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CABLES, MISC.
MAY 1944 - FEB. 1946

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FX 61311

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FEB 221745A

FEB 231230A

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ACTION AGWAR WASHINGTON FOR COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF CABINET OFFICES LONDON
FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF, INFO ALCON.

TOP SECRETTHIS IS N.A.F. 1117

SUBJECT IS CEILING OF CARABINIERI IN INTERIM ITALIAN ARMED FORCES.

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AICOM INFO FREEDOM, SCAO VENEZIA GIULIA

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Reference AFHQ signal FX 51267 of 1st November.

1. Statement by Italian Prime Minister on Italo-Yugoslav relations in firm tones, however measured, addressed to frontier population from UDINE, is likely to provoke Yugoslav counter measures. In prevailing conditions these may well disturb present easy (?) calm and lead to series of demonstrations if nothing more. We wish to avoid this and therefore consider undesirable that Prime Minister should raise VENEZIA GIULIA problem in frontier area.

2. We do not object to visit as such providing that it is confined to urging firm action in amassing and food control generally. But in view of difficulty of keeping within these limits if Prime Minister comes to UDINE and real danger that he may be maneuvered into dealing with the VENEZIA GIULIA problem once here we would rather he did not come.

3. Conclusions. Would prefer visit did not take place. If it absolutely necessary consider that Prime Minister should not address frontier population on Yugoslav relations from UDINE at present time. Such a course is likely to disturb political situation here and prejudice internal security.

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For Admiral STONE.

Request your personnel support our signal 23/27 of 3 October asking for delegation your Hq to come here Thursday to plan economic requirements this area for next 6 months in accordance with FREEDOM signal BA 54913 dated 26 September.

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ACTION S. . . DC CHIEF COMMISSIONER 2
 INFO EX COMMISSIONER 2
 ECON SEC 2
 PERS 2
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M/C NOTE:

Believe PX 54913 should read
 PX 45913 (M/C F/9177) M/C no of
 23/37 is F/9876.

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FX 45813
SEP 28 1735A

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SEP 26 1045A

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ROUTINE

ACTION ALCOM ROME?, 13 CORPS FOR AMG

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VENEZIA GIULIA and UDINE.

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INFO: Chief Commissioner

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DISPATCH

FROM: MAIN 13 COMB

TO: ALICE INFO: ALICE

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References para 3 of AEM signal YK 42384 of 10 September.

1. suggest you frame your requirements in form of detailed questionnaire in view of somewhat general nature of headings given in AEM signal YK 24549 of 10 July.

2. shall be very pleased arrange accommodation for any officers you may wish send here to obtain information in person or to send officers from this HQ to AEM to furnish information required if more convenient

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ALCOM PLEASE PASS TO AGREED RECIPENTS

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Congress of Regional Committees of National Liberation of Northern ITALY covering LOMBARDIA; PIEMONTE, LIGURIA, VENEZIA, EMILIA and TOSCANA opened yesterday in MILAN. Agenda consists of (1) relations in internal political field (2) consultative functions of CLN (3) relations of CLN with public administration and in particular prefects (4) activities of industrial CLNs (5) urgent problems of supply, unemployment etc.

President of C L N A I MORANDI opening session outlined action taken by C L N A I in ROME and MILAN to secure formation of new government and after criticizing liberals recent action in ROME he welcomed declaration of parties of the second June which he said placed beyond all doubt usefulness of C L N in participating in reconstruction and democratic revival of political life.

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Info - Chief Commissioner
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MAIN 13 CORPS

ALCOM ROME INFO MAIN 8 ARMY SCAO (55 AREA PASS) PERSONAL FOR
STONE FROM HARDING

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Russians apparently civilians numbering approx 6 living 62
Via FABIO SEVERO TRIESTE state they are Russian Repatriation
Committee working under orders similar Committee ROME. Confirm or
deny by return signal that authority has been given this Committee
to operate in 13 CORPS Area. If no authority exists propose to
evict from Allied occupied territory at once. All informed.

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Commissioner 2

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MAY 306/3059
MAY 311800
ROUTINEAMU LIGERIA REGION
AMU 4 CORPS, IAFV/ HC ALONG ROAD**SECRET.**

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. Regional Commander 125 INFANTRY informed. Local allied military authorities declined to send troops in support of establishment of AMU.

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MAY 251900BE/2459
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IMMEDIATE8 ARMY AUSTRIA
ALCOM ROME INFO FREEDOM FOR G5

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Following for IRIE Food SC from CROOM JOHNSON AFHQ. Ref FREEDOM
FX 75979 of 15.

1. Desired increase wheat loan ex ANCONA to total of 3350 tons.
Repayment August.
2. Desired wheat ex ANCONA be gagged. Military Govt Staff
AUSTRIA will make good loaned bags earliest beginning 30,000 bags
required within 10 days.
3. Please signal whether this OK.
4. Ref FREEDOM signal FX 80161 of 22. Please confirm release
of 75 tons each of fats and sugar ex CSENA.

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G-5 FOR HUMB CITE 112

HQ ALCOM NET HQ 15 ARMY GROUP FOR G-5 RPT HQ 8 ARMY MAIN FOR JMO

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VERONA. Lights, water functioning. Food situation not urgent. Provincial team in. Partisans being disarmed Saturday or Monday. 400 partisans remaining for police duties. 6 murders in city on 3 May. VICENZA. Water, lights functioning. Food situation not urgent. Provincial team in. 7000 partisans will be disarmed within next few days. MANTOVA. Water, lights functioning. Food not urgent. Partisan perséc held 3 May. Provincial team in.

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MAY 051030B
ROUTINEHQ LOMBARDIA REGION
SO (M) LIAISON STAFF ROME

IN CLEAR.

Following text in Italian received today from MILAN:

"AL PRESIDENTE BONOMI ALT A NOME DEL CLNAI RINGRAZIO PER IL GRADITO INVITO
ALT CONTO ESSERE COSTI CON DELGAZIONE MEMBRI CLNAI FINE CORRENTE SETTIMANA ALT
MORANDI PRESIDENTE CLNAI".

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U.S. Embassy

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INCOMING MESSAGE
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSIONOriginator's Reference: 898
Date/Time of Origin:Message Centre No. D/940
Date Time Rec'd: MAY 051030B
Precedence: ROUTINEFROM: HQ LOMBARDIA REGION
TO: SO (M) LIAISON STAFF ROME

IN CLEAR.

Following text in Italian received today from MILAN:

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ALT CONTO ESSERE COSTI CON DELGAZIONE MEMBRI CINAI FINE CORRENTE SETTIMANA ALT
MORANDI PRESIDENTE CINAI".

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Transmitted by telephone to Flores "Capo di Pa-
kinetto" of the President of the Council.
May 5th - 11. a. m. *att.*

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MAIN AMC 8TH ARMY

ACTION 15 ARMY GROUP FOR G-5 SECTION INFO HQ ALCOM, HQ VENETIAN REGION

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Subject is TRIESTE area and GORIZIA. Both Yugoslav and Allied forces are in TRIESTE. Yugoslav administration has been set up by adherents TITO before our arrival. Position is very delicate. AMG officers are in town but not functioning. Position MONFALCONE and District. Civil administration of TITO adherents in complete control and functioning well. They have made arrangements for plebiscite to be held tomorrow May 4. Large numbers Yugoslav partisans parading streets fully armed also Yugoslav Army. Well behaved demonstration in favour TITO taking place. Impossible yet assess strength of local TITO feeling or number partisans. In any case would be impossible disarm partisans unless carried out by strong military force which would be tantamount to setting off gunpowder. Position GORIZIA understood to be Yugoslavs in complete control. Italian partisans are reported to have been disarmed by Yugoslavs and arrested. In view of all above and after consultation AMG 13 Corps have ordered a standstill on AMG until position examined by higher authorities coming from AFHQ tomorrow. Therefore no proclamations have been posted and no military government has been imposed anywhere in VENETIA GIULIA. Army commander has approved above decision in consultation with Corps commander. Am returning 13 Corps tomorrow May 4.

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Hon. Alexander Kirk

Sir Noel Charles

Chief Comm'r

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CRITTENDENGER 4 CORPS CITE CAS/418

HQ ALLIED COMMISSION. APC 394 ATTENTION NORTHWEST ITALY COORDINATING COMMITTEE

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Request information be furnished this headquarters without delay showing
civilian ration scale by items for Northwest ITALY.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference WX-66285

M/C No. C/2348

Date-Time of Origin: NOV 212117A

Date - Time Rec'd: NOV 301645A

Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: THE COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF

TO: AFHQ WILSON FOR ACTION, SHAEF VERSAILLES FOR EISENHOWER, TO CENTRAL
DISTRICT UK BASE SECTION LONDON, TO BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF FOR
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FAN 455.

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INFO-ACTION: SC to Chief Commissioner

INFO: C.O.S.

Sir Noel Charles

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Hon. Alexander Kirk

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Precedence: PRIORITY

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ROUTINE

FROM: ACAR

TO: WILSON REPIATED WFOUSA, INFORMATION BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF

REF NO THIS MESSAGE: EX-20944, 9 April 1944

FOR VIEWS FROM CCS

CITE: CCAC

TAM 162.

Control of Inflation in ITALY.

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Programme of control of Italian Government finances and curtailment of budgetary deficits should be pursued with utmost vigour by ACC and the Italian Government should be made fully aware of its responsibility for taking all possible corrective measures. **5900**

Also request ACC to continue vigorously its present efforts, both as to maximizing production and facilitating transportation and distribution in connection local crops.

ACTION: MGS

REF NO THIS MESSAGE: UX-20941, 9 April 1944

FOR PHCS FROM CCS

CITE: COAC

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ACTION: MGS

INFORMATION: SGS
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FIN ADV
MR MURPHY
MR MACILLIAN
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MC IN 5547

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From: 15 Army CP
To : AFHQ
Orig No: MA 1011

From General Alexander (.) In view of urgent necessity of simplifying the organisation for the direction and control of civil affairs in ITALY I propose to make following arrangements on assuming responsibility for all occupied ITALIAN territory (.) First (.) MASON MACFARLANE as head of the Allied Commission of control to assume responsibility for all ITALIAN territory including that which under existing procedure would be under separate AMG control (.) This will ensure continuity of policy and procedure as our troops advance and will centralise policy regarding food supply and kindred subjects which is essential if best use is to be made of available resources (.) Second (.) MASON MACFARLANE to be my adviser on all civil and political matters and to be represented at my HQ by Brigadier LUSH acting as his deputy (.) MG's staff now with FLAMFO to be embodied in LUSH's staff (.) Under this system I would deal with long term policy by means of periodical meetings and discussions with MASON MACFARLANE and with day to day affairs through LUSH who would be guided by general directives issued by MASON MACFARLANE (.) This would I understand facilitate considerable reductions in AMG staffs (.) would ensure unified and properly integrated policy and would enable me to exercise general control and obtain considered advice through one channel only which is essential from my point of view (.)

Confirm you agree

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Internal

Distn: Lt-Gen. Mason MacFarlane.
Maj.-Gen. Robertson.
Brigadier Lush.
EGS (Ops)
EGS (I)

Maj.
MA to GOC -in-C

15 January 1947

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INCOMING MESSAGE

Msg Center No. 12/21

Date/Time Rec'd: May 201955

Classification: SECRET

Date/Time Sent: May 201955

Precedence: PRIORITY

Reference Nr.: F 48558

From: SIGNED SACMED

Cite: FHMG

To: ACC MAIN FOR MACFARLANE

DSM 903
21 MAG 1944

Increase of bread ration receiving urgent consideration here. Refer M194 of 12 May and M207 of 19 May. Appreciate anti inflation aspect presented by new Committee and importance of move from Finance standpoint. However effect of increase on supply program less clear. Appreciate advice your supply experts based on close contact with conditions not known to us. Grateful therefore for explanation of facts or estimates possibly not available here which have led to view that necessary importations would probably not exceed amounts required under present ration. Specifically request your best judgment on following:

- (1) Actual likelihood of reduction of bread ration card holders to 65 per cent of population and estimated date at which this will become effective.
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