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119	Cbl FX-97826	23 Jun 45	SHAEF,AC,15,5	Report on hydro-elec power in NW It.
120	Cbl IV Corps, 2098	24 Jun 45	5,15,AFHQ,AC	Franco-It frontier sitrep No. 72.
121	Cbl IV Corps, 3001	24 Jun 45	5,15,AFHQ,AC	Franco -It frontier sitrep No. 73
122	Cbl IV Corps, 3005	25 Jun 45	5,15,AFHQ,AC	Franco-It frontier sitrep No. 75
122a	Cbl IV Corps, 3014	25 Jun 45	5,15,AFHQ,AC	Franco-It frontier sitrep No. 76
123	Cbl SHAEF, S-93149	26 Jun 45	AFHQ,AC,15,5	Rept on hydro-electric power in NW It
124	Cbl IV Corps, 3031	26 Jun 45	5,15,AFHQ,AC	Franco-It frontier sitrep No. 79.
125	Cbl IV Corps, 3035	26 Jun 45	5,15,AFHQ,AC	Franco-It frontier sitrep No. 80.
126	Cbl IV Corps, 3042	26 Jun 45	5,15,AFHQ,AC	Franco-It frontier sitrep No. 81.
127	3610/96/EC, Norden	26 Jun 45	M.P.A.	Issue of frontier cards to Italians of Valtellina (agricultural workers).
128	Cbl SHAEF, S-93654	27 Jun 45	AFHQ,AC,15,5	Fr-It interchange of electric energy.
129	Cbl AFHQ, FX-11262	28 Jun 45	SHAEF,AC,15,5	Fr-It interchange of electric energy.
130	Cbl IV, 3076	28 Jun 45	5,15,AFHQ,AC	Franco-It frontier sitrep No. 89.
131	Cbl AC PWB, 1007	2 Jul 45	AFHQ	Fr-It interchange of electric energy.
132	Cbl IV, 3174	3 Jul 45	5,15,AFHQ,AC	Franco-It frontier sitrep No. 108.
133	Cbl IV, 3195	4 Jul 45	5,15,AFHQ,AC	Franco-It frontier sitrep No. 112.

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103	Cbl AC CC 9895	16 Jun 45	5,IV,RCs NW	Transfer of Mil Govt in border dommnes fr French to Allied administration.
104	Cbl IV AMG, 1943	16 Jun 45	5,15,AFHQ,AC	Franco-It frontier sitrep No. 38.
105	Cbl 5A, 9803,Cite 355	16 Jun 45	AC HD,IV,Pied	Condition ports Genoa,Savona;coal essential NW industries be despatched.
106	Cbl G2 IV, 1954	16 Jun 45	5,15,AFHQ,AC	Franco-It frontier sitrep No. 41.
107	Cbl G2 IV, 1956	17 Jun 45	5,15,AFHQ,AC	Franco-It frontier sitrep No. 42.
108	Cbl G2 IV, 1967	17 Jun 45	5,15,AFHQ,AC	Franco-It frontier sitrep No. 45.
109	806/EC, Lush	18 Jun 45	Dist	Notes on visit to Piedmont Region.
109a	SAC (P) (45) 15th Mtg	18 Jun 45	(Mins.7 & 12)	Sitn on frontier; withdrawal Fr Tps.
110	Cbl AFHQ F-96820	18 Jun 45	AC	Publicity on French w/drawal by Ital press organs
111	Memo, Col Mitchell,AFHQ	18 Jun 45	"For Record"	Ambassadors in Rome to inform IG of French w/drawal.
112	Cbl, IV Corps, 1981	18 Jun 45	RC P,Lig,Lomb, AC	Policy for meetings & assemblies in IV Corps AMG Area.
113	Cbl IV Corps, 1993	19 Jun 45	5,15,AFHQ,AC	Franco-It frontier sitrep No. 52.
114	Cbl IV Corps, 2002	19 Jun 45	5,15,AFHQ,AC	Franco-It frontier sitrep No. 53.
115	Cbl AC Ex C, 141	19 Jun 45	AFHQ,15,5	Grazing rights to French ranchers.
115a	Cbl AFHQ, FX-96267	20 Jun 45	AC,5,15,IV	Grazing rights to French ranchers.
116	Cbl AC EXC, 235	21 Jun 45	RCs, North	Publicity on French w/drawal.
117	Cbl AC EXE, 264	21 Jun 45	AFHQ G-5	Publicity on French w/drawal.
118	Cbl AC Ex C, 267	21 Jun 45	AFHQ,SHAEF,15	Report on hydro-electricity in NW It

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87	Cbl IV, 1807	9 Jun 45	5,15,AFHQ,AC	Franco-It frontier sitrep No. 13.
88	Cbl IV, 1810	9 Jun 45	5,15,AFHQ,AC	Franco-It frontier sitrep No. 14.
89	Cbl IV, 1827	10 Jun 45	5,15,AFHQ,AC	Franco-It frontier sitrep No. 17.
90	Cbl IV, 1829	10 Jun 45	5,15,AFHQ,AC	Franco-It frontier sitrep No. 18.
91	DO Ltr, Stone	11 Jun 45	Lemnitzer	Sitn in NW Italy as seen by Lush.
92	Cbl AC 9516 Disper	11 Jun 45	Lombardia	French officers in Milan & auth.
93	Cbl CG IV Corps 1839	11 Jun 45	5A etc	Franco-It frontier sitrep No. 20
94	Cbl CG IV Corps 1851	11 Jun 45	5A etc	Franco-It frontier sitrep No. 21
94a	Cbl FX 91578 NAF 1092	11 Jun 45	CC	Relief of French Troops in NW Italy
94b	Cbl FX 91677	11 Jun 45	CC	Relief of French Troops in NW Italy
95	Cbl AFHQ FX 91983	12 Jun 45	AC Stone	Report in full required on hydro-electric power in NW Italy with indication as to how much can go to France
96	Cbl AMG IV Corps 1164	12 Jun 45	5A etc	Franco-It frontier sitrep No. 22
96a	SAC (P) (45) 30	12 Jun 45		AFHQ-French Mtg on w/drawal French tps
97	Cbl CG LV Corps 1862	12 Jun 45	5A etc	Franco-It frontier sitrep No. 24
98	Cbl AMG IV Corps 1868	12 Jun 45	5A etc	Franco-It frontier sitrep No. 25
99	Cbl SHAEF FWD 24804	13 Jun 45	AFHQ,AC etc	French officers arriving in Italy.
100	Cbl IV, 1873	13 Jun 45	5,15,AFHQ,AC	Franco-It frontier sitrep No. 27.
101	Cbl IV, 1876	13 Jun 45	5,15,AFHQ,AC	Franco-It frontier sitrep No. 28.
101a	Cbl AC Stone, 9739	14 Jun 45	AFHQ,SHAEF,15	Report on hydroelectric power in NW It
101aa	Cbl Lombardia, 1211	15 Jun 45	AC	French officers in Milan & vicinity.
101b	Cbl IV G-2 41940	15 Jun 45	5,15,AFHQ	Franco-It frontier sitrep No. 37
101c	Cbl IV Corps, 1923	15 Jun 45	5,15,AFHQ,AC	Franco-It frontier sitrep No. 36.
102	Cbl AC CC, 9873	16 Jun 45	AFHQ G-5	Publicity on French movement in NW It.

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73	Cbl Ven.Reg fr Lush	29 May 45	AC for Stone	CC as CCAO shd be consulted before final disposition of tps in N.It ismade
73a	Ltr Gen Doyen(French)	30 May 45	US IV Corps	French will oppose setting-up AMG.
73b	Cbl Lig Reg, 161(Sit 23	30 May 45	IV,5,AC,etc	French refuse AMG entry Imperia.
74	Cbl AC ExC 8864	31 May 45	AFHQ	Estab of AMG in Imperia Prov resisted by French.
74a	Sitrep 5, IV Corps	31 May 45		IV Corps Sitrep for 28,29,30 May.
74b	SAC (P) (45) 13th Mtg	31 May 45		Sitn on Franco-Ital frontier.
75	542/124/EC, Talbot	1 Jun 45	Lombardia Reg	Communist Patriots hiding arms.
75a	468, Bonomi	1 Jun 45	Stone	IG comforted AMG in Val d'Aosta.
76	Cbl 15 AG, CAS-572	1 Jun 45	AC	IV Corps Msg 1626,31 May; French resist AMG estab in IMPERIA Province.
76a	Special Sitrep IV Corps	1 Jun 45		Col Skelly's tour of Susa (Torino).
76b	Sitrep No.6, IV Corps	2 Jun 45		Sitrep No. 6, IV Corps
77	Cbl IV Corps	3 Jun 45	Lomb,Lig,Pied, 5,AC	Msg fr Doyen: De Gaulle orders resistance be put up against setting-up AMG in territory occupied by French tps.
77a	Memo, EC, Lush	4 Jun 45	CSO	W/drawal of French officers fr N.
78	Cbl AFHQ, NAF-1002 (FX-87542)	5 Jun 45	CCS,BCS,SHAEF,15,6,AC	Recapitulation of French forces; de Gaulle's orders to hold; recommended action to be taken by SACMED.
79	Cbl AMG Lombardia,#120	5 Jun 45	AC Rome Fin	W/drawal of French currency.
80	589/5/EC, Lush	6 Jun 45	AFHQ	Juridical relations France-Italy. ENCL: 6/1495/685 of 30 May, Fn Affrs.
81	Cbl IV, 1754	7 Jun 45	AFHQ,15,5,AC	Franco-Ital frontier sitrep No. 5.
81a	SAC (P) (45) 14th Mtg	7 Jun 45		Sitn on Franco-Ital frontier
82	Cbl D/RC Lig Reg	7 Jun 45	IV,5,AC	French in Imperia quiet, friendly.
83	Cbl IV, 1782	8 Jun 45	5,15,AFHQ AC	Franco-Ital frontier sitrep 8 Jun.
83a	Ltr 589/6/EC Stone	8 Jun 45	Noel Charles	Encl is memo, legal relations Italy
84	Cbl AC Fin, 9321	8 Jun 45	Rega,5,8,IV	W/drawal of French currency. (& Fr.
84a	Cbl 5A, 2541	8 Jun 45	Lomb,AC	French offrs excluded from Milan now.
85	Cbl IV, 1784	9 Jun 45	5,15,AFHQ AC	Franco-It frontier sitrep No. 10.

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62	Cbl AC ExC, 7928	18 May 45	AFHQ	Liguria Region Sitrep for 17 May.
63	SAC (P) (45) 11th Mtg	18 May 45		SAC directions: 15 AG to occupy all territory; no further action while representations going on at Govt'l level.
64	581/56/EC, Llewellyn	21 May 45	AFHQ G-5	IV Corps Sitrep: French cut telephone lines to Genoa.
64a	Cbl AC ExC, 8162	21 May 45	AFHQ	Luguria Region Sitreps 19-20 May.
65	Cbl 15 AG, O-5623	21 May 45	AFHQ, AG2, 5, PHS	Change-over to Phase II opposed until mil sitn at frontier cleared up.
65a	Cbl AFHQ, MAT-706	22 May 45	CCS	Financial activities of French in It.
66	Cbl AFHQ, FX-80526	23 May 45	15 AG, AC	AFHQ disapprove putting French tps in Italy under operational cmd 15 AG.
67	Cbl AC ExC, 8342	24 May 45	5A, 15 AG, IV, Piemonte	CLN Turin action grant autonomy Val d'Aosta illegal since it is under AMG.
67a	Sitrep 1, IV Corps	24 May 45		Sitrep IV Corps for 20, 21, 22 May.
68	SAC (P) (45) 12th Mtg	24 May 45		COS AFHQ to prepare comprehensive report for CCS on French-Italian fracas.
68a	Minutes 15 AG Meeting	24 May 45		15 AG meeting on Turn-over to Phase 2.
69	503/EC, Lush	25 May 45	CC	Report on 15 AG Mtg, 24 May, to discuss turnover to Phase II.
69a	Sitrep 2, IV Corps	25 May 45		AFF: Aide-Memoire, CC to CG 15 AG, 24 May
70	Cbl Piedmont, P-40	25 May 45	AC, IV	Sitrep IV Corps for 23, 24 May.
70a	Sitrep, AC/S G5, IV Corps	25 May 45	5 Army G5	No basis to report CLN Turin granting autonomy to Val d'Aosta.
71	Cbl IV Corps, 102	26 May 45	5, 15, AC	Sitrep Report IV Corps as of 23 May.
71a	Sitrep 3, IV Corps	26 May 45		No basis to report CLN Turin granting autonomy to Val d'Aosta.
72	CC 1007, Stone	28 May 45	Bonomi	Sitrep IV Corps for 24, 25 May.
72a	Sitrep 4, IV Corps	28 May 45		No basis to report CLN Turin granting autonomy to Val d'Aosta.
				Sitrep IV Corps for 25, 26, 27 May.

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49	Ltr 147/EC Stone	9 May 45	AFHQ CCS	French Situation in NW Italy - urge action as French are setting up admin
49a	Cbl AC ExC, 7265	10 May 45	AFHQ	Sitrep fr Liguria Region, 7 May.
50	Cbl AFHQ 73342 FX	10 May 45	AC	AFHQ forces should take over as soon as possible from French
50a	Memo, Talbot (fr Milan)	10 May 45	ExC	Sitrep on Val d'Aosta, etc.
51	Memo CC	11 May 45		Summary of reports on French situation in NW Italy
51a	Cbl AC ExC, 7343	11 May 45	AFHQ	Hume's report on Turin, Milan.
51b	Cbl AC Liguria, 37	11 May 45	AC, etc.	Sitrep on Liguria, No. 7.
52	Cbl AFHQ F-74566	12 May 45	AC	SHAEF representing to French Hi Cmd; pending reply 15 AG will occupy, estab AMG in NW Italy up to frontier.
53	Cbl AC ExC, 7465	12 May 45	AFHQ, 15 AG	Possibility of American-French clash or American-Ital Partisan.
53a	Cbl AC Liguria, 38	12 May 45	AC etc	Sitrep on Liguria, No. 9.
53b	Cbl AC Liguria, 45	13 May 45	AC, IV, 5A, etc	Sitrep on Liguria, No. 8.
53c	Cbl AC ExC, 7497	13 May 45	AFHQ, 15 AG	French cutting It power stas, Genoa.
54	SO(M)LS, Rome	14 May 45	CC	Two Val d'Aostani to visit Rome to press for reg autonomy for Val d'Aosta.
55	Ltr, Quayle	14 May 45	Cittadini	Two Val d'Aostani to visit Rome to press for reg autonomy for Val d'Aosta.
55a	Cbl IV Corps, 1249	14 May 45	5A, AC Lush	IV Corps Sitrep for NW Italy in gen.
56	Ltr, Quayle	14 May 45	SO(M)LS Rome	Val d'Aostani visit Rome press for reg autonomy for Val - suggest mtg Milan.
57	Cbl AC ExC, Stone, 7589	14 May 45	Truscott, Gruenther, 15 AG	De Sevin to North to assist and estat normality in Piedmont & Val d'Aosta.
57a	Cbl AC Liguria	15 May 45	IV, 5A, AC, 92d	Ligurie Region Sitrep; Imperia vs Frenc
57a	Cbl AC Fin, 7673	15 May 45	Piemonte AMG	Franc vs. Lira in Piemonte.
58	163/EC, Llewellyn	16 May 45	AFHQ	Liguria Region Sitreps - 11-12 May.
59	Cbl AFHQ FX-76659	16 May 45	15, AC, Distwo	Propose change-over to Phase 2.
60	Cbl IV Corps, 1274	16 May 45	5A, AC	Franc vs. Lira in Piemonte (Val d'Aosta
61	Cbl AC ExC, 7920	18 May 45	AFHQ	IV Corps sitrep-NW It generally.

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34	Ltr de Sevin N.2.081	20 Apr 45	Stone	French interests in the North.
35	Ltr de Sevin N. 2.096	26 Apr 45	Ex C	French. interests in the North.
36	572/12/EC, Talbot	28 Apr 45	G-5 15 A/G	French interests in the North.
37	572/11/EC, Lush	28 Apr 45	de Sevin	French interests in the North.
38	Cbl AC EXC, 6396	28 Apr 45	AFHQ G-5	French interests in the North.
39	572/14/EC, Talbot	28 Apr 45	CA, Econ	French interests in the North.
40	Cbl AC, Stone, 6481	30 Apr 45	AFHQ	French operations in NW Italy.
40a	Cbl Hopkinson & McLean	2 May 45	AC Lush	Instr needed on AMG in Piemonte.
40b	AFHQ AG 323/061 CAO-O	2 May 45	15 AG, CC, 2Dist	Local Resources in NW Italy - policy.
41	Cbl AC ExC via SO(M)	3 May 45	Hopkinson for CG IV Corps	SACMED directs AMG be set up in all territory under his comd. AMG will be set
41a	SAC(P)(45) 9th Meeting	3 May 45		SAC directs AMG set up all Italy.
42	Cbl AC ExC, 6861	3 May 45	CG IV Corps, 15AG, 5/A	SACMED directs AMG be set up all It - AMG will therefore be set up Piemonte.
43	Cbl AFHQ FX-79262	4 May 45	SHAEF, 6AG, 15 AG, AC	French troops undesired in Italy - request action w French Gen Staff.
44	Cbl AC Liguria	4 May 45	IV, 5/A, AC	Sitrep 4, from Liguria Region.
45	Memo, Ex C	5 May 45	CC	OSS reports from Turin.
46	Cbl AC ExC, 7091	5 May 45	AFHQ	French in Turin and Liguria refusing to budge.
47	Cbl 15 AG, AG 107	5 May 45	AFHQ AC etc.	Local Resources in NW Italy - policy.
47a	Cbl AC 7169 Ex Comm	7 May 45	AFHQ	Sitrep, Liguria Region & French sit
48	Cbl AC ExC, 7205	9 May 45	AFHQ, 15 AG	French withdrawn to Val d'Aosta line, but still crossing frontier.

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16	503/256/EC, Talbot	12 Mar 45	RC Lig,Lomb, Pied Regs	Provinces which may be included in Op NW It Phase I.
17	503/258/EC, Talbot	13 Mar 45	RC Lig,Lomb, Pied Regs.	Definition of "Northwest Italy" as "compartments" & "provinces".
18	7007/201/EC, Talbot	13 Mar 45	VP Estab	Advancing Planning with IV Corps.
19	503/EC, Lush	19 Mar 45	D/EC	HQ IV Corps Staff Memo No.5 for circulation to VPs and comments to CC.
20	Gen Infante	24 Mar 45	Stone	Alleged French plan for ops NW Italy.
21	CC 1007, Stone	26 Mar 45	COS AFHQ	Alleged French Plan for ops NW Italy.
22	Bonomi	28 Mar 45	Stone	Alleged French Plan for ops NW Italy.
23	CC 1007, Stone	28 Mar 45	COS AFHQ	Alleged French Plan for ops NW Italy.
24	SI, News Agency Release	29 Mar 45		Alleged French plan for ops NW Italy.
25	Cbl, INS, Chinigo	29 Mar 45	INS NYC	Alleged French plan for ops NW Italy.
26	Cbl INS, Chinigo	30 Mar 45	INS NYC	Alleged French plan for ops NW Italy.
27	It Nuova,Giorn Mattino	30 Mar 45		Stone on French plan for ops NW Italy.
28	Cbl AC, Stone, 4472	30 Mar 45	COS AFHQ	Alleged French plan for ops NW Italy.
29	Cbl AC, Stone, 4473	30 Mar 45	COS, AFHQ	Alleged French plan for ops NW Italy.
30	3201/251/EC, Stearns	30 Mar 45	Land Forces	Hospitalization of Patriots.
31	3201/252/EC, Stearns	30 Mar 45	CA Sec	Hospitalization of Patriots.
32	Cbl IV Corps, 519	30 Mar 45	AC NW Italy Coord.Comm.	Request info civilian ration scale by items for NW Italy.
33	211/3/In 1, Thoms	10 Apr 45		Adv Ech, Tpn S/C, Northern Italy.

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3	Ltr 503/183/COS Lush	30 Dec 44	Sections	Planning, NW Italy. Pls comment.
3a	Ltr 503/COS, Lush	5 Jan 45	CC	General comments on planning NWIT.
4	Ltr 503/202/COS Lush	13 Jan 45	Regions	Coordination Planning Committee for NW Italy. Establishment & functions
5	Ltr 503/COS, Stone	25 Jan 45	COS	Recommendations in 3a concurred except deputy might be in Milan instread.
5a	AG/323/061, AFHQ	25 Jan 45	CG 15 A/G,CC	Occupation policy.
6	G-3 Plans/134, AFHQ	29 Jan 45		Minutes of Mtg on Occupation of Northern Italy; NW occupational forces, requirements & availability, etc.
7	Cbl FONAM	3 Feb 45	Various incl AC CinC-MED	Mtg to be held discuss inter-svc problems on capture, first entry into Genoa
7a	Ltr, de Gasperi 3/186	9 Feb 45	Stone	Alleged French Plan for ops NW Italy.
8	503/247/COS, Lush	10 Feb 45	No 1 Sp Force	Mtg encourages sinking of craft in shallow water, contact fisherman who shd know location of mines, traps. etc.
9	NWI/CONF/1, AMG NW It Coord.Plan.Committee	14 Feb 45		Minutes of Meeting held 12 Feb 45.
10	P/541.132, Stone	15 Feb 45	G-5 AFHQ	Alleged French Plan for ops NW Italy.
11	P/541.132, Stone	15 Feb 45	De Gasperi	Alleged French Plan for Ops NW Italy.
12	Cbl AFHQ F-27859 (F-26918)	16 Feb 45	AC (15 A/G)	Policy for deal w Partisans, subject to approval by COS.
13	Mtg Coord Plan Committee for NW It, NWI/CONF/1	3 Mar 45		Minutes of Meeting held 3 Mar 45 by NW It Coord. Planning Committee.
14	94/1/PAT, Norden	7 Mar 45	No.5 Det.,No. 1 Sp Force	Decided not introduce AMG offrs into NW It via France.
15	No.1 Sp Force, LS/16/460	8 Mar 45	CC, Alcom	Report on Industry in TURIN (7 Feb)

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IV CORPS WELLS

CG 5 ARMY, 15 ARMY GP, AFHQ, ALCOM, 1ST ARMD DIV, 34 INF DIV, 6 SA ARMD DIV

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G5: On 25 June Provincial Commissioner IMPERIA made arrangements with local French forces to establish Allied Military Government in French occupied territory in IMPERIA on 10 July. Frontier sitrep number 112 closing 04/1200B

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XV CORPS WELLS G-2

CG 5 ARMY, 15 ARMY GP, AFHQ, AICCM, 1ST ARMD DIV, 34 INF DIV, 6 SA ARMD DIV

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G-5: Noticeable decrease in french personnel attempting to enter UTHIN observed in past week. Majority are eight seers who are turned back. Frontier sitrep number 108 closing 031200B

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ACTION : [illegible]

INFO : CHIEF OF [illegible]
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ASSIGNMENT P D

SUBJECT: IS ELECTRICITY TO FRANCE FD

REFTEL TO AFHQ CITE FHOMO FROM HQ AAFSW CITE AGWX FAIRE

PARA ONE FD REF YOUR FOX ~~ERAY~~ ONE FOUR TWO SIX TWO OF TWENTY EIGHT JUNE AD

PARA TWO FD GIVE CHAMBON TELEPHONE CONVERSATION COLONEL LAWYER TO MAJOR

ELLER TODAY FD CAPTAIN PARKER OF AMG LIGURIA REGION VISITED NICE TWENTY

SIXTH JUNE AND DISCUSSED MATT BY WITH SHAEF REPRESENTATIVES FD

PARA THREE FD WE ARE NOW PREPARING AGREEMENT BETWEEN ITALIAN ELECTRIC

COMPANY AND FRENCH COMPANY TO GIVE SUPPLY OF POWER AS REQUESTED FD

PARA FOUR FD WILL SEND FILE TO YOU FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SHAEF IN FEW DAYS

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JUNE 282025B

R/7231
JUNE 290830
PRIORITY

IV CORPS
CG 5TH ARMY, 15 ARMY GRP, AFHQ, ALCOM, 1ST ARMD DIV, 34 INF DIV, 6 SA ARMD DIV.

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G2: 1 BN 159 INF crossed border today into FRANCE. 3 BN 159: some elements crossed today, remainder tomorrow. All Arty BNS moved to BARDONECCHIA K4318 today, will cross tomorrow. After clearance, only troops left will be 2 BN 159 INF and 1 Company Engineers. They will move Saturday. (Frontier Sitrep number 89 closing 281800B.) G3: we pulled in road block of the Platoon of K Company 168 INFANTRY Regiment from CRISSOLO N585910.

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ACTION - EX COMMISSIONER 3
INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER
CA SEC
MCON SEC
POLAD (A)
POLAD (B)
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Chief Comm

JUN 29 RECD
CC 1115

FX 14262
JUNE 2818CSB

S/7255
JUNE 2908JOB
PRIORITY

AFHQ SIGNED ALEXANDER FX 14262 CITE FHCSG

ACTION SHAEF MAIN, ALCOM ROME FOR STONE INFO 15 ARMY GP, 5 ARMY

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Reur S-93654 cite SUCDE.

To SHAEF. Prepared arrange attendance representatives to discuss French-Italian interchange electric energy. Request you signal ALCOM for their agreement place and time at which suggested meeting is proposed. ALCOM representative will be in position of arbiter with authority to make decision on behalf FAC/MED.

To ALCOM. Request you provide representative as above (who should be of full Colonel rank at least) and report result of meeting to this Hq. Engineers (British) this Hq sending representative who should be notified time and place. Italian management should also be represented.

Withdrawal of French direction mentioned in para 1 C of your 9379 must be condition precedent to any settlement.

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29 JUN 1945
A. C.

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Action - Exec Comm 2
Econ Sec
Info - Chief Commissioner
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S-93654
JUNE 271830

E/7108
JUNE 280930
ROUTINE

SHAEF MAIN CTTE FHQEC

AFHQ INFO AIGCM FOR STONE, 15th ARMY GROUP FOR GRUENTHER, 5 TH ARMY FOR GRITTENBARGER

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Reference your FX-97826/23 June 1945.

Colonels MEYER and [illegible] this HQ arriving NICE airfield Friday afternoon. Can you send representative to discuss French-Italian interchange of electric energy? French authorities will attend.

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INFO-ACTION ECON SEC
INFO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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C.C.

JUN 29 REC'D

Ref: 3610/96/HC. 25 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Issue of Frontier Cards to the Italians of Valtellina.

TO : Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Italian Government.

1. With reference to your letter 6/1846/844 of 23 June 1945 it is pointed out that the conditions in the Valtellina area are not such as will facilitate the movement of agricultural workers across the border at the present time.

2. Apart from the fact that a strict control is still in force there is, as you know, a somewhat difficult situation in Aosta and in view of this it is proposed to defer consideration of your suggestion for the time being.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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JUN 261945B

E/6900
JUN 270915B
PRIORITY

IV CORPS

CG 5 ARMY 15 ARMY GRP. AFHQ. ALCOM. 1ST ARMD DIV. 34 INF DIV. & SA ARMD DIV

CONFIDENTIAL.

Frontier sitrep number 81 closing 261600B.

G2: As of 241600B French lifted curfew in SUSA to extend only from 2200 to 0500 hours, and allow civilians to circulate without special pass. Order of French preventing Carabiniere on streets in uniform or armed is still being enforced.

LIST

ACTION: Rx Commissioner 3
INFO: Chief Commissioner
CA Sec
Rgcon Sec
Poland (A)
Poland (B)
PW B
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JUN 261320B

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JUN 270915B
PRIORITY

CG IV CORPS

CG 5TH ARMY, 15 ARMY GROUP, AFHQ, ALCOM, 1ST ARMD DIV, 34 INF DIV, 6 SA ARMD DIV

CONFIDENTIAL.

Frontier sitrep number 80 closing 261200B.

G2. French report as of today last rear elements of 5 Half Brigade, 27 DIA, left AOSTA Valley. Confirmedby 6 SA Armd Div. This area now completely cleared of French troops. French military authorities completed preliminary inquiry into case at ALBERGO SOLE at SUSA H5340 (reference Frontier sitrep number 73) and feel that disloyal French soldier or renegade who occupied room where explosion occurred is involved in incident.

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ACTION: Ex Commissioner 3
INFO: Chief Commissioner
CA Sec
Econ Sec
Poland (A)
Poland (B)
FR B
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3031
JUNE 26/0700B

Z/6918
JUNE 27/0915B
PRIORITY

IV CORPS
CG 5 ARMY 15 ARMY GP. AFHQ. AIGCM. 1ST ARMD DIV. 34 INF DIV. 6 SA ARMD DIV

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02: 37 vehicles with 300 French soldiers and 2 Bren gun carriers passed through CLAVIERS K4703 road block and entered FRANCE 25 June. On 26 June French troops at BARDONNECHIA K4319 and H 3530 will begin march overland by foot through BARDONNECHIA into FRANCE. Frontier mitrep number 179 closing 2607CB

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INFO-ACTION : FX COMMISSIONER (3)

INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER
FOLAD (A)
FOLAD (B)
CA SEC
FR B
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JUN 27 RECD CC 1036

S 93149
JUNE 260930B

E/6858
JUNE 270845B
PRIORITY

SHAEF MAIN SIGNED TEDDER CITE SHGES

AFHQ FOR ALEXANDER RPT INFO ALCOM FOR STONE; CG 15 ARMY GP FOR GRUENTHER; CG 5 ARMY FOR KRITTENBERGER

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The reference is last paragraph your FX 91983 dated 12 June and FX 97826 and HQ AICOM 9739 and 267.

French authorities advise that no plants in MENTON area out of service or restricted output due to damage. Supply for NICE obtained from French system exclusively and not affected by Italian plants. Our information indicates that French need 5000 KW ? MG only from Italian plants over the SAN DALMAZZO - BREIL - BEAUSOLEIL (MENTON) 30 KV line and that balance be available to Italian system.

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3 Econ Sec
4 Info - Chief Commissioner
5 File

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JUNE 25/1430Z

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R/6907
JUNE 27/0915Z
PRIORITY

CG IV CORPS

CG 5 ARMY. CG 15 ARMY GROUP, AFHQ, AIGCM, 1ST ARMD DIV. 34 INF DIV. 6 SA ARMD DIV

CONFIDENTIAL

02: All French units in AOSTA Valley have moved out leaving behind only clean-up details which are expected to go today. Frontier sitrep number 76 closing 251200B

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ACTION : EX COMMISSIONER (3)

INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER
CA SEC
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3005
JUNE 25/0700B

E/6695
JUNE 25/1545B
OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

IV CORPS WILJO
CG FIFTH ARMY 15 ARMY GROUP, AFHQ, ALCOM, 1ST ARMD DIV, 34TH INF DIV,
6 SA ARMD DIV

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At 24/1800B 700 French troops passed through PIOCOLO SAN BERNARD 04703 into FRANCE. Frontier Sitrep number 75 closing 250700 B

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ACTION : [illegible] (2)

INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER
POLAD(A)
POLAD(B)
CA SEC
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25 JUN 1945
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JUNE 242100B

R/6599
JUNE 250745B
Priority

CG IV CORPS

CG 5 ARMY, 15 ARMY GP, AFHQ, ALCOM, 1ST ARMD DIV 34 INF DIV, 6 SA ARMD DIV

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C-2. Explosion occurred SAUSA approx 231820B instead 231930B. Was in cell near boiler of ALBERGO DEL SOLE used for French gendarmes quarters and mess. 3 French killed, 9 wounded, 1 Italian woman cook killed. 1 gendarme in room where explosion occurred claims hearing ticks just before explosion but no other evidence of time bomb. Crowd assembled at hotel, shot fired in air by unknown person, so French instituted curfew to be lifted only when investigation complete. French and American troops except sentries confined to barracks as are all Carabinieri and another uniformed Italians. Latter ordered to remain off streets until French leave area. Local French military have assumed complete charge upon instructions French Div Comdr. French policing town in pairs. French reestablished road block near MUSSOLENO M6239. French report engineers and bomb experts enroute to investigate; Italian investigators sent by AMG from TURIN unable to function because of French curfew. French not interfering with movements Allied personnel. Funeral for victims held this afternoon without incident.

Frontier Sitrep Nr 73 closing 241800B.

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Without notice French removed Bailey type bridge on main road at H4947 thus interrupting all traffic to frontier. Semi-permanent bridge slied intended replacement. No apparent connection between bridge removal and explosion. Cattle continue pouring into L. plateau.

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Info - Chief Commissioner
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POLAD B
CA Section
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JUNE 2416552
CP PRIORITY

IV CORPS WELLS 4 2
CG 5 ARMY, 15 ARMY GP, APHQ, AFCOM, 1ST ARMD DIV, 34 INF DIV,
6 SA ARMD DIV

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C-2: Explosion occurred approx 2314GMT June 1945 in French non com quarters in CUSA 115440. 2 French NCO's and 1 Italian killed. Several French soldiers wounded. Nature of explosion unknown, being investigated. American guard places on scene of incident. French patrols policing town. French curfew extended through out day 11 ht hours, no church services permitted. Necessary for AMG interpreter to obtain French name and he escorted to office by French soldier.

Frontier Sitrep Nr 7? closing 2412?0CB.

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Info - Chief Commissioner
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SUBJECT
CC 1726

FX 97826
JUNE 231002B

E/6411
JUNE 231615
PRIORITY

AFHQ SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE FHGEG
ACTION SHAEF RPTD FOR INFO: ALCOM FOR STONE, 15 ARMY GRP FOR GRUENTHER, 5TH ARMY FOR CRITTENBERGER.

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(Ref our 91983 and HQ ALCOM 9739 and 267 cite ACEXC)
Early reply to last paragraph FX 91983 requested.

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2 INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER
3 EX COMMISSIONER
4 S.O. TO C.C.
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PARAPHRASE OF OUTGOING MESSAGE

TO: AFHQ for SACMED, for info SHAEF FORWARD, 15 Army Group Personal for Gen. Gruenther, and 5 Army Personal for Gen. Crittenberger.

Ref. No. 267 Date: 21 June 1945 Precedence: Priority

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1. Further to your FX 91983 dated June 12. Answers to the questions not replied to in our 9739 of 14 June are as follows.

(To AFHQ for SACMED, for info SHAEF FORWARD, 15 Army Group Personal for Gen. Gruenther, and 5 Army Personal for Gen. Crittenberger from HQ AAFCC cite ACSIG)

2. Your para 4. Read in 3 columns (A) Month, (B) Average KW Peak, (C) KW HR in Millions.

Confino Station

Month	Avg. KW Peak	Millions KWhr p/m
January	9,100	2.26
February	9,300	2.94
March	10,200	4.59
April	10,200	6.48
May	10,000	7.10
June	10,000	5.48
July	9,900	6.06
August	7,800	2.80
September	6,000	1.87
October	7,900	2.14
November	10,100	3.41
December	7,600	2.39

Le Vesco Station

January	1,750	0.83
February	1,500	0.56
March	1,200	0.80
April	2,900	1.43
May	2,900	1.55
June	2,900	1.18
July	2,900	1.10
August	2,800	1.39
September	2,800	1.27

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Month	Avg. KW Peak	Millions kWhr p/m
	Le Mesce Station - Cont'd	
October	2,800	0.77
November	2,750	1.15
December	1,800	0.98
	San Polmazzo Station	
January	26,000	5.63
February	23,000	4.11
March	24,500	5.00
April	26,000	9.69
May	27,000	13.53
June	29,000	12.81
July	30,000	17.48
August	25,000	9.61
September	26,000	6.41
October	31,000	6.45
November	26,500	8.58
December	31,000	6.49

3. Your para 5. Le Mesce, 2,200 KW; San Polmazzo, 35,000 KW; Confine, 4,500 KW, latter reduced from 8400 KW owing to war damage to plant.

4. Your para 6. Unknown owing to French prohibiting communications with plant. Estimated to be 300 KW based upon knowledge that that quantity is supplied to French town of Fontan and upon belief that transmission lines running to French electric system are still damaged. In Fontan area industrial power can not be supplied from Italy since area formerly received 25 cycle supply and Italian supply is 50 cycle.

5. Further to your para 7. All present output diverted to France, transmission lines connecting plants to Italian system having been cut. Almost the entire capacity of plant is

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lost because the water is not employed to generate electrical energy.

6. Further to your para 8. Later, impairment will be of great extent when railroads increase operations and when service of 60,000 KW is supplied to Central Italy. San Salvazzo is a very useful source of 16 cycle generation for railroad operation in Genoa area.

7. Your para 9. Reasonable rates for entire electric system in North Italy now under study. Preliminary estimate is 80 centisemo per KWH based upon a load factor of not less than 30%.

8. Your para 10. Practically all the energy produced by these plants is essential to Italy. However, under the present circumstances of Italian industry three million KWH per month at a peak of 6,000 KW could be exported to France without causing serious difficulties. These figures subject to revision as industrial picture clearifies.

9. If energy exportation from Italy to France deemed necessary it is recommended that a 50 cycle San Salvazzo generator be connected to French system and that all other machines be reconnected to Italy. This will give France temporary replacement for damaged plant at Breil near San Salvazzo and will give Italy benefit of San Salvazzo Reservoir and 16⅔ cycle generation.

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SUBJECT IS RELIEF OF FRENCH TROOPS IN NORTH WEST ITALY BY ALLIED TROOPS PD

PARIS TO CROWE FIVE AFHQ FROM HEADQUARTERS ALCOM CITE ACHCE PARIS

REFERENCE YOUR FOX MIKE FOUR EIGHT TWO ZERO OF NINETEENTH JUNE PD ITALIAN

GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY AMERICAN AND BRITISH EMBASSIES AND HAS

UNDERTAKEN TO GIVE APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS TO THE ITALIAN PRESS PD

WE HAVE ALSO GIVEN APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS TO REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS PD

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Chief Commissioner
P.R. Branch.

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E. Talbot

Lieut.Col.

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REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS PIEMONTE, LIGURIA, LOMBARDIA, VENEZIE, EMELIA.

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SUBJECT IS RELIEF OF FRENCH TROOPS IN NORTH WEST ITALY BY ALLIED TROOPS

PAREN TO REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS PIEMONTE CMA LIGURIA CMA LOMBARDIA CMA VENEZIE CMA EMELIA FROM HEADQUARTERS AFHQ CITE ACEJE PAREN

IT IS MOST IMPORTANT THAT YOU ENSURE THAT NEWSPAPERS IN YOUR REGIONS DO NOT GIVE ANY XXXXXXXXXX PUBLICITY TO THIS SUBJECT AND THAT THE EXPRESSION QUOTE WITHDRAWAL OF FRENCH TROOPS UNQUOTE BE NOT USED PD

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Chief Commissioner
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Lt.Col.

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JUNE 20/1743Z

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JUNE 20/2025Z
ROUTINE

AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FWD3

ACTION: ALCOM ROME INFO: FIFTH ARMY, 15 ARMY GROUP, IV CORPS, 1 ARMD DIV, 34 INF DIV, 6TH DIV, 6TH SA ARMD DIV

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Your 141 Cite ACELE.

Frontalier traffic French-Italian border now permitted. Authority contained in FX 92512 to IV CORPS repeated 15 ARMY GROUP and FIVE ARMY. In pursuance above meeting took place 16 June and arrangements made for grazing (See IV CORPS 1956 frontier Sitrep number 42 repeated all addressees this message). Matter referred to in your 141 founded on IV CORPS signal of 15 June appears therefore to have been dealt with

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ACTION : EX COMMISSIONER (2)

INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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G-5 AMIQ

RPT FOR INFORMATION 5 Army, 15 Army Group, IV Corps, 1st Armd Div, 34 Inf Div, 6 SA Armd Div.

1.1 19 June 45. Priority.

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FOUR CORPS SIGNAL ONE NINE ONE FIVE OF FIFTEENTH JUNE REFERS FD

PAREN TO GEORGE FIVE AFTR REPEATED FOR INFORMATION FIVE ARMY FIFTEENTH

ARMY GROUP/ FOUR CORPS FIRST ARMOURED DIVISION THIRTY FOURTH INFANTRY

DIVISION SIXTH SUGAR ABLE ARMOURED DIVISION FROM HEADQUARTERS AIOOM CIVE

ACEXE PAREN

URGE THAT THEIR CUSTOMARY GRAZING RIGHTS BE ARRANGED WITHOUT DELAY FD

APART FROM ECONOMIC LOSS IN SLAUGHTERING THREE THOUSAND HEAD OF CATTLE

THE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS ARE SERIOUS AND MAY EASILY LEAD TO DISORDER FD

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Lieut.Col.

Nicholas Brimhall
CWO USA
Asst Adjutant

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Chief Commissioner

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CG IV CORPS WELLS G2

CG 5TH ARMY, 15 ARMY GRP, AFHQ, ALCOM, 1ST ARMD DIV, 34 INF DIV, 6 SA ARMD DIV.

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G2: All French troops cleared out of DEMONTE N6547 at 191300B. 2 BN, 18 RI in process of moving from GAIOLA N735477 towards the French border. In FRANCE, VIC ST MARTIN DE VESUBIE N605208-ROQUEBRILLIERE N645145 area 16 RTS being relieved by 57 RI and reverting to control of parent unit (1 COLONIAL DIVISION of the far east) and 18 RTS to be relieved by 14 RI, between 21 and 23 June and also to revert to parent unit, 1 DCEO. (Frontier Sitrep number 53 closing 191800B.)

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ACTION - EX COMMISSIONER 2
INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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CG IV CORPS, SELLS, G-2

CG 5 ARMY, 15 ARMY GP, APHQ, ATOUN, 1ST ARMD DIV, 6 SA ARMD DIV, 34 INF DIV.

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95: French soldiers in AOSTA Area now bartering salt instead of giving it away. (Frontier Wire Number 52 closing 191200B).

HQ 5 ARMY
19 JUN 1945
A. C.

HQ

ACTION - IX CORPS 2
INFO - CHIEF CONSTITUENTS -
POLAD (A)
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HQ IV CORPS SIGNED SCAO
RC PIEMONTE REGION, AMG; RC LIGURIA REGION, AMG; RC LOMBARDIA REGION, AMG FOR ACTION, HQ ALCOM FOR INFORMATION.

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Ref NR 150.

Subject: Meetings and Assemblies.

HQ IV CORPS has no objection to meetings and assemblies so long as conducted in conformance with Article 4 Proclamation 3 of the Allied Military Government.

2. This pertains to residents of northern ITALY as well as to residents of southern ITALY who may come to northern ITALY.

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INFO-ACTION - CA SEC
INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER
EX COMMISSIONER
PUB SAFETY
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Admiral Stone

S.O. to C.C
JUN 20 RECD
CC 0916
3414.

Memorandum for the Record.

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Reference: F 94820, 18 June.

I was advised by Mr. Offie that both the State Department and the Foreign Office take the view that formal notification of the Italian Government of arrangements for French withdrawal should be presented not by the Chief Commissioner Allied Commission, but by the two Ambassadors in Rome. There is no objection, however, to the Chief Commissioner advising the Italian Government informally but he should only do this after clearing with the two Ambassadors.

A message to the above effect was telephoned, in the absence of Admiral Stone, to Major Stearns of his office at 1205 hrs, 18 June.

J. MURRAY MITCHELL
Colonel, GSC

Copy to:
ACOS, G-5
D/ACOS, G-5
Italian Section, Plans & Ops

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C.P MMISSIONER (2)

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JUNE 18/0930Z

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JUNE 18/1414Z
PRIORITY

AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHQBB

NOTICE: ALCOM ROME

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1. In view of Allied Press disclosure of French withdrawal NW ITALY, considered that Italian Government and press may take opportunity to treat as major success. This highly undesirable in view of policy enunciated NAF 1009 NAF 1010 and EX 91704 and would undoubtedly evoke great French resentment.

2. You will take all appropriate steps to bring to the attention of Italian Government the unfortunate effects such publicity would produce, and to advise that the greatest importance is attached by this headquarters to maintenance of policy of restrent on part of Italian Government and press, with respect to reported changes in dispositions of French Troops in areas in question. Your action should include notification in above sense to the new Italian Cabinet immediately upon formation

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ACTION : EX COMMISSIONER (2)

INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER
POLAD (A)
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

EXTRACT

SAC (P) (45) 15th Meeting

19 June 1945

SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE (POLITICAL)

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7. SITUATION ON FRANCO-ITALIAN FRONTIER

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(Previous reference SAC (P) (45) 14th Meeting, Minute 7)

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MAJOR GENERAL LEMNITZER reported that under the terms of an agreement signed at Allied Force Headquarters on 11 June, all French forces in Northwest ITALY would be withdrawn to the east side of the 1939 Franco-Italian frontier by 10 July. Information had been received that withdrawal had already commenced in the VAL D'AOSTA area.

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

Took note, with approval, of the above report.

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12. WITHDRAWAL OF FRENCH FORCES FROM NORTHWEST ITALY

(Paper No. SAC (P) (45) 30) — 96a

'B'

THE CONFERENCE had before them the record of a meeting between the Chief of Staff and a representative of the Chief of the French General Staff of National Defense which resulted in the agreement that French forces would withdraw by 10 July to the West side of the 1939 Franco-Italian frontier.

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

Approved the decisions taken by the Chief of Staff in Paper No. SAC (P) (45) 30.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 806/EC. 16 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Notes - Visit to PIEDMONT REGION.

(CO Marshall coal convoy)

TO : Distribution below.

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9. I stressed on the Deputy Regional Commissioner the necessity for visiting Provincial HQs in the East. Such visits should be easier now that the French difficulties have been overcome. I also stressed the importance of the Regional Commissioner and his Deputy visiting and keeping in close touch with Lombardia Region HQ. It must be accepted that MILAN, to a great extent, is the centre of NW Italy and close coordination between Regions is necessary.

10. Both Lt.Col. McDONALD and Major STEWART, Public Health, are over 55 and most anxious to be released. Major Stewart should most certainly go and can be spared, and both should go if a relief can be found for Lt.Col. McDONALD.

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11. I discussed the question of Major BAILARD, late SOE, with Colonel Selby and am satisfied that it would be unwise to send him to Piemonte, in fact he should be interviewed for final acceptancy to AC.

12. I have told Colonel Selby that Acting Provincial Commissioners now in Piemonte will be confirmed as Provincial Commissioners and that their names will be put forward for promotion.

13. Colonel Selby warmly recommends Captain Hind-Smith for promotion and asked whether officers remaining on after their release group would be entitled to promotion. I said that they would be in the same position as anyone else and I hoped promotions would be made to fill vacancies.

14. A report is at hand that the CC.RR in the Val D'Ascola are without firearms.

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Executive Commissioner.

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JUN 172045B

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OP PRIORITY

GG IV CORPS WELLS, G-2

GG 5TH ARMY, 15 ARMY GROUP, AFHQ, ALCOM, 1ST ARMD DIV, 34 INF DIV, 6 SA ARMD DIV

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Frontier sitrep number 45 closing 171800B.

G2: French troops reported withdrawing from VALERI M7443 area CUNEO Province on 16 June. Headquarters of 18 Infantry Regiment, Cannon Company, Anti Tank Company, and 1 Artillery Battalion began movement back to FRANCE. 1 Infantry Battalion of 18 Infantry Regiment moving back on 17 June. Name of French Consul in GENOA is PAUL RAYMOND. He was sent to GENOA from PALERMO, SICILY by French Ambassador in ROME. Telegram on his person verified this.

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CG EV COMUS WELLS, G-2

CG 5TH ARMY, 15 ARMY GROUP, AFHQ, ALGOM, 1ST ARMD DIV, 34 INF DIV, 6 SA ARMD DIV

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Frontier sitrep number 42 closing 162400.

02: In compliance AFHQ message FX 92512. Lt Col LEGLISE, DOTUS Frontier Control Officer met BRAAFLADT of AFHQ Frontier Control and WELLS at MENTON today. Arrangements completed to open French frontalier traffic at once, which will permit herds both French and Italian to graze on MONTGENEVRE plateau. Agreement confined to subject frontalier traffic, feeding of cattle was objective, property rights deliberately excluded.

03: French movement across frontier: 6 hour period to 160600: 35 going west, 40 going east. 6 hour period to 220000: 11 going west, 12 going east.

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INFO: Chief Commissioner
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CG IV CORPS WELLS, G-2
CG 5TH ARMY, 15 ARMY GP, AMHQ, ALCOM, 1ST ARMD DIV, 34 INF DIV, 6 BA ARMD DIV

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Frontier sitrep number 41 closing 1618008.

G2: Col VOISIN leaving for FRANCE today. JUAN FRASNY deported from FRANCE and VINCENT TREVES, Signorina MUCCI and ALBERTO MILLAZ will leave soon. They are all Italian pro-annexationists.

G5: 300 armed partisans remain in AOSTA Valley and there is all of avenging death of VEVEY. (Previously referred to in Frontier sitrep number 33 as DENEY).

G3: Nothing to report.

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ACTION: Exec Commissioner 2
INFO: Chief Commissioner
Poland (A)
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JUN 160911B

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ROUTINE

AMS 5 ARMY FOR HERE CITE 355
HQ. AGIND RPT G5. IV CORPS RPT HQ. PIEMONTE REGION

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Following is cable received from G5. IV CORPS and forwarded to you for immediate necessary action:

"Port of GENOA not expected to be opened for some weeks. After opening waters vicinity of coal docks will require minesweeping. Entrance to port of SAVONA being swept expected to be open in 14 days after clearance. Recommend coal essential to industries NORTH WEST ITALY be despatched SAVONA immediately and Royal Navy asked to cooperate in clearing entrance earliest."

2. Please cable your action to HEADQUARTERS PIEMONTE REGION as matter is urgent.

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AMG IV CORPS

GG 5 ARMY, 15 ARMY GP, AFHQ, AICOM, 1st ARMD DIV, 34 INF DIV,
6 SA ARMD DIV

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Frontier Sitrep 38 covering period 152400B.

G-2: Reports from Italian officials state French stop and search all vehicles at block for French refugees. Commanding Officer of French Repatriation Center at SUSA 95441 stated that on 8 June 130 persons had been sent to FRANCE from this repatriation center. Major FRAISSE, of General Hq at SUSA, stated to Provincial Commissioner of TURIN on 12 June that no crossing would be allowed by Italians owning herds in the MONCENISIO plateau. Though an order to this effect was issued by General DOYEN, the Provincial Commissioner advised the Major that the MONCENISIO plateau is part of the Province of TURIN and that cattle would be sent to the plateau and any interference by French troops would be reported to higher authority. Radio sent by this Hq to General DOYEN on this matter and WELLS and BRAAFLADT enroute to area 16 June to arrange for opening frontalier traffic. Request made of General DOYEN to furnish whereabouts of engineer ROSSI of hydroelectric plant who disappeared SAN SALVARIO DI TENDA 98248 on 8 May, reportedly taken into FRANCE. Reliable information indicated 2 Italians, Dr MANCUSSI and RINGO ROSSI were planning to Incite

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trouble between Americans and French. ROSSI arrested and jailed in SAN REMO. MARCHESI left for ROME.

G-3: Nothing to report.

G-5: Locomotive removed across French border from vicinity ULZIO on 10 June by French military personnel has not been returned despite promise of French to return same immediately. Gendarmes continue to flow into Province of TORINO. French commander in LIMONE 888834 agreed that AMG issue passes previously issued by French but that French countersign each pass.

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Info - Chief Commissioner
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AMG FIFTH ARMY PERSONAL FOR GENERAL HUME FOR ACTION AND FOR INFO TO PIEMONTE REGION CMA AMG IV CORPS AND LIGURIA REGION

9895 16 JUNE 45 OP PRIORITY

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PAR ONE PD TRANSFER OF MILITARY GOVERNMENT IN BORDER COMMUNES FROM FRENCH TO ALLIED ADMINISTRATION IS SUBJECT PD

PAREN TO AMG FIFTH ARMY FOR HUME FOR ACTION TO PIEMONTE REGION FOR INFO TO AMG IV CORPS FOR INFO TO LIGURIA REGION FOR INFO FROM ALCOM CITE ACSCC PAREN

PAR TWO P D I HAVE DISCUSSED THIS WITH AFHQ PD FRENCH MILITARY GOVERNMENT IS WITHOUT VALIDITY PD THEREFORE AMG SHOULD BE RESUMED OR INSTALLED WITHOUT FORMALITY OF TRANSFER AND PARTICULARLY IT IS MOST IMPORTANT THAT NO CEREMONY OF ANY KIND SHOULD BE HELD IN CONNECTION THEREWITH PD

cc: Exec. Comm'r.
Estab. Sec. (Col. Fiske)
CA Section

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AFHQ FOR G-5

9873 16 June 1945 PRIORITY

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REFERENCE TELEPHONE CALL FROM COLONEL MITCHELL RE NO PUBLICITY ON FRENCH TROOP MOVEMENTS IN ITALY FD

PAREN TO AFHQ FOR GEORGE FIVE FROM HQ AGCM FROM ADMIRAL STONE CITE ACSCC PAREN

HOME STARS AND STRIPES TODAY CARRIES REUTERS DISPATCH FROM LONDON JUNE FIFTEENTH STATING FRENCH TROOPS ARE WITHDRAWING TO THEIR FRONTIER AND STATE DEPARTMENT RADIO BULLETIN NUMBER ONE FOUR THREE OF JUNE FIFTEENTH QUOTES ITEM FROM BALTIMORE SUN OF JUNE FIFTEENTH STATING THAT DISPATCH FROM FRANCE ADVISES THAT THE FRENCH HAVE BEGUN TO WITHDRAW FROM THE AOSTA VALLEY

cc: Exec. Commit.
Chief Commissioner

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Rear Admiral, USNR
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French Troops Leave Aosta Valley To Italians

LONDON, June 15 — Difficulties that had arisen between France and the western Allies over French occupation of Val d'Aosta and other valleys in northern Italy are now being cleared up, with French troops withdrawing to their frontier, it was reported by Reuter's today.

Conversations are going on between French and Italian Governments over the status to be given immediately to Val d'Aosta and other French-speaking Alpine valleys, according to reports here. Fascist laws enforcing Italianization of schools and place names have already been abolished.

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OP-PRIORITY

CG IV CORPS, WELLS, G-2

CG 5TH ARMY, 15 ARMY GROUP, AFHQ, ALCOM, 1ST ARMD DIV, 34 INF DIV, 6 SA ARMD DIV.

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G5: 20FRENCH GENDARMES have taken over the commune of CHIEMONTE H4838. (Frontier Sitrep number 36 closing 151200B). Allied Military Government wishing to avoid an incident have taken no action and hope situation will resolve itself in few days.

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INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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JUNE 151910B

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OP-PRIORITY

CG IV CORPS WELLS, C-2
CG 5TH ARMY, 15 ARMY GROUP, APHQ, ALSOM, 1ST ARMD DIV, 34 INF DIV, 6 SA ARMD DIV.

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G2: The road through the little S BERNARD Pass C4501 east of the French border is open to allow passage of 3/4 ton vehicles. (Frontier Sitrep number 37 closing 151800B). French special mission is leaving INTROD C7001 sometime tomorrow. Population of AOSTA believe that the French are soon leaving the valley. There is a clandestine meeting of Partisans tonight. It is anticipated that the meeting is to discuss ways and means to stop Italian civilians who have been helping the French from returning to FRANCE with the French troops. G3: Nothing to report. G5: Italian attempted to smuggle rice across the border at D972259. Arrested and handed over to carabinieri.

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INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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JUNE 151500B

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JUNE 160830
ROUTINE

LOMBARDIA REGION DISPLACED PERSONS
HQ ALCOM CITE ACDPR

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For POLETTI SIGNED SLATER.

1. Ref your signal 9516.
2. Matter referred to G-2 IV CORPS.
3. 5 French officers in MILAN 4 in TURIN. Remainder unlocated.
4. G-2. IV CORPS have matter in hand and have informed AFHQ.
5. Understand 1 French officer reporting ALCOM ROME.

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INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER
CA SEC
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AFHQ FOR SACMED, FOR INFO SHAEF FORWARD, CMX FIVE ARMY GROUP PERSONAL FOR GEN GRUENTHER, AND FIVE ARMY PERSONAL FOR GEN CRITTENBERGER

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FROM [illegible] FD

GENERATED AND PUT ON TO THE GRID SYSTEM FOR GENERAL DISTRIBUTION IN LIGURIA FD PAREN TO AFHQ FOR SACMED FROM HQ AJCOM PERSONAL FROM ADMIRAL STARK REPEAT FOR INFO SHAEF FORWARD CMA CMX FIVE ARMY GROUP PERSONAL FOR GENERAL GRUENTHER CMA AND FIVE ARMY PERSONAL FOR GENERAL CRITTENBERGER PAREN

THE SUGAR FD DALMAZZO STATION ALSO SUPPLIED CMX TWO ZERO ZERO ZERO KILOWATTS AT CMX SIX CYCLES FOR THE RAILWAY SYSTEM FD PARAS FOUR FIVE AND SIX FD ANSWERS TO BE OBTAINED FD SEVEN FD THE WHOLE OF THE OUTPUT OF THESE PLANTS IS TAKEN OVER BY THE FRENCH AND AS THEY HAVE DISCONNECTED THE TELEPHONE SERVICE CMA WE HAVE NO INFORMATION AS TO THE PRESENT USE FD EIGHT FD THE ITALIAN SERVICES OR ALLIED SERVICES IN ITALY ARE NOT AT PRESENT BEING IMPAIRED BY LOSS OF THESE THREE STATIONS FD IT MAY MEAN THAT IN THREE OR FOUR MONTHS TIME COAL WILL HAVE TO BE SUPPLIED TO ITALIAN STATIONS FD A MORE COMPLETE ANSWER WILL BE GIVEN AFTER DISCUSSING THE MATTER WITH THE ELECTRIC COMPANY FD PARAS NINE AND TEN FD ANSWERS TO BE OBTAINED FD

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AFHQ FOR SACMED, FOR INFO SHAEF FORWARD, ONE FIVE ARMY GROUP PERSONAL FOR GEN GRUENTHER, AND FIVE ARMY PERSONAL FOR GENERAL CRITTENBERGER

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TOP SECRET PD

REFERENCE YOUR FOX XRAY NINE ONE NINE EIGHT THREE CMA JUNE ONE TWO CMA CONCERNING HYDROELECTRIC PLANTS IN BASSE ROYA PAREN ROIA PAREN VALLEY SITUATED AT SAN DALMAZZO CMA CONFINE CMA AND LE MESCE PD UNABLE FOR MOMENT TO ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS AS RECORDS HERE NOT COMPLETE PD LIEUTENANT COLONEL BENTON LEAVING IMMEDIATELY FOR GENOA TO DISCUSS AND OBTAIN ANSWERS WHICH IN MANY CASES MUST BE OBTAINED FROM COMPANY RECORDS PD A COMPLETE ANSWER CAN BE GIVEN IN ABOUT THREE DAYS PD AM ABLE TO ANSWER SOME OF YOUR QUESTIONS NOW AS FOLLOWS CLN ONE PAREN ABLE PAREN POWER STATIONS LE MESCE TWO TWO ZERO ZERO KILOWATTS CMA SAN DALMAZZO THREE FIVE ZERO ZERO ZERO CMA AND CONFINS EIGHT FOUR ZERO ZERO KILOWATTS CMA ALL OWNED BY EDISON GROUP PD PAREN BARE PAREN THESE PLANTS NORMALLY OPERATED BY SUBSIDIARY OF EDISON GROUP COMPAGNIA IMPRESE ELETTRICHE LIGURI PAREN CHARLIE ITEM EASY LOVE ITEM PAREN CMA OFFICE AT GENOA PD PAREN CHARLIE PAREN PLANTS AT PRESENT BEING OPERATED BY CHARLIE ITEM EASY LOVE ITEM PERSONNEL UNDER DIRECTION OF FRENCH AUTHORITIES PD TWO PD THE PLANTS WERE LINKED UP WITH EACH OTHER AND WITH THE GRID SYSTEM FOR UTILIZATION OF POWER PD THEY HAVE BEEN ISOLATED FROM THE GRID SYSTEM BY THE FRENCH CMA BUT WE HAVE NO INFORMATION AS TO THEIR CONNECTIONS AT PRESENT PD THREE PD POWER IS NORMALLY

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CG IV CORPS WELLS, G-2.
CG 5TH ARMY, 15 ARMY GROUP, AFHQ, ALCOM, 1ST ARMD DIV, 34 INF DIV, 6 SA ARMD DIV

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G2. Col MARSHALL, Provincial Commander of PIEDMONTE reports seeing line of approximate following trace on French commander map and believes it to be frontier desired by French in coastal sector: Beginning R6324-6523-7023-7525-8027-8528-8828-9027-9523-9720-9817-9814-9610-9406-9100-89097-8995-8990 to coast at 8886. (Frontier sitrep No 28 closing 131200B). G3. NTR. G5. 5 additional members Col VERNES French Military Mission for repatriation north ITALY (see frontier sitrep No 12) arrived yesterday in MILAN. Sample order of member TURIN mission forwarded 5TH ARMY shows "No objection" and is signed illegible SHAEF. The funeral for Partisan DERRY connected with LANDONI case (see frontier sitrep No 22)held this morning without incident. Partisan LEAVER Major BLANC and French Commander Col DE GALBERT cooperated to maintain order.

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ACTION - EX COMMISSIONER 2
INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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PRIORITY

IV CORPS

CG 5th ARMY, 15 ARMY GROUP, AFHQ, AFCOM, 1st ARMD DIV, 34 INF DIV, 6 SA ARMD DIV

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Erratum. (Reference frontier sitrep number 27 closing 130600B)

Line reading "Traffic during night through COLLE GRAN S BERNARDO pass etc" should read "Traffic during night through LITTLE S BERNARDO Pass C 1601, 33 West and 20 East".

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AFHQ FOR ALEXANDER FOR G5; ALCOM (AFHQ PASS) FOR ALEXANDER REPEAT FOR INFO TO TROOPERS; SHAEF MAIN FOR G5 FOR LE RUA NOM; SHAEF MISSION BELGIUM FOR G5; SHAEF MISSION FRANCE FOR G5; SHAEF MISSION DENMARK FOR G5; CG COMMUNICATIONS ZONE FOR G5; MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY (AFHQ PASS)

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The references are your FX 89136 dated 7 June and your FX 88206 dated 5 June 45, cite: FWDG.

The 2 French officers requested are being sent ROME from PARIS on or about 16 June 45. Names are Major GERMAIN DELRECCO and Capt. EMILE SIGARD.

Arrangements for attachment to your headquarters and movement of BELGIAN officers CAILLES and DE LA HAYE, by communication zone 5 June 45.

Awaiting notification from Chief Danish Liaison officer as to officers nominated for this assignment. Will advise Rte.

Please confirm immediately your additional requirements. If any, for Allied Liaison officers which you wish this headquarters to procure, as pool facilities no longer exist and surplus officers must be returned to the government concerned.

For AIRCOM: Reference your FX-88881 dated 6 June 45 and FX 87481 of 4 June from AFHQ. 4 Italian officers referred to as departing on 6 June have arrived and have been deployed. 5 officers referred to as emplaning on 26 May have not arrived to date and replacements no longer considered necessary. This confirms that 14 additional Italian officers which you state have been alerted are not required.

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(W/n Note: No trace of WARGA)

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JUNE 121945B

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JUNE 122200B
PRIORITY

AMG IV CORPS WELLS, G-2
CG 5 ARMY, 15 ARMY GP, AFHQ, ALCOM, 1ST SPMD DIV, 34 INF DIV,
6 SA ARMD DIV

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Frontier Sitrep Nr 25 closing 121800B.

G-2: French Liaison officer from 2 SPVOI Div asked 13 Bde SA to discontinue escorting French to Bde Hq before permitting entry to TURIN. Request denied. French asked permission for personnel on leave to stay in TURIN. Request denied.

G-3: Nothing to report.

G-5: Nothing to report.

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GG 5TH ARMY, 15 ARMY GROUP, AFHQ, ALCOM, 4 1ST ARMD DIV, 34 INF DIV, 6 SA ARMD DIV

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Frontier sitrep number 24 closing 121200B.

G2: Investigation as to authenticity of orders of French Military Mission in TURIN indicated that orders have not been indorsed by AFHQ but have been issued to the individual members of the organization by SHAEF as individual permits allowing movement into ITALY for no stated reason. Nothing on orders indicates that SHAEF has indorsed the establishment of a military mission at TURIN. Copies of these individual permits will follow when received at this HQ. Report received 8 June indicates that French troops moved into BORGIO PELLICE [illegible] 5603 apparently with no intention to stay. They are now withdrawing. At 120450B and 120510B, 2 fully equipped parties of French composed of 15 men each left S MARTIN J1786 for CRESSONEY D2118.

G5: In AOSTA Province French soldiers distributed salt to 3 communes gratis with receipt vouchers. Quantity not large. At LA THUILE C5304 a French captain named DESCHENTEAUX collected 305965 Francs from trades people stating he would take it to FRANCE and exchange it for Allied military currency or "French Occupation Currency". He has not been heard of since. His receipt, which was handed to the secretary of LA THUILE, stated that the Francs were to be exchanged for new French notes. Reference arrest of LANDONI and removal to FRANCE by French. (See frontier sitrep number 5). AMG official of AOSTA Province pointed out to French commander that an AMG court existed at AOSTA which is set up to try any Italian for an offense against

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Allied personnel but French commander replied that an offense committed against French military had to be tried by French military law. 2 Italian partisans report that on 21 May when passing through EXILES H4536 they were stopped by an armed group of French soldiers and beaten up for no apparent cause.

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WITHDRAWAL OF FRENCH FORCES FROM NORTH-WEST ITALY

RECORD OF A MEETING BETWEEN LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN AND MAJOR GENERAL CARPENTIER IN THE G-3 WAR ROOM AT 1600 HOURS ON MONDAY 11TH JUNE 1945

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Chairman, Mediterranean Joint Planning Staff

Colonel K. . . Clark, representing
Chief, ETO

Colonel J. F. Bastion, Jr.,
Secretary to Supreme Allied Commander

Interpreters

Major J. R. Buller,
Liaison Section, AFHQ

Captain ... Patricot,
French Army

Secretaries

Lieuterant Colonel J.G.Sweetman
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STURA DE DEMONTE VALLEY - 20th June

VAL D'AOSTA - 25th June

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LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN replied that this proposal was acceptable.

MAJOR GENERAL CARPENTIER then spoke of the introduction of Allied Military Government. He considered that this would present no problem in the Northern and Central sectors. However, there was a large proportion of the population in the TENDA area who had indicated their desire that the territory should be annexed to FRANCE. In order that there should be no repercussions on the part of, or against, these citizens, he proposed that the handover to AMG officials should take place while French forces were still in the area. In this way, French officers could be relieved one by one by AMG officials at such time

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as the Anglo-American commander considered appropriate. United States or British forces would then arrive, and French forces would be relieved, according to arrangements which would be made on the spot between local commanders.

BRIGADIER GENERAL HULL considered that this was satisfactory inasmuch as AMG officials were already in the area. Although they were not functioning at the present time, their relations with French officials were friendly, and they could begin operating immediately, if required.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN, referring to the propaganda campaign now being conducted by the French in Northwest ITALY, stated that this must cease forthwith.

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MAJOR GENERAL LEMNITZER expressed the opinion that an agreement such as this, resulting in considerable movement of troops, could not be concealed from the Press. He stated that AFHQ no longer controlled Italian press and unless the French took the initiative and released an announcement favorable to them, they must expect articles to appear in Italian and World Press which might be most provocative and injurious. He believed that speculation on the part of correspondents could be avoided if the French and Anglo-American authorities were to issue a joint release or, if the French desired, to make the release themselves.

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LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN stated that all possible steps would be taken by the Supreme Allied Commander to prevent mention of the present agreement by the Press or Radio of this Theatre. He would likewise suggest to the British and American Governments that they issue no public statement. He added that there was no objection, however, to the French Government issuing a release. He then suggested that the meeting should adjourn while a draft agreement was prepared. This could later be signed at an informal conference in his office.

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G-2: French statement regarding shotting of Partisan SERGIO is that Capt CACHAT, French Detachment Cmdr at INTROD C 7001 heard about a secret Partisan meeting at VILLA NUOVA (near INTROD) last night which SERGIO attended. Purpose reportedly to plan for capture of hostages for LANDONI (Ref Sitrep No 5) SERGIO was ordered to report to French Cmdr at 102230B and did so. The French Cmdr was absent so SERGIO wished to leave and return later. When the guards refused he knocked one down. The guard got up and shot him. French maintain he was shot trying to escape. Matter regarded by Italians as civil matter, AMG and French officials discussing affair. At LITTLE ST BERNARD Pass C 47019 French soldiers entered ITALY, 33 departed as of 2200B.

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INCOMING MESSAGE
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: FX 91983

Date/Time of Origin: June 121809

Message Center No. 155/12

Date/Time Rec'd: June 122350

Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED Cite: FHMEG Ref paragraph 7 NICIO

TO: ALCOM PERSONAL FOR STONE, REPEATED FOR INFO TO SHAEF FORWARD, 15th ARMY GROUP PERSONAL FOR GRUENTHER AND FIFTH ARMY PERSONAL FOR CRITTENBERGER

Edited Literal Text

Understood three hydro-electric plants in Basse Roya (Roia) Valley situated respectively at San Dalmazzo N8615 Confine N8219 and Le Mesce N8717.

Information required as follows:

1. Who owns plants, under whose supervision are they normally operated and who is operating plants now.

2. Are plants linked up with each other for utilization power output.

3. To what use is power normally put.

4. What are average KW output figures of plants for each month of calendar year with plants working maximum capacity.

5. What is present possible. KW output.

6. What is present KW output and if less than maximum for what reason.

7. How much of present output is being diverted to France and for what use.

8. To what extent are Italian services or Allied services in Italy now being impaired by diversion as in 7 and what future impairment having regard seasonal fluctuation is envisaged if present French use continues.

9. What is considered reasonable cost of energy which may be diverted to France.

10. What quantities of power is it considered reasonable to divert in future to France in relation to reasonable demands ~~for Italian~~ use or for use of Allied services in Italy.

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TO SHAEF FORWARD. Understood plants which used to supply Nice and Mentone were damaged by Germans. Request you state location, whether plants damaged beyond repair or to what extent and whether French showing any signs of reactivating.

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From : AFHQ
To : ALCOM FOR STONE

Date | Time Rec'd : 2350
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UNDERSTOOD THREE HYDRO ~~ELECTRIC~~ ELECTRIC PLANTS IN BASSE ROYA ~~PARENS~~

~~PARENS~~ PAREN RGIA ~~PARENS~~ PAREN VALLEY SITUATED

RESPECTIVELY AT SAN SALVATORE NAN EIGHT SIX ONE FIVE CONFINE NAN EIGHT

TWO ONE NINE AND LE MESCE ~~AVELENGO~~ NAN EIGHT SEVEN ONE SEVEN PD

PAREN TO ~~ALCOMDEP~~ ALCOM PERSONAL FOR STONE ~~FROM~~ REPEATED FOR

INFO TO SHAEF FORWARD CMA FIFTEENTH ARMY GROUP PERSONAL FOR GRUENTHER

AND FIFTH ARMY PERSONAL FOR CRITTENBERGER FOX XRAY NINE ONE NINE EIGHT

THREE SIGNED SACMED CITE ~~FHGEG~~ FHGEG REF PARAGRAPH SEVEN NAN ~~ONE~~

ONE ZERO ONE ZERO XX TOPSECRET XX PAREN PD PARA PD INFORMATION

REQUIRED AS FOLLOWS CLN PARA ONE PD WHO OWNS PLANTS CMA UNDER WHOSE

SUPERVISION ARE THEY NORMALLY OPERATED AND WHO IS OPERATING ~~PLANTS~~

PLANTS NOW PD PARA TWO PD ARE PLANTS LINKED UP WITH EACH OTHER FOR

UTILIZATION ~~PLANTS~~ POWER OUTPUT PD PARA THREE PD TO WHAT USE IS POWER

NORMALLY PUT PD PARA FOUR PD WHAT ARE AVERAGE KW ~~PLANTS~~ OUTPUT FIGURES

OF PLANTS FOR EACH MONTH OF CALENDAR YEAR WITH PLANTS WORKING ~~MAXIMUM~~

MAXIMUM CAPACITY PD PARA FIVE PD WHAT IS PRESENT POSSIBLE ~~MAXIMUM~~ KW

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OUTPUT PD PARA SIX PD WHAT IS PRESENT KW [redacted] OUTPUT AND IF LESS THAN MAXIMUM FOR WHAT REASON PD PARA SEVEN PD HOW MUCH OF PRESENT [redacted] OUTPUT IS BEING DIVERTED TO FRANCE AND FOR WHAT USE PD PARA EIGHT PD TO WHAT EXTENT ARE ITALIAN SERVICES OR ALLIED SERVICES IN ITALY NOW BEING IMPAIRED BY DIVERSION AS IN SEVEN AND [redacted] WHAT FUTURE IMPAIRMENT HAVING REGARD SEASONAL FLUCTUATION IS ENVISAGED IF PRESENT FRENCH USE CONTINUES PD PARA NINE PD WHAT IS CONSIDERED REASONABLE COST OF ENERGY WHICH MAY BE DIVERTED TO FRANCE PD PARA TEN PD WHAT QUANTITIES OF POWER IS IT CONSIDERED REASONABLE TO DIVERT IN FUTURE TO FRANCE IN RELATION TO REASONABLE DEMANDS FOR ITALIAN USE OR FOR USE OF ALLIED SERVICES IN ITALY PD PARA FO TO SHAEF [redacted] FORWARD PL PARA PD UNDERSTOOD PLANTS WHICH USED TO SUPPLY NICE [redacted] AND MENTONE [redacted] WERE DAMAGED BY GERMANS PD REQUEST YOU STATE LOCATION CMA WHETHER PLANTS DAMAGED BEYOND [redacted] REPAIR OR TO WHAT EXTENT AND WHETHER FRENCH SHOWING ANY SIGNS OF [redacted] REACTIVATING

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To ALCOM PERSONAL FOR ADMIRAL STONE

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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AGREEMENT REACHED IN CONFERENCE WITH FRENCH DELEGATION REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH TWO OF NAF ~~RPT NAF~~ ONE ZERO ZERO EIGHT PD

TO AGWAR FOR COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF AND AMSSO FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF REPEATED FOR INFORMATION TO SHAEF FORWARD AND FIFTEENTH ARMY GROUP PERSONAL FOR GENERAL GRUENTHER AND FIFTH ARMY PERSONAL FOR GENERAL CRITTENBERGER ~~RPT CRITTENBERGER~~ AND ALCOM PERSONAL FOR ADMIRAL STONE ~~RPT STONE~~ FOX XRAY NINE ONE SIX SEVEN SEVEN SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE FHCOS ~~RPT FHCOS~~ PD

THIS IS NAF ~~RPT NAF~~ ONE ZERO ONE ZERO PD NAF 1010

BEGINS PD PARA ONE PD THE FRENCH TROOPS IN NORTHWEST ITALY WILL BE RELIEVED BY ANGLO DASH AMERICAN FORCES PD THIS RELIEF WILL BE CARRIED OUT PROGRESSIVELY PD THE FRENCH TROOPS WILL COMMENCE TO MOVE OUT OF NORTHWEST ITALY IMMEDIATELY PD ALL FRENCH TROOPS AND FRENCH LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WILL CMA EXCEPT AS SET OUT AT PARAGRAPH SIX BELOW CMA BE WEST OF THE ONE NINE THREE NINE FRANCO

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DASH ITALIAN FRONTIER BY ONE ZERO JULY ONE NINE FOUR FIVE PD

PARA TWO PD THE FRENCH MOVEMENT TO THE WEST OF THE ONE NINE THREE NINE FRONTIER WILL BE COMPLETED IN THE AREAS STATED BY THE DATES SHOWN BELOW CLN SUBPARA ABLE PD ~~STURA DEARDELMONTE RPT~~ STURA DE DELMONTE VALLEY DASH TWO ZERO JUNE PD SUBPARA BAKER ~~EXHURT~~ PD VAL DAOSTA ~~RPT VAL DAOSTA~~ DASH TWO FIVE JUNE PD SUBPARA CHARLIE PD SUSA DASH OULX DASH CESANA ~~RPT SUSA DASH OULX DASH CESANA~~ DASH ONE JULY PD SUBPARA DOG PD TENDA DASH VENTIMIGLIA ~~RPT TENDA DASH~~ ~~VENTIMIGLIA~~ DASH ONE ZERO ~~EXHURT~~ JULY PDS

PARA THREE PD ~~EXHURT~~ DETAILS OF THE RELIEF OF THE FRENCH FORCES AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT IN THESE AREAS WILL BE ARRANGED BETWEEN THE LOCAL ANGLO DASH AMERICAN AND FRENCH COMMANDERS CONCERNED PD

PARA FOUR PD ALL PROPAGANDA IN THE AREAS AT PRESENT OCCUPIED BY FRENCH TROOPS WILL CEASE IMMEDIATELY PD

PARA FIVE PD TO ENSURE ~~A RPT~~ ABLE SMOOTH TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY AND TO ASSIST IN THE MAINTENANCE OF LAW AND ORDER AAD THE SAFETY OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY AGAINST ARBITRARY ACTS CMA THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES WILL FURNISH ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION TO ~~RPT TO~~ THE ANGLO DASH AMERICAN FORCES AND TO AMG ~~RPT AMG~~ OFFICERS PD

PARA SIX PD THE FRENCH TRANSIT CAMP FOR PRISONERS OF WAR AND DISPLACED PERSONS AT SUSA WILL BE MAINTAINED AS LONG AS THE

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REQUIREMENT FOR/SUCH AN ORGANIZATION EXISTS ~~EXXXCEPT~~ PD

PARA SEVEN PD THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER WILL CAUSE ~~APRPT~~ ABLE STUDY TO BE MADE OF THE QUESTION OF ELECTRICAL SUPPLY FROM THE POWER HOUSE AT BASSE ROYA ~~RPT BASSE ROYA~~ TO NICE AND ~~MENTION XXNRPT MEUTON RPT~~ MENTON PD IT IS AGREED CMA IN PRINCIPLE TO CONTINUE THIS SUPPLY BUT THE ALLOCATION OF QUANTITIES OF POWER TO NICE AND MENTON WILL BE DECIDED BY ~~AFHQ RPT~~ AFHQ IN RELATION TO OTHER DEMANDS FOR IT PD

PARA EIGHT PD AS LONG AS ALLIED TROOPS ARE AVAILABLE CMA NO ~~RPT NO~~ TROOPS OF THE ITALIAN ARMY WILL BE STATIONED WITHIN ONE/FIVE MILES OF THE FRONTIER PD THE ITALIAN CARABINIERI AND CUSTOMS OFFICIALS WILL HOWEVER CMA BE EMPLOYED IN THE NORMAL MANNER PD

PARA NINE PD THE FREEDOM OF ~~FRONAXXXRPT~~ FRONTALIER MOVEMENT ACROSS THE FRANCO DASH ITALIAN FRONTIER CMA WHICH WAS NORMAL IN PRE DASH WAR ~~YEAGXXXRPT~~ YEARS PRIOR TO/THE DEVELOPMENT OF FRANCO DASH ITALIAN TENSION CMA WILL BE PERMITTED PD

PARA TEN PD AS FAR AS THE AGENCIES UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER ARE CONCERNED CMA THE MOVE OF THE FRENCH TROOPS TO THE WEST OF THE FRONTIER WILL BE TREATED AS A ~~RPT ADFC~~ NORMAL ROUTINE RELIEF/AND WILL NOT ~~RPT NOT~~ BE GIVEN/ANY SPECIAL PUBLICITY PD THE SUPREME ALLIED/COMMANDER WILL RECOMMEND TO THE ~~EXXXRPT~~ BRITISH AND AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS THAT NO ~~RPT NO~~ OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE ON/THIS MATTER PD ENDS

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To: ALCOM

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ACWAR CMA AMSSO ~~DPT AMSS XXDPT ALSOS~~ CMA SHAEF FORWARD CMA ONE

FIVE ARMY GROUP CMA FIFTH ARMY CMA ALCOM ~~DPT ALCOM~~ PAREN AT THE

REQUEST OF THE ORIGINATOR CMA ADD ~~DPT ADD~~ QUOTE ALCOM ~~DPT ALCOM~~

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EIGHT CONFERENCE WAS HELD THIS AFTERNOON CNA ELEVEN JUNE X

FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENTS WERE AGREED SEMI COLON SUB PARA ABLE X

RELIEF OF ALL FRENCH TROOPS IN NW ~~ITALY~~ ITALY WILL BE CARRIED OUT

PROGRESSIVELY AND WILL BE COMPLETED BY TEN JULY X DETAILS WILL BE

SETTLED BY LOCAL COMMANDERS X SUB PARA BAKER X IN VAL DAOSTA AND

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SUSA AREAS AMG WILL BE ESTABLISHED IMMEDIATELY X IN TENDA AREA

WHERE FRENCH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION IS NOW FUNCTIONING HANDOVER TO AMG WILL BE DONE PROGRESSIVELY UNDER LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS X THERE SHOULD BE ~~NO DIFFICULTY~~ NO DIFFICULTY OR DELAY SINCE AMG OFFICERS ARE ALREADY LOCATED GENERALLY THROUGHOUT AREA X SUB PARA CHARLIE X RELIEF WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY US ~~BRT US~~ AND BRITISH TROOPS X FOR SO LONG AS ANGLO DASH AMERICAN TROOPS ARE AVAILABLE IN N ~~BRT NO XXXBRT~~ ITALY CHA ITALIAN TROOPS WILL NOT ~~BRT NOT~~ BE STATIONED ON FRANCO DASH ITALIAN FRONTIER PD PARA TWO X IT WAS AGREED THAT NO ~~BRT NOTXXXBRT NO~~ PUBLICITY WOULD BE GIVEN TO THESE ARRANGEMENTS AND THAT NO ~~BRT NO~~ COMMUNIQUE WOULD BE ISSUED BY THIS OR ANY MILITARY HEADQUARTERS CONCERNED X EMPHASIS IS TO BE LAID ON THE OPERATION BEING ABLE NORMAL MILITARY RELIEF AND USE OF THE WORD QUOTE WITHDRAWING UNQUOTE IS TO BE AVOIDED X AN UNDERTAKING WAS GIVEN TO THE FRENCH REPRESENTATIVES THAT THE US ~~BRT US~~ AND BRITISH GOVERNMENTS WOULD BE REQUESTED TO CONFORM TO THE SAME POLICY AND TO AVOID MAKING ANY PUBLIC STATEMENTS PD PARA THREE X FULL TEXT OF AGREEMENT TO FOLLOW

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Frontier sitrep number 20 closing 111200B.

G2: Report of Liaison Officer sent to 36 Inf Div HQ credits Col HOMO, Chief of Staff 36 Inf Div, with statements extracted as follows:

Mission of 36 Inf Div was (1) remain in position (2) maintain order in zone (3) administer country (4) request Anglo Americans not install Allied Military Government certain areas.

G5: French claim for TENDA based on (1) population predominently French speaking and pro French in sentiment. (2) Area economically tied to FRANCE by communications and trade. (3) Annexation of area would prevent ITALY from having direct observation into FRANCE in case of war. (4) FRANCE has right to occupy militarily certain parts ITALY in retaliation for Italian occupation southeast FRANCE after 1940 and place FRANCE on parity with UNITED STATES and BRITAIN regarding ITALY. Col HOMO denied committee for attachment of TENDA to FRANCE organized in NICE. Declared because French nature of population in zones claimed by FRANCE for annexation presence of Italian police, posting of Allied Military Government proclamations in English and Italian only, and supplanting existing French administrative agencies by Anglo American all tend to excite animosity of population. French hope UNITED STATES and GREAT BRITAIN will recognize annexation claim now and expect legal claim accepted at Peace Conference.

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G2: Italian Seditious Committee, named VAL D'OSTONE, which has been previously spreading Pro French propegande have discontinued work for French reportedly because French will now conduct own progaganda. Field security VAL D'AOSTA area note indications that French will cease plebiscite efforts in favor of action at peace conference. Col VOIBEN, who heads a French special mission and resides at Hotel BRUILLE at INTROD C 7001 believed responsible conducting all Pro French Clandestine meeting for annexation of AOSTA area to FRANCE. Italian Partisan named DEREY SERGID was shot and killed by French at 102230B at VILLES DESSUS (near INTROD). French claim he attempted to escape arrest. Unconfirmed source indicates that victim was party in interest and in pursuit of information, on behalf of Partisans in the case of LANDONI who was sentenced to 5 years and imprisoned at BRIANCON for assaulting French soldier. (Ref Frontier sitrep No 5). French Algerian troops at TENDA stated to our troops that they would never fire (?) fire at American troops and if/were ever given such an order they would shoot the French officer issuing such order. A French War Correspondent, named BODIN, who crossed the border 9 June has returned to FRANCE 10 June movement to and fro of French troops through S BERNARD PASS shows no sign of reinforcements. (Frontier Sitrep 21 closing 111000B).

G3: 15 South African Field Regt closed VIC H 9836 at 1116000B. All mines has been cleared from little S BERNARD 04701 pass as of 1115453.

G4: On 9 June Major of ETROUBLES 07515 has given 100 kilos of salt from French for distribution.

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PARA ONE FD REFERENCE CABLE TWO FIVE FOUR ONE SENT FROM ~~CHIEF~~ FIVE FIFTH

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PARIS TO FOR ACTION LOMBARDIA REGION REPD CHIEFS FIVE SECTION ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS FROM ALGIC GATE ACCEPT PARIS

PARA TWO FD POSITION NOT REPEAT NOT CLEAR FD PLEASE INFORM THIS HEADQUARTERS WHETHER THE TWO FIVE FRENCH OFFICERS HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN FROM MILAN AND REPORT ACTION TAKEN FD ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS HAD NOT GRANTED AUTHORITY FOR THESE TWO FIVE FRENCH OFFICERS TO WORK IN NORTHERN ITALY

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Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

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11 June 1945.

Dear Lem:

It may interest you to know the impressions formed by Brigadier Lush, Executive Commissioner of the Allied Commission, from meeting the Regional Commissioners of Piemonte and Liguria and after attending a meeting of the Provincial Commissioners of the Cuneo, Turin and Aosta Provinces of Piemonte Region at Turin under the chairmanship of Colonel Marshall, the Regional Commissioner.

In Piemonte, A.M.G. is established right up to the border, with the exception of a very small area less than a Commune. The French make difficulties, but in spite of General Doyen's letter and subsequent telegram, the situation on the spot as reported by the Provincial Commissioners is one of the representatives of two nations obeying the orders of their military superiors and they get on with each other with courtesy and a certain amount of good humor. A.M.G. functions and courts are held, Italian lire is the only legal currency, Allied and Italian flags fly and French flags are limited as far as possible to military headquarters. Lush gained the impression that there was not the actual tension in the field which has been caused at higher levels by the intemperate tone of General Doyen's letter and telegram but there is a local fear that when the little St. Bernard Pass is opened, the French may push in more troops and take affirmative action to insist on the withdrawal of A.M.G. The present orders are that incidents of any kind are to be avoided, even to the extent of withdrawal.

In Liguria the position is quite different. Here the French have established French Military Government in 14 Communes. In each Commune there is a platoon of troops and a French administrative officer. French currency is used and the area is regarded as French territory. After the initial stages no attempt has been made by A.M.G. to establish itself or infiltrate into these 14 Communes. On the other hand, so far there has been no further infiltration into A.M.G. territory by the French. Courtesies are observed and relations between French and Allied officers are correct. This is not to say that the position of the provincial commissioners concerned and their C.A.O's is not extremely difficult, but Lush reports that their handling of the matter appears to be admirable and this is especially so in the case of Colonel Marshall, who works in the closest consultation with the U.S. and British (South African)

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military commanders on the spot. Colonel Marshall has taken the very wise line of insisting that the French representatives do not interview him or the military commanders alone, having regard to their undoubted quality of playing one nation off against another.

I am reporting this to you under D/S letter because you obviously must receive the official reports through IV Corps and 5th Army. I realize, too, that discussions now under way at A.F.H.Q. may soon resolve this situation, but in any case feel you should have this information as it existed last week.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

cc: Ex. Comm2.

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G 2. The French Mission which is in IMPERIA has left for 5 days since yesterday. It is believed to be a French intelligence mission. One of them believed to be SRO. We are expecting the arrival of their names by pigeon soon. Will forward it in when we get it. (Frontier sitrep No 18 closing 102400B)

G 3. Reference sitrep closing 092400B. Only 50 yards of wood at LITTLE ST BERNARD Pass remains to be cleared. Expected to be cleared by tomorrow morning. 8 French troops crossed the LITTLE ST BERNARD Pass to the west and 13 others crossed to the east. The war correspondent reported yesterday, returned into FRANCE.

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Frontier sitrep No 17 closing 101800B.

G2. Reference frontier sitreps number 10 and number 13, reported accumulation French "tourists" IVREA J2271 unfounded; only 6 French people in area, 9 suspected of spreading propaganda. Platoon of French infantry going to GRESSONEY D2013 (see frontier sitrep number 10) for skiing training only. Reinforcement of AOSTA REGION after opening of mountain passes formally denied by French command. G5. Meeting of 20 people night 9/10 June addressed by Col DE GAULLIST. Usual promises of money and food and assurance of plebiscite.

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G 2: Light French military traffic across border during past 24 hours. French have established road block on their side of LITTLE SAINT BERNARD Pass and are checking all passes. LITTLE SAINT BERNARD Pass will be opened in 2 days time.(Frontier sitrep number 14 closing 092400B). French war correspondent, Mr BOUIN, with chauffeur GUIBON, refused permission to cross border by our troops; later came across escorted by French and is now in ITALY.

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Frontier sitrep number 13 closing 091800B.

G2: Few French "tourists" in IVREA but not politically active. Many French troops on pass observed periodically in IVREA and who are only mild in pro French propaganda activity which is confined to talks in bars and restaurants but no posters observed. The road from ISOLA F4635 to P. MALANDRIA M5139 has been recently repaired by the French.

G3: 2 Bn, 168 Inf closed in CUNEO M8655 at 091315B.

G5: Tax collector from DOMAZ J1387 reports that taxes are not being paid as result of French propaganda. French tell farmers not to pay taxes and if they become French citizens they will not have to pay taxes for 3 years. Finance report of TENDA M8720, BRIGA M8917 and S. DALMAZZO DI TENDA M8617 as follows: French forcing civilians to exchange Italian lire for French Francs. The lire is now deposited in Bank of FRANCE, NICE. Postal bonds and stamps were taken from post office in TENDA ~~and ~~ now deposited in Bank of FRANCE, PARIS.

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G2: 18 Regiment Tirailleurs Senegalese, independent unit operating under 1 division motorised infantry in southern sector, being withdrawn, completion scheduled for today, for contemplated dispatch to PACIFIC. G3: 1 platoon A Co 751 Tank Bn closed CUNEO 080655at 091030. G5: French Liaison reports a Col VERNES now enroute to HOME and CASERTA to contact AFHQ to complete arrangements for French Military Mission connected with repatriation French citizens NORTHERN ITALY. Mission possesses travel orders issued by French Ministry for War Prisoners reported to be indorsed by SHAEF with AFHQ approval and valid for ITALY. 5 members this group in TURIN now assisting Capt VAN LATHEM and request permission remain until work completed. This HQ seeking copy of orders. This personnel not needed and not wanted by IV CORPS. Further report to follow.

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Frontier sitrep number 10 closing 082400B.

G3: 12 Brigade 6 SA Armored Div reports French military parties are arriving in small numbers in IVREA J2271; stay in town as tourists and are billeted at hotel in uniform; being investigated. At 080730B 16-20 French carrying packs left PONT S MARTIN J1887 and proceeded to CRESSONEY D2013. At 080830B 20 French left PONT S MARTIN for AOSTA. At 080915 another 20 French left PONT S MARTIN for AOSTA. French movement through PICCOLO S BERNARDO normal. Repair work continues. French officer stated road would be open to all traffic 15 June. French brigade commander arrived in AOSTA 7 June and stated that after opening of PICCOLO S BERNARDO the brigade in AOSTA would be brought up to strength. He mentioned a brigade parade at AOSTA after arrival of new troops. Partisan posts at S BERNARDO C7 120 and guides at LA RUZ C8819 withdrawn. All arms collected from partisans in AOSTA area and are being sent to 12 brigade headquarters. 12 brigade arrested 2 Italians, ATTILIO PARLEAZ enroute to AOSTA and UMBERTO CANTELE enroute to VICENZA, in PICCOLO S BERNARDO at 081930B. They stated they are ex PWS having left CHAMBERY yesterday. Carried passes issued by military authorities. Being investigated. G2: Nothing to report. G5: Nothing to report.

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G-5 5 ARMY FOR HUME CITE OUR F 223
HQ COMPS FOR LOMBARDIA REGION. INFO: HQ AFCOM

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PARA ONE PD YOU ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO ALLOW FRENCH DIPLOMATIC OR CONSULAR REPRESENTATIVES TO PUBLISH NOTICES RELATING FORTHCOMING FRENCH CURRENCY AND BOND CONVERSION PD PARTY TO AMG LOMBARDIA REGION FOR RPG RPTD AMG PIEMONTE REGION FOR RPG RPTD 57 AREA FOR LIGURIA REGION AMG FOR RFO RPTD AMG TOSCANA REGION FOR RFO RPTD AMG EMILIA REGION RPTD FIVEARMY FOR AMG FOR SFO RPTD EIGHTARMY FOR AMG FOR SFO FOR RFO RPTD AMG VENEZIA REGION FOR RFO FROM HQ AIGOM GIFT ACTN PARTY

PARA TWO PD YOU SHOULD ALSO PUBLISH ORDER REFERRING TO PROCLAMATION TWO AND STATING THAT ANY ALLIED CMA FRENCH CMA OR NEUTRAL CITIZEN WHO HAS NOT ALREADY DELIVERED FRANCS IN HIS POSSESSION TO FINANCE OFFICERS FOR ALLIED FINANCIAL AGENCY OR BANCA D'ITALIA SHOULD NOW DELIVER SAME TO NEAREST FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE FOR CONVERSION PD FOR YOUR OWN INFORMATION FRENCH DO NOT REPEAT NOT INTEND TO CONVERT FRANCS HELD BY ITALIANS PD FRENCH WILL FURNISH US LISTS OF PERSONS CONVERTING IN ORDER WE MAY REPORT SAME TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT PD YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO ACCEPT FRANCS FOR DEPOSIT WITH AFA AGAINST RECEIPT UNDER PROCLAMATION TWO BOTH DURING AND AFTER CONVERSION PD UNDERSTAND FRENCH WILL HAVE OFFICES IN FLORENCE CMA GENOA CMA TURIN CMA AND MILAN AND WILL CONTACT REPS THOSE AREAS PD ADVISE AFA BRANCH IN YOUR SECTION

Finance Sub-Commission

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NICHOLAS PIGGENO,
C/O, USA,
Asst. Adjutant.

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8 June 1945.

My dear Sir Noel:

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You may be interested to know that I have received a memorandum from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the "Status of the Juridical Relations between France and Italy" and I am attaching a copy of this memorandum for your information.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Sir Noel Charles, Bart., KCMG.,
British Ambassador,
British Embassy.
Rome.

Encl:
Memo fr Ministry of Foreign
Affairs, 6/1493/685 dtd 30 May 45

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G-2: Unconfirmed report that numerous French "tourists" gathering IVREA J 2271 area being investigated. Reconnaissance reveals old road between ISOLA N 4635 and PONTEBBA LADECIA N 5139 recently improved by French to carry 2 and 1/2 ton trucks. Partisan party in AOSTA night of 7 June on eve of breaking up due to disarmament visited by Frenchmen wound up in fight semi no serious consequences. Newspaper "Voice of Free AOSTA" published in FRANCE and distributed AOSTOIVALLEY on pro-French UNCOPNPPNAMED(?) VAESER. French representative of Deuxieme Bureau named Captain CLION has arrived in AOSTA. New Italian propaganda poster in AOSTA states while Italians recognize democratic ideals of FRANCE, ITALY wants to carry out own democratic ideals.

G-5: Report of French propaganda rumor of French officer being appointed to AMG in AOSTA under investigation. Meeting in AOSTA 4/5 June open to all political parties called to decide action to be taken against French propaganda - Liberal, Action Party, Christ-Demo, Communist and Socialist representatives attended. Document

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not in favor of annexation drawn up and sent to Italian Government in ROME (copy of document enroute this Hq). LANDONI (see Frontier Sitrep number 5) sentenced to 5 years and imprisoned at BRIANCON. (Frontier Sitrep number 5 closing 0818000B).

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ROUTINE

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COL JORDAN AMG LIGURIA REGION
AMG IV CORPS COPY 5TH ARMY AMG, HQ ALCOM

IN CLEAR

French Situation in IMPERIA province quiet. No change for last 7 days. Relations friendly.

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EXTRACT

AFHQ SACMED's Political Conference

SAC (P) (45) 14th Meeting 7 June 1945

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7. SITUATION ON FRANCO -ITALIAN FRONTIER

(Previous reference SAC (P) (45) 13th Meeting, Minute 5)

MAJOR GENERAL LEMNITZER reported that two recent communications received from GENERAL DOYEN indicated a complete change in French policy in regard to Northwest ITALY. The Combined Chiefs of Staff had been informed, and meanwhile 15th Army Group had been instructed to maintain their present position.

THE DEPUTY SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER stated that he had been informed that the UNITED STATES had sent a very strong note to the French Government indicating that the people of the UNITED STATES would be most shocked in the event that the French used American weapons, which they had been given by the American Government, against soldiers of the UNITED STATES. A personal message had also been sent from President TRUMAN to GENERAL De GAULLE stating that unless French forces withdrew immediately from Northwest ITALY all supplies to the French forces, with the exception of rations, would be stopped.

THE CONFERENCE:

Took note of the above reports.

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AFHQ, 15 ARMY GP, 5 ARMY, ALOC&K

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Frontier Sitrep No 5 TO 071900B June.

G 2: 6 South African Div reports 1-French in AOSTA claim right to protect pro French Italians on Italian soil. 2-rumors and activities indicate French intend to reinforce AOSTA area when snow clearance permits. Our observers of progress in little SAINT BERNARD Pass indicate this could be about 9 June.

92 Div reports French Mission believed in SAVONA 00604 departed 2 weeks ago unknown destination. G 3: 1st Bn 168 Inf arrived TENDA N 8720 approx 07 Sept 71630B in compliance orders 5 ARMY to send Bn to that area. Trip uneventful. 2nd Bn 168 Inf moving 8 June IVREA J 2271 to SALUZZO N 8584.

G 5: Colonel MARSHALL reports Allied Military Govt officers in TENDA have been requested not to function but are remaining in TENDA pending further decision. Colonel JORDAN LIGURIAN Region reports quiet and no change in 7 days IMPERIA province and friendly relations. Italian named LANDONI arrested by Provost 27 Div for striking French corporal reported taken into FRANCE for judgment according laws aimed at ensuring security French troops. Partisans irate and threaten reprisals. Provincial Commissioner endeavoring secure trial by AMG to alleviate unrest.

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri 6/1195/685

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

Subject: Status of the juridical relations between France and Italy.

1. Since some time now the French Press and Government Authorities have raised the question of the status of juridical relations between France and Italy, alleging that, to all juridical effects, a state of war would still subsist between the two countries.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs beg to acquaint the Allied Commission with the Italian Government's point of view on the subject, of which they have informed the French Government through the Italian Embassy at Paris.

2. The proposition according to which only a "de facto" armistice could exist between Italy and France has no juridical foundation. Even disregarding the juridical situation occurring between France and Italy before September 8th, 1943, it is pointed out that the armistice signed by the Italian Government on September 3rd, 1943, has been undersigned by the Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces on behalf of all the United Nations. Therefore, as France is one of the United Nations, the existing conventions of Armistice apply themselves also to the relations between Italy and France, under reserve of all subsequent actual or eventual agreements between the two Countries.

On the other hand it should be borne in mind that France has a representative on the Advisory Council for Italy and takes part in it together with the other Nations on behalf of which the armistice was signed with Italy.

3. From this juridical situation it ensues, between other things, that France cannot individually exercise the powers of an occupying country as regards even small zones of Italian territory. In fact, the armistice of September 3rd, 1943, and the additional conditions of September 29th, 1943, concern "all Italian territory" and according to these conventions, the authority of an occupying Power over any part of Italian territory cannot be exercised except by the AMG and not, "ut singuli" by each of the signatory Powers.

It is furthermore to be pointed out that after the armistice of September 3rd, 1943, Italy, following her declaration of war to Germany, was recognized as a co-belligerant with the United Nations in the war against Germany. The Italian contribution to the cause of the United Nations has been repeatedly recognized and appreciated. A further progress in the improvement of relations between Italy and France has been made thanks to the agreements recently reached by the two Governments, pursuant to which diplomatic missions have been exchanged between the two Countries and their relations have been placed on a basis of mutual comprehension and sincere cooperation.

(Stamp) Ministero degli Affari Esteri

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Rome, May 30th 1945

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Tel: 47821

Ref: 589/5/30. 6 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Status of the Juridical Relations between FRANCE and ITALY.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters,
Attn: G-5 Section.

Attached for your information is a copy of a memorandum on the above subject received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Copies of this memorandum have been sent to the British and American Embassies.

For the Chief Commissioner:

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Encl:
memo fr Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 6/1495/685 dtd 30 May 45.

Copy to: C.A. Section

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ROUTINE

LOMBARDIA REGION FINANCE DIV FOR POLETTI SIGNED TUSB

HQ AIGOM ROME ACTIN

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1. Understand French Govt has declared all French currency of denominations 50 upwards to 5,000 to be deposited against receipt with a French consulate before 23 June other wise French currency in hands of persons after this date valueless.

2. Also understand old notes will eventually be exchanged for new ones for same amount.

3. There is no French consulate here but French detachment AMG has received instructions French embassy ROME arrange machinery to give effect these instructions.

4. Private persons enquiring what they have to do order to register francs before date expiration.

5. Advise immediately position and whether French detachment can advise public of French Govts declaration and carry into effect the instructions.

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So to C. COMMISSIONER

INCOMING MESSAGE

JUN 5 RECD CC 0933

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Copy No 1

Originator's Reference: WX 27542

Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 0500Z

Message Centre No: E/3613

Date Time Rec'd: JUNE 0502Z

Precedence: URGENT

FROM: LDBQ SIGNET ALEXANDER CICE PRIOT

TO : AGWAR FOR COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF AND TO AMSEC FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF INFO SHAEF FWD, 15 ARMY GROUP FORWARD FOR HINSLEY GRUENTHER, 5 ARMY FORWARD FOR GENERAL ALEXANDER, ALCOMBINFORMATION

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This is MAT 1002. NR NR

Further to MAT 956 and MAT 994.

1. Following events have taken place:

A. On 29 May Deputy Regional Commissioner of IMPERIA was refused permission by French local com ander to post Allied Proclamations in western IMPERIA establishing AMG and was advised that General DOYEN, Commanding French Army of ALPS, was unable to envisage a change in administration in western IMPERIA at this juncture as any such change would appear to Italians as retreat on the part of FRANCE.

B. On 30 May General DOYEN sent a letter to General KEIGHTLEY Commanding IV CORPS referring to the action of the Deputy Regional Commissioner PIEMONTE in his attempt to establish military government in province of CUNEO. The letter outlines French justification for occupying north-west ITALY. Pertinent extracts from General DOYEN letter are:

(1) FRANCE cannot consent that a modification amount her will be made in the existing state of affairs in the MARITIME ALPS. This would be contrary to her honor and her security.

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(2) I have been ordered by the Provisional Govt of the French Republic to occupy and administer this territory. This mission being incompatible with the installation of any Allied administrative agency in the same Region, I find myself obliged to oppose it (ie, any such installation)

(3) Any insistence in this direction would assume a clearly unfriendly character, even a hostile character, and could have grave consequences.

C. Following radio message was received by CG IV CORPS on night 2/3S from General DOYEN:

"I have sent to General JUIN a copy of the letter I asked Major ROGERS to deliver to you. I beg to let you know that I have just been notified of the full approval given by the Chief of the Provisional Govt of the French Republic. General DE GAULLE has instructed me to make as clear as possible to the Allied Command that I have received the order to prevent the setting up of AMG in the territories occupied by our troops and administered by us by all necessary means without exception."

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(Copy of letter referred to in sub para C above is letter of 30 May from General DOYEN to General CRITTENBERGER)

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2. 36 French Division now relieving 1st ~~XXX~~. Reported personnel 36 Division ex PPI from southwest FRANCE.

3. My Comments are:

A. General DOYEN'S message in para 1 C above discloses a complete change in French policy in NW ITALY. He now states that he has been ordered by DE GAULLE to prevent us from setting up Allied Military Govt in disputed areas by force if necessary.

B. Apart from wider considerations, our position in ITALY and vis a vis TITO will be greatly prejudiced if we accept this ultimatum.

4. I recommend:

A. That I be directed by you to complete the occupation of NW ITALY and to establish Allied Military Govt there, using force if necessary.

B. That I be authorized to publish to all troops under my command and to the press a statement of the facts.

5. I consider that the French would be unlikely to oppose the establishment of Allied Military Govt if strong US and British forces, especially armored forces in which the French are lacking in this area, are despatched in support, with orders to use force if necessary.

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Meanwhile I have instructed 15 ARMY GROUP to maintain the present position.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

4th June 1945.

Chief Staff Officer.

I telephoned this evening to AFHQ asking for a policy direction on the withdrawal of French officers from Northern Italy, Displaced Persons, Property Control, Repatriation Officers, etc. This has the complete approval of the Chief Commissioner and should be prosecuted.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

JUN 4 RECD
CC 1038

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Originator's Reference:
Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 030032B

Message Centre No: F/3491
Date Time Rec'd: JUNE 031904B
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AMG IV CORPS

TO : HQ AMG LOMBARDIA REGION, HQ AMG LIGURIA REGION, HQ AMG PIEMONTE REGION, HQ AMG 5TH ARMY, HQ AIOC.

IN CLEAR

The French Liaison Section HQ IV CORPS has just received the following telegram from C.G. D.A. AIT translated as:

Reference 44/CE. From General DOYEN to CC IV CORPS to us the following message:

"I had sent to General JUIN a copy of the letter 39/CE that I had asked Major ROGERS to deliver to you. I beg to let you know that I have just been notified of the full approval given by the Chief of the Provisional Government of the French Republic. General DE GAULLE has instructed me to make as clear as possible to the Allied Command that I have received the order to prevent the setting-up of the AMG in the territories occupied by our troops and administrated by us, by all necessary means without exception". Signed General DOYEN.

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American Ambassador
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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
APO 304

Ref: 151/EC.

2 June 1945.

SITREP Number 6.

PIEMONTE REGION. 31 May 45.

Political:

Mme CHANOUX as Honorary President of pro-annexation committee, Aosta Province, interrogated re proclamation poster. Denied all knowledge. Agreed to make a statement on her position. French reported promising early delivery of salt etc. to various communes. AMG supplies urgently needed.

CLN presented resignations. Party names submitted for Provincial Advisory Assembly.

Food:

Food Division was contacted on 31 May by Intendant Rene Deslandes, Quartermaster of the French 27th Division under General Molle, with regard to the purchase or requisition of locally produced hay and foodstuffs for use by the French troops of the 27th Division now at Susa, Torino. He was indefinite with regard to his authority to purchase or requisition local resources. He was told that instructions in the matter would be requested. A separate letter is being addressed to IV Corps HQ in this matter.

LOMBARDIA REGION. 31 May 45.

Regional Order No.1 setting forth precisely the relationship between the National Committees of Liberation and A.M.G., has been reproduced in all newspapers of MILAN. 23,000 copies have been distributed in the Region for posting throughout Lombardia. The Committees of Liberation now have only advisory powers.

A meeting was held yesterday by the Regional Patriots Officer with the chief Patriot heads of the Region. They have all agreed to cooperate in seeing to it that the provisions of the orders to consign arms and cease patriot activities as such be carried out throughout the Region. There was full agreement at the meeting.

The Patriot situation in Milan City is very satisfactory. The order is being obeyed and seven barracks have been established for those patriots who do not have a home in Milan. In the meantime they are vacating all posts, stations, and apartments. They will be processed as soon as possible.

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1 June 1945.

LIGURIA REGION.

Situation quiet. Flour situation taxes all transportation to the limit to maintain long supply line to Leghorn. Provinces report difficulty transporting food from Genoa to Savona and Imperia. Large industrial firms threatened with closure in near future unless financial aid forthcoming. HQ Aloom informed and Italian representatives are leaving to discuss situation with appropriate Italian ministries.

1 June 1945.

LOMBARDIA REGION.

The plan for collecting work horses for farmers deprived of them by the Germans is working out very well. Horses are also being provided for the city of Milan to help in the clean-up programme.

A vast programme for Public Works for the city of Milan has been approved. This will not only help in reconstructing the city and relieving the housing shortage, but will also be the first step against threatened unemployment.

FOR THE SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER:

E. DONAHUE
WOJG USA
Admin Officer

HQ A.C. - Executive Commissioner -
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SITREP (Special) 1 June 1945.

Area Covered: Vic of SUSA (H5441) Torino Province.

Maps: Italy Road Map 1:200,000 Army Map Service, 1943.

By : Lt. Col. W.J.Skelly, Inf.
On DS with G-5 Section

1. The French situation in the area covered is rapidly deteriorating. While those troops which caused much of the disturbance during the period 10 - 20 May 45 have largely been replaced by better behaved troops; the replacements have not been equal in number, but appear to be many times larger than the initial forces. The average of estimates places the total force at a division. Division CP is at SUSA. They are equally high-handed with the civil population, but with considerably more finesse than the initial troops, believed to have been mostly MAQUIS of the 99th Bn. of the 6th Alpine Div (?). The replacements are variously reported to be of the 159 Inf Bn., the 27th Alpine Div and the 93 FA Regt. They are well disciplined and appear well trained.

2. Almost daily, American officers in this area discover the presence of new units which have established themselves not only in the valley but on many of the heights commanding the valleys and passes leading initially to SUSA and further on, to Torino. The farthest East points of French penetration at this time are SAN GIORIO (H6438), a village overlooking and commanding Highway 25, and FENESTRELLE (H5328), on Highway 23. In this area, at this time, there appears to be no outward attempt to dominate or usurp the civil government, except in the area of the MONCENISIO plateau (H4753), where grazing rights for cattle are in dispute, which was explained in a Sitrep from Piemonte Region Headquarters. Also, in this same vicinity is the only place in the area covered by this report where the border is claimed by the French to be other than shown on our maps. On Highway 25, our border patrol, a Company of the 133 Inf is at COLLE DE MONCISIO (H4354) while the French have what they claim is a frontier post on the new border at LE SCALE (H4850), approximately 7 kilometers into Italian territory from the true border. This has been covered before in Piemonte Region Sitreps.

3. French officers, particularly of the newly arrived replacements, have been punctiliously paying calls on our local troop commanders and AMG officers, but have thereafter remained aloof personally. They send liaison officers almost daily to AMG officers, and these are quite skilful in side-stepping questions and improvising delays whenever they have to consult their commanders. However, in one recent case (29 May) the local French commander at FENESTRELLE complied eagerly and exactly with the local AMG officer's request for the French to take over the local policing after the Chief of Police was killed by a civilian, and the rest of the police force fled the town. This was, of course, a serious mistake on the part of the AMG officer, and the French were quick to accept the opportunity of "cooperating" in local government after they received the request. The distance (at least 20 kilometers) from the nearest American and/or British

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4. There appears to have been an administrative oversight in that no British flags were in evidence anywhere in this area, particularly at Municipios, which are also the local AMG offices. These buildings display large American flags in top center position, and other flags (French, Italian and Russian) of smaller size in subsidiary position. Several CAO's stated, and the area supervisor confirmed, that their orders were to fly American and British flags at Municipios in primary position, and as a courtesy, the other flags named in subsidiary position. It was also claimed and confirmed that they had unsuccessfully requested British flags. The Regional Director's principal assistant was informed of this by me on 1 June. This matter is mentioned here because AMG is solely an American - British function in Italy, and because civilians in this area are most conscious of outward show.

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5. The French appear well fed, equipped and uniformed. They barter a great amount of food, due not to their own shortage, but to the shortage of most civilian food except potatoes, of which there is an excess. Reliable informants state they are selling quantities of gasoline to civilians on the black market. They sometimes exchange quantities of food for local firewood. They have been engaged of late in repaying the commune of SUSA in kind for food requisitioned by the first French troops to arrive in the area. About ten days ago, they presented the commune of SUSA with 20 quintals of salt (about 4,500 pounds). When the local CAO learned this today, he instructed the local Sindaco (Mayor) to return the salt with thanks, as it was not needed and AMG would always see to it that the people there had enough of all kinds of food.

6. The French are infiltrating many civilians into the area in French military vehicles. There is no accurate estimate of the number, unless CIC may have it. American troops have orders not to stop civilians in French military vehicles from entering or leaving Italy, but to secure names and destinations and report the lists thru military channels. It is believed that many civilians are entering Italy concealed in closed-in French military trucks. Some French officers in SUSA are reported to have brought their families with them.

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Admin. Officer

HQ AC, Executive Commissioner
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IV CORUS
G-5 5 ARMY, HQ ALCOM FOR INFO

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Cite ALCOM message 8865 of 31 May requesting information on IMPERIA.

On May 28th Colonel JORDAN Deputy Regional Commissioner of LIGURIA accompanied by the Regional Legal Officer and the Provincial Commissioner called on Colonel PICOT commanding the French troops in western IMPERIA regarding the establishment of Allied Military Government in that area.

Colonel PICOT received them courteously but stated that he had not instructions to permit the establishment of Allied military and that he would have to communicate with General GERBAY who in turn would have to call General DOYAN.

It was however agreed by Colonel PICOT that in order to enable the Provincial Commissioner to comply with his orders that the proclamations would be posted but no further action could be taken pending the conference with General DOYAN.

On 29 May Colonel JORDAN and the others started to post the proclamations and on the way Colonel PICOT overtook them and said that he had tried to get a message to them during the night. Colonel PICOT then gave the Allied officers a message that General DOYAN is unable to envisage a change in administration in west IMPERIA at this juncture. He has no such agreement with General TRUSCOTT. Any change now would appear to the Italians as a retreat on the part of his country.

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ROUTINE

HQ 15TH ARMY GP

ALCOM

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Following signal received from IV CORPS and is forwarded for your information:

"Frontier ISUM Number 6 from IV CORPS to 5 ARMY to include 311000B it is confirmed that the 36 French Division is now relieving 1 DMI. Relief will not be completed before 8 June. French Liaison officer with this headquarters reports personnel 36 Division are ex FFI from southwest FRANCE. On 28 May Colonel JORDON Deputy Regional Commissioner of LIGURIA accompanied the Regional Legal Officer and the Provincial Commissioner called on Colonel PIROT commanding the French troops in western IMPERIA regarding the establishment of Allied Military Government in that area. Colonel PIROT received them courteously but stated that he had not instructions to permit the establishment of Allied military and that he would have to communicate with General GERBAY who in turn would have to call DOYAN. It was however agreed by Colonel PIROT that in order to enable the Provincial Commissioner to comply with his orders that the proclamations would be posted but no further action could be taken pending the conference with General DOYAN. On 29 May Colonel JORDON and the others started to post the proclamations and on the way Colonel PIROT overtook them and said that he had tried to get a message to them during the night. Colonel PIROT then gave the Allied officers a message "That General DOYAN is unable to envisage a change in administration in west IMPERIA at this juncture. He has no such agreement with General TRUSCOTT. Any change now would appear to the

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The above signal number 1626 dated 31 May 45 was also sent to 5 ARMY attention G2, 15 ARMY GROUP attention G2, AFHQ attention G2.

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ACTION: Executive Commissioner 2
INFO: Chief Commissioner
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CHIEF COMMIK

CC 1017

Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers

n. 468

Rome, 1 June 1945

Dear Admiral,

I received your letter of the 28th about the question of the Val d'Aosta, and thanking you, I recognize the news it contains.

Your assuring us that this zone is under Allied Military Control is a great comfort.

Yours sincerely,

s. I. Bonomi

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

e.o.

EC DIST - 2 JUNE 45

ACTION: CHIEF COMMR

INFO: EXEC COMMR
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Il Presidente
del Consiglio dei Ministri

Prot.n. 468

Roma, -1 GIU. 1945

Caro Ammiraglio,

ho ricevuto la Sua lettera del 28 Maggio u.s. relativa alla questione della Val D'Aosta e, ringraziandola, prendo atto delle notizie in essa contenute.

E' confortante, sopratutto, per noi la Sua assicurazione che quella zona è sotto il Controllo Militare Alleato.

Con molti cordiali saluti

AL SIG. AMMIRAGLIO ELLERY W. STONE
CAPO DELLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

1 June 1945.

Ref/5%2/121/AC.

SUBJECT: Reports.

TO : R.C. Lombardia Region.

Attached is copy of a report on hiding of arms in N.W. Italy which has been received from a secret source.

E. Talbot

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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ITALY

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Hiding of Arms in N.W. Italy.

A source operating in North West Italy reports that the HQ 105th Communist Patriot Brigade operating in the area ACCRA, MERATE, BARZANO, BRIVIO, ADRUNO has ordered that each patriot is to retain and conceal all arms and ammunition. This has been carried out and the patriots have hidden all their arms in their houses. As a result patriots belonging to other parties have also hidden their arms in order not to be surprised without them.

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EXTRACT

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Supreme Allied Commander's Secretariat

SAC (P) (45) 13th Meeting 31 May 1945

SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE
(POLITICAL)

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5. SITUATION ON FRANCO-ITALIAN FRONTIER

(Previous reference SAC (P) (45) 12th Meeting, Minute 7)

MAJOR GENERAL LEMNITZER reported that General Doyen had forwarded a note to General Truscott requesting that French shepherds from the Haute-Savoie district should be allowed to cross the frontier in order to graze their flocks on Italian soil, in accordance with a custom which it was alleged was long established. 15 Army Group had been instructed not to permit such action since it would be liable to prejudice any proposals for the adjustment of boundaries which might be put forward in the future. The Combined Chiefs of Staff had been informed of this decision.

THE DEPUTY SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

Took note of the above report.

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HEADQUARTERS IV CORPS
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
APO 304

SITREP Number 5. 31 May 1945.

LIGURIA: 28 May 1945.

Situation quiet. Continued holdup of landing of supplies over beaches due to bad weather has reduced flour reserves to marginal level. Haulage by civilian transport from LIVORNO has become necessary. Understand that due to technical reasons there may be unexpected delay in opening port of GENOA. TOGLIATTI and NENNI appeared at CLN Congress Genoa on morning 27 May, AMG officers were present and speeches by visitors were permitted.

PIEMONTE: 28 May 1945.

Political:

Lengthy meeting held with the Prefect and all members of the CLN in VERCELLI Province. After meeting with the President of the CLN and the Prefect separately it was thought advisable to call the Prefect and the full Committee together in order to let them all know what AMG expected of them, respectively. It is apparent that the President of the Committee is ruling both the Committee and the Prefect and it will not be an easy matter to work the Committee out of exercising governmental functions.
Whilst it is being requested that the appointment of the Prefect be approved, it is done so because it is believed that the sooner matters in suspense be settled the better, but it is done with the full knowledge that behind the scenes, at least, he is going to be dominated by the Committee.
An order has been issued suspending the payment of the so-called "liberation" bonus.

Legal:

Two special Courts of Assize for trial of alleged fascists have been organized in ALESSANDRIA Province, one for Alessandria Tribunale and one for Casale Monferrato Tribunale. Presiding Judge for each Court, President of Court of Appeal and prosecuting staff have been appointed. The CLN has made up a list of jurors for each Court.
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Partisans:

Following arms surrendered from 10 May to 26 May 45 : Large guns 34, Mortars 94, Machine Guns 241, Automatic Rifles 576, Muskets 9,648, Stens 619, Bazookas 191, Pistols and Revolvers 488, Bomb Throwers 12.

Agriculture:

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Decision on Partisan Command in Aosta Province to be settled by Col. W. A. FALCK IV Corps 30 May 45.

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Displaced Persons:

Arrangements made to establish Refugee Centre at CHATILLON, Aosta Province.

LOMBARDIA: 30 May 1945.

Situation under control, nothing to report.

FOR THE SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER:

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PARA ONE PD FOLLOWING IS PARAPHRASE OF SIGNAL ADDRESSED TO AMG FOUR CORPS FROM AMG LIGURIA REGION QUOTE ONE FOUR COMMUNES IN IMPERIA PROVINCE OCCUPIED BY FRENCH PD ON TWO NINE MAY PARTY TO ESTABLISH MILITARY GOVERNMENT AND POST PROCLAMATIONS WERE REFUSED ENTRY INTO DISPUTED TERRITORY PD LOCAL ALLIED MILITARY AUTHORITIES DECLINED TO SEND TROOPS TO SUPPORT ESTABLISHMENT OF AMG UNQUOTE

PAREN TO ABLE FOX NOW QUEEN FOR GEORGE DASH FIVE FROM HQ ALCOM SIGNED STONE CITE ACHXC PAREN

PARA TWO PD HAVE ASKED FOR FURTHER REPORT ON SITUATION PD

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Br. Ambassador
Political Adv (A)
Political Adv (B)
CA Sec.

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ROUTINE

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French occupy 14 communes Province of IMPERIA in force. Party to establish military government disputed territory refused entrance 29 May for purpose of military government or posting regulations. Regimental Commander 135 INFANTRY informed. Local allied military authorities declined to send troops in support of establishment of AMG.

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Paraphrase sent to AFHQ (Talbot)

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AMG LIGURIA REGION
IV CORPS FOR G5,HQ AMG 5 ARMY,HQ ALCOM,92 DIV,37 AREA.

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Sitrep 23. French have refunged entrance to AMG officers IMPERIA to assume military government in disputed territory, separate report sent IV CORPS and HQ ALCOF. Road situation still precarious owing to long haul necessary to maintain existing ration. During past 4 days following casualties have occurred carabinieri 1 killed 2 wounded Guardia Di Finanza 2 wounded.

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Translation of French Letter

Hq of the Army of the Alps 30 May 1945

From the Army Corps General
INTEL, GOC, Detachment of the
Army of the Alps.

TO: General Commanding IV AC
Army Corps, Milan

On 25 May 1945 Col. MARECHAL, Chief of AMGOT of PIEDMONT, made the following declarations to two officers of the 1st DMI who came to liaise with him at TURIN.

I have received orders to establish Allied administration over the whole of PIEDMONT up to the French frontier. This has already been done in the valley of AOSTA and the whole of the Province of TURIN, including the valley of SUSA; I am now about to set up administration in the Province of CUNEO.

After having expressed his indignation of what is going on at TURIN and BIELLA MARITIMA, Col. MARECHAL concluded: "In any event I shall do what is necessary to carry out the orders which I receive, till I am dead or relieved."

I have the honor to bring to your notice the arguments which from the basis of the position assumed by the French Government in the cases of the occupation of Italian territory and the administration of the occupied territory of the Province of CUNEO.

1. The following are the victorious operations carried out at the request of 15 Army Group: the Detachment of the Army of the Alps, after stiff engagements across the French frontier 25 Apr 45 on the heels of the defeated enemy and carried out the occupation of certain territories in Italy; this occupation would indeed have been very much considerable if the Detachment of the Army of the Alps had not been stopped in the forward march by a definite order of the inter-Allied high command in Italy: This order was obeyed in spite of the severe sacrifices suffered during the attack.

2. In the first place the continuation of this occupation is justified:

a. After the declaration of war of Italy on France on 10 June 1940, under circumstances which are still fresh in everybody's memory,

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Italy quite simply annexed French territory occupied at that moment; on the 11th of Nov 1943 in violation of all international conventions she extended her zone of occupation over a considerable part of French territory not conquered by her arms where she has left the very worst remembrances.

b. From a juridical point of view, no written document has up to now put an end to the state of war existing between France and Italy: France cannot consider herself bound by the armistice of 1943 to which she was not a party.

c. Moreover, up to the very last minute Italian Fascist divisions fought against French troops on the frontier of the Alps and bitterly defended positions which constituted a menace to certain French valleys. From these arguments, and particularly from the last, it becomes necessary for France to assure her own security to occupy Italian territories which she has conquered until the peace, and in particular, in the maritime Alps. Events of the last war proved that this security cannot be assured except on the key points of the Alps.

3. Following the advance of units of the Detachment of the Army of the Alps, the populations living in the valley of ROIA have turned towards France and have requested that they be fed and administered by her. They lacked everything and reduced to desperate straits, especially in the region of VENTIMIGLIA. Since the beginning of the month of May, we alone have been feeding and administering this small territory without the very slightest unpleasantness occurring with the population.

4. France, therefore, cannot consent that any modification be carried out in existing state of things in the maritime Alps against her will: it would be against her honor and safety. I have received orders from the Provisional Government of the French Republic to occupy and administer this territory. Since this mission is incompatible with the setting up of any Allied administration of the same region, I am obliged to oppose it.

Any instance upon setting up (AMG trans) would take on a definite anti-friendly character, indeed even hostile, and might have severe consequences.

(Signed)

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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CC 0923

Originator's Reference: RKII/25
Date/Time of Origin: MAY 2910000B

Message Centre No: E/2881
Date Time Rec'd: MAY 3008 45B
Precedence: OP PRIORITY

FROM: HQ VENEZIE REGION
TO : AIOOK

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Personal from LUSH to STONE.

I submit that it is important you as CCAC should be consulted before dispositions of Allied and Italian troops in N. ITALY are determined. We could then avoid difficulties which may arise for instance from location of Italian troops in BOLZANO and near French frontier. HOPKINSON will clarify on arrival ROME tomorrow.

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Info - Chief Commissioner
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HEADQUARTERS
30 MAY 1945
A.F.H.Q.

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HEADQUARTERS IV CORPS
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
APO 504

SITREP Number 3. 28 May 1945.

FINANCE: 25 May 1945

Political -

On night of 24/25 May at the Hotel Monte Bianco in Province S. DIENER, AOSTA Province, 10 French enlisted soldiers staged a drunken brawl. They were chased by French Guards. They returned two hours later armed and pillaged the Hotel and property. Said Hotel has been put off limits and guarded by French. French to try men concerned and have promised to submit report and compensate for damage caused. Considerable French re-inforcements arriving.
Reported that a considerable amount of hoodlumism with some violence is taking place in the Alta Valsesia Section, Vercelli Province. The Public Safety Officer will make a report as soon as facts can be obtained.

Partisans.

In ALESSANDRIA Province approximately 1600 arms have been surrendered to date, including rifles, light automatics, heavy automatics, machine guns and mortars. 250 partisans have presented themselves at the Casale Monferrato Patriot Centre whilst another 81 have volunteered for the Italian Armed Forces.
Disarming of Partisans continues satisfactory in ASTI Province.

Food.

One hundred quintals each powdered milk and fats arrived in AOSTA Province. Sugar distribution almost completed.
Prefect of Novara in Novarra Province approached by a man purporting to be a Swiss Consul representing the Swiss Government to arrange a transfer of rice from Novara in exchange for cheese from Switzerland. Novara Province Food Officer instructed not to allow the exchange and to have no further dealings with the alleged Swiss Consul.
AMG food supplies in limited quantities have commenced arriving in Torino by rail from Cremona via Milano.

Finance.

On 20 May as a result of complaints in Aosta Province that French soldiers were forcing local shopkeepers to accept French francs or not be paid for their goods, the P.G. wrote to the French Commander emphasising what he had already been told previously viz. that only Italian and A.M. currency was valid in AMG territory and requesting that he make arrangements to have

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Reported that a considerable amount of hoodlumism with some violence is taking place in the Alta Valsesia Section, Vercelli Province. The Public Safety Officer will make a report as soon as facts can be obtained.

Partisans.

In ALESSANDRIA Province approximately 1600 arms have been surrendered to date, including rifles, light automatics, heavy automatics, machine guns and mortars. 250 partisans have presented themselves at the Casale Monferrato Patriot Centre whilst another 31 have volunteered for the Italian Armed Forces.
Disarming of Partisans continues satisfactory in ASTI Province.

Food.

One hundred quintals each powdered milk and fats arrived in AOSTA Province. Sugar distribution almost completed.
Prefect of Novara in Novarra Province approached by a man purporting to be a Swiss Consul representing the Swiss Government to arrange a transfer of rice from Novara in exchange for cheese from Switzerland. Novara Province Food Officer instructed not to allow the exchange and to have no further dealings with the alleged Swiss Consul.
AMG food supplies in limited quantities have commenced arriving in Torino by rail from Cremona via Milano.

Finance.

On 20 May as a result of complaints in Aosta Province that French soldiers were forcing local shopkeepers to accept French francs or not be paid for their goods, the P.C. wrote to the French Commander emphasising what he had already been told previously viz. that only Italian and A.M. currency was valid in AMG territory and requesting that he make arrangements to have his men paid in lire.
P.C. has received a reply that arrangements to this effect are in course of being made and that it is hoped to be able to buy back from people who so desire it francs previously accepted.
The French Colonel has since informed the P.C. verbally that care will have to be taken as there is a lot of French money which is false in circulation but he did not suggest that it had been disseminated by French troops.

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LEVANTA: 26 May 45.

Situation generally quiet. Steps taken to stop public meeting to be held by Nenni unnecessary as meeting cancelled owing to non arrival Nenni from Turin.

PIEMONTE: 26 May 45.

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(e) Printed notice of petition to come under French rule.

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Agriculture.

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CC 1007 28 May 1945

My Dear Prime Minister,

The Rome press on Wednesday, 23 May, reported that the CLNAI, Milan, had confirmed the action of CLN, Turin, in granting autonomy to Val d'Aosta. It was further stated that CLNAI had authorized the Prefect to implement this by, first, establishing French and Italian as the official languages; and second, by revision of communal boundaries in accordance with those existing in 1922.

I have had this entire matter thoroughly investigated and am advised that there is no basis for such a report to have been published. I am advised also that while the Val d'Aosta delegation made representations for autonomy to CLN Turin, the CLNAI received these and tabled them in each case, and that no declaration, proclamation, or other effort has been made in Val d'Aosta to assert autonomy or seperation.

You will appreciate, of course, that the territory in question is under Allied Military Government and will therefore be administered as such.

Yours very truly,

Kelly Stone

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Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
APO 304

SITREP Number 3. 26 May 1945.

Reference is made to paragraph on Political Activities in Piemonte Region, 23 May, SITREP Number 2:

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General Order No. 39 (Closing of Frontier) being posted.

Curfew for military personnel having been set at 2400 by the local Commander in VERCELLI Province, arrangements were completed for the Prefect to proclaim the civilian curfew at 2400 to 0400 hours so that early morning trains may be caught.

Partisans.

Efforts being made to reduce unemployment of Partisans in Alessandria Province through IV Corps engineers by employing them on reconstruction of roads and bridges.

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Partisan arms cleared from CARAGLIO and VERZUOLO, Cuneo Province. 9 lorries were employed clearing arms all day 24 May.

Industry.

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Please pass to HQ 15 ARMY GP and HQ ALCOM subject is report CLN TURIN and CLNAI had approved autonomy UAL D'AOSTA. MARSHALL reports no basis for report in ROME press. AOSTA delegation made representations for autonomy to CLN TURIN and CLNAI. Received and tabled in each case. No declaration, proclamation or other effort made in VAL D'AOSTA to assert autonomy or separation. All parties were long since (since?) advised that no action could be taken while under AMG.

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HEADQUARTERS IV CORPS
Office of the AC of S G-5

25 May 1945

SUBJECT: Situation Report as of 23 May 1945

TO : AC of S G-5, Fifth Army, APO 464, U. S. Army

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General Cadorna's one hope of retaining control was to have had something concrete to offer the partisans in the way of benefits - employment - enlistment in the army or Carabinieri. The General's visit to Rome with Parri and Longo, leaders of the elements in and about Turin was made in the hope that the War Ministry would offer some help. The net result has been upon the return with a statement of sympathy with the partisan goals in reemployment and enlistment that the partisans are dubious as to whether anything is going to be done. It was not to be expected of course that the Ministry would make specific promises since both employment and enlistment are controlled by other factors.

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There are no disturbing reports from the Provinces. There have been desires on the part of local CLN's to issue decrees of their own and a few have attempted this. To end the matter permission is being sought through channels for the publication of General Wilson's agreement with the CLNAI to establish the fact that Allied Military Government was to take over. In addition a letter has been written by the President of the CLNAI to all local CLNs again reiterating that they now become consultative rather than governing bodies. This has been given wide publicity.

The two Communist Ministers paid a visit to the Commanding General to request that the ban on speech making and political rallies be lifted. They were reminded of the conditions imposed on their visit before leaving Rome and that IV Corps had received instructions from higher echelons of command as to the conditions laid down before the trip was undertaken.

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The large industries for the most part have suffered war damage and there is uncertainty as to their financial condition. Aside from the huge cost of rehabilitation, industrial plants will find it difficult to pay the workers bonus promised by the CLNAI.

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Ex Com || Given to Sgt. Gilleland to phone to G.C. Turin to forward to [illegible]

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A Railhead has now been established at Cremona where the food is transported by truck from Forli and then placed on freight cars and delivered by rail from this point to the Regions of Lombardia and Piemonte. While the railroad could handle approximately 1000 tons daily, thus far only about 450 tons daily have been hauled by the railroad, due to the lack of transport from Forli to Cremona. However, additional truck transport is being secured by the Senior Supply Officer, AMG Fifth Army and this amount will soon be increased.

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Sent to Sgt. Pillsbury to be returned to C.C. Now returned to CC 7/6/45 G.

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The loading docks at Genoa are in the process of repair and small amounts of civilian food supplies are being unloaded now on the beaches from incoming ships. When this port is in operating condition the transport situation will be greatly relieved, because the food can be railed from Genoa to Turin and Milan.

The POL situation has improved somewhat during the week. Arrangements were made with the Quartermaster IV Corps to borrow POL and return the same amount when the POL for civilian use was made available. Some POL has gone into all regions, though the amount has been insufficient to mobilize all of the available local transport for hauling food supplies.

6. Refugees.

The refugee situation of course is not acute because the Swiss Italian border is closed but the Refugee Officers have been active in organising border receiving stations and back area refugee centers. The CLNAI are assisting with personnel but additional military personnel will be needed. At present Corps is unable to supply additional personnel or transport so some other source must be found.

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Reference your 8342.

2. No basis for report in ROME press described in your message. AOSTA delegation has presented representations for autonomy to CLN TURIN and CLNAI MILAN where reported favourably (?) received and tabled. No declaration proclamation or other effort has been made in VALLED AOSTA to assist autonomy or seperation. All parties were long since advised that if any such action or effort were attempted it would be without force or effect.

3. Also advised authority vests only in AMG which has been established and will be maintained throughout PIEMONTE REGION as directed by IV CORPS without regard for the French occupation. HQ IV CORPS is continuously advised of any developments or changes. (71)

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HEADQUARTERS IV CORPS
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SITREP Number 2.

25 May 1945.

LIGURIA: 23 May 1945

Situation quiet. Landing of supplies on beaches ceased on account of weather. Some landing craft wrecked.

PIEMONTE: 23 May 1945.

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Director of UDA arrested by Questura on charge of aiding Germans during occupation.

Public Works & Utilities.

Recent low voltage electrical current brought about by increased use of electricity in place of gas for cooking. Situation has been corrected by adding the output of another generating station to local net.

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Public Works & Utilities.

Recent low voltage electrical current brought about by increased use of electricity in place of gas for cooking. Situation has been corrected by adding the output of another generating station to local net.

Food.

Doctor Alberti, Turino Director of Sepral, revealed the trading of Italian rice to France for potatoes. Arrangements being made to trade Italian flour for French fish.
Instructions have been given Doctor Alberti, was instructed no cereals were to be sent to France. AMG will cease to deliver flour into Turino if further trading of this commodity was carried out.
Fundamental difficulty is that instructions to SEPRAL, Torino are coming from both AMG and CLN.

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Commerce.

The first shipment of POL to Piemonte Region was received by AGIP 21 May 1945 consisting of 19,000 litres (approx 5,000 gallons) of benzine, from CIP by tank truck from Genoa. Distribution is being arranged to Provinces by assignment and delivery by AGIP.
Up to this time local POL has been used. The greatest immediate need is for kerosene or gasoil (Diesel) for agricultural needs, irrigation, tractors, and farm machinery and especially for the rice planting for crops which will benefit Italy months later. At present we have about one week's supply found locally, Blends are being made for toluol and alcohol to fill in the needs.

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25th May 1945.

Chief Commissioner.

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9. After the meeting I had a valuable talk with Colonel Sutherland and the G-4 of IV Corps. I found them both, personally, extremely sympathetic to a loosening of the rigid control by Corps and Army, the direct channel between Regional Commissioners and the Allied Commission on all subjects except "command" subjects, ie, public security, etc, and an obvious desire to be quit of the whole thing as soon as possible, but a

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natural unwillingness to commit their Commanding Generals. Colonel Sutherland suggested that I should discuss the whole thing with General Hume at 5th Army HQ next week.

10. So far, therefore, as the change-over is concerned, we are really no nearer a solution unless the French situation is cleared up before 7th June. The meeting, however, was not without its value and there was no controversy but a great deal of sympathy with the difficulties experienced by military government.

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Office of the Chief Commissioner
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24 May 1945.

AIDE MEMOIR.

1. Now that hostilities are over the problem in NW ITALY becomes one of civil administration. It is a problem of great complexity both for the Allied Military Government and for the Italian Government which will follow. The AMG teams with 5 Army and IV Corps have handled the initial stages of military government with their customary efficiency. AMG has been set up and first aid to the civil population has been successful. But it has never been contemplated that these teams would be capable of administering after the initial occupation the very large area comprising 4 Regions with a population of 21 millions now under the military command of the Armies. Their staffs have been maintained at the lowest possible figure so as not to interfere with operational activity. I submit that the time has now come when the Regional staffs with their teams of administrative and technical experts representing all the Sub-Commissions, should take over the administration and come under the command of this HQ in order that the closest relation may be effected with the Italian Government who may be required to assume authority in a comparatively short space of time.

2. We are faced in N.ITALY with the possibility of unemployment involving 4 - 6 million people, with agricultural rehabilitation and agricultural developments on a large scale which cannot be handled by the small staffs at HQs of the Armies. Practically every problem has a political angle and demands the most careful consultation with the Italian Government. It is essential that the direction of these affairs should come from the Allied Commission in Rome.

3. If temporary operational control of the troops remaining in NW ITALY as suggested in para 3 of AFHQ FX 76659 is retained, then I suggest that the G-5 staff of 5 Army continue with the same functions as those now carried out by your Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5 Section, with whom the Regional Commissioners will be instructed to maintain the closest contact.

4. The present chain of command which results in all civil affairs matters being channelled first of all to SCACs of Armies is causing delay in administration which in the present state of affairs, both political and economic, may soon prove disastrous.

5. As Chief Civil Affairs Officer I feel than an immediate change to this form of control is necessary if the serious political, economic and social problems in the North are to be dealt with successfully.

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26 May 1945

SUBJECT: Occupation of Northwest Italy.

TO: See Distribution.

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MINUTES OF CONFERENCE HELD AT HQ 15 ARMY GROUP ON 24 MAY 45 ON OCCUPATION OF NW ITALY.

1. PRESENT:-

Presiding - Brig-Gen R.N. Tate, AC of S G-4, 15 Army Group.

AFHQ - Colonel R.B. Rathbone, G-3(Org)
Colonel J.M. Mitchell, G-5
Lt.Col. B. Boyd, G-4(A).

15 Army Group - Brig C.D. Packard, DC of S(Br)
Brig W.M.D. Ritchie, DA & QMG.
Brig H.T. Godfrey-Faussett, CE.
Colonel P.D. Miller, G-3(Ops)
Colonel C.S. D'Orsa, G-4
Colonel N.W. Monfort, G-5
Colonel C.H.K. Smith, DMS.
Lt.Col. W.J. McConnell, G-3(Plans)
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Fifth Army stated that these were being evacuated to Concentration Areas as quickly as possible, and that the task should be completed within ten days, except for those in hospitals.

(b) Captured Material.

This has been collected into dumps by Fifth Army, and location

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lists have been made. Cataloguing was, however, not yet complete. It was pointed out to 2 District that dealing with captured material would represent a considerable commitment when they assumed responsibility, and they agreed to examine the problem, liaise with Fifth Army, and submit demands to AFHQ for any extra staff, etc., which they considered they might require. It was agreed that AFHQ should be asked to hold a conference on this subject at an early date at HQ 15 Army Group to clarify outstanding points.

ACTION:- 2 District
AFHQ.

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EVACUATION OF ITEMS 2 OF THE OCCUPATION.

(a) Problem.

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light of the foregoing remarks:-

(i) Was implementation of Phase 2 possible at an early date?

or (ii) Was partial implementation, whereby 2 District and AG took over responsibility for certain eastern areas of NW ITALY, a practical proposition?

(b) Total Implementation of Phase 2.

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ACTION:- Allied Commission.

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ACTION:- AFHQ.

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(c) Redeployment of US Troops.

2 District asked with what speed US Troops were likely to be withdrawn on implementation of Phase 2. Brig-Gen Tate stated this would depend on redeployment and training schemes still under consideration.

21st SUB-AREA.

5. In reply to a question by AFHQ, 2 District stated that in Phase 2 they would like 21S Sub-Area to remain at PIACENZA to run the roadhead, at any rate until VERONA was fully opened.

LOCAL INDUSTRIES - NW ITALY.

6. FSS asked what would be the position in Phase 2 of certain contracts which they were now placing on behalf of NATOUSA, and by agreement with Fifth Army, with local industries in NW ITALY. Brig-Gen Tate stated they must take this up with AFHQ, so that allocation could be confirmed by the Industrial Planning Board and 2 District informed.

ACTION:- FSS.

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24 May 1945

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7. SITUATION ON FRANCO-ITALIAN FRONTIER
(Previous reference SAC (P) (45) 11th Meeting - Minute 7)

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER stated that the matter of the occupation of certain portions of Northwest ITALY by French forces was being taken up at governmental level. General Clark had recommended that an attempt should be made to have these French forces put under his control. Field Marshal Alexander had not approved this recommendation as he thought that such action would produce the impression that French occupation of Northwest ITALY was condoned by the United States and British Governments. He considered that if these French forces were once placed under his command, it would become much more difficult to insist on their withdrawal.

MAJOR GENERAL LEMNITZER reported that the local situation had not improved during the past few days in spite of the presence of sizeable American forces in the area. Conditions were such that an incident between local partisans and French forces might occur at any moment.

REAR ADMIRAL STONE, referring to a question by the United States Political Adviser regarding the authenticity of a newspaper report that the Aosta Valley had declared itself independent, stated that an inquiry was in progress. It appeared that the CLNAI had issued a decree ratifying a declaration by the local AOSTA CLN. The CLNAI had no authority to issue such decrees now that Northern ITALY had been brought under Allied Military Government.

GENERAL McNARNEY, replying to a question by the Supreme Allied Commander as to whether he considered that negotiations with the French were liable to be protracted, reported that discussions had already taken place with Monsieur Gidault and the French Ambassador. He considered, however, a comprehensive report to the Combined Chiefs of Staff might be advisable.

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

Instructed the Chief of Staff to obtain from 15 Army Group a comprehensive report on the situation in Northwest ITALY and on this basis to prepare for his approval a telegram forwarding this information to the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

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7. SITUATION ON FRANCO-ITALIAN FRONTIER
(Previous reference SAC (P) (45) 11th Meeting - Minute 7)

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER stated that the matter of the occupation of certain portions of Northwest ITALY by French forces was being taken up at governmental level. General Clark had recommended that an attempt should be made to have these French forces put under his control. Field Marshal Alexander had not approved this recommendation as he thought that such action would produce the impression that French occupation of Northwest ITALY was condoned by the United States and British Governments. He considered that if these French forces were once placed under his command, it would become much more difficult to insist on their withdrawal.

MAJOR GENERAL LEMNITZER reported that the local situation had not improved during the past few days in spite of the presence of sizeable American forces in the area. Conditions were such that an incident between local partisans and French forces might occur at any moment.

REAR ADMIRAL STONE, referring to a question by the United States Political Adviser regarding the authenticity of a newspaper report that the Aosta Valley had declared itself independent, stated that an inquiry was in progress. It appeared that the CLNAI had issued a decree ratifying a declaration by the local AOSTA CLN. The CLNAI had no authority to issue such decrees now that Northern ITALY had been brought under Allied Military Government.

GENERAL McNARNEY, replying to a question by the Supreme Allied Commander as to whether he considered that negotiations with the French were liable to be protracted, reported that discussions had already taken place with Monsieur Bidault and the French Ambassador. He considered, however, a comprehensive report to the Combined Chiefs of Staff might be advisable.

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

Instructed the Chief of Staff to obtain from 15 Army Group a comprehensive report on the situation in Northwest ITALY and on this basis to prepare for his approval a telegram forwarding this information to the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

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HEADQUARTERS IV CORPS
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
APO 394

SITREP Number 1. 24 May 1945.

LOMBARDIA: 20 May 1945.

Nothing to report.

LIGURIA: 20 May 1945.

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PIEMONTE: POLITICAL 20 May 1945.

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PUBLIC SAFETY:

In Torino Province, the disarming of partisan groups is progressing very slowly. Lack of qualified personnel as enforcement agency seriously hampers the administration of police work.

FOOD:

In Torino Province, all communes are temporarily attended to. Prices seem to be increasing on unrationed foods. Some communes are purchasing unrationed foods illegally and absorbing the difference after sale at legal price to consumer. This has been stopped.

INDUSTRIES:

An inevitable lack of material will suspend the operation of several large plants and increase thereby the unemployment situation.

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Sitrep Number 1. cr d.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

In Alessandria situation in regard to roaming partisans from Liguria, as previously reported, found to be not as serious as at first thought.
In Turin partisans continue to arrest civilians in isolated instances. Violators apprehended will be arrested and tried. Still shortage of law-enforcement personnel.
In Vercelli, reported cases of "hair-cutting" for girls fraternising with Allied troops but good case for action not yet obtained. CC.RR operating but need to make themselves felt more to remove a slight feeling of insecurity.

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In all provinces, the legal situation is up to date. Italian Bar Association is in process of being reorganised in accordance with existing doctrines.

INDUSTRY:

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FINANCE:

In Vercelli, irregular levies of taxes are being made by CLN bodies without the consent of the Provincial Committee. The Prefect is arranging for a suitable warning to the Public by means of the press.

LABOUR:

A project for preventing further erosion of the banks of the Sesia has been completed in Vercelli. Execution would provide a good safety valve for unemployment.

FOR THE SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER;

E. DONAHUE
WOJG USA
Admin. Officer.

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AMG FIFTH ARMY (ACTION): FIFTEENTH ARMY GROUP (INFO): AMG IV CORPS (INFO)
AMG PIEDMONT REGION (INFO)

8342 24 May OP PRIORITY

[redacted] PD

REPORTS IN ROME PRESS YESTERDAY STATE THAT CHARLIE LOVE MAN ABLE ITEM MILAN HAS CONFIRMED THE ACTION OF CHARLIE LOVE MAN TURIN IN GRANTING AUTONOMY TO VAL DOG APOSTROPHE AOSTA PD

PAREN TO FIFTH ARMY FOR AMG FOR ACTION REPEATED FIFTEENTH ARMY GROUP CMA FOURTH CORPS FOR AMG AND AMG PIEDMONTE REGION FOR INFO FROM HQ ALCOA CITE ACERC PAREN

REPORTS ADD CHARLIE LOVE MAN ABLE ITEM HAVE AUTHORISED PROPHET TO IMPLEMENT THIS BY PAREN ONE PAREN ESTABLISHING FRENCH AND ITALIAN AS OFFICIAL LANGUAGES CLN PAREN TWO PAREN REVISION OF COMMUNAL BOUNDARIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THOSE EXISTING IN ONE NINE TWO TWO PD THIS IS OF COURSE NOT WITHIN THEIR POWERS AND I SHOULD BE GLAD IF YOU WOULD CAUSE THE CHARLIE LOVE MAN ABLE ITEM AND CHARLIE LOVE MAN TURIN TO BE INFORMED THAT THE TERRITORY IS UNDER ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT AND WILL BE ADMINISTERED AS SUCH PD GRATEFUL FOR EARLY REPORT ON SITUATION

Executive Commissioner
AG
E. Talbot

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

NICHOLAS FIORENTINO
CWO, USA
Asst Adjutant

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MAY 231655
OP PRIORITY

AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHSC

15 ARMY GROUP INFO AIGOM

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Your 422 of 19 May.

Para 1. Agreed that your suggestion to have French troops in ITALY put under operational command 15th ARMY GROUP might facilitate AMG and produce more orderly military state of affairs. It is however not approved for reasons given in para 2.

Para 2. Such action is liable to convey impression to French and Italians that French occupation of NW ITALY is condoned by US and UK. It might also prejudice strong action now being taken by US and UK Governments to secure immediate total withdrawal of French from NW ITALY.

W/C note:

No trace of quoted reference

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ROUTINE

AFHQ SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE FHQMC
HQ ALCOM

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This is MAT 706.

Financial activities of French Occupational Forces in PIEDMONT Region ITALY. In TORINA, BRIGA, and BRAGLIO area French Civil Committee has closed banks and decreed only French francs are legal currency. Lire being taken up by French at ratio of 2 to 1. In VAL'AOSTA French are paying for supplies in French francs at rate of 50 francs equals one dollar. Similar situations exist elsewhere in Region, notably in AOSTA province.

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ROUTINE

15 ARMY GROUP

ACTION: AFHQ INFO: ALSOM, TWODIST, 5 ARMY, PBS

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Your FX 76659 not to all is refsubject hand over of North West ITALY from 5 ARMY to TWODIST. Change over responsability for Admin and Civil Affairs in NW ITALY not advisable until military situation on Franco Italian frontier is cleared up and until Axis surrendered personnel have been substantially all secured in final concentration localities. Our 0-5622 refers to conference being held here to further examine question

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[illegible] — Attached — 22 May 45 [illegible]

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FOLLOWING IS SITUATION REPORTS FROM LIGURIA REGION ON LA SPEZIA PD

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PARA ONE PD NINETEEN MAY PD CITY [illegible] DURING DEMONSTRATION PD NO

ALLIED TROOPS IN PROVINCE CMA PD ITALIAN FLAGS BEING FLOWN ALL OVER TOWN CMA PD ONE

CARABINIERI INJURED SLIGHTLY PD THIRTY CARABINIERI SENT FROM GENOA AS REINFORCEMENTS

CMA SITUATION IN HAND THROUGH [illegible] PD LIGURIA CHARLIE LOVE HAS MADE PROTEST

AGAINST FRENCH OCCUPATION OF PART OF THE PROVINCE IN THE PRESS PD

PARA TWO PD TWENTY MAY PD SITUATION NOW QUIET BUT POSSIBILITY FURTHER TROUBLE PD

CMA NINETEEN MAY ARMED YOUTHS DISARMED ABOUT THIRTY POLICE PERSONNEL PD NO ANTI

ALLIED FEELING BUT BASIS OF DEMONSTRATION SEEMS TO BE ANTI [illegible] PD OTHER

PROVINCES NO CHANGE

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MAY 20/58

AMG

AMG LEGURIA 1029 ISW

ACTION: A CORPS FWD G-5 INFO: 5 ARMY ALGER; 92 BIR, 37 AIBA

[illegible]

Situation report Number 13. Demonstration SPEZIA city Prefettura raided. One CA rubinieri slightly injured refused by reinforcement 30 Carabinieri from GENOA City. Italian flags being torn down all over the town. No Allied troops in province. Situation uneasy but in hand at present. CLN ESPENIA made through press protest against French occupation part of territory

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Ref: 583/36/20.

Tel: 47823.

22 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Hq IV Corps (Civil Affairs Section) Report.

TO : G-5, AFHQ.

The following report dated 1st May on an incident which took place at the Edison Company Power Plant at SAN DALMAZZO DI TENDA may be of interest to you:

"On 12 May French cut the telephone lines to CUNEO thus cutting off communication. They also arrested the Chief Engineer of the Company. The plant officials were informed that he was taken to NICE. His name is BOSIS.

On 15 May the French have gone to CUNEO presenting an agreement proposing that if the French boundary is changed that a financial arrangement be entered into so that the Edison Company would continue to operate the plant under French auspices.

The orders given to Edison personnel to build pole lines to cross connect with French lines are still unchanged.

Information:

This San Dalmazzi plant produces 35,000 KW either at 90 or 16 2/3 cycles. The Ventimilla - Genoa, Genoa - Turin (all of the Regions of Turin and Genoa) railways are supplied from this plant.

Part of the industrial power for all of the cities to Florence comes from the Edison system - cutting off of the San Dalmazzi plant will cut the power previously counted upon as being available for transfer to central Italy.

The French troops involved are F.F.I., 1st Division - General Serfaty."

For the Chief Commissioner:

D. Llewellyn
Lt. Intelligence Officer
Piedmont Commissionerate.

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EXTRACT

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Supreme Allied Commander's Secretariat

SAC (P) (45) 11th Meeting
18 May 1945

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SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE
(POLITICAL)

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THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

FRENCH CLAIM TO DESIRE ANNEX TERRITORY

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THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

Directed:

(a) That, while representations at Governmental level continued, no further action should be taken by this headquarters to expedite withdrawal of French forces from Northwest ITALY.

(b) That the occupation of the area up to the forntier, by forces of 15 Army Group should continue under existing instructions.

FRENCH CLAIM TO DESIRE ANNEX TERRITORY

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AFHQ

7948 18 May 45 ROUTINE

[redacted] TO

[illegible] IN LIGURIA [illegible]

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GENOA [illegible] ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT [illegible] NOW [illegible] TO SITUATION

GENERALLY QUIET AND SATISFACTORY [illegible] TRYING TO [illegible]

EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY AND CAUSING [illegible] BY [illegible] IN THE [illegible]

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AFHQ

[illegible] 28 May 45 [illegible]

IN CLEAR PD

SUBJECT IS FOUR CORPS SITREP DATED FOURTEEN MAY RECEIVED MAY ONE SEVEN ONE SIX THREE
FIVE HOURS PD

[illegible]

PARA ONE PD PIEDMONT SITUATION REPORTED SATISFACTORY WITH PARTISANS DISARMED IN TURIN
CITY AND DISARMING OF BALANCE SET FOR FIFTEEN MAY EXCEPT FOR BORDER AREAS AND
INSTALLATION GUARDS PD SITUATION ON BORDER DELICATE BUT NO OPPOSITION AND ESTABLISHMENT
AMG REQUIRED PD AOSTA PRESENT REPORTED IN ORDER OF OTHER TROOPS PD GENERAL
COMMANDANTE [illegible] HAS GONE TO [illegible] PD INDUSTRY IN GOOD CONDITION WITH SOME
DAMAGE TO TURIN PLANTS MOST UNDAMAGED PD COAL IS CRITICAL ITEM PD FIAT PLANT READY
TO OPERATE NEXT WEEK IF COAL AVAILABLE PD

PARA TWO PD TURIN DASH GENOA DASH MILAN RAILROAD LINES WILL BE IN OPERATION FOURTEEN
DAYS PD REQUIRE FORTY FIVE HUNDRED TONS COAL PER MONTH PD LABOR POSITION DELICATE IN
FIAT PLANT PD MICHELIN TIRE PLANT UNDAMAGED PRESENT STOCK RUBBER SUFFICIENT THIRTY TWO
HUNDRED TIRES PD

PARA THREE PD LOMBARDIA SITUATION REPORTED SATISFACTORY PD DISARMING PARTISANS MILAN
COMPLETE EXCEPT INSTALLATION GUARDS PD

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MAY 171600B
OF PRIORITY

SCAO AMZ IV CORPS

G-5 5 ARMY. WALKER TO SUTHERLAND; INFO ALCOM

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Reference 7673 from HQ ALCOM inquiry concerning use of French Frans for Lire in PIEDMONT REGION. French are paying for supplies in VAL D'AOSTA in Frenes at standard rate 50 to 1 Dollar. Have requested detailed report from Finance Officer PIEDMONT.

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Chief Communiconer
Room 300
File 2
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1. Refer AFHQ Operation Instruction "Occupation of NORTH WEST ITALY" dated 21 December 44.

2. Desirable to changeover to phase 2 as soon as schedule practicable. Appreciate that surrender of enemy forces and situation on French frontier presents complications but grateful if you would examine urgently whether these difficulties cannot be surmounted without deferring unduly the change in responsibility for administration and civil affairs.

3. You might wish to retain temporary operational control of all or part of the troops remaining the NORTH WEST ITALY after the change to phase 2.

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By Courier.

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16 May 1945.

SUBJECT: LIGURIA Region Sitreps.

TO : G-5 Section,
Allied Force Headquarters. (2)

The following information of 11 and 12 May 45 has been received from LIGURIA Region:-

Situation satisfactory. The disarming of Patriots in LA SPEZIA, GENOA and SAVONA is proceeding but in IMPERIA Province it is complicated by the previous French occupation, existing presence of French, and food shortage. A minimum bread ration of 400 grams has been maintained except in IMPERIA Province where transportation and communication difficulties necessitate the reduction of the ration to 50 grams.

Estimated casualties of 40 dead and 50 seriously wounded were caused by an explosion of an ammunition dump on the outskirts of SAVONA on 8 May. Local investigation indicates that the explosion was not due to hostile action.

It is reported that the French H.Q. Staff are holding informal bollets in villages on the subject of the return of territory to French rule in the part of IMPERIA Province still occupied by the French.

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For the Chief Commissioner

D Llewelyn
for Brigadier, Jen
Executive Commissioner.

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PARA ONE FD MORE FIRES RECENTS FRENCH HAVE SUBSTITUTED FRANC

FOR LIRA IN CERTAIN AREAS OF PIEMONTE FD

PARTY TO ADD PIEMONTE REGION FOR RED AREA ED ALONG CUNEO ASTI LINE

PARA TWO FD TELEGRAPH DOCUMENT FULL FACTS

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NICHOLAS PISCITELLO,
Cpt, USA,
Asst Adjutant

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MAY 15HUT

ALCOM LIGURIA
IV CORPS FOR G5 INFO ARMY. HQ ALCOM ROME. HQ 92 DIV. HQ 57 AREA

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Situation quiet, and satisfactory with reserves improved supplies increasing. Deputy Provincial representative, IMPERIA Province called on Provincial Commissioner to protest against French occupation.

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FIFTH ARMY: FIFTEENTH ARMY GROUP

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GENERAL DE SEVIN THE FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE ON THE ALLIED COMMISSION HAS LEFT FOR YOUR HEADQUARTERS WITH A FULL PICTURE OF THE REPORTS RECEIVED HERE ON THE FRENCH ACTIVITIES IN PIEMONTE AND VAL DOG APOSTROPHE AOSTA AND WITH THE INTENTION OF HELPING YOU TO SETTLE THE MANY DIFFICULTIES THAT HAVE ARISEN AND ESTABLISH NORMALITY PD

PAREN TO FIFTH ARMY PERSONEL FOR GENERAL TRUSCOTT FROM ADMIRAL STONE CMA TO FIFTEENTH ARMY GROUP PERSONAL FOR GENERAL GRUENTHER FROM ADMIRAL STONE AND FOR GEORGE DASH FIVE SECTION FROM HQ AFCOM CITE ACEHC PAREN

YOU WILL I KNOW GIVE HIM EVERY HELP IN THIS MISSION AND HE HAS ASKED PARTICULARLY THAT THE MILITARY AND AMG OFFICERS IN TURIN AND VAL DOG APOSTROPHE AOSTA SHOULD BE TOLD THAT HE IS COMING TO ASSIST THEM AND WILL NEED THEIR FRIENDLY COOPERATION IN CLEARING UP THE MATTER

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner

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14 May 1945

TO: SO(M) Liaison Staff, c/o R.A.A.C., Rome (Attn: Maj Gibson)

In reply to your letter of the 14th of May, I attach copy of a letter which is being sent to the Italian Government Liaison Officer with the Allied Commission.

Will you now please dispatch a signal to your ELO along the following lines:

"Bonomi and members of his government should be in Milan towards the end of this week. Suggest Val d'Ostani representatives visit him there. Exact date of Bonomi's arrival Milan uncertain but possibly Thursday or Friday."

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

Encl.

cc: Exec Comm'r, AC
Pol Ad (A), AC
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IX CORPS
~~LIGURIA~~ FROM WALKER

G-5 5 ARMY FOR SUTHERLAND. INFO: ALCOM FOR LEMM

IN CLEAR.

1. LIGURIA situation continues satisfactory. Disarming patriots IMPERIA Province complecated by situation at border. In other provinces disarming proceeding satisfactorily. Food situation IMPERIA critical since only 50 grams bread per day available AMG sources due to transport difficulties. Balance region on 100 grams ingect ration. Serious explosion SAVONA City 8 May 40 killed 30 seriously injured. Investigation showed explosion not due to sabotage. Political situation quiet but CLN reported attempting manoeuver to place prefects under CLN and not under AMG. In GENOA CLN demanded all correspondence between AMG and prefect pass through hand CLN. This was refused. CLN persists in publishing unauthorized notices.

2. PIEDMONT situation reported satisfactory with patriots disarmed in TURIN City and disarming of balance set for 15 May except for border areas and installation guards. Situation on border delicate but no opposition to establishment AMG reported. AOSTA Prefect deposed by order of other troops. MARSHALL has gone to investigate. Industry in good condition with some damage to TURIN plants rest undamaged. Coal is critical item. FIAT ready to operate next week if coal available.

3. TURIN-GENOA-MILAN railroad lines will be in operation 14 days but requ tons coal per month. Labor position delicate in FIAT plant. MICHELIN tire present stock rubber sufficient 32 hundred tires.

4. LOMBARDIA situation reported satisfactory. Disarming patriots eppt installation guards. Balance area proceeding under General CADY

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5. Conversations Decimoios Sub Commission group with CLNAI Reconsider Sections very satisfactory ANTOLINI reports. CLNAI still reluctant on CORRIERE MILLA SERA waiting PWB report on conversations. ROME delegation from ROME returned safely but have not learned results of contact with group remaining here will report. REAO 5 ARMY appointing prefect MILAN tomorrow with other officers. Special Assize Courts begin operation Wednesday. Working top speed to check all CLNAI nominees for prefect other provinces in three regions to complement(?) Special Assize Courts. PICKEY drafting order to authorize appointment receivers by AMG of all industrial plants where management has been epurated such receivers to be technical not political ANTOLINI concurs.

6. POLETTI-HANCOCK now complete operation headquarters PONTECATINI building telephone through KEYSTONE - MILAN civilian phone 12407

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My dear Marchese Cittadini:

I am directed by Admiral Stone to ask you to convey to the President of the Council of Ministers that two Val d'Ostani representatives are wishing to visit the Italian Government with the object of pressing for an early grant of regional autonomies to the Val d'Aosta. The names of these delegates are believed to be D'Entreves (The Liberal Prefect of Aosta) and Elter (Communist works manager of the Cogne Steel Works). Would you please further inform the President that it is being suggested to these two that they visit not Rome but Milan at a time when the President himself will be there.

/s/ J. A. Quayle

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

Marchese Cittadini-Cone
Italian Government Liaison Office
Hq A.C.

cc: Exec Comm'r
Political Adviser (A), Hq AC

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Admiral.

Would it not be a good thing for Rear Adm Val d'Aosta representative to make their number with Bonomi when he reaches Milan?

If you agree I will inform Bonomi's office & Admiral Duquesne & STARLING.

15.4.

S.O.(M) Liaison Staff,
c/o R.A.A.C.,
C.M.F.

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14th May 1945

The Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission.

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Mr. Hopkinson saw this signal in Siena yesterday, and has suggested that the Aosta delegates should visit Milan next week.

We shall be glad to know if you have any instructions for us in connection with the above.

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R.M. Thirkell
Major
SO(M) Liaison Staff.
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FOLLOWING IS REPEAT SUBS TEN NAF FROM BRITISH LIAISON OFFICER CORSO FB

PARIS FE AFHQ FOR GENERAL ETTE REPD AR INFO TO ARMY GROUP FOR GENERAL TUKE

FROM BRIG ALOXE CHIEF ADVISE PARIS

QUOTE THESE ITALIAN POWER STATIONS AT SAN DAMIANO AREA ARE NOW CONTROLLED

BY THE FRENCH AND THE MODIFICATIONS NOW BEING MADE TO DIVERT TOTAL OUTPUT TO

FRANCE BY CONNECTING TO ADJACENT FRENCH ELECTRIC SYSTEM REQUIRE

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ALSOM LIGURIA

ACTION IV CORPS INFO AMG 5 ARMY, HQ ALSOM ROME, HQ 92 DIV, HQ 57 AREA

Ditrep

Ditrep No 5.

Situation satisfactory, supplies have started to arrive by sea over beaches. Food situation improved with bread ration being raised immediately to general average 150 grams daily. Disarming patriots continue. Approx 6000 arms handed in to date but difficulty is that most patriots are in possession of more than 1 weapon.

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15 ARMY GP INFO IV CORPS, ANG 5 ARMY, HQ ALCOM 92 CIV, 37 AREA

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Sitrep No 9.

Situation generally quiet. Court for trial of Fascists has been set up for SAVONA and is under consideration for GENOA and IMPERIA. Arms are generally being turned in satisfactorily in LA SPEZIA, GENOA and SAVONA. After professing acknowledgement of AMG in accordance with terms of agreement CLNs are busy manoeuvring to retain or regain their authority. CLN GENOA yesterday made application for all correspondence between Provincial Commissioner and Prefect to pass through CLN which was refused. CLN GENOA which claims to act for whole of LIGURIA attempts to assume executive functions and publishes notices in the press which are embarrassing to AMGOT. Reports from that part of IMPERIA province occupied by French indicate that French HQ staff are holding informal ballots in villages on the subject of return of territory to French rule.

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QUOTE FROM TODAYS ZI ARMY WORLD WAR ENDS AND ARE NOW OFFICIALLY HOSTILITIES BETWEEN ARMY AND NAVY AND ALL OTHER UNITS OF AMERICAN OVERSEAS MAIL POINTS HAS OFFICIAL SPEC CLOSE WITH FRENCH AT ALL POINTS SO WE ALL GET QUICKLY AND WARM ARMY ED PARTICIPANTS DURING OPERATIONS ARE ASKED TO KEEP AS ARMY PRESS ANNOUNCEMENTS MEANS ED THE INFORMATION MEANS SECRECY OR LATER ARMY UNITS WILL BE ORDERED STOP PARTICIPANTS WHICH IN PRACTICE MAKE FRENCH PART ED PARTICIPANTS THERE WE ARE VERIFYING MEANS USE TO ARMY ED I DESK THEIR DEPT AN PRESENT TO OUR CORRESPONDENTS

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Major.

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BAKER [illegible] FROM VAL [illegible] AOSTA [illegible] MESSAGE DATED ONE ZERO MAY AS FOLLOWS

PASS TO AFHQ FOR [illegible]

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QUOTE FRENCH TROOPS IN AOSTA VALLEY TOTAL TWO ZERO ZERO ZERO PD ARE NOW OPENLY MOVING TROOPS INTO TOWN EAST AOSTA PD HAVE ONE TWO ZERO TROOPS IN AOSTA TOWN PD AMERICAN OPERATOR MAJOR [illegible] HAS ORDERS AVOID CLASH WITH FRENCH AT ALL COSTS SO WE ALL SIT QUIETLY AND WATCH ABOVE PD PARTISANS REFUSE SURRENDER ANY ARMS SO LONG AS ABOVE STATE AFFAIRS EXISTS PD THIS SITUATION MEANS SOONER OR LATER AMERICAN TROOPS WILL BE ORDERED FIGHT PARTISANS WHICH IS EXACTLY WHAT FRENCH WANT PD PARTISANS THINK WE ARE TURNING BLIND EYE TO ABOVE PD I [illegible] THIS BUT AM FORCED TO SAME CONCLUSION UNQUOTE

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AFHQ SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE FEGOT

ALCOM

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HEADQUARTERS
13 MAY 1945
A. C.

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Reference your letter 147/EC of 9 May.

1. You may inform the Prime Minister if asked:

"a. That the French entered ITALY in accordance with the requirements of the military situation at the time. However, since 15 ARMY GROUP is now able to deploy troops in the frontier areas, an arrangement has been proposed whereby the French withdrawal will be coordinated with their handover to 15 ARMY GROUP.

b. That 15 ARMY GROUP has been instructed to occupy and establish AMG in NW ITALY and to assume control of the frontier."

2. SHAEF have requested the French High Command to instruct General DOYEN to coordinate his withdrawal with the arrival of the 15 ARMY GROUP. SHAEF have also stressed the importance of AFHQ establishing frontier control on the Italian side, as agreed by all concerned including the French.

3. Should the French reply prove unsatisfactory, the question will be referred to the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

4. Pending a French reply, 15 ARMY GROUP has been instructed to:

a. Occupy and establish AMG in NW ITALY up to the frontier.

b. Take over and establish frontier control.

5. G3/SGS personnel have been directed to make it quite clear to local partisans that the French occupation is temporary, and that their withdrawal is being

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AIGCM LIGURIA

ACTION IV CORPS FOR G5 INFO AMG 5 ARMY, HQ AIGCM ROME, HQ 92 DIV, HQ 57 AREA

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Sitrep No 7.

Situation continues satisfactory. There are indications that civil transportation this Region will be seriously jeopardised if control is not exercised and standard tariffs adhered to in Regions to North. Disarming of Patriots LIGURIA province presents complications owing previous French occupation, existing presence French and shortage food in Region otherwise disarming generally satisfactory. Food situation quiet on general minimum 100 gram bread ration except LIGURIA Region where transportation and communication difficulties still necessitate only 50 gram ration.

Explosion of ammunition dump in coastal battery in cliff eastern outskirts SAVONA on 8th May caused estimated casualties dead 40 seriously injured 30 local investigation indicates explosion not due to hostile action. Political situation quiet but uncertain with CLNs manoeuvering for better position after acknowledgement of AMG.

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AFHQ

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CONFIDENTIAL FD

REPEATED SIX FIVE ONE NINE SLANT FOX SEND SLANT EASY CHARLIE DATED SEVEN MAY

FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM GENERAL HUBB DATED NINE MAY FD

PARA FD ARE HEADQUARTERS FIVE FIVE ARMY AT ALONG OVER ADRIA PARA

VISITED WITH TODAY SUNDAY ACCOMPANYING GENERAL CUTTENBURGER FOUR OTHER OFFICERS AND COLONEL MILLER FOUR CORPS REGION CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER FD SAW NO EVIDENCE OF RECENT OR CIVIL DISORDER OF ANY KIND FD PERSONAL REGION CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER LIEUTENANT COLONEL FINK REPORTS CITY IN GOOD CONDITION MENTALLY AND POLITICALLY FD FOOD CONDITIONS FAIR FD THE USUAL SHORTAGE OF FATS SUGAR AND SALT REPORTED FD PATRIOT PARADE HELD SUNDAY SHOULD WITHOUT UNDUE PRESSURE AND APPARENTLY INDICATIVE OF GOOD WILL FD PATRIOT PARADE IN VERONA SATURDAY ACCORDING MISCHIEFUL CAA AGENT WAS THOUGHT CURB BEING TAKEN IN THE A CREATURE. CROWDING IN THE ROMAN ARENA FD PATRIOT PARADE IN MILAN ON SUNDAY SEEMED LIKEWISE MOST SATISFACTORY FD THE CORPS COMMANDER AND SENIOR GENERAL OFFICERS ATTENDED CAA GENERAL CUTTENBURGER MAKING THE PRINCIPAL ADDRESS FD SENIOR CARMONA THE PATRIOT LEADER ALSO SPOKE FD I WAS PRESENT AT BOTH OCCASIONS

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

11 May 1945

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SUMMARY OF REPORTS ON FRENCH SITUATION IN NW ITALY

1. (a) French troops to occupy PRE SAINT DIDIER, LA THUILE, VAL DE RHEMES and INTROD.
(b) Occupation purely military to guarantee frontier.
(c) Partisan command undertook withdrawal of partisans west of AOSTA to AOSTA town.
(d) French troops will not enter VAL D'AOSTA unless ordered to do so.

French troops reported to have crossed frontier some with machine guns and light mortars at COL DELLA CROCE.

Following this it was reported that the French had occupied VENTIMIGLIA, had taken over local administration and requisitioned transport.

Above reports of 1 May 1945.

2. 2 May 1945.

Reported Battalion of French at BORGO SAN DALMAZZO.

3. 3 May 1945.

Confirmed that French, who had advanced as far as MOLI (SAVONA Province), had begun withdrawal behind the VAL DI NERVIA.

4. 5 May 1945.

The French were said to be trying to arrange a so-called "spontaneous" plebiscite and had brought in two battalions of VALDAOSTANI recruited from ex-partisan refugees in FRANCE for the purpose.

5. 5 May 1945.

Reported that French civilians from CESANA had been distributing pamphlets containing forms opting for French citizenship. At AOSTA the French were said to have established rival CLN.

6. 5 May 1945.

Position on FRENCH-ITALIAN border reported as follows:-

(a) French have stopped all civilian traffic west of NERVIA bridge.
(b) At BRIGA and TENDA all those refusing to become French citizens are being driven out.
(c) BRIGA MARITIMA re-named by French: BRIGA DE NICE.

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7. 5 May 1945.

French 27th Division advanced as far as RIVOLI and established large Military Mission in TURIN.

8. 9 May 1945.

Position obscure but French troops reported to have withdrawn to agreed line VAL D'AOSTA. Detachments still few miles west TURIN and more troops reported moving across frontier. Reported French proposing cut power transmission and link to French grid. This would deprive GENOA of power.

9. 8 May 1945.

Two French officers held meeting yesterday of about 30 allegedly helpful Partisan French elements Aosta. Mostly peasants. French captain addressed meeting and said French could not help Valdostan openly because had not yet authority but could do so other means. Said sent by de Gaulle to help Valdostan. Said English more against French. Said that in 48 hours French would be in position to give orders. Until that time he ordered Valdostan to march into Aosta with French local flags to demand annexation.

10. 9 May 1945.

French troops east and west AOSTA. Road blocks set up and US troops unable advance without causing incident which French apparently want. Problems in AOSTA and CUNEO. French established gun reference sites various points, circulating French currency, impounding food ration cards unless holders sign declaration desire French citizenship, feeding on country, increasing size mission TURIN by infiltration. Suspects truth power line report on grounds impracticability but does not exclude it.

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cc: French Representative, AC —
Marchese Attadini

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Directive given 15 ARMY GROUP 7 May was that in anticipation French withdrawal they should occupy and establish AMG in NW ITALY up to Franco Italian frontier as rapidly as possible. General instruction was included to avoid armed clashes and refer this HQ if such appeared likely. Further directive to 15 ARMY GROUP 8 May was that troops should take over from French and should establish frontier control.

In circumstances action lies with 15 ARMY GROUP to whom you repeated your signal.

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FOLLOWING INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM LIGURIA REGION

PARRI TO AFHQ FOR GEORGE FIVE FROM HQ ALSOM CTEN ACERO PARRI

ONE PD SEVEN MAY PD REPORT FROM SAVONA INDICATES MINOR DISTURBANCES PD FACTS NOT YET KNOWN PD GENOA PROVINCE CALM PD CONFERENCES WITH CHARLIE LOVE RAN PROCEEDING IN ORDERLY MANNER PD

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APO 394
Office of the Chief Commissioner
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Ref: 147/CC

9 May 1945.

SUBJECT: French Situation in NW ITALY.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters.
Attention: Chief of Staff.

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2. I would urge that action be taken to restore the situation without delay in order that Allied Military Government may be set up throughout these provinces and to enable me to give a satisfactory assurance to the Italian Government.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

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SUMMARY OF REPORTS OF FRENCH SITUATION IN VAL D'AOSTA.

1. From P.L.O. 1st May 1945.

Reported talks with French Colonel and Partisan Commands:

(a) French troops to occupy PRE SAINT DIDIER, LA THUILE, VAL DE RHEMES and IRRAMD.

(b) Occupation purely military to guarantee frontier.

(c) Partisan command undertook withdrawal of partisans west of AOSTA to AOSTA town.

(d) French troops will not enter VAL D'AOSTA unless ordered to do so.

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Following this it was reported that the French had occupied VENTIMIGLIA, had taken over local administration and requisitioned transport.

2. From P.L.O. 2nd May.

Reported battalion of French at BORGO SAN DALMAZZO.

3. From Political Adviser, 3rd May.

Confirmed that French, who had advanced as far as SUSA (SAVOIA Province), had begun withdrawal behind the VAL DE MERVIA.

4. From Political Adviser, 5th May.

Reported that French civilians from CESANA had been distributing pamphlets containing forms of option for French citizenship. At AOSTA the French were said to have established rival CLN.

5. From Political Adviser, 5th May.

The French were said to be trying to arrange a so-called "spontaneous" plebiscite and had brought in two battalions of VALDAOSTANI recruited from ex-partisan refugees in FRANCE for the purpose.

6. From P.L.O. 5th May.

Position on FRENCH-ITALIAN border reported as follows:-

(a) French have stopped all civilian traffic west of MERVIA bridge.

(b) At BRIGA and TENDA all those refusing to become French citizens are being driven out.

(c) BRIGA MARITIME re-named by French BRIGA DE MER.

7. From Political Adviser, 5th May.

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7. From Political Adviser, 5th May.

French 27th Division advanced as far as RIVOLI and established a large Military Mission in TURIN.

8. From Political Adviser, 9th May.

Position obscure but French troops reported to have withdrawn to agreed line VAL D'AOSTA. Detachments still few miles west TURIN and more troops reported moving across frontier. Reported French proposing cut power transmission and link to French grid. This would deprive GENOA of power.

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9. From B.L.O. Val d'Aosta Area, 8th May.

Two French officers held meeting yesterday of about 30 allegedly helpful Partisan French elements Aosta. Mostly peasants. French captain addressed meeting and said French could not help Valdostan openly because had not rpt not yet authority but could do so other means. Said sent by de Gaulle to help Valdostan. Said English were against French. Said that in 48 hours French would be in position to give orders. Until that time he ordered Valdostan to march into Aosta with French local flags to demand annexation.

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FOLLOWING FROM POLITICAL ADVISERS BEGINS SITUATION PIEDMONT OBSCURE PD FRENCH TROOPS SEEM TO HAVE WITHDRAWN AGREED LINE VAL DOG APOSTROPHE AOSTA BUT DETACHMENTS STILL FEW MILES WEST TURIN AND MORE TROOPS REPORTED MOVING ACROSS FRONTIER PD REPORT RECEIVED MAY EIGHT FRENCH PROPOSING CUT PAREN GROUP UNDECYPHERABLE PAREN POWER WIRE AND LINK TO FRENCH GRID PD THIS WOULD DEPRIVE GENOA OF POWER PD ENDS PD

PAREN TO AFHQ FOR GEORGE FIVE RPTD HQ FIFTEEN ARMY GROUP FROM HQ ALCOM CITE EX AGEXC PAREN

PARA TWO PD CAN YOU INFORM ME WHAT ACTION YOU PROPOSE TO TAKE OR WISH ME TO TAKE IN ORDER TO CLEAR UP A SITUATION WHICH MUST HAVE SERIOUS EFFECT ON PUBLIC ORDER AND GOOD ADMINISTRATION PD

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/s/ M. S. Lush

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FOLLOWING IS SITREP FROM LIBERIA [illegible] DATED SIX MAY FD

RANGE 30 MTS NE CAPE FIVE FROM EL ALTA OTTO ACHTO PARTY

SITUATION SATISFACTORY FD FORMATION OF TRUCK FOR MAKING GOOD PROGRESS FD FIGHTS

REGARDED HERE LAUGHABLE IN ASSURANCE WITH ARTICLE FD WITH RECEPTION OF SMALL

PART OCCUPIED BY FRENCH AND NOW ESTABLISHED WEST OF LIBERIA FD FRENCH OCCUPYING ISLE

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CONCENTRATION HOSPITAL FD OWING TO FLOOD [illegible] ARRIVAL BUT SUPPLIES TO RANGE RATION REPATRIATED FD FRENCH REPORTED TO HAVE KILLED

MANY PARTISANS FD NO CHANGE GUINEA AND SPECIAL PROVINCES FD SAVIMA FD CHARLIE LATH

MAN OBSERVATION WELL FD MORALE SATISFACTORY

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ROUTINE

15 ARMY GROUP

AFHQ INFO ALCOM, DIEPPE, DIETRICH, PBS, FIFTH ARMY.

Reference your AG 323/061 CAO-0 of 2 May subject local resources in NW ITALY.

Definition NW ITALY as given your para 3 does not agree with boundaries shown appendix A your AG 323/061 CAO-0 of 15 March. According latter Provinces SONDRIO BERGAMO CREMONA BRESCIA PARMA are included in NW ITALY. In order avoid further confusion request you clarify to all concerned.

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PARA CHECK FD AMERICAN AND BRITISH POLITICAL ADVISERS IN MILAN REPORT THAT FRENCH HAVE ESTABLISHED A LARGE MILITARY MISSION IN TURIN AND HAD INFILTRATED TROOPS AS FAR PUSHED AS RIVOLI FD ALTHOUGH THE LOCAL COMMANDERS HAVE AGREED TO NOTICE TO POINTS FURTHER WEST CMA THEY ARE NOT RETIRING AS FAR AS ORIGINALLY LAID DOWN AND IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER THEY ARE COMPLYING WITH GENERAL CRITERIA THERE ORDERS ISSUED TO ALL CONCERNED IN THE SERIES OF INSTRUCTIONS SENT BY YOU FD

REPEAT TO AFHQ FOR ACTION MMIA FOR ALGIERS ACTION PATCH

PARA TWO FD THE SAME SITUATION APPLIES IN LIGURIA FD THE MATTER IS NATURALLY CAUSING GRAVE CONCERN TO ITALIANS AND WAS RAISED BY THE CHARLIE LOVE MAN WITH THE POLITICAL ADVISERS AT TURIN ON MAY FOUR FD IT IS ALLEGED BUT NOT CONFIRMED THAT THE FRENCH ARE ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE A SO CALLED SPONTANEOUS PLEBISCITE AND HAVE BROUGHT IN TWO BATTALIONS OF VAL DOG APOSTOLOVEC AOSTANI RECRUITED FROM EX ITALIAN PARTISANS FOUGHTING IN FRANCE FOR THIS PURPOSE FD

PARA THREE FD FRENCH CIVILIANS FROM CUNEO HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTING PAMPHLETS CONTAINING PLANS OFFERING FRENCH CITIZENSHIP FD THERE ALSO SEEMS TO BE A CONFUSED SITUATION IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD OF ACQUI WHERE THE FRENCH ARE SAID TO HAVE ESTABLISHED RIVAL CHARLIE LOVE MAN FD

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CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

The attached messages have been telephoned to 15th Army Group with instructions that they be transmitted to 8th Army immediately for investigation and appropriate action if found to be true.

Brigadier-General Hume states that he saw no sign of these conditions when he was in TURIN two days ago, but will investigate the matter and report.

P. W. G. Russell
for Brigadier.
Executive Commissioner.

5.5.45.

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HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT
2677th Regiment, OSS (Prov.)
APO 512, U. S. Army

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6 May 1945

The following message has just been received from Torino:

"In Torino the situation is rapidly becoming worse. Industries are being completely disorganized by the Communists, who have occupied the factories and who are carrying out a widespread and indiscriminate epuration. Factories and dumps have been looted by the Partisans and all the material appropriated by them. Crimes and personal acts of vengeance have been committed under the pretext of eliminating the Fascists.

"The CLN cannot carry out its orders, since it lacks the authority. In order to elude the disarmament orders from the Allied Command, which is believed to be imminent, Partisan forces, particularly of the left, are hiding arms in their decentralized zones. They have armed themselves heavily with booty taken from the Nazi-Fascists. Because of the press there is much political dissention among the parties."

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4 May 1945

The following message has just been received from Torino:

"Political situation in factories is becoming grave. Theoretically these factories are controlled by local CLN and Managing Committees named by CLN, but actually SAP is prohibiting all managers from entering. SAP is staging political demonstrations and obliging everybody to belong to the Communist Party, instead of reorganizing work. Situation is fast degenerating towards creation of factory Soviets. It is urgent that AMG intervene."

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AIGCM LIGURIA

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Sitrep number 4. Situation generally satisfactory and quiet. Detachment arrived SAVONA 2 May to establish AMGOT. Preliminary reports states food supplies temporarily taking effect but with short partisans number approx 5000 and no difficulty anticipated in disarmament. Detachment entered IMPERIA 3 May to establish AMGOT with French reported withdrawing to frontier. Preliminary report awaited. In CUNEO and SPEZIA provinces supply which is confined to road transport continues to permit minimum bread ration in large towns with situation in outlying districts not fully determined. GENOA city situation May. Commanding General held most successful parade American troops and partisans 2 May. City partisans disarming except 500 authorized for temporary police duties. 1600 partisans being retained in surrounding districts for mopping up remainder of partisans to be disarmed by 5 Army Hq. Difficulties being caused by banis of bogus partisans in city. CLN have agreed to hand over all political prisoners to normal authorities. Considerable numbers of evacuees from north returning to homes in south without permits are being stopped at road blocks this region also unregistered vehicles

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AFHQ SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE FHGOT
ACTION: SHAEF, INFO: 15 ARMY GROUP, 6 ARMY GROUP, ALCOM

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Ref your FWD 20299 of 1 May, 6 ARMY GROUP BX 13846 of 1 May and BX 13889 of 2 May.

1. Continued presence of French troops in ITALY is now unnecessary and most undesirable. Realize you recognize this. There is virtual certainty of armed clashes between French and local Partisans with probable serious repercussions on stability of present Italian Govt.

2. Reports from two sources indicate French are making unreasonable demands on Italians and using Moroccans to enforce thereby hoping to provoke border incident. Reports also state French are requisitioning food stating this the right of occupying troops.

3. Presume therefore you are taking the necessary steps with the French General Staff to ensure compliance with the order for the French withdrawal. Request you keep us informed on progress because if you are unable to effect withdrawal, propose referring matter to Combined Chiefs of Staff for action by US and UK Govts.

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HUTCHINSONS NUMBER ONE FIVE OF TWO MAY RE FRENCH OCCUPATION PIEMONTE PD

PAREN TO FOUR CORPS PERSONAL FOR GENERAL CRITTENBERGER FROM ADMIRAL STONE HQ ALCOM CITE AC4KO FOR ACTION REPEATED FIFTEENTH ARMY GROUP AND FIFTH ARMY FOR INFO PAREN

(41a) SACMED HAS DIRECTED THAT ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT WILL BE SET UP IN ALL TERRITORY UNDER HIS COMMAND THAT IS TO SAY ALL ITALY PD IF THEREFORE FRENCH ARE FOUND IN OCCUPATION AMG WILL BE SET UP IN THE USUAL MANNER PD IF FRENCH MILITARY GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN SET UP AMG WILL REPLACE IT

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3. SITUATION ON THE FRANCO-ITALIAN FRONTIER

THE CONFERENCE had before them a series of signals on the subject of French intentions in the area of the Franco-Italian frontier, ending with a message which indicated that General Doyen, when ordered by 6th Army Group to withdraw his forces behind the Franco-Italian frontier, had replied that such withdrawal was not to be contemplated without previous agreement of his government.

REAR ADMIRAL STONE stated that military government officials with 4th U.S. Corps had requested instructions in regard to the establishment of Allied military government in areas if ITALY occupied by the French.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN said that the only course was to force the French to withdraw. He therefore thought that a message should be despatched to SHAEF asking them to take the matter up with the French General Staff so as to ensure compliance with their orders. He believed that the personality of General Doyen was the main source of the trouble.

MR. MACMILLAN, agreeing to the despatch of such a telegram, considered that it might take the line of thanking the French for their help during the battle, but pointing out that now the battle was over and the enemy had surrendered, there was no further requirement for the presence of their forces in ITALY.

MR. KIRK considered ti desirable to insist on French withdrawal.

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER :

(a) Instructed the Chief of Staff to draft for his approval a telegram to SHAEF requesting them to ensure compliance with their order to the French to withdraw.

(b) Directed that normal Allied military government under his control should be set up in all areas of northern ITALY whether French-occupied or not.

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3 May 1945.

TO : SOMLO, ROME.

Please despatch following signal:

"TOP SECRET and OPERATIONAL PRIORITY.

TO MILAN FOR HOPKINSON FROM BY ALLOM FROM LUSH.

Your No.15 of 2 May. Pass following to CAFFERY from STONE. WASHINGTON has directed that Allied Military Government will be set up in all territory under his command that is to say all ITALY. If, therefore, French are found in occupation, AMG will be set up in the usual manner. If French Military Government has been set up, AMG will replace it.

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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AG 323/061 CAO-O

2 May 1945

SUBJECT: Local Resources in Northwest Italy

TO: Commanding General, 15th Army Group, APO 777
Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 394
General Officer Commanding, Number 2 District

1. GENERAL. Reference is made to AFHQ letter, AG 323/061 CAS-O, dated 25 January 1945, as amended, subject: "Occupation of NW Italy".

2. OBJECT. The object of this letter is to outline the administrative plan whereby local resources in North West Italy may be ascertained and utilised to the maximum on occupation of that territory by the Allied Armed Forces.

3. DEFINITION. NW Italy is defined as the area for which Headquarters Number 2 District is to be responsible, viz:

a. The Compartimento of Liguria
b. The Compartimento of Piemonte
c. The Provincia of Varese
d. The Provincia of Como
e. The Provincia of Milano
f. The Provincia of Pavia

} In the Compartimento of Lombardia

g. The Provincia of Piacenza

} In the Compartimento of Emilia

(This Province may not initially be under Number 2 District)

4. POLICY. The policy affecting local resources in NW Italy is summarized as follows:

a. Munitions Plants in NW Italy will not be required for production of weapons and ammunition during the period of the European and Japanese wars.

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b. The maximum utilisation of all resources in NW Italy, both agricultural and industrial will be effected to meet:

(1) Allied Armed Forces requirements and Italian civilian needs to prevent disease and unrest.

(2) Rehabilitation of the Italian economy.

c. AC/AMG will, as in Southern Italy, primarily be responsible for:

(1) Preparing inventories and disclosing availabilities of all types of materials, foodstuffs, plant, tools and equipment.

(2) The efficient organisation of industries to encourage maximum production of essential products.

d. AFLMS AFHQ is charged with the responsibility of co-operating jointly with AC/AMG in the task described in c, above.

e. In relation to NW Italy, AFLO (Italian) Board will exercise its normal functions as defined in AFHQ Administrative Memorandum Number 41 of 17 September 1944.

5. PREPARATION OF INVENTORIES. In order that the maximum benefit may accrue to the Allied Armed Forces and Allied Commission from local resources, it is essential that accurate and complete listing be made of resources uncovered by occupation of additional territory. Such information will be reported to AFLMS AFHQ without delay, to prevent dissemination of valuable materials by civilians for their own profit, to the detriment of the requirements of the Allied Armed Forces and the Allied Commission.

6. CONTROL. Under the terms of AFHQ letter above quoted, the responsibility of co-ordinating the planning and execution of such forms of military assistance in NW Italy as are outlined in that directive is delegated to Headquarters Number 2 District.

7. METHOD. During Phase I of the occupation of NW Italy as defined in paragraph 4 a, of AFHQ letter above quoted, AFLMS officers will be established at Headquarters Fifth Army or such other headquarters as may be designated for the task. The specific duties of these officers will be liaison with AMG Fifth Army and the rendering of assistance to them in their task of investigation and reporting of local resources.

7. During Phase II of the occupation of NW Italy:

a. At each of the principal centres, namely: Genoa, Turin Province and Milan Province, there will be established AFLMS representatives (with complement of clerks and vehicles necessary)

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b. The duties of these officers will be:

(1) To assist AC/AMG officers in investigation, compilation of information and despatch of reports.

(2) To implement the decisions and instructions of AFLR (Italian) Board, communicated to them through AFLRS.

c. At Headquarters Number 2 District there will be established an ADV AFLRS detachment with complement of clerks and vehicles as necessary.

d. The function of this detachment will be:

(1) To control and co-ordinate the activities of the AFLRS representatives in sub-paragraph a, above.

(2) To keep Headquarters Number 2 District informed of all local resources revealed in NW Italy, and of the policies and directions of the AFLR (Italian) Board in connection therewith.

(3) To report all information received by them to AFLRS.

(4) To implement in liaison with Headquarters Number 2 District the directions of AFLRS regarding local resources in NW Italy.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

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Civil Affairs officer Fourth Corps states that he has never received any instructions regard to attitude towards French should they be found in occupation of military in which Allied Military Government is to be established. We think it would be useful if it could be clearly laid down in advance what action Allied authorities should take if they find French Military Government installed. We should also like guidance ourselves. In this connection we would note that several French officers have already appeared in Milan.

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SUGAR CUBE EASY REPORTS TODAY AS FOLLOWS COLON

ITEM ONE PD THERE ARE NO LONGER ANY GERMANS IN THE VAL DAOSTE PD THE FRENCH ARE REPORTED TO HAVE FORMED A COMMITTEE OF LIBERATION IN THIS AREA UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF A MAN KNOWN AS QUOTE ADAM UNQUOTE AND HAVE DECLARED THAT A PLEBISCITE WILL SHORTLY BE HELD WHEN ALL MEN IN THE VALLEY OVER BEFORE WINTERIN FORTUNES WILL BE ALLOWED TO VOTE PD

PASSED TO AFHQ FOR CHIEF OF STAFF CMA GENERAL FIVE CMA GROUP TWO CMA UNCLE SUGAR POLAD CMA AND BRITISH REPEAT FROM HQ ALSOM CITE ALSOM FIVE AIRTEL STORE FAR25

ITEM TWO PD FRENCH TROOPS ARE EXPECTED TO ENTER COURMAYEUR TODAY PD

ITEM THREE PD THERE IS INDICATION THAT THE FRENCH ARE ENDEAVORING TO INFILTRATE A SMALL MISSION WITH WILLIAM TASK COMMUNICATION TO HQS ORDER AREA

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Tel : 735

28 April 1945

Ref : 572/14/SO.

SUBJECT : French interests in the North.

TO : Civil Affairs Section (for Displaced Persons & Repat.S/C)
Economic Section (for Financial Adviser)

1. Attached are copies of letters dated 20 April and 26 April 1945 from the French Representative and copy of this HQ letter dated 28 April to G-5 Section, 15 Army Group.

2. As a matter of urgency, both Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission and the Chief Financial Adviser have been given copies of the letters from the French Representative and it is understood that both Sub-Commissions are giving full cooperation to General de Sevin with a view to the immediate despatch of French officers to their appropriate Regions.

Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

Incl:
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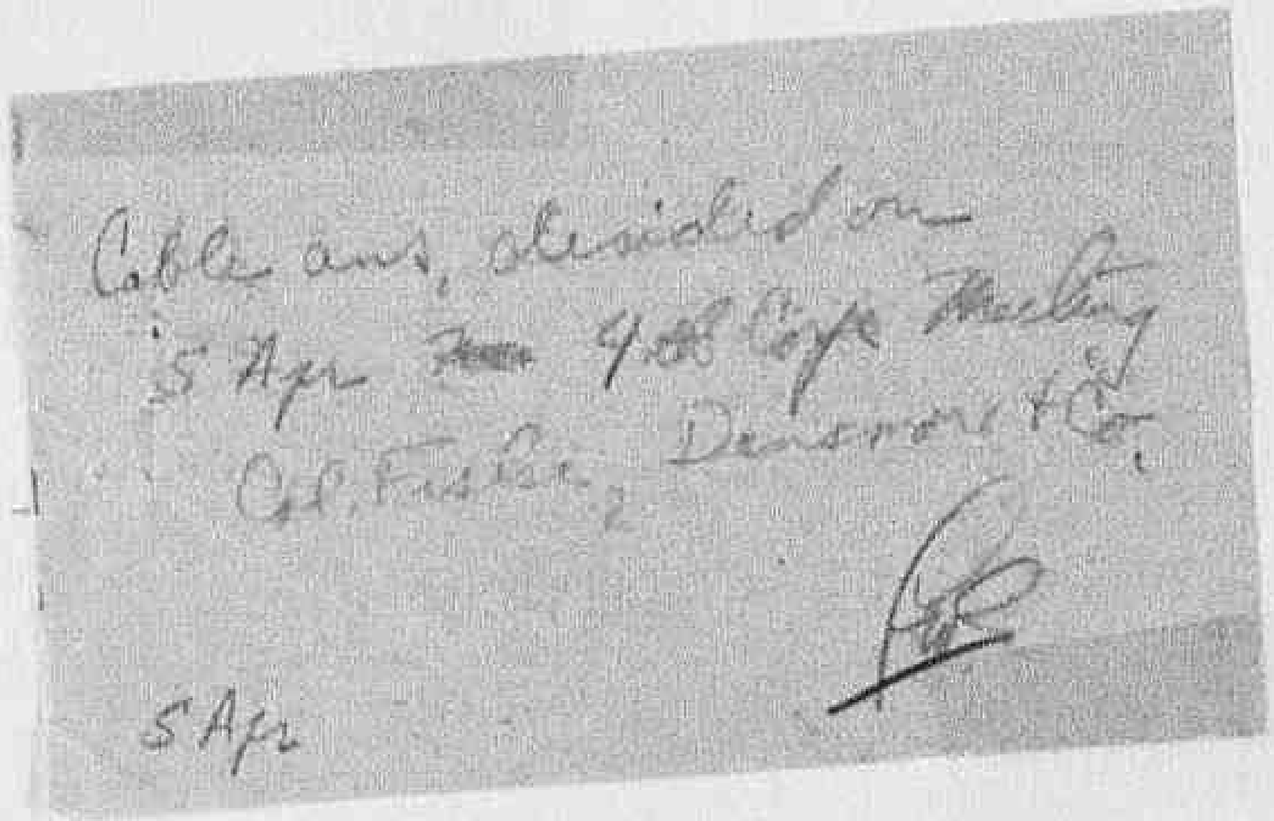

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SUBJECT IS FRENCH DESIRES IN THE NORTH FD

PARIS TO AMB. FOR GENERAL FIVE FROM HQ ALSOM CITE ACSHQ FR[illegible]

REQUEST RECEIVED FROM THE FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE MLCOM TO TAKE ACTIVE PART IN

PARIS ATLE PARIS WATCHING OVER INTERESTS OF FRENCH REFUGEES AND NK PERSONNEL

EXPECTED TO BE FOUND IN THE NORTH CMA PARIS MAJOR PARIS ASSISTING IN SECURITY

CONTROL IN CONJUNCTION WITH FRENCH PERSONNEL FD IT WAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE THAT

FRENCH OFFICERS COULD BE ATTACHED TO RESPECTIVE SOS COMMISSIONS IN REGIONS NOT IN

REGARD TO EX PRISONERS OF WAR CMA FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE WAS INVITED TO APPROACH

YOU FOR PERMISSION TO ATTACH OFFICERS TO APPROPRIATE BRANCH OF AMFQ.FD

PARA TWO FD FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE REQUESTED ALSO TO BE ALLOWED TO ESTABLISH

SMALL FORWARD MISSION TO SUPERVISE FRENCH ACTIVITIES AND ADMINISTRATION WITH

CMA

WAS AGREED AND SUGGESTED THAT IT BE ATTACHED TO GROUP FIVE, CMA FIVE ARMY GP UP

FRONT ADVANCE TO NEW RHINE SOURCE FD

WHERE APPROVAL IS NOW BEING SOUGHT FD

PARA THREE FD ABOVE FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Office of Exec. Commissioner

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Major R. Talbot

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Tel: 47623X

Ref: 572/11/EC.

28 April 1945.

SUBJECT: French interests in the North.

TO : Major General X. de Sevin,
French Representative, Allied Commission.

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1. With reference to your letters of 20 and 26 April 1945 and confirming our conversation, the Commission is very glad to place facilities at your disposal for the purpose of watching over your interests in the North of ITALY in the matter of refugees of French nationality and French property. I understand that arrangements for the attachment of your officers to Sub-Commissions and despatching them to the appropriate Regional Headquarters are in hand to your satisfaction.

2. It is understood that your teams whilst attached to Regions will be under the general direction of the officers of the appropriate Sub-Commission, viz: property control - Finance Sub-Commission; refugees - Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission.

3. Regarding your suggestion on the desirability of maintaining a small forward echelon to carry out the general supervision of the activities and administration of your staff in the North, I have written to HQ 15 Army Group for approval and as soon as I have received this I will let you know.

4. In your letter of 20 April you mention also preparations for the re-opening of Consular Offices and as I explained to you, such arrangements would follow the course pursued in SICILY and later on the Mainland.

5. With regard to the handling of released French prisoners of war, I recommend that you approach AFHQ requesting that you attach officers for this purpose to the appropriate branch of AFHQ.

6. These arrangements will, I am sure, be mutually satisfactory. I am asking Regional Commissioners to give you all the cooperation they can.

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M. S. Lush.
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Tel: 47201

Ref: 572/12/HC.

28 April 1945.

SUBJECT: French interests in the North.

TO : G-5 Section, 15 Army Group.

1. With reference to my 572/6/HC dated 25 April 1945, copy to you, this HQ has been approached by the French Representative AS for permission to assist in the furtherance of French interests in the North. These interests mainly concern:

(a) watching over the welfare of French refugees,
(b) assisting in the work of property control as it affects French property.

To carry out these tasks it is proposed to make available three small teams, each consisting of three or four officers and four or five OR's which would be located at GENOA, TURIN and MILAN. This arrangement is considered desirable as there are problems which will arise affecting French interests and with French representatives on the spot they will be capable of prompt solution.

2. The proposal has, therefore, been agreed to in principle, the teams to be attached to the appropriate Regions and under the general direction of the respective Sub-Commissions. It has also been made clear that the French teams would only enter liberated territory with the Regional Headquarters, when they are called forward.

3. Your comment is required to one proposal which has been made. The French Representative, Commdt de Sevin, desires to establish a small forward echelon of two or three officers, probably commanded by himself, to supervise the activities and administration of his teams in the North and it occurs to me that this request could be met by attaching this echelon to G-5, 15 Army Group. Assuming you see no objection to this it would be necessary later on, of course, to make a similar arrangement with No.2 District.

Major E Talbot

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the French Rep
APO 394

Rome, April 26th, 1945.
XR/ISM No. 2.096

TO : Executive Commissioner

Subject : North West Planning.

1. In reference to our conversation of April 25th concerning the considerable French Problems that will arise upon liberation in North West Italy (French industrial property and French Nationals) your suggestion of attaching French officers to the different Sub-Commissions A.C. to enable them to work and collaborate with the A.C. and A.M.G. officers assigned to the North seems most satisfactory.

2. In full agreement with Mr COUVE de MURVILLE, these officers, if they are agreeable to you, have been designated as follows:

Attached to "Property Control Sub-Commission"

- Capitaine FOUCHET (earmarked for MILAN)
- Mr. MINIALOE, (earmarked for MILAN)
- S/Lt DUMAS (earmarked for MILAN)
- Lt BAUDRAZ (earmarked for TURIN)
- Capitaine DANELUT (earmarked for GENOA)

Attached to "Displaced Persons Sub-Commission"

- Commandant BENDERITZ (earmarked for GENOA)
- Lieutenant ADAM. (earmarked for MILAN)
- Capitaine VAN LAETHEM (earmarked for TURIN)
- Capitaine CLARENCE (earmarked for GENOA)

3. If necessary, I will provide officers to be attached to the A.C. Representative with HQ No.2 District and the ROAD 15th Army Group.

4. As soon as the specialised Senior officer I have requested from Paris reports here it might be advisable that he should be attached to Colonel FINLAY's Adv H. in order to study the problem of eventual arrival in Northern Italy of great numbers of French Deportees and Prisoners.

5. It would be appreciated if the above French officers assigned to the North could get their travel orders as soon as possible and be told where to report as the French Government is very anxious that no time should be lost in taking care of the French interests.

S. X. de SEVIN.
Major General, French Representative

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Translation

Office of the French Representative
A.C. HQ.

Rome, 29 April 1945
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General X. de SEVIN
French Representative to the
Allied Commission in Italy

to

Admiral Ellery W. STONE
Chief Commissioner - Allied Commission.

The liberation of North Italy means for France several important problems which require an immediate preparation.

I Problem: Recuperation of property and relief to French Prisoners & Deported Persons in North Italy.

Mr. COUVE de MURVILLE would like to send as soon as possible:

To GENOA: Captain FOUCERT and
Captain DANIELOU

To TURIN: Captain VAN LANTSCHOOT
Lieutenant DAUBIGNE
Conseiller GODEAU

To MILAN: a Consular Agent, not yet appointed
Mr. Mingalon
Aspirant Ansel
Aspirant Didier

Each of these missions would also dispose of a non commissioned officer and of 4 or 5 soldiers.

Their mission would be :

- to look after the French refugees and prisoners in these regions, in agreement with the Displaced Persons and Refugees Sub-Commission;

- to facilitate the work of Property Control for what concerns French Property;

- to prepare the future re-opening of consular offices.

They would dispose of military transport, and the French Command would assure their supplies, during the first days at least.

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2nd Problem: Evacuation and Transit of French Prisoners and Deported Persons coming from Austria.

Informations from a reliable source, which the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission has been able to verify and which I have discussed with it, makes us believe that there will be a very strong current of French prisoners and Deported persons through North Italy, as soon as this will be made possible by circumstances.

The French Government prepares a mission to this effect, and thinks of sending, as soon as possible, to Mr. de Vial, Head of the French Mission for Displaced Persons, a COLONEL helped by an assistant, who would be especially entrusted with the affairs concerning North Italy.

According to the importance of the current which will be established through North Italy, a certain number of French officers, about 30, could be sent to join the Colonel Head of Mission, in North Italy.

To avoid a delay which would prejudice French interests, it would be a good thing if the Allied Authorities could already issue passes to the above mentioned persons who have been appointed to deal with problem n.I., and also ask the Regional Authorities to facilitate, as far as possible, the task of the various parties.

As soon as I shall know the name of the Colonel who is to be Mr de Vial's deputy for North Italy, I will let you know, so that a request to A.F.H.Q. may enable him to arrive immediately.

I mean to go with A.C.'s advanced echelon in the North and ascertain personally the activities of the Heads of the Missions n.1 and 2.

a. X de Sevin
Major General

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

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Transportation Sub-Commission Officers - Northern Italy

1. When AC/AMG take over in N.W. Italy, it is proposed to establish an Advanced Echelon of the Transportation Sub-Commission. Its duties will be as follows:

a. To coordinate, on behalf of the Director of the Transportation Sub-Commission, movements and transportation work in the regions of Piemonte, Liguria, Lombardia, and such other provinces as may be considered as "N.W. Italy" from time to time.

b. To coordinate movements and transportation work with the military authorities.

c. To control the general distribution of AC and civilian transport in N.W. Italy.

d. To see that movements programs are carried out in accordance with established priorities, particularly programs affecting more than one region.

2. a. Regional Transportation officers will arrange all local movement within N.W. Italy as far as possible from their own local resources; they will contact each other as necessary; and they will also work closely with military movement officers.

b. Demands for local movement within the N.W. area that cannot be met as outlined in (a) above and movement to or from places outside N.W. Italy will be referred to the Advanced Echelon of the Transportation Sub-Commission, who will try to meet such demands (1) by adjustment of AC controlled capacity, (2) by further contact with military movement headquarters in N.W. Italy, and (3) by reference to Transportation Sub-Commission, Rome.

3. The following officers are nominated for the Advanced Echelon of Transportation Sub-Commission:

Lt. Col. M. Harris (A) (C/C)
Major H. C. Talbot (D)

One other officer with railway operating experience will be nominated later.

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4. The Advanced Echelon of the Transportation Sub-Commission will be located near HQ, 2 District.

5. AC railway engineering work will continue as at present to be dealt with by Transportation Sub-Commission at HQ, and not by Regional Transportation Officers; the following HQ officers are nominated for detachment to Northern Italy:

Railway Civil Engineering - Major F. G. Buckley (B)
Railway Mechanical Engineering - Major E.N.B. Jeffrey (B)

They will keep in touch with Lt. Col. Harris as necessary, but will report direct to their respective branches in the Rail Division of Transportation Sub-Commission, Rome.

By command of Rear Admiral STONE:

M. B. THOMAS, Colonel
Deputy Director

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Ref. 3201/252/XC

30 March 45

SUBJECT: Partisan Problems in Northwest Italy

TO : VP, Civil Affairs Section

1. Reference is your 95/1/PAT, dated 26 March 45, subject as above.

2. In regard to the proposed rewording of paragraph 4b (5) of the 15th Army Group draft memorandum titled "Partisan Problems in Northwest Italy," the Acting Executive Commissioner consulted 15th Army Group on the subject of hospitalization and was informed that the plan proposed in the draft of 25 February has been approved by AFHQ and will be so issued.

Chief Staff Officer
To Acting Executive Commissioner

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Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref. 3201/251/80

30 March 45

SUBJECT: Partisan Problems in Northwest Italy

TO : Director, Land Forces Subcommission (MMIA)

1. Reference is your letter G/100, dated 12 March 45, subject as above.

2. In regard to your proposed rewording of paragraph 4b (5) of the 15th Army Group draft memorandum titled "Partisan Problems in Northwest Italy," the Acting Executive Commissioner consulted 15th Army Group on the subject of hospitalization and was informed that the plan proposed in the draft of 25 February has been approved by AFHQ and will be so issued.

Chief Staff Officer
To Acting Executive Commissioner

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I HAVE CONSULTED AMERICAN AND BRITISH AMBASSADORS WHO JOIN ME IN MY FEARS

PARAS 2, ARMY FOR CHIEF OF STAFF FROM U. ALCOM CITE ACSC STORED SAME PAPER

THAT THERE WILL BE GRAVE POLITICAL REPERCUSSIONS IF FRENCH TROOPS ARE USED

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PAREN TO AFHQ FOR CHIEF OF STAFF FROM HQ ALCOM CITE ACSOS SECRET STONE PAREN

THE STORY FURTHER STATED MR MACMILLAN AND I HAD DISCUSSED SUBJECT WITH PRIME MINISTER RECENTLY FD THIS MAN SUGAR REPORTER REACHED ME LAST NIGHT AND ASKED FOR MY COMMENT ON THE REPORTED DEGAULLE PLAN TO OCCUPY NORTH ITALY TERRITORY FD I REPLIED THAT I KNEW OF NO SUCH PLAN FD SOME ITALIAN PAPERS HAVE CARRIED LATTER STATEMENT THIS MORNING WITHOUT REFERENCE TO CONFERENCES OF FOREIGN SECRETARY AND PRIME MINISTER FD IF ITALIAN PAPERS MAKE REFERENCE TO CONFERENCES PRIME MINISTER WILL DENY KNOWLEDGE OF ANY PLANS FOR FRENCH OCCUPATION

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ITALIAN NAVAL AGENCY CLAIMED ITALY IN ENGLISH LAST SUMMER FOR FOREIGN CONSUMPTION THAT ITALIAN FOREIGN SECRETARY HAD CONFERRED WITH FOREIGN AMBASSADORS HERE FOLLOWING LAT BADOGLIO CONFERENCE WITH ITALIAN GOVERNMENT DELEGATES OF SUCH THAT ENGLISH GOVERNMENT WAS PREPARING SECRET PLANS FOR OCCUPYING ITALY FD

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Allied Occupation of North Italy

Admiral Stone's statement:

Admiral Ellery Stone, chief of the Allied Commission, asked by 'International News Service' whether the agency's news about the intention of France to participate in the allied occupation of North Italy were founded, answered laconically: 'I know nothing about such plans'.

Italia Nuova
Giornale del pattino
(30 March 1945)

cor più da quella un navigio.

L'occupazione alleata dell'Italia settentrionale

Una dichiarazione dell'amm. Stone

L'ammiraglio Ellery Stone, capo della Commissione alleata interrogato dalla «International News Service» sul fondamento di una notizia d'agenzia relativamente ad intenzioni francesi di partecipare all'occupazione alleata dell'Italia settentrionale, ha incontinente risposto: «Non ho alcuna conoscenza di piani del genere».

Una divisione ...

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Val d'Aosta

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March 29
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SI Service

ITALY OBJECTING TO THE PROSPECTED FRENCH
OCCUPATION OF NORTH ITALY
(BY OUR DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT)

Foreign secretary Alcido de Gasperi ~~[illegible]~~ received yesterday afternoon at the Palazzo Chigi the French representative Couve de Murville and expressed to him the serious concern felt by the Italian government because of the news that the De Gaulle Government was preparing to militarily occupy substantial parts of North Italy adjoining the French border , when these regions will be left by the Germans, "SI" learned today from very good sources.

Foreign Secretary de Gasperi pointed out to Ambassador de Murville that the disadvantages of such an occupation would be undoubtedly superior to the advantages to war operations. Such an event, De Gasperi stressed, could have unpleasant repercussions in this delicate stage of renewed friendship between the two countries, friendship which is of ~~[illegible]~~ paramount importance for the well being of Italy and France and of the whole of Europe.

It appears that P.M. Ivanoe Bonomi discussed the matter with Mr. Harold MacMillan and Admiral Ellery Stone in the last days.

An indication of the importance attached to the matter by Italian political quarters both for a question of principle and for its practical consequences, is given by the fact that the subject has been discussed in yesterday's cabinet meeting.

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CC 1007 28 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Concentration of French troops at the French-Italian border.

TO : Chief of Staff, AFHQ.

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1. Supplementing my letter CC 1007 of 26 March on the above subject, I have received an additional letter from the Prime Minister on this subject.

2. The Prime Minister is fearful of repercussions between both neo-Fascist elements and Patriots against French troops and urgently recommends that French forces not be employed in North-western Italy.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

Encl - Translation of ltr
from Prime Minister

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Rome, 2nd March 1945.

PERSONAL

Dear Admiral:

I have just had an accidental conversation with the French Ambassador, Comte de Marville.

He confirmed that on the Italian frontier there are two French divisions, one of regular troops and the other of partisans. There are no Moroccan troops.

When I asked him about the eventual employment of those troops, he didn't give me a definite answer, but from his attitude I had the impression that it is not out of the question that they may descend into Italy if war necessities should require it.

With this consideration, I would ask you, my dear Admiral, to see what can be done to prevent this, so as not to disturb the good relations which are about to be re-established between Italy and France.

Sat. 13

Cordially,

(Signed) IVANOE BONOMI

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Admiral Ellery W. Stone,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission.

Translation.

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Il Presidente
del Consiglio dei Ministri

Personale

Roma, 28 marzo 1945

Caro Ambasciatore,

Ho avuto ieri una conversazione con l'Ambasciatore di Francia, Cte de Corvaille.

Egli mi ha confermato che sulla frontiera italiana vi sono due Divisioni francesi: una a Bregolare e una a Castiglione. Non ci sono

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truppe marocchine.

Interrogato da me circa
l'eventuale influenza di
queste truppe, egli mi
mi ha data una precisa
risposta, ma dal suo
atteggiamento ho tratto
l'impressione che non è
affatto escluso che esse
possano discendere in
Italia qualora ci fosse

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Ti' penso a tu'ttu'edesco,
su presenza d'ciò nò la
preoga, caro Annuiraglio, di
a dopenarti' perche' questa
eventualita' non di' veri-
fichi' e ciò per non
turbare i' buon' rapporti
che stanno per stabilirsi
fra l'Italia e la
Francia.

Cordialmente

Vanno Bonomi.

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CC 1007 SECRET 26 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Concentration of French troops at the French-Italian border.

TO : Chief of Staff, AFHQ.

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1. The attached report on the above subject has been received from the Italian Government, which continues to express its concern over the possibility of French troops moving into the Valle d'Aosta.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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SECRET Rome, March 24, 1945.

SUBJECT: Concentration of French troops at the French-Italian border.

From a most reliable source we learn that the appearance of opposition to Italy on the part of the French authorities has recently been notably accentuated.

An anti-Italian organization has been created in Paris. Its head, Mr. Soustel, of the "Studies and Research Offices", is directly responsible to General DeGaulle.

The newly formed French 2nd Army, composed of the 27th and 1st Alpine divisions and the 4th Moroccan division, is drawn up on the French-Italian border between Switzerland and the Ligurian Sea. Numerous contingents of recruits, well-armed and equipped largely with American material, are flowing into the adjacent rear areas.

There is definite information that French officers have been designated to fill pre-established posts in Italian districts. For example, a Captain has been designated "Chief of Military Security in Aosta". A few score Italian extremists in French service have already entered Italian territory with the task of causing trouble at the proper moment and supplying pretexts for intervention.

Several plans of the city of Turin have been seen with the hotels and buildings to be requisitioned by French headquarters and troops indicated thereon.

From Sec Infante

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Roma - 1945, marzo 24

OGGETTO: affluenza di truppe francesi alla frontiera franco-italiana.

Da fonte attendibilissima si apprende che negli ultimi tempi l'atteggiamento di opposizione all'Italia, da parte delle autorità francesi, si è notevolmente accentuato.

E' stata creata a Parigi una organizzazione anti-italiana il cui Capo (sig. Soustel, della Direzione generale studi e ricerche) dipende direttamente dal generale De Gaulle.

La 2^ armata francese, di recente costituzione, schierata alla frontiera franco-italiana tra la Svizzera ed il mare ligure, è composta dalla 27^ e dalla 1^ divisione alpina e dalla 4^ divisione marocchina da montagna (finora accertate). Nelle immediate retrovie stanno affluendo numerosi contingenti di reclute bene armate ed equipaggiate in gran parte con materiale americano.

Risulta, in modo sicuro, che ufficiali francesi sono stati designati per assumere incarichi già stabiliti in località italiane (per es. un capitano è designato come "Capo della Securité militare di Aosta"). Alcune diecine di elementi italiani estremisti, al servizio dei francesi, sono già entrati in Italia col compito di creare torbidi al momento opportuno e fornire pretesti di intervento. Sono state viste alcune piante della città di Torino con sopra indicati gli alberghi e gli stabili da requisire per i comandi e le truppe francesi.

From Second Infantry.

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TRANSLATION

ATTITUDE OF THE FRENCH AT THE ITALIAN FRONTIER

There is good reason to believe that French official circles (or at any rate, if not official, attested by certain elements in the government) are preparing for armed intervention in Italy in order to participate, at the opportune moment, in the occupation of Piedmont.

The interest of the French authorities in the Separatist Movement is in fact already known. This movement, especially under their instigation, witnessed some effort at its organization in Val d'Aoste. Recently the following measures have been taken:

-- Closing of the frontiers to efforts at supplying the Patriots;

-- Holding up of the departure for the Vallise of Italy of two Patriot battalions formed in the area of Grenoble;

-- Compilation of a list of undesirable Italians to be expelled from France or to be sent to confinement because they were opposed to the Separatist Movement.

ANTI-ITALIAN ACTIVITY

At the head of the anti-Italian organization is M. SOUSTEL, living in Paris, who is chief of the Direction Générale des Études et Récherches (D.G.E.R.) under the direct orders of General De Gaulle.

He has the rank of a high official of the Republic and while apparently he gives to understand that there is nothing against Italy, an entire network under his orders is busy acting against us. His cleverly concealed work is carried out by directives whose activation is provided for by his direct collaborater Colonel SERVAIS, also living in Paris.

FORMATION OF THE 2ND ARMY (FRENCH)

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It is subordinate to the 6th Army Group.

With the Army, in charge of the D.G.E.R. Section, is Colonel VICIN DE LA HUE.

Constitution:

-- 27th Alpine Division already in position, commanded by General MOLIN.

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(This unit is formed of elements from the F.F.I., coming from Alsace.);

-- 1st Alpine Division;

-- 4th Moroccan Mountain Division (incomplete).

It is not known what disposition will be adopted.. The 4th Moroccan will probably be deployed between the Monceniale and the Monginevro.

In the immediate rear areas numerous contingents of draftees are being brought in and quartered in towns of the low French valleys.

PROBABLE FRENCH INTENTIONS

The hypothesis that the amassing of French troops at the frontier is being carried out with a view to a descent into Italian territory is confirmed by several indications:

-- One of our officers has seen some plans of the city of Turin with indications of hotels and buildings to be requisitioned for French troops and headquarters;

-- The designation of French officials for take to be assumed in Italian districts: Captain CHALLIER designated Chief of Military Security of Aosta;

-- The sending into Italy from France of Italian elements chosen from among the most violent extremists which are supposed to stir up troubles and furnish pretexts for intervention. It is known that 14 or 15 such agents have entered Italy from Suse Valley.

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ATTEGGIAMENTO FRANCESE ALLA FRONTIERA ITALIANA

Si ha fondata ragione di ritenere che ambienti ufficiali francesi (o comunque, se non ufficiali, appoggiati da determinati elementi del governo) stiano preparando un intervento armato in Italia per concorrere, al momento opportuno, alla occupazione del Piemonte.

E' noto infatti l'interessamento delle autorità francesi per il movimento separatista che, specialmente sotto la loro istigazione, si è tentato di organizzare in Val d'Aosta. Recentemente sono stati presi i seguenti provvedimenti:

- chiusura delle frontiere ai fini dei rifornimenti ai patrioti;
- sospensione della partenza per le Valli italiane di due battaglioni patrioti costituitisi nella zona di Grenoble;
- compilazione di una lista di italiani indesiderabili, da espellere dalla Francia, o da inviare al confine perchè contrari alla accennata tendenza francese.

ATTIVITA' ANTITALIANA

A capo della organizzazione antitaliana è il signor SOUSTEL residente a Parigi, capo della direzione generale studi e ricerche (D.G.E.R.) facente capo direttamente al generale DE GAULLE.

Egli ha rango di alto funzionario della repubblica, e mentre apparentemente fa ritenere non vi sia nulla contro l'Italia tutta una rete ai suoi ordini è in attività per agire ai nostri danni. La sua opera abilmente dissimulata, si concreta in direttive alla cui attuazione provvede il suo diretto collaboratore colonnello SERVAIS pure residente a Parigi.

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COSTITUZIONE DELLA 2/EME ARMEE

Recentemente è stata costituita la 2^ armata schierata dal confine svizzero al mare.

E' comandata dal generale DOYANT (già capo della commissione di armistizio con i tedeschi), il comando è probabilmente a Lione o località vicina.

Dipende dal 6° gruppo armato.

Presso l'armata a capo della sezione D.G.E.R. è il colonnello VISIN DE LA RUE.

Costituzione:

- 27^ divisione alpina già in sito comandata dal generale MOLLE. Tale unità è costituita da elementi provenienti dal F.F.I.- In affluenza provenienti dall'Alsazia:
- 1^ divisione alpina;
- 4^ divisione marocchina da montagna (incompleta).

Non si conosce quale schieramento sarà adottato, la 4^ marocchina probabilmente sarà schierata fra il Moncenisio e il Monginevro.

Nelle immediate retrovie sono in affluenza numerosi contingenti di reclute accantonati nelle località delle basse valli francesi.

PROBABILI INTENDIMENTI FRANCESI

L'ipotesi che l'ammassamento di truppe francesi alla frontiera sia stato compiuto in vista di una discesa in territorio italiano è confermata da vari indizi:

- un nostro ufficiale ha visto delle piante della città di Torino con indicati gli alberghi e gli stabili da requisire per i comandi e truppe francesi;

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- la designazione di ufficiali francesi per compiti da assumere in località italiane: il capitano CHALLIER designato a capo della Securité Militairo di Aosta;
- l'invio in Italia dalla Francia di elementi italiani scelti tra i più violenti estremisti i quali dovrebbero creare dei torbidi e fornire pretesti di intervento. Si conosce che 14 o 15 di tali agenti sono entrati in Italia dalla Val di Susa.-

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Ref: 505/EC.

19 March 1945.

SUBJECT: HQ IV Corps - Staff Memorandum No.5 re Occupation of SW Italy.

TO : Deputy Executive Commissioner.

1. I should be grateful if you would circulate this memorandum to Heads of Sections and gain an expression of their views in conference. The consensus should then be submitted to the Chief Commissioner for a ruling as to whether we (a) agree; (b) wish to comment; (c) disagree, on the proposals, which you will notice are purely tentative.

2. Any further action should be taken through DCOMO.

M. B. LUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

MBL/JG.

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Ref: 7007/2e//10.

13 March 1945.

Subject: Advance Planning with IV Corps.

To: VF Establishments Section.

1. It was agreed this morning at the Executive Commissioner's meeting to send a team of 5 officers to LUCCA to do advance planning with the SCAO IV Corps.

2. RCs PIEMONTE, LOMBARDIA and LIGURIA have nominated the following team:

Finance Officer	-	Maj. HAIG-WOOD	(LIGURIA)
Legal "	-	Maj. CARSLAKE	(LOMBARDIA)
Medical "	-	Capt. TUZIO	(")
Supply "	-	Lt.Col. MONK	(PIEMONTE)
Transport "	-	Maj. SAUNDERS	(")

3. The SCAO IV Corps would appreciate the arrival of these officers on Friday 16 March at his HQ at LUCCA. Will you please issue the necessary orders.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: DCCAO 15 Army Group
SCAO IV Corps
RC Piemonte Region
RC Lombardia Region
RC Liguria Region

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Ref: 303/254/20 13 March 1945.

Subject: Administration N.W. Italy.

To: HQ Liguria Region
HQ Lombardia Region
HQ Piemonte Region

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1. Further to our 303/256/20 of 12 March, extract from 15th Army Group Administrative Directive No.1 of 19 February, as amended 9 March, is given below:

" 2. TERRITORY. Northwest ITALY is defined as comprising the following.

a. The Compartimento of LIGURIA
b. The Compartimento of PIEMONTE.
c. The Provincie of VARESE
d. The Provincie of COMO
e. The Provincie of MILANO
f. The Provincie of PAVIA
} In the Compartimento of LOMBARDIA
g. The Provincie of PIACENZA - In the Compartimento of EMILIA
h. The Provincie of SONDRIO
i. The Provincie of BERGAMO
j. The Provincie of CREMONA
k. The Provincie of BRESCIA
} In the Compartimento of LOMBARDIA
l. The Provincie of PARMA - In the Compartimento of EMILIA "

2. Copy of abovementioned 15th Army Group Administrative Directive No.1 of 19 February was passed to the M.W. Planning Committee.

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Major,
Chief Staff Officer,
to Executive Commissioner.

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Ref: 505/256/AG.

12 March 1945.

Subject: Administration H.Q. Italy.

To: HQ 1Agurta Region
HQ Lombardia Region
HQ Piemonte Region

HQ 15 Army Group inform on this operation H.Q. Italy (Team I may also include the personnel of:

GENERAL
ITALIAN
UNITA
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Major G. Dunn

Major,
Chief Staff Officer,
to Executive Commissioner.

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16/16/460 8th March 1945

To: Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission.

From: No. 1 Special Force.

Subject: Report on Industry in TURIN

Attached for your information is a translation of a report, dated 7th February 1945, made by a Liberal representative of the TURIN C.L.N. at present in A.C.T.

R.F. Tilston
Major,
for Commander, A.N.V.A.,
Comd. No. 1 Special Force.

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7th February, 1945.

THE INDUSTRIAL SITUATION IN TURIN

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The lack of fuel presents a real problem and although at present it provides an excellent excuse for stopping down production it will later present the chief obstacle in the way of a speedy recovery.

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With the assistance of the C.L.N. every industry has formed a small anti-sabotage squad who protect material and machinery from the destruction which the Germans will probably attempt before they leave TURIN.

At present workers are paid for a full working week although the number of hours has been greatly reduced because of the shortage of electric power caused by the continued sabotage of high tension lines by the partisans and the difficulty of keeping thermic plant in running order.

Industry is brought to a standstill on two other days as well as Sunday and even on the remaining four days there is only electricity either in the morning or in the afternoon. Thus there are not more than sixteen to eighteen production hours per week and this figure is still further reduced by the amount of time lost by air-raids, unpunctuality because of the shortage of transport, strikes instigated on instructions from the C.L.N. in protest against German and Fascist imposition, and the workers' go-slow policy. Unfortunately clandestine obstructionism is becoming more difficult every day as socialisation is extended: the Germans are becoming more insistent and increasing their threats in an attempt to ensure that orders may be completed to schedule and that delivery should begin on contracts made.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Tel: 47853

7 March 1945

Ref: 94/1/PAF.

SUBJECT: Northwest Italy.

TO : Major R.P.T.Gibson,
No.5 Detachment,
No.1 Special Force.

1. With reference to your letter 15/14/448 of 1 Mar 45 addressed to the Patriots Branch, the Executive Commissioner has now given this matter further consideration.

2. He is of opinion that little would be gained by the entry into ITALY from the North West of a limited number of AMG officers. Moreover, these officers might have to wait in FRANCE for a considerable period, during which time they would be out of touch with this HQ.

3. Therefore, whilst thanking you for the trouble you have taken, it has been decided not to proceed with the idea.

Chief Staff Officer,
to Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: 3203/SO.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
N.W. ITALY
Coordinating Planning Committee

Tel: AC. 443
NWI/COMP/1

5 March 1945.

M I N U T E S

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2. A. PATRIOTS

i. Decision for feeding and clothing of patriots as a military responsibility is awaited from Combined Chiefs of Staff. AFHQ G-5 asked to press for early advice.

ii. Executive Commissioner requested AFHQ G-5 to ensure that acceptance as a military responsibility of such items in planning would not mean in lower formations the handing over of these problems to AMG.

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iii. It was agreed that the disarming of patriots must be done by those who first contact them. In the initial stages this will generally be the Army: when the patriots get back to the reception centres it will be an AMG responsibility. The question of a ceremonial parade for the laying down of arms was discussed, and it was agreed that this method might be used when suitable.

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LOMBARDIA	1910	2111
PIEMONTE	790	2461

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ii. It was agreed that CC.RR found in the North should be taken on after screening up to the limit of the ceiling. Above this ceiling they could be taken on as special police, and RCs would ration them as patriots.

iii. Permits - travel 10 km. and Shot guns.
Legal and Public Safety instructed to review proclamations and notices affecting limitation of travel and possession of shotguns with a view to their practical application in NW Italy.

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This to be drawn to notice of DCCAO 15 Army Group for consultation with PWB, and possibly a further point for Political Meeting of SACMED.

H. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Instructions for organisation in AMG territory will be issued by Economic Section in accordance with Italian Government procedure.

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I. WAGE SCALES & SOCIALISATION OF ITALIAN INDUSTRY

Questions under discussion by Labour, Finance and Italian Government.

3. HEADQUARTERS, 2 DISTRICT.

Likely to be MILAN or MILAN AREA and NOT ALESSANDRIA.

for
D. MORLEY-FLETCHER,
Lt. Colonel,
Secretary,
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F-27859

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For Caserta.

The following is paraphrase of our F-26918 to 15 Army Group furthering our operation instruction dated 21 December 44 and Administrative Instruction dated 25 January 45 on occupation of Northwest Italy.

1. Occupation of Northwest Italy may take place earlier than thought due to Russian successes.

2. Subject to approval of Combined Chiefs of Staff the following policy in dealing with the Partisans is proposed by SACMED. Recognition of assistance to Allied cause will be basis of treatment together with necessity that they be disarmed, disbanded, placed in employment as quickly as possible. Unless and until they are taken into existing categories of Italians they will not rpt not be treated as belonging to any existing category. Areas of assembly will be specified as soon as arrangements for reception can be made. These areas must be selected considering suitability from Partisan viewpoint as well as other factors. Disarmament of Partisans will take place on entering reception areas. Paragraphs three, four and five outline assistance, after disarmament, that will be rendered them until final disposition has been made. The Allied Commission will be responsible for the final disposition and should aim at a completion date of three months.

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AFHQ CABLE F-27359 of 16 FEB 1943 (continued):

3. During phase 1 Army Headquarters (together with Allied Military Government of the Army Headquarters) will feed and clothe partisans in areas concerned; Armies will supply necessary food and clothing for this purpose as follows:

a. Italian Military Forces ration scale as modified later in detail will apply.

b. Minimum essential scale of clothing will be issued from military sources.

4. Italian Government will be responsible for pay. Necessary arrangements with the Italian Government will be made by the Allied Commission who will notify 15 Army Group of arrangements including rate of pay.

5. United States and British will assist Italian Military who will be responsible for hospitalization.

6. Amplification of paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 will be furnished later in a detailed Administrative Memorandum. Approval of the Combined Chiefs of Staff is being requested for issue of rations and clothing outlined in paragraphs 3 a. and b.

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Ref: P/541.132

15 February 1945

My dear Minister De Gasperi:

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This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 3/186 dated 9 February 1945 in which you express apprehension of the possible execution of an alleged French plan for military operations in North Italy with a view to effecting the French occupation of the Aosta Valley and other valleys of Piedmont.

A translation of this communication has been transmitted to the appropriate Allied Authorities for information and the taking of such action as may be deemed proper and I shall inform you of any decision taken in the matter when I have been advised thereof.

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Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Alcide De Gasperi
Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs
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Rome, Italy

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Translation

The Minister of Foreign Affairs

No. 3/126

Rome, 9 February 1945

Personal

Dear Admiral,

Through various channels, we have lately been informed of the presence of important German forces of the F.A.I. and of regular troops (including Waffen-SS formations) near our Western border. We have also been reliably informed of the existence of a Fascist plan for the direct participation of these troops in the operations for the 'liberation' of North Italy, in collaboration with Allied operations. The French action would principally aim at occupying the Aosta Valley and the Piedmontese valleys.

I have ascertained there were no Mr. Macmillan who hadn't been informed. I take the liberty of communicating them to you too, inviting you to find out what truth there is in them, and should these news prove correct, to use your influence decidedly to deter from the materialization of such operations.

You know what serious incidents have been caused by the presence of German troops in Italy, and what difficulties there have been in the behaviour of the Italians because of the French occupation. You also know the present situation in the Aosta Valley where a few elements of Italian origin are trying to create anti-Italian disturbance.

The presence of French troops in Italy could only increase the numerous and serious difficulties which await us when our Northern regions will be liberated, and are therefore to be advised again with the greatest energy.

You also know, my dear Admiral, that we are at present making a serious effort to clear up our relations with France, with whom we hope shortly to resume normal diplomatic and consular relations. It is because of this hoped for and imminent improvement that we beg you to take what action you will deem opportune with the Allied Commands towards that weak operations should trouble the Italo-French relations which, with all possible goodwill, we wish to bring without delay on a plan of cordiality trust and collaboration.

I shall be most grateful for whatever action you will think fit to take and for the news you will communicate to me, and I remain, my dear Admiral,

Very truly yours,

/s/ De Gasperi

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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23 February 1945

SUBJECT: Alleged French Plan for Military Operations in North Italy.

TO : G-3 Section, Allied Force Headquarters

1. I have received a communication from the Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs, No. 3/126 dated 9 February 1945, in which he expresses apprehension at the possible execution of an alleged French plan for military operations in North Italy with a view to a French occupation of the Aosta and other valleys in Piedmont. A copy of this communication is enclosed.

2. For some time there has persisted a rumor of a French intention to occupy the Aosta Valley as a precautionary measure following a German military withdrawal. The Minister has advised me that the information contained in his communication is based on conversations with reliable and informed persons who recently have returned from France and from the North of Italy.

3. In the Minister's statement, "you also know the present situation in the Aosta Valley where a few elements of dubious origin are trying to create anti-Italian disturbances", reference presumably is made to the activities of Communist elements. Reports received by the Commission, chiefly from No. 2 Special Force, indicate that Communists in Cuneo-Savigliano Italy are pursuing aims which are not patriotic and which are opposed to the efforts of the Allies in Italy. They are reportedly already well organized; they pay lip service to the C.L.N.A.I. whose general directives, however, they disregard; they seek to eradicate all traces of Fascism and to eliminate all elements who actively oppose their intention towards a finally liberated Italy. Certain of their local element leaders have made derogatory references to the Allies when they learned of a pro-mentally misinformed Italy.

4. Specifically, it is reported by Allied intelligence sources in the North that at least one Communist organization in the Po Valley is active in combined conditions which will delay the operations of the Germans they face. Both here Italy is under that the Germans may be enemy hands. (Commanders in North West Italy are reported to have denied their operational responsibility to SACMED and to have placed themselves under Tito's Slovene II Corps, to disarm Partisans who will not pledge allegiance to Tito, and to threaten not to co-operate with A.F.H.Q. and not to surrender their arms.) Also, that a Frontal attack was made by the Party on the sub-Committee of the C.L.N.A.I. at Biella (Piedmont) which the Party attempted to deprive of authority. A propaganda drive was launched to turn the people against the C.L.N.A.I. when orders were subsequently. Leaders of Communist dominated formations attempted to defend

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neo-fascist formations and to disarm their members. Finally, they provoked the Nazis and neo-fascists to clean up the area, in the course of which two important Italian strongholds were destroyed.

5. Further, there has been received evidence which indicates that organized central points, rest centers and living quarters are being provided in France for Italian fascists who cross the Mediterranean and Ligurian frontiers, for the purpose of "organizing resistance to Great Britain who at this time is obstructing at fighting fascists both in Greece and Belgium."

6. Giving credence to these reports, it is not beyond the realm of possibility that Italian patriots following unscrupulous and personally ambitious leaders whose aims are not patriotic, might cross the frontier into France and be nurtured by members of French organizations holding similar political views. Ultimately they might return and, with the aid of their French comrades, occupy the Aosta Valley as a propitious center, to hold this region as a link between a pro-Nazi Occupied North Italy and a possible ultimate Communist France.

7. As of possible interest in considering the situation to be found in the Aosta Valley, there is "A" Section - Italy (OSS) published on January 27, 1945, an article from the "Tribune de Geneve" under a January 15, 1945 dateline which states that there exists in the Aosta Valley, quite distinct from the C.L.N.A.I., an autonomous movement composed largely of conservative elements who collaborate with the C.L.N.A.I. in the struggle against fascism and Hitlerism under existing executive Anglo-American centralization. The object of this group is said to be that of preserving the language, establishing cultural autonomy and electing their own local officials - all, however, within the framework of the Italian State. Presumably this movement might take a separatist turn.

8. In presenting the situation as the Canadian visualizes it from available and usually reliable, but unverified, information, the suggestion is made that as thorough an investigation as is possible should be made of it. If the facts are determined and the situation found real as depicted above, AFHQ might wish as a precaution to revivify A.M.I. Operational Instruction No. 73 of 2 December 1944 and put into execution the "Kinloss" operation which, I understand, has been approved as a plan.

9. A factor of stability in this situation would be a return to normality in Franco-Italian diplomatic relations. Favorable progress has been made towards this goal, and the head of the French delegation to the A.C.I. is expected to leave for Rome today, to conclude arrangements for a resumption of direct relations between the two countries. Not to impede this movement, the Minister ardently desires that nothing of an unfavorable nature occur again to deepen relations between the two countries. However, the extent of the French Government's influence over the F.V.L. may be a matter of conjecture and, in the last analysis, the patriotic zeal or lust for revenge of the latter may impel them to defy the Government and attempt to occupy the Aosta Valley - similar to D'Annunzio's operation which led to the cession of Fiume to Italy after the last world war.

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10. It would be appreciated also were the Commission to be furnished with all further information which AVIS may have on this subject, as we need it for planning, in a political sense, for the occupation of Berlin itself.

KLAUS T. JONES
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Political Section, A.C.
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b. 15 ARMY CP, 5 ARMY and 2 DISTRICT were asked to forward to A.C. any pertinent additional information on the political situation within their knowledge.

2. Public Safety.

a.

i. Ceiling. The increased figure of 65,000 had been approved at A.F.H.Q. and was now dependent on final approach by Combined Chiefs of Staff.

ii. Chief of Staff instructed Public Safety to plan for taking on CC.RR found in NORTH as found necessary within terms of ceiling, or on temporary special police duty.

b. Proportion - NORTH and SOUTH ITALY.

Chief of Staff ruled that normal figure of distribution based on number of CC.RR stations be accepted, but every effort must be made to maintain equal proportions for large towns.

c. Move Forward.

i. Responsibility for moves of CC.RR once within ARMY area - 5 ARMY

ii. 5 ARMY will call forward thru P. Safety S/C.

iii. P. Safety will bid for necessary transport on - TPTN S/C.

iv. TPTN S/C accepted responsibility for provision of tpt with limits available, and according to priority decisions of Priorities Board.

d. Guards on Warehouses.

i. Chief of Staff ruled that CC.RR were not guards and should not be asked for or used as such. They would be used for police duties.

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e. Guardie di Finanza.

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f. Combined Police Patrols.

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g. Mobility.

i. 2 DISTRICT offered to assist with transport of CC.RR in emergency.

ii. The question of provision of mobile CC.RR units was discussed and Chief of Staff ruled that the matter be studied by P. Safety and Regions and raised at a later meeting.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
N.W. ITALY
Coordinating Planning Committee

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14 FEB 45

MINUTES

Meeting at H.Q. Allied Commission,
12 FEB 45

PRESENT:

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Royal Navy, Northern Area LED.
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5 ARMY, A.M.G.
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57 AREA.
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N.W. ITALY Committee.
15 Army Gp, Civil Affairs.
5 Army, A.C.C.
C.C., 2 DISTRICT.

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h. Coordination of Strike or Disturbance Policy.

Agreed that close coordination would be necessary between 2 DISTRICT or AREAS and Regions. Contact first with Labor and P. Safety was essential.

3. Frontier Policy.

a. A.F.H.Q., G-2 are expected to issue directive shortly.

b. Represented by Chief of Staff that individual liaison officers can not be appointed from A. .C. to Frontier Forces: but Chief of Staff ruled that the closest touch be maintained between each Provincial H.Q. of a frontier Province thro his P. Safety Officer with Frontier Control.

c. R.Cs represented that Frontier Forces within Provinces should come under control of P.C. and P. Safety.
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For consideration by A.F.H.Q.

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b. This was subject to Combined Chiefs of Staff approval.

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d. Hospitalisation.

i. Emergency assistance is to be given by both Armies during the period of AMG control - as at present.

ii. Arrangements for ITALIAN MILITARY Hospitalisation will apply as in para 7b of A.F.H.Q. A.G. letter 13 JAN.

iii. Rations would be on It. Military Scale.

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c. 2 DISTRICT foresaw no difficulty in feeding arrangements.

f. R.N. and Military authorities were requested by Chief of Staff to give preferential treatment to Patriots wherever possible in allocation of work. Labor and Recruiting officers would be at each Patriot Centre.

g. Chief of Staff agreed to Establishments reconsideration of provision of one Patriot Officer for each Regional H.Q. if A.Cs made representations.

h. In Provinces the Patriot Officer would be assigned by P.C. from his C.A.O. Staff.

i. Chief of Staff ruled that Patriot plans would include collection of Patriots by A.M.G. at centres or camps under Provincial H.Q. arrangements. At these centres an endeavour would be made to achieve a state of Patriot disarmament. Centres would be administered by staff to be found from Patriots.

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No discussion necessary.

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No discussion necessary.

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8. Education.

No discussion necessary.

9. Monuments & Fine Arts.

No discussion necessary.

10. Mine Clearance.

a. Land mine clearance part of CMRA.
Accepted by 57 AREA as an Army responsibility in conjunction with R.E. RE call would be made on A.C.

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b. Special Force asked to obtain all possible advance information on disposition of mine fields.

c. 5 ARMY - 2 DISTRICT and Public Safety to forward all information on mine fields to Regions.

11. Public Health.

a. 5 ARMY and 2 DISTRICT asked to consider what civilian hospitals are likely to be required for conversion, and to notify Regions accordingly.

b. Information requested by A.C. on probable convalescent area requirements -5 ARMY, 2 DISTRICT.

c. 2 DISTRICT and A.F.H.Q., G-5 will consider obtaining hospital requirements of R.A.F. and A.A.C.

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b. Sub-Comm will submit bids to A.C. for:
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c. Question of status of ex P. .W. was discussed, and a recommendation is being submitted by Chief Commissioner for consideration A.F.H.Q.

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a. Question arose whether responsibility for control and disposal of ex German Army material was that of Military Salvage Officers, or of A.C. War Materials Disposal Sub-Comm.

b. Answer - War Materials Disposal Sub-Comm directive is that any captured material not required for operational or research purposes will be offered to Sub-Comm for disposal.

c. The importance of liaison between Sub-Comm Salvage reps and Military Salvage Officers was emphasised.

14. Public Relations.

a. Chief of Staff asked for 5 ARMY, A. .G. plan for M.G. ITALY to be drawn up with P.R.B. and forwarded A.C. as early as possible.

b. P.R.B. instructed to prepare overall plans including newsprint arrangements.

15. Transportation.

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b. Information required by P.R.O. on probable conveniences and requirements -5 AR 3, 2 DIRECTIVE.

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15. Transportation.

a. Chief of Staff called on Economic Section to prepare plans in conjunction with 5 AR 3 for transport of civilian supplies from PAR A following D- Day.

b. Chief of Staff informed A.M.G.O., G-5 that the tonnage offered of 500 tons per day at PIOMBA would not provide sufficient for an impact ration of 200 grammes per head.

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c. Chief of Staff instructed Economic Section to work out in conjunction with 5 ARMY the proportional priorities of food, petrol etc supply requirements to be used in ratio to our A.F.H.Q tonnage figure at PARIS. R.Cs to be represented at meetings.

8. Requisition and Hire.

i. Chief of Staff stressed that removal of power of requisition was strangling work of U.S. in forward areas, and asked for early A.F.H.Q. consideration.

ii. 2 DISTRICT agreed any scheme approved by A.F.H.Q. should be entirely under A.C. [illegible] whose APM would apply for vehicles against U.K. deficiencies.

iii. R.Cs and 5 ARMY agreed that a policy of hire was preferable to requisition as less likely to drive vehicles underground, but the power of requisition should exist as a threat or for emergency.

iv. Chief of Staff instructed Establishments to complete T.O./E. if necessary with requisitioned vehicles in view. R.Cs stress that a large maintenance percentage of vehicle surplus is necessary if requisitioned vehicles are employed.

16. P.O.L.

Plans ready: dependent on tonnage moved forward.

17. Food.

Food Sub-Comm agreed that number of food rations for Patriots should be deducted from number of civilian rations to be issued in respective localities.

18. Agriculture.

Chief of Staff instructed arrangements to be made for Director of Sub-Comm to contact 5 ARMY and discuss policy.

19. Labor and Unemployment.

a. Information requested of wage scales under German occupation. A.F.H.Q.
15 ARMY GP.

b. Economic Section requested an appreciation of effect of military impact on industrial economy from - 5 ARMY
2 DISTRICT

c. Ruled that a Patriot who refuses work forfeits right to benefits.

20. Trade Restrictions & Price Control.

a. Chief of Staff instructed [illegible]

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a. Chief of Staff instructed G.W. POLLY Committee to confer with Economic Section and reconsider, clarify and define policy of trade restrictions for H.T. NEALY.

b. Any necessary revision of General Orders so affected to be considered simultaneously.

c. Policy of Price Control to be considered at same meeting.

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21. Finance.

Discussion not required.

22. Price Control.

See 20.c. above.

23. Industry & Commerce.

a. Commerce Sub-Comm is shortly producing a manual on procedure in connection with A.R.P. Policy.

b. Represented by A.C. and 2 DISTRICT that an instruction defining higher industrial policy is required from A.F.H.Q.

24. Public Works.

Programme and priorities to be submitted.

25. Power.

Brief discussion as in Progress Report.

26. Coal.

Further discussion not required.

27. Communications.

a. 2 DISTRICT signal plan includes W.T. from R.C.s to ALCOM.

b. Mobility problem to be taken up by Regions with G-4.

28. T.C.A.P.

a. Chief of Staff agreed to include extra number of C.A.P.s required in ceiling figure.

b. Regional Patriot Officers to be considered.

c. Sub-Commissions were instructed in consultation with Est. Sec to make definite assignments to Regions, ascertain where officers were, and place them at 48 hours notice.

d. Chief of Staff authorized R.Cs to make changes amongst R.Cs already appointed within Regions provided new appointments were not made without approval H.Q. A.C.

e. Establishments stated the R.A.F. Re plans were now ready and would be forwarded to Regions.

29. T.C./C.1098 Vehicles.

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connection with A.F.H.Q. Policy.

b. Represented by A.C. and 2 DISTRICT that an instruction defining higher industrial policy is required from A.F.H.Q.

24. Public Works.

Programme and priorities to be submitted.

25. Power.

Brief discussion as in Progress Report.

26. Coal.

Further discussion not required.

27. Communications.

a. 2 DISTRICT signal plan includes W.T. from R.C.s to ALCOM.

b. Mobility problem to be taken up by Regions with G-4.

28. T.O./T.E.

a. Chief of Staff agreed to include extra number of C.A.'s required in ceiling figure.

b. Regional Patriot Officers to be considered.

c. Sub-Commissions were instructed in consultation with Est. Sec to make definite assignments to Regions, ascertain where officers were, and place them at 48 hours notice.

d. Chief of Staff authorised R.Cs to make changes amongst P.Cs already appointed within Regions provided new appointments were not made without approval H.Q. A.C.

e. Establishments stated the T.O. & E.'s plans were now ready and would be forwarded to Regions.

29. T.E./S.1098 Vehicles.

a. Establishments stated that 340 vehicles would be deficient to complete T.E.

b. Chief of Staff ruled that question of priority of allotment between N.W. and N.E. ITALY would be left to decision of G-4. In general U.S. vehicles from Southern Region would be allotted N.W. ITALY, British vehicles to N.E.ITALY.

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30. T.E./C.1038 Dept.

a. In general disposal of dept to be:

From	Lazio-Umbria	to	Lombardia.
From	Abruzzo-Marche	to	Piemonte and Liguria.
From	Southern Region	to	Venezia.

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10 February 1945.

Ref: 503/27/COS.

SUBJECT: LIGURIA.

To : No.1 Special Force.

At a meeting presided over by FONAM today in ROME it was decided to request you to give further encouragement to the following activities:-

1. Sinking of all types of craft in shallow water, reporting the location.

2. Contacting of local fishermen, longshoremen, pilots etc, who should know the position of mines booby traps etc. in the port areas.

Admiral MORSE was most insistent on the importance of these activities.

M. S. LUGH

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

Copy to : R.C. Liguria.
Naval Sub Commission (for FONAM)
D.C.C.A.O.

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The Minister of Foreign Affairs
3/136

Rome, 9 February 1945

cc. 381

Personal

Dear Admiral,

Through various channels, we have lately been informed of the presence of important French forces of the F.F.I. and of regular troops (including Moroccin formations) near our Western border. We have also been repeatedly informed of the existence of a French plan for the direct participation of these troops in the operations for the 'liberation' of North Italy, in collaboration with Allied operations. The French action would principally aim at occupying the Aosta valley and the other Piemontese valleys.

I have communicated these news to Mr. Macmillan who hadn't been informed. I take the liberty of communicating them to you too, begging you to find out what truth there is in them, and should these news prove correct, to use your influence decidedly to deter from the materialization of such operations.

You know what serious incidents have been caused by the presence of Moroccin troops in Italy, and what difficulties there have been in the Island of Elba because of the French occupation. You also know the present situation in the Aosta valley where a few elements of dubious origin are trying to create anti-Italian disturbances.

The presence of French troops in Italy could only increase the numerous and serious difficulties which await us when our Northern regions will be liberated, and are therefore to be advised again with the greatest energy.

You also know, my dear Admiral, that we are at present making a serious effort to clear up our relations with France, with whom we hope shortly to resume normal diplomatic and consular relations. It is because of this hoped for and imminent improvement that we beg you to take what action you will deem opportune with the Allied Commands to avoid that such operations should trouble the Italo-French relations which, with all possible goodwill, we want to bring without delay on a plan of cordiality trust and collaboration.

I shall be most grateful for whatever action you will think fit to take and for the news you will communicate to me, and I remain, my dear Admiral.

Very Truly yours,

A. De Gasperi

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

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C-3 DIVISION

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT CASERTA
1430 hours, 29 January 1945

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2. G-4 Plans pointed out that the occupation of Northern ITALY could occur in a variety of circumstances, namely:

a. Enemy collapse or surrender on his present line.

b. Enemy withdrawal to the ADIGE or ALPS.

c. Enemy surrender in the course of such a withdrawal.

It was not possible at present to forecast which of the foregoing circumstances was most likely. Plans must therefore be capable of being adapted to any of them.

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PARTISAN AND POLITICAL SITUATION IN NORTHERN ITALY

3. It was considered likely that we should have to deal with the following numbers of partisans in Northern ITALY.

a. Northwest ITALY - 75,000 of which 50,000 were armed and at present active.

b. Northwest ITALY - 25,000 of which 10,000 were at present armed and active.

The total commitment was therefore 100,000.

4. G-2 considered it probable that the Fascist divisions would disintegrate and that elements of them would take to the hills as anti-Allied partisans.

5. The Political Advisers stressed the need for speed in establishing occupational forces and Allied military government, otherwise there was a danger, especially in Northwest ITALY, that the partisans would regard themselves as the rightful government of ITALY, whereas the Allies were pledged to support the ROME government. Allied Commission in agreeing with this view concluded that as a result it would be necessary for AMG personnel to move in at the same time as the occupational task forces.

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Occupational Forces - Requirements and Availability.

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9. It was agreed that the establishment of occupational forces and AMG should be a steady process, being effected area by area as the advance into Northwest ITALY progressed. Undue dispersion of troops in the early stages was to be avoided.

10. It was considered that the key areas in order of priority were:

MILAN
TURIN
GENOA

To establish ourselves in any of these areas it would first be necessary to secure PIACENZA.

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Factors Affecting Speed of Occupation.

11. The time required for the establishment of occupational forces by land would depend on the degree of demolition carried out by the enemy. In the event of German withdrawal, a delay of three weeks, before TURIN could be reached, was likely. In the event of enemy collapse or surrender, the scale of demolitions would be less and a more speedy occupation could be expected. C-2 agreed to examine this further.

12. The introduction of occupational forces by air was limited by the availability of 2 Para Brigade and no such operation was possible in the near future. It would be desirable to prepare a modified plan for Operation CINDERS for a landing in the MILAN area as an alternative to TURIN.

NORTHEAST ITALY.

Occupational Forces.

13. In the event of German withdrawal, all key points in Northeast ITALY would necessarily be occupied in the course of continued operations. In event of German collapse the area would be occupied in the course of FREEBORN operations. No special occupational task forces were therefore required in this area. It was however, essential that AMG personnel should move forward and establish military government immediately.

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17. By offering food, clothing and money, the partisans should be induced to concentrate in convenient areas as soon as, but not before, we would be ready to supply them. They would then be disarmed, a proportion would be enlisted into the Italian Army and others would be formed into labor units for employment by AMG and for military purposes. The balance would need to be cared for until they would be absorbed into normal employment. Arrangements would be made for partisans reporting at the concentration areas to be screened by members of their own organizations.

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19. Authorization for feeding and clothing Italians on this basis would need to be obtained from the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

20. The availability of rations and clothing to meet this commitment was doubtful but Log Plans and G-4 Plans agreed to examine it further.

21. Money for the partisans would be provided by the Italian Government and issued through AMG. No difficulty was foreseen in this respect.

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GUIDES TO PARTISANS.

22. G-3 Special Ops in conjunction with Allied Commission agreed to prepare a draft or orders which would need to be issued to the partisans instructing them to:

a. Carry out anti-scorch and harassing activities during the Germans withdrawal.

b. Concentrate in agreed areas at such times as the Allies would be ready to supply them.

23. The channels for issue of orders to partisans when necessary would be

a. Through special operational channels to LOs who would pass the instructions to the partisan bands.

b. By PWB means (including the use of the broadcasts and leaflet dropping).

/s/ J. G. SWEETMAN
J. G. SWEETMAN,
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 323/061 GDS-O 25 January 1945

SUBJECT: Occupation of NW Italy

TO : Commanding General, 15th Army Group, APO 777
Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 394
General Officer Commanding, No 2 District

1. Reference is made to paragraph 9 of AFHQ operation Instruction, subject: "Occupation of NW Italy", dated 21 December 1944.

2. Object. The object of this letter is to define the administrative responsibilities of the Headquarters Allied Commission and the military headquarters responsible for the occupation of NW ITALY.

3. Definition. NW ITALY is defined as the area for which Headquarters No 2 District is to be responsible, viz:

a. The Compartimento of LIGURIA.

b. The Compartimento of PIEDMONTE.

c. The Provincio of VARESE)
d. The Provincio of COMO) In the Compartimento of LOMBARDIA.
e. The Provincio of MILANO)

f. The Provincio of PAVIA — In the Compartimento of EMILIA (this province may not initially be under No 2 District).

4. Operational Background. The occupation of NW ITALY is to be conducted in two (2) phases:

a. Phase I. Military occupation and the elimination of any remaining GERMAN or Fascist ITALIAN formations, and the re-establishment of law and order among the civilian population, terminating in the establishment of Allied Military Government.

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2. Object. The object of this letter is to define the administrative responsibilities of the Headquarters Allied Commission and the military headquarters responsible for the occupation of NW ITALY.

3. Definition. NW ITALY is defined as the area for which Headquarters No 2 District is to be responsible, viz:

a. The Compartimento of LIGURIA.

b. The Compartimento of PIEDMONTE.

c. The Provincio of VARESE)
) In the Compartimento of LOMBARDIA.
d. The Provincio of COMO)
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e. The Provincio of MILANO)

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(1) Allied Military Government.

(2) The initiation of civil relief measures.

(3) The execution of the tasks assigned in accordance with

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paragraph 9 below.

(4) Initiating the mobilization of civil resources in conjunction with Headquarters, Allied Commission.

c. During Phase 1, Headquarters No 2 District will be placed under command Commanding General, 15th Army Group, who will ensure that it is given the facilities for reconnaissance and the establishment of its headquarters in preparation for its subsequent assumption of responsibilities in Phase II (see paragraph 6 below)

6. Division of Administrative Responsibilities - Phase II

a. Headquarters No 2 District under direct command of this headquarters will be responsible for:

(1) The maintenance of British forces in NW Italy.

(2) The execution of the tasks assigned in accordance with paragraph 9 below.

(3) The coordination of these matters which are being undertaken jointly by the military and civil authorities.

b. Headquarters, Peninsular Base section, or such other headquarters as may be directed by Commanding General, MTOUSA, will be responsible for the maintenance of United States forces.

c. Headquarters, Allied Commission will be responsible for:

(1) Allied Military Government.

(2) The continuation of civil relief measures.

(3) The developement and operation of essential communications, industries and public utilities which are not the responsibility of the military (see paragraph 10 below).

7. Naval Assistance. Flag officer, northern area has been made responsible for mine clearing and salvage at GENOA to enable the target figure of 8,000 tons per day to be handled through the port.

8. Military Assistance to be Afforded by this Headquarters.

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b. This headquarters will be responsible for:

(1) Port of GENOA.

(a) Repair of the port to enable 8,000 tons a day to be discharged and cleared.

(b) Discharging and clearing 2,000 tons daily which will include the maintenance of the military forces in NW Italy.

(c) Controlling and coordinating all discharge and clearance up to a total of 8,000 tons daily.

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(2) Railways.

(a) Repair ofthe following railways:

BOLOGNA - ALESSANDRIA

ALESSANDRIA - TURIN

The easiest route to MILAN

GENOA - ALESSANDRIA

(b) The priority in which the railways will be restored is that given above, contingent on the state of demolition found to have been carried out by the enemy when the area has been entered.

(3) Pipeline and Bulk Storage.

(a) The military supervision of,.

(b) Supply of materials for, and

(c) Construction and operation of bulk storage facilities at GENOA and one (1) 4-inch pipeline from GENOA to ALESSANDRIA.

(4) Roads. Repair of the following roads:

(a) GENOA - ALESSANDRIA

(b) PIACENZA - ALESSANDRIA - TURIN.

(c) PIACENZA - MILAN

(Subject to physical reconnaissance priority for repair will be in the order given above.)

(5) Traffic Control. Traffic control on the main arteries of military supplies.

(6) Public Utilities. Coordination of the rehabilitation of electric power and water systems at GENOA and such other places as may be notified.

(7) Signal Communications. Coordination of the repair of the main State Cable routes.

(8) Training of Drivers. Trainingof Italian drivers for vehicles which will be under the control of Headquarters, Allied Commission for the delivery of civilian supplies.

(9) Movement of Civil Supplies for Allied Commission by Road. Pending the development of GENOA, the delivery of civil

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9. Implementation of AFHQ Responsibilities.

a. This headquarters will control direct, and will provide all resources necessary for, the execution of responsibilities under 8b (1), (2), (3) and (8). For local administration the units concerned will be placed

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under Headquarters Fifth Army during Phase I and Headquarters No 2 District in Phase II.

b. Responsibilities under paragraph 8b (4), (5) and (6) are delegated to Headquarters Fifth Army during Phaase I and Headquarters No 2 District during Phase II.

c. This headquarters will provide all resources necessary for carrying out the responsibility under paragraph 8b (9). Responsibility for the movement of the supplies at and forward of railhead will be delegated to Headquarters Fifth Army by this headquarters, who will place the resources necessary at the disposal of Headquarters Fifth Army for the purpose.

10. Responsibilities of Headquarters, Allied Commission. Headquarters, Allied Commission will be generally responsible for insuring that as the first consideration unrest and disease are prevented and as the second essential industry is rehabilitated and opened. Particular responsibilities are as follows:

a. Food. Headquarters, Allied Commission will be responsible for providing initially a minimum daily bread ration of 200 grams. The maximum use will be made of indigenous resources, only the minimum balance required being imported.

b. Provision of Civil Resources for Military Tasks set out in Paragraph 8 above. Headquarters, Allied Commission will be responsible for the provision of civilian manpower and materials to assist the military in the execution of the tasks detailed in paragraph 8 above.

c. Provision of Civil Resources for Commitments Which are not a Military Responsibility. Headquarters, Allied Commission will be responsible generally for the economic development and rehabilitation of NON ITALY, and the provision of civil resources for this purpose, within the limits of such policies as may be established by this headquarters. The following matters in particular will have priority, subject to the requirements under paragraph 10b above, in the allocation of civil resources:

(1) Provision, through Land Forces Sub Commission (MMIA), of drivers to operate vehicles under the control of Headquarters, Allied Commission; such drivers to be Italian military personnel.

(2) Mobilization of civil workshop facilities for the rehabilitation of Italian vehicles found in the area.

(3) Maintenance and repair of all vehicles under the control of Headquarters, Allied Commission, used for the transportation of civil supplies, on a sufficient scale to deal with the situation where all vehicles are working on a double shift basis.

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other than those set out in paragraph 8 above, work in connection with bridges and roads being coordinated by the Chief Engineer, Headquarters No 2 District and that in connection with railways by the Director, Military Railway Service, (Italy).

(5) Provision of dock labor for handling port discharge tonnage in excess of that which is a military responsibility.

(6) Provision of labor and materials for rehabilitation of essential industries and public utilities which are not a military responsibility.

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11. Planning.

a. Phase I. Headquarters 15th Army Group will be responsible for planning the military and civil commitment either direct in conjunction with Allied Military Government representatives of Headquarters, Allied Commission or by delegation through Headquarters Fifth Army in conjunction with Allied Military Government Fifth Army.

b. Phase II. Headquarters, Allied Commission, in conjunction with Headquarters No 2 District, will be responsible for planning this phase.

c. The various forms of assistance to be given by the military as outlined in paragraphs 8 and 9 above will be operative both during Phase I and Phase II. The planning in respect of this assistance is the responsibility of this headquarters. As it is not possible to insure close control of such detailed planning, or the initial implementation of the plan from this headquarters, this responsibility must be delegated. As Headquarters No 2 District will be finally responsible for the long term planning and execution of the tasks involved this responsibility is delegated to Headquarters No 2 District who will coordinate such planning on behalf of this headquarters.

By command of Field Marshal ALEXANDER:

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Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

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503/COS 25 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Planning - NORTHERN ITALY.

TO : Chief of Staff.

1. Reference your letter of 5 January 1945, same file and subject. I concur with the recommendations in paragraphs 7 and 8 except that I suggest for consideration that a more appropriate location for my Northwest Deputy would be Milan, rather than Alexandria, since Milan is the seat of the CLNAI and the base for the proposed political advisor.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

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Tel: 47879

Ref: 903/208/CMS

13 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Coordinating Planning Committee for N.W.ITALY.

TO : Regional Commissioner,
PIEDMONT Region.
LIGURIA Region.

1. On the lines of discussion between Col. PEARSON and the Office of the Chief of Staff you will set up a small Committee to coordinate planning for N.W. ITALY. Col. KINGHALL and Col. PEARSEY are appointed the Joint Chairmen for this Committee, and are instructed to work out the terms of reference and procedure for the Committee.

2. It is suggested that the members on the Committee should be a representative from each of the following Sections:

Civil Affairs Section
Economic Section
Political Section

Arrangements should be made to obtain the attendance of members from Sub-Commissions of the Sections of this HQ when required, and you may of course order any officers from your own Region to attend these meetings when convenient.

3. You will arrange that the views of Lombardia Region are adequately represented in addition to those of Piemonte and Liguria Regions. It is suggested that the Committee should sit in HQ, (probably) not oftener than once a week.

4. HQ of your Regions will remain as before at CASERTA. You should arrange to stay in ROME yourselves, and you should head some control of your Region during your absence to your Executive Officer.

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

Copy to: H.Q. Lombardia Region
Economic Section
Civil Affairs Section
Establishment Section
Political Section

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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Office of the Chief of Staff

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Ref: 503/ /COS. 5 Jan 1944.

SUBJECT: Planning - NORTHERN ITALY.

TO : Chief Commissioner.

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1. The question of co-ordinating the work of the Northern Regions and particularly the North Western Regions has been under consideration by your Vice Presidents recently. The length of communications both by land and air as well as telegraphic will make the difficulties of co-ordination and contact with the Northern Regions from Headquarters in ROME very great.

2. I will first consider the problem of North West Italy.

3. Here it seems to me we shall have three, if not four, focal centres.

4. The political focus will be at MILAN, the home of the CLNAI which proposes to have authority over all CLNAI's in Northern ITALY; the economic focus at the Port of GENOA into which all supplies eventually will come and from which they will be distributed to the whole area: the Allied military centre will be at the Headquarters of No.2 District at ALESSANDRIA. It will probably be necessary to have a political adviser at MILAN to keep in close contact with the CLNAI which is presumed to be the Central Committee for that area and to watch political developments from that political centre; it will probably also be necessary to have a projection of the Economic Section in GENOA to co-ordinate the collection and distribution of supplies; and equally, as we have already agreed, you will have to have a representative at the Headquarters of No.2 District to advise the District Commander with respect to Civil Affairs generally, and to effect liaison with his staff. Whatever other organisation is set up (if any) to co-ordinate the work of these Regions, these projections of the Commission appear to me inevitable.

5. It has been suggested that there should be set up an advanced Headquarters of the Commission with authority to take policy decisions and with power to co-ordinate the whole of the work of the three Regions. I do not recommend this. It would inevitably slip into an independent authority and there would be perpetual doubt and friction as to what matters could be settled locally and what matters had to be referred to ROME. Since, for administrative and political reasons alone, the closest touch will have to be maintained with the Italian Government in the conduct of our affairs in North-West Italy, it seems to me that the co-ordination at a high level must be done in ROME. We should certainly make plans for a skeleton staff to accommodate yourself and Vice-Presidents on what must be frequent visits to the area, but we should not, in my opinion, set up a regular advanced Headquarters.

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6. Another recommendation is to amalgamate the three Regions into one large Region. This would, indeed, effect co-ordination for all the Provincial Commissioners would look to one Regional Commissioner. The Economic Section in particular would favour this alternative, for from the point of view of supplies, repairs and maintenance of railways, roads, electric power and labour, they regard the area as one entity. But from the local government point of view I do not believe this would be workable. We must have an over-all organisation in the economic sphere. But I do not believe that it would be feasible or practicable to govern that area from one Regional Headquarters, with 20 Provinces dependent from it. The nature of military government which we must set up demands more decentralisation in the initial stages than this could provide. I believe that good government is going to be vitally important from the outset and will need closer contact and shorter lines of communication between Regional Headquarters and Provincial Headquarters than would be feasible in such a scheme. Decisions on matters of great importance will have to be taken in the administrative sphere which the Provincial Commissioners will not be qualified to decide and which must be settled at a Regional level. I would rather have three good Regional teams covering the area than one rather unwieldy team with an excessive number of Provinces.

7. My own opinion which, pending further discussion, I will not submit to you as a firm recommendation, is that we should leave the Regional set-up as it is, with Headquarters at GENOA, TURIN and MILAN, under the three Regional Commissioners and their trained teams: that we should plan for a peripatetic political adviser based on MILAN: a projection of the Economic Section at GENOA to build up the supply and transportation organisation and to see that it fans out adequately into the Regions, and that you should have a representative at the Headquarters of No.2 District with a skeleton staff very much on the lines of your DCCAO at 15th Army Group.

8. This would have the advantage that in dealing with the whole problem of Northern Italy you would have a Deputy with the military and operational unit which presumably will go North-Eastwards, and a Deputy with the static military Headquarters in North-West Italy. Whatever other alternative is chosen these two Deputies are essential. It seems to me that they should serve the purposes of coordination which will be so necessary. It will be necessary to decentralise the executive functions of the Commission in its military government aspect both to the Regional Commissioners and to the projection of the Economic Section at GENOA, probably through your Deputy at ALESSANDRIA: the extent to which this decentralisation should be done is a matter for further discussion. But we must, in my opinion, maintain one Headquarters to formulate policy and that, for the reasons I have stated above, must be at ROME.

M. S. Lush

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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Ref: 503/183/CS 30 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Planning - N.W. Italy.

TO : Political Section. (2)
Establishment Section.
Communications Sub-Commission.

(2) Hd Qrs

1. I attach a copy of the memorandum which was discussed at yesterday's Chief of Staff's Meeting on the best way of controlling the Regions in N.W. Italy from Headquarters, Allied Commission.

2. The phrase "maximum delegation to the Regional Commissioners on the spot" in paragraph 5 of the memorandum is intended to mean that Regional Commissioners should have delegated to them the maximum powers which this Headquarters considers safe to delegate. It may be that full powers are already delegated and in Civil Affairs Sub-Commission I think this is probably the case. Regional Commissioners, as far as this side of the Commission goes, probably have all the powers they require through the Proclamations and General Orders. With regard to Piemonte Section, however, it may be that the Regional Commissioner will not consider himself capable of dealing with some of the complicated industrial problems arising. This may be due either to lack of powers or to lack of suitable technical advisers. In any case Sections are asked to review the powers already delegated to Regional Commissioners so as to determine whether in their opinion they are sufficient.

3. Will addressees please be prepared to discuss this matter again at the next Chief of Staff's Meeting on Tuesday, 2 January 1945.

[signature]
Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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Copy to: Civil Affairs Section. (No copies of memorandum attached)
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29 December 1944.

Ref/903/174/CCS.

SUBJECT: Planning - N.S. Italy.

TO : DCOS
Civil Affairs Section.
DCOS
Records Section.

Please let me have your comments on the attached minute by Thursday, 28 December 44, for the Chief of Staff's meeting on Friday.

[signature]
Secretary, Joint Staff Planners,
for the Chief of Staff.

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Chief of Staff.

N.W. Italy - Control from Headquarters, Allied Commission.

1. A vital point in the planning for N.W. Italy which so far has not been officially raised at conferences on this subject seems to me to be the site of the Headquarters from which Headquarters, Allied Commission shall retain control of this area.

2. The situation, as I see it developing, will be affected by the following factors:-

(a) The distance of MILAN is nearly double that of Florence from Rome. Roads in the early stages are sure to be difficult and there are the Appenines to cross. Air travel will be limited by weather if the occupation is before summer. Road transport, as we know, is not easy. Allied Commission cars are deteriorating, especially for long distance journeys.

(b) Time taken for letters by road will similarly be increased. Complicated communications cannot be carried out by telephone, even if the lines are in existence. Signal lines will probably be the best method.

(c) Civil Affairs Section in 15 Army Group will be of no assistance as N.W. Italy is not in their area. There will be a small Liaison Section with No. 2 District, but this will not be sufficiently high powered to act as a forward Headquarters.

(d) The most difficult problems are certainly to be encountered in this part of Italy. Here it is that we shall meet the real problems of labour, food distribution, unemployment, patriots, and the dominating political problem of the Committee of National Liberation.

3. Will it be possible for the Regional Commissioners to manage these matters on their own without reference to Headquarters? The choice, as I see it, lies between dividing the Headquarters up into two, as was done before with very unsatisfactory results, when the Main Headquarters was at Naples and the Rear Headquarters at Salerno. The distance there between the two Headquarters was small, but everyone knows the handicap it imposed. To a certain extent the same situation arose when the Italian Government moved to Rome in June and the move of the Main Headquarters was delayed for a month. The extra distance here made the position that much more difficult. How much more difficult will it not be, therefore, to have a small Headquarters, say, in Rome, to deal with the Italian Government, and the Main Headquarters up at Milan, a distance of 400 miles away.

4. The alternative to the split of the Headquarters is to maintain the full Headquarters here in Rome, and delegate much more power to the Regional Commissioners on the spot. This appears to be the policy of the military authorities. I have not heard of any other Military Headquarters for this area than No. 2 District. Even if AFHQ were to move to Rome they will be no nearer to these than Allied Commission are to their Regional Commissioners. They appear to be willing to delegate the responsibility to the Commander of [illegible] District, but it is not quite a fair assumption from this that Allied [illegible]

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5. Nevertheless, under the circumstances set out in paragraph 2 above, it is my opinion that one should attempt to control the situation by maximum delegation to the Regional Commissioners on the spot, coupled with the best communications which can be made available, so as to enable quick and frequent visits to be made from Headquarters, rather than split of Headquarters with the consequent dislocation and disruption which ensues.

C.W.I. SHIPP
Lt. Col.
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to C.C.S.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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APO 394

FILE MEMORANDUM

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