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APO 374
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Ref: 7002/236/AC

23 October 1945

SUBJECT: Closing of MIA Office in Berlin

TO : Land Forces Subcommission, AC (MIA)
Rome

1. Thank you for your letter G/35 dated 22 October 1945,
subject as above.

2. This matter has been discussed this morning and it
has been decided that no further representation of this Commission
is necessary after the MIA Liaison Detachment is withdrawn.

M S DASH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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CAGLIARI (SARDINIA) HIGH COMMISSIONER

DIRECTION SEARS AND STRIPES INFO ALLIED COMMISSION ROME

IN CLEAR.

N.0391 CAB Volume N 2 of the 13th of June 021 Stars and Stripes has published my interview from which it seems that the ALLIED COMMISSION has assigned inadequate naval means for transportation of cattle from SARDINIA to the continent. On the contrary the ALLIED COMMISSION has agreed with all my requests for said means to such extent that the "FANNY BRUIER" was kept as superfluous because of particular reasons caused by the internal situation of the island and returned to the Allies. As for the shipment of coal by rail, the stocks imported from SARDINIA during March last should have been enough up to the month of September only that a greater consumption than that foreseen of that product, due to the special situation has exhausted the supplies so that they are enough only up to the 16th of June and not up to the 16th of July as published by the newspaper. Even on that occasion the ALLIED COMMISSION has generously helped us in our needs and allowed a further supply of more than 3000 tons from SARDINIA, which has occurred during my absence and therefore was not within my knowledge at the moment of said interview and which has improved conditions considerably. HIGH COMMISSIONER PINNA.

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Translation

MINUTES OF MEETING ON SARDINIAN SITUATION22 JUNE 1945

A meeting was held in the office of Director, Transportation Sub-Commission, 22 June 1945 at 4:00 P.M. to discuss transport provided for Sardinia. The Italian Government was represented by members of the Ministries of Food, Agriculture, and Transport, and Allied Commission by members of Food Sub-Commission, Agriculture Sub-Commission, Transportation Sub-Commission and Public Relations Branch.

Mr. Taylor opened the meeting with the following statements: "This meeting was called at the request of Brigadier General McKinley, Acting Vice President, Economic Section. This meeting is made necessary by the deep concern felt by the Mediterranean Shipping Board and Allied Force Headquarters in connection with the situation in Sardinia and transport provided for Sardinia. An article appeared in Stars & Stripes stating that there was a great surplus of animals in Sardinia to be transported to the mainland and the animals would die unless the Allies provided transport. The article appeared in Stars & Stripes yesterday morning. This article definitely quoted the High Commissioner of Sardinia as authority for the statement that the Allies were failing to provide transport to save this animal population, despite the fact the day before we had been advised that the livestock from Sardinia would not be available even though we had gone to the extent of refitting a vessel for this purpose."

"We feel it is time that the Italian authorities take action in this connection and see to it that the High Commissioner of Sardinia either retracts his statement in Stars & Stripes, or makes available these animals when ships are available to transport them. With the world shortage of shipping and the great needs of transport for Italy, it is nothing short of criminal to waste the transportation capacity that is available to us to serve the Italian people. I would like to ask the representatives of Agriculture and Food of the Italian Government whether we can or cannot expect this vessel to be put to use in carrying livestock from Sardinia to the mainland?"

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Mr. Taylor then asked, "Which statement is true - are cattle and sheep available to be transported to the mainland, or are they not?"

To this, the Agricultural representative stated he did not know definitely outside of the cable stating cattle and sheep were available for transport to the mainland, and upon his arrival in Sardinia on the 23rd, he would investigate the matter.

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Colonel Stief said, "Apparently, some of the gentlemen present do not appear to be aware of what has happened. Subsequent to the signal on the 9th of June, a meeting was held at this Headquarters at which General Pinna, Under-Secretary for Agriculture, and Mr. Storoni were present. At the meeting which took place, it was explained to the High Commissioner for Sardinia and other Italian authorities that the Allies, in order to help meet the crisis, had taken a cargo ship as requested and were having it refitted as a livestock carrier. It was explained to them that this ship was withdrawn from General trade for a period of 16 to 20 days and would not be available until the last period in June. General Pinna assured us the Italian authorities would make use of the ship. On the 19th of June, General Pinna telephoned personally to the Shipping Branch of Movements Division and informed them that he did not require the ship because Rome was not prepared to accept the animals. The ship is ready to sail on the 24th of June. We took the matter up with the Minister of Agriculture and the High Commissioner of Food who informed us this was incorrect, and that they would confirm on that same day that the ship was required."

"We were subsequently informed in writing by the High Commissioner of Food that the ship was not required and requested it be returned to the wine trade. Before the ship can be used for general trade again, it is necessary to take out the fittings they have now installed for transporting the animals. By the time the ship is back in trade, she will have been one month without carrying any cargo whatsoever. At the same time an article appears in Stars & Stripes stating that the Allies are unable to provide shipping to move this livestock."

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The Ministry of Food representative further advised a cable was sent on June 3th offering a price of 75 lire per kilo for cattle, in reply to a cable from the High Commissioner of Sardinia, in which it was stated a price of 120 lire per kilo was required.

Mr. Taylor asked: "Then the price offered by Rome was lower than the price required by Sardinia?"

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The Ministry of Food representative replied that the price offered by Rome to Sardinia was a very good price, as originally they were offering a price of 50 lire which was comparable to price offered to Umbria. However, due to the serious situation in Sardinia, the price offered was increased to 70 lire. He further stated that the price offered by Rome was agreed verbally by the High Commissioner of Sardinia and the Farmers Federation of Sardinia, that is, no reply had been received and they assumed the price had been accepted. It was finally pointed out, however, that a representative of the Province of Sassari has agreed verbally to the price. When Mr. Taylor asked the name of the man who agreed, he was told the man's name was Nino Costa who also represents the Shepherd's Company of Sassari, and he is a man who keeps his word.

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The Ministry of Food representative stated that General Pinna did have the power to establish price. He further stated the disagreement over price could not be solved between the Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Food, but by the Ministry of Treasury, as it involves an increase in price.

Mr. Taylor told the representatives that Transportation Sub-Commission has had trouble of this kind before, particularly with pyrites when great quantities of shipping were wasted due to differences in price. "In the future," he said, "no special moves will be held on

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for the High Commissioner of Food unless there is certification by him that the price is agreed. To which the Ministry of Food representative replied that prices had to be agreed on by all members of the Ministerial committee.

Mr. Taylor stated: "With the world war shipping shortage and the war with Japan, we cannot waste shipping while prices are haggled over. It must be the responsibility of the Italian Government to see that the supplies will move when special accommodations are provided."

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- 3) On another subject, it would be of interest to these gentlemen that during the month of May, the Agriculture and Food consignors failed to load nearly 40,000 tons of rail wagons when they were placed."

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Chief Commissioner, AG

Acting Vice President, Economic Section

Food Sub-Commission

ARTHUR E. TAYLOR,

Director,

Transportation Sub-Commission

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Movements Division, Tn. S/C

Deputy Director, Tn. S/C

Public Relations Branch, AC

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Ref: HOKB/2/EC

21 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Economic Conditions in SARDINIA.

TO: 1. Vice President,
Economic Section.

1. The monthly report from the Allied Commission Liaison Officer in SARDINIA paints an extremely gloomy picture on the economy of the island. The "Stars and Stripes" carried the same story in its issue today. The Italian Government should be drawn to these conditions and particularly to the facts as reported:

- (a) that it will be necessary to continue the import of flour after the end of July;
- (b) the export of animals should be expedited, if possible;
- (c) the reactions to the price for the 1945 grain crop;
- (d) the lack of imported coal;
- (e) the lack of fishing materials;
- (f) the lack of transport in CAGLIARI;
- (g) the lack of tyres all over the island.

2. The Chief Commissioner would like one or two Allied officers to visit SARDINIA including an agriculture officer, if they can be spared. Will you let us have your comments.

HJ/JG.

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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SEC. 7002/179/20

10 April 1945

SUBJECT: Liaison Officer - Sardinia

TO : Law Force Subcommittee (MIA)

Reference your letter 3/1, subject "Withdrawal of Allied
Commission from Italian Government Territory," dated 7/3/5

In accordance with paragraph 4b of the above-mentioned letter,
instructions have been issued this date to all Sections and Independent
Subcommittees that communication with the Liaison Officer, Sardinia,
will be routed through Law Force Subcommittee (MIA).

[Signature]
ROBERT E. FISHER
Colonel
Acting Executive Commissioner

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By memo 7002/179/20
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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 Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 522/28/20.

4th March 1945.

SUBJECT: Reduction of staff - Sardinia Region.

TO : Regional Commissioner,
 SARDINIA Region.

1. I refer to your HQ/1003 of 19th February. There is no question of a sudden closing down of the Allied Commission staff in SARDINIA as is suggested in your paragraph 1. The changeover has been taking place gradually ever since last January.

2. I appreciate that there are certain Allied military commitments in the Island, the most important of which appear to be the U.S. staging post and the production of coal. The U.S. staging post will be able to function perfectly satisfactorily under its commanding officer and two mining officers are being left to look after the Sardinian coal. One of these officers can also concern himself with the shipping of the coal.

3. The policy of the Allied nations is to give as full responsibility as possible to the Italian Government and although you may consider the total removal of officers premature, I am afraid the policy as directed by the combined Chiefs of Staff must be implemented.

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MS/MC.

MS Lush

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Mr.

Mr. Lusk
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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ALIAS SANTOIA REGION FOR REGIONAL COMMISSIONER

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DIRECTOR

THEY ARE TO CALL UP FOR ITALIAN ARMY WILL PROBABLY TAKE PLACE IN SANTOIA
ON 21ST FEBRUARY FROM FIVE AND CONTINUE FOR TWO MONTHS TO ONE HUNDRED ONE
FOUR HUNDRED ONE HUNDRED TWO FOUR ARE GROUPS ATTACHED TO YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO
THANK HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR IT

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NICHOLAS PLOWING 2575
GWO, USA, ASST ADJUTANT

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15 Jan.

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AC/TN/OPAS

6 January 1945

My dear Prime Minister:

I received your letter of 1 January and have had inquiry made into the working arrangements at Cagliari.

With regard first to the vehicles operating at the port, it is true that most of them had to be transferred to the mainland to meet operational requirements. To offset this loss, it has been agreed to release one hundred military vehicles for the port. These will be taken over at the rate of forty a month, after being overhauled at Italian military workshops.

In the meantime, a temporary arrangement has been made between the Port Commander and the High Commissioner; five vehicles are being allocated for the permanent use of the port and when any big ship arrives, additional vehicles up to about forty can be obtained on giving twelve hours' notice to the High Commissioner.

The cranes and other movable equipment which have been taken away were also required for the discharge of military cargoes on the mainland; but it is emphasized that what has been removed is mobile equipment brought there by the allies in the first instance, and not the permanent equipment of the port. For the present it is difficult to allocate such mobile equipment to Cagliari, but you may be assured that the requirements of the port will not be overlooked in the general plans for developing the transportation system of the country.

Yours very truly,

ELIAS H. STONE, 2774
 Rear Admiral, USN
 Chief Commissioner.

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
 The President of the Council of Ministers
 Italian Government
 Rome

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INTERNATIONAL ALLIED COMMISSION
 374
 Office of the Chief of Staff

Tel. 491

3 January 1945

Ref. 8258/48/000.

SUBJECT: Allied Garrison Command - Bari.

TO : Economic Section.

1. Reference is made to an AMO memo 8258/48 of 9 Dec which was sent to your Section 12 Dec with instructions to see that steps were taken to induce a more co-operative attitude with the AMO and the port of Italian Army authorities regarding availability of motor transport for port use.

2. Your reply by memo of 15 Dec stated that this had been discussed with Transportation 374 and 374; - 2 cables were sent to Bari as regards the use of some 100 vehicles for civilian use there and you would inform this Office further pending replies to cables.

3. This Office desires information as to present status of motor transportation serving the port of Bari, civilian and military, and whether or not the AMO instruction in 8258 dated 12 Dec, referred to in your memo, was carried out.

JCF
 4 Chief Staff Officer,
 To the Chief of Staff.

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The President of the Council of Ministers

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I will be most grateful, as I am, Sir, if you will consider this with your usual kind consideration for civilian requirements, and let me hear from you once for the proposal of the light gratification to be granted.

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Admiral Henry A. Stone
Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission
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Present Headquarters Allied Garrison SARDINIA closing out at
 1200 hours 15 November 1944. Command of all the remaining Allied
 troops vested in senior officer of Allied Commission presently
 Colonel PENNYCOTON "BRITISH". 6732 Headquarters and Headquarters
 Company, Allied Garrison SARDINIA "Overhead" departing for DUEO morning
 of 16 November ETA 17 November. Upon arrival attached to Penbase.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO #194
Office of the Chief of Staff

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Ref. #258/5/308

3 November 1944

SUBJECT: Command of Allied Garrison, Sardinia
TO: Regional Commissioner, Sardinia Region, Allied Commission

1. Pursuant to the directive contained in AFHQ letter, file AN 370 43/021 OCT-0, dated 27 October 1944, Subject: Command of Troops in Sardinia, effective with the permanent departure of Colonel Chester W. Harding, present Allied garrison commander, command of all Allied troops on the island (Sardinia) will be vested in the senior officer of Allied Commission, Sardinia. It is expected that such departure will take place prior to 15 November.

2. It is accordingly directed that you, as senior Allied officer, communicate at once with Colonel Harding in order to make all necessary arrangements for assuming command of the Allied garrison.

Brigadier
Chief of Staff

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
CMT
Office of the Chief of Staff

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Ref: 175/6/006.

9 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Departure of the Garrison - SARDINIA.

TO : AFHQ, C-5.

1. Regional Commissioner, SARDINIA, in a recent letter, mentions the many troop movements taking place in SARDINIA. You advised us of the departure of the Garrison and the Regional Commissioner has maintained a close liaison with the military authorities about this, but he also reports the prospect of a RAP unit arriving at ELMAS. There are also local rumours of French troops, including Colonials, coming to the Island.

2. Can you give us any information about the future situation in SARDINIA?

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Brigadier,
Chief of Staff,
For Acting Chief Commissioner.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
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226-1000 Gen
Box 16248 1945
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By: [Signature] City of [Signature]

Date: 13 September 1945

AG 370.43/031 000-0

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SUBJECT: Closing of United States Army Installations in Sardinia

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission, Rome

Attached, for your information are three (3) copies of letter, this headquarters, subject and file as above, dated 11 September 1945.

By command of General WILSON

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A. B. KING,
Major, ASD,
Asst Adjutant General

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AG 370.43/CAL GDS-O

11 September 1944

SUBJECT: Closing of United States Army Installations in Sardinia.

TO : Allied Garrison Commander, Sardinia.
Air Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Allied Air Forces.
Commanding General, MATCUSA, APO 534.

1. Tentative plans indicate that the 42d Bombardment Wing will be withdrawn from SARDINIA at an early date and on short notice.
2. Upon the permanent departure of the Allied Garrison Commander, SARDINIA, Colonel C. E. HARDING, O12084, USA, will assume command and will be responsible to this headquarters.
3. The following instructions will govern:
 - a. All Army Air Force installations will be closed at the earliest practicable date.
 - b. Signal communications will be in accordance with separate signal instructions to be issued by this headquarters.
 - c. Railways now being operated under military direction will be turned over to civilian authorities as soon as practicable.
 - d. United States Army Air Forces will be withdrawn upon direction of Air Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Allied Air Forces.
 - e. All other United States Army Forces will be withdrawn upon direction of the Commanding General, MATCUSA.
 - f. The final withdrawal and disposition of United States Army installations is the responsibility of the Commanding General, MATCUSA.
 - g. The target date for closing out United States Army Installations is 30 November 1944.
4. The Royal Navy Base Installation at Maddalena will probably be closed out before 15 December 1944.
5. It is expected that all United States Naval Installations and personnel will be withdrawn from SARDINIA prior to 1 December 1944.
6. It is anticipated that Allied Control Commission operations will be reduced to a minimum upon the closing of the Allied Garrison.

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Ltr, AFHQ, AG 370.43/C81 GDS-O,
dtd 11 September 1944, (Cont'd)

7. The responsibility for the command and administration of Allied Forces remaining in SARDINIA subsequent to the withdrawal of all United States Army Installations will be the subject of review at the appropriate time.

8. Direct correspondence is authorized between the Allied Garrison Commander and the Commanding General, NATOUSA.

By command of General WILSON:

R. H. Christie
R. H. CHRISTIE,
Colonel, AGD,
Acting Adjutant General.

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CAPTAIN STONE.

See Ref: below.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

Ref: 323-3-6/Ex O.

6 September 1944

SUBJECT: Removal of Allied Garrison from Sardinia.

TO : G-5, AFHQ, APO 512.

1. Reference proposed withdrawal of Allied Garrison from Sardinia, the following points arise:

- a. Source of supplies and rations.
- b. Movement of APO.
- c. Reduction of ACC strength.
- d. Communications.

2. Supplies and rations may be drawn from Naples or their near vicinity from either American or British sources. This will be arranged by this Headquarters between Region VI and Southern Region.

3. Official and personal mail can be routed through Southern Region Headquarters at Naples and taken from there by courier to Sardinia. This also will be arranged by this Headquarters.

a. There are at present, Italian cruisers that run, on alternate days, from Naples to Cagliari, Sardinia, and these could be used for transportation of mail, supplies and rations.

4. The total strength of A.C.C. officers and enlisted personnel left in Sardinia when the Allied Garrison has been removed will not exceed twenty.

5. Signals have previously been handled over the Naples-Cagliari cable by military personnel. With the departure of all military personnel, it is understood that the cable will be handed over to the Italian Government, and although we may use the cable, the question of security arises. All messages sent over this link must therefore be sent in the "clear".

6. Due to the fact that (a) the "cruiser" communications will be slow and (b) that all signals will be sent in the clear, it will be necessary in some instances to request a special courier plane for urgent messages.

7. Paragraph 6 above seems to be the only instance in which your Headquarters can be of service to us. It is requested that you advise us as to the possibility of such special courier service should the need arise.

E.I. CLOUGH,
Colonel, A.G.D.
Executive Officer.

cc: Adj., G-4, Comm S.C., Hqs Reg VI, South Reg.
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

2 September 1944

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Executive Officer (A)

1. Reference proposed withdrawal of Allied Garrison of Sardinia, the following points arise:

- a. Maintenance of American and British personal mail service.
- b. Maintenance of official mail services.
- c. Establishment of adequate signal communications, to replace the services now afforded by Allied Garrisons.

2. With the withdrawal of all allied troops (with the exception of ACC) from the island, it will be necessary for mail for American and British personnel to be routed through Southern Region Hq, and at that point transferred to whatever courier service may be established between Naples and Cagliari. (See par 3).

3. Official mail, until now, has been transported by AGLS between Naples and Cagliari. With the departure of all AAF installations from the island, this will no longer be available. An Italian cruiser has been also employed on an alternate-day run between Naples and Cagliari, and the continuance of this operation seems to be by far the best and most satisfactory means of handling official and personal mail.

4. Signals have been handled over the Naples-Cagliari cable, hitherto operated by military personnel with the departure of all military units, it is understood that the cable will be handed over to the Italian Government. Use may still be made of this signal link, but the question of security arises.

5. It is recommended that steps be taken to secure the services of a British cipher team (2 - 3 men) and the assignment to ACC of a "one-time" cipher, for the handling of traffic between Hq ACC and Region VI. This matter is, I believe, within the scope of the Communications Sub-Commission, and might well be taken up with them, with regard to:

- a. The assignment of cipher personnel.
- b. The perfection of arrangements whereby Region VI traffic may be passed from military to Italian channels at either Rome or Naples.
- c. The arrangement of any necessary details of payment for these services (should the signal facilities used be commercial).

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L. T. MONTANT, Jr
1st Lt, ACC
Adjutant

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 323.3-6

28 August 1944

SUBJECT: Sardinia Closing on of Allied Garrison

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission
APO 394

1. Reference is made to this Sections
323.3-6 of 25 August.

2. Attached is draft of proposed directive
to Allied Garrison Commander, Sardinia, prepared
by G-4, this Headquarters, and submitted to this
Section for concurrence or comments.

3. It is requested that you will let this
Section have your comments on the proposed dir-
ective as soon as possible.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

T. B. JACKMAN
Lt. Colonel

Incl:
as above.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

SUBJECT : Proposed Directive for the closing of the Allied Garrison of Sardinia.

TO : Commanding General, Allied Garrison of Sardinia

1. 42nd Bombardment Wing will be withdrawn on order from MAAF in September or October 1944.
2. Upon departure of the Commanding General, 42nd Bombardment Wing, Colonel C.K. Harding will assume command.
3. The following instructions will be carried out by Commanding General 42nd Bombardment Wing prior to his departure from Sardinia and Colonel C.K. Harding subsequent to assuming command thereof.
 - a. All AAF installations in Sardinia will be closed at earliest practicable date.
 - b. All ACC operations will be reduced to a minimum.
 - c. AFHQ Signal Section will submit for withdrawing AAF Signal personnel and equipment and will submit recommendations for continuing operation of communications remaining.
 - d. Railways now being operated under Army direction will be turned over to civilian authorities as soon as practicable.
 - e. All troops to be withdrawn.
 - (1) Navy Base installations at Maddalena will be closed out before 15 December 1944.
 - (2) AA & CD Units will be withdrawn as soon as a(1) above has been accomplished.
 - (3) All other troops will be withdrawn upon direction of Commanding General, NATOUSA.
 - f. The final withdrawal and disposition of U.S. Army installations is the responsibility of Commanding General, NATOUSA.

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APO 312

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G-5: 323.3-6

25 August 1944

SUBJECT : Sardinia - Closing out of Allied Garrison.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APO 394.

1. The following is a copy of letter 370.43 of 22 August received from HQ SOS.

"1. It is requested the Allied Control Commission be advised it is now the plan of this Headquarters that the Allied Garrison of Sardinia will be completely closed prior to 1 December 1944, insofar as U.S. participation is concerned.

"2. A complete close-out plan has been received from Sardinia. This plan which has been correlated with data presently available to this Headquarters, indicates that all U.S. troops and installations will be evacuated from the island by 15 November 1944. Included in plan submitted by Sardinia is a statement concerning the U.S. contingent, Co "F2, 2675th Regiment, ACC, with a total strength of 40, and a small group of U.S. personnel representing the ACC/ASC (Army Sub-Commission) which are maintained from U.S. Stocks.

"3. What the realization that these units may remain in Sardinia after the close-out date, it is recommended appropriate action be taken by ACC so that functions of the unit will be properly co-ordinate with the closing of Sardinia, and further support by this Headquarters will not be necessary subsequent to 15 November."

2. Will you please state whether there are any matters arising out of the above which you desire this Section to take up with HQ SOS

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

T.B. JACKMAN,
Lt. Colonel.

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Acting Chief Commissioner

I think you should read Brigadier Carr's appreciation of the effect on Sardinia of the reduction in staff of Region VI (Pages 18 & 19). Relevant extracts have been sent to Economic and Admin Sections and I suggest that the matter be discussed at our next Vice Presidents' Meeting.

2. The reduction is essential: the effect is inevitable; and I must advise that similar effects will be felt throughout Italy as AG staff is reduced because, as I see it, the efficiency of the Italian administration has not increased pari passu with the reduction of Allied supervision and control. At the same time you must remember that owing to operations we have been compelled, and are still compelled, to set a tempo and standard which is unnatural to this country. So long as Allied military interests are not affected we must, I submit, be content with a lower standard and slower pace.

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