari e che, di conseguenza, essa è conclusiva, non essendo ammesse votazioni interlocutorie, in genere;

c) che, in caso di parità di voto, il parere, cui ha aderito il Presidente, è parere di tutto il Consiglio; salvo, in ogni caso, la verbalizzazione del parere di minoranza, ove richiesta dai votanti in minoranza;

d) che gli esperti, in quanto non membri del Consiglio dell'Aeronautica, non hanno voto;

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E' sembrato opportuno, per un'economia di organizzazione e di collegamento, accentrare in unica persona fisica la carica di capo dell'Ufficio segreteria del Consiglio dell'Aeronautica e quella di Segretario - ovviamente senza voto - del Consiglio stesso.

La nomina, fatta dal Ministro per l'Aeronautica con suo decreto, può essere di un ufficiale o di un impiegato civile, senza distinzione di gradi, gruppi e ruoli, purchè trattisi di un elemento dell'Amministrazione aeronautica.

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Articolo 8

Gli affari da sottoporre al parere del Consiglio dell'Aeronautica sono trasmessi all'Ufficio Segreteria del Consiglio stesso dai Direttori generali o capi degli Uffici centrali del Ministero dell'Aeronautica o, eventualmente, dal Capo di Stato Maggiore della Regia Aeronautica.

Detti affari devono essere inclusi nell'ordine del giorno di riunione del Consiglio dell'Aeronautica non oltre giorni quindici dalla loro ricezione da parte dell'Ufficio Segreteria del Consiglio stesso.

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Mentre l'articolo 3 assicura una frequente periodicità delle riunioni del Consiglio dell'Aeronautica, l'articolo in esame assicura anche la celerità nella trattazione degli affari, poichè questi non possono attardarsi oltre giorni quindici dal loro arrivo presso l'Ufficio Segreteria del Consiglio stesso.

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Si è ritenuto superfluo dire, nell'articolo, che il relatore possa essere soltanto un membro di diritto, poichè il provvedimento, per quanto

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concerne la composizione del Consiglio dell'Aeronautica, prevede soltanto membri di diritto (art. 4) ed esperti (articolo 5); i quali ultimi non sono membri del Consiglio dell'Aeronautica e, perciò, non hanno voto (art. 6).

Articolo 10

I verbali degli affari, sui quali il Consiglio dell'Aeronautica ha espresso parere, sono, dall'Ufficio Segreteria del Consiglio stesso, trasmessi al Ministro per l'Aeronautica, per l'approvazione.

Art. 10 - Poichè il parere del Consiglio dell'Aeronautica è obbligatorio, ma non vincolante, si è reso necessario questo articolo, che prescrive l'inoltro dei verbali al Ministro per l'Aeronautica, per la sua approvazione.

E perciò, il Ministro per l'Aeronautica può anche non approvare un verbale e, di conseguenza, non accettare un parere obbligatorio, rispondendone con la sua responsabilità politica e, in caso di danno economicamente valutabile, anche con responsabilità amministrativa.

Articolo 11

In tutti gli atti di Governo attinenti ad affari, per i quali il parere del Consiglio dell'Aeronautica è obbligatorio, è inserita, nelle premesse, la formula "Udito il Consiglio dell'Aeronautica".

Art. 11 - Quest'articolo conferisce garanzia ai terzi, interessati o obbligati dall'atto di Governo, e prestigio alla funzione consultiva del Consiglio dell'Aeronautica.

N.B. Questo articolo è necessario se il nuovo provvedimento viene emanato con decreto legislativo Luogotenenziale; non è necessario se, abrogata la legge 210, viene invece emanato con decreto Luogotenenziale.

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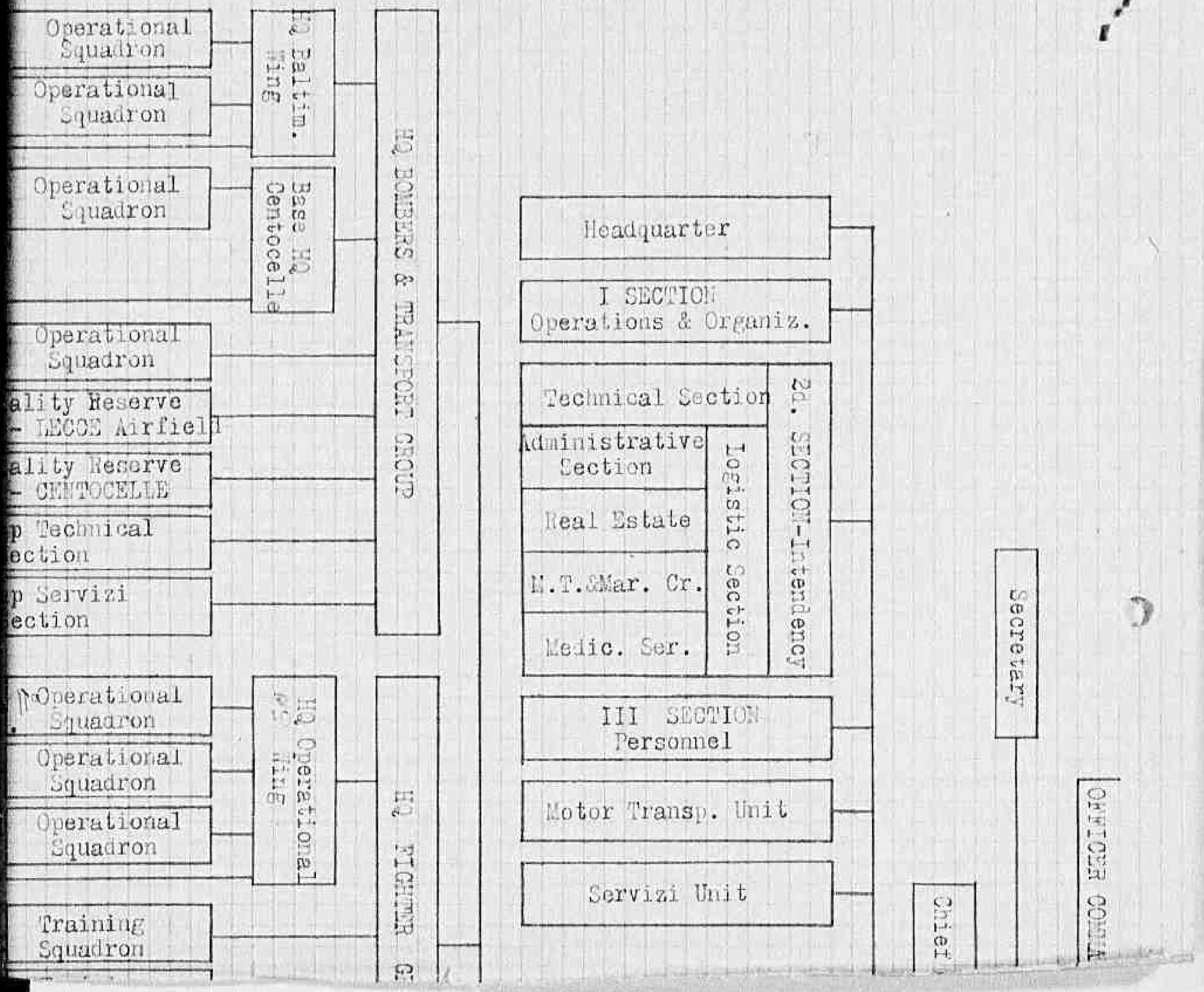
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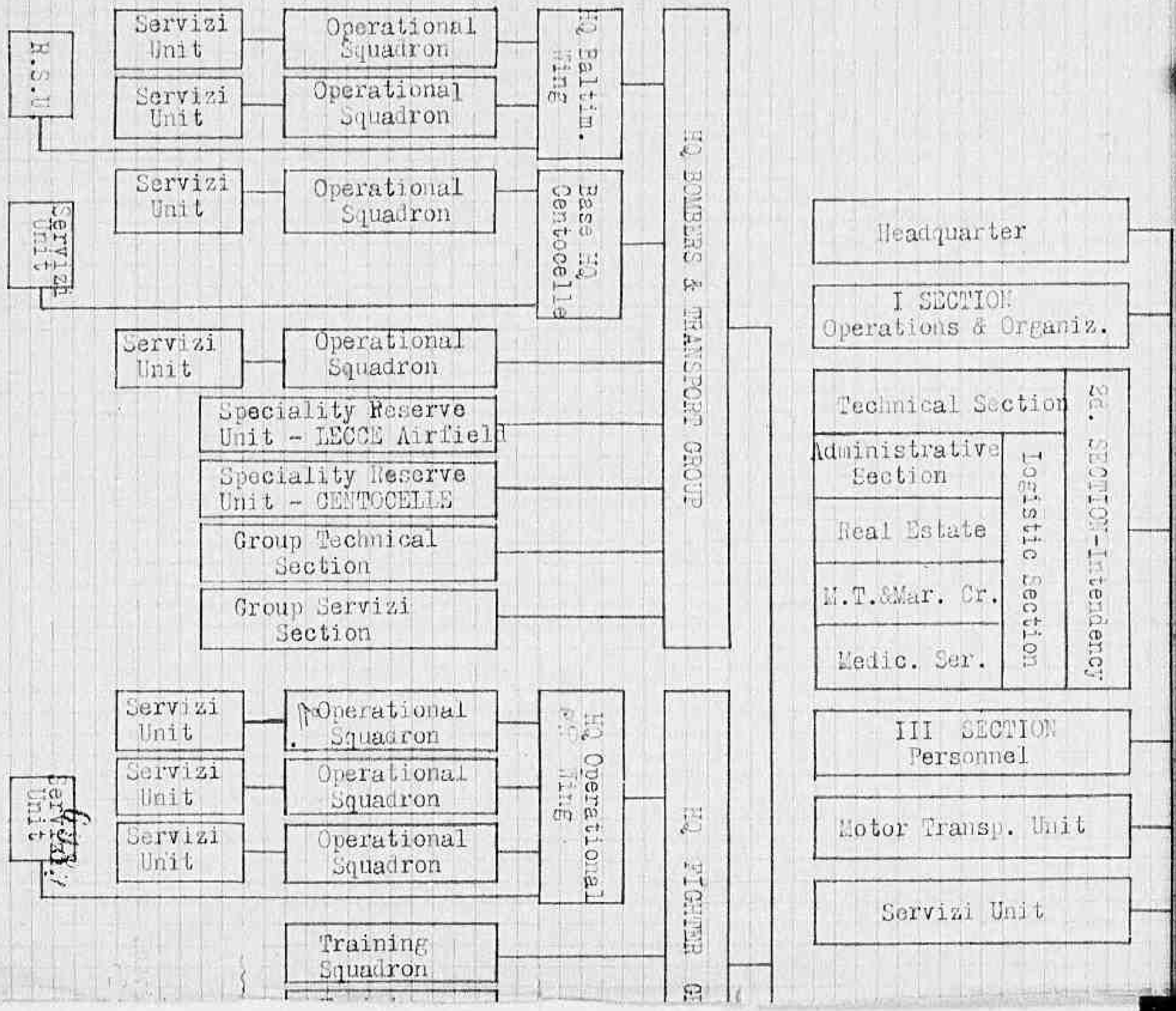
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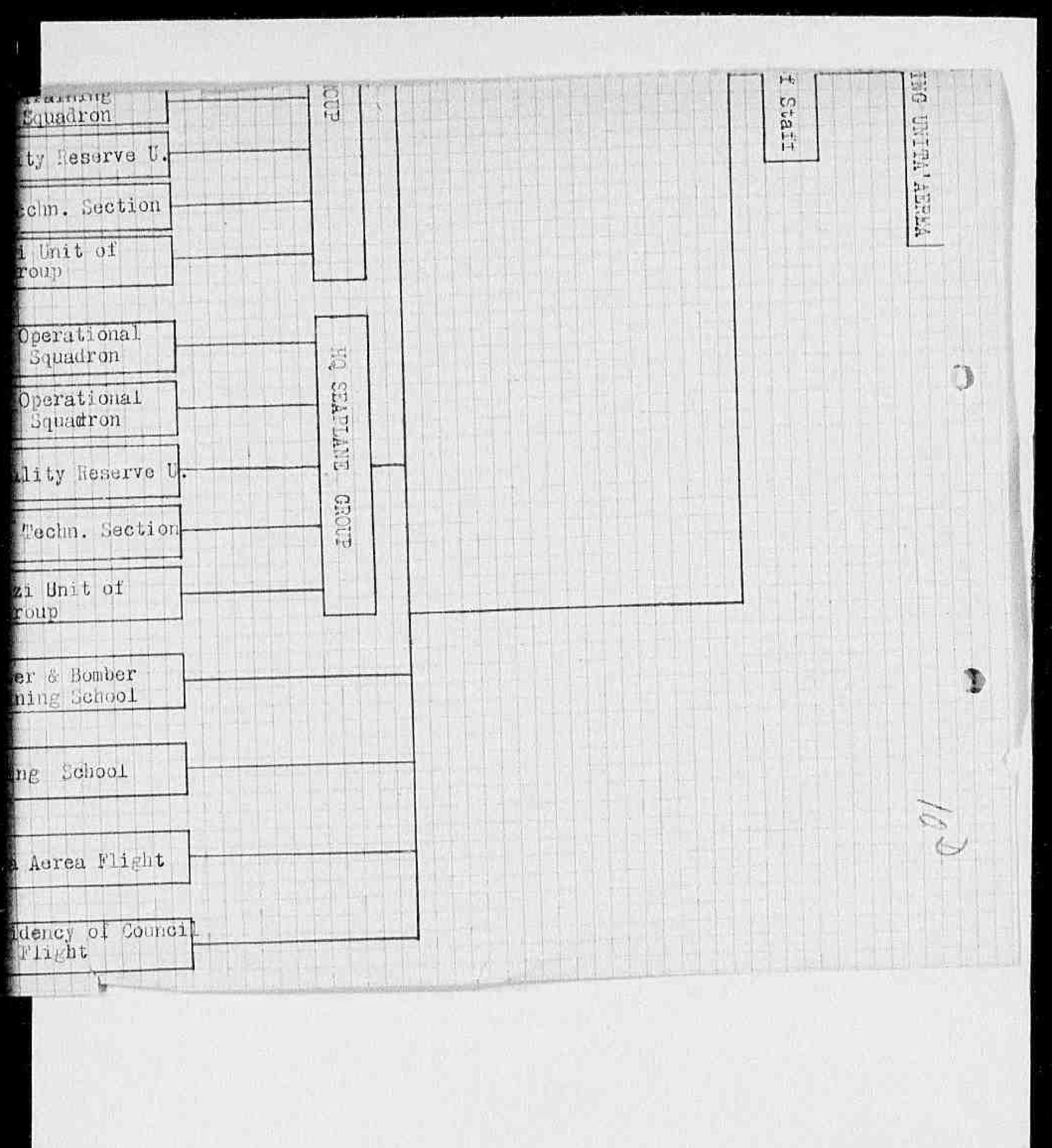
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Group Techn. Section

Servizi Unit of Group

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Fighter & Bomber Training School

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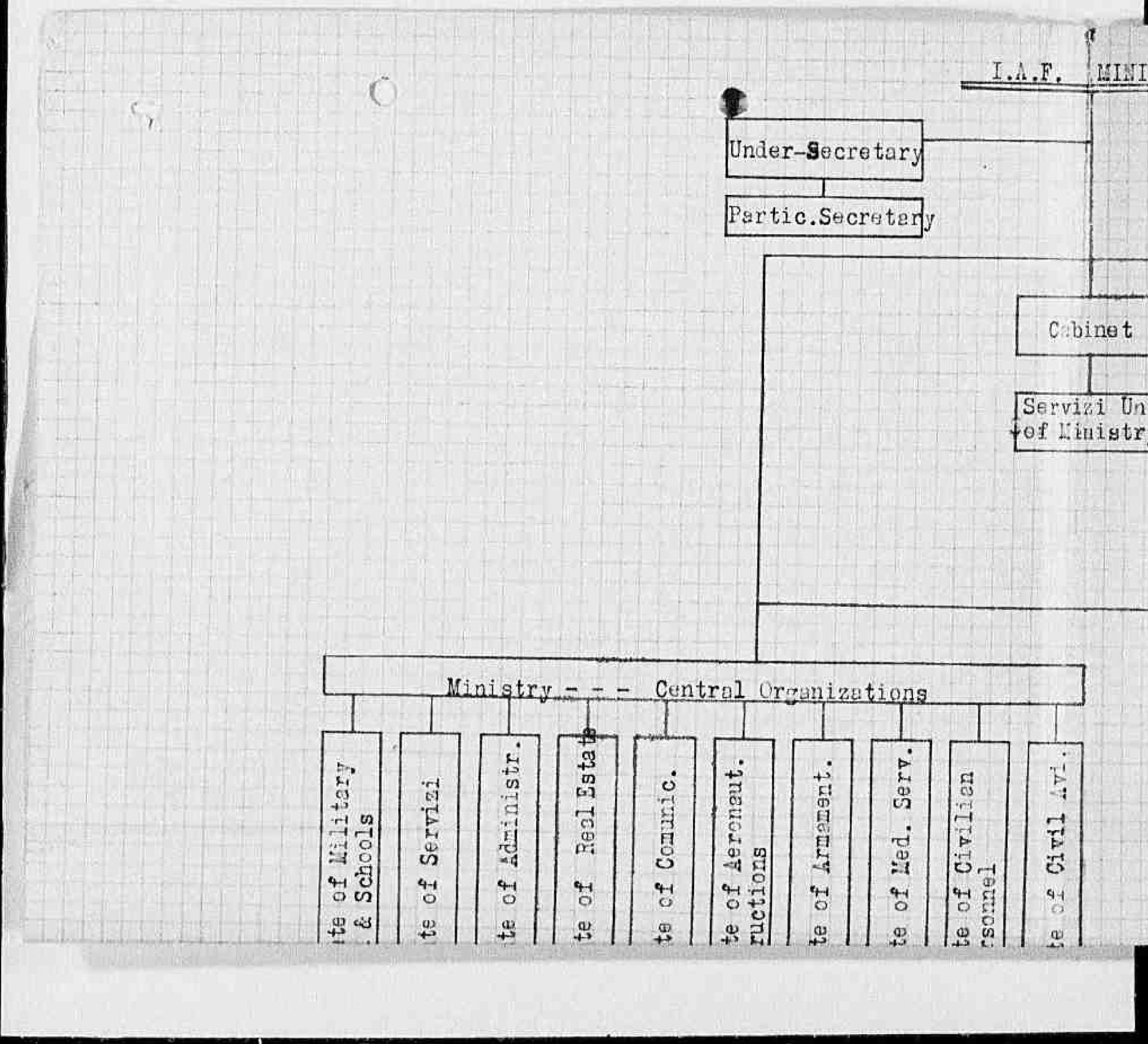
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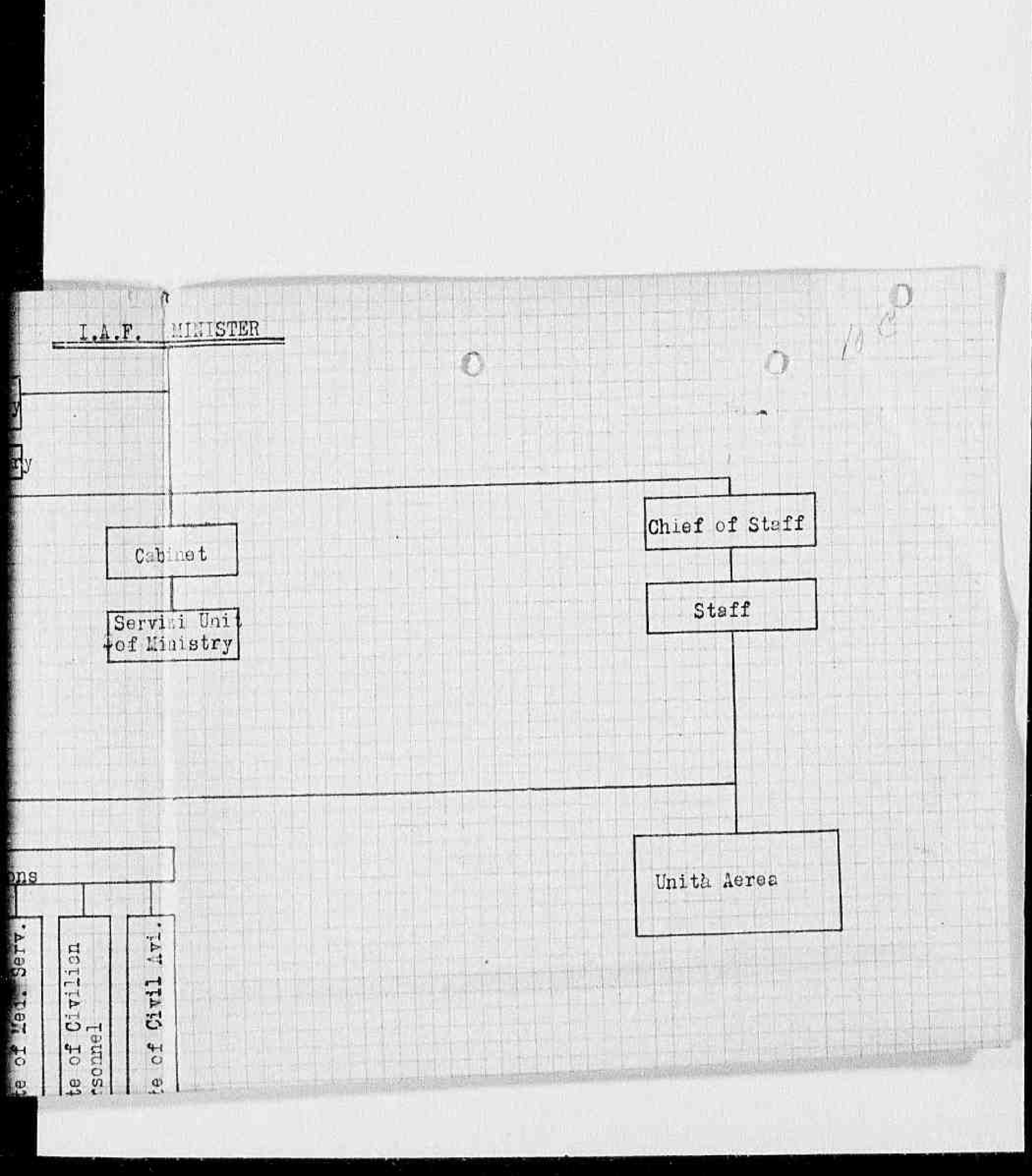
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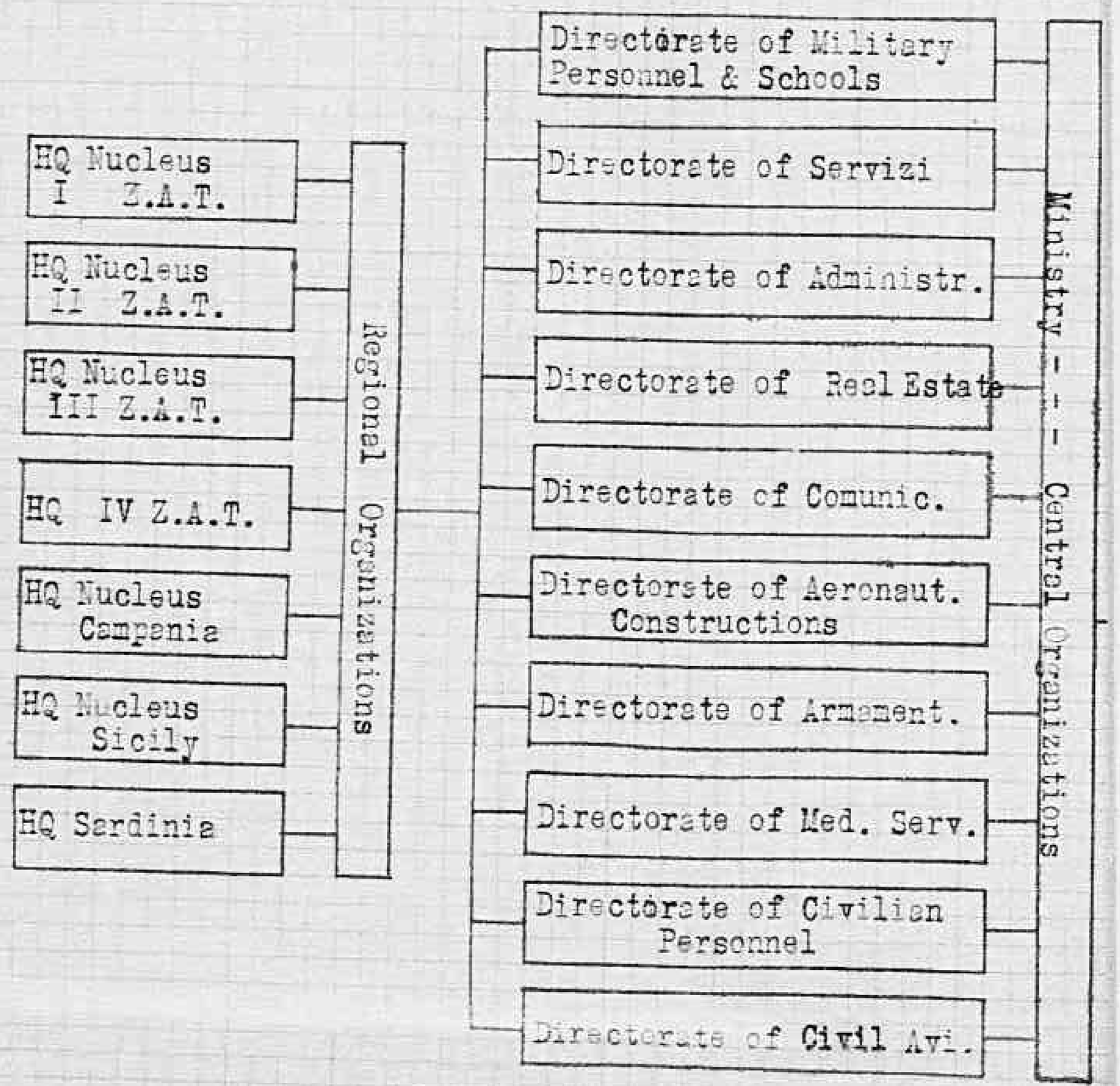
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- Nucleo Comando Aeronautica Campania
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- Comando Aeronautica Sardegna

- Aeroporti
- Presidi
- Magazzini
- Depositi
- Officine
- Squadre Riparazioni
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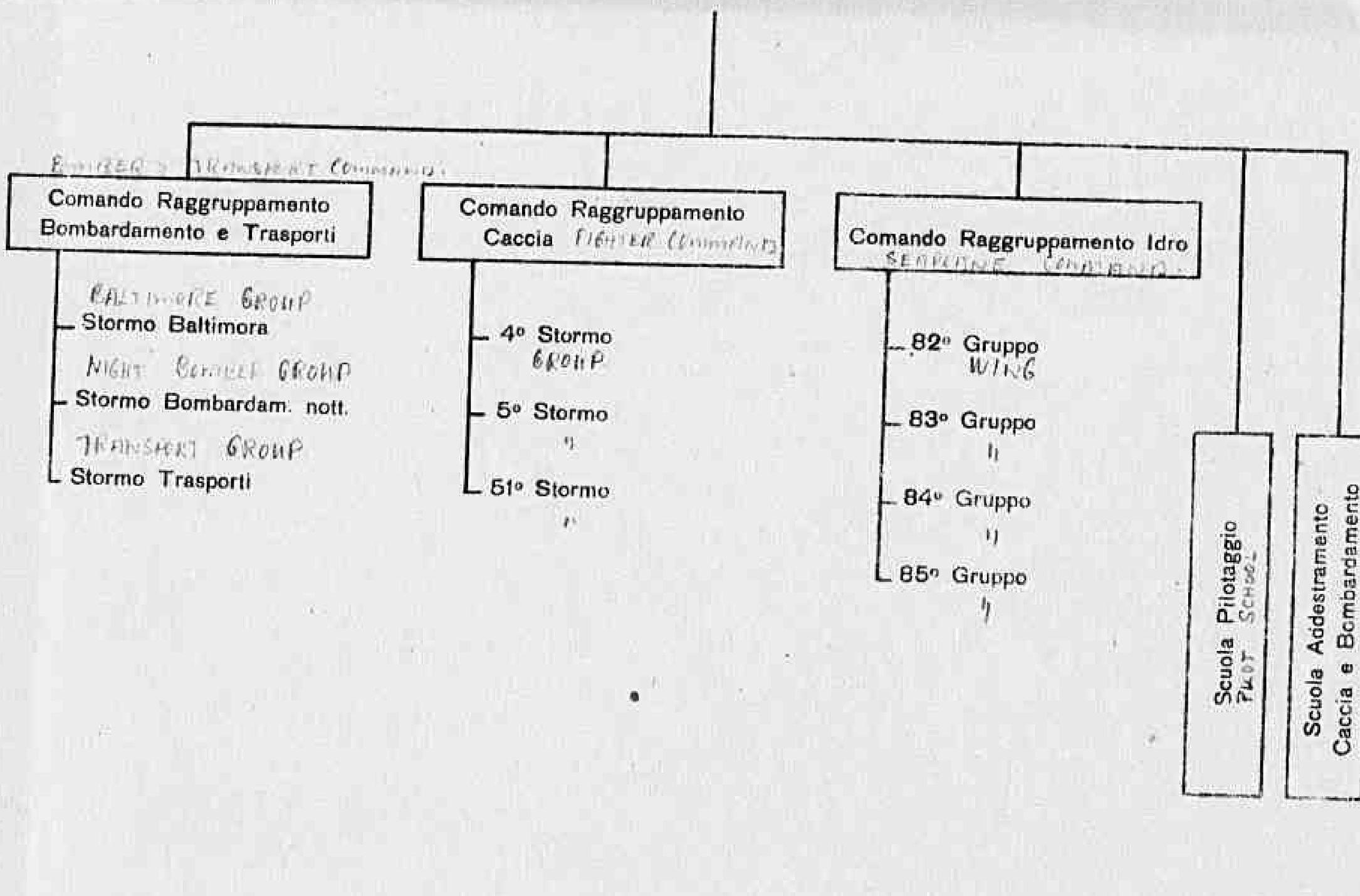
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AIR FORCE SUB-COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION,
ROME.

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AFSC/351/Org.

4th October, 1945.

In connection with our conversation on the 2nd October, 1945, I would like to confirm the agreement which was reached in the formation of the R.A. Council and of your Cabinet.

2. With regard to your letter dated the 27th September, 1945, paragraph 2, we agreed that there is no necessity, at any rate at this stage, to amend the decree authorising the Air Council and that therefore it shall be a consulting body. In this connection it ought to have executive powers only insofar as decisions are taken at Council meetings, but as in practice this will be the case, it will not be necessary to amend the decree in this respect as it would involve delay.

3. As regards the decree No. 210 dated 19th March, 1945, we agreed the following:

(i) Article 1 (b) and (c) to be deleted as the Supreme Committee of the Air Force and the Committee for Air Force plans etc., would seem to be redundant and the subjects the Committees used to deal with could be incorporated into the Air Council, and in fact, are already covered by Article 2 which lays down the responsibilities of the Air Council in very broad terms.

(ii) With regard to Article 2, we agreed that the wording concerning the meetings of the Air Council should be - "Regular weekly meetings to be convoked in which it can express an opinion on -".

(iii) With regard to Article 4, it was agreed to delete the Air Marshals and Generals of the Air Force and amend the first sub-paragraph to read, the Minister, the Under Secretary of State, the Chief of Air Staff and Directors as required. It was agreed that you would later amend the revised decree so that the Air Members of the Council would be included instead of the directors when the complete reorganisation of the Air Ministry has been agreed.

(iv) With regard Articles 7 to 14, we agreed that these articles should be deleted from the decree because the Supreme Committee of Air Forces and the Committee of Air Force Plans etc., are not now required.

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4. With the above agreed amendments, it is hoped that the formation and meetings of the Air Council will be more quickly effected.

5. With regard your letter dated the 27th September, 1945, para. 7, it is agreed that the reorganisation mentioned and in addition para. (j), may be effected by you at once.

6. With regard paragraph 8, I understand that you will only reorganise and simplify the existing Cabinet insofar as concerns para. 7 of your letter dated the 27th September, 1945, pending the formation of the General Secretariat.

7. As regards your para. 9 (of yourvletter dated 27th September), I understand that you have made a study of proposed General Secretariat, that

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you will discuss it with the Air Council and that you will send me a draft copy before executive action is taken to obtain a legal decree.

Yours

KVS.

Doctor M. Cevolotto,
Minister for Air,
Italian Air Ministry,
Rome.

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ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY.

PERSONAL.

ROME.

27th September, 1945.

Dear Air Vice-Marshal,

I have received your letter of the 22nd September and thank you for the detailed interest with which you have examined the various questions and for the cordial and friendly co-operation which you have given me with your advice.

2. As regards the functions of the R.A. Council which I agree needs reconstruction, I must, however, frankly point out that there is a point I should like to discuss in full with you. It is your suggestion that the Air Council should have executive powers and that it should not only be a consulting body.

It is agreed, as you propose, that the Air Minister should have the power to veto any action taken by the Air Council, but, according to our system and to my way of thinking, it appears to me that any executive power given to this body would end up by interfering with the Minister's power, who has and must have full responsibility of administration, towards the Government.

3. I have pointed this out, not as a dissension of views, as I feel there should never be dissension between us, but only discussions, because I deduce that having to clarify the same fundamental base of the constitution of the Council, it will no longer be possible to accomplish the reconstruction in the brief period which I had hoped and in substance foreseen by your letter.

4. If the Air Council is to be constituted according to your views and scheme, even though modified in many ways, as proposed by GENERAL ARMONE CAT, it would be necessary to obtain a regular legal decree of the Lieutenant General of the Realm. Again, as the "Consulta Nazionale" has been formed it would be necessary to submit the legislative project to the "National Defence Committee", which would naturally retard approval of the decree on the part of the part of the Council of Ministers.

5. I was hoping, instead, to arrange for a simple ministerial decree, or at the most for a decree of the Lieutenant General of the Realm as I intended to carry out a simple modification to the decree No.210 of the 18th March, 1943 on the "Orders of the Consulting bodies of the R.A" which already foresees the Air Council in Chapter 2, even if at present such a Council has not existed owing to post-Armistice circumstances.

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? The Air Council has in fact more limited functions to those mentioned by you and should be modified as regards its composition, giving an obligatory opinion. To modify the composition all that is needed is a simple decree by the Lieutenant General of the Realm.

Yes. 6. I will send you a copy of the decree of 18th March 1943, No.210 so that you can study it and pass an opinion on whether it would not be the case for the time being and pending the reorganisation of all the Ministry, to form the Air Council on the basis of this decree. Postponement could be avoided by an opportune rather than a substantial modification.

Yes. 7. In the meantime, however, whilst thanking you for leaving the reorganisation of my Cabinet to my discretion, as per para 3 of your letter, I note what you write in para 11 and accept your point of view. I shall not form, for the time being, the few departments I intended organising, but presume from your para No.11 (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) (g) (h), that the reform may be carried out by me immediately, even before the constitution of the Air Council.

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However, in order to avoid any misunderstanding, I would ask you to confirm that my interpretation is a correct interpretation.

3. Anyhow, I would beg you to allow that this first stage of the reorganisation and simplification of the Cabinet, which does not in any way incise the complete reorganisation of the Ministry, either on the constitution of the Air Council, or on the General Secretariat, should come into effect without further delay, because I consider it absolutely necessary and urgent for the smooth functioning of the administrative services.

The Ministry is after all cognisant of the imminent adoption of these measures, and it would be difficult to explain why they cannot be put into effect, and my own position of authority could be prejudiced if this small, and in substance, very simple reform be put off for any length of time.

I am certain that in the spirit of friendly co-operation which has always been reciprocable, you will help me to satisfy this wish.

4. As for the Secretary General, the institution for which I will soon let you have a complete study, it is also necessary to have a legal decree by the Lieutenant General of the Realm, which must be submitted previously to the "Consulta". We shall decide, if, as I think, this reform can be made before the complete reconstruction of the Ministry.

In any case, even this cannot be done in a few days owing to the legislative formalities, I take this opportunity to thank you and to send my best wishes.

Yours etc.

(Sgd). M. CAVALLERO.

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IL MINISTRO DELL'AERONAUTICA

Roma, 27 settembre 1945

Caro Moreschi

Ho ricevuto la Vostra lettera del 22 settembre 1945 e Vi ringrazio sia per la premura e la cura con cui avete esaminate le varie questioni in esse trattate che per la cordiale e amichevole collaborazione che mi avete dato con i Vostri consigli.

2) Per quel che si riferisce alle funzioni del Consiglio della R.A., che - d'accordo pienamente con Voi - credo necessario ricostituire, Vi debbo però con tutta franchezza far presente che vi è un punto sul quale desidererei discutere ampiamente con Voi, ed è precisamente il punto nel quale Voi proponete che il Consiglio dell'Aeronautica abbia capacità deliberativa ed esecutiva e non sia soltanto un corpo consultivo.

Sta bene che Voi proponete che il Ministro abbia poteri di veto rispetto alla deliberazione del Consiglio dell'Aeronautica, ma, nel nostro sistema e secondo quello che anche io penso, mi pare che il potere deliberativo ed esecutivo di un tale corpo finirebbe per sovrapporlo e sostituirlo allo stesso Ministro che ha e deve avere invece la piena responsabilità verso il Governo di tutta l'Amministrazione.

3) Vi ho indicato questo punto, non dico di dissenso, in quanto io penso che non vi dovrà essere mai fra noi diversità di vedute, ma di discussione, perchè ne deduco che, dovendo chiarire la stessa base fondamentale della costituzione del Consiglio, non sarà più possibile attuarne la ricostituzione in un tempo brevissimo come era nelle mie intenzioni e come è in sostanza previsto nella Vostra lettera.

4) Se si dovesse costituire il Consiglio dell'Aeronautica secondo le Vostre vedute e secondo lo schema, per quanto modificato in molti punti, proposto dal Generale AIMONE CAT, perch

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5) Io pensavo invece di potere provvedere con un semplice decreto ministeriale o, tutt'al più, con un decreto Luogotenenziale perchè ritenevo di attuare intanto una semplice modificazione della legge 16 marzo 1943 n.210, sull'"Ordinamento dei corpi consultivi della R.A." che già prevede, al Capitolo 2°, il Consiglio dell'Aria, anche se in questi ultimi tempi tale Consiglio non ha funzionato per ragioni relative ai momenti che abbiamo attraversato.

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6) Io Vi manderò copia della Legge 16 marzo 1943 n.210 perchè Voi possiate studiarla e vedere se non sarebbe il caso per intanto, in attesa del riordinamento di tutto il Ministero, di costituire il Consiglio dell'Aria secondo lo schema di tale legge, modificato opportunamente ma non sostanzialmente, ciò che eviterebbe qualche ritardo.

7) Intanto però, mentre Vi ringrazio dell'avere lasciato alla mia discrezione, del N.3 della Vostra lettera, la riorganizzazione del mio Gabinetto, prendo nota di ciò che dite al n. 11 circa i limiti entro cui tale riorganizzazione secondo Voi dovrebbe essere mantenuta e Vi dichiaro che accetto senz'altro il Vostro punto di vista nel senso di non riformare per intanto alcune poche sezioni da me indicate.

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Ne deduco che nei limiti di cui al Vostro n.11, lettere a,b, c,d,e,f,g,h, la riforma può, secondo le Vostre vedute, essere da me attuata subito, anche prima della costituzione del Consiglio dell'Aria.

Però per evitare ogni equivoco, Vi prego su questo punto di confermare che la mia interpretazione è l'interpretazione giusta.

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IL MINISTRO DELL'AERONAUTICA

e) In ogni modo molto cordialmente io Vi prego in ogni caso di lasciare che questa prima fase di riorganizzazione e di semplificazione del Gabinetto, che non incide in alcun modo sulla riorganizzazione complessiva del Ministero nè sulla costituzione del Consiglio dell'Aria, nè del Segretariato Generale, sia attuata senza altro ritardo, perchè la reputo assolutamente necessaria ed urgente per il rapido funzionamento dei servizi amministrativi.

Del resto ormai il Ministero è a conoscenza dell'adozione imminente di questi provvedimenti e non si spiegherebbe perchè non potessero essere subito posti in atto: mentre la mia stessa posizione di autorità potrebbe venire pregiudicata se questa piccola, ed in sostanza molto semplice, riforma dovesse essere rimandata non di pochi giorni.

Sono certo che nello spirito di collaborazione amichevole che ci ha sempre animato reciprocamente, Voi mi aiuterete in questo mio vivo desiderio.

9) Quanto al Segretario Generale, rispetto all'istituzione del quale Vi farò presto avere uno studio completo, anche per esso è necessario un Decreto Legge Luogotenenziale da sottoporre previamente alla Consulta. Stabiliremo assieme se, come io credo, questa riforma possa essere fatta prima del riordinamento completo del Ministero.

In ogni modo anche questa deliberazione, per le formalità legislative, non potrà essere presa in pochissimi giorni.

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Al Vice Maresciallo dell'Aria

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... chiarire che questa prima fase di riorganizzazione è in ogni caso semplificazione del Gabinetto, che non incide in alcun modo sulla riorganizzazione complessiva del Ministero nè sulla costituzione del Consiglio dell'Aria, nè del Segretariato Generale, e la attuata senza altro ritardo, perchè la reputo assolutamente necessaria ed urgente per il rapido funzionamento dei servizi amministrativi.

Del resto ormai il Ministero è a conoscenza dell'adozione imminente di questi provvedimenti e non si spiegherebbe perchè non potessero essere subito posti in atto; mentre la mia stessa posizione di autorità uotrebbe venire pregiudicata se questa piccola, ed in sostanza molto semplice, riforma dovesse essere rimandata non di pochi giorni.

Sono certo che nello spirito di collaborazione amichevole che ci ha sempre animato reciprocamente, Voi mi aiuterete in questo mio vivo desiderio.

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IL MINISTRO:

Dear Air Vice-Marshal,

I am enclosing copy of decree No.210 of 1943 on the "Orders of the Consulting Bodies of the R.A".

This decree maintains that the opinion of the Air Council is subjugated to the Minister: in fact, so far none of the various Ministers have asked for an opinion and have never even formed an Air Council.

It is necessary therefore to modify this decree, so that an opinion should be made obligatory. The formation of the Council should also be modified in proportion to present needs.

Yes.

Yours etc.

(SGD) M. /EVOLOTTO,
Minister for Air.

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11th May, 1943.

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The Air Council is formed by:

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2. The Air Marshals.

3. The Generals of the Air Force.

Article 5.

The Minister for Air has the right to invite General Directors, Heads

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The Air Council has its own Secreterial Office which is in charge of an R.A. G.D. Branch Colonel.

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The Supreme Aeronautical Committee is composed as follows:

(1) An R.A. General as President.

(2) A divisional R.A. General, Member.

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Precedence amongst members takes place according to rank and service.

Article 8.

The Supreme Committee of the R.A. is a consulting body for the Minister for Air.

It passes an opinion on:

(1) Contracts signed between the R.A. and private firms.

(2) On all other contracts amounting to more than 300,000 ~~Lire~~ francs.

(3) On current prices.

The Supreme Committee for Air has

(a) The President's Office.

(b) A secreterial Office which is in charge of a Technical Staff Officer.

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Article 9.

The members of the Committee are nominated by royal decree, they remain in office for three years and can be re-elected.

Article 10.

The Committee ~~is~~ meets on convocation by the president who concerns himself with the coordination of the frequency of the meetings and the carrying out of the work with the exigencies of the questions under examination. In extraordinary circumstances it can be convened, always through its President on the initiative of the Air Minister.

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The Committee for Aircraft construction, installations and weapons is constituted as follows:

President:
Assistant Chief of Staff for Air Armament.
Ordinary Members:
Inspector General of the Air Force Engineering Section, ordinary member with voting power;
Chief of the II Reparto of the Stato Maggiore, ordinary member with voting power;
Chief of the V Reparto of the Stato Maggiore, ordinary member with voting power;
Senior Director of Research and Experiment, ordinary member with voting power;
Chief of the Secretariat of the Committee for Aircraft Construction, installations and weapons, ordinary member without voting power.

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Extraordinary Members with voting power:

General Commanding Schools (when plans for training aircraft are discussed) or in his stead a General of the A.A. suitably designated.

A General A.A. commanding a large Bomber Unit (when plans for bomber aircraft are discussed);

A General A.A. commanding a large fighter unit (when plans for fighter aircraft are discussed);

Inspector of Aviation of the Army (when plans for Army Air Force aircraft are discussed);

Inspector of Aviation for the Navy (when plans for ~~the~~ naval aircraft are discussed);

Director General of Construction and Supplies (when plans for civil and military aircraft and engines are discussed);

Director General of the Serivces, of material and airfields (when matters concerning material are discussed);

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Director General of Armament and Munitions (when plans for aircraft or armament or munitions are discussed);

Chief of the Inspectorate of Telecommunications and flying control (when when aircraft construction or material for telecommunications are discussed).

In the absence of the President the highest ranking officer, or the most senior officer present acts as president.

The president can call to the meeting, without right of vote, officers and employees who are particularly competent on the questions under discussion.

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The Committee for Aircraft plans, installations and armament has a Secretariat controlled by a superior officer of the Air Force Engineering Section.

Article 13.

The Committee for Aircraft Construction, Installations and Armamment is a consultative organ of the Air Minister and has the following duties:

a) to examine projects for new aircraft and engines as well as those concerning modifications to aircraft in use and installations on board;

b) to express its opinion on NEW programmes of new construction and eventual transformation of existing materials;

c) to express its opinion on programmes concerning the fitting of aircraft for operational purposes;

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d) to express its opinion on technical conditions and specification of contracts;

e) to express its opinion on important questions requiring the production of aviation material, and formulating propositions suitable for reconciling the above production to ~~the~~ military and technical necessities;

f) to express its opinion on more important aeronautical research and suggest anytests which may be considered necessary for perfecting materials in relation to the progress of Science and aeronautical technique.

The Minister may consult the ~~same~~ same Committee on questions concerning the adoption of Air Force material.

Article 14.

The Committee decides questions brought before it by unanimous voting or a majority vote. The president has the casting vote.

The report must summarise the discussions, contain the decisions taken and the arguments adopted by the members who have voted against it.

The President of the Committee coordinates and directs the work entrusted to the Committee in relation to the duties assigned to it.

Any requests for the opinion of the Committee are made to the ~~President~~ unless ~~the Minister gives orders to the contrary~~, the Minister gives orders to the contrary.

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CHAPTER V

FINAL COMUNAL DIRECTIONS TO THE 3 CONSULTATIVE BODIES

Art.17

The presidents of the committees referred to in Chapters III and IV correspond directly with the Minister and with the central Departments of the Ministry.

They correspond, instead, with outside Departments, through the Cabinet.

The minutes of the sessions of the abovementioned Consultitative Bodies are sent in copy to the Air Minister for approval.

Art.18

In all Government Acts concerning matters for examination by the Air Council and the Higher Committee for the Aeronautica, will be inserted into the heading the formula "heard by the Air Council", or "heard by the Higher Committee for the Aeronautica".

Art.19

For the technical and Secretariat organisations, officers and other military and civilian personnel belonging to the respective Rolls of the Aeronautica Administration are appointed to the above mentioned Consultative Bodies of the Regia Aeronautica, in numbers considered necessary.

Art.20

The terms of which according to the present law apply in as much as they do not conflict with the special legislative directions enforced during time of war.

Art.21

The Royal decreed law of 23rd June, 1938, No.1265, is repealed, adapted by the law of 16th February, 1939, No.470, as well as every other direction ~~as~~ contrary to the terms laid down in the present law, and which comes into force on the day of its publication in the Gazzetta Ufficiale del Regno.

We order that this, bearing the seal of the State, be inserted

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in the official col ction of laws and decrees of the Kingdom of Italy, making it known to all whom it may concern and making it observed as a law of the State.

Given at Rome, 18th March, 1943.

VITTORIO EMANUELE

Mussolini - Acerbo

Seen, the Lord Keeper of the Seals: DE MARSICO.

(i) Chapter 1 - Art 1. It is suggested that the Air Council should be a consultative body of the Air Ministry and in so far as decisions will be taken in council, the Air Council also has an executive capacity for all matters concerning the R.A. and Civil Aviation, rather than only as an advisory body. It might be advisable to add a note in the decree, or in some other way, stating that the R.A. Council is to meet at least once a week regularly to discuss and decide policy, and that fully prepared agendas must be circulated before each meeting for consideration by the various members of the R.A. Council and their staffs.

(ii) Art 2. Although it is agreed that the advice of the R.A. Council is compulsory, the Air Minister should have powers of veto, as he, and he only, is personally responsible to the Government for the efficiency and administration of the R.A. However, in the event of the Air Minister disagreeing with the majority of the members of the Air Council, he should we think, normally inform the Council of Ministers whose decisions shall be final. All members of the R.A. Council should have the right to initiate discussions on matters not specifically provided for in the decree.

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(ix) Art 13. The secretarial duties of the R.A. Council should be entrusted to your proposed General Secretary, equivalent to the Permanent Under-Secretary for Air at the British Air Ministry, (See Appendix "A" 4c).

(x) Art 14. Should be deleted because the President of the R.A. Council is automatically the Air Minister, or in his absence the political Under-Secretary for Air.

8. In order to help in visualising the functions of the R.A. Council, the following example is given:-

The Directorate responsible for policy in regard to the retirement of Officers should submit the matter in full to the Member for Personnel who in turn requests the General Secretary to place the matter on the agenda for the next R.A. Council meeting (these papers should be circulated to all Members of the R.A. Council).

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The R.A. Council considers the matter, [illegible]s a decision which is recorded in the min[illegible]es of the meeting by a secretary who passes the minutes for the approval of the General Secretary. When that minute is received by the Air Member for Personnel, he gives instructions to the Director responsible, who drafts the necessary instructions and submits them back to the Air Member for Personnel and so to the General Secretary. The General Secretary should then pass the instruction to the Air Minister, if it is sufficiently important, otherwise he may sign the document himself after, if necessary, going through the Laws and Decrees office for legal advice and editing.

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(vii) The heading "Flying Control" should read "Flying Safety"; this is a wider term than Flying Control and would include Flying Control, Aids to Navigation, C.A.V's and Air Sea Rescue, except from their technical aspects; as has recently been adopted at the British Air Ministry.

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(ix) As regards sheet 7 it now seems to be generally agreed that each of the ZATs and other Commands should be considered as Commands directly under the Air Ministry, rather than having any intermediary Headquarters.

11. As regards paragraph 1 (iv) above, namely the reorganisation of the Cabinet, the following comments are forwarded:-

(i) Generally speaking it seems that the existing Cabinet is a go-between the Directorates of the Air Ministry and the Air Minister, and in some cases has too much power. If the reorganisation takes place as you propose, or in a modified form as below, it is agreed that the Air Staff and Directorates themselves will assume more importance, and in any case will be directly represented on all problems in the R.A. Council. With the formation of the R.A. Council, or its temporary substitute (see para 2 above), the executive function of the existing Cabinet would largely cease. Although your draft dated the 10th September was fairly fully discussed, it is still not quite clear what is intended, and therefore some misunderstanding on our part may be present. However, detailed comments are made below.

(ii) There would appear to be no objection whatever to the Minister having his own Cabinet, or if you would prefer to call it so, the Ministerial Secretariat, whose Chief, it is understood, will be COLONEL LUDOVICA, with a small staff of about 7 persons. Executive action on this may be taken at once.

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12. From the above it will be seen that the A.F.S.C. has no objection to a large number of your proposed suggestions being carried out forthwith in order to economies in the existing Cabinet and to give the Air Minister greater access with more reliability to the members of the R.A. Council. There are, however, some points which are controversal and it is strongly recommended that action to dispense entirely with the existing Cabinet (or General Secretariat) be postponed until such time as the R.A. Council (or its temporary substitute), is decided upon, and that certain functions shall not be redistributed until such time as the complete reorganisation of the Air Ministry has been agreed between the Air Minister and the A.F.S.C. The following matters come under this heading, and should, it is thought, remain in the existing Cabinet (or General Secretariat) for a short while longer:-

(a) The Records, Archives, Despatch Office, the Central Registry, and a Signals Sorting Office.

(b) Laws and Decrees Office.

(c) Press Office.

(d) Liaison Office (with A.F.S.C).

(e) Commission for Co-ordination of Purchases.

(f) CCRR at the R.A.

(g) Autonomous Flight Section of the President of the Council, which may, however, be transferred to the Stato Maggiore forthwith.

(h) Publications Office.

(j) General Affairs (if any).

(k) Budget.

(l) Air Force Editorial Office.

(m) Central Commission for Prisoners of War, which may, however, be transferred to the Director of Personnel forthwith, at your discretion.

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15. We look forward to further helpful discussion on these important matters, and we trust that the arrangements suggested above will meet with every success, and will be acceptable to you and your various Directorates.

14. Finally, GENERAL LEE and I would like to express our thanks for the co-operative and amicable spirit in which these serious matters were approached by you on the 20th September.

Yours

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Doctor M. Cevolotto,
Minister for Air,
Italian Air Ministry,
Rome.

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ORDER IN COUNCIL PROVIDING FOR THE MEMBERSHIP, DUTIES AND BUSINESS, ETC. OF THE AIR COUNCIL.

(1) For the purpose of the administration of matters relating to the Air Force and to the defence of the realm by air there shall be established an Air Council consisting of one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, who shall be President of the Air Council, and of other members who shall be appointed in such manner and subject to such provisions as His Majesty may, by Order of Council, direct.

(2) His Majesty may, by Order of Council, make provision with respect to the proceedings of the Air Council and the manner in which the business of the Council is to be distributed among the members thereof.

The Air Council shall consist of the following members, that is to say :-

One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State who shall be President of the Air Council. (Italian Air Minister).
The Parliamentary Under-Secretaries of State for Air. (Italian Ministerial Under-Secretary)
The Chief of the Air Staff.
The Air Member for Personnel.
The Air Member for Supply and Organisation.
The Air Member for Training.
The Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Air. (Italian General Secretary - Civilian).

2. Of the members of the Air Council (other than the President) the Chief of the Air Staff shall be appointed by His Majesty and the other members shall be appointed by the Secretary of State.

3. There may be included in the Air Council such additional members (if any), not exceeding four, as may be appointed by the Secretary of State.

4. The Secretary of State is to be responsible to His Majesty and Parliament for all the business of the Air Council.

All business, other than business which the Secretary of State specially reserves to himself, is to be transacted in the following principal divisions:-

(a) The Parliamentary Under-Secretaries of State for Air (one of whom shall be appointed by the Secretary of State to be Vice-President of the Air Council) to be responsible to the Secretary of State for so much of the business of the Air Council as may be assigned to them, or either of them, from time to time by the Secretary of State.

(b) The Chief of the Air Staff, who shall be the first/Senior Air Member of the Council and principal adviser of the Secretary of State in the direction of the Air Force, the Air Member for Personnel, the Air Member for Supply and Organisation and the Air Member for Training, to be responsible to the Secre-

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(c) The Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Air, in relation to the Air Council and concurrently with his corresponding duties in respect of the general business of the Air Ministry, to be responsible for such duties discharged by the Air Council as are not assigned to other members of Council; for financial advice and, as Accounting Officer, for the control of all expenditure; for the general conduct of correspondence, the direction of the organisation and the co-ordination and furtherance of the business of the Air Council, and also to be designated Secretary of the Air Council and as such charged with the preparation of all official communications of the Council.

5. Subject to the foregoing provisions, the powers and duties of the Air Council may be exercised and performed by any two of their number and notwithstanding that any office, the holder of which is a member of the Air Council, is temporarily vacant.

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TO: DOCTOR M. CEVOLO.

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Dear

In accordance with our verbal agreement reached on the 20th September 1945 I herein state the view of the A.F.S.C. in relation to:

(i) The composition and functions of the British Air Council (See Appendix "A"),

(ii) The remarks relating to GENERAL AMOVE CAM's papers on his suggested composition and functions of the Regia Aeronautica Council and remarks thereon, (Reference No.33307/od.3 of the 11th September, 1945).

(iii) Suggested amendments to the suggested re-organisation of the Italian Air Ministry and High Formations contained in AFSC/351/ORG of the 24th August, and your letter dated 11th September, 1945.

(iv) Our remarks upon your letter dated 15th September concerning the composition of the Cabinet of the Air Ministers and also on its functions, as shown in and upon your paper dated 10th September.

2. It appears to us and was agreed by you that the first necessity is to inaugerate an R.A. Council, and by so doing it appears to us that many of your immediate difficulties will be solved, even though until a Royal Decree is issued the R.A. Council may, in practice, function if you wish as an Executive Committee under your Presidency. It was also agreed that there is no objection to your forming a Personal Air Ministers Secretariat, or if you so wish it to be called, the Air Ministers Personal Cabinet, But as regards the complete re-organisation of the existing Cabinet (now under COLONEL PEDIO), we strongly advise that certain parts of it should not be re-organised until such time as the complete re-organisation of the Air Ministry has been agreed upon; however, in this respect, it is proposed to leave the matter to your discretion, but I would

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4 It was further agreed that the complete re-organisation of the Air Ministry and higher Formations should be discussed by you in committee with those members of your staff who would ultimately be members of the R.A. Council, and that when this has been done your proposals should be forwarded to this Headquarters for consideration before final approval is given by AFSC either in writing or at a joint R.A. and A.F.S.C. conference or in writing.

5. I would like now to deal with each of the proposals mentioned in paragraph 1 (i) to (iv) inclusive.

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6. 7. As regards (ii), namely the creation of the R.A. Council, we have examined the suggestions made by GENERAL ARNOLD CAT, a copy of which is understood to be under consideration in your Cabinet and, therefore, presumably by you personally. The C.A.S's proposed draft decree appears to be rather overburdened with detail in certain respects. You will note that the extracts from the British Order in Council (Appendix "A") allows of a much wider scope than the draft decree of your C.A.S. The most important observations I have to make upon the C.A.S's draft decree are as follows:-

(i). Chapter 1 - Art 1. It is suggested that the Air Council should be a consultative body of the Air Ministry and in so far as decisions will be taken in council, the Air Council also has an executive capacity for all matters concerning airfields and Civil Aviation, rather than only as an advisory body. It might be advisable to add a note in the decree, or in some other way, stating that the R.A. Council is to meet at least once a week regularly to discuss and decide policy, and that fully prepared agendas must be circulated before each meeting for consideration by the various members of the R.A. Council and their staffs.

(ii). Art 2. Although it is agreed that the advice of the R.A. Council is compulsory, the Air Minister should have powers of veto, as he, and he only, is presumably responsible to the Government for the efficiency and administration of the R.A. However, in the event of the Air Minister disagreeing with the majority of the members of the Air Council, he should normally inform the Council of Ministers whose decisions shall be final. All members of the R.A. Council should have the right to initiate discussions on matters not specifically provided for in the decree.

(iii). Art 4. The President and Vice-President of the R.A. Council should be the Air Minister and the Ministerial Under-Secretary of State, and NOT independent Air Force Generals as indicated in the draft decree. The Chief of the Air Staff

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should have briefed himself sufficiently to avoid having to call in other Staff Officers when in Council.

(iv) In view of the above, Art 5 appears to be unnecessary.

(v) Art 6. This appears to us to include too much detail, and here I would refer you to Appendix "A" to this letter, para 4 (b) and (c).

(vi) Art 7. It is not understood why the ~~Air~~ R.A. Council should be in three parts - namely the Supreme Council and two Council Sections. This Article therefore appears to be unnecessary.

(vii) In view of (vi) above, articles 8, 9, 10 and 11 appear to be unnecessary.

(viii) Art 12. It is suggested that the R.A. Council should examine questions from a political aspect as well as those stated. Although in practice, the R.A. Council will decide upon action according to the ~~votes~~ opinion of its members, it seems hardly necessary to insert a clause to the effect that two-thirds of the votes must be in agreement before the motion can be carried, because the President (i.e. the Air Minister) himself is responsible to the Government and, therefore, must have the right to decide what action is to be taken.

(ix) Art 13. The secretarial duties of the R.A. Council should be entrusted to ~~the~~ your proposed General Secretary, equivalent to the Permanent Under-Secretary for Air at the British Air Ministry, (See Appendix "A" 4c).

(x) Art 14. Should be deleted because the President of the R.A. Council is automatically the Air Minister, or in his absence the ~~Minister~~ Minister nominated Under-secretary for Air.

8. In order to help in visualising the functions of the R.A. Council, the following example is given:-

The Directorate responsible for policy in regard to the retirement of officers should submit the matter in full to the Member for Personnel who in turn

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The R.A. Council considers the matter, makes a decision which is recorded in the minutes of the meeting by a Secretary ~~/~~ who passes the minutes for the approval of the General Secretary. When that minute is received by the Air Member for Personnel, he gives instructions to the Director responsible, who drafts ~~the~~ necessary instructions and submits them back to the Air Member for Personnel ~~/through~~ and so to the General Secretary. The General Secretary should then pass the ~~/minute~~ instruction to the Air Minister, if it is sufficiently important, otherwise he may sign the document himself after, if necessary, going through the Laws and Decrees office for legal advice and editing.

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6. As regards para 1 (i) above, Appendix A to this letter is forwarded in order to assist you. It ~~Appendix "A" shows the British Air Council~~ but does not include references to ~~the~~ British laws, ordinances and other Orders in Council as these are of no interest to your Ministry. The Italian equivalent to the Members of the Air Council are given in brackets in paragraph 1 of Appendix A.

7. As regards paragraph 1 (iii) concerning our letter AFSC/351/Org of 24 Aug about the reorganisation of the Italian Air Ministry, it is confirmed that the American Deputy Director of the Air Forces Sub-Commission has nothing to add. This is largely so because the Higher American system is not applicable to the Italian Air Ministry which is an independent Ministry, whereas the American Military Air Force is a part of the American Army. So far as the Lower American System is concerned, the American and British systems are much the same.

8. A few amendments to our letter AFSC/351/CMC of the 25th August are suggested as a result of consultation with the R.A.F. Commanier-in-Chief in Italy, and the Air Minister also with the Italian.

(i) As regards Sheet 1, the Italian equivalent to the British Permanent Under Secretary for Air appears to be the proposed General Secretary (at the Italian Air Ministry).

(ii) As regards Sheet 2, the Italian Air Minister suggested that the Director of Accounts and Contracts should be placed under the Member for Supply and Organisation ~~(iii)~~ on Sheet 5. This was tentatively agreed, but upon reconsideration it appears best where it is (see Appendix A to this letter), because if it were under the Member for Supply and Organisation, various other departments would be omitted: (See App A to this letter para 4(c)).
However, on this point we are open to discussion.

(iii) ~~(iv)~~ Air Attachés should be transferred from sheet 2 (General Secretariat) to sheet 3 under the C.A.S. & in the Directorate of Intelligence (Information).

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IV ~~(v)~~ If you consider it necessary, a General Affairs Directorate could be added on sheet 2 under the General Secretariat, but it is doubtful whether this Directorate is essential.

V ~~(vi)~~ As regards sheet 3, it may be a good thing to have an Inspector General of the R.A. independent of the C.A.S, but with a comparatively small Air Force, (as is likely in the R.A), their functions might possibly be combined in the C.A.S. But in any event his Inspector General, as such, has only an advisory function, not executive.

VI ~~(vii)~~ The Air Minister suggested that the Directorate of Civil Aviation should be separated, presumably under a separate member of the R.A. Council. However, until such time as Civil Aviation is permitted to the Italians, it would seem that the Directorate of Civil Aviation should remain under the C.A.S, or possibly be transferred to the General Secretariat. So long as the Directorate of Civil Aviation

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is only dealing with problems of the past as distinct with planning for the future, there would be no objection to having the Directorate of Civil Aviation under the General Secretariat when that Secretariat is formed, but it should be borne in mind that if and when Civil Aviation is permitted in Italy, initially it will be closely linked with the Italian Military Courier Services, and probably with Personnel problems as well.

(viii) The heading "Flying Control" should read "Flying Safety"; this is a wider term than Flying Control and would include Flying Control, Aids to Navigation, C.A.V's and Air Sea Rescue, except from their technical aspects; as has recently been adopted at the British Air Ministry.

VIII (ix) As regards sheet 4, it is agreed that the Air Ministry Headquarters Unit should come under 3 ZAT (instead of under the Member for Personnel) ~~and that the Air Ministry Headquarters Unit shall come under 3 ZAT~~ for Personnel and Administration problems, as distinct from its various functions within the Air Ministry which will, of course, be regulated by the necessities of the Air Ministry itself and its various Branches).

IX (x) As regards sheet 7 it would seem to be generally agreed that each of the ZATs and other Commands should be considered as Commands directly under the Air Ministry, rather than having any intermediary Headquarters.

II. (xi) As regards paragraph 1 (iv) above, namely the re-organisation of the Cabinet, the following comments are forwarded:-

(i) Generally speaking it seems that the existing Cabinet is a go-between the Directorates of the Air Ministry and the Air Ministry, and in some cases has too much power. If the reorganisation takes place as you propose, or in a modified form as below, it is agreed that the Air Staff and Directorates themselves will assume more importance, and in any case will be directly represented on all problems in the E.A. Council.

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(ii) There would appear to be no objection whatever to the Minister having his own Cabinet, or if you would prefer to call it so, the Ministerial Secretariat, whose Chief, it is understood, will be COLONEL BIDDULPH, with a small staff of about 7 persons. Executive action on this may be taken at once.

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(iii) Where mention is made of the Directorate of Civilian Personnel and

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General Affairs it was agreed that the words "General Affairs" should be deleted and that the Director of Civilian Personnel shall be under the General Secretary, but pending the inauguration of the General Secretariat, the Directorate of Civilian Personnel should remain in the existing Cabinet.

(ii) The following duties of the existing Cabinet can cause little controversy as to the orientation, and therefore there is no objection to executive action being taken forthwith for the following duties to be redistributed from the Cabinet to existing Directorates:-

(a) Discrimination & Epuration, ~~(military).~~

~~(b) Directorate of Military Personnel.~~ Responsibilities to pass respectively to the Directorate of Military Personnel and the Directorate of Civilian Personnel, as appropriate.

(b) (c) The administration of Air Force property may be transferred to ~~a Reparto~~ ~~centre~~ the Works Directorate.

(c) (d) The Reparto Servizi of the Ministry should remain a Headquarters Unit with a Commanding Officer responsible for administration & personnel matters to ~~the~~ HQ 5 ZAT. So far as the requirements of the Air Ministry itself are required, the appropriate responsible officers should have authority as to the requirements of the personnel, MT, photographic department, etc.

(d) (e) The functions of the Patents Office may be transferred to the Direzione delle Costruzioni.

(e) (g) The Commission for Discrimination of Military Personnel may correspond direct with the Directorate of Military Personnel.

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(g) (b) Directors~~hips~~ should have full exercise over their functions within their own Directorate/~~Branch~~, and the Directors ~~as soon as possible~~ should be responsible to the appropriate/Member of the E.A. Council (or its temporary/substitute) who is responsible directly to the Air Minister.

(h) (i) Likewise the various Directors should only approach the Air Minister through the Member of the E.A. Council concerned, but there is of course, no objection to any Staff Officer being consulted by the Minister, although in practice it usually ~~has been~~ found/the more diplomatic and also necessary for efficiency for the Head of a Branch and/or the E.A. Council member to be present.

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(j) The various Commissions with consultative or deciding powers as constituted at present may refer direct to the appropriate Directorate.

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12. From the above it will be seen that the A.F.S.C. has no objection to a large number of your proposed suggestions being carried out forthwith in order to economise in the existing Cabinet and to give the Air Minister greater access with more reliability to the members of the R.A. Council. There are, however, some points which are controversal and it is strongly recommended that action to dispense entirely with the existing Cabinet (or General Secretariat) be postponed until such time as the R.A. Council (or its temporary substitute), is decided upon, ~~which it would be appreciate should not receive executive action without further consultation with the A.F.S.C. whose opinion is that~~ and that certain functions shall not be redistributed until such time as the complete reorganisation of the Air Ministry has been agreed between the Air Minister and the A.F.S.C. The following matters come under this heading, and should, it is thought, remain in the existing Cabinet (or General Secretariat) for a short while longer:-

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(b) Laws and Decrees Office.

(c) Press Office. (d) Liaison Office (with A.F.S.C).

(e) Commission for Co-ordination of Purchases ~~(now at the R.A.)~~.

(f) CCRQ of the R.A.

~~(g)~~ (g) Autonomous Flight Section ~~with~~ of the President of the Council, which may, however, be transferred to the State Maggiore forthwith.

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~~(m)~~ (m) Central Commission for Prisoners of War, which may, however, be transferred to the Director of Personnel forthwith, at your discretion.

All the changes in this paragraph will, it seems to us, come under the General Secretary. Additional duties are shown on sheet 2 of our letter AFSC/351/CAS of the 24th August concerning the complete reorganisation of the Air Ministry.

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However, if you wish further to discuss any of these particular points in order to take immediate action, we will be prepared to [illegible] seek agreement. It seems, however, that possibly the best method of overcoming t is temporary difficulty would be to appoint a General Secretary forthwith, namely, either GENERAL MONEY or possibly GENERAL SILVERSMITH, as suggested by you and at your discretion.

13. We look forward to a further helpful discussion on these important matters [illegible] early date, in a consultative and helpful spirit, and we trust that the arrangements suggested above will meet with every success, and will be acceptable to you and your various General Directorates.

14. Finally, GENERAL LEE and I would like to express our thanks for the co-operative and amicable spirit in which these serious matters were approached by

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TRANSLATION.

15 th September 1945.

Dear Air Vice Marshal,

In order to clarify the situation before the conference, which at the suggestion of Admiral Stone will take place on Tuesday, to examine the dispositions made by me whereby the structure and function of the Cabinet can follow a normal course, I make the following observations:

Apart from the fact that the Cabinet is a personal organ of the Minister and one of trust, and is thus composed according to the Minister's wishes, the following notes will prove conclusively ----- from the administrative point of view and bearing no relationship to military questions ----- that in order that it should function properly certain offices which are of a futile and injurious nature should be transferred from an illogical administrative function (CABINET) to their natural function (DIRECTION) and other incumbrent organs should be simplified.

All are matters which form part of the normal function of the Minister.

(1) Under a juridical aspect, the decentralisation of the Minister's cabinet is to be considered a return to legality.

In fact the R.D.L. of 10th July 1924. NO 1100 with clauses on the constitution of the Ministries' Cabinets and of the private offices of the Under Secretaries of State, states in paragraph 5 " The GABINETTI and the SEGRETERIE PARTICOLARI deal with private correspondence, and help with the personal work of the Minister and of the Under Secretary of State, but cannot interfere with the normal functions of the administrative offices nor even act as substitutes.

The Minister's Cabinet, as it functions now, interferes with many administrative matters which should be dealt with by the General Direction. The latter thus find themselves confronted by a super ministry.

(2) As a body the Gabinetto del Ministro is entirely incompetent, which is not surprising considering that it is not an administrative organ and therefore has not the necessary make up.

(3) As a military body, questions which are of interest to the Italian Air Force are, even at present, examined by the Air Staff whose Chief refers them to the Minister and not by the Minister's Cabinet (not even in the latter's present pletoric constitution)

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4) Considering the case of the coordination of the activity of the General Directorates, it should be borne in mind that this coordination comes within the same sphere of political functions of the Minister; functions that the Minister carries out personally by continuous business contacts with the Directors.

Today, however, with the organisation in force in the Minister's Cabinet, the Minister ends by losing direct contact with the Directors precisely in the most important administrative matters, which are presented to the Cabinet and examined by the latter as matters of ordinary administration.

5) On the subject of the economy of the services and the personnel (military and civilian) the decentralisation of the Cabinet, a superfluous department which functions almost in competition with the General Directorates in so far as it practically, speaking, interferes in administrative matters which are exclusively ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ the responsibility of these latter and a consequent dismissal of numerous personnel employed by the Gabinetto today. In order that this should correspond to the necessities of the service it resolves itself into two interdependent provisions which are more than ever necessary and, secondly, are indispensable in view of the limited number of persons allowed by article 1 of the above mentioned R.D.L. of 1924 which refers to the composition of the Gabinetti and the Segreterie Particolari.

The inconveniences of an excessive number of personnel in the Gabinetti are clear, in fact - against the law - that the salaries of a part of them are payed from the basic expense ~~xxxxx~~ account or the Government which in itself constitutes an administrative irregularity which must cease absolutely.

signed Cevolotto

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IL MINISTRO DELL'AERONAUTICA

Roma, 15 Settembre 1945

Caro Maresciallo.

Per rendere più facile e più utile la riunione che - in seguito agli accordi presi con l'Ammiraglio STONE - dovremo avere martedì p.v. allo scopo di esaminare le disposizioni da me emanate per ricondurre nei limiti della legge la struttura e il funzionamento del Gabinetto, La prego di considerare le osservazioni che seguono:

A parte che il Gabinetto è organo personale e di fiducia del Ministro, che quindi lo compone secondo le sue vedute particolari (e penso che questa materia, per la sua stessa natura, sfugga ad un controllo, che ha essenzialmente scopo di vigilare sull'attività militare) dalle note seguenti risulterà chiaro che si tratta - in linea meramente amministrativa, e senza alcun addentellato con le questioni militari - di passare alcuni uffici che costituiscono inutile e dannosa soprastruttura, da una dipendenza amministrativa illogica (Gabinetto) alle loro dipendenze naturali (Direzioni) e di semplificare alcuni organi ingombranti.

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alla corrispondenza privata, collaborano all'opera personale del Ministro o del Sottosegretario di Stato, ma non possono intralciare l'azione normale degli uffici amministrativi, nè sostituirsi ad essi."

Orbene, il Gabinetto del Ministro, come attualmente funziona, si sostituisce, in moltissimi e disparati affari amministrativi, alle Direzioni Generali; e ciò, con evidente intralcio dell'azione normale di esse Direzioni che, esse stesse organi del Ministero, si trovano dinanzi ad un superministero, quale difatto costituitosi e funzionante il Gabinetto del Ministro, organizzato, per la ponderosa bisogna, in sezioni e uffici da esso dipendenti.

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Il decongestionamento del Gabinetto, dunque, nulla

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innova sotto questo aspetto; che anzi, le attribuzioni dello Stato Maggiore assumono maggior rilievo,perchè resta soppressa,in partenza,qualunque eventuale causa di interferenza del Gabinetto nell'attività dello Stato Maggiore,il quale,peraltro,è istituzionalmente extra Ministero.

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Gli inconvenienti dell'eccessivo numero dei gabinettisti sono palesi: basta dire che - contro la legge - le indennità di una parte di essi vengono pagate sul fondo spese

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di rappresentanza, ciò che costituisce una irregolarità amministrativa che assolutamente deve cessare.

Con particolari cordiali saluti.

Signor
Maresciallo dell'Aria I.E. BRODIE
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Rome, 11th September 1945

REGIA AERONAUTICA

IL CAPO

DI STATO MAGGIORE

Ref: No. 33307/od. 3

Dear Air Vice Marshal Brodie,

Following our verbal agreement I am sending you a copy of the proposed Legislative Decree of the Luogotenente concerning the reconstitution of the Air Council and a relative explanatory report.

Another copy of the above scheme has been sent to the Gabinetto of the Air Minister for approval.

signed Mario Aimone Cat

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Rome, 10th September 1945

Air Vice Marshal
I.E. Brodie
Air Officer Commandin
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REGIA AERONAUTICA

IL CAPO
DI STATO MAGGIORE

Prot. n. 33307/od. 3

Roma 11 Settembre 1945

Air Marshall Brodie

come da accordi verbali Le invio una copia dello schema di Decreto Legislativo Luogotenenziale concernente la ricostituzione del Consiglio dell'Aria e relativa relazione illustrativa.-

Un'altra copia del predetto schema è stata inviata al Gabinetto del Ministro dell'Aeronautica per l'approvazione.

Roma, lì 10 Settembre 1945

Air Vice Marshal
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Air Officer Commanding
A.F.S.C. / A.C.
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REPORT ILLUSTRATING THE PLAN OF THE LAW OF THE LUOGO TENENTE CONCERNING THE RECONSITUTION OF THE AIR COUNCIL.

The necessity for having at its disposal sections to supply special technical advice has been felt by the R.A; ever since the beginning in so far as the establishment approved in the Royal Decree dated 4th May 1925 No. 627, art. 1, provided for the constitution of an Air Council and a technical Air Force Committee.

Subsequently the Royal Decree of 14th January 1926 No. 143, in laying down the establishment of the High Command of the R. Aeronautica, determined the functions, the composition and the organisation of the Technical Committee and provided for the abolition of the Air Force Council.
In November 1926, steps were taken towards a preliminary reorganisation of the Technical Committee, which in 1927 and 1928 underwent further modifications to its composition.

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To such a Committee and to the the Technical Air Force Committee which changed its name to that of "Comitato Superiore di Aeronautica" was added the "Committee for Aircraft Planning, Aircraft Fittings and Weapons", which was constituted as a third consulting body of the R. Aeronautica with the Royal Decree dated 23rd June No. 1265 this carried on until, in the Law of 18th March 1943 No.210 no procedure was laid down for the reorganisation of the above three Consultative Bodies.

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The attached draft forapproposed Decreto Legge Luogotenenziale is inspired by the above considerations and adds substantial innovations to the criteria followed hitherto.

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It means, in fact, that having formed the principle that the Air Council, by reason of the permanencey of its functions does not cease but remains active even during the act of mobilisation and for the duration of the war, considering that especially in that period the whole activity of the Air Force is intensified.

On the other hand, the obligation to listen to the views of the Air Council has not nor can it have the effect of efficiently binding the Air Minister as the political influences, under different circumstances, effected by his special responsibilities to the government, may justify a contrary decision. This accepted, it is fundamentally necessary that this appropriate phrase "Studied by the Air Council" be inserted in all the Government Acts relating to questions to be put forward for examination by the Air Council.

Articles 4 and 5 of the above provisionary scheme relate to the rules regarding the composition of the Council, which in order to conserve its proper and natural powers of control and consultation with a view to maintaining a healthy and correct democratic administration, does not, as it used to, take into consideration as one of its main principles, the political organs which might in some way influence or misguide the carrying out of its technical functions: in actual fact from the moment of its formation the Minister and Under Secretary of State are excluded whilst from the technical standpoint the constitution remains the same.

The responsibilities of the Air Council, as defined in Article 6 of the scheme are wide and of high importance.

The essential characteristic of this same Council, in its new structure and appearance rests entirely in its obligatory consultations on questions relating to military ordinances and the organic or war planning of the I.A.F. and on its legislative projects as well as on the decrees relating to the Air Force Administration.

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In this way is assured to the administrative and legislative activity of the Air Force some form of continuity and adherence to the real immediate necessities and maintaining an equilibrium between the often contrasting exigencies and guarantees a better functioning of the technical administrative organism under any political contingency.

This higher consultative organ of a technical nature, the Air Council is therefore responsible for making decisions on all of the following: on matters relating to the strict control of the military technical services; on discipline, the constitution of the Service, of the Units and of personnel in all branches of the service; on the military and civil administrative organisation of the Air Force; on plans for new aircraft; of new arms and aircraft equipment; of major modifications and alterations relating thereto; on programmes and characteristics relating to the construction

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The Air Council has other special powers in that it cedes the work of detail to its members in giving decisions on particular or general reports, or on proposed or planned contracts in which the laws regarding the responsibility of the State require the opinion of the Air Council. The Air Council also makes decisions relating to technical conditions of contract tenders for the supply of special Air Force materials.

To obviate the necessity for the Air Council having to consult in the cases so far named, the proposed decree allows for the facultative consultation of the Council by the Minister on all questions of technical, administrative military or economic interest.

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With this provision all the other higher consultative departments lose their 'raison d'etre'. Consequently withe this fact established, in spite of any other dispositions to the contrary contained in the new plans, is the abrogation of the laws of 18th March 1943 No. 210 and also effect the Comitato Superiore di Aeronautica and the Comitato for aircraft planning and the installation of instruments and

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Rome, 8th August 1945.

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STATO MAGGIORE R. AERONAUTICA
Sezione Ordinamento Servizi e Mobilitazione
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RELAZIONE ILLUSTRATIVA ALLO SCHEMA DI DECRETO LEGGE LUOGO TENENZIALE CONCERNENTE LA RICOSTITUZIONE DEL CONSIGLIO DELL' ARIA.

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La necessità di disporre di organi di consultazione tecnica speciale é stata risentita per la R.Aeronautica sin dalle sue origini tanto che l'ordinamento approvato con Regio Decreto Legge 4 Maggio 1925 n. 627 all'art. 1) prevedeva la costituzione del Consiglio dell'Aeronautica e del Comitato tecnico per l'Aeronautica.

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ciò fino a quando con la Legge 18 Marzo 194[illegible] n. 210 non venne provveduto al riordinamento dei predetti tre Corpi Consultivi.

Attualmente, nel quadro della riorganizzazione delle Forze Armate e nel ritorno all'applicazione dei principî di una sana e retta amministrazione, che costituiscono i l presupposto di qualsiesi ordinamento democratico, si é ravvisata indispensabile la ricostituzione del Consiglio della Aria con finalità tali, da rappresentare un vero e proprio organo superiore di consultazione e di controllo, che il Ministro ha obbligo di udire su provvedimenti di natura tecnica, amministrativa ed economica e facoltà di interpellare su altri argomenti veri, ogni qualvolta lo reputi opportuno.

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Gli articoli 4 e 5 del predetto schema di provvedimento concernono le norme sulla composizione del Consiglio, il quale - per conservare la propria e naturale sua veste di controllo e consultazione, secondo i dettami di una sana e retta amministrazione democratica - non comprende più - come una volta - tra i suoi principali componenti, organi politici che possano comunque influenzare o fuorviare l'espletamento delle sue funzioni essenzialmente tecniche: dalla sua formazione sono infatti, esclusi il Ministro ed il Sottosegretario di Stato, mentre rimane integra la costituzione dal lato tecnico. Il Consiglio quindi é e deve essere libero nelle sue funzioni e costituire di fatto il supremo organo consultivo tecnico delle anzidette autorità politiche.

Le attribuzioni del Consiglio dell'Aria - come definite dall'Art. 6 dello schema citato - sono di ampia portata e di elevata importanza.

La caratteristica essenziale dello stesso Consiglio, nella sua nuova struttura e fisionomia, é innanzi tutto nella sua consultazione obbligatoria sulle questioni concernenti gli ordinamenti militari e la preparazione organica e bellica della R. Aeronautica, e sui progetti legislativi nonché sui decreti [illegible] relativi all'Amministrazione Aeronautica.

Viene in tal modo assicurata, all'attività amministrative e legislativa dell'Aeronautica, carattere di continuità e di aderenza alle reali necessità immediate e mediate di equilibrio tra esigenze sovente contrastanti, di garanzia del mi-

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Qualeorgano consultivo superiore di carattere tecnico, il Consiglio dell'Aria é quindi chiamato a pronunciarsi:

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sulle materie riguardanti la regolamentazione del servizio tecnico militare; sulla disciplina, la costituzione dell'Arma, dei Corpi e del personale per ogni ramo del servizio; sull'organizzazione amministrativa dell'Aeronautica militare e civile; sui progetti di nuovi velivoli, di nuove armi ed installazioni di bordo, di grandi trasformazioni o riparazioni relative; sui programmi e caratteristiche di nuove costruzioni di velivoli, motori ed installazioni di bordo ed eventuali trasformazioni del materiale esistente; sui programmi e caratteristiche relative all'armamento ed all'allestimento dei velivoli; sulle invenzioni e ritrovati di notevole importanza comunque interessanti l'Aeronautica; sulle proposte di ricompense al valore aeronautico; sui programmi di nuove costruzioni o trasformazioni di installazioni fisse; sulle questioni relative alla produzione del materiale aeronautico ed alla sua radiazione dal servizio; sui progetti di perfezionamenti dei mezzi di lavoro per la riparazione dei velivoli, motori ed installazioni di bordo.

Speciale competenza ha altresì il Consiglio dell'Aria, che in ciò si avvale dell'opera di particolari suoi membri, nel dare parere sui capitolati d'oneri generali o particolari, ovvero su progetti e schemi di contratti nei casi in cui la legge sulla contabilità dello Stato prescriva il parere del Consiglio di Stato. Esso si esprime anche sulle condizioni tecniche dei programmi di gare per le provviste di materiale speciale di aeronautica.

A prescindere dall'obbligatorietà della consultazione in tutti i casi sinora accennati lo schema di decreto in esame

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Gli articoli 7 - 8 - 9 - 10 - 11 - 12 - 13 e 14 prescrivono le particolari norme di funzionamento dell'alto consesso consultivo e prevedono, nei casi di maggiore importanza, la riunione del Consiglio dell'Aria in Consiglio Supremo.

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Con il proposto provvedimento tutti gli altri organi superiori consultivi perdono la loro ragione d'essere. Conseguentemente con esso viene stabilita l'abrogazione - oltre di ogni disposizione contraria alle nuove norme - della legge 18 marzo 1943 n. 210, concernente anche il Comitato Superiore di Aeronautica ed il Comitato per i progetti di velivoli, delle installazioni di bordo e delle armi. -

ROMA, li 8/Agosto/1945. -



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SCHEME OF LAW DECREE ISSUED BY THE LIEUTENANT GENERAL OF THE REALM ON THE NO CONCERNING THE RECONSTITUTION OF THE AIR COUNCIL.

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General Standards. pp 5 & 6

UMBERTO DI SAVOIA
PRINCE PIEDMONT
LIEUTENANT GENERAL OF THE REALM.

By virtue of the authority entrusted to us:-

In view of law No.210 dated 18th March 1943 concerning the reorganisation of the Air Force Consultive Bodies;

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WE HAVE SANCTIONED AND HEREBY ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

CHAPTER NO.1.

PRELIMINARY ORDERS.

ART 1.

The Air Council is the Advisory Body of the Air Ministry for all matters concerning Military Air Force and Civil Aviation.

It is a permanent organisation and remains in office during mobilisation and duration of the war.

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ART - 2

In all cases as laid down in this decree and in other laws, the advice of the Air Council is compulsory. except where the Prime Minister has given prior to the assent of the H.M. disagreement, when the Council he should normally inform the Council of Ministers whose decision shall be final. Advice on matters not provided for can be requested on the initiative of the Air Minister or on proposal of ~~the President of~~ the Air Council.

ART - 3

In all Government Acts appertaining to matters to be examined by the Air Council a heading "by advice of the Air Council" will be inserted in the introduction.

CHAPTER NO.2.

COMPOSITION OF THE AIR COUNCIL.

ART - 4

The Air Council is composed of the following Ordinary and Extraordinary members who have the right to vote:-

ORDINARY MEMBERS.

(a) PRESIDENT. An Air Force General, General Duties branch of the highest rank and seniority who does not fill the post of Minister, Under Secretary of State or Chief of the Air Staff;

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(c) MEMBER. Chief of the Air Staff or Assistant Chief of the Air Staff, if the post is held by the Minister or Under Secretary of State;

(d) MEMBERS. 2 Air Force Generals, General Duties branch;

(e) MEMBER. An Air Force General Technical Inspector, or the highest ranking Technical officer with the highest seniority;

(f) MEMBER. An Air Force General of the Commissariat, in charge of Air Force administration.

(g) MEMBER. An Air Force Colonel, General Duties branch, with secretarial duties for military matters;

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(h) MEMBERS. Air Force Colonel, General Duty Branch, or, an Air Force Technical Colonel, Engineering Branch, with secretarial duties for technical matters;

(i) MEMBER. A Civilian general inspector or a Chief Division Civilian Director, with secretarial duties for administrative matters;

EXTRAORDINARY MEMBERS.

(a) The Heads of Sections of the regular Command "Grandi Unita" Aeree, further to the President's invitation, when matters concerning them are to be discussed;

(b) The General Directors of the Italian Air Ministry, or, if there are any obstacles, the Deputy Directors, when they are invited by the President to discuss matters concerning them;

(c) A State Adviser, and if there are any obstacles, a Deputy of the same rank and trade, when advice is required on matters referring to Art 6 No.4 of the present Decree;

(d) A State Barrister, not inferior to the 5th grade, and in case of obstacles, a Deputy holding the same rank, in circumstances mentioned in No.14 of Art 6 laid down below.

When dealing with special matters the President can, from time to time, call on to participate in Air Council matters, and to give their opinions without deliberative voting on the matters treated, Officers of the Air Force, Army, and Navy and eventually, officials of the State Administration and persons appertaining to science and industry who are specially competent in the matter.

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ART - 5

The President and Vice President are nominated by Royal Decree, with the consultation of the Council of Ministers, and on proposal of the Air Minister.

The State Adviser and the State Barrister and their Deputies are nominated by Royal Decree, on proposal of the Air Minister, and further to the respective designation of the President of the State Council and the Supreme State Barrister.

CHAPTER 3.

POWERS OF THE AIR COUNCIL.

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ART 6. See detailed draft when it is worked.

The advice of the Air Council must be obtained:

(1) On questions of high importance relating to military regulations and organisation and war preparations of the Air Force;

(2) On legislative plans proposed by the Air Minister;

(3) On main points of a decree relating to Air Force Military regulations;

(4) On main points of regulations relating to the military technical service and dicipline;

(5) On the normal constitution of the Air Force; departments and personnel for every branch of the service;

(6) On the administrative organisation and relative regulations on military and civil aviation;

(7) On proposals for awards for air gallantry;

(8) On projects, inventions and researches judged by the Minister to be of notable importance and of interest to the Air Force;

(9) On plans of new types of aircraft, armament and aircraft installations, and on large scale conversions and relative major repairs;

(10) On programmes and characteristics of new aircraft constructions, engines and aircraft installations and eventual conversions of existing equipment as well as programmes and relative characteristics relating to armament and aircraft fittings;

(11) On plans of new constructions and eventual conversions of fixed installations;

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(11) On plans of new constructions and eventual conversions of fixed installations;

(12) On questions appertaining to air force equipment, in relation to aeronautic-technical requirements for the Air Force and civil aviation;

(13) On the liquidation of aircraft, engines and general equipment;

(14) On the general or particular responsibilities laid down in the above chapters, or else projects of contracts of interest to the Air Force, in cases where the State Exchequer deems it advisable to hear the opinion of the State Council, as well as on general technical conditions of the competitive programmes for the supply of special air force equipment;

(15) On projects concerning the improvements, efficiency and development of all workshop equipment for the repair of aircraft, engines and aircraft installations.

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CHAPTER 1.

FUNCTIONING OF THE AIR COUNCIL.

Art 7.

The Air Council can meet in plenary assembly or in individual sections, or gathered in Supreme Council.

The Council Sections are two: one for matters of organisation and administrative character; the second for matters of a technical character.

ART 8.

The President presides over the plenary assemblies, the Supreme Council assemblies, and the assemblies of the sections assigned to the President by the Air Minister's decree.

The Vice President presides over the sittings of the Sections assigned to him by the Air Minister's decree and substitutes the President in his absence.

ART 9.

The Air Minister, on his own initiative or on proposal of the President can arrange for the Air Council to meet in Supreme Air Council, when matters of a special important nature are to be discussed.

When very important exigencies of their work will permit, the Chief of the Air Staff, the members of the Air Council, of equivalent rank or superior to "Generale

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ART 10.

The Ordinary Members of the 1st Section are:

(a) An Air Force General, General Duties Branch;

(b) The General of Air Force Commissariat in charge of Air Force administration;

(c) The Air Force Colonel, General duties Branch, with secretarial duties for military affairs;

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(d) The Civil Inspector General and the Chief Division Civilian Director with secretarial duties for administrative matters.

The Ordinary members of the 2nd Section are:

(a) An Air Force General, General duties branch;

(b) The Air Force Engineering Inspector General or, if an officer of this rank is not available, the Air Force Engineering Officer highest in rank or seniority;

(c) The Air Force Colonel, General duties branch, or the Air Force Engineering Colonel, Engineering Branch, with secretarial duties for technical matters;

The Chief of the Air Staff on invitation of the President, can also participate in the Section meetings; on these occasions the Chief of the Air Staff can ask his assistant to substitute for him.

ART 11.

The nature of the subjects to be discussed in a plenary assembly is established by the President or directly by the Air Minister.

ART 12.

The Air Council examines the questions submitted for its approval from a military, aeronautical, technical, administrative and economic angle.

The Air Council carries the motion ~~with an overwhelming~~ by a majority of votes ~~and with~~ after open voting; in case of parity the President's vote prevails.

At least two thirds of the votes must be in agreement before the motion can be carried.

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The opinion on every question is given by means of the minutes of the meeting or meetings, in which the question was discussed. In the minutes the discussions must be summarised, the voting results recorded and the opinions given by the minorities inserted.

The minutes are forwarded to the Air Minister.

Whenever the question deals with projects of new constructions or conversions of existing equipment, and important technical matters in general, a detailed technical report must be attached to the minutes.

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ART 13.

The co-ordination of Secretarial duties is entrusted to the Air Force

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Colonel, General Duties Branch, Secretary for Military Affairs.

For the Secretarial and Technical duties, these are entrusted to the Air Council and apportioned as deemed necessary to Officers and other military and civilian personnel in the respective branches of the Air Force administration.

ART 14.

The President of the Air Council corresponds directly with the Air Minister and with the other ~~Central and Subordinate~~ Air Force Authorities in the vicinity of Rome; the President's correspondence will pass through the Minister's Cabinet when addressed to outside Air Force authorities.

ART 15.

Law No.210 dated 10th March 1943 is repealed, as well as any other regulations contrary to the rules contained in the present decree, which comes into effect the day following its publication in the Official Government Gazette.

We ORDER, to whom it may concern, to observe the present Decree and to enforce as State Law.

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Example of procedure

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MEMORANDUM TO AIR VICE MARSHAL I.E. PODIE.

DOCTOR CEVOLOTTO AND THE REORGANISATION OF THE AIR MINISTRY.

Since you went away something almost amounting to a crisis has developed in the relationship between Doctor CEVOLOTTO and the Senior Officers of the I.A.M., and particularly GENERAL AIMONE CAT.

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4. I pointed out to SANTINI that CEVOLOTTO was not empowered to make any reorganisation involving changes of appointment amongst the Senior Air Force Officers without the approval of this Sub Commission, and I told him to tell AIMONE CAT that I gave my personal assurance that no fundamental reorganisation would take place before AIMONE CAT had had an opportunity of discussingit with you personally.

5. I saw SANTINI on the Sunday and he said that AIMONE CAT was very pleased with my message and he had decided to put off his meeting with CEVOLOTTO until you came back from your leave.

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6. On Monday I went North with SANTINI and did not return until Wednesday night. On arrival I found that on the morning of the 12th we had received a letter from DOCTOR CEVOLOTTO (addressed to you - appendix "A") stating that he was carrying out a study into the advisability of instituting a General Secretariat corresponding to our P.U.S. and in the meantime was carrying out "a simplification o f the structure of the Cabinet by returning it to its legal function".

7. Fortunately I had put on paper some notes on my conversation with SANTINI on the previous Saturday and my Staff were on the qui-vive for any action CEVOLOTTO might take, although frankly none of us thought it would come so soon. Contact was made with COLONEL REMONDINO who discovered that an ordinance was already in print which would have had far more reaching effects than the simplification of the Cabinet rather glibly glossed over in CEVOLOTTO's letter to you, and that furthermore this reorganisation was due to come into effect on the 12th September - the day following that on which CEVOLOTTO's letter was written.

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10. On Thursday morning, 13th September, REMONDINO and SANTINI came to my office at my request. In the meantime we had received from CEVOLOTTO a second letter dated the same day as the first but not received by us until Thursday morning (Appendix "B"), enclosing a copy of the ordinance which had already been printed (Appendix "C"). REMONDINO brought with him a document containing some observations on the ordinance which had been largely compiled (I suspect) by COLONEL PORRU, (Appendix "D"). This is a rather verbose paper, and I have attempted to make an abstract of it which is at Appendix "E".

11. The meeting in my Office on Thursday morning proved most helpful and after a long discussion I decided the obvious answer was for you to call a meeting of the Minister and a few Heads of the Air Ministry, including one/

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one or two civilians, in order "for our own edification" to have the reorganisation discussed and its implications explained, (for I cannot conceal from you my impression that this relatively harmless looking document implies far more than it says).

12. I went to see GENERAL LEE and explained the situation to him and asked him if he would be kind enough to get me an interview with ADMIRAL STONE. Through his good offices I went with him to see the Chief Commissioner who was most sympathetic and helpful. The Admiral's main points were:

(a) We must avoid at all costs forcing the resignation of CEVOLOTTO at the present time when negotiations for the Peace Treaty with Italy are proceeding in London, particularly in view of the fight between the British and Americans on the one hand, and the Russians on the other, in respect of the way we are handling the various occupied countries.

(b) That we must watch out that we are not being dragged into a "Palace revolution". The Admiral explained that although he had the greatest admiration for AIMONE CAT, he also had very good personal relations with CEVOLOTTO and that it was, therefore, an open question in his mind whether CEVOLOTTO might not be attempting to remove the dead hand from the Air Ministry as represented by the Old Guard of the Generals, or whether in fact CEVOLOTTO was exceeding his powers as Minister. The Admiral had granted an interview to CEVOLOTTO immediately before our interview with him, and had evidently told CEVOLOTTO that he had done wrong in attempting to put the ordinance through without reference to this Sub Commission. Nevertheless throught their personal relationship I gather the Admiral had been able to remove most of the sting which his action might otherwise have left in CEVOLOTTO's mind.

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13. For his information, I indicated to REMONDINO that my interview with ADMIRAL STONE had not been without result, but that no moves could or would take place on either side until your return. That is how the matter stands at the moment.

T.G.N. PEARCE W/CDR
SENIOR INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

Air Forces Sub Commission,
Allied Commission, Rome.
Date: 15th September 1945.

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APPENDIX A to 28

IL MINISTRO DELL'AERONAUTICA

Rom 11 September 1945

Dear Air Vice Marshal,

I have received your letter of 24th August concerning the organisation of the Air Ministry and I thank you warmly for your welcome and valuable collaboration.

2. On general lines and except for discussing the details, as stated in paragraph 3 of your letter, I agree with the general directive set out in appendix A.

The consitution of the Council of the R. Aeronautica had already been foreseen and studied by me, because it corresponds to an obvious necessity which can be put into practice as soon as possible.

A study is therefore being carried out as to the advisability of instituting (as already exists for example in the Naval Ministry) a Secretary General who corresponds to what you call the Permanent Under Secretary and who arranges the co-ordination between the various general directorates.

This General Secretary , however, does not absorb the duties of the Chief of Cabinet although the latter returns to his legal functions which are not administrative in so far as the Cabinet should not be an administrative organ of the Ministry.

3. Meanwhile, in order to initiate the reform providing for the immediate and absolute necessities of the administration, and always operating in such a way as to facilitate and not hinder the plan of organisation as it is conceived by you and myself in its general lines, I had already prepared and am now carrying out a simplification of the structure of the Cabinet by returning it to its legal function.

4. This arrangement, of a purely internal and limited character, does not in any way interfere with the reform as a whole or with the reorganisation, both of which must be and can be studied attentively.

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Thus, eliminating superstructure and inadmissible duplication, the task of study and comparison which you indicate in you appendix A is rendered more easy.

5. I will advise you as soon as possible in order that we may meet and commence to discuss this interesting and important argument. It is clear, I think, that we must postpone any final decisions until after we know the fate and the importance of our military aviation because the departments of the Ministry and the administrative organisation will have to be adapted to the greater or lesser exigencies depending on the amount of aviation which is permitted us.

(signed) Cevelotto

Air Vice Marshal I.E. Brodie,
ROME

IL MINISTRO DELL'AERONAUTICA

Roma, 11 Settembre 1945

Caro Maresciallo

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2) In linea di massima e salvo a discutere i particolari, secondo quanto è espresso al n.2 della Sua lettera, io concordo nelle direttive generali esposte nell'Appendice A.

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IL MINISTRO DELL'AERONAUTICA

Anzi, eliminando sovrastrutture e duplicati inammissibili, rende più facile il lavoro di studio e di comparazione che Lei ha già indicato con l'Appendice A.

5) Appena mi sarà possibile La avvertirò perché possiamo vederci e cominciare a trattare l'interessante e importante argomento. Certo è che dovremo, io credo, riservare le decisioni definitive a dopo che avremo saputo quale sarà la sorte e l'importanza della nostra aviazione militare, perché gli organi del Ministero e i quadri organici dovranno essere adattati alle maggiori o minori esigenze derivanti dalla quantità di aviazione che ci sarà consentita.

Con molta stima

Mariscotti

Signor Vice Maresciallo dell'Aria
J.E. Brodie
Roma.

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APPENDIX B

IL MINISTRO DELL'AERONAUTICA Rome, 11.9.45

Dear Air Vice Marshal,

I am following my letter of yesterday in order to let you have the text of the arrangements I have made for the simplification of the offices of my Cabinet.

As you will see the changes are limited to the transfer of a few Offices or Sections within the normal jurisdiction of the Directorates, and the suppression of a few superfluous organs or organs which provide damaging duplication.

This does not interfere with nor anticipate the reform which will have to be studied later, and therefore comes within the normal measures for order and administrative organisation which constitute the normal responsibility of the Minister.

I take the opportunity of sending you my most cordial good wishes.

signed: CEVELOTTO

Air Vice Marshal I.E. BRODIE
ROME

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Come Ella vedrà, le disposizioni si limitano a trasferire alcuni Uffici o Servizi nella normale competenza delle direzioni, e a sopprimere qualche organo superfluo o costituente duplicazione dannosa.

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Gabinetto. Composition of the Cabinet of the Minister.

As from 12th September 1945, the Minister's Cabinet will be composed as follows:

1. Cabinet - With a Chief of Cabinet;

   Secretariat to the Cabinet - with the service of the personnel belonging to the Cabinet, the Records Office, the Archives and the Despatch Office.

2. Law and Decrees Office. - directly subordinate to the Ministry.

Under the Minister's Cabinet:

a) Press Office;
b) Liaison Office with the A.F.S.C/A.C.;
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b) The responsibility for the budget passes to the Directorate of Civilian Personnel and General Affairs;

c) The responsibility for discrimination and epuration (of military personnel) passes to the Directorate of Military Personnel and Schools.

3. The Ufficio Assistenza of the Gabinetto del Ministro, is suppressed. Its responsibilities pass to the Directorate of Military Personnel and Schools and to the Directorate of Civilian Personnel and General Affairs (respective secretariats), according to whether it is a question of assistance for military personnel, civilian personnel and related matters.

4. The Office for administration of Air Force property is suppressed. Its functions are carried out by a suitable department in the Works Directorate.

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5. The Reparto Servizi of the Ministry is suppressed. The dependant services (medical, administrative, M.T., Messing, photographic department etc.) will be carried out by the Reparto Servizi of the Nucleus Command of the IIIrd ZAT.

6. The Patents Office is suppressed. Its functions will be carried out by a suitable department of the Direzione delle Costruzioni.

7. The Air Force Editorial Office will come under the Directorate of Civilian Personnel and General Affairs.

8. The Commissions for discrimination of military personnel correspond directly with the Directorate of Military Personnel and Schools.

9. The Awards and Decorations Office corresponds directly with the Directorate of Military Personnel and Schools.

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A) PREFACE.

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3. The Directorates are to have full exercise of their functions within their branch.

The Directors, however, in more important matters and in matters which imply the adoption of a course or a directive of administration, will refer to the Minister.

4. The meeting between the Minister and the Directors for "signature" should result in a fruitful interview between the Minister, Chief of the Administration, with political responsibility, and the Directors, his direct and immediate collaborators, with administrative responsibility.

5. As the Directorates, as central organs, exercise and carry out the practical functions of all the Air Force Administration, the independent offices already in being and subordinate to the

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Gabinetto del Ministro are to be absorbed by the Directorates or, where circumstances make it advisable to leave them in existance, they are to be brought into the sphere of activity of the Directorate which, otherwise, would have had to absorb them.

6. The various Commissions, with consultative or deciding powers, as consituted at present, are to refer their decisions or their opinions to the appropriate Directorate, which are the only organs for active administration.

7. As far as the <u>services</u> are concerned, the Minister is <u>territorially</u> in the territorial region of the Nucleus of IIIrd ZAT.

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2. General Affairs. - a) Where it is a question of problems which interest various central departments there may be more than one department interested in their treatment; in this case it will be decided, on the basis of a valuation of the interests concerned, which of the interested parties is to deal with it and for the other departments equally concerned, in agreement with the latter, the question which gives rise to the multiple interests. This decision is confined to the Minister, advised by the Directors, during the audience for the "signature".

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Consequently, in the interministerial Commissions, a functionary, military or civilian, will go as a representative of the Air Force Administration and not as a representative of this or that central department of the Ministry.

When matters affecting the Directorates are sent to the Ministry because they are in any case adressed to the Air Ministry, the Secretariat of the Gabinetto will arrange for their distribution and subsequent disposal, for necessary action, as previously stated.

b) As far as the actual responsibilities of the Budget Office of the Gabinetto del Ministro are concerned, they ~~are~~ chiefly *occur* ~~dealt with~~ during negotiations with the Treasury for the allocation of funds, for variations of the budget, for the accounting situations of the various sections, for the details of the final balance.

It is because it is concerned with matters of a purely accounting nature that the above office acts on its own initiative and at the request of the Stato Maggiore R.A. or on written request from the Directorates, which directly administer the capital for the budget, in the second case on previous understanding with the Stato Maggiore R.A., the passage of such functions to the Directorate of Civilian Personnel and General Affairs obviously presents no innovations with regard to the responsibility in such matters of the Stato Maggiore R.A. and of the Directorates.

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c) In applying the changes in responsibility for discrimination and epuration (of military personnel) from the appropriate department of the Gabinetto del Ministro to the Directorate of Military Personnel and Schools, the agreement of the Minister to the result of the work of the appropriate Commissions will be proposed to the Minister himself and brought forward by the Director of Military Personnel and Schools, at the meeting for "signature".

3 - Servizio Assistenza. - The instructions and directives concerning the assistance to be given in favour of military and civilian personnel and their dependents, will be given by the Minister to the Directors of Military Personnel and Schools and of Civilian Personnel and General Affairs, who will confer periodically and jointly with the Minister.

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The Directors concerned will avoid setting up a similar office within the framework of their respective Directorates for assistance work, which will instead be carried out by the Secretariat of each Directorate.

4 - Department for the Utilisation of Air Force Property.

It seems advisable for the moment to leave this department with its present responsibility, although it will be brought within the sphere of the Works Directorate which will chiefly absorb its practical responsibilities.

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5. Reparto Servizi of the Ministry.

Obviously the functions already carried out by the Reparto Servizi of the Ministry will not be suppressed; only the insitutional circumscription (services for the Ministry) insituted ~~in the within a territorial circumscription including the Ministry itself,~~ (services for the IIIrd ZAT) including the Ministry itself, for the ~~work~~ WORK of the latter.

This change means, in practice, that the Gabinetto del Ministro ceases to be concerned with functions of this nature which also do not return within its normal scope.

The change in subordination of the above services does not however change the nature of the over-all authority of the Nucleus Command of the IIIrd ZAT vis-à-vis the Ministry.

Where it is possible to arrive at a concentration of of the departments of all the services under discussion, which are actually located and working in various buildings far from one another and from the present Ministry, gains could undoubtedly be made in the speed of execution of the departments themselves.

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7. Air Force Editorial Office.

The administrative and accounting reponsibility of this office is to be assured and maintained in view of the special position of this office, due to the reasons for its institution and the actual discipline of its duties.

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8. Discrimination Commission.

The results of the work of the Discrimination Commissions will be referred (like those of the work of the epuration Commission of the 1st Grade for Military Personnel) to the Minister direct by the Director of Personnel and Schools, at the meeting for "signature".

9. Awards and Decorations Office.

Proposals for awards in accordance with the findings of the above office will be referred to the Minister direct by the Directors of Military Personnel and Schools at the meeting for "signature".

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10. Central Commission for Prisoners of War.

The results of the work of the Central Commission for Prisoners of War will be referred by the Directors of Military Personnel and Schools to the Minister direct at the meeting for "signature".

11. There is no change in the Ministerial Decree of 28th June 1945, which delegates the right of signature to the Under Secretary of State, because by virtue of the functions which now devolve on the Directorate of Civilian Personnel and General Affairs those coming under General Affairs are already foreseen in the delegation itself, while those which do not come under it will be carried out according to the present executive instructions.

12. All preceding orders contrary to the present instructions or which, as a result of the application of the present instructions are no longer applicable are to be taken as cancelled.

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Gabinetto. COMPOSIZIONE DEL GABINETTO DEL MINISTRO

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1 - Gabinetto - Con un Capo di Gabinetto;

- Segreteria del Gabinetto - con il servizio anche del personale addetto al Gabinetto, del protocollo, dell'archivio e delle spedizioni.

2 - Ufficio Leggi e Decreti - alla diretta dipendenza del Ministro.

Dipendono dal Gabinetto del Ministro:

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b) l'Ufficio Collegamento con A.F.S.C./A.C.;

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c) Le attribuzioni concernenti la discriminazione ed epurazione (del personale militare) passano alla Direzione del Personale Militare e delle Scuole.

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3 - L'Ufficio assistenza del Gabinetto del Ministro, è soppresso. Le sue attribuzioni passano alla Direzione del Personale Militare e delle Scuole e alla Direzione dei Personali Civili e degli Affari Generali (rispettive Segreterie), a seconda che trattisi di assistenza rispettivamente del personale militare e del personale civile, e rispettivi congiunti.

4 - L'Ufficio utilizzazione beni aeronautici è soppresso. Le sue attribuzioni sono disimpegnate da un apposito servizio presso la Direzione del Demanio.

5 - Il Reparto Servizi del Ministero è soppresso. I servizi dipendenti (infermeria, serv. amministrativo, autoreparto, mensa, stabilimento fotomeccanico, sala medica, ecc.) sono disimpegnati dal Reparto Servizi del Nucleo Comando della III^ Z.A.T.

6 - L'Ufficio Brevetti è soppresso. Le sue attribuzioni sono disimpegnate da un apposito servizio presso la Direzione delle Costruzioni.

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NORME ESECUTIVE

A) PREMESSE.

1 - Il Gabinetto del Ministro non è un organo amministrativo; non vi è, pertanto, materia amministrativo-contabile, che sia di competenza istituzionale di esso Gabinetto (v. art. 5 del R.d.l. 10/7/1924, nº 1100).

2 - L'Ufficio Leggi e Decreti deve esaminare le proposte di provvedimenti legislativi, che gli pervengono dalle Direzioni, e deve riferirne direttamente al Sig. Ministro.

Deve, inoltre, funzionare da organo di consulenza giuridica interna dell'Amministrazione, attraverso i pareri, di cui sarà richiesto dalle Direzioni.

Deve, infine, esaminare e sottoporre alla firma del Sig.Ministro tutti i decreti ministeriali.

3 - E' da riservare alle Direzioni il pieno esercizio delle loro attribuzioni per materia.

I Sigg. Direttori, peraltro, negli affari più importanti e negli affari che comunque implichino l'adozione di un indirizzo o di direttive dell'Amministrazione, riferiscono al Sig. Ministro.

4 - Le udienze del Sig. Ministro ai Sigg. Direttori per la "firma" devono concretarsi in un incontro fruttuose fra il Sig. Ministro, capo dell'Amministrazione, con responsabilità politica, ed i Sigg. Direttori, suoi diretti e immediati collaboratori,con responsabilità amministrativa.

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6 - Le varie Commissioni, decidenti o consultive, al presente costituite, devono rassegnare le loro decisioni o i loro pareri alle Direzioni competenti, che sono gli unici organi centrali di amministrazione attiva.

7 - Per quanto concerne i servizi, il Ministero è territorialmente nella circoscrizione territoriale del Nucleo della III^ZAT.

Il Comando di detto Nucleo, pertanto, deve organizzare e condurre i servizi ora disimpegnati dal Reparto Servizi del Ministero.

B) NORME ESECUTIVE.

1 - Servizio pubblicazioni. - Alla Direzione dei Personali Civili e degli Affari Generali è affidata la parte esecutiva delle pubblicazioni ufficiali del Ministero. La preparazione degli elementi da pubblicare rientra, invece, nella competenza delle Direzioni, le quali pertanto trasmettono detti elementi alla suddetta Direzione.

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2 - Affari Generali. - a) Ove trattisi di questioni che interessano vari enti centrali, può esservi un cointeressamento di trattazione; nel qual caso viene deciso, in base al prevalere degli interessi, quale degli organi interessati debba trattare per

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sè e per gli altri organi egualmente interessati, di intesa con questi ultimi, la questione che dà luogo a pluricompetenza.Tale decisione è riservata al Sig. Ministro, informato dai Sigg. Direttori, in sede di ddienza per la "firma".

Di conseguenza, nella Commissioni interministeriali, andrà questo o quel funzionario, militare o civile, come reppresentante dell'Amministrazione aeronautica e non di questo o quell'ente centrale del Ministero.

Ove giungano al Gabinetto del Ministro, perchè genericamente dirette al Ministero dell'Aeronautica, pratiche di competenza delle Direzioni, la Segreteria del Gabinetto ne curerà lo smistamento e il successivo inoltro, per la trattazione di merito, come detto innanzi.

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c) In applicazione del passaggio di attribuzioni concernenti la discriminazione ed epurazione (dal personale militare) dall'apposito servizio presso il Gabinetto del Ministro alla Direzione del Personale Militare e delle Scuole, la sanzione del Sig. Ministro alle risultanze dei lavori delle apposite Commissioni viene proposta al Sig. Ministro stesso e raccolta dal Sig. Direttore

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3 - Servizio assistenza. - Gli indirizzi e le direttive circa l'assistenza da praticare a favore del personale militare e del personale civile, e loro congiunti, vengono date dal Signor Ministro ai Sigg. Direttori del Personale Militare e delle Scuole e dei Personali Civili e degli Affari Generali, che sull'andamento del servizio riferiranno periodicamente e congiuntamente al Sig. Ministro.

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4 - Servizio utilizzazione beni aeronautici. - E' sembrato opportuno lasciare, per ora, individualità a tale servizio, immettendolo però nella sfera di funzionamento della Direzione del Demanio, che ne assorbe prevalentemente la competenza per materia.

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La mutata dipendenza dei suddetti servizi non cambia, però, la natura di autorità periferica del Nucleo Comando della III^ Z.A.T. nei confronti del Ministero.

Ove potrà essere raggiunto un concentramento di ubicazione di tutti i servizi di che trattisi, attualmente dislocati e funzionanti in diversi stabili distanti tra loro e qualcuno eccen-

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6 - Ufficio Brevetti. - La Direzione delle Costruzioni, alla cui competenza viene attribuito il servizio brevetti, si manterrà in relazione con le altre Direzioni, ove avverta la necessità e l'opportunità dall'ausilio di queste ultime, per un esauriente trattazione delle pratiche concernenti i brevetti.

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Pertanto, la dipendenza di detto Ufficio dalla Direzione dei Personali Civili e degli Affari Generali nulla innova circa la autonomia funzionale dell'Ufficio stesso; tanto meno la suddetta Direzione interferità in materia di propaganda aeronautica.

8 - Commissioni di discriminazione. - Le risultanze dei lavori delle Commissioni di discriminazione vengono sottoposte (come quelle dei lavori della Commissione di epurazione di I^a grado per il personale militare) al Sig. Ministro direttamente dal Sig. Direttore del Personale Militare e delle Scuole, in sede di udienza per la "firma".

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11 - Nulla è innovato al decreto ministeriale 28 giugno 1945, di delega di firma al Sig. Sottosegretario di Stato, perchè delle attribuzioni che vengono ora conferite alla Direzione dei Personali Civili e degli Affari Generali, quelle rientranti negli Affari Generali sono già previste nella delega stessa, mentre quelle che non vi rientrano vengono disciplinate dalle presenti norme esecutive.

12 - Ogni precedente ordine contrario alle presenti disposizioni o che, in conseguenza dell'applicazione delle presenti disposizioni, risulti non più attuabile deve intendersi revocato.

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Rome, 12th September 1945.

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Finally it should be pointed out that the Laws and Decrees Office is part of and subordinate to the Cabinet according to the Law (R.D.29 August 1942 - n. 1318); the variations which it is desired to bring about should therefore be carried out in another Royal Decree.

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2) Among the official publications of the Ministry of the R.A. there are some which are secret and not to be divulged and which have to be prepared for distribution by military departments. Furthermore arrangements have to be made for the publication on the Foglio d'Ordine of certain articles which concern or interest all or part of the Central departments. It is often necessary to select, put together or re-compile these on a more general and wide basis for the various departments. These selctions and examinations cannot be entrusted either to the Cabinet or to the Directorate of Civilian Personnel who completely lack the necessary experience.

3) It is therefore considered highly advisable to leave the responsibility for official publications to the Cabinet. If however this opinion is not shared it is necessary to bear in mind that the practical execution of the printing of the publications is carried out by the Photo-Mechanical Works which, being part of the Reparto Servizi, is actually subordinate to the authority of which the Reparto Servizi itself is the Head. The responsibility under discussion should therefore be given to this authority and not to a department which has no connection with this activity.

3) The General Affairs Office of the Cabinet deals with all those questions which, as they have a different interest for certain Central departments, have to be centralized, examined and solved with particular efficiency and authority without coming under the influence of, or being prejudiced by, one or more of the central departments. This, however, has to be done without having recourse to the complicated procedure of indicating each time who, in this or in other departments concerned, is to deal with the questions which raise more than one subject. It is in fact considered that (in the absence of a Chief of Cabinet) the department which has the task of dealing with any one problem can, while dealing with it from his own point of view, ~~can~~ also run the risk of not giving it - often through lack of knowledge - the necessary value to the needs of the other departments concerned. All questions, therefore, should definitely be brought forward to the Minister who should either take the place of his Chief of Cabinet - and he would certainly not have the necessary time to devote to his other activities - or he will have to agree to the varius problems being dealt with and solved improperly and incompletely.

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As far as the functions of the Office of General Affairs are concerned with regard to the budget, it is not correct to state that they are of a purely accounting nature. To the technical-financial programmes compiled by the Stato Maggiore and to the subsequent requests from the Directorates of the Ministry, coordinating action should be added which has a bearing on the political and economic situation of the country which is inevitably reflected in all capital and in the final budget. This important work can not be carried out by other than a department which adds and exact appreciation of the Air Force organisation, its military activity and its general aims, to the necessary authority and knowledge of political and economic problems. The only department which does not possess, or only possesses these requisites to a superficial degree is the Directorate of Civilian Personnel in which matters of the budget are to be concentrated. Also in connection with the participation in the Interministerial Commissions, it is considered to be extremely useful to send to the meetings, apart from officials who are particularly specialised and therefore belong to the various central departments of the Ministry, a representative of the Cabinet (General Affairs Office) who consitutes a guarantee of continuity in the administration and has a complete knowledge of the various problems which are dealt with at interministerial conferences.

In view of the above it is considered that the existence of a General Affairs Office within the Cabinet is of real use in coordinating action between the various central departments and in explaining duties which, if they were distributed differently, could only predjudice, and in each case delay, the action of the Head of the Administration.

4. The suppression of the Reparto Servizi of the Ministry, obviously without eliminating the services, does not eliminate the coordinator (Commanding Officer of the Unit) either, who, contrary to former procedure for administrative reasons should be Head of another Reparto Servizi; in other words that of the C.O. IIIrd Z.A.T. Without listing the serious difficulties of such a new organisation it is dufficient to point out that, following on from such a beginning we arrive at the absurd situation when all the Reparti Servizi within the territorial district of the Comando Zona have to become subordinate to the Reparto Servizi of the Z.A.T. and not to the department for whose sake the Reparto Servizi was formed.

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While on the subject of the Reparto Servizi it should be pointed out that it is part of and subordinate to the Cabinet according to the Law (R.D. 29.8.1942 n. 1318) and that therefore alterations in its status should be effected by another Royal Decree.

5. The new subordination laid down for the Air Force Editorial Office is not sufficiently comprehensible. The existence of a Press Office subordinate to the Minister's Cabinet would make it appear, by analogy and similarity in its work, that the same subordination should apply to the Air Force Editorial Office.

There are no concrete objections to the other variations to the present composition of the Cabinet.

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Roma, lì 12 Settembre 1945

OGGETTO: Composizione del Gabinetto del Ministro - Osservazioni al lo schema d'inserzione al Foglio d'Ordini.-

1°) - Lo schema in esame stabilisce come segue la composizione del Gabinetto del Ministro (testualmente):

1° - Gabinetto - Con un Capo di Gabinetto;

- Segreteria del Gabinetto .....;

2° - Ufficio Leggi e Decreti .....;

Di conseguenza sembrerebbe che l'Ufficio Leggi e Decreti, qua le parte costitutiva del Gabinetto, dovesse dipendere dal Ca po di Gabinetto; viceversa si dispone che esso Ufficio faccia capo direttamente al Ministro.- Ciò contrasta con le elementari norme ordinative poiché se l'Ufficio in questione dipende in linea diretta dal Ministro acquista la fisionomia di un organo a sé stante come la Segreteria Particolare del Ministro e come lo stesso Gabinetto del quale pertanto non può essere parte integrante.-

Inoltre la diretta dipendenza dell'Ufficio Leggi e Decreti dal Ministro nulla può cambiare dell'attuale procedura nella attività di tale organo; creerebbe solamente altro Capo Ufficio a diretto contatto con il Capo dell'Amministrazione che non potrà pertanto giovarsi dell'opera coordinatrice del Capo di Gabinetto il quale, con la conoscenza specifica dell'organismo aeronautico e con il continuo contatto con i paralleli organi delle altre Amministrazioni Statali, deve svolgere un'accorta opera coordinatrice fra i vari Enti interessati al progetto e compilazione di leggi e decreti (Stato Maggiore, Direzioni Centrali, ecc.) le conclusioni dei quali, spesso in contrasto, trovano il loro punto d'incontro precisamente nel Capo di Gabinetto.- L'Ufficio Leggi e Decreti, com'é noto infatti, ha come peculiare attribuzione, fra le altre, quella di revisionare dal lato giuridico ed amministrativo gli schemi di leggi, decreti e regolamenti preparandone la formula - zione definitiva.-

Devesi infine rilevare che l'Ufficio Leggi e Decreti fa parte e dipende dal Gabinetto per disposizione di Legge (R.D.29 agosto 1942 - n. 1318); la variante che si vuole apportare

deve essere disposta quindi con altro Regio Decreto.-

2°) - Fra le pubblicazioni ufficiali del Ministero della R.A. esistono quelle riservate e da non divulgare che debbono rimanere per la preparazione nell'ambito degli organi militari. Inoltre sul Foglio d'Ordini devesi provvedere alla pubblicazione di articoli di competenza o che interessano tutti o parte degli Enti Centrali, articoli che spesso é necessario vagliare, riunire od anche ricompilare sulla scorta di una visione ampia e generale dell'attività dei vari Enti, vaglio ed esame che non può essere affidato se non al Gabinetto e non alla Direzione Personali Civili mancante assolutamente della necessaria competenza.-
Si ritiene quindi molto opportuno lasciare al Gabinetto le attribuzioni relative alle pubblicazioni ufficiali; qualora però questo parere non sia condiviso é necessario tener presente che la materiale esecuzione del lavoro di stampa per le pubblicazioni é svolta dallo Stabilimento Fotomeccanico che, parte integrante del Reparto Servizi, dipende appunto dall'Autorità alla quale il Reparto Servizi medesimo fa capo.- A tale Autorità quindi debbono essere devolute le attribuzioni in questione e non ad un Ente che nulla ha a che vedere con la particolare attività.-

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Per quanto concerne le attribuzioni dell'Ufficio Affari Generali nei riguardi del bilancio non è esatto affermare che esse si risolvono in compiti di natura meramente contabile, in quanto ai programmi tecnico-finanziari compilati dallo Stato Maggiore ed alle conseguenti richieste delle Direzioni del Ministero deve aggiungersi un'opera coordinatrice originata dalla situazione politica-economica del paese che si riflette inevitabilmente su ogni capitolo e sul complesso conguntivo del bilancio. Tale opera importante non può essere svolta da un Ente il quale alla necessaria autorità e conoscenza dei problemi politico-economici accoppi un'esatta nozione dell'organizzazione Aeronautica, della sua attività militare e degli scopi da raggiungere: l'unico organo che non ha o che ha solo superficialmente tali requisiti è la Direzione Personali Civili alla quale si vorrebbe accentrare l'attività per il bilancio.-
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In merito alle altre varianti apportate all'attuale composizione del Gabinetto nulla di concreto si ha da obiettare.-

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ANNEX E
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Abstract of Observations by Italian Air Ministry on Cevolotto's Reorganisation.

1. Placing the Laws and Decrees Office directly under the Minister instead of under the Chief of Cabinet:-
(a) would require a Royal Decree as it would be contrary to the law (R.D. 29 August 1942 - No. 1318)

(b) would create another Head of Section (under the Chief of Administration) who would have to refer most matters to the Chief of Cabinet anyhow, as he is the coordinating authority, with consequent loss of efficiency and time.

2. For various reasons, it is considered highly desirable to leave the responsibility for official publications to the Cabinet. If this view is not shared, then responsibility should pass to the Reparto Servizi, who control the printing section of the I.A.M., rather than to a department which has no connection with these matters (Directorate of Civilian Personnel and General Affairs).

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So far as interministerial conferences are concerned it is particularly useful to send a representative of the Cabinet General Affairs Office as well as specialised officers as this not only guarantees contact and continuity within the Administration, but also means that somebody with a complete knowledge of the various problems which are dealt with at these conferences is always present. The General Affairs Office of the Cabinet, therefore, really does do a useful job.

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MEMORANDUM.

DIRECTORATE OF CIVIL AVIATION.

During a conversation between the Air Minister (DR. CEVOLOTTO) and A.O.C. on the 27th August, A.O.C. agreed that there was no objection to putting in a civilian in charge of Civil Aviation at the Italian Air Ministry, provided that he worked directly under the Air Ministry, and on the grounds that he will be dealing with the past rather than the future, for the time being. By the past is meant liquidating and settling the many questions which are still arising concerning pre-liberation questions.

I.E. BRODIE,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, Rome.
Date: 27th August, 1945.
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AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION,
ROME.

AFSC/351/ORG. 24th August, 1945.

Dear

REORGANISATION OF I.A.M. AND HIGH FORMATIONS.

It is understood that you are considering some reorganisation in the Italian Air Ministry and High Formations.

2. It is thought that the A.F.S.C. could be of assistance to you in offering advice based upon the organisation which developed during the war in the Anglo/American Ministeries as a result of experience.

3. Therefore it is suggested that we should discuss the matter before executive action is taken. Certain portions of the reorganisation were discussed by GENERAL AIMONE CAT and AIR VICE-MARSHAL BRODIE on the 31st August, and some measure of tentative agreement was reached, e.g. the reorientation of the Directorate of Operations with special reference to a Deputy Directorate for Military Courier Services, redeployment of Unità Aerea and also LATs.

4. Consequently I have studied the organisation at the British Air Ministry which however should not be adopted by you in toto because inevitably there must be many more divisions of responsibility in an organisation so much bigger than the I.A.M. I must mention that I have twice completed tours of duty at the British Air Ministry (once during this war).

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8. I will be glad to receive your ideas on this matter either or after you have considered appendix "A". A preliminary discussion save time. May we discuss this important matter with you, GENERAL [illegible] and such other Officers as you may wish, at an early date.

Yours [illegible]

[illegible]

Doctor M. Cevolotto,
Minister for Air,
Italian Air Ministry,
Rome.

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SHEET NO. 1.

MINISTER FOR AIR

Ministerial Under Secretary for Air (political appointment).

REGIA AERONAUTICA COUNCIL (Note A)

Permanent Under Secretary for Air (Service or Civilian but not Political, possibly taking place of Chief of Cabinet.

See Sheet 2.

Chief of Air Staff and Inspector General of the R.A. (B) Deputy C.A.S.

See sheet 3

Member for Personnel.

See sheet 4

Member for supply and Org.

See sheet 5

Member for Training. (C)

See sheet 6

Notes: (A) The Minister for Air would be the Chairman of the R.A. Council. The Ministerial Under Secretary for Air whose title in the I.A.M. might be 'Secretary for Air' would be Deputy Chairman and a member of the R.A. Council. The Council should hold regular meetings in order to co-ordinate the work of the I.A.M. and to arrive at major decisions in committee.

(B) In the R.A.F. the 'Inspector General' is quite separate but has a staff of only four officers and secretaries.

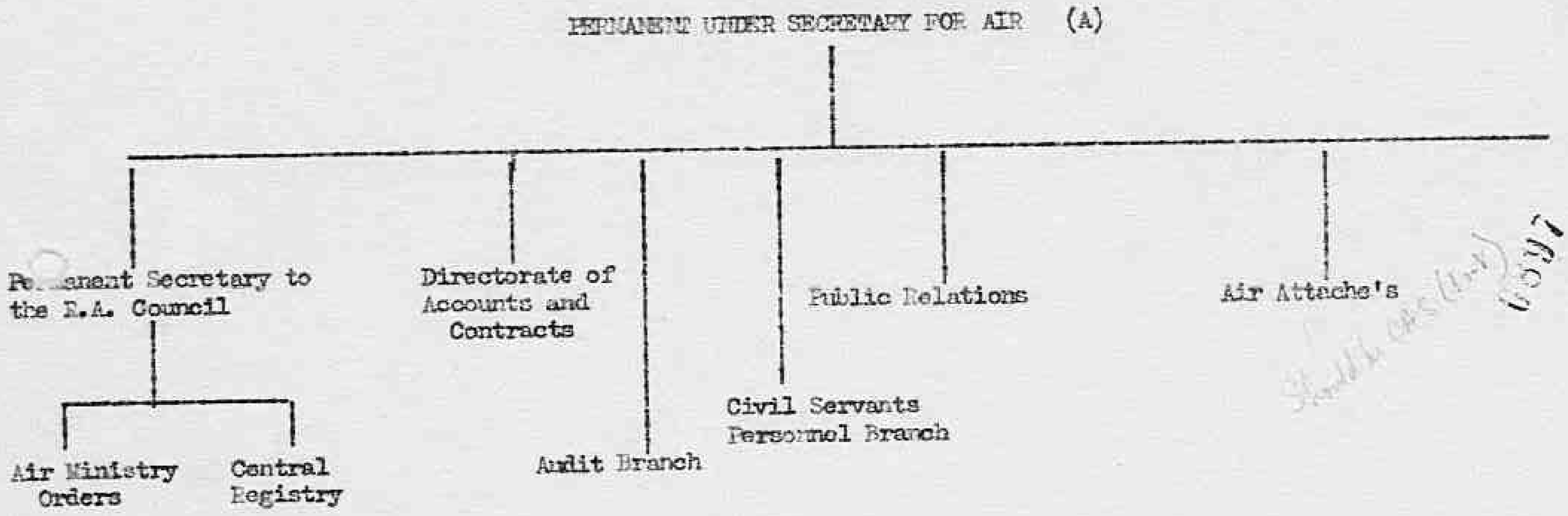
(C) In the R.A. the Member of Training's duties might be incorporated into the duties of the other three Service Members of the R.A. Council.

Additional Note: (i) The Permanent U.S. for Air and Members of the R.A. Council should be of Brigadier General Rank, except the C.A.S. who should be the top ranking officer serving in the Air Ministry - at least one rank above any other.

(ii) Each of the above mentioned Officials and Officers would be Members of the Regia Aeronautica Council.

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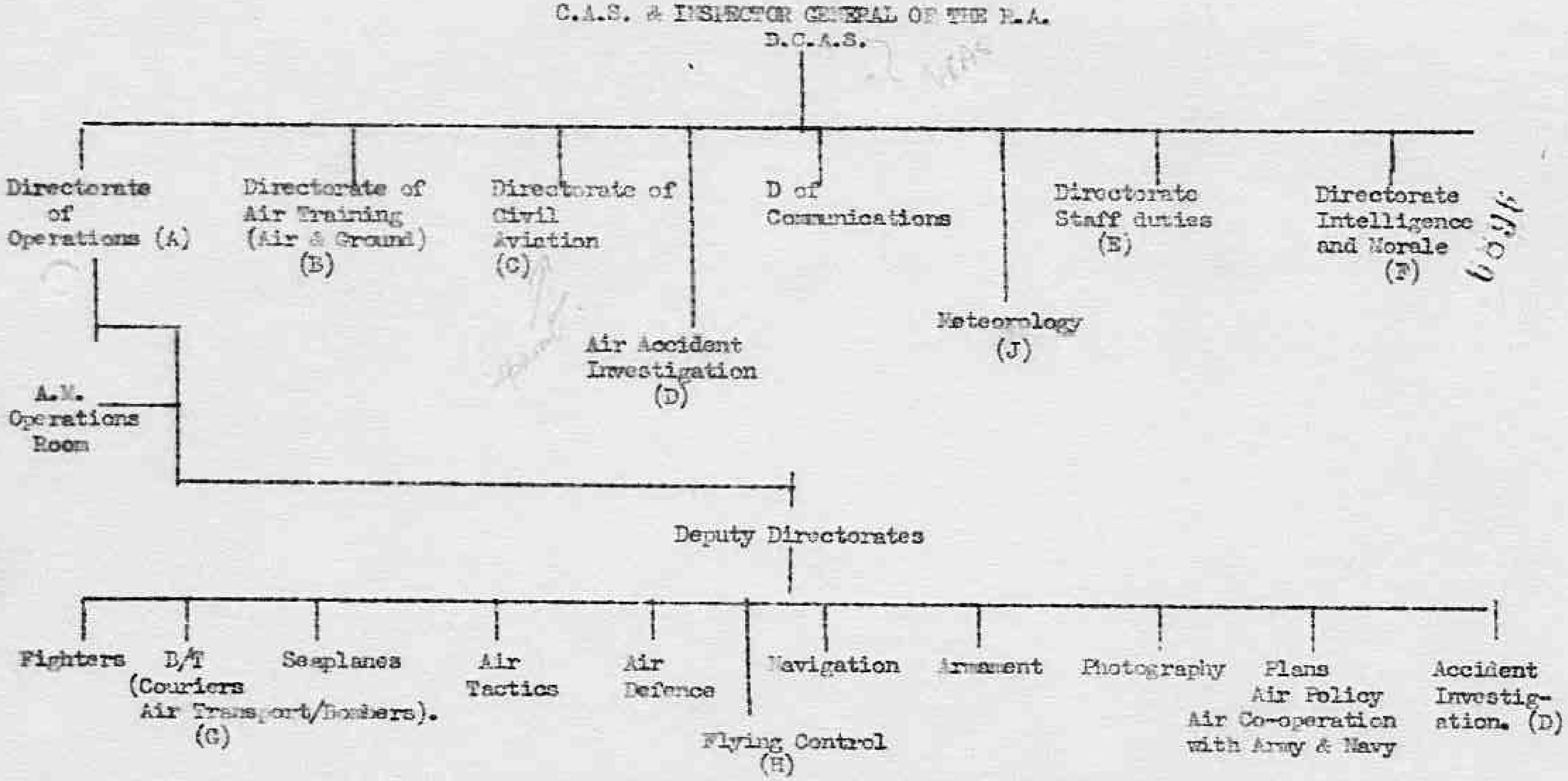
SHEET NO.2.



Notes: (A) It is emphasised that the Permanent Under Secretary for Air must NOT be a political appointment. The post should be filled by a permanent civil servant (as at the British Air Ministry), or possibly a R.A. Officer. Continuity of this post is essential. The department covers those branches not of a strictly service character. This department might take the place of the existing 'Chief of Cabinet' which name is probably not quite suitable for the duties given. The P.U.S. for Air would be a member of the R.A. Council.

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SHEET NO. 3.



Note: (A) To be directed by a Brigadier General - all other directorates probably by a full Colonel or Lieutenant Colonel. Responsible for inspecting and supervising all flying unit operations, including Ministerial Flight.

(B) Could be a separate department (See sheet 1), as at British Air Ministry.

(C) Could be a separate department, (as in England where it is now a separate Ministry, but not appropriate in Italy yet.

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SHEET NO.3 CONTINUED.

(D) Could be a Deputy Directorate under Director of Operations, but in any event should not be in the same department as Accidents Prevention (See sheet 4) - accident prevention and investigation must be entirely separate to prevent collusion (as in R.A.M).

(J) Could be a separate department (as in England) under R.A. Council, if it is to be mostly civilian (as in England).

(E) Could be under Member for Personnel but in England is under C.A.S.

(F) This Directorate affects chiefly the C.A.S. (especially in War) but would have to keep in close touch with other Members of the R.A. Council.

(G) This is, at present, the most important deputy directorate and should have a full Colonel in charge, whereas all other Deputy Directors could well be Lt/Cols. or in some cases Majors.

(H) An important Deputy Directorate.

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SHEET 4.

MINISTER FOR PERSONNEL.

Directorates

- Officers
  Postings
  Commissioning
  Discharge
- Personal Services
  - Pay
  - Welfare
  - NAFFI
  - Sports Board
  - Awards & Decorations
  - Ex Service Personnel
  - P.O.W's
  - Graves
  - etc.
- Manning
  Enlistment
  Discharge
  Postings ORs and Civilians other than civil servants.
- Provost Marshal
- Judge Advocate (A)
- Medical and Dental.
- Air Ministry H.Q. Unit (B)

Notes: (A) Might be a department under the Minister for Justice (combining Judge Advocate duties of all the Military Services, as in England).

(B) Might be under Zat III.

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SHEET NO.5.

MEMBER FOR SUPPLY AND ORGANISATION.

Controller of Economy (A)

- Organisation and Administration Policy.
- Equipment
  - 1 Common User Clothing Barrack Supplies
  - 2 A/C, Spares & Construction
  - 3 M/T and Marine Craft & Spares and Construction
  - 4 Specialist Armt Sigs Nav
  - 5 P.O.L.? (or under 2 & 3).
- Establishments (~~AEREORCE~~ personnel, s/c, MT, etc. Establishment Board.
- Fire Precautions.
- Technical Publications.
- Movements (B)
- Servicing and Maintenance and A.I.D. (C)
- Works Lands Requisitioning (incl: Stores Accounts Labour Drawing Office Real Estate).

Notes: (A) Might be directly under the E.A. Council but in any event must have powers to study economy in all Air Ministry departments. (In England is under the Member for Supply & Organisation).

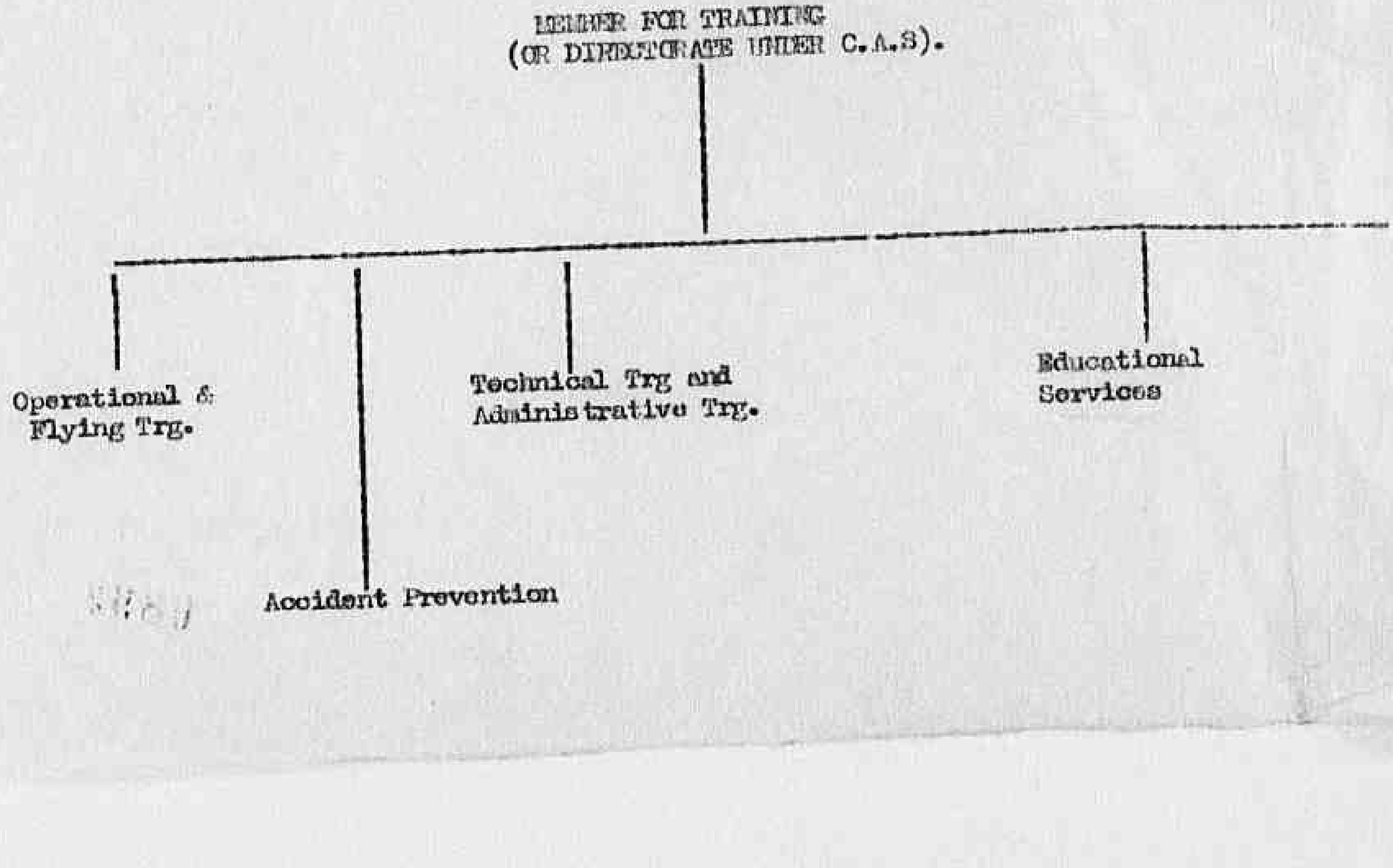
(B) Might be under Member for Personnel. (In England under the Member for Supply & Organisation).

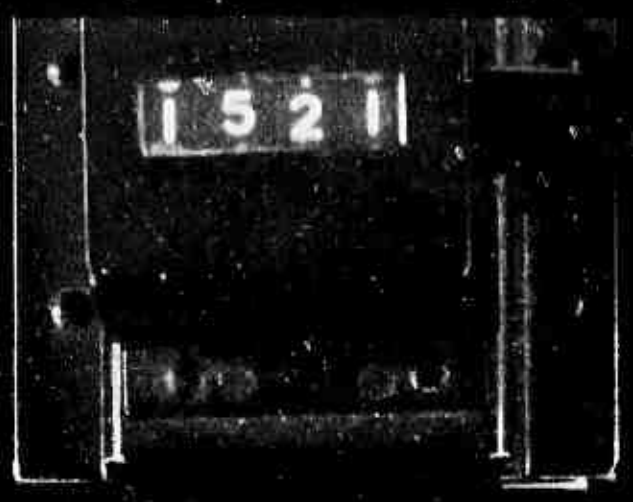
(C) A.I.D. is intended to be an air force equipment inspectorate department.

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