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2 May 1945

MINUTES

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Present: Rear Admiral Stone, Mr. Antolini, Brigadier Tylcha, Major General de Devin, Major General Hawkesworth, Major General Browning, Air Vice Marshal Drew, Near Admiral Barnes, Mr. Stewart Brown, Colonel Perkin, Brigadier Lush.

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6. Refugee Problem

The Chief Commissioner emphasized the urgency of the refugee problem in Northern Italy and drew the attention of the Vice Presidents to the absolute necessity of providing officers from their staffs who could be attached to the

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Displaced Persons Sub-Commission to deal with this pressing problem.

7. Vice President, Civil Affairs Section, informed the meeting that:

a. Courts are being established in the North for the punishment of Fascists;

b. The dispersal of Patriots was going well;

c. UNRRA wished to send a representative forward with Colonel Findley, Head of the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission. The Chief Commissioner said that he could see no objection to this.

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25 April 1945

M I N U T E S

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Present: Rear Admiral Stone, Mr. Dowling, Mr. Halford, Brigadier Anderson, Brigadier General McKinley, Mr. Antolini, Major General de Sevin, Major General Kislenko, A.V.M. Brodie, Colonel Baldrige, Rear Admiral Warren, Colonel Fiske, Brigadier Lush, Mr. Stewart Brown, Lt. Col. Bonham Carter, Colonel Parkin.

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5. Reduction of Italian Air Force

Referring to para 3 of the Minutes of 18 April, Air Vice Marshal Brodie confirmed that agreement had been reached at a MAF conference whereby the proposed reduction of machines in the Italian Air Force would be made less drastic. The new plan, the Air Vice Marshal said, was expected to prove entirely satisfactory to the Italian Government.

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6. Restaurants

Referring to para 5 of the Minutes of 18 April, the Chief Commissioner asked Colonel Fiske what action had been taken to issue an order prohibiting troops from entering civilian restaurants in the Northern cities on their liberation.

Colonel Fiske replied that a letter had gone from this Commission to AFHQ requesting that the attention of all troops be called to the orders already existing and which had been framed subsequent to the depletion of foodstuffs in Rome after the liberation of that city.

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b. The recent Separatist Congress in Palermo had also given rise to much press comment. Several papers, not only those of the Left but also independent organs, had been advocating suppression of the Separatist movement in Sicily if necessary by force.

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c. Speculation and interest continued to focus on the San Francisco Conference.

12. Italian Relations with Yugoslavia

Referring to paragraph 7a of the minutes of the 18th of April, Mr. Halford told the Chief Commissioner that he had been informed by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs that feelers had been put out by the Italian Government by way of resuming relations with the Yugoslav Government, but that so far these had been ignored by Mr. Smodlaka.

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16. Italian Civil Aviation

Air Vice Marshal Brodie said that he would shortly submit to the Chief Commissioner an interim report on the subject of Italian civil aviation. He said that discussion of this subject with the Italian Air Ministry had

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hereto been prohibited by AFHQ. The Chief Commissioner requested from Mr. Antolini such material as he had available on this subject and said that he would shortly hold a meeting with Mr. Antolini and the Head of the Air Forces Subcommission. Admiral Stone pointed out that the Italian Government were already negotiating this problem with foreign governments and that the matter needed clarification in Rome.

17. Public Relations.

Mr. Stewart Brown gave a short report on the tour Northwards on which he had accompanied the Acting President.

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18 April 1945

MINUTES

Vice Presidents' Meeting 1300 hours, 17 April 1945, Office of the Chief Commissioner, Hq Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Admiral Stone, Mr. Dowling, Mr. Melford, Mr. Antolini, Brigadier General McKinley, Brigadier Anderson, Brigadier Upjohn, Major General de Sevin, Major General Mickelsen, Colonel Parkin, Group Captain Jarman, Mr. Stewart Brown, Rear Admiral Warren, Colonel Kerr, Colonel Fiske.

1. New Italian Draft Decree

Referring to para 1 of Minutes of 11 April 1945, Brigadier Upjohn said that he would forthwith send down for the perusal of the Chief Commissioner an entirely redrafted decree which had been received from the Italian Government.

2. Import Program

Referring to para 2 of Minutes of 11 April 1945, Mr. Antolini said that the Italian members of the Mission had not yet left this country due to delay in the issuance of visas by the U.S. Consul. The question was in the hands of the State Department.

3. Reduction of Italian Air Force

Referring to para 4 of Minutes of 11 April 1945, Group Captain Jarman, in reply to a question of the Chief Commissioner's, confirmed that discussions were still going on at AFHQ with respect to the proposed reduction of the Italian Air Force equipment.

4. U.S. Army and Navy Liquidation Board

Referring to para 10 of Minutes of 11 April 1945, the Chief Commissioner stated that the U.S. Army and Navy Liquidation Board had submitted a workmanlike and practical aide-memoire containing their proposals for disposing of surplus Army and Navy material in this theatre, the result of which the Admiral was sure would be of great benefit to Italy. Mr. Antolini asked if this aide-memoire were available and Admiral Stone agreed to furnish it to him.

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1. New Italian Draft Decree

Referring to para 1 of Minutes of 11 April 1945, Brigadier Upjohn said that he would forthwith send down for the perusal of the Chief Commissioner an entirely redrafted decree which had been received from the Italian Government.

2. Import Program

Referring to para 2 of Minutes of 11 April 1945, Mr. Antolini said that the Italian members of the Mission had not yet left this country due to delay in the issuance of visas by the U.S. Consul. The question was in the hands of the State Department.

3. Reduction of Italian Air Force

Referring to para 3 of Minutes of 11 April 1945, Group Captain Jerman, in reply to a question of the Chief Commissioner's, confirmed that discussions were still going on at AFHQ with respect to the proposed reduction of the Italian Air Force equipment.

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The Chief Commissioner noted that this letter had been referred for action to Civil Affairs Section and pointed out that it should properly be handled by the Executive Commissioner whom he directed to take up this point with the respective Army commanders.

6. C.I.F.

Admiral Stone asked the Vice President, Civil Affairs Section, if he could inform him of the present status of the new C.I.P. decree as both the

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American and British Embassies were expressing anxiety over its passage. Mr. Antolini stated that it was at present held up in the Ministry of Justice. Admiral Stone directed Brigadier Upjohn to put pressure on the Ministry so that the decree could be issued quickly.

7. Political Resume

Mr. Halford stated that the news of the death of the President of the United States had been received by the Italian Government and people with a sense of very deep and sincere loss, and that this news had overshadowed all others in the past week in Italy. Mr. Halford drew attention to two points which had emerged from the last meeting of the Council of Ministers.

a. The Minister of Foreign Affairs had deplored the anti-Italian campaign which was being conducted by the Yugoslavs and a resolution was passed at the end of the meeting expressing the Italian Government's desire to resume friendly relations with Yugoslavia.

Mr. Halford did not know if this resolution was being implemented by negotiations.

b. A decree had been passed whereby the presidents of epuration commissions were no longer required to be magistrates.

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8. Wheat for Italy

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10. Employment of Italian Troops

In reply to a question of Colonel Kerr's the Admiral stated that a decision had been taken by Field Marshal Alexander at his last Political Con-

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ference that Italian troops would not be employed outside Italy, except in most exceptional cases and only when required by urgent military necessity. A directive to military formations implementing this decision would no doubt issue shortly.

11. Colonel Fiske reported:

a. That this Headquarters had been directed by AFHQ to produce a report stating progress in the implementation of PAN 407. A reply was now ready for the Chief Commissioner's signature.

b. That 5th Army were progering to turn over Florence to AMG control.

c. Arrangements had been made for Mr. Antolini and other senior members of the Economic Section to hold meetings with representatives of 4th Corps and 15 Army Group late this week.

12. Ministry of Occupied Italy

The Chief Commissioner drew the attention of the members to a pamphlet on C.L.N.'s which had been circulated by the Ministry of Occupied Italy, containing expressions of policy and proposed conduct and administration in the Northern Regions when they should be liberated. The Chief Commissioner stated that the Prime Minister had informed him that this pamphlet did not reflect the views of the Italian Government and that it would very probably be suppressed.

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11 April 1945

MINUTES

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 11 April 1945, Office of the Chief Commissioner, Hq Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Rear Admiral Stone, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Hilfort, Brigadier General McKinley, Mr. Acto Ind, Brigadier Upjohn, Major General de Levin, Major General Kislenko, Rear Admiral Morgan, Colonel Perkin, Major General Browning, Lt. Colonel Pettigrew, Mr. Stewart Brown, Col. Fiske.

1. New Italian Draft Decree

Referring to para 1 of Minutes of 28 March 1945, Brigadier Upjohn said that he had received a new draft from which reference to "Corrections" had been withdrawn and that he would submit it to the Chief Commissioner for his perusal.

2. Export Program

Referring to para 2 of Minutes of 28 March 1945, Mr. Antolini confirmed that permission had been obtained from the Combined Chiefs of Staff for the departure of the Italians and that they were leaving for Washington on Saturday, 14 April.

3. Carabinieri

Referring to para 3 of Minutes of 28 March 1945, Brigadier Upjohn confirmed that the appointment of General Toddies Deputy Commander of the Carabinieri had been effected.

4. Reduction of Italian Air Force

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5. Trucking Charges

Referring to para 5 of Minutes of 28 March 1945, Mr. Antolini confirmed that 25,000 lire had in fact been charged for the transportation of school books from Rome to Pescrate and stated that while the charge was technically correct, steps would be taken to remedy the tariff scale.

6. Civilianization of AC Personnel

In order that a properly correlated reply could be sent to AFHQ to a question on the progress of civilianizing AC personnel, the Chief Commissioner directed that Colonel Fiske, Mr. Antolini, and Colonel Perkin should coordinate the matter.

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1. New Italian Draft Decree

Referring to para 1 of Minutes of 23 March 1945, Brigadier Upjohn said that he had received a new draft from which reference to "Concessions" had been withdrawn and that he would submit it to the Chief Commissioner for his perusal.

2. Import Program

Referring to para 2 of Minutes of 23 March 1945, Mr. Antolini confirmed that permission had been obtained from the Combined Chiefs of Staff for the importation of the Italians and that they were leaving for Washington on Saturday, 24 April.

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7. Political Resume.

In a resume of recent political developments, Mr. Fielding made the following points:

a. The Council of Ministers had rescinded the discriminatory racial laws.

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b. Saraget has been officially appointed Ambassador to Paris.

c. The press was occupied with speculation on the developments subsequent to the liberation of the North and insistence upon Italian representation (as observers) at the San Francisco conference.

d. The Communist Party has held a meeting as a result of which the Party's position was considerably clarified.

8. Institutional Question

The Chief Commissioner stated that questions had been raised by the head of the Communist Party regarding the obligations undertaken by the present Government that they would carry out all the Armistice terms and that they would not reopen the institutional question until the North was liberated and the people of Italy had themselves decided the form of government which they desired. He had been asked by one of the Ministers if the institutional question could be reopened as soon as liberation occurred. He replied that liberation was only one of two conditions which had to be met.

9. Reduction of Powers of the Italian General Staff

The Chief Commissioner informed the meeting that a decree was now under consideration by the Council of Ministers to reduce the powers of the Italian General Staff (formerly Comando Supreme) to rendering of "advice and consultation to the Prime Minister". This decree would have the effect of restricting the Italian General Staff to its pre-war functions and regularizing conditions which now in fact existed.

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The Chief Commissioner informed the meeting of the arrival in Italy of the United States Army and Navy Liquidation Board. He stated that this Board proposed to make a very considerable sale of surplus property to the Italian Government who could then apportion it and sell it as they thought best. The effect of this sale would be healthily deflationary as the amount of equipment to dispose of was substantial and the profit which would be made by the Government would go far to offset its budgetary deficit--for the current year at any rate. The addition of these materials to the limited supplies now in the country would be deflationary in itself.

11. Anti-Inflation Committee

The Chief Commissioner informed the meeting that the latest recommendations of the Anti-Inflation Committee had been forwarded to Sig. Bonomi. While the Allied Commission could no longer request that these measures be acted upon, yet the Prime Minister had been advised that aggressive action, along the lines of these recommendations, would be needed to cope with the present inflationary trend.

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13. Colonel Fiske, A/Executive Commissioner, gave a report of meetings which the Regional Commissioners had held with Civil Affairs and Economic Sections, 15th Army Group, and with General Crittenberger, CGC IV Corps. He informed the meeting that it had been decided to withdraw the olive oil 'teams' from Southern Italy on the 15th of this month in view of the present operations and the possibly imminent liberation of the North.

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28 March 1945

MINUTES

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 28 March 1945, Office of the Chief Commissioner, Hq Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Rear Admiral Stone, Mr. Hopkinson, Brigadier General McKinley, Mr. Antolini, Brigadier Upjohn, Major General Kislenko, Lieut. de Noue, Col. Parkin, Mr. Brown, Rear Admiral Warren, Lt. Col. Baldrige, Colonel Kerr, Colonel Fiske.

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2. Import Program

Referring to para 6 of Minutes of 19 March 1945, the Chief Commissioner expressed his congratulations to the Economic Section for having completed the screening of "A" and "B" programs--the "A" Program having been dispatched to AFHQ and the "B" Program now being taken to Washington by Mr. Harlan Cleveland.

Mr. Antolini drew the attention of the Chief Commissioner to the fact that no permission had yet been obtained from the Combined Chiefs of Staff for the Italians to accompany the Mission which was taking the import program to Washington.

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6. Political Resume

Mr. Hopkinson stated that beyond the appointment of a number of Ambassadors there was nothing new in the political field.

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7. Olive oil

Mr. Antolini produced the latest olive oil amassing figures and the Chief Commissioner repeated his ruling (para 6c of the Minutes of 19 March 1945) that the olive oil "teams" were not to be withdrawn from Southern Italy so long as they were doing useful work.

8. Miscellaneous Points from Civil Affairs Section

Brigadier Upjohn reported:

a. That the proceeds of the Art Exhibition at the Palazzo Venezia had amounted to 1,600,000 lire and that this sum had been handed to the Italian Government as a contribution to the restoration of damaged monuments.

b. That the Royal Yugoslav Mission in Rome had been closed on Monday, 26 March 1945, and that other Royal Yugoslav Missions in Italy were to be closed shortly.

9. Press Plan for Northern Italy

The Director of the Public Relations Branch informed the meeting that agreement had been reached by the Psychological Warfare Branch, the Allied Commission, and the Italian Government on the proposed press plan for Northern Italy and that this plan had now been submitted to AFHQ.

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Colonel Kerr reported that there still were complaints from the Italian Government against the alleged enticement of Italian soldiers by the Yugoslav Military (Partisan) Mission in Rome. The men were alleged to have been sent to Bari, but it had been impossible, Col. Kerr said, to apprehend any of those alleged deserters.

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Next Vice Presidents Meeting - Wednesday, 4 April 1945, 1000 hours.

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CC 551/10

19 March 1945

MINUTES

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1030 hours, 17 March 1945, Office of the Chief Commissioner, Hq Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Rear Admiral Stone, Mr. Dowling, Mr. Hopkinson, Brigadier General McKinley, Mr. Antolini, Brigadier Upjohn, Major General KISLENKO, Commodore Zirelli, Colonel Fiske, Air Vice Marshal Foster-Pedley, Major General Browning, Brigadier Rush.

1. Political Advisers.

The Chief Commissioner suggested that at future meetings a brief statement on the week's political developments might be given by the Political Advisers alternately.

2. Naval Subcommission.

The Chief Commissioner informed the meeting that a new directive for the Naval Subcommission had been received which was altogether satisfactory.

3. New Italian Draft Decree.

The Chief Commissioner stated that the Council of Ministers had been and were still considering a proposed draft decree which had been submitted by Minister Bonomi. The decree, an anti-fascist measure, was aimed not only against individuals but also would strike at many large industrial plants the socialization of which might affect the Allied war effort. For this reason a copy of the decree had been forwarded to AFHQ with a request for guidance in the matter.

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4. Political Resume.

Mr. Hopkinson gave a short resume of recent political developments in Italy, drawing attention to the fact that none of the parties had tried to use the Roatta incident as a lever to overthrow the Government.

5. A Fresh Aspect of the New Deal.

449 - Mr. Hopkinson said that he was submitting a draft memorandum for circulation to heads of Sections and Independent Subcommissions urging these to exercise their good offices in assisting diplomatic representatives of those United Nations' Governments who had not yet established direct relationships with the Italian Government in their dealings with the Italian authorities, when they were unable to reach satisfactory arrangements with the Italian Government direct.

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449 - Mr. Hopkinson said that he was submitting a draft memorandum for circulation to heads of Sections and Independent Subcommissions urging these to exercise their good offices in assisting diplomatic representatives of those United Nations' Governments who had not yet established direct relationships with the Italian Government in their dealings with the Italian authorities when they were unable to reach satisfactory arrangements with the Italian Government direct.

6. Olive Oil.

a. Mr. Antolini gave the latest figures for the pressing of olive oil and estimated that 45,000 tons would eventually be collected, thereby ensuring a minimum oil ration in Italy.

b. Referring to para 6 of the minutes of meeting CC (Pi/9 of 22 February,

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Mr. Antolini reported that there was no truth in the allegation that unsuitable containers were being used and that this was merely a ruse on the part of the farmers to retain their own crop.

c. The Chief Commissioner gave a ruling that the olive oil "teams" were to be kept in Southern Italy so long as was necessary in spite of the general withdrawal from the South.

7. Prison Rations.

When the point was raised by Mr. Antolini, the Chief Commissioner gave a ruling that the ration scale in Rome prisons was not to be reduced at the present. The Executive Commissioner suggested that the proposal should be reviewed two months from now. This was agreed to.

8. Import Program.

Brigadier General McKinley spoke of the great difficulties in screening the "A" and "B" import program chiefly owing to the complexity of the work and the scarcity of skilled requisition officers. The General said that he well realized the need for speed on which the Chief Commissioner laid much emphasis, but refused to commit himself to a firm date when the import program would be ready prepared. The Chief Commissioner again stressed the need for completing this work at the earliest possible date.

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Brigadier Upjohn reported:

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b. That General Trunetti had assumed command of the CC.RR. and that first impressions of him were good;

c. That the Italian Government were being dilatory in appointing General Taddei as Deputy Commander of the CC.RR. The Brigadier asked if the Chief Commissioner would speak to Signor Bonomi on this score and he undertook to submit a memorandum;

d. That the Minister of Justice had paid another unauthorized visit to the forward areas, as a result of which he, Brigadier Upjohn, suggested that Signor Tupini's resignation from the Government be requested. It was decided to discuss the matter further out of the meeting.

e. That there was a general improvement in the distribution of medical supplies;

f. That Lieut. Colonel White, returned from a tour in Tuscany, reported that good preparatory work had been done in epuration.

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The Executive Commissioner suggested that in order to speed up the epurative machine first priority should be given to collaborators since the Armistice.

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10. Personnel.

Colonel Fiske reported that the personnel of the Commission are now being withdrawn from Italian Government Territory and are being re-allocated to the military government regions. Twenty-five U.S. officers, chiefly from the 5th Army, are at present undergoing a two weeks course of instruction in Rome in matters of military government on completion of which they will be returned to their units and will be available later for military government duties.

11. Reduction of Italian Air Force.

Air Vice Marshal Power-Buscarlet reported that pending a final word on the subject from AFHQ, he was not implementing the MAAF decision to reduce the Italian Air Force. The Chief Commissioner undertook to raise the matter at SACMED's Political Conference if it should prove necessary.

12. Report by DOC, Land Forces Subcommission (MMIA).

General Browning gave a short report on various matters concerning the Italian Army. There had been a gratifying improvement in [illegible], morale, and achievements. He hoped and expected that by the end of April the Italian Army would be up to its ceiling of 3[illegible],000, that five combat groups would be in the line, and that the Ministry for War and Army generally would be a properly organized, administered and going concern. The Garibaldi Division were now back in this country from Yugoslavia and numbered three or four thousand out of the original 17 or 18 thousand. First impressions of the Garibaldi Division were very good, and an attempt would be made to retain the remains of the Division as an entity. He also mentioned the matter of "cooperatore" being absorbed into the Italian army and the proposed solution of this intricate problem which has been forwarded to AFHQ.

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V/President, ALCOM — ok
Chief Commissioner — ok
Executive Commissioner — ok
VP, Civil Affairs Section — ok
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[illegible] Establishment Section —
Political Adviser (A) — ok
Political Adviser (B) — ok
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Executive Commissioner — OK
VP, Civil Affairs Section — OK
VP, Economic Section — OK
VP, Establishment Section —
Political Adviser (A) — OK
Political Adviser (B) — OK
Naval Subcommission (S) —
Land Forces Subcommission (LFSC) —
Air Forces Subcommission —
Liaison Office (Executive Comm'r) —
French Representative, ALCOM —
Russian Representative, ALCOM —
Executive Officer, Economic Section — OK
Staff Officer, Economic Section — OK
G-5, AFHQ (S) —
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DCCAO, Hq 15th Army Group
Public Relations Branch, ALCOM — OK

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22 February 1945

MINUTES

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 22 February 1945, Office of the Chief Commissioner, HQ Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Rear Admiral Stone, Colonel Demmore, Brig. General McKinley, Mr. Schott, Mr. Helford, Brigadier Upjohn, Lieutenant de Roue, Major General Kislenko, Rear Admiral Warren, Commodore Tirolli, Wing Commander de Mean, Major General Browning, Mr. Brown, Colonel Fiske, Brigadier Lush.

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The Chief Commissioner informed the meeting of certain points which had arisen at SACMED's Political Conference on Tuesday, 20 February, including (a) the issuance of a new directive to the Air Forces Sub-Commission, and (b) SACMED's ruling that cipher facilities could not be granted to the Italian Government at present. Bag facilities, however, would be permitted.

The Chief Commissioner directed the Political Section to draft a letter to the Prime Minister and to the Foreign Secretary informing them of this decision.

2. The New Directive

The Chief Commissioner stated that on Saturday, February 24th, there would be a special meeting of the Advisory Council to discuss the terms of the new directive, following which the A/President accompanied by Admiral Stone would call on the Prime Minister and inform him of the new relationship. In the late afternoon Mr. Macmillan would hold a press conference and would give a fairly detailed explanation of the situation.

A time was arranged for the meeting with the Russian and French representatives on the Allied Commission when the Chief Commissioner would explain to them the terms of the new directive. (Saturday, February 24th, after the Advisory Council meeting--approximately 1200 hours.)

3. Bread Ration

The Chief Commissioner drew the attention of the meeting that all of liberated Italy would be on a bread ration, or bread equivalent, of 300 grams effective March 1st. A short announcement had been jointly released by the Italian Government and the Commission.

4. Call-Up

The Chief Commissioner commented on the excellent progress of the Italian Army call-up in Sardinia. Admiral Stone, while conceding that this was almost entirely an Italian matter, urged that utmost publicity be given to this success.

5. Price of Bread

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Brigadier General McKinley gave an explanation of the Italian Government's proposal to substitute an economic price for bread in place of the present political price, and enumerated those classes of workers who would receive a bonus to meet this increased price. The Chief Commissioner stated that the Allied Commission would approve a similar bonus in AMG territory.

6. Olive Oil

Colonel Densmore reported that 24,000 tons of olive oil have now been amassed, or [illegible]% of the target.

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Lieutenant de Moue reported that he had received information that the farmers in the area of Rimini and Terni were not handing over their olive oil since they believe it would be ruined in the containers which were being used for the smessing. Colonel Demmare undertook to look into this.

7. Political Developments

Mr. Schott gave a resume of the week's political activities continuing that Italian disapp intment at the result of the Crimea Conference had been partially offset by the invitation received by Italian labor leaders to attend the Labor Conference in London.

A newsprint shortage in Naples had been followed by a similar shortage in Rome.

Plans for local elections were progressing; the elections would probably be held during May.

8. Rehabilitation Program

When the Chief Commissioner asked when the big rehabilitation program would be ready for submission to Washington, Brigadier General McKinley replied that that depended in part on processing at AFHQ. Brigadier Rush urged that the program be submitted to Washington direct without processing at AFHQ, which he considered redundant. The Chief Commissioner stated that the presence of General McKinley in the Commission was expected to ensure minimum delay at AFHQ.

9. Epuration

The Vice President, Civil Affairs Section, reported that Sig. Pellegrini had been epurated (Pellegrini: high official in the Naples telephone system for whose retention AFHQ have in the past made strenuous efforts).

10. Requisitioning of Schools

The Vice President, Civil Affairs Section, reported that substantial progress had been made in the derequisitioning of school buildings in Rome although 21 elementary and 3 secondary schools were still occupied by the Italian Army. General Browning undertook to look into this and see if there was any way to effect a further reduction.

11. Russian and French Representatives

The Chief Commissioner drew the attention of the members to the fact that matters concerning either Russian or French interests should be discussed by sub-commission heads with the Russian or French representatives on the Commission -- that it was not sufficient to keep their respective Embassies advised.

12. Attacks on Serving Officers

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13. Newsprint

Mr. Brown reported that the Italian Government had asked the Allied Commission to help them in their present shortage of newsprint by advancing 150 tons against repayment.

The Executive Commissioner protested strongly against the extravagant and irresponsible use of paper in Italy and contrasted the situation in this country with the U.K. where it was difficult to buy a newspaper. Brigadier Lush said that he considered the importation of newsprint into this country a waste of shipping space and recommended that the Italians be made to rely on their own production of newsprint or do without.

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Brigadier General McKinley stated that he was collecting accurate figures on this subject and would shortly put up a recommendation.

14. Planning for Austria

Colonel Fiske reported that a difference with AFHQ on the subject of officers allocated to Austria would be cleared with Brigadier General Stofford when he visited Rome.

The Executive Commissioner made the point that the number of specialists allocated should be proportionate to the gross number being taken from the American strength. The Chief Commissioner concurred.

15. Meeting of Regional Commissioners

The Chief Commissioner informed the meeting that it was proposed to hold a meeting of Regional Commissioners on March 8th. The agenda would be circulated later.

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15 February 1945

MINUTES

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 Hours, 15 February 1945, Office of the Chief Commissioner, HQ Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Rear Admiral Stone, Colonel Lansmore, Brigadier General McKinley, Mr. Halford, Mr. Schott, Brigadier Upjohn, Captain de Noue, Major General Kislenko, W/Cdr de Haen, Colonel Perry, Commodore Ziroli, Commodore Warren, Mr. Brown, Brigadier Lush.

1. Bread Ration

The Chief Commissioner told the meeting that as a result of good February shipments he was pressing for the implementation of the 200 gram bread ration north of the Garigliano as from March the 1st.

2. Call-Up

The Chief Commissioner drew the attention of the Chief of Staff and Land Forces sub-Commission (AFHQ) to the request of the Prime Minister that the call-up in Sicily should not be resumed until March 15th.

3. UNRRA

The Chief Commissioner said that the status of the agreement between UNRRA and the Italian Government was still confused. Mr. Keeny believed apparently that the Italian Government had accepted the terms and had signaled Washington to this effect; the Italian Government on a high level, on the other hand, was not satisfied with all the terms of the agreement.

The Chief Commissioner directed the Chief of Staff to hold a meeting with Mr. Keeny and straighten out the matter.

4. Attacks on Serving Officers

The representatives of the service sub-commissions stated that there had been no further attacks recently in the press on serving Italian officers.

The Chief Commissioner directed the Chief of Staff to speak to Colonel Astley with a view to tightening the military censorship to prevent attacks on serving Italian officers.

5. War Criminals

The Chief Commissioner drew the attention to the fact that the Yugoslav radio had announced a list of those names whom the Yugoslav Government regarded as war criminals and demanded should be handed over for their trial. Amongst the names was that of General Roddeo Orlando. The Admiral stated that the Allied Commission would take no action in this matter unless requested officially by higher authority as a

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6. Local Elections

Referring to item 12 of the minutes of the VP meeting held on February 1st, the Chief Commissioner said that a letter had been sent to the Prime Minister requesting clarification of the forthcoming local elections.

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7. Radio-Telegraph Service to U.S. and U.K.

Referring to the resumption of radio-telegraph communications between Italy on the one hand and U.S. and U.K. on the other, the Chief Commissioner said that in view of failure to establish service, the Italian Government had now proposed to employ the regular radio facilities of Italcable and that the system should follow the same pattern as had been used in establishing communication with Moscow. The proposal had been forwarded to AFHQ.

8. Olive Oil Pressing

Colonel Densmore reported that 30% of the target of 80,000 tons had been pressed. The main difficulty being encountered was the lack of transport for the police force.

9. Artificial Rubber

The Chief Commissioner told the meeting that he had heard authoritatively that there were large quantities of artificial rubber available in the States for shipment to Italy should it be possible to get any of the Italian tire factories into working order. The Admiral commented that he naturally realized that this could have no immediate effect on the great shortage of tires in the country but requested the Economic Section to follow through.

10. Activities of Sig. Secondari

The Vice President, Civil Affairs Section, referred to item 4 of the minutes of the 77 meeting of 25th January and stated that he had spoken to Sig. Secondari and had forbidden him to continue making subversive speeches in AMG territory.

11. Education

Brigadier Upjohn informed the meeting that in the Commune of Naples all education functions had been handed over to the Italian authorities.

12. Planning for Austria

Colonel Fiske reported that 45 officers had been designated and would be immediately transferred from the Allied Commission to form a permanent planning staff for Austria. Additional officers had been ear-marked but would remain at their present duties until called for.

13. Italian Army Rations

Colonel Kerr stated that AFHQ had received a signal from the Combined Chiefs of Staff approving a daily increase in Italian Army rations of 3 oz. of flour and ½-oz. of olive oil. As to the latter, Colonel Kerr stated that it was likely to be only theoretical since, owing to acute transport difficulties, the Italian soldiers were not now in receipt of a full quota of olive oil already allotted to them.

14. Northwest Planning

The Chief of Staff informed the meeting of the progress which had been

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14. Northwest Planning

The Chief of Staff informed the meeting of the progress which had been made in planning for the Northwest Provinces and made the following points:

a. It would be six or seven weeks after the liberation of the port of Genoa before ships the size of a Liberty ship could enter the harbor, though smaller vessels could doubtless begin unloading somewhat earlier.

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b. As far as 15th Army Group was concerned, there was as yet no firm and approved operational plan and therefore planning for the establishment of Allied Military Government was delayed.

c. AMG 5th Army, and 15th Army Group, also, were taking the line that the Allied Commission was responsible for the moving of civilian supplies in the Army Area. This was an old bone of contention and the Chief of Staff stated that Colonel Hanford would be instructed to clear this disagreement on the lines that the moving of civilian supplies in an Army area was not an A. C. responsibility.

d. Owing to the great scarcity of transport which we should find in the North, the authority to requisition vehicles by AMG was needed more urgently than ever.

e. The Chief of Staff was satisfied that we had a sufficiency of officers standing by ready to carry out the duties of military government immediately upon the liberation of the Northwest Provinces.

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Next Vice Presidents' Meeting - Thursday, 22 February, 1000 hours

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Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to CC

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Office of the Chief Commissioner
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1 February 1945

MINUTES

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 1 February 1945, Office of the Chief Commissioner, Hq Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Rear Admiral Stone, Mr. Halifax, Mr. Schott, Colonel Densmore, Brigadier Upjohn, Lieut. de Roue, Major General Suslaparov, Major General Browning, Commodore Ziroli, Commodore Warren, Air Vice Marshal Bowen-Buscarlet, Brigadier Lush, Major General Kislenko, Colonel Robertson.

1. Bread Ration

Admiral Stone informed the meeting that though nothing new had been heard from the Combined Chiefs of Staff on the question of increasing the bread ration, the February shipping program was stated to be sufficient to warrant an increase up to 300 grams for a period of 45 days, from February 15th to March 31st. The Admiral had recommended to AFHQ that this should be done.

The Admiral said that he understood that AFHQ were waiting for assurances from the Combined Chiefs of Staff that this tonnage could be maintained before authorizing the increase.

2. Call-Up

Admiral Stone directed the attention of the meeting to an error in the minutes of the last conference. General Browning on that occasion did not say that Phase 3 of the call-up in Sicily would be resumed on February 15th. What he said was that he had proposed to the Italian Government that the call-up should be resumed on February 15th.

General Browning stated that as yet he had had no reply to this request, but that he understood unofficially that the call-up was likely to be postponed until the end of February. He did not object to this as considerable numbers of patriots were coming forward for enrollment in the Italian Army.

3. UNRRA

a. Colonel Densmore reported that the contract arrangements between UNRRA and the Italian Government were still in process of negotiation and that the sum of 50 million dollars had been earmarked by the Italian Government for reimbursement for supplies.

b. Admiral Stone stated that he did not consider that the Italian Government should be responsible for the payment of the salaries of UNRRA personnel in Italy and he directed Colonel Densmore to bring to him the contract between the Italians and UNRRA as it stood, no matter what stage of negotiation had been reached.

c. On a suggestion by the DCOS Civil Affairs Section, the Chief Com-

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c. On a suggestion by the DCOS Civil Affairs Section, the Chief Commissioner directed the Chief of Staff to hold a meeting with Mr. Keeny of UNRRA and the heads of Civil Affairs and Economic Sections in order to coordinate various proposed UNRRA activities which impinged on the work of the Allied Commission.

d. Colonel Densmore reported that UNRRA had received a signal showing that 5,000 tons of UNRRA stores had been called forward.

Admiral Stone said that if it could be confirmed that the stores were not only called forward but actually on their way to this theatre, then he was perfectly ready to advance 2,000 tons from AC stores to UNRRA as agreed.

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4. Attacks on Serving Officers

a. The Chief Commissioner reported that he had left an aide-memoire with the Prime Minister protesting against the frequent attacks in the press on serving officers.

b. Air Vice Marshal Bowen-Buscarlet confirmed that there was no sign of the proceedings against Colonel Resonding ceasing, in spite of the Chief Commissioner's letter to the Italian Government requiring that it should be stopped.

c. The Chief Commissioner said he would pursue the matter.

5. Votes for Women

The Chief Commissioner recorded his pleasure and satisfaction that the Council of Ministers had decided to grant the vote to women, and that the decree was to become effective before the first elections were held. The Admiral stated that this act would, in his opinion, have a stabilizing effect on Italian politics.

6. Requisitioning of Schools

Brigadier Upjohn pointed out that while Allied authorities had taken action to de-requisition school buildings, exactly the reverse was the case with the Italian authorities who were requisitioning more and more.

The Chief Commissioner directed the PWB Civil Affairs Section to prepare for him a letter on this subject which he regarded as of high importance.

7. Non-Participation of Allied Forces in Italian Politics

The Chief Commissioner drew the attention of the meeting to an order which the C-in-C had issued at the time of the Bari Conference last year which read as follows: "As a matter of general principle members of Allied Forces must refrain from any participation in Italian politics."

The Chief Commissioner directed the heads of Sections to impress this on officers and men serving under them in view of the interest which had been displayed in the Separatist movement in Sicily by members of Allied Forces -- not, however, members of the Commission -- and the interest which they might be tempted to take on the liberation of the northern provinces.

8. Price of Bread

Colonel Delmore reported that Minister Solera had put up a plan to the Council of Ministers proposing a scheme for an increase in the price of bread. The Chief of Staff, while agreeing that this was primarily a matter for the Italian Government to decide themselves, stressed that careful coordination with the Allied Commission would be necessary since both AMG territory and territory about to be liberated would be affected.

The Chief Commissioner directed Colonel Delmore to examine the proposal carefully in consultation with his Food and Labor Sub-Commissions as well as the Finance Sub-Commission.

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9. Feeding of Civilian Employees

The Headquarters Commandant, Colonel Robertson, reported that means have been found to provide a meal for civilian employees of this Headquarters and that service would begin in a week's time. The price of the meal would be 10 lire.

10. Information and Reception Desk

Colonel Robertson informed the meeting that steps were being taken to improve the information and reception desks in the entrance hall of the Headquarters building.

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The Chief Commissioner directed the Chief of Staff to publish an order instructing any Section or Sub-Commission which was holding a conference to furnish this information to the Information Desk so that outside visitors attending the conference could be directed to the room where the meeting was being held.

11. Motor Pool

The Headquarters Commandant maintained that the Motor Pool had been a success and in support of this stated that there had been a great reduction in payment of overtime to drivers as well as a saving in petrol of over 2,000 gallons a month.

12. Local Elections

The DCOS Civil Affairs Section drew the attention of the Chief Commissioner to the fact that although local elections were to be held in late spring it was not clear precisely what they were being held for. Brigadier Upjohn undertook to put up a letter to the Italian Government on this subject for the Chief Commissioner's signature.

13. Epuration

In reply to a question of Commodore Warren's, the Chief Commissioner confirmed that as a matter of general principle the Allied Commission left to the Italians their own task of epuration or retirement of officers, and that it was a process in which it was generally not our policy to interfere unless definitely counter to Allied military interests.

14. Planning for Northwest Italy

The Chief of Staff reported that several conferences had been held at Allied Commission Headquarters, at AFHQ, and at 15th Army Group to plan the establishment of Allied Military Government in Northwest Italy as soon as it should be liberated, and stated that satisfactory progress was being made.

15. Olive Oil Amassing

The Chief of Staff informed the meeting that he had received a report from Brigadier Dunlop to the effect that the amassing of olive oil was progressing as well as could be expected in Southern Region and that he was reasonably satisfied with the results to date.

16. Austria

The Chief of Staff informed the Chief Commissioner that the Allied Commission was now being asked to provide many more officers for Austria than had been previously requested, and he stated his dislike for interfering with the lists of personnel already allocated to the northern Provinces.

The Chief Commissioner stated that he wishes to discuss this matter with both the Chief of Staff and Colonel Fisher, and pointed out that some of the required numbers for Austria might be found by reducing the strength of this Headquarters--a reduction which would be consistent with the "New Deal for Italy."

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17. Establishment of G-5 Section at Hq 15th Army Group

The Chief Commissioner informed the meeting that by arrangement with General Clark a small G-5 for 15th Army Group was being established of which Colonel Monfort would be the Head with the title of ASSISTANT Chief of Staff. Colonel Monfort would assume these duties in addition to his present functions as Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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Next Vice Presidents' Meeting - Thursday, 8 February, 1000 hours

J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to CC

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFHQ
ACHIEVEMENT SUB-COMMISSION
ECONOMIC ANALYSIS BRANCH

31 January 194

REGION	Average dates of reports	Collected at latest report (qls)	Agriculture 2/ a climate (12 Sept. 1944) (qls)	Percent of Agr. a/c a timate collected at latest reports	report preceding one	Percent of tota Agr. a/c 31 Oct. 1942	30 Nov 1943
Calabria	10/1	188,944	250,000	57	57	91	93
Lucania	25/1	774,171	950,000	81	89	92	94
Puglie	15/1	1,378,1[illegible]	2,470,000	70	73	95	96
Campania	25/1	262,218	250,000	105	105	88	90
Campobasso	1[illegible]/1	2[illegible],363	300,000	82	82	84	85
SOUTHERN		3,050,755	3,950,000	77	77	92	93
Sicilia	20/1	1,300,498	2,000,000	65	65	93	95
Sardegna	20/1	275,516	300,000	92	91	95	94
Lazio-Umbria	15/1	1,619,826	1,600,000	101	101	95	94
Abruzzi-Marche (*)	26/1	2,458,528	2,250,000	109	107	95	95
Toscana	20/1	1,685,811	1,500,000	113	111	93	94
GRAND TOTAL		10,443,090	11,600,000	90	90	93	94

(*) (a-l including Campobasso
(/) including Rolli province ([illegible],35[illegible] qls)
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AGRICULTURE SUB-COMMISSION
U.S.A. AVAILING PLOTTED-TREAT

31 January 1945

Average case of reports	Collected at latest report (qx)	Agriculture s/c e timate (12 Sept. '44) (qx)	Percent of gr c.s/c timate collected at		Percent of total assessed in 1942-43 collected on		
			latest report	report preceding week	31 Oct. 1942	30 Nov. 1942	31 Dec. 1942
10/1	168,214	280,000	57	57	91	93	94
25/1	774,171	850,000	91	89	93	94	94
15/1	1,378,155	2,170,000	75	73	95	96	96
25/1	262,218	250,000	105	105	88	90	91
15/1	247,563	300,000	82	82	84	85	86
	3,050,755	3,950,000	77	77	92	93	94
20/1	1,300,490	2,000,000	65	65	93	95	96
20/1	275,516	300,000	92	91	93	94	94
15/1	1,619,226	1,600,000	101	101	93	94	95
25/1	2,453,528	2,250,000	109	107	95	95	96
20/1	1,688,811	1,500,000	113	111	93	94	95
	10,443,690	11,600,000	90	90	93	94	95

Semi-bemix
11 provinces (1,80 qlf)
Wagon " (1,274 ")

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LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. S/AQ/9/1
27 Jan 45

Dear Tony

Your CC 551/6 dated 25 Jan - Minutes of CC Meeting of 25 Jan.

1. Para 4

What I said was that I had "proposed to the Italian Govt to resume on Feb 15th". I await their reply.

2. Para 7

What I said was that this influx was "probably due to the psychological value of having new combat groups actually in the line".

3. I only mention this so that there shall be no ambiguity later.

Yours

Langley Brownjohn

(Major General)

Major J. A. QUAYLE
S.O. to C.C.

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Office of the Chief Commissioner
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CC 551/6

25 January 1945

MINUTES

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 25 January 1945, Office of the Chief Commissioner, Hq Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Rear Admiral Stone, Mr. Halford, Mr. Schott, Colonel Densmore, Brigadier Upjohn, Lieut. de Nolf, Major General Susloparov, Major General Browning, Commodore Zirolli, Commodore Warren, Air Vice Marshal Bowen-Buscarlet, Brigadier Lush.

1. Bread Ration

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A reply was now in draft form, and was expected to be sent off shortly, in which SAC would express his unwillingness to raise the bread ration unless he saw a substantial increase in the shipping program for February and had assurances for the future.

2. Feeding of Civilian Employees

Referring to para 4 of the minutes of January 18th, the Chief Commissioner drew Colonel Densmore's attention to the urgency of implementing the suggestion that surplus food could and should be saved from Allied Commission messes in Rome.

3. Medical Supplies

DCOS Civil Affairs Section reported that there had been no improvement in the distribution of medical supplies and that ENEIMEA continued to perform its functions with scandalous inefficiency. He said that he had ready a memorandum for the Chief Commissioner to take up with Sig. Bonomi.

4. Call-Up

See (35)

General Browning reported that phase 3 of the call-up in Sicily, which had been postponed owing to the civil disturbances, would be resumed on February 13th.

The General also said that he had spoken to the Minister for War and that plans were in hand for a publicity campaign in aid of the call-up.

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5. Unrest in Sardinia

Brigadier Upjohn stated that the town of Cagliari was now quiet after disturbances which had taken place on the 17th and 18th of January. These disturbances had been linked with the military call-up.

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6. Activities of Sig. Secondari

Brigadier Upjohn reported that a certain Sig. Secondari, a member of the staff of the newspaper "Partigiani", had been making a series of speeches in Perugia advising "Patriots" not to enlist in the Italian Army, and that there was no proclamation under which he could be specifically prosecuted for so doing.

The Chief Commissioner authorized Brigadier Upjohn to send for Secondari and order him not to make such speeches in AMG territory. If this individual persisted in so doing after this interview, he could then be prosecuted under present standing proclamations.

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7. Patriots

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General Browning informed the meeting that there had been a large voluntary influx of Patriots for enrolment in the Italian Army. He believed that this was partly due to the opportunity which was now being given them to join forward combat units. Brigadier Upjohn suggested that a contributory reason was the better treatment they were now receiving after crossing the line.

8. UNRRA

ICCS Civil Affairs Section informed the meeting that UNRRA would assume final responsibility for the management of the Displaced Persons camps on April 1st.

In reply to a question of the Chief of Staff, Admiral Stone stated that if the functioning of UNRRA proved efficient he was in favor of them being allowed to operate in A.G territory.

The Chief Commissioner instructed Colonel Isaacs to find out whether UNRRA had completed their contract arrangements with the Italian Government and if so to find out what agreement they had arrived at for the reimbursement for supplies.

9. Pisa University

ICCS Civil Affairs Section reported that Pisa University had at least been derequisitioned and was again functioning as a university.

10. Protected Monuments

Brigadier Upjohn informed the meeting that A.F.H.Q. Memorandum # 5, which permitted the use of protected monuments as welfare centers for troops, was being amended as requested by the Commission.

11. Attacks on Serving Officers

Air Vice Marshal Bowen-Buscarlet reported that there had been several attacks in the press recently on serving officers in various branches of service, the latest of which was an attack on Admiral de Courten carried in Avanti of 23 January.

The Chief Commissioner directed the Chief of Staff to prepare a coordinated report on these various attacks so that steps could be taken to put an end to them.

12. Tuscana Region

The Chief of Staff made a report on a short tour of Tuscana Region in which he made the following points:

a. The greatest hardship to the rank of the AMG officers was their extreme shortage of transport and tires, due in part to the new AFHQ order on derequisitioning of Italian transport.

b. Steps were being taken to set up soup kitchens in Livorno where, owing to the fact that there were no local resources to supplement the basic ration, food was extremely short.

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c. Local opinion on the prospects of the olive oil harvesting was not optimistic.

d. There was considerable unemployment of mines in the Valdone Valley.

Next Vice Presidents' Meeting - Thursday, 1 February, 1000 hours

J. A. [illegible]
Major, T. A.
Staff Officer to CC

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REGION	Average dates of reports	Collected at latest report (qls)	Agriculture S/C estimate (12 Sept.1944) (qls)	Percent of agric. S/C estimate collected on		Percent of total amount in 1943-44 collected on		
				latest report	report preceding	31 Oct. 1944	30 Nov. 1944	31 Dec. 1944
Calabria	7/1	183,[illegible]	200,000	92	87	91	92	94
Lucania	7/1	762,509	950,000	80	80	93	94	94
Puglie	7/1	1,377,711	2,170,000	73	[illegible]	95	95	96
Campania	15/1	281,492	250,000	105	104	88	90	91
Campobasso	31/12	246,399	300,000	82	82	84	85	86
SOUTHERN		[illegible]	[illegible]	77	77	92	93	94
Sicilia	7/1	1,209,179	[illegible],000,000	55	53	95	95	96
Bergamo	31/12	274,110	[illegible],000	91	91	93	94	94
Lazio-Umbria	5/1	1,612,255	1,600,000	101	101	92	94	95
Abruzzi-Marche(*)	5/1	2,411,422	2,250,000	107	107	95	95	96
Toscana	5/1	1,765,070	1,500,000	111	110	93	94	95
GRAND TOTAL		10,340,294(#)	11,600,000	87	89	93	94	95

(*) Not including Campobasso (#) Including Forli province (40,993 qls)

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HEADQUARTERS ... FIFTH ARMY
A.C. 334
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

DAILY ASSETS REPORT - WHEAT

24 January 1944

Collector's latest report (1)	Agricultural S/C estimate (12 Sept. 1944) (1a)	Percent of agric. S/C estimate collected on		Percent of total amassed in 1943-44 collected on		
		latest report	report preceding	31 Oct. 1943	30 Nov. 1943	31 Dec. 1943
183,[illegible]	250,000	57	57	91	92	94
762,599	950,000	80	80	93	94	94
1,777,711	2,170,000	73	72	95	96	96
261,492	230,000	105	104	88	90	91
216,399	300,000	82	82	84	85	86
[illegible]						
[illegible]	3,950,000	77	76	92	93	94
1,295,775	1,300,000	95	93	93	95	96
274,110	300,000	91	91	93	94	94
1,412,453	1,500,000	101	101	92	94	95
2,411,422	2,250,000	107	107	93	95	96
1,365,070	1,500,000	111	110	93	94	95
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10,340,294(*)	11,600,000	89	89	93	94	95

(*) Including Forli province (45,893 qus)

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13 January 1945

MINUTES

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 10:00 hours, 10 January 1945, Office of the Chief Commissioner, Headquarters Allied Commission, Caserta.

Present: Vice Admiral Stone, Mr. Macmillan, Brigadier Upjohn, Colonel Pierse, General de Gavin, General Quaglia, Commodore Lyons, Air Vice Marshal Bowen-Buscarlet, Colonel Dunscombe, Colonel Shorr.

1. News Agencies

The Chief Commissioner told the meeting that the commercial news agencies had begun to function beginning January 10th.

2. Press Notices.

The Chief Commissioner drew attention to the recent declaration that the British and American Governments were in agreement on an increased ration for liberated countries, but said that the Allied Commission had received no specific information to support this statement.

3. Patriots

[illegible] Affairs Section reported that the clothing situation for Patriots was in hand, and the Chief Commissioner informed the meeting that he had recently made proposals to AFHQ, which he hoped would result in better handling of the whole patriot question.

4. Feeding of Civilian Refugees

Colonel Dunscombe made a suggestion that rations should be drawn direct from Army for the purpose of feeding civilian refugees, to which the Chief Commissioner agreed, provided that the AFHQ directive on the subject was not contravened.

Admiral Stone suggested that a better use could be made of excess food from military messes--and from AC messes, in particular. He pointed out that the Navy ran good soup kitchens for civilians with material obtained from similar sources.

It was decided that Colonel Dunscombe and Colonel Pierse should together work out a scheme incorporating both of the foregoing suggestions.

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5. Medical Supplies

The Chief Commissioner drew attention to the intolerable inefficiency of ENDIMA, the Italian agency for distributing medical supplies. He said that if the Italian Government could not make this agency function efficiently the Allies would be forced to take it over.

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Present: Rear Admiral Stone, Mr. Hamilton, Brigadier Upjohn, Colonel Blake, General de Gavin, Group Captain Mills, Commodore Lyall, Air Vice-Marshal Davenport, Colonel Lemaire, Colonel Dorr.

1. News Agencies

The Chief Commissioner read a communication that the commercial news agencies had begun to function beginning January 1st.

2. Press Matter.

The Chief Commissioner drew attention to the recent declaration that the Italian and American Governments had no objection to an increased ration for liberated countries, but note that the Allied Commission has received no specific information to support this statement.

3. Patriots

Patriots

Mr. Oliver Harvey (Foreign Office) reported that the political situation in Rome, and the Chief Commissioner endorsed the meeting that he had recently made proposals to Army, which he hoped would result in better handling of the Rhola patriot question.

4. Freedom of Civilian Movement

Colonel Lemaire made a report that returns should be drawn direct from Caserta for the purpose of freeing civilian employees of which the Chief Commissioner said he, provided that the AFHQ directive on the subject was not contravened.

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Brigadier Upjohn undertook to prepare an aide-memoire which the Chief Commissioner could leave with Sig. Bonomi.

6. Film Board

The Chief Commissioner told the meeting that SACMED had directed the setting up of a temporary Film Board on which Allied representatives would sit and whose object would be to revive, if not completely restore, this industry. The setting up of this board was connected with the withdrawal of PWB from this sphere

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of activity.

7. Promotion

The Chief Commissioner took note of the gratifying break of the "promotion block" of American officers.

8. Call Up

Colonel Kerr gave details of the forthcoming and current call-up. Admiral Stone commented that the Ministry of War had failed to give an adequate publicity campaign prior to the call-up and emphasized the great importance of instructing the Italian people so that they should know what they were fighting for. Without a strong and coordinated press campaign, the Chief Commissioner stated, there was bound to be more troubles.

9. The Chief Commissioner informed the meeting of the arrival of Commodore Guy L. Warren, R.N. to relieve Commodore Palmer, DSO, R.N.

10. Admiral Stone offered congratulations on behalf of the meeting to General Suslaparov on the striking Russian advance.

11. UNRRA

Brigadier Upjohn raised the point of the practicability of the UNRRA agreement with the Italian Government to AMG territory. The Chief Commissioner said he would discuss the matter later.

12. Sicily

The meeting took note that the situation in Sicily appeared to be quiet and Commodore Birch stated that both cruisers requested by the Italian Government would be available on the 22nd of January; they would visit Palermo and Catania respectively.

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Next Vice Presidents' Meeting - Thursday, 25 January, 1000 hours.

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WEEKLY AMASSING REPORT - WHEAT

REGION	Average dates of reports	Collected at latest report (qls)	Agriculture S/C estimate (12 Sept. 1944) (qls)	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at latest report	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at report preceding week	Percent of total a in 1942-43 collect 31 Oct. 1942	Percent of total a in 1942-43 collect 30 Nov 1943
Calabria	3/1	188,605	280,000	67	67	91	93
Lucania	3/1	761,323	950,000	80	80	93	94
Puglie	3/1	1,576,465	2,170,000	73	73	95	96
Campania	3/1	260,729	250,000	104	104	85	90
Campobasso	31/12	246,099	300,000	82	82	84	85
SOUTHERN		3,033,315	3,950,000	77	77	92	93
Sicilia	2/1	1,297,660	2,005,000	65	64	93	95
Sardegna	31/12	274,118	300,000	91	91	93	94
Lazio-Umbria	31/12	1,611,732	1,600,000	101	99	93	94
Abruzzi-Marche (*)	7/12	2,405,660	2,230,000	107	106	95	95
Toscana	1/1	1,655,830	1,500,000	110	103	93	93
GRAND TOTAL		10,319,408 (#)	11,600,000	89	89	93	94

(*) Not including Campobasso
(#) Including Forli province (20,893 qls)

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				latest report	report preceding week	31 Oct. 1942	30 Nov. 1942
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Lucania	31/12	761,246	950,000	80	80	93	94
Puglie	31/12	1,576,354	2,170,000	73	72	95	96
Campania	30/12	259,913	250,000	104	103	89	90
Campobasso	31/12	246,399	300,000	82	82	84	85
SOUTHERN		3,031,350	3,950,000	77	76	92	93
Sicilia	30/12	1,238,327	2,000,000	64	64	93	95
Sardegna	22/12	272,518	300,000	91	91	93	94
Lazio-Umbria	15/12	1,565,686	1,600,000	99	99	93	94
Abruzzi-Marche *	2/1	2,395,387	2,250,000	106	101	95	95
Toscana	23/12	1,634,900	1,500,000	109	108	93	94
GRAND TOTAL		10,249,069 #	11,600,000	89	87	93	94

(*) Not including Campobasso
(#) Including Forli (40,093 qls)

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1,585,686	1,600,000	99	99	93	94	95
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4 January 1945

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Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 4 January 1945, Office of the Chief Commissioner, Headquarters Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Rear Admiral Stone, Mr. Hopkinson, Colonel Densmore, General Browning, Brigadier Upjohn, Colonel Fiske, Commodore Ziroli, Mr. Schott, Air Vice Marshal Bowen-Buscarlet, Brigadier Bush.

1. News Agencies

The Chief Commissioner informed the meeting that Field Marshal Alexander had given approval for Allied News Agencies to operate in Rome commencing January 15th. He had also given approval for local Italian news agencies to sell news to the Rome newspapers. PWB, he stated, would continue to supply news to papers in AMG and Forward regions. Radio Rome would not initially use the outside news service.

2. Bread Ration

The meeting was informed that Field Marshal Alexander had as yet received no firm reply from the Combined Chiefs of Staff on the question of supplementing the 300 gram bread ration.

3. Food Situation in Rome

Colonel Densmore reported that the city held food stocks for 25 days--as against a short time ago when it had dropped to as low as two days' supply in reserve. Colonel Densmore undertook to furnish the Chief Commissioner with a report showing the daily tonnage of food importation into Rome.

4. Ministry of Occupied Italy

Brigadier Upjohn, DCOS Civil Affairs Section, reported that a new draft decree covering functions and responsibilities of the new Ministry for Occupied Italy had been received from the Italian Government. He stated that it involved many difficult questions which would almost certainly have to be referred to SACMED. The Chief Commissioner requested the CA Section's comments as soon as possible.

5. Clothing for Patriots

Brigadier Upjohn reported that a satisfactory quantity of clothing and mackinaws for patriots in both 5th and 8th Army areas had been made available from different sources--chiefly from Land Forces Subcommission (MMIA).

6. Feeding of Civilian Employees

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a. Colonel Fiske stated that the difficulties met in providing a meal for civilian employees of Allied Commission Headquarters had up to now proved insuperable, chiefly owing to the firm attitude of the U.S. Quartermaster, MAAC, in abiding strictly by the AFHQ memorandum on this subject.

b. Colonel Densmore reported that he had good hopes that CRALIC, a church charity organization, would be willing to give help and thus make possible the feeding of these employees.

c. The Chief Commissioner stated that this was a disgrace to Allied administration, and directed that a memorandum should be sent to AFHQ pointing out the absurdity of an allied military body, desiring to feed their Italian civilian employees, having recourse to the assistance of an Italian charitable body.

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7. Medical Supplies

The Chief Commissioner directed the attention of the DCOS, Civil Affairs Section to the fact that the most elementary medical supplies such as aspirin and cotton wool were unprocureable in the chemists' shops and that little was even reaching the clinics. Brigadier Upjohn confirmed that the stores were in fact being brought into the country by the Allies and the fault lay, as the Chief Commissioner suspected, with the weakness of distribution on the part of the Italian Government. He undertook to go into the matter energetically.

8. Acting President's Press Conference

The Chief Commissioner told the meeting that at a press conference on January 3rd Mr. Macmillan had given a very full exposition of the present position of the Allied Commission. He had explained the proposals which he had made to the British and U.S. Governments with a view to implementing the statements of the President and Prime Minister of September 26th, and he had also spoken of the acute shipping problem which lay at the root of our troubles. The Chief Commissioner said that if the Allied Commission were further misrepresented in the press, it could not be on the grounds of lack of information.

9. Olive Oil Amassing

The meeting had before them a paper from the Chief of Staff stating that the Italian Government had formally requested the Allied Commission to provide 100 officers and NCO's and 60 vehicles to assist in the amassing of olive oil. The problem appeared to be one of principle versus practical necessity. The Chief Commissioner directed that such Allied help must be supplied if only to keep tonnage demands to a minimum and that, at the same time, the Italian Government must be pressed to take the most energetic measures on its own behalf. He directed that DCOS, Economic Section should implement this decision.

10. UNRRA

Colonel Densmore reported that a draft of a proposed General Routine Order had been received from AFHQ setting out the relationship of UNRRA with all military formations in the theatre including the Allied Commission. The draft had been approved (with amendments) by the Economic Section and by the Chief of Staff. The Chief Commissioner directed that it should be referred to the CA Section for their comments and that he also wished to see it before it was returned in final form to AFHQ.

11. Removals and Transfers of Italian Government Officials

To a question of Brigadier Upjohn's the Chief Commissioner replied that pending the decision of Washington, the Allied Commission should make no change in the present procedure in this matter.

12. Chief of Staff of Italian Air Force, Lt. Gen. Aimone Cat

Air Vice Marshal Bowen-Buscarlet informed the meeting that during a tour of operational units which he had made during Christmas with the Italian Air Force Chief of Staff, Lt. Gen. Aimone Cat had received a cordial reception.

13. Discrimination against AC. by MTOUSA

Colonel Fiske pointed out various ways in which discrimination seemed to have been made by MTOUSA against the Allied Commission. The Chief Commissioner directed that letters should be prepared for his signature protesting the various

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14. Carabinieri Parade

The Chief Commissioner informed the meeting that Field Marshal Alexander would take the salute at a parade of Carabinieri to be held in Rome at 1030 hours, Saturday, 6 January. This was a matter to which, for security reasons, no advance publicity was to be given.

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Next Vice Presidents' Meeting - Thursday, 11 January, 1000 hours.

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Weekly Assessing Areas' Meet

3 January

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Lazio-Umbria	15/12	1,505,695	1,500,000	99	99	93	94
Abruzzi-Marche (*)	20/12	2,270,105	2,250,000	101	100	95	95
Toscana	15/12	1,612,461	1,500,000	100	107	93	94
GRAND TOTAL		10,094,350#	11,500,000	87	87	93	94

(*) Not Including Campobasso

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HEADQUARTERS A.C.A.F. CONTROL COMMISSION
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Weekly Harvesting Report Sheet

3 January 1945

Percentage of Area Collected at latest report	Collected at latest report (qls.)	Agriculture S/C estimate (15 Sept. 1944) (qls.)	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at latest report	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at report preceding week	Percent of total amassed in 1942-43 collected on 31 Oct. 1942	Percent of total amassed in 1942-43 collected on 30 Nov. 1942	Percent of total amassed in 1942-43 collected on 1 Dec. 1942
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22/12	273,216	300,000	91	89	92	92	94
15/12	1,003,682	1,000,000	99	99	93	94	95
20/12	2,270,005	2,250,000	101	100	95	95	96
15/12	1,514,881	1,300,000	102	107	93	94	95
	10,094,438*	11,500,000	87	87	93	94	95

Cobasso

* Including Forli province (40,893 qls.)

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9. Local Elections

DCOS, CA Section raised the question of local elections and was anxious to know what steps had been taken during his absence. He was informed that a circular letter had been sent to all Regional Commissioners asking for their views on when the elections could and should be Held. The Chief Commissioner stressed the importance of holding these elections as soon as possible and said he hoped that women's franchise might be granted before the elections took place.

10. Proclamations Concerning the Formation of Military Zones

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28 December 1944

MINUTES

Vice Presidents' Meeting; 1130 hours, 28 December 1944, Office of the Chief Commissioner, Headquarters Allied Commission, Rome.

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Agriculture Sub-Commission
Weekly Assessing Report Wheat

REGION	Average date of reports	Collected at latest report (qls)	Agriculture S/C estimate (12 Sept. 1944) (qls)	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at latest report	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at report preceding week	28 Dec-m 1943	Te in 31 Dec 1942
Calabria	15/12	135,954	280,000	67	66		81
Lucania	15/12	659,368	[illegible],000	80	80		
Puglie	15/12	[illegible],693	2,'70,000	7[illegible]	72		95
Campania	17/12	837,457	250,000	103	103		88
Campobasso	15/12	214,856	300,000	72	72		84
SOUTHERN		3,023,183	3,[illegible],000	76	7[illegible]		92
Sicilia	13/12	1,276,779	2,000,000	64	61		73
Sardegna	15/12	2[illegible],445	[illegible]00,000	90	89		85
Lazio-Umbria	10/12	1,[illegible]25,870	1,[illegible]00,000	79	93		95
Abruzzi-Marche*	15/12	2,256,768	2,250,000	100	99		95
Toscana	12/12	1,[illegible]05,365	1,500,000	10[illegible]	107		93
GRAND TOTAL		**10,058,501	13,600,000	87	86		93

* Not including Campobasso
** Including Foggia Province (44,993 qls)

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	164,214	280,000	57	66	91	93	94
	752,968	830,000	90	89	92	94	95
	2,[illegible],638	2,[illegible],000	72	72	95	96	98
	257,137	250,000	103	102	88	90	91
	214,656	300,000	72	72	94	95	96
	2,625,183	2,[illegible],000	76	75	92	93	94
	1,[illegible],779	2,000,000	64	63	93	95	96
	270,443	300,000	90	89	92	94	95
	1,[illegible],070	1,600,000	97	93	93	95	96
	2,356,788	2,250,000	100	99	93	94	95
	1,[illegible],265	1,800,000	101	107	93	94	95
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For the Acting Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

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21 December 1944

M I N U T E S

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Present: Admiral Ellery W. Stone, Brigadier Lush, Brigadier Parkinson, Mr. Schott, Mr. Hopkinson, Commodore Micoli, General Susloparov, General de Sevin, Colonel Fiske, Colonel Benemore, Colonel Noakes.

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Mr. Harlan Cleveland
Colonel Mitchell, G-5 AFHQ
Lt Col Brown

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Calabria	7/12	181.[illegible]6	280,000	65	66	91	93	94
Lucania	8/12	759.355	950,000	80	80	93	94	94
Puglie	12/12	1.372725	2.170.000	72	74	95	96	96
Campania	15/12	257.[illegible]86	250,000	103	102	88	90	91
Campobasso	13/12	214.966	300,000	82	81	84	85	86
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Sicilia	12/12	1.271.027	2,000,000	63	64	92	95	96
Sardegna	5/12	266.058	00,000	85	89	93	94	94
Lazio-Umbria	5/12	1.574.254	1,600,000	98	97	95	96	96
Abruzzi-Marche (*)	7/12	2.219.50[illegible]	2,250,000	97	97	95	95	96
Toscana	8/12	1.5[illegible]4.916	1,500,000	107	103	93	94	95
GRAND TOTAL		9.950.054	11,600,000	86	85	93	94	[illegible]

(*) Not including Campobasso

ELLERY C. ALLEN,
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	759.355	950,000	80	80	93	94	94
	1.372.723	2,170,000	72	72	95	96	96
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	1.820.634	2,350,000	78	76	92	93	94
	1.371.027	2,000,000	69	69	93	95	96
	268.058	300,000	89	89	93	94	94
	1.374.294	1,600,000	86	87	95	94	95
	2.219.500	2,450,000	90	87	95	95	96
	1.514.515	1,500,000	101	103	93	94	95
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14 December 1944.

M I N U T E S

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 14 December 1944, Office of the Chief Commissioner, Headquarters Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Admiral Ellery W. Stone, Brigadier Lush, Brigadier Parkinson, Mr. Schott, Mr. Hopkinson, Mr. Antolini, General Susloparov, General de Sevin, Colonel Fiske, Captain Butler, USN (for Naval Subcommission), Colonel Noakes (for Army Subcommission).

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The Chief Commissioner said that this question would be taken up at the next AFHQ Political Committee meeting and that there seemed to be no objection to the use of unmanned news sources by the Italian press.

2. UNRRA

The Chief Commissioner said that he had suggested to UNRRA that they open discussions with the new Italian Government with regard to the agreement they desire with the Government before beginning operations.

3. National Committee for the Distribution of Relief in Italy

The Chief Commissioner said that the suggestion that Mr. Taylor's organization should be allowed to draw on the Allied Commission pool for cars had been approved.

4. Food Situation in Italy

Brigadier Parkinson said that he had discussed the matter with Colonel Ames. The Chief Commissioner said that he would like to see any recommendations on this matter before they went out, and before the ration in the Rome prisons was cut it should be given very serious consideration.

5. Political Situation

The Chief Commissioner said that regarding the political situation little could be added to what had already appeared in the newspapers. He felt that Bonomi had done well and that the distribution between parties had been fair. The appointment of Ministers to the Ministries directly engaged in the war had been satisfactory to the Commission and no pressure had been brought to bear on any other appointments.

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this theater. The Brigadier said that he was hoping to get a draft of this cable from AFHQ today. Brigadier Lush said that the eight additional ships per month necessary to carry out the 300 gram ration in Italy would be asked for, as they could not be allocated from shipping already available to this theater. The Chief Commissioner said that the Italian Government would not be told of any impending decrease in the bread ration at this time.

7. Italian Prisoners of War

Mr. Schott said that a request had been received to make a documentary film of the treatment and living conditions of Italian Prisoners of War, steps involved in their repatriation, processing at reception camps and return to Italy. The Chief Commissioner said that he saw no advantage in making a graphical record of certain violations of the Geneva Convention.

8. Rome Situation

Brigadier Lush said that great difficulty was being experienced in organizing the hemp industry into an efficient working unit chiefly owing to difficulties with the Rome Consorzio. It was decided that Mr. Antolini should go into the matter with the Chief of Staff.

9. Administration of Properties of Historical Value

Brigadier Parkinson said that the administrative memorandum put out by AFHQ on this subject had been changed by the AFHQ Army Educational Authorities and it may now convey a wrong impression as to availability of these properties for use. The Chief Commissioner said that this Memorandum should be contested.

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11. Planning for Northwest Italy

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Next Vice Presidents' Meeting - Thursday, 21 December, 1000 hours.

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Sir Noel Charles
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AVM Bowon-Buscarlet
Commodore Ziroli
Colonel Nosses (Army Subcom.)
Captain Butler (Naval Subcom.)
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REGION	Average date of reports	Collected at latest report (qls)	Agriculture S/C estimate (12 Sept. 1944) (qls)	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate Collected at latest report	Percent of preceding week	Percent of in 1942-4 9 Oct. 1942
Calabria	5/12	186,42	280,00	66	66	1
Lucania	7/12	758,755	950,000	80	84	92
Puglie	5/12	2,570,355	2,470,000	72	72	95
Campanie	5/12	254,000	250,000	102	101	88
Campobasso	7/12	243,68	300,000	81	82	84
SOUTHERN		5,014,15	5,250,000	75	75	90
Sicilia	2/12	1,265,72	2,000,000	63	63	93
Sardegna	27/11	256,847	300,000	85	88	98
Lazio-Umbria	27/11	1,354,159	1,300,000	97	97	76
Abruzzi-Marches	3/12	1,209,745	1,250,000	96	97	95
Toscana	5/12	1,948,375	1,500,000	130	103	93
GRAND TOTAL		9,358,934	11,600,000	85	85	93

* Not including Campobasso

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186,135	280,000	66	65	91	92	94
193,153	250,000	80	77	93	93	94
1,570,335	2,170,000	72	72	92	96	96
254,870	250,000	102	101	88	90	91
249,592	300,000	81	81	84	85	86
3,844,185	5,250,000	73	73	82	92	94
1,265,721	2,000,000	63	63	90	93	96
236,048	300,000	78	78	93	94	94
1,534,139	1,600,000	97	97	93	94	95
2,409,740	2,850,000	85	87	95	95	96
1,446,579	1,500,000	105	105	92	94	95
5,852,241	6,600,000	89	89	93	94	95

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7 December 1944

M I N U T E S

Vice Governments' Meeting, 1000 hours, 7 December 1944, Office of the Chief Commissioner, Headquarters Allied Commission, APO.

Present: Commander Ellery W. Stone, Air Vice Marshal Lord Edward Conyngham, Commodore Lyrell, Mr. Alan Dunn, Rear Admiral Pfeiffer, Mr. Scott, Mr. Macmillan, Mr. Archibald, General Susloparov, General de Revel, Colonel Pierce, Colonel Spaeder, Colonel Kerr.

1. M. Prezzo

Brigadier Mack stated that although the Italian Government had not yet released M. Prezzo for assignment to the Allied Commission as Director of the Labor Sub-Commission, it was fully expected.

2. Outside News Agencies in Italy

In explaining the present situation on the release of news in Italy, the Chief Commissioner said that all news, except that which was sent through TASS, came into Italy through the Fifth. The Commission had on the view that Italy should be permitted to receive news from private sources transmitted and published by U.P., and it was expected that on January 1st, 1945, outside agencies would be permitted to bring news into Italy. This is subject to approval from AFHQ.

3. UNRRA

The Chief Commissioner stated that, on condition of repayment, he had agreed to loan UNRRA two thousand tons of supplies (one month in advance of the arrival of their own) when they could produce an assurance that supplies and shipping had been allocated to them for use in this theater.

4. National Committee for the Rehabilitation of Relief in Italy

The Chief Commissioner said that Mr. Myron Taylor's relief organization had now received from America for distribution some 7000 tons of relief supplies; clothing, special medical supplies, etc. Allied Commission had arranged its transport to the devastated areas. The Chief Commissioner said that he hoped it would be the forerunner of a great deal of supplies from outside sources which the Army could not furnish.

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5. Political Situation.

a. The Chief Commissioner said that the political situation was very thoroughly reported in the papers and that the only thing he could add was that it [illegible] informed the Lieutenants that he

Present: [illegible], W. Sands, Asst Vice Marshal Bowen Tasmaker, Commodore Morse, The Duke Luca, Brig Gen Stockwell, Mr. Schott, Mr. Macmahon, Mr. Hendrick, General Susloparov, General de Seve, Colonel Flack, Colonel Cotter, Admiral Kent.

1. Mr. Bruno

Mr. Bruno made statement that although the Italian Government had not yet released Mr. Sforza for appointment to the Allied Commission as Director of the Liaison Sub-Commission, it was fully expected.

2. Overage Merchant Vessels in Italy.

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5. Political Situation

a. The Chief Commissioner said that the political situation was very thoroughly reported in the papers and that the only thing he could add was that Sig. Bonomi informed the Commission that he could not form a government, that the six parties of the CLN were debating whether or not they might fall in behind de Gasperi (Christian Democrat).

b. The Chief Commissioner said that since direct diplomatic relations had now been established with the Italian Government, the only concern which the Allied Commission had in the formation of any new government was as those ministries directly engaged in the war effort (Interior, State or Communications, Director General of Railroads). These five posts were the only ones on which the

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Commander, on behalf of the Supreme Allied Commander, to take a position.

c. Fascist Grand Council

Brigadier Robertson drew attention to the fact that in the Fascist Grand Council's motion that power was to be returned to Italy's Parliament it was stated that 300 Fascists, in custody or exile in Italy, would be put on trial. As a result of certain prisoners being removed elsewhere from the regime could find trouble had broken out due to discontent on the part of the Italian people at home [illegible] army. Badoglio and Aquila persons had already been arrested. Consequently there is reason to fear that Brigadier Lush and Brigadier Robertson might give rise to misunderstanding on this matter, which is likely to decidedly hinder a good relationship and interfere unnecessarily.

Brig. Lush & Robertson

7. Special Carabinieri

Brigadier Robertson said that a special mobile carabinieri force of approximately, 500 strong, had been formed in Sicily. He also reported that four persons of the intake into the Italy Army was to be diverted into the Carabinieri.

8. Patriots

In a suggestion from Colonel Spicer that there should be established at Undersecretary of State to deal with Patriots, the Chief Commissioner replied that this was likely to be done if Sig. Bonomi formed a Government. Brigadier Lush suggested that the proposed new Ministry should not concern itself with problems in AMG territory.

9. Diplomatic relations

Brigadier Lush read a cable from the Combined Chiefs of Staff to SACMED which stated that the American and British Ambassadors were to handle only political questions of specific interest to their respective governments. Economic and Administrative matters were to be handled by Allied Commission. The Chief of Staff pointed out that this signal left undefined the handling of such political questions as might be of common interest to both governments.

10. Army Situation

a. The Chief Commissioner said that he was not ready to accept the decision of the Deputy Supreme Allied Commander to ship no more grain to Sicily, as he believed the suggestion to be unrealistic. The Chief Commissioner instructed Mr. Antolini to explore this question with Sig. Aldisio.

b. Mr. Antolini said that AMG had asked for the requirements in vehicles to implement the three months' programme for Italy and Sardinia.

11. Status of NEW & MED Subcommission

Colonel Fiske said it had been decided to recommend that the Italian personnel of the Subcommission be transferred to Land Forces

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[illegible] him a reconsideration of this matter with a view to deciding whether a 300 gram ration was in fact necessary.

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b. Mr. Antolini said that AFHQ had asked for the requirements in tonnage to implement the three hundred gram ration for Italy and Sardinia.

11. Status of PW & WMD Subcommission

Colonel Fiske said it had been decided to recommend that the Italian Prisoners of War Subcommission be transferred to Land Forces Subcommission. The transfer of the War Material Disposal half of the Subcommission was still under consideration. The Chief Commissioner said that he was opposed to attaching War Material Disposal to the Economic Section, and that it should remain an independent subcommission.

12. Headquarters Car Pool

Colonel Fiske said that the headquarters car pool was expected to be in full operation by the 15th of this month and perhaps by the

10th. The pool has been able to handle all legitimate requests for transport so far. The Chief Coordinator SHAEF felt he was very desirous of having as many vehicle demobilizations as possible, and that the call-ups outside the Army Pattern should be reduced to the minimum as the flight of the mile cards was extremely offensive to the Russians.

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Next Plan Pool Officers' Meeting - Thursday, 14 December, 1000 hours.

J. A. QUAILE
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Staff Officer to CS

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Mr. Harold Macmillan
Commander Stone
Wing Commander Tuck
Mr. Hopkins
Brigadier Upjohn
Brigadier Parkinson
General de Gaulle
General Susloparov
Mr. Schott
Mr. Hopkinson
Colonel Fiske
Mr. Alexander Kirk
Sir Noel Charles
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AVM Powell-Shedden
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Calabria	25/11	185,399	280,000	66	63	91
Lucania	30/11	767,467	955,000	80	70	99
Puglie	30/11	1,563,845	2,170,000	72	71	95
Campania	27/11	255,716	250,000	101	58	88
Campobasso	30/11	215,345	300,000	81	76	94
SOUTHERN		3,000,772	3,950,000	76	74	92
Sicilia	25/11	1,261,762	2,000,000	63	61	92
Sardegna	23/11	263,402	300,000	88	82	92
Lazio-Umbria	25/11	1,324,420	1,300,000	97	92	95
Abruzzi-Sabrina*	25/11	2,139,492	2,240,000	97	77	95
Toscana	25/11	1,243,103	1,500,000	105	90	95
GRAND TOTAL		9,132,774	11,490,000	85	76	92

* Not including Campobasso

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Analysing Report.

Average date of reports	Collected at latest report (qls)	Agriculture S/C estimate (12 Sept. 1944) (qls)	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at latest report	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at report preceding month	Percent of total amassed in 1942-43 collected on 31 Oct. 1942	30 Nov. 1942	31 Dec. 1942
23/11	185,399	280,000	66	55	91	93	94
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30/11	245,345	300,000	81	72	84	85	86
	3,[illegible]	3,[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	92	93	94
2/12	1,[illegible]	2,[illegible]	50	41	93	95	96
2/12	265,[illegible]	[illegible]	88	82	92	94	94
8/12	1,[illegible]	1,[illegible]	91	80	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
21/12	[illegible]	2,[illegible]	87	77	93	95	96
23/12	1,[illegible]	1,[illegible]	103	89	93	94	[illegible]
	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	92	94	95

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6. Italian News Agencies

The Chief Commissioner said that the question has not yet been resolved as to whether the Italians should be permitted to open up competitive news agencies. There was a difference of opinion between the Commission and PWB; the Commission feeling that the Italians should operate their own agencies and that outside agencies should be allowed to enter Italy at once, while PWB wished to control the press until hostilities ceased.

9. Pantelleria

a. Nothing has been done as yet to put this Island under AC control.

b. Owing to the recent attempted suicide of the Civil Affairs Officer on the Island, the Chief of Staff took note that it was probably undesirable to leave an officer there for longer than one month at a time.

10. Women's Suffrage

The Chief Commissioner said that he had a discussion with the Prime Minister on this subject and was informed that while the parties of the extreme left and right favored it, the other parties were waiting to see what the feeling in the North would be. It was, therefore, rather unlikely that a decree would be adopted at an early date.

11. Review of Carabinieri

The Chief Commissioner said that General Alexander wished to review the Carabinieri and that the parade would probably take place early in December.

12. Russian Party

Mr. Hopkinson said that a telegram had been received from Moscow saying that Diplomatic Visas had been given to a party of eleven men to come to Italy. A copy had been repeated to AFHQ. General Susloparov said that this party was to replace the party of General Sudakov and take over all of his duties. Most of these men would be working in the camps with former prisoners of war.

13. Agassing Figures

Brig. Lush

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23 November 1944

M I N U T E S

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 0930 hours, 23 November 1944, Office of the Chief Commissioner, Hq Allied Commission, Rome.

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8. Italian News Agencies

The Chief Commissioner said that the question had not yet been resolved as to whether the Italians should be permitted to open up competitive news agencies. There was a difference of opinion between the Commission and PWB; the Commission feeling that the Italians should operate their own agencies and that outside agencies should be allowed to enter Italy at once, while PWB wished to control the press until hostilities ceased.

9. Pantelleria

a. Nothing has been done as yet to put this Island under AC control.

b. Owing to the recent attempted suicide of the Civil Affairs Officer on the Island, the Chief of Staff took note that it was probably undesirable to leave an officer there for longer than one month at a time.

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15. Devastated Areas

Brigadier Upjohn said that the Italian Government was not doing at all well on this problem. The Brigadier said that, with the permission of the Chief Commissioner, he would send a letter to the appropriate officials pointing out that the Commission's only function was one of advice and assistance to the Italian Government.

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Weekly Threshing Reporting Report

24 November 1944

PROVINCE	Average dates of reports	Collected at latest report (qls)	Agriculture S/C estimate (12 Sept. 1944) (qls)	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at latest report	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at report preceding week	Percent of total e in 1943-44 collect 30 Sept. 1943	31 O 19
Calabria	15/11	183,890	250,000	56	65	87	91
Lucania	15/11	134,306	550,000	79	79	95	97
Puglia	15/11	1,365,251	2,170,000	72	72	94	95
Campania	15/11	216,422	250,000	98	96	91	93
Campobasso	15/11	240,821	300,000	80	78	79	84
SOUTHERN		2,990,790	3,950,000	76	75	89	93
Sicilia	15/11	1,252,671	2,000,000	63	62	88	93
Sardegna	5/11	276,750	300,000	89	85	96	97
Lazio-Umbria	10/11	1,520,334	1,600,000	96	95	91	94
Abruzzi-Marche*	13/11	2,185,438	2,250,000	96	97	94	95
Toscana	11/11	1,268,217	1,300,000	99	97	92	96
STATE TOTAL		9,284,170	11,600,000	80	81	90	93

* Not including Campobasso

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Weekly Wheat Assessing Report

24 November 1944

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734,206	950,000	79	79	95	99
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246,422	250,000	98	95	94	99
240,821	300,000	80	78	79	84
2,970,730	3,950,000	76	75	88	92
1,253,471	2,000,000	63	62	88	93
256,754	300,000	85	85	86	93
1,287,034	1,400,000	96	95	91	93
2,265,438	2,350,000	96	97	94	95
1,488,617	1,500,000	99	87	92	93
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16. Visit of General Spofford

Brigadier Lush said that General Spofford would be in Rome on the 24th and that he would want to discuss the question of communication channels. The Chief Commissioner said he would like the Chief of Staff to hold a meeting with the CA Section, Economic Section, Political Section and the Deputy Chief of Staff to submit a preliminary plan which he could discuss with General Spofford. The Chief Commissioner also said that he thought they might want to consult Colonel Henderson, not from the technical standpoint, but because the Communications Subcommission had recently been confronted with the need for direct communication with the U.S. State Department and Federal Communications Commission on resumption of international services.

17. Land Forces Subcommission

Brigadier Lush said that he had received an appreciation from General Browning in which the General stated that the Land Forces Subcommission was prepared to take over the entire functions of the organization for repatriating Italian soldiers and POW, provided that the POW part of War Materials Disposal and Italian Prisoners of War Subcommission was transferred to Land Forces Subcommission, and that he was given a small additional staff and that the necessary change was made in the charter of the Land Forces Subcommission (MMIA). This approach should be followed up.

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Mr. Macmillan, in thanking the Chief Commissioner, said that he hoped to be the means by which the Commission could obtain what it needed for the proper carrying out of its functions. He said that he proposed to work upward rather than downward and that he saw himself somewhat in the position of the Chairman of a Company of which the Chief Commissioner was the President or Managing Director.

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The Chief Commissioner said that the position regarding dollar credits at the disposition of the Italian Government was still ambiguous. Mr. Macmillan requested that the Economic Section prepare for him, as a basis for forthcoming discussions in London and Washington, a memorandum containing the Allied Commission's proposals for the employment of these dollar credits basing them on hypothetical figure

Mr. Antolini

Mr. Antolini undertook to have a rough estimate ready by Monday evening for Mr. Macmillan to take with him to London and a more detailed plan for General Stofford to take to Washington later in the week.

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5. Interview with Lieutenant General

Mr. Hopkinson said that the storm created by this interview had calmed down and there was nothing new to report.

6. Head of the Labor Sub-Commission

Mr. Hopkinson said that he had spoken to Sir Noel Charles who was quite willing to make Mr. Braine available to the Allied Commission, provided that he would still be available as advisor on labor matters for the British Embassy. Mr. Braine, however, was of the opinion that before a decision could be taken the matter should be cleared with London. The Chief Commissioner said that he understood the Chief of Staff was doing so.

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12. Pantelleria

Mr. Macmillan suggested that no action should be taken on the question of the change in administration of Pantelleria from AMG to AC. It was a matter to be decided at a very high level.

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13. Army Personnel - Italian Government Territory

The Chief Commissioner said he was circulating a memorandum to Vice Presidents of the Economic and Administrative Sections and the Chief of Staff on the functions which the Allied Commission might dispense with in King's Italy and what withdrawal of Army personnel we should make. The only recommendation from the Italian Government for suspension of supervision in King's Italy was in the educational field. The Italian Government also requested that we do not withdraw our personnel from Sicily for the time being. On the mainland, they suggested January 1st as a tentative date for withdrawing personnel south of Salerno.

14. Appointment of Italian Officials

Brigadier Upjohn said that the Italian Government had proposed a list of limited classes of officials whose appointments would not be made without our approval. The Chief Commissioner said he had no objection to this move as he felt that the Government should be given somewhat more freedom of action, but the Vice Presidents would probably want to add other categories to those already listed. The Chief Commissioner suggested that a meeting be held to discuss the details of this plan.

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Weekly Wheat Amassing Report

16 November

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Lazio-Umbria	31/10	1,522,177	1,600,000	95	94	91
Abruzzi-Marche (*)	4/11	1,948,490	2,250,000	87	85	94
Toscana	25/10	1,450,562	1,500,000	97	91	92
GRAND TOTAL		9,382,867	11,600,000	81	79	90

(*) Not including Campobasso

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4/11	1,559,040	2,170,000	72	71	94	95
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7/11	233,976	300,000	78	76	79	84
	2,965,068	3,950,000	75	75	88	92
6/11	1,242,589	2,000,000	62	62	88	93
28/10	253,951	300,000	85	84	86	93
31/10	1,522,177	1,600,000	95	94	91	93
4/11	1,948,490	2,250,000	87	85	94	95
29/10	1,450,562	1,500,000	97	91	92	95
	5,382,867	11,600,000	81	79	90	95

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Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner
APO 394

A/CC 321-6 9 November 1944

M I N U T E S

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 9 November 1944, Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner, Hq Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Commodore Ellery W. Stone, Brigadier Upjohn, Mr. Hopkinson, Mr. Schott, Mr. Antolini, General de Sevin, Colonel Fiske, Colonel Monfort.

1. Finance and Economic Mission to U.S.

The A/Chief Commissioner said that the Italian Economic and Financial Mission, accompanied by Lt. Comdr. Lawler of this Headquarters, had arrived in New York on 7 November for their meeting with representatives of the United States Government.

2. Wage Scale

Reference wage scale for civilians employed by the armed forces, the A/Chief Commissioner said that General Clark, AFHQ, had accepted the recommendations made for an increase.

3. General O'Dwyer

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b. An agreement has been reached between Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission and UNRRA. A letter has been sent to AFHQ referring to them points outside the scope of this Commission.

5. Dollar Credits

Further word had been received from the State Department and had been passed on to the Italian Government regarding dollar credits to be placed at the disposition of the Italian Government for imported supplies for Italy. Present information is somewhat more exact than any hitherto received. The A/Chief Commissioner read aloud the communication from the State Department.

6. Interview with Lieutenant General

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8. Head of the Labor Sub-Commission

As the result of a question of Mr. Antolini's as to what action had been taken to replace Colonel Bain, Mr. Hopkinson undertook to speak to Sir Noel Charles and recommend to him that Mr. Braine should duplicate the position of Head of the Labor Sub-Commission as well as Labor Adviser to the British High Commissioner.

9. Food Distribution Plan

Mr. Antolini informed the Chief Commissioner that the plan for food distribution would be ready for review by November 12.

10. Anti-French Literature

General de Sevin brought up the question of the sale in Italy of anti-French books and literature. The A/Chief Commissioner stated that he had already sent a letter to Sig. Bonomi on that subject.

11. Public Health, Naples Area

a. Brigadier Upjohn reported that 359 cases of smallpox had broken out in the province and city of Naples. It was not a serious epidemic, nor was it a serious type of smallpox. The matter was well in hand.

b. The A/Chief Commissioner said that a watchful eye should be kept on the typhus situation in Naples, ready for the first indications of an outbreak of this disease. If this should be the responsibility of the Italian authorities, then AC should be prepared to bring pressure on them to act quickly in case of an emergency.

12. Patriots

Brigadier Upjohn reported that the Italian National Patriots Committee were proposing to issue a further set of certificates. They felt that those issued by General Alexander were, in many cases, wrongly distributed. Brigadier Upjohn said he had referred the matter to General Alexander through Colonel Monfort before recommending any action.

13. Italian Troops from Greece

Colonel Fiske reported that the first shipload was expected in about one week. They number around five thousand.

14. Civilianizing of AC Personnel

On the question of demilitarization of AC, Commodore Stone said that an interim report had been sent to AFHQ and that a letter was in draft form setting out the full situation and recommendations to AFHQ. The A/Chief Commissioner had recommended against anything but a gradual infiltration before the ceasing of hostilities.

15. Siena Conference

It was decided to hold the Siena Conference on Friday, November 17, unless the condition of roads prohibited it, in which case the meeting would be held at Perugia.

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Mr. Antolini
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Weekly Wheat Threshing Report

9 November 44

REGION	Average dates of reports	Collected at latest report (qls)	Agriculture S/C estimate (12 Sept.1944) (qls)	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at latest report	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at report preceding week	Percent of total amount in 1942-43 collected by 30 Sept. 1942	Percent of total amount in 1942-43 collected by 31 October 1942
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Puglie	31/10	1,552,209	2,170,000	71	71	94	95
Campania	31/10	237,925	250,000	95	92	84	88
Campobasso	25/10	228,409	300,000	76	76	79	84
SOUTHERN*		2,947,092	3,950,000	75	74	88	92
Sicilia	31/10	1,235,874	2,000,000	62	61	88	93
Sardegna	26/10	251,824	300,000	84	80	91	93
Lazio-Umbria	29/10	1,516,730	1,600,000	94	93	94	95
Abruzzi-Marche	31/10	1,880,197	2,250,000	83	77	92	92
Toscana	23/10	1,368,169	1,500,000	91	90	90	93
GRAND TOTAL		9,195,790	11,500,000	79	77		

* Not including Campobasso

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Agriculture Sub-Commission
AIC 394
Weekly Wheat Amassing Report

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235,874	2,000,000	62	61	88	93
251,321	300,000	84	80	86	93
516,723	1,600,000	91	93	91	93
880,437	2,250,000	85	87	94	95
268,133	1,500,000	91	90	92	92
193,790	11,600,000	79	77	98	98

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Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner
APO 394

A/CC 321-6 7 November 1944

M I N U T E S

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 7 November 1944, Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner, Hq. Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Commodore Ellery W. Stone, Brigadier Bush, Brigadier Upjohn, Mr. Antolini, Mr. Schott, Mr. Hopkinson, Colonel Fiske, General de Sevin.

1. Russian Mission.

The A/Chief Commissioner announced that General Vasiliev had been detached from his position on the Advisory Council and was being temporarily replaced by General Susloparev, who will continue as Russian representative on the Allied Commission. Commander Grischinsky had also been detached and was returning to Moscow.

2. Finance & Economic Mission to U.S.

The A/Chief Commissioner reported that the Italian Government representatives were leaving this week for Washington and would be accompanied by Commander Lawler.

3. Wage Scale Strikes.

The A/Chief Commissioner reported that the strike threatened by civilian workers employed by the Navy at Palermo had been resolved. An officer representative was being sent up from the base today or tomorrow to see the Labor Sub-Commission and the Naval Sub-Commission. The The strike had arisen from the discrepancy between wages offered by the Armed Forces and Civilian employers.

4. Infant Mortality.

The A/Chief Commissioner reported that the figures for September were finally proved at 90 per thousand as against 96 per thousand for September 1943, which was very satisfactory. DCOS, Civil Affairs Section undertook to obtain statistics from Naples, Bari, Palermo and Taranto. It was reported that the PWB was preparing a statement for the Press.

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7. Vice-President, Political Section.

The A/Chief Commissioner welcomed Mr. Henry Hopkinson as new Acting Joint Vice-President (B) in place of Mr. Caccia who had been sent to another theatre, and might or might not return.

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8. Wheat Situation.

DCOS, Economic Section asked if a copy of a cable on the wheat requirements of the country had been received from AFHQ, as he had heard rumors of its contents which were disquieting. No copy had yet been received.

Copies of the Amassing Reports were distributed. Chief of Staff reported on a meeting between the DCOS, Economic Section and Brigadier Carr on the wheat situation and the request for increase in price of olive oil in Sicily. These subjects would be reviewed with the A/Chief Commissioner, and the question of the Transportation Sub-Commission was also to be discussed later.

9. Palermo Riots.

DCOS, Civil Affairs reported on the recent incident at Palermo. Much of the trouble was due to the handling of the situation by the Italian military. The casualties were 26 dead and 156 injured. DCOS, Civil Affairs undertook to draft a memo for C of S to present to Army Sub-Commission on the matter of specific drill and instruction being issued on the use of troops in civil disturbances.

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10. Italian Soldiers from Greece.

The Chief of Staff reported that 3,700 Italian soldiers from Greece were expected shortly. AFHQ had sent instructions as to how they should be handled. A party from the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission and PWB were to proceed by ship to Greece to escort the repatriated soldiers back to Taranto where they will be dealt with. COS undertook to draft a memorandum for A/Chief Commissioner's signature for the benefit of Army Sub-Commission in dealing with these men.

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11. UNRRA.

The Chief of Staff reported the visit of 8 members of UNRRA to the Commission to discuss future activities. He read the agenda which raised questions of supplies and transport which were likely to affect the Commission and would have to be carefully watched. The Chief of Staff said there was to be a meeting held that afternoon and he would report on the results.

12. Rehabilitation of Northern Regions.

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Weekly Wheat Arising Report — 2 November 1944.

REGION	Average dates of reports	Collected at latest report (mt)	Agricolt ure S/C estimate (12 Sept. 1944) (mt)	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at latest report	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at report preceding last	Percent i 194 Se 194
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Lazio-Umbria	[illegible]	1,493,879	1,600,000	93	92	91
Abruzzi-Marche *	21/10	1,739,052	2,250,000	77	76	94
Toscana	21/10	1,355,232	1,500,000	90	87	92
GRAND TOTAL		8,974,850	11,500,000	77	76	90

* Not including Campobasso

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Agriculture Sub-Commission
APO 394
Weekly Wheat Acquisition Report

2 November 1944.

Reports	Collected at latest report (-1s)	Agricult re S/C estimate (12 Sept. 1944) (-1s)	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at: latest report	report preceding week	Percent of total amassed in 1943-44 collected on: 30 Sept. 1943	31 Oct. 1943
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A/CC 321-6

26 October 1944

M I N U T E S

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 26 October 1944, Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner, HQ Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Commodore Ellery W. Stone, Brigadier Lush, Brigadier Upjohn, Mr. Caccia, Mr. Schott, Mr. Antolini, General Susloparov, Lieutenant de Roue (for General de Sevin), Colonel Fiske, Colonel Monfort, Major Quayle (Secretary).

1. Acting Chief Commissioner.

a. The A/Chief Commissioner said that it was now officially announced in a directive from the CCS that the Commission would, in future, be addressed as the Allied Commission.

b. The A/Chief Commissioner reported that 20 South American republics (the exception being Argentina) had agreed to resume diplomatic relations with Italy.

c. AFHQ have authorized a fortnightly distribution of 300 gram bread ration in the cities and areas where the daily bread ration was less than 300 grams. General Wilson would continue to press Washington to agree to an overall daily ration of 300 grams of bread or pasta equivalent.

d. The A/Chief Commissioner said that it was hopeful that by November 15th private cable and radio communication would be established between Italy and the rest of the world.

e. The A/Chief Commissioner reported that the Commission had been asked to send an officer to Washington to accompany the Italian financial mission. Lt Comdr Lasier had been selected.

f. The A/Chief Commissioner asked the DCOS, Civil Affairs Section, what was the position about sending representatives to AFHQ to discuss Refugees from Devastated Areas and also Repatriated POW. Brigadier Upjohn replied that representatives from AFHQ were coming to Allied Commission HQ to discuss the problems on the spot.

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h. The Political Section were asked if necessary action had been taken to expedite permits for the Italian representatives to the Financial and Economic Conference in Washington. Mr. Schott undertook to ring up G-5 immediately. He also undertook to write to G-5 pointing out that the present elaborate screening of such cases was inconsistent with the resumption of diplomatic relations with Italy.

Mr. Schott

2. Economic Section:

a. Mr. Antolini said that the American Ambassador had asked for Minute 4(a) of the Vice Presidents' meeting of 18 Oct to be corrected.

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The A/Chief Commissioner directed that the last sentence of this minute be deleted.

b. The A/Chief Commissioner said strong protest should be made against the export of coal from Sardinia outside this theatre. Mr. Antolini said this was done on a directive from the CCS and that until Civitavecchia was opened no more coal could be handled. The A/Chief Commissioner said that even if bottle-necking at Northern ports and haulage difficulties prevented Sardinian coal reaching Northern areas, at any rate it should be imported into southern ports such as Taranto or Bari so as to provide fuel for the South.

3. Civil Affairs Section:

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b. Brigadier Upjohn reported that the elections referred to in para 5(b) of Minutes of 18 October had been organized by an AMG officer, and that corrective instructions had been issued.

c. Brigadier Upjohn reported that Colonel Poletti was not holding Epuration Committees in Rome but in Perugia. (Reference para 7 (c), Minutes of 18 October).

d. Brigadier Upjohn said that a large meeting, presided over by the Under-Secretary of State for the Interior had been held on the Devastated Areas, and gave a resume of its findings. Commodore Stone directed that Allied Commission should endeavor to obtain release of building materials such as glass and cement, now blocked by the Military, and also to bring about derequisitioning of houses. The DCOS, Civil Affairs Section, recommended that a team from the non-activated Northern Regions should be sent down to organize the work, Regions IV and V being understaffed for the task. COS agreed but pointed out that this could only be on a temporary basis. The Acting Chief Commissioner approved the recommendation.

e. DCOS, Civil Affairs Section, said that he was expecting a full report on the Palermo riots from Brigadier Carr by the end of the week. The situation was now quiet. A satisfactory answer had been received from AFHQ defining the responsibility for maintaining Law and order. No internal security troops were to be moved in future without previous sanction of Allied Commission.

4. Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer:

Colonel Monfort said that two officers from each of the non-activated Northern Regions were to be attached to General Mares' staff at 2 District for planning.

5. Chief of Staff:

a. Brigadier Lush said that current proposals laying down procedure in handling Italian Government Decrees would be held up as the dropping of "Control" from the title of the Commission might necessitate

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c. Brigadier Upjohn reported that Colonel Poletti was not holding Epuration Committees in Rome but in Perugia. (Reference para 7 (c), Minutes of 18 October).

d. Brigadier Upjohn said that a large meeting, presided over by the Under-Secretary of State for the Interior had been held on the Devastated Areas, and gave a resume of its findings. Commodore Stone directed that Allied Commission should endeavor to obtain release of building materials such as glass and cement, now blocked by the Military, and also to bring about dorequisitioning of houses. The DCOS, Civil Affairs Section, recommended that a team from the non-activated Northern Regions should be sent down to organize the work, Regions IV and V being understaffed for the task. COS agreed but pointed out that this could only be on a temporary basis. The Acting Chief Commissioner approved the recommendation.

e. DCOS, Civil Affairs Section, said that he was expecting a full report on the Palermo riots from Brigadier Carr by the end of the week. The situation was now quiet. A satisfactory answer had been received from AFHQ defining the responsibility for maintaining Law and order. No internal security troops were to be moved in future without previous sanction of Allied Commission.

4. Deputy Chief Civil affairs Officer:

Colonel Monfort said that two officers from each of the non-activated Northern Regions were to be attached to General Hares' staff at 2 District for planning.

5. Chief of Staff:

a. Brigadier Lush said that current proposals laying down procedure in handling Italian Government Decrees would be held up as the dropping of "Control" from the title of the Commission might necessitate alterations. He reported that appointments were to continue to be treated on an ad hoc basis.

b. The COS reported that AFHQ had given an informal ruling that repatriated POW and Internees should be treated as Displaced Persons. He was of the opinion that they should come under the care of the Army Sub-Commission whose charter was not binding except in the matter of rations.

Brig. Lush — The COS undertook to recommend this to AFHQ.

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c. The CoS reported that on the A/Chief Commissioner's instructions no team would be sent to Sicily to deal with the unmassing. The A/CC said that the Italian Government had not requested our assistance, and that it must learn to handle its own problems.

General Susloparov said that in his opinion Allied officers should not be sent to the assistance of the Italian Government: save where their absence would detract from the efficient prosecution of the war.

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Next Vice Presidents' Meeting, Thursday, 2 November 1944, 1000 hours

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SUBJECT: Weekly Wheat Amassing Report

REGION	Average dates of reports	Collected at latest report (qls)	Agriculture S/C estimate (12 Sept. 1944) (qls)	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at latest report	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at report preceding week	Percent in 1942
Calabria	15/10	175,409	280,000	63	62	87
Lucania	15/10	741,500	950,000	78	76	85
Puglie	15/10	1,538,411	2,170,000	71	70	94
Campanie	15/10	221,231	250,000	88	85	84
Campobasso	15/10	224,317	300,000	75	73	79
SOUTHERN		2,900,868	3,950,000	73	72	88
Sicilia	13/10	1,907,861	2,000,000	60	59	88
Sardegne	12/10	238,023	300,000	79	78	86
Lazio-Umbria	12/10	1,471,307	1,600,000	92	90	91
Abruzzi-Marche*	16/10	1,722,021	2,250,000	76	72	94
Toscana	12/10	1,315,438	1,500,000	87	84	92
GRAND TOTAL		8,856,418	11,600,000	76	74	90

* Not including Campobasso

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18 October 1944

M I N U T E S

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1030 hours, 18 October 1944, Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner, HQ ACC, Rome.

Present: Commodore Ellery W. Stone, Brigadier Lush, Brigadier Upjohn, Mr. Caccia, Mr. Schott, Mr. Artolini, Lt. de Noue (for General de Sevin), Lt. Comdr. Grishemsky (for General Skaloperov), Colonel Parkin, Major Quayle (Secretary).

1. Acting Chief Commissioner.

a. The Acting Chief Commissioner informed the Meeting that as a result of his telegram of 5 October and in view of the statements emanating from Washington, General Wilson had sent a telegram to COS recommending that there should be no reduction in the bread ration, but rather that an increase up to 500 grams should be made. A copy of his message may be expected shortly. The A/Chief Commissioner arranged to hold a cdell meeting at the end of the VP's Meeting, with the Head of the Economic Section and the Chief of Staff to discuss an immediate release of more paste - its area and extent.

b. The A/Chief Commissioner said he had received on behalf of General Alexander a full and unconditional apology from the Minister of Justice for his behaviour in visiting forbidden areas and his activities therein.

c. The A/Chief Commissioner said he had had a conversation with General Clarke during which the General told him that AFHQ would re-issue AAI's orders which placed all civilian restaurants in Rome out of bounds to Allied troops. The Chief of Staff said he had already written to RAAC recommending this measure on the understanding that it should be applied to all the large towns in Italy and that the ban should be rigorously enforced. The Chief of Staff also undertook to ask General Clark to issue a statement to the troops explaining that the reason for this step was the acute food shortage in the country and the approach of harder times during the Winter months.

Brig. Lush

d. The A/Chief Commissioner said that AFHQ were working on the final plans for the application of AMG in the Northwest provinces.

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b. In reply to a question of Mr. Caccia's, Commodore Stone said that neither AFHQ nor ACC had received amplification of the recent statement from Washington on "Trading With the Enemy Act." He said that in view of questions already asked by Italian Ministries enquiries of exact scope of measures intended should be sent to AFHQ. No reply had yet been received on our query as to the exact meaning of repayment of lire in dollars.

Mr. Antolini

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3. Mr. Schott.

a. Mr. Schott reported that after several months delay Signor Rossilonghi, Italian Ambassador to Portugal, was sailing in about 4 days with his family and staff.

Mr. Schott

b. Mr. Schott was asked to expedite the permission for Signors Quintieri and Rattigni to proceed to US. where they would represent the Italian Government on financial matters, as soon as their formal confirmation was received.

4. Mr. Antolini.

a. Mr. Antolini said that there had been a request from Washington that five Italian technicians be sent on a visit to the Chamber of Commerce in USA. This request had not come through the ACC. The A/Chief Commissioner pointed out the irregularity of the approach and instructed that it be brought to the notice of AFHQ.

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c. Mr. Antolini reported that the transportation situation in Sicily was very bad. This was an Italian responsibility under our supervision. Mr. Antolini said drastic action should be taken with the Italian Government on this.

The A/Chief Commissioner requested that Section Heads should produce points for discussion with the Italian High Commissioner in Sicily, who would be seeing him tomorrow.

The A/Chief Commissioner said that there had been a broadcast from America denying reports that the United States Government supported the Separatist movement. Political Section were asked to arrange with PWB to have this publicised in Italy.

Mr. Antolini

d. The A/Chief Commissioner informed the Head of the Economic Section that he wished the question of fishing restrictions cleared immediately. Mr. Antolini said this tied up with a general plan for lifting restrictions now under circumstances, and that the whole matter would be put before the A/Chief Commissioner during the next 48 hours.

5. Brigadier Upjohn.

a. Brigadier Upjohn said that orders from AFHQ that 5,000 soldiers of the Italian Army should be released to implement numbers of the Carabinieri had been objected to by A.F.I, and that MMIL had been instructed to do nothing pending consideration of an alternative plan suggested by A.F.I. The A/Chief Commissioner said this should be reported at once to AFHQ.

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Brig. Upjohn

b. Brigadier Upjohn said that some communes in S. Region had held elections to the Giunta Comunale, which was irregular as appointments must be made by the Sindaco. He undertook to inform the Italian Government.

6. Lt. de Roue.

Lt. de Roue asked for complete information on the Taranto incident to be compiled (see Minutes of Meeting, 13 Oct 44, para 6). He was directed to apply to the COS Office.

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7. Brigadier Lush.

a. Brigadier Lush reported that he had discussed the question of vigorous representation at AGO at Washington with Colonel Mitchell of G-5 (See Minutes of Meeting, 19 Oct 44, para 6g). He had been informed there were already two representatives there and Colonel Mitchell's opinion was that visits from high level officials at AGO would be more valuable than low level permanent representation.

b. The COS reported there was a possibility that AGO would be asked in the near future to assume responsibility for collection of information and sifting of evidence in connection with war crimes. Hitherto the Judge Advocate General's Department at AFHQ had dealt with this. It was agreed that no action should be taken till it could be more clearly seen what work would be involved.

c. The COS said that it appeared orders were still referred to by the Ufficio Stampa as being issued in the name of Colonel Poletti. The A/Chief Commissioner said the Ufficio Stampa should be informed this was incorrect and orders should be stated as being issued in the name of the Italian Government. Brigadier Upjohn stated he had just received a report that a Committee of Execution set up by Colonel Poletti was continuing to function as Italian Government Territory. He would investigate the matter further.

Brig. Upjohn

d. The COS drew the attention of the VPs to a recent directive of PWB concerning the Patriots. This was considered acceptable.

e. The COS reported that General Marks had asked for a high power liaison officer from AGO who will come under the SCAO forward. The COS undertook to consult Colonel Hanford on this.

Brig. Lush

f. The COS reported that Sir Frank Somers of UK Constabulary had just completed his tour and expressed his appreciation of all arrangements for his officers working in AGC.

g. Brigadier Upjohn stated he had arranged with Sir Frank that Colonel Young would not leave the Commission before the liberation and re-organisation of the North Italian Provinces.

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A/CC 321-6 14 October 1944

MINUTES

Vice Presidents' meeting, 1030 hours, 13 October 1944, Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner, HQ ACC, Rome.

Present: Commodore Ellery W. Stone, Brigadier Lush, Brigadier Upjohn, Mr. Caccia, Mr. Schott, Mr. Antolini, General Shaloparov, Colonel Fiske, Lieut. de Roue, Major Quayle (Secretary).

1. Acting Chief Commissioner:

a. Commodore Stone said that at General Wilson's weekly Political meeting at AFHQ there had been discussion on the problem of the food situation in Italy in view of the political repercussions involved. Commodore Stone said that although the import program, so far as we have been advised, was inadequate to maintain for long the 300 grammes bread ration, yet he had pointed out that SACMED would appear to be relieved of the need to cut back the ration in view of the President's statement that rationing was to be increased. A signal would be sent from AFHQ to Combined Chiefs of Staff to pose the question.

Mr. Caccia mentioned that possible alterations in the bread ration had been discussed with General Hume and other authorities in Florence where demonstrations had already taken place. Their opinion was that if the ration was reduced to 200 grammes in the South there would certainly be civil disturbances; with a ration of 235 grammes there would quite possibly be trouble, and only with a ration of 300 grammes were the prospects fairly good.

b. Commodore Stone emphasized the need for making the most, and encouraging the Italians to make the most, of local resources. He cited the blocked pulses, and Colonel Poletti's suggestion of mixing chestnut with wheat flour.

c. The Commodore urged Mr. Antolini to press for the relaxation of restrictions on fishing. It was pointed out that it seemed paradoxical for restrictions to be so much more severe on the West Coast than on the East. The Acting Chief Commissioner said that he would take the matter up with C-in-C Mediterranean if Mr. Antolini could not clear it through PWBI.

d. Commodore Stone expressed concern over transport "bidding". He had been informed, he said, that G Movements of AFHQ stated that they were able to make a bigger civilian supply lift than was at present being asked of them. He drew Mr. Antolini's attention to this in relation to the olive oil situation.

408 e. The Acting Chief Commissioner spoke at length on the text of the President's recent statement on Imports for Italy.

2. Mr. Caccia:

a. Mr. Caccia referred to the inadvisability of Italian Ministers being allowed to visit army (as opposed to AMG) areas. On this point, he said, General Hume and Group-Captain Benson were in agreement. In the event of disputes such as had arisen, and might again arise, between the Prefect and Committee of Liberation,

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Brig. Lush

Brigadier Lush said that he would put up a Memorandum on the subject to the Acting Chief Commissioner and also a draft letter to President Bonomi.

3. Mr. Antolini:

Mr. Antolini stated that the Economic Section were fully alive to the emergency of the present food situation, to meet which they were now working on a

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radical plan which included the lifting of many controls, and which they would have ready by Sunday evening.

4. Brigadier Bayonn:

a. The Brigadier referred to various points from the minutes of the last meeting on October 9th.

(1) Para 4a. The Salvation Army had been informed but they could not send two more representatives.

(2) Para 4b. With reference to the Central Medical Depot, he was submitting for the Acting Chief Commissioner's signature a letter to AFHQ embodying an alternative plan.

(3) Para 3a. A plan for approving Italian Government Decrees had been worked out with Finance and Legal Sub-Commissions, and was now before the Chief of Staff.

(4) Para 1a(2). There were difficulties in the way of increasing the rations for Police Agencies up to the scale of the Army and Carabinieri. The matter was still under discussion.

b. The Brigadier said that a conference had been held between members of ACC, the Italian Government, the Allied and Italian Red Cross, and the Vatican, on the devastated areas of the Abruzzi-Molise Region. He would send the minutes of the meeting to the A/CC for his consideration.

5. Colonel Fisk:

Reported that A.G Headquarters had not been able to move into Montecatini for correctional reasons, and that Caserta was to remain as Headquarters and transit camp for surplus personnel.

6. Lieut. de Rouw:

Said that before leaving for France, General de Sevin had heard that the sentence imposed on the Italian sailors involved in the disturbance at Taranto on July 31, in which one French sailor had been killed and several wounded, had only been one month's imprisonment. General de Sevin had instructed Lt. to tell the meeting that this light sentence would produce a most unfavourable impression in Paris. Till the return of General de Sevin, however, no further action was requested.

7. General Susloparov:

Said that the arrangements were satisfactory for debacking observers the officers of his mission to sub-commissions.

8. The Chief of Staff:

a. Brigadier Lush reported that Colonel Salter had been sent to Florence with a directive for the guidance of A.G officers in their relations with the Comitato di Liberazione. The Brigadier pointed out that it was not to be expected that clashes between Prefect and Committee of Liberation would not take place in other areas.

It was agreed that Regional Commissioners were to be encouraged to suggest Prefects from local personalities rather than rely on candidates produced

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It was agreed that Regional Commissioners were to be encouraged to accept Prefects from local personalities rather than call on candidates produced from Rome.

b. The Chief of Staff said that General Robertson had held a meeting after the Siena Conference at which he had described the expected developments of the occupation of north-western Italy. He said that civilian interests would be of first importance. General Naval Headquarters would probably be in a different town from those of the Regional Commissioners.

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Brig. Lush

c. The Chief of Staff mentioned Colonel Poletti's statement at the Siena Conference that we had asked 6 months ago for clothes and boots for the Co-belligerent which had never been supplied but that supplies were now coming in for welfare bodies. He said that fundamental needs should be fulfilled first. Commodore Stone said it was necessary that ACC be represented at Washington by a vigorous personality who would state our case forcibly and ensure that our demands were met. The Chief of Staff undertook to follow up this matter.

Next Vice Presidents' Meeting - 1000 hours, Wednesday, 18 October 1944.

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1st October 1944.

SUBJECT: Weekly Wheat Assessing Report

REGION	Average dates of reports	Collected at latest report (qls)	Agriculture S/C estimate (12 Sept. 1944) (qls)	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at latest report	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at preceding week	Percent of total sample in 1942-43 collected by 30 Sept. 1942	Percent of total sample in 1942-43 collected by 31 Oct. 1942
Calabria	7/10	173,394	280,000	62	61	87	91
Lucania	7/10	728,952	950,000	76	75	85	93
Puglia	8/10	1,531,512	2,170,000	70	69	94	95
Campania	8/10	213,412	250,000	85	76	84	88
Campobasso	7/10	219,979	300,000	73	70	90	94
SOUTHERN		2,867,049	3,950,000	72	71	88	92
Sicilia	7/10	1,192,212	2,000,000	59	57	88	93
Sardegna	7/10	235,587	300,000	78	75	85	93
Lazio-Umbria	2/10	1,241,270	1,600,000	90	89	91	93
Abruzzi-Marche *	2/10	1,621,907	2,250,000	72	67	94	95
Toscana	4/10	1,258,960	1,500,000	84	81	92	93
GRAND TOTAL		8,616,385	11,600,000	74	72	90	93

* Not including Campobasso

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1st October 1944.

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4/10	928,962	950,000	76	75	85	93
3/10	1,931,612	2,170,000	76	69	94	95
5/10	310,415	250,000	85	78	84	88
4/10	313,676	330,000	95	85	79	84
	2,857,049	3,950,000	72	71	88	92
7/10	1,192,212	2,000,000	59	57	88	93
7/10	235,587	300,000	78	75	86	93
8/10	1,411,276	1,600,000	90	89	91	93
2/10	1,621,767	2,250,000	72	67	94	95
4/10	1,258,960	1,800,000	74	71	92	93
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9 October 1944

M I N U T E S

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1030 hours, 9 October 1944, Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner, HQ ACC, Rome.

Present: Commodore Ellery W. Stone, Brigadier Upjohn, Mr. Caccia, Mr. Schott, Mr. Antolini, General Susloparov, Colonel Fiske, Colonel Cripps, Colonel Monfort, Major Quayle (Secretary).

1. Acting Chief Commissioner:

a. Commodore Stone referred to various points from the Minutes of the last conference:

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Brig. Upjohn (2) Reference para 6, Minutes of Meeting, 3 Oct 44, what steps had been taken to increase the ration for the Public Safety bodies to the level of that of the Italian Army and Carabinieri?

Brigadier Upjohn undertook to see that the Italian Government were informed of the measure as well as our own Regional Commissioners.

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General Susloparev said that he had submitted proposals for their employment to the Liaison Officer, but had as yet received no answer. Colonel Fiske said he would check with it Col Brown on this point.

(4) Reference para 1f, Minutes of Meeting, 3 Oct 44, Commodore Stone said that he had held a conversation with the Prime Minister on the subject of AFHQ's Administrative Memorandum No. 31.

The Prime Minister and his Minister of Finance had received the news of the proposal with dismay. The Prime Minister had stated that the political effect on his Government would be "disastrous." Commodore Stone said that he had represented their point of view to AFHQ and that he expected the implementation of the Memorandum to be indefinitely deferred.

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b. The Acting Chief Commissioner instructed Mr. Antolini to make sure that Regional Commissioners had advance advice of the itinerary of the Russian Trades' Union Delegation, and also requested General Susloparov to pass the word to the Chief of the Delegation that he should choose non-working hours for holding meetings at works, dockyards, etc., so that important war-work was not dislocated. He explained that the reason for this request was the serious delay caused by the recent American and British delegation which held a meeting at Taranto in the middle of a work-shift.

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c. As a result of a general discussion it was agreed that, while allowing greater freedom to the Italian Government, it was necessary to clarify the ACC's position as regards its authority and jurisdictional level in approving appointments. This matter was to be discussed at COS meeting.

d. The Acting Chief Commissioner informed the meeting that SACMED had posed certain specific questions to the Combined Chiefs of Staff regarding the implementation of the recent statements on Italy made by the President and the Prime Minister.

General Wilson has given orders that pending the receipt of a reply the name and functions of the ACC would not be altered.

2. Mr. Caccia:

Mr. Caccia stated that the authentic text of the statement recently made by the British Foreign Secretary on the subject of the Italian colonies was not at hand, but that it had been asked for by Sir Noel Charles.

3. Mr. Antolini:

Brig. Upjohn

a. Mr. Antolini requested clarification of the Commission's position vis a vis the Italian Government in issuance of decrees. He drew attention to two which had been passed without the receipt of the Commission's concurrence or comment. It was decided that the whole policy must be immediately reviewed and recommendations would be made by Civil Affairs Section.

b. Mr. Antolini reported that General Hume had called saying that there had been a food demonstration in Florence, and that the Florentines should be given an extra pasta allowance. It was decided that a decision on this point should pend Mr. Antolini's visit to Florence. It was further decided that this brought up the whole crucial food problem and that a further conference on the food situation must be held forthwith before giving any decision on the immediate Florence question.

c. Mr. Antolini produced the latest amassing figures. The Acting Chief Commissioner suggested that there should be a column showing comparison with the preceding week.

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a. The Brigadier said that the Salvation Army wished to send two additional representatives to Italy to look into their interests. He would go into the matter further before giving a reply.

b. AFHQ, in setting up an organization to deal with the distribution of medical supplies throughout the Mediterranean, had proposed Colonel Griffin, the Chief of the Medical Supply Branch, as its Head. The Brigadier doubted the wisdom of imposing on Colonel Griffin this double duty and said that he would raise it at the next COS conference.

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Agriculture Sub-Commission
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Subject : Weekly Wheat Amassing Report.

Region	Average dates of reports	Collected at latest report (ql)	Agriculture S/C estimate (12 Sept 44) (ql)	Percent of total estimate collected	Percentage c 31 Aug.
Calabria	30/9	171,263	280,000	61	72
Lucania	30/9	719,878	950,000	75	61
Puglie	30/9	1,507,874	2,170,000	73	89
Campania	30/9	194,652	250,000	78	62
Campobasso	30/9	212,909	300,000	70	64
SOUTHERN		2,895,576	3,950,000	73	76
1	29/9	1,152,376	2,000,000	57	67
4	29/9	1,431,537	1,600,000	89	83
5	30/9	1,513,784	2,250,000	67	89
6	23/9	227,561	300,000	75	64
8	30/9	1,221,262	1,500,000	81	77
TOTAL		8,442,236	11,600,000	72	79

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9 Oct. 44

Amassing Report.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION JAQ/ajp
Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner

3 October 1944

MINUTES

Vice Presidents' meeting, 1000 hours, 3 October 1944, Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner, Rome.

Present: Captain Ellery W. Stone, Brigadier Lush, Brigadier Upjohn, Mr. Caccia, Mr. Schott, Mr. Antolini, General De Gevin, General Susloparov, Colonel Fiske, Major Quayle.

1. Acting Chief Commissioner:

a. Captain Stone called attention to an error in para 1 a of the minutes of the meeting of 29 September 1944. The second sentence should be altered so as to read: "He pointed out that although Sir Noel Charles now acquired ambassadorial rank, thus placing him on the same footing as Mr. Kirk, it was not clear as yet whether either was in fact to function as an ambassador".

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c. Captain Stone told General Susloparov that authority had been received for him to add eight officers to his staff as observers with sub-commissions. He asked the General to arrange with Brigadier Lush which sub-commissions they were to work with. The Acting Chief Commissioner pointed out that additional transport was not authorized.

d. Captain Stone informed the meeting that the Italian Government had formally requested that it be allowed to participate in the discussion of the Armistice Terms to be imposed on Germany.

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(3) Possible elimination of certain sub-commissions. e.g., Education.

These proposals were equally obviously prompted by the Quebec declaration. The third referred only to territory under Italian Government control.

f. Captain Stone discussed Executive Memorandum No. 31. It was, he said, doubtful if the Italians would react favorably to the question of establishing a lira account since it would increase the government deficit and would be considered as not in keeping with the Hyde Park declaration. He proposed to discuss the question with AFHQ.

Captain Stone

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2. Mr. Caccia:

a. Mr. Caccia was assured by the Acting Chief Commissioner that the Italians referred to by Captain Stone would be attached--if at all--to sub-commissions and not sections.

b. Mr. Caccia stated that the authorities of San Marino, though realizing that the Allied forces must pass through the republic, were most anxious that a stop be put to billeting and requisitioning. Mr. Caccia thought that San Marino claims for compensation would be influenced by the speed with which we dealt with these two questions.

Brig. Lush — Brigadier Lush undertook to phone General Robertson and find out what action was contemplated by AAI before Captain Stone raised the matter at Caserta.

c. Mr. Caccia called General Susloparov's attention to the question of 11b Via Tomentana, which was originally requisitioned by AAI and had remained so at the orders of AFHQ. Mr. Caccia disclaimed the responsibility for this action imputed to the Political Section by General Brown in a letter to General Susloparov, and pointed out that the Political Section merely acted as a channel of communication--it was AFHQ who was the deciding authority.

3. Mr. Antolini:

Mr. Antolini asked if there was any news of Colonel Butterworth's success or failure in Washington. Captain Stone told him that there
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4. Brigadier Upjohn:

a. Reported that the Italian army had released quantities of stores to the CC.AA. which should greatly assist that body.

b. The Brigadier said that in Florence there had been trouble between the Prefect and the Committee of Liberation. He had telephoned to 5th Army A.G, with the approval of P.M. Bonomi, instructing them to support the Prefect in the controversy.

c. There was also trouble over the Sindaco of Naples. The original man expressly asked for by the government had refused office and a commissario prefittizio was functioning in his place. The Brigadier proposed, and it was agreed, that we should lend our support to the original sindaco.

5. General de Sevin:

Reported that he had found no grounds which might explain the rumor that Italian PoW's were to be employed behind the lines by the French Army.

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Reported that he had looked into the question of feeding the GG.FF. and Public Safety agencies, so that their scale be brought up to that of the Army and the CC.RR. This would affect various bodies, he said, and amount in all to an increase of 10,000 tons per annum. It was agreed that this measure should be put into effect as soon as possible.

7. Colonel Fiske:

Reported that Regions IX and XII were going well and put in a plea for better living conditions for Prefects--the Prefect of Ancona, for example, whom he had just seen, was living in extremely difficult conditions.

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8. The Acting Chief Commissioner: said that it had been reported to him that Frascati, where there was an orphan's home, had been without milk since June. It was a Region IV matter and he requested Brigadier Lush to look into it.

Brig. Lush

Next Vice Presidents' meeting - 1000 hours, Monday, 9 October 1944.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner

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29 September 1944

MINUTES

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Present: Captain Ellery W. Stone, Brigadier Lush, Brigadier Upjohn, Mr. Caccia, Mr. Antolini, General de Sevin, Lt. Comdr Grishchinsky (for General Susloparov), Colonel Fiske, Colonel Monfort, and Major Quaylo.

1. Acting Chief Commissioner:

a. Captain Stone read aloud the full communique on Italy released by the President and the Prime Minister as a result of the Quebec Conference. He pointed out that although Sir Noel Charles now acquired ambassadorial status, thus placing him on the same footing as Mr. Kirk, it was not clear if he was in fact to function as an ambassador. As to the announced change of name of the Allied Control Commission, he had telegraphed to find out if this was to take place forthwith, and similarly if there was to be any change in the function or structure of the Commission. The Acting Chief Commissioner said that he would have copies of the communique distributed to members, and also to the field. Of all these matters, the Acting Chief Commissioner stated, we know no more than had already been made known to the general public.

b. In speaking of the future working possibilities of UNRRA in this country, the Acting Chief Commissioner pointed out that the degree to which UNRRA would be able to implement the relief programme depended crucially on the quantity of tonnage they could obtain from the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

c. The Acting Chief Commissioner stated that the internal reorganization plan had been approved by AFHQ, and that it was to go into effect as from Monday next (October 2).

d. Both AFHQ and AAI had indicated their willingness to see more territory transferred to the Italian Government. This matter would
Capt. Stone be submitted to the Advisory Council with a view to discussion at its next meeting.

e. Captain Stone referred to para 4 (b) of the minutes of the meeting on 18 September, which dealt with the accommodation and feeding of civilian employees. He said that Colonel Fiske had made recommendations which would now have to be referred to Heads of Sections for their final approval.

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f. There had been complaints that the quality of bread was falling below the required standard, and already several bakers had been penalized by suspension. This was a matter, the Acting Chief Commissioner said, that he wanted closely watched. Brigadier Lush said that Regional Commissioners had been instructed to put in a report on the points raised

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b. In speaking of the future working possibilities of UNRRA in this country, the Acting Chief Commissioner pointed out that the degree to which UNRRA would be able to implement the relief programme depended crucially on the quantity of tonnage they could obtain from the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

c. The Acting Chief Commissioner stated that the internal reorganization plan had been approved by AFHQ, and that it was to go into effect as from Monday next (October 2).

d. Both AFHQ and AAI had indicated their willingness to see more territory transferred to the Italian Government. This matter would
Capt. Stone be submitted to the Advisory Council with a view to discussion at its next meeting.

e. Captain Stone referred to para 4 (b) of the minutes of the meeting on 16 September, which dealt with the accommodation and feeding of civilian employees. He said that Colonel Fiske had made recommendations which would now have to be referred to Heads of Sections for their final approval.

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f. There had been complaints that the quality of bread was falling below the required standard, and already several bakers had been penalized by suspension. This was a matter, the Acting Chief Commissioner said, that he wanted closely watched. Brigadier Lush said that Regional Commissioners had been instructed to put in a report on the points raised at the meeting held recently by Lt. Gen. Clark).

g. There were reports of bad conditions from the areas of Chieti and Pescara. Brigadier Upjohn told the meeting that this was the subject
Brigadier Upjohn of a special enquiry now proceeding, and that mine clearance schools were being set up to teach local civilians how to clear mines from their own areas.

These civilians were at present using the old "prodding" method of mine detecting. Brigadier Upjohn undertook to find out if it was not possible to produce a more scientific means with the help of Italian Army and Navy engineers.

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Brigadier Lush here asked if MMIA were co-operating by providing mine-clearance units, or if they were regarding these as outside their scope. Brigadier Upjohn replied that the latter was the case. Brigadier Lush then requested that a letter be sent immediately to AFHQ requesting that MMIA be instructed to lend all possible help at once in this most urgent matter. Brigadier Upjohn undertook to draft the letter.

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Brigadier Upjohn also stated that a representative of the Public Health Sub-Commission was or is in the devastated area now to make recommendations for the health and welfare of the inhabitants during the winter.

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A general discussion followed on the extreme gravity of the food situation, but it was agreed that the result of Colonel Butterworth's visit to Washington must be awaited before taking decisions.

Brigadier Lush requested that a short memorandum be sent to officers in the field making clear to them the gravity of the situation and the urgent need to collect and conserve all wheat and grain found in newly liberated areas.

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4. General de Sevin:

General de Sevin could throw no light on the rumored intention of using Italian PoW's behind forward French units in the battle in France.

5. Colonel Fiske:

Colonel Fiske reported that the formation of forward Regions was progressing well.

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SUBJECT: Wheat Amassing

Herewith latest information available to Economic Section on amassing of wheat:-

REGION	AVERAGE DATES OF REPORTS	COLLECTED AT LATEST REPORT (ql)	AGRICULTURE S/C ESTIMATE (1? Sept /4) (ql)	PERCENT OF TOTAL ESTIMATE COLLECTED	PERCENTAGE OF 1942 TOTAL AM TO 31 AUG.
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Campobasso	23/9	203.550	300,000	67	64
SOUTHERN		2.820.433	3,950,000	71	76
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4	15/9	1.265.217	1,600,000	79	83
5	20/9	1.200.511	2,250,000	53	89
6	16/9	222.918	300,000	74	64
8	15/9	999.698	1,500,000	66	77
T O T A L		7.633.046	11,600,000	65	79

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AMERICAN AND BRITISH GOVERNMENTS

The President and the Prime Minister held further discussions Monday and Tuesday, September 18th and 19th at Hyde Park on subjects dealing with postwar policies in Europe. The result of these discussions cannot be disclosed at this time for strategic military reasons and pending their consideration by our other Allies. The present problems in Italy also came under discussion and on this subject the President and the Prime Minister issued the following statement: "The Italian people freed of their Fascist and Nazi overlordship have in these last twelve months demonstrated their will to be free to fight on the side of the democracies and to take a place among the United Nations devoted to principles of peace and justice. We believe we should give encouragement to those Italians who are standing for a political rebirth in Italy and are completing the destruction of the evil Fascist system. We wish to afford the Italians a greater opportunity to aid in the defeat of our common enemies. The American and the British people are of course horrified by the recent mob action in Rome but feel that a greater responsibility placed on the Italian people and on their own government will most readily prevent a recurrence of such acts. An increasing measure of control will be gradually handed over to the Italian administration subject of course to that administration's proving that it can maintain law and order and the regular administration of justice. To mark this change the Allied Control Commission will be renamed the Allied Commission. The British High Commissioner in Italy will assume the additional title of Ambassador. The United States Representative in Rome already holds that rank. The Italian Government will be invited to appoint direct representatives to Washington and London. First and immediate considerations in Italy are the relief of hunger and sickness and fear. To this end we instructed our representatives at the United conference to declare for the sending of medical aids and other essential supplies to Italy. We are happy to know that this view commended itself to other members of the United Council. At the same time first steps should be taken toward the reconstruction of an Italian economy. An economy laid low under the years of the misrule of Mussolini and ravished by the German policy of vengeful destruction. These steps should be taken primarily as military aims to put the full resources of Italy and the Italian people into the struggle to defeat Germany and Japan. For military reasons we should assist the Italians in the restoration of such power systems, their railways, motor transport roads and other communications as enter into the war situation and for a short time send engineers, technicians and industrial experts into Italy to help them in their own rehabilitation. The application to Italy of the Trading With The Enemy Acts should be modified so as to enable business contacts between Italy and the outside world to be resumed for the benefit of the Italian people. We all wish to speed the day when the last vestiges of Fascism in Italy will have been wiped out and when the last German will have left Italian soil and when there will be no need of any Allied troops to remain, the day when free elections can be held throughout Italy and when Italy can earn her proper place in the great family of free nations."

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MEMORANDUM:

SUBJECT: Amendment to Vice Presidents' Meeting, 21 September 1944.

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21 September 1944

MINUTES

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 21 September 1944, Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner, Rome.

Present: Captain Ellery W. Stone, Brigadier Lush, Brigadier Upjohn, Mr. Caccia, Mr. Schott, General Susloparov, General de Sevin, Colonel Densmore, Colonel Monfort, Major Grayle.

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3. Mr. Schott:

a. Mr. Schott quoted from what he called an unofficial and preliminary message from American sources whereby AFHQ had approved the transportation in Allied ships of certain relief commodities despatched from the Argentine, with the proviso that the Allied authorities would reduce those supplies entering the Vatican from their own resources to an extent comparable with the amount of supplies brought in from Argentine resources.

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6. Colonel Monfort:

Colonel Monfort reported that the group representing AOS at H.Q. A.A.I. would be ready to move early in the coming week, and that a draft directive had been prepared.

7. Colonel Demmore:

Colonel Demmore reported that the High Commissioner in Sicily

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had made an alteration in the price of wheat by way of granting a transport bonus, and the Italian Government was not seeking the approval of ACC on this measure. The matter was under discussion between Economic and Administrative Sections.

Col Denamore — Captain Stone directed that reference be made to the original correspondence which passed on this subject between the Government and General Mason MacFarlane.

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18 September 1944

MINUTES

Vice Presidents' meeting, 1000 hours, 18 September 1944, Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner, Rome.

Present: Captain Ellery W. Stone, Brigadier Upjohn, General de Sevin, Colonel Menfort, Mr. Caccia, Mr. Schott, Mr. Antolini, and Major Quayle.

1. Acting Chief Commissioner:

a. The Acting Chief Commissioner said that certain figures had appeared in the press purporting to show the Italian rate on Infant Mortality and Tuberculosis. He added that these figures were greatly exaggerated and gave the statistics in support of his statement. Brigadier Upjohn was asked to produce as soon as possible the figure on Infant Mortality for Rome during the month of August.

Brig. Upjohn

b. The Acting Chief Commissioner informed General De Sevin that during a conversation with Signor Bonomi the Italian Prime Minister had told him that owing to the present stage of reconstruction work in Italy, the Italian Government regretted that it was unable to comply with the French request for the recruiting of 2000 workers.

2. Mr. Caccia:

a. Reported that at a recent meeting of the Labour Democrats at Naples the Party had declared that they were Republicans. The Christian Democrats had also held a meeting recently, but refused to commit themselves on the institutional question until the country was liberated and the Party as a whole could decide.

b. San Marino - Our intentions had been to respect the neutrality of San Marino so long as it was similarly respected by the enemy. Our attitude will now probably have to be modified in view of the fact that definite information has been received indicating that enemy forces are using the roads passing through this state. During the period of military occupation AMG has intentions to establish a modified form of military government for a temporary period.

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c. To a query on the question of restoration of further territories to the Italian Government, the Acting Chief Commissioner replied that this matter was under consideration by the military authorities, and that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs could be informed of this.

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Present: Captain Ellery W. Stone, Brigadier Upjohn, General de Sevin, Colonel Monfort, Mr. Caccia, Mr. Schott, Mr. Antolini, and Major Quayle.

1. Acting Chief Commissioner:

a. The Acting Chief Commissioner said that certain figures had appeared in the press purporting to show the Italian rate on Infant Mortality and Tuberculosis. He added that these figures were greatly exaggerated and gave the statistics in support of his statement. Brigadier Upjohn was asked to produce as soon as possible the figure on Infant Mortality for Rome during the month of August.

Brig. Upjohn

b. The Acting Chief Commissioner informed General De Sevin that during a conversation with Signor Bonomi the Italian Prime Minister had told him that owing to the present stage of reconstruction work in Italy, the Italian Government regretted that it was unable to comply with the French request for the recruiting of 2000 workers.

2. Mr. Caccia:

a. Reported that at a recent meeting of the Labour Democrats at Naples the Party had declared that they were Republicans. The Christian Democrats had also held a meeting recently, but refused to commit themselves on the institutional question until the country was liberated and the Party as a whole could decide.

b. San Marino - Our intentions had been to respect the neutrality of San Marino so long as it was similarly respected by the enemy. Our attitude will now probably have to be modified in view of the fact that definite information has been received indicating that enemy forces are using the roads passing through this state. During the period of military occupation AMG has intentions to establish a modified form of military government for a temporary period.

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d. Mr. Caccia asked if there was any development on the question of elections. Captain Stone replied that the Italian Prime Minister had informed him of the government's decision to hold no elections prior to the end of hostilities, thus conforming with the French Government. At the same time the Government wishes to proceed with the compilation of electoral lists, and to this end suggests that General O'Dwyer's Demographic and Industrial Census be used for the incorporation of this new factor. The matter was referred to the Administrative and Economic Sections for coordinated action.

Brig. Upjohn
Mr. Antolini

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c. Mr. Caccia spoke of the request from members of the Italian Government that they be permitted to visit Northern Italy as soon as it was liberated and Allied Military Government had been set up. Captain Stone stated that there was no objection — though this of course depended on the military situation.

When Brigadier Upjohn requested clarification of policy on this point in view of the fact that permission had been granted for Signor Bonomi to visit Florence whereas a similar request from the Minister of Justice had been refused, it was pointed out that the difference lay in that while the Prime Minister was making a governmental visit, that of the Minister of Justice would have been to some extent a Party affair.

f. After a discussion in which Mr. Caccia pointed out the awkwardness of a situation created by the publication in the Italian press (including a PWB controlled paper) of an article which had appeared in the British press concerning the Armistice terms for Italy, it was decided that the matter should be referred to AFHQ.

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a. Mr. Antolini stated that 1500 Italian soldiers now assigned to the Refugees Sub-Commission have been ordered released 1 Sept 44 by AAI, and that he would like to employ them as drivers, etc for 500 trucks promised by G-5, AFHQ by the 15 October 44. The Acting Chief Commissioner agreed to this in principle with the proviso that Mr. Antolini check these facts.

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b. Brigadier Upjohn requested that twelve of these trucks be allotted to the Italian Red Cross.

Admin & Eco Sections

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c. Brigadier Upjohn gave a description of the scenes which took place this morning at the court of justice prior to the Caruso trial down to the time that he left at 0945 Hrs and pointed out the supine performance of the Carabinieri.

5. The Acting Chief Commissioner:

a. Said that with the liberation of Northern Italy becoming imminent, plans were being formulated whereby there would be an ACC Forward Echelon at AAI. Until Colonel Monfort was sufficiently recovered to take it over this Forward Echelon would probably be under

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the charge of Group Captain Benson.

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J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Chief Staff Officer

DISTRIBUTION:
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Brigadier Lush
Mr. Antellini
Brigadier Upjohn
General De Sevin
General Susloparov
Mr. Caccia
Mr. Schott
Hon. Alexander Kirk
Sir Noel Charles
Colonel Spofford
Colonel Densmore
Colonel Monfort
Major Quayle

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APPENDIX "A"

SUBJECT: Wheat Amassing

Herewith latest information available to Economic Section on amassing of wheat:

Region	Amassing in Quintals				
	Agric. S/C total estimate Aug 44	Reports from Regions	Date of Report	Percentage of total estimate	Norma 31
1	2,210,000	994,150	7 Sept	45	6
2	1,530,000	960,928	7 Sept	63	5
Foggia	1,590,000	1,176,626	9 Sept	74	5
3	350,000	128,801	9 Sept	37	5
4	1,400,000	1,141,956	4 Sept	81	7
5 (Including Campobasso)	2,550,000	1,063,357	10 Sept	42	7
6	430,000	208,392	4 Sept	48	6
7	280,000	157,629	7 Sept	57	5
8	1,000,000	1,092,496	6 Sept	109	7
	11,340,000	6,933,335		61	6

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Region V (Less Campobasso) 895,914

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994,150	7 Sept	45	62	84
960,928	7 Sept	63	54	85
1,176,626	9 Sept	74	54	85
128,801	9 Sept	37	54	85
1,141,956	4 Sept	81	78	91
1,063,357	10 Sept	42	78	91
208,302	4 Sept	48	63	87
157,629	7 Sept	57	54	84
1,092,406	6 Sept	109	78	91
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Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner
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11 September 1944

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Vice President's Meeting,1000 hours, 11 September 1944, Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner, Rome.

Present: Acting Chief Commissioner Captain Ellery W. Stone, General Suslonarov, General De Sevin, Brigadier Lush, Colonel Cripps (for Admin. Sec.), Mr. Caccia, Mr. Schott, Colonel Densmore (for Economic Sec.)

1. Acting Chief Commissioner:

a. Announced that General O'Dwyer has gone to Washington in connection with program of "aid for Italy".

b. Mr. A. G. Antolini to be Acting Head, Economic Section and Colonel L. D. Densmore to be C.S.O. during absence of General O'Dwyer.

Capt. Stone

c. Report of Manpower and Reorganization Committee approved with modifications. To be sent to AFHQ for final approval.

Capt. Stone

d. Ref. Para 4a notes of 31 August, Acting Chief Commissioner stated that request of French Government to recruit Italian workers had been submitted to the Italian Government and the reply had not been received.

Brig. Lush

e. Steps being taken to return additional territory to Italian Government.

f. AFHQ-AAI jurisdictions and geographical change discussed.

CSO, A/CC

g. Economic Section request that transport plane be assigned to Commission concurred in and CSO of Acting Chief Commissioner office directed to refer to Air Forces Sub-Commission.

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h. Acting Chief Commissioner explained steps taken by HQ ACC and AFHQ to obtain food for Northern Regions.

2. Mr. Caccia:

Mr. Caccia

a. Review of political situation. Discussed question of local and provincial elections in Italy. Question of plans of Italian Government. Mr. Caccia to obtain Government views.

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3. Col. Crimes:

a. With respect to question of turning over to Government certain AMG functions at Naples. No changes to be made at present.

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4. Col. Densmore:

a. Wheat Amassing - Presented report as of 11 September 44. Copy attached hereto Appendix "A".

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Col. Densmore

b. Economic Section directed to check into matter of intensifying bridge construction and replacement of temporary bridges on Adriatic side. Possibility of moving construction facilities from Southern and Central Italy to North-East sector.

5. Brig. Lush:

a. Reported on Northern Regions.

b. Discussed need of personnel.

c. Discussed need of transport - 400 vehicles short.

All V.P.'s

d. All Vice Presidents to check assignment of transport to their Sections and Sub-Commissions and report any that can be released.

L. D. DENSMORE
Colonel, Sig C
Chief Staff Officer

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SUBJECT: Wheat Amassing

Herewith latest information available to Economic Section on amassing of wheat:-

Region	Amassing in Quintals Axis: S/C total estimate Aug 44	Reports from Regions	Date of Report	Percentage of total estimate	Normal pre-31 Aug
1	2,210,000	943,010	1 Sep	43	62
2	1,530,000	932,073	4 Sep	61	54
FOGGIA	1,590,000	1,134,032	6 Sep	71	54
3	350,000	142,900	29 Aug	41	54
4	1,400,000	967,018	28 Aug	69	78
5	2,550,000	945,048	31 Aug	37	78
6	430,000	214,760	3 Sep	50	63
7	280,000	158,000	29 Aug	57	54
8	1,000,000	607,064	29 Aug	61	78
	11,340,000	6,043,905		53	60

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A. G. ANTOLINI
Executive Director
Economic Section

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945,048	31 Aug	37	78	91
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Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner
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28 August 1944

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Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 28 August 1944, Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner, Rome.

Present: Acting Chief Commissioner Captain Ellery W. Stone, General O'Dwyer, Brigadier Lush, Brigadier Upjohn, Mr. Caccia, Mr. Schott, Mr. Antolini, and Colonel Donsmore.

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b. Reference permits for transportation Monsignor Carrol. Brigadier Lush reported that he had directed letter 324/60/CA of 24 August to Harold H. Tittman, American Charge D'Affaires to the Holy See, that requests for permits for transportation should be made to the Liaison Officer, CA Branch, Hq Allied Control Commission.

c. Discussion was had relative to press release quoting U. S. visiting labour representative. The Acting Chief Commissioner announced that he had informed G-5 Section, AFHQ, relative to the matter.

Capt Stone

d. Discussion had relative to directive AG 387/045 GEG-O, AFHQ, Office of the Chief of Staff, dated 23 August 44, subject: Relations between Allied Control Commission and Italian Government". The Acting Chief Commissioner to discuss further with Political Section.

Capt. Stone

e. Discussion had with respect to AFHQ message F 88080, dated 26 August 44, relative to Soviet Representative with the Allied Control Commission. The Acting Chief Commissioner to take up with Soviet Representative, pending further instructions from AFHQ.

f. Attention was directed to the fact that no new villas are to be requisitioned in Rome.

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g. Labour legislation. General O'Dwyer stated that he had written letter on situation to the Acting Chief Commissioner.

Gen. O'Dwyer

h. Proposed creation of Ministry of Supply - Italian Government. General O'Dwyer to follow through as matter is now

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Schott, Mr. Antolini, [illegible]

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i. Question of restriction of import of unrationed and rationed goods discussed. Mr. Antolini reported matter under control of Italian Government in turned-over territory, and is being handled through committee of three ministries.

2. Mr. Caccia:

a. Reported that General De Sevin is ill.

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b. Reported that both Mr. Atlee and Sir James Grigg are in Rome.

c. Gave brief report on political developments.

Brig. Lush

d. Delivered list of Consuls to Brigadier Lush for publication.

Mr. Caccia

e. Question as to regulations and requirements for people who want to leave Italy, discussed. Mr. Caccia to handle with AFHQ. Mr. Caccia - See Executive Memo. No. 61, of 25 May 44, Ref/328/23/CA. Hq. ACC.

f. Italian officials desiring to know regulations for travel in Italy, to see Security Branch, RC & MG Section.

3. Mr. Schott:

a. Reported on recent visit to AFHQ.

4. General O'Dwyer:

a. Wheat amassing report dated 28 August 44 discussed. Copy attached as Appendix "A".

Gen. O'Dwyer

b. General questions affecting wages, price of bread, and rations are under review by Economic Section.

Gen. O'Dwyer

c. Brigadier Upjohn brought up question of low wages for Italian judiciary. Economic Section to consider matter.

d. Question of personnel for the Labor Sub-Commission discussed. Brigadier Lush to take up with British officials.

5. Brigadier Upjohn:

a. Reported on situation in Florence.

Brig. Upjohn

b. Brigadier Upjohn to talk to Italian government relative to Signor Phillipson.

c. In order to relieve congestion on court dockets Sicily, Italian government has issued order judges of civil court will try amassing cases.

Gen. O'Dwyer

d. Brigadier Upjohn will pass to General O'Dwyer correspondence re War Damage Commission.

6. Brigadier Lush:

a. Reported plans for northern regions are based on assumption that AMG will operate in those parts of Italy, which are occupied, until territory is turned back to the Italian government, whether occupation is by force of arms or enemy collapse.

b. Recommendation has been made to G-5 that under certain [illegible] be directed to place at the disposal and under

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b. Recommendation has been made to G-5 that under certain circumstances armies be directed to place at the disposal and under the command of SCAO Army or the Regional Commissioner complete units with officers and EM/OR's, who can provide and maintain the following minimum trucks:

Region X (less Liguria)	360
Liguria Province	120
Region XI	360
Region XII (less Istria)	360
Istria	120
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Brig. Lush

c. Discussion had on additional turn over of territory to Italian government. Brigadier Lush to start work on matter.

Next Vice Presidents' meeting - 1000 hours, Thursday, 31 August 1944.

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Colonel, Sig C
Chief Staff Officer

DISTRIBUTION:
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Brig. Upjohn
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Sir Noel Charles
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APPENDIX "A"

SUBJECT: Wheat Amassing

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2	1,530,000	776,019	23 Aug	50	
Foggia	1,590,000	1,000,356	19 Aug	63	
3	350,000	76,110	22 Aug	22	
4	1,400,000	568.747	15 Aug	40	
5	2,550,000	557,044	15 Aug	22	
6	430,000	167,788	19 Aug	39	
7	280,000	136,000	21 Aug	48	
8	1,000,000	293,953	17 Aug	29	
	11,340,000	4,225,426		37	

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000	76,110	22 Aug	22	54	85
000	568.747	15 Aug	40	78	91
000	557,044	15 Aug	22	78	91
000	167,788	19 Aug	39	63	87
000	136,000	21 Aug	48	54	85
000	293,953	17 Aug	29	78	91
000	4,225,426		37	60	88

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Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner
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Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 21 August 1944, Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner, Rome.

Present: Acting Chief Commissioner Captain Ellery W. Stone, General O'Dwyer, Brigadier Lush, General De Sevin, Colonel Upjohn, Mr. Caccia, Mr. Schott, Mr. Antolini, and Colonel Densmore.

1. Acting Chief Commissioner:

Brig. Lush

a. Item 1 d. of notes on VP's meeting of 18 August 44, reference transport permit for Vatican. Brigadier Lush to follow through.

b. Reference item 3 a of notes on VP's meeting of 18 August 44, Colonel Upjohn reported that in the opinion of the Chief Legal Officer no action appropriate with respect to Lt. Col. Hill, former AMG officer.

Gen O'Dwyer

c. Acting Chief Commissioner stated that he had been informed by the Office of the British High Commissioner in Italy that Mr. Nosworthy had been reappointed to Rome with the rank of Minister to organize the Economic Wing of the British Embassy; that Mr. Nosworthy desires to cooperate more closely than has heretofore been possible with the Economic Section of the Allied Control Commission. The Acting Chief Commissioner requested General O'Dwyer to contact Mr. Nosworthy and Mr. Charles Livengood of the American Embassy and arrange for cooperation between these two gentlemen and the Economic Section.

Captain Stone

d. The question of permitting "The March of Time" to take moving pictures of the Regional Commissioners meeting discussed. It was considered that the Commission should in every way cooperate with the suggestion, but it was felt nothing should be done which will interfere with or distract from the meeting. The Acting Chief Commissioner to clear with P.R.O.

Col. Upjohn

e. The Acting Chief Commissioner brought up the matter of a proposed decree by the Italian government relative to entrusting to a Commissioner the administration of those private enterprises which involve the public services or which engage in an activity recognized to be of general interest under certain conditions. Col. Upjohn to follow through and obtain report from Finance Sub-Commission as soon as possible.

Gen O'Dwyer 385

f. Memorandum 1/285 dated 19 August 44 from Minister of Foreign Affairs together with translation of proposed "Legislative Decree on the Constitution of Regional Bodies for the Most Urgent

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Brig. Lush

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b. Reference item 3 a of notes on VP's meeting of 18 August 44, Colonel Upjohn reported that in the opinion of the Chief Legal Officer no action appropriate with respect to Lt. Col. Hill, former AMG officer.

Gen O'Dwyer

c. Acting Chief Commissioner stated that he had been informed by the Office of the British High Commissioner in Italy that Mr. Nosworthy had been reappointed to Rome with the rank of Minister to organize the Economic Wing of the British Embassy; that Mr. Nosworthy desires to cooperate more closely than has heretofore been possible with the Economic Section of the Allied Control Commission. The Acting Chief Commissioner requested General O'Dwyer to contact Mr. Nosworthy and Mr. Charles Livengood of the American Embassy and arrange for cooperation between these two gentlemen and the Economic Section.

Captain Stone

d. The question of permitting "The March of Time" to take moving pictures of the Regional Commissioners meeting discussed. It was considered that the Commission should in every way cooperate with the suggestion, but it was felt nothing should be done which will interfere with or distract from the meeting. The Acting Chief Commissioner to clear with P.R.O.

Col. Upjohn

e. The Acting Chief Commissioner brought up the matter of a proposed decree by the Italian government relative to entrusting to a Commissioner the administration of those private enterprises which involve the public services or which engage in an activity recognized to be of general interest under certain conditions. Col. Upjohn to follow through and obtain report from Finance Sub-Commission as soon as possible.

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Gen O'Dwyer

f. Memorandum 1/285 dated 19 August 44 from Minister of Foreign Affairs together with translation of proposed "Legislative Decree on the Constitution of Regional Bodies for the Most Urgent Repairs and Reconstruction Works" referred to Economic Section for appropriate action in coordination with Administrative Section.

2. Mr. Caccia:

a. Gave review of current political situation.

Brig. Lush

b. Called attention to statement which will be made by Patriot Branch at Regional Commissioners' meeting with respect to Allied and Italian Government activities with reference to Patriots on the liberated side of the combat line.

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Captain Stone

c. Mentioned P.R.O. is having some difficulty in connection with publishing "Trend of Copy Filed by Correspondents" Acting Chief Commissioner to discuss with P.R.O.

d. Discussion had on providing Italian press with more information as to efforts being made by the Allied Control Commission to solve critical Italian problems.

3. Colonel Upjohn:

Col. Upjohn

a. Question of payment by Italian Government to employees who were suspended. It was announced that they will continue to be paid, unless they are within one of the three accepted classifications. Colonel Upjohn to follow through.

4. General O'Dwyer:

a. Reported on program with respect to feeding of Rome.

Gen. O'Dwyer

b. Called attention to the large tonnage of food being provided by the Italians to Allied Forces as one of their contribution to the war efforts. It was agreed that specific information as to the extend of food furnished by the Italians should be brought to the attention of the Allied Forces.

Mr. Antolini

c. Economic Section will follow through on the question of disposing of ten buses for lease by the Rome Allied Area Command.

Mr. Antolini

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e. General O'Dwyer again mentioned the fact that the contractor who is clearing the mouth of the Tiber river was exceedingly slow. Brigadier Lush to follow through on the matter with Region IV.

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Brig. Lush

b. Problem of safeguarding places of great economic importance in the Po Valley by partisans was discussed. Brigadier Lush to discuss with Colonel McCarthy and Brigadier Mainwaring, and bring forth a recommendation for the Acting Chief Commissioner to put up.

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SUBJECT: Wheat Amassing

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Herewith latest information available to Economic Section on amassing of wheat:

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2	1,530,000	597,371	15 Aug	39	2
Foggia	1,590,000	915,421	12 Aug	58	2
3	350,000	65,161	15 Aug	18	2
4	1,400,000	450,765	10 Aug	32	3
5	2,550,000	579,940	12 Aug	23	3
6	430,000	167,788	19 Aug	39	1
7	280,000	111,900	12 Aug	40	2
8	1,000,000	251,000	16 Aug	25	3
	11,340,000	3,692,346		33	

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NOTES

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 18 August 1944, Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner, Rome.

Present: Acting Chief Commissioner Captain Ellery W. Stone, General O'Dwyer, Brigadier Lush, Colonel Upjohn, Mr. Caccia, Mr. Schott, Mr. Antolini, and Colonel Densmore.

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Brig. Lush

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Brig. Lush

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Brigadier Lush

e. Marchese Farace to be attached to Political Section for liaison work, and not to CA Branch. Brigadier Lush to clear.

General O'Dwyer

f. Publicity on "Transportation". General O'Dwyer is working on this.

Mr. Antolini

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g. Mr. Antolini stated he would report later on the question "can limit of 10 kilos of unrationed goods be applied to rationed goods?".

Colonel Upjohn

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Colonel Upjohn

i. Question of strength of Carabinieri. Colonel Upjohn to follow through.

j. The Acting Chief Commissioner pointed out that as a result of the fall of Rome and other cities, and the consequent increase in Italian (and neutral) journalistic and literary activities, the following points, which concern all officers, should be stressed:

(1) Pursuant to Executive Memorandum 47 of 1 April 1944, the Public Relations Branch ACC is the sole channel through which information relating to ACC/AMG may be given

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to the Press. No officer is entitled to give information, on or off the record, to press correspondents, unless such interviews have been arranged through the Public Relations Branch.

(2) The PWB (Psychological Warfare Branch) of AFHQ controls the dissemination of Allied propaganda; it is not a part of ACC and its agents are not authorized to publish information concerning ACC/AMG operations without first checking with Public Relations Branch.

(3) All matters concerning the Italian Press are dealt with by the Allied Publications Board on which ACC is represented. Any questions from ACC/AMG sub-commissions or regions concerning the Italian Press should be referred to the APB through PRB, ACC.

Attention of all officers to the above is essential in view of leakages of information which have become increasingly serious during recent weeks. In speaking to correspondents whether Allied, neutral or Italian, officers must avoid discussion or speculation on ACC/AMG operational matters.

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Captain Stone — l. Discussion of question of whether or not representatives of Italian press should be invited to attend last day meeting of Regional Commissioners. The Acting Chief Commissioner to confer with P.R.O.

Captain Stone — m. Reorganization and administration of I.R.I. (Istituto per la Ricostruzione Industriale) discussed. The Acting Chief Commissioner to have conference with Mr. Antolini and Colonel Grafty-Smith, and clear matter with General O'Dwyer.

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Mr. Caccia — a. Mr. Caccia to prepare notes on political situation to be delivered at coming RC's meeting by the Acting Chief Commissioner.

Mr. Caccia — b. Question of broadcast on POW by Marshall Messe. Mr. Caccia to handle.

c. Question raised as to new name of former Comando Supremo. The new name is "Stato Maggiore Generale" (Italian General Staff), effective 10 August 1944.

Mr. Caccia — d. Question of PWB operation. Mr. Caccia to discuss with the Acting Chief Commissioner.

3. Colonel Upjohn:

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Colonel Upjohn

a. Reference to labour decree being held up by Legal. Colonel Upjohn to clear.

b. Reported plan in cooperation with Italians for survey of general conditions in Italy. It was understood that in making the survey the facts relative to matters handled by Administrative Section would be secured.

c. Gave report of progress of the Rome situation and stated that first 1-1/2 hour per day gas would be available about 28 or 29 August.

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d. Also reported working arrangements with Region IV now very satisfactory.

Brig. Lush

e. Question of clearing sunken ships from mouth of Tiber river. Brigadier Lush will look into the matter.

5. Brigadier Lush:

Brig. Lush

a. HQ not getting full requirements from Regional Commissioners. Will be taken up at RC's meeting, also ACC not giving AAI full information and details on requirements.

Brig. Lush

b. Necessity for more frequent visits of Regional Commissioners to HQ and contact with section heads. Brigadier Lush to handle.

c. As of today Province of Florence under Region VIII. Communication via AAI Adv.

Brig. Lush

d. Brigadier Lush to draft letter for the Acting Chief Commissioner's signature relative channels Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees. Brigadier Lush to give the Acting Chief Commissioner terms of reference of I.G.C.R.

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Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 14 August 1944, Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner, Rome.

Present: Acting Chief Commissioner Captain Ellery W. Stone, Brigadier Lush, Colonel Upjohn, Mr. Cuccia, Mr. Schott, Mr. Antolini, and Colonel Densmore.

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Captain Stone — a. The Italian government has requested publication of armistice terms and application of Lend Lease. Acting Chief Commissioner referring matter to AFHQ (C. 1/203--Aug 10).

b. Acting Chief Commissioner announced that he had had a conference with Major Keyes of the International Aid Division, War Department, who with Major Ellis, Mr. Dallas Dort, and Mr. Workman have completed their visit to Allied Control Commission to obtain information from and exchange views with Allied Control Commission concerning problems involved in gradual shifting of ultimate responsibility for civilian supply in Sicily, Sardinia, and Southern Italy from military to civilian hands. The purpose of the mission was to obtain Allied Control Commission views as basis for report and recommendation by AFHQ. It is understood report will be submitted to Allied Control Commission for final review and comment.

Brig. Lush — c. With additional territory, including Rome, to be transferred to Italian government as of 0001 hours 15 August 1944, Brigadier Lush to check Administrative Instructions No. 36 (1661 91 HQ AAI) dated 28 June 44, subject "Establishment of Rome Allied Command with RAAC and AAI for necessary changes".

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Mr. Antolini — e. Mr. Antolini to follow through with respect to Publicity on transportation.

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j. Question of continuing to give rations to the R. Guardia di Finanza. Letter N 2124/M-9, from H. M. Sonomi, 9 August, to be referred to Administrative Section, who will draft reply for Acting Chief Commissioner's signature.

l. Two memoranda dated 13 August, "Food for Rome" and "Cooking Gas for Rome" from General O'Dwyer. Acting Chief Commissioner to discuss with Mr. Antolini.

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2. Mr. Caccia:

Mr. Caccia — a. Gave review of current political developments. Political Section to prepare memorandum for AFHQ.

Mr. Caccia — b. Draft with respect to AMG relations San Marino now in hands of Political Section to be coordinated with Legal, Finance, and RC & AG.

Mr. Caccia — c. Question of Italian Military Mission to Tito's Forces, being handled by Army Sub-Commission, who will coordinate with Political Section.

3. Mr. Schott:

Mr. Schott — a. Announced establishment of additional recognized consulates. Political Section to provide list of all recognized Consuls and notify AFHQ on new changes.

4. Colonel Unjohn:

a. Reports indicate monuments in Florence not destroyed.

Col. Unjohn — b. Mid East has requested assistance with respect to "text books". Request to be made that Lieutenant Colonel Smith, Education Sub-Commission, be sent to Near East for 10 days or 2 weeks. Allied Control Commission has no objection.

Col. Unjohn — c. AFHQ direction with respect to release of Count Pellegrini carried out. Allied Control Commission to send AFHQ AAI copies of correspondence.

5. Mr. Antolini:

a. Wheat guessing report dated 14 August 44 discussed. Copy attached as Appendix "A".

6. Brigadier Lush:

a. Brigadier Carr has taken over Region I. Colonel Hancock will be here in a few days to take up his new assignment.

b. New Regional Commissioner Southern Region will take over 22 August. Turn over period 15-21 August.

Brig. Lush — c. Island of Elba to be for the present administered as a part of Region VIII. Brigadier Lush will clear with AAI.

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Formation available to Economic Section on amassing of wheat:

Amassing in Quintals

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478,756	8 Aug	32	28	54
810,965	5 Aug	51	21	54
35,350	9 Aug	10	21	54
224,355	7 Aug	16	32	78
37,093	5 Aug	1.5	32	78
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10 August 1944

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Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 10 August 1944, Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner, Rome.

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3. Colonel Upjohn (Administrative Section):

a. Reference made to correspondence between Acting Chief Commissioner and H.E. Bonomi relative transfer of administrative functions to Italian Government Naples--Colonel Upjohn to draft further reply to H.E. Bonomi for Acting Chief Commissioner's signature.

4. Brigadier Lush (AC & MG Section):

a. Requested correction of note para 1 a of Vice-Presidents' meeting of 7 August 1944, stating that medical supplies referred to had to do with Ancona.

b. The matter of atrocities covered by AFHQ Directive. No action required--see note para 4 h of Vice-Presidents' meeting of 7 August 1944.

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e. Conveyed appreciation from the Pope for work being done by ACC.

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7 August 1944

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1. Acting Chief Commissioner:

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d. Colonel Densmore directed to review correspondence had with Allied Force Headquarters with respect to notice and approval of visiting delegations, missions, etc, and to report to Acting Chief Commissioner.

e. In line with decision taken at last Vice-Presidents' meeting the Acting Chief Commissioner made the following announcement with respect to the Manpower and Reorganization Committee.

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"To consider the reorganization of Hq Allied Control Commission with the mission of making the greatest possible number of officers and EM/ORs available for field assignments and with a view to securing optimum efficiency with the most economic employment of available manpower. Consideration will be given to effecting the elimination of all activities not absolutely required for the accomplishment of the mission of the Allied Control Commission and also to the consolidation of offices and sub-commissions where possible consistent with the present situation."

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f. Rations for employees of Italian government raised by letter 10908/1072D of July 25 from Prime Minister Bonomi, which was referred to the SC & AG and Economic Sections, came up for discussion. Both Brigadier Lush and Colonel O'Dwyer stated that the matter had had careful consideration and that it was their recommendation that the Commission should not request A.A.I. for the issue of any rations for officials or employees of the Italian government.

g. The question of travel rations for Italian officials and employees who had been detailed to assist with ACC work in the forward areas was referred to Brigadier Lush to handle with Hq. Commandant. SCAO's Armies will cover the ration situation for such people while working in their areas.

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b. It has been decided for operational reasons to activate teams for Regions X, XI, and XII. Officers for these regions will be drawn from existing regions, ACC Reg., and from other sources extraneous to the Allied Control Commission. In planning the final lay-out for regional control in this territory parity will be maintained as far as it is possible between British and American Regional Commissioners. Provincial arrangements at present are as follows:

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Regions I, VI, Southern Region, and XII - British Regional Commissioners

Regions IV, V, VII, IX, and XI - American Regional Commissioners

c. Brigadier Lush gave a general report with respect to situation in each region.

d. Attention was called to the fact that AMG officers in Area areas had been under heavy duty and strain for three months and that reports from ACAO's Armies indicate possible health problem. Brigadier Lush was instructed to look into the matter of establishing a rest camp for ACC/AMG officers.

e. Reference was made to A.F.H.Q. message 24 July 1944. This proposes that to relieve unemployment in Eritrea a number of Italians, not exceeding 5000, should be repatriated. It is added that the proposal could not be implemented for some months. ACC views requested as to ability of Italian government to cope with these repatriates. Political Section agreed and pointed out that "in some months" Italian government may have to be prepared to absorb a million or more returned PW's, and that 5000 is small number in comparison. Economic Section opposed as the repatriates would be unlikely to find employment unless skilled technicians, also additional food problem. Administrative Section agreed but suggested as a condition that only those able and willing to work be repatriated. Matter left to the decision of Acting Chief Commissioner.

f. Brigadier Lush mentioned a case at Civitavecchia of conflicting interest with the Vatican. Each such case to be handled with Mr. Tittmann.

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a. Wheat Amassed (see appendix "A" attached).

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Acting Chief Commissioner:

Urged all section heads to read PRB/RC, Public Relations Branch "Daily Digest of Home Press" and PRB/KIC Public Relations Branch "Trend of Copy Filed by Correspondents".

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APPENDIX "A"

SUBJECT: Wheat Assessing

Herewith latest information available to Economic Section on assessing of wheat:

Region	Assessing in Quintals: Agric. S/S total estimate Jun 44	Reports from Regions	Date of Report	Percentage of total estimate
1	2,210,000	311,490	6 Aug	14
2	1,530,000	354,532	31 Jul	23
Fogpia	1,590,000	648,783	29 Jul	41
3	350,000	26,831	2 Aug	8
4	1,400,000	110,487	1 Aug	8
5	2,550,000	20,497	22 Jul	1
6	430,000	108,757	5 Aug	24
7	280,000	83,500	5 Aug	30
8	1,000,000	20,289	22 Jul	2
	11,340,000	1,685,166		36

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430,000	108,757	5 Aug	24	12
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1,000,000	20,389	22 Jul	2	32
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31 July 1944

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a. Italian Epuration law has been passed. Instructions to be given AMG. Col. Upjohn to arrange meeting Col. Chapman and Col. Poletti today so instructions will be uniform. Political Section to coordinate press release with PRO.

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4. Mr. Caccia:

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e. Mr. Caccia to follow up with PWB relative to story of June 5th on equipment, etc., property of the King of Italy.

5. Colonel Upjohn:

a. Regional Commissioners' Meeting - Brig. Lush instructed to give

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Regional Commissioners warning notice that August 22, 1944, is probable date of next meeting in Rome.

6. Brigadier Lush:

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29 July 1944

Wheat amassed on Date indicated

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Vice Presidents' Meeting 1000 hours, 27 July 1944, Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner.

Present: Acting Chief Commissioner Captain Ellery W. Stone, Colonel O'Dwyer, Mr. Cescia, Mr. Schott, Brigadier Lush, Colonel Upjohn, Mr. Antolini, Colonel Pensmore.

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a. Introduction and welcome to Mr. Schott, who has reported as relief for Mr. Reber, Joint VP, Political Section, during his absence.

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d. Meal tickets for troops visiting Rome. Brigadier Lush to check with General Johnson.

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a. Assessing program - system of reporting - set up.

b. Electric Program (see 1f.) - Committee Program not yet approved by AAI - will be clear this week.

c. Report of survey on requisitioned plants sent to General Robertson through Acting Chief Commissioner.

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d. ACC representation on Local Resources Board to be strengthened.

4. Colonel Upjohn:

a. Reports action of Sicilian judges with respect to enforcement of sentencing less satisfactory.

b. The question of permanent passes to enter ACC HQ - for Italian Ministers and Under-Secretaries and other key government personnel discussed. Brigadier Lush to issue instructions to Security Branch.

c. It was agreed that the Commission would not consider requesting that Sicilian civil prisoners be transferred to North Africa to release crowded conditions in civil jails.

d. Question of policy as to C.M.R.A. personnel. Colonel Upjohn to write memo and discuss with Italian Government.

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b. General situation on sentencing program. Mr. Antolini to give information to Mr. Caccia.

c. Discussion on criticisms appearing in Italian Press on Allied policies as well as on Italian Government. It was thought that in view of type of articles appearing in Allied Press no discussion should be had with Italian Press. It was understood General Browning is to hold regular press conferences in the hope that there will be more favorable publicity on the Italian Army.

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25 JUL 1944

Minutes of Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1500 hours, 24 July 1944.

Present: Acting Chief Commissioner Captain Ellery W. Stone, Brigadier Lush, Colonel O'Dwyer, Colonel Upjohn, Col Monfort Dr. Antolini (for certain items). The meeting was also attended by Major General Skuloguvv.

1. The Acting Chief Commissioner:

a. Absence of the representatives of the Political Section.

b. No particular political developments in Italian Government. The Epuration Decree, finally approved in a form which, so far as we know, is acceptable to us, [illegible] omits Lieutenant's signature.

c. Conversations have been held with Mr. Dallas Dort (U.S. State Department) and Mr. Norman (British Ministry of Supply).

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Captain Stone believed this had been agreed to in general.

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For future meetings he would have a table showing target and achievement in commanding.

e. The Sardinian coal-mine strike had been due to the bad distribution of the extra food ration. It was now rectified.

f. Troops now on HQ Region V would be AMGOT.

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3. Colonel Unicha.

a. Bad overcrowding in Sicilian prisons. It could only be relieved by solution of military prisoner problem. He was waiting for General Browning's return to speak with him on this.

b. A plan was in preparation for the distribution of personnel in rear areas. He believed it preferable to have a concentration at important points rather than a thin, and perhaps ineffective spread over the ground.

A discussion on this followed in which Brigadier Lush hoped it would be possible to get extra 200 officers--though the balance between British and American would be thrown out.

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He undertook to call on A/CCs office for help in the matter if needed.

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2. Present: Acting Chief Commissioner Captain Ellery W. Stone, Mr. H. Grady, Colonel W. O'Dwyer, Mr. H. Caccia, Mr. S. Reber, Brigadier Lush, Colonel G. Upjohn, Colonel Monfort, and Colonel Densmore.

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3. To what extent military authorities are concerned with the continuance of the flow of civilian supplies to Sicily, Sardinia and areas in Southern Italy.

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"In discussing such problems the precedent of MAB/MAJIM will be carefully considered as will the desirability of maintaining unified organization and control.

"To assist in preparing this study Major Keyes and Major Ellis have been attached to G-5 for collecting the views of A.C.C. and the necessary data for such study. As U.S. and U.K. civilian authorities may ultimately be involved, Mr. Dallas Dort of the U.S. State Department and Mr. Workman of the U. K. Ministry of Supply are joining Major Keyes and Major Ellis to cover and represent civilian aspects of the problems under consideration."

g. Question of establishment of separate Prisoner of War Branch discussed. It was concluded that the Acting Chief Commissioner would discuss the matter further with General Browning.

h. Reference letter V/19, Rome Area Command, 15 July, Subject: "Return of the Rev. Father Giles Kaczmarek from Washington to his post as English Confessor at St. Peters." discussed and it was agreed that the matter be submitted to AFHQ with a recommendation that permission be granted if possible.

i. The matter of consolidating Rome Region with Region IV discussed. Brigadier Lush will handle.

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j. The Acting Chief Commissioner asked what was the status of Major Meghus. Brigadier Lush stated that due to the fact that the major did not have full employment that he will assist Colonel McCarthy on a part time basis.

7 4. Mr. Grady. (Economic Section).

a. Further discussion was had on the Keyes, Ellis, Dort, Workman mission.

b. Colonel O'Dwyer brought up for discussion the matter of the responsibilities of the Economic Section and the status of personnel from the Economic Section assigned to Regions. The matter was discussed at length, and if required can be the subject of further discussion when Colonel Spofford (G-5, AFHQ) visits this Hq.

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a. Matter of requisitioning of Villa Farnesina cleared up.

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h. Reference letter V/19, Rome Area Command, 15 July, Subject: "Return of the Rev. Father Giles Kaczmarek from Washington to his post as English Confessor at St. Peters." discussed and it was agreed that the matter be submitted to AFHQ with a recommendation that permission be granted if possible.

i. The matter of consolidating Rome Region with Region IV discussed. Brigadier Lush will handle.

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j. The Acting Chief Commissioner asked what was the status of Major Magnus. Brigadier Lush stated that due to the fact that the major did not have full employment that he will assist Colonel McCarthy on a part time basis.

4. Mr. Grady. (Economic Section).

a. Further discussion was had on the Keyes, Ellis, Dort, Workman mission.

b. Colonel O'Dwyer brought up for discussion the matter of the responsibilities of the Economic Section and the status of personnel from the Economic Section assigned to Regions. The matter was discussed at length, and if required can be the subject of further discussion when Colonel Spofford (G-5, AFHQ) visits this Hq.

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7. Mr. Caccia (Political Section).

a. Food tickets for use of 5TH and 8TH Army troops in Rome. Brig. Lush to check status.

b. Provisions of letter AAI/5058/A (PS) dated 28 June from Hq. AAI, subject: "Accommodation Policy-Rome" discussed.

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NOTES

1. Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 17 July 1944, Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner, Rome.

2. Present: Acting Chief Commissioner Captain Ellery W. Stone, Mr. H. Grady, Colonel W. O'Dwyer, Mr. H. Caccia, Mr. S. Reber, Brigadier Lush, Colonel G. Upjohn, Colonel Monfort, and Colonel Densmore.

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a. The Acting Chief Commissioner welcomed Colonel O'Dwyer. The Acting Chief Commissioner will discuss with Mr. Grady relative to announcing date Colonel O'Dwyer to take over Economic Section.

b. The Acting Chief Commissioner announced AAI and Advisory Council had approved transfer of additional territory to Italian Government. Commission awaiting word from AFHQ on transfer publicity. Italian Government told to withhold any publicity. Densmore to send tracer to AFHQ. Tracer sent; see message #S-292.

c. The Acting Chief Commissioner reported relative to his meeting Sunday, July 16th, with Prime Minister Bonomi:

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(2) Discussed the matter of the advisability of merging Finance and Treasury Ministries as they were at the time that the Bonomi Government took over. The Acting Chief Commissioner told the Prime Minister that while ACC would not insist on the merger, he did most earnestly and strongly urge this matter purely on the grounds of efficiency of operations. The Acting Chief Commissioner pointed out that there was considerable uneasiness within the two Ministries on the part of the personnel and that ACC would prefer for the present to have the two Ministries merged, if, as we understood, Sig. Soleri was to be promoted to fill the vacancy caused by the pending resignation of Sig. Croce. The Prime Minister stated that while it was true that Croce had resigned, the Council of Ministers had voted not to accept the resignation and would urge him to reconsider. For that reason, Soleri was still Minister of Treasury although he admitted that if Croce persisted in resigning, Soleri would probably take Croce's place as a Minister-without-Portfolio. The Prime Minister felt that the Ministries should be separated as they were before Fascism and stated that clear cut directives alloting the various

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d. The matter of release of paroled POWs in Sicily was discussed. The Acting Chief Commissioner reports that he had informally discussed the matter with Prime Minister Bonomi and had pointed out to the Prime Minister that under Italian military law such prisoners were liable to prosecution, having given their parole not to escape, and be-

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fore granting them their proposed liberty the Commission would desire to receive the Italian Government's committment in writing that they would not be prosecuted. The Prime Minister stated that the Government would be glad to take such an undertaking. Further in connection with the question of release of parolled prisoners in Sicily, it was agreed that since AAI and AFHQ are not in agreement, the Acting Chief Commissioner will discuss the matter further with the Political Section for the purpose of making the Commission's position and views known to AFHQ and AAI.

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a. Discussed the question of whether or not private motor

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vehicles of members of the Italian Foreign Office could be made exempt from requisition. After discussion, it was suggested that no exception should be made and a suggestion was made that perhaps the Italian Government could requisition such vehicles and assign them to members of the Italian Foreign Office for official use.

b. The matter of requisition by Allied Forces of one of the seven locations mentioned in Monuments and Fine Arts list was referred to Colonel Monfort to follow through.

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i. The following changes with respect to Russian representation on ACC was announced:

(1) Ambassador N. Andrei Vishinsky, the Vice-President of the Council of the People's Commissars of the U.S.S.R., and the Deputy of the People's Commissar for Foreign Affairs of the U.S.S.R., is relieved from the duties of the Plenipotentiary Representative of the U.S.S.R. to the Advisory Council for Italy.

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(2) Ambassador M. Alexander E. Bogomolov is appointed the Plenipotentiary Representative of the U.S.S.R. to the Advisory Council for Italy.

(3) Major General A. F. Vasiliev, the Expert for Military Affairs of the Plenipotentiary Representation of the U.S.S.R. to the Advisory Council for Italy, is appointed the Deputy of the Plenipotentiary Representative of the U.S.S.R. on the Advisory Council for Italy.

(4) Major General Sclodovnik N. S. is relieved from the duties of the Soviet representative on the Allied Control Commission.

(5) Major General Susloparov is appointed the Representative of the U.S.S.R. on the Allied Control Commission.

j. The question of defascistization was discussed, particularly with reference to activities in Rome relative to officers of national institutions such as the University of Rome, etc. The Acting Chief Commissioner will continue discussion with Colonel Upjohn.

4. Mr. Reber:

a. Mr. Reber announced that there is an unreasonable delay of two or three days on incoming messages from AAI. Brigadier Lush to check from housekeeping standpoint. Acting Chief Commissioner to discuss with Col. Henderson from the signal standpoint.

5. Mr. Caccia:

a. Mr. Caccia discussed the matter of freedom of the press and stated that a determined effort was being made to permit freedom of expression and thought in the press. Political Section to prepare a memorandum on subject to G-5 AFHQ.

6. Mr. Grady:

a. Mr. Grady brought up the matter of policy relative to defascistization of Italian industry. It was agreed that the sub-commissions concerned in dealing with private concerns would obtain background information on the Italian individuals concerned and ask ACC Security to check. The matter of policy in connection with Italian industry to be followed through by Colonel Upjohn.

7. Brigadier Lush:

a. Announcement in connection with transfer of Foggia Province to Region II after amassing program complete.

b. It was agreed that in accordance with message R-1129 from AMG Rear 8th Army that ACC Sections would send representatives to weekly meetings with AMG administration and regional commissioners of forward regions. Meetings to be held in Army area convenient to all concerned. Representatives from sections must know full picture from sections standpoint and be in position to make decisions on the spot.

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c. Next regional commissioners' meeting will be in Rome, tentatively between 10 August and 15 August.

d. AFHQ to be established in Italy shortly.

e. Overstrength American officers must be reduced. Brigadier Lush through Establishments Branch to prepare letter laying the matter before G-5 AFHQ.

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8. Colonel Upjohn:

a. Defascistization matter to be handled in conference with Acting Chief Commissioner.

b. Carabinieri 2800 overstrength in Sicily to be discussed in meeting General Browning and Colonel Upjohn.

c. Overcrowding of civilian jails due to military prisoners to be discussed with General Browning by Colonel Upjohn and Colonel Kirk.

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