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Correction to Minutes of Executive Council
23rd Meeting, 4 February 44

1. At the request of Lieut. Col. Jenny, para.244 (c) of the Minutes of the 23rd Meeting of the Executive Council is corrected to read as follows:

" The Public Works Ministry is not yet certain as to where the division will be in the functions between Public Works and the Industry and Commerce Ministry. Whatever that will be, it is quite apparent that there will have to be close co-operation between our Public Works and Industry and Commerce Sub-Commissions."

Lewis H. Van Dusen, Jr.
LEWIS H. VAN DUSEN, Jr.,
Major, Ord.,
Secretary.

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Brigadier Gueterbock
Brigadier Carr
Brigadier Dunlop
Mr. Henry Grady
Mr. Ian Campbell
Mr. Caocia
Mr. Reber
Col. Whittley
Col. Young
Col. Evans

Col. Adams
Col. Spofford
Col. Fiske
Col. Bain
Col. Upjohn
Col. Grafftey-Smith
Col. Kirk
Col. Fitch

Commodore Palmer
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Col. Belser
Col. Henderson

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Lt. Col. Poletti
Lt. Col. Smith
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MEDCO.
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Director Int. Transportation
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Region 5.
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R.C.A.O. Region II.
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Lt. Col. The Lord Forrester	D/R.C.A.O. Region III.
Lt. Col. Hancock	D/R.C.A.O. Region I.
Lt. Col. Cripps	S.O. Admin. Section.
Lt. Col. Spicer	Director Int. Sub-Comm.
Lt. Col. Legg	Director Food Sub-Comm.
Lt. Col. Feasey	Chief of Staff, Region 5.
Major Dickie	D/Director Ag. & Fish.
Major John Ames	Executive Officer, S.O. 5 Army
Major Sir P. Magnus	Conductor to Gen. Solodovnik.
Major Friend James	A.C.C. Liaison, HQ. ACMP.
Major Washburn	Education Sub-Commission.
Major Barry	Electric Power Mission.
Major Van Dusen	Secretary.

230. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 1430 hrs.
231. The Chairman stated that he wished the Director of each Sub-Commission to give a brief statement of the principal activities of that Sub-Commission during the past two weeks, so that all present both from H.Q. and the field would have a general idea what each Sub-Commission was doing and the chief problems which confronted it.
232. Interior Sub-Commission. (Lt.Col.Spicer)
- (a) The chief activities of this Sub-Commission during the past two weeks was the translation of the text of various Italian laws and decrees relating to local government, and the checking of reports from the Italian Government relating to conditions in King's Italy.
- (b) The Sub-Commission has also dealt with a number of applications for the appointment and removal of public officials. The Italians often desired the appointment of officials in unoccupied territory which A.M.G. had removed. In a few cases the Italians had tried to put forward men who were of poor calibre.
- (c) Little had been done as yet on the ecclesiastical side and no difficulties had been encountered.
233. Public Safety Sub-Commission. (Col. Kirk)
- (a) The activities of this Sub-Commission to-date had been advisory rather than operational.
- (b) In connection with the police little direct contact was made at H.Q. because dealings with the Italian Police were largely handled by the Regions. The coordination of civilian internees had been worked out between the various Headquarters. It is believed that in the future this will largely be handled by the Army. Considerable effort has been made to procure arms, equipment and pay for the Carabinieri.
- (c) Studies have been instituted of prisons in an effort to alleviate the congestion in Region 2. This could be done either by obtaining the release by the military of some of the prisoners now used by them; by turning over to the Italian Government the problem of caring for prisoners sentenced by Allied Military Courts, and by the removal of any civilian internees that still might be incarcerated in prisons.
- (d) A study has been instituted in connection with the Fire and Civilian Defence organisations and their equipment. An effort was being made to coordinate the various agencies for registration and licensing.
234. Public Health Sub-Commission. (Brig. Parkinson)
- (a) The typhus epidemic in Naples has been stayed for the moment. Cases have fallen from 35 to 40 down to 17 to 25 a day. However, there are still a substantial number of cases and the epidemic is far from over. Experiments were being made of the new disinfection equipment. A Typhus Board has been set up on which representatives of the Army and Navy and A.C.C. sit. This Board will not exist permanently as the Army and Navy are anxious for A.C.C. to take over the problem as soon as possible.
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- (c) Contacts have been made with the various veterinary sources, and laboratories are being set up for the provision of serum.
- (d) The Venereal Disease problem in Naples and in the 5th Army area is still tremendous. The authorities are trying to combat the evil by putting un-licensed houses out of bounds to troops, and by instituting hospital treatment for the cases found, but the figures are still high.
- (e) Red Cross clothing has recently arrived and is being distributed.
- (f) A Program has been undertaken for the control of malaria during the coming season which promises to be a sizable problem, as the irrigation ditches have been destroyed. Every effort must be made to restore adequate malarial controls.

The Chairman emphasized the necessity of each R.C.A.O. recognizing, treating and reporting every case of typhus in his area. A.C.C. will have to take over the typhus problem even in Naples as soon as possible, and the situation must be watched closely to prevent any spread.

235. Legal Sub-Commission.

(Col. Upjohn)

(a) The Minister of Justice was not very strong but could act on a low level as he had in Foggia when he set up a Court of Appeal there because the usual Court of Appeal operating from Bari was unable to function in Foggia.

(b) The publication of decrees originating in King's Italy was frequently desirable in occupied territory, as it would mean fewer general orders and a more unified system. A program has been instituted for making such decrees effective in occupied territory. Each Sub-Commission should submit any decrees promulgated in Italian territory which it thought should be made effective in occupied territory.

(c) The Italian Government has been very cooperative in connection with the suggestions of this Sub-Commission for the appointment and promotion of judicial officials. He seldom allowed men to leave posts in occupied territory, as they had been trying to do in Region 2, and then secure judicial appointments in Italian territory. No recommendations of this nature were made or approved except after careful vetting, in an effort to see that they were in the interest of all concerned.

(d) At present as in the past many cases were unnecessarily tried in the Allied Courts, particularly in Sicily. Many of these cases could be handed over to the Italian judicial system. The Allied Courts should try only cases in which Allied interests were directly involved, after the Italian Courts began to function in any area.

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236. Education Sub-Commission. (Major Washburn)

- (a) The vetting of all personnel for previous Fascist activities continues. The higher officials are vetted by H.Q., and the lower officials by the Regions.

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- (b) Some textbooks have been completed and are being printed in Palermo for use in Sicily and Calabria. Those intended for the balance of Italy would be printed in Naples as soon as paper became available.
- (c) A Local Committee was being set up to handle youth problems, using Naples as a test ground.
- (d) A survey was being made of the Italian School system, including the allocation of the various schools and statistics relating to their condition and capacity.
- (e) Detailed instructions were given to all Directors of Education in the provinces indicating how they were to proceed in educating the youth.

The Chairman asked to what extent Italian youth had become saturated with Fascist doctrine. Major Washburn replied that he thought that they were not as badly affected as the German youth were by Nazism, and many of them in the south were thoroughly sick of the Fascist teachings.

237. Property Control Sub-Commission. (Lt.Col.Harris)

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- (b) Efforts are being made to regularise the position of Allied and French property in King's Italy.

238. Fine Arts and Monuments Sub-Commission. (Lt.Col.Cripps, S.O.Admin.Section)

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The program of this Sub-Commission fell into three branches:

- (a) Re-habilitation of industry, which was limited by shortage of coal and power.
 - (b) The allocation of raw materials and collection of information thereon for the Local Resources Boards.
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(b) The Provincial Labor Offices were about to be placed under the Ministry of Labor rather than under the Prefects, because appointments had been influenced by politics.

(c) Orders had been issued recently permitting labor unions to organize freely. King's Italy had agreed to abolish the syndical system of labor organization. An officer has been assigned to keep in touch with newly formed labor organizations. He has talked to the leading members of the recent Bari Conference and believes that the political parties will not disturb the unions until they are formed, after which they will no doubt have some political connection. The people organizing unions were for the most part groping in the dark and have received considerable advice from the Sub-Commission.

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The Chairman asked if any collective farming had existed in Italy. Major Dickie thought there had been some but that it was not very widespread. Owing to the fact that his staff in the Regions was limited, there had been little opportunity to go into this question thoroughly.

In response to a question by the Chairman, Major Dickie stated that it would probably be necessary to release on leave certain soldiers during the coming harvest. Already the calling up of young men had produced complaints in Foggia.

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243. Food Sub-Commission.

(Lt.Col.Leng)

(a) It was explained that although this Sub-Commission was only two weeks old, efforts were already being made to secure an equitable distribution of the available sources of food. Close collaboration is being maintained with the Internal Transportation Sub-Commission, because the handling of bulk wheat from warehouse to consumer was chiefly a question of road transport.

(b) A conference is being held this weekend of all the Supply Officers. The chief problems are those relating to milling, the provision of sacks, and the allocation between maintenance and build-up. At the conference it would be ascertained how the Regions wanted the jobs done, and this H.Q. if possible would try to do it that way.

(c) One of the chief present problems is the existence of different ration scales in different areas. For instance in the 8th Army area 150 grams is allotted to light workers, and as much as 500 grams daily to heavy workers. Such rations could not be supplied. In other Regions a pasta ration had been set up even though it was not included in the basic standard ration. The standard ration scale should be adhered to until there was enough available to increase it for all. Heavy workers were entitled to more food than light workers, but that they should secure this additional quantity by the issuance of a supplementary ration over the standard ration, and not by fixing different scales.

(d) Additional warehouse space was necessary in order to provide for the bulk supplies which were being imported. An example of this was the expected receipt of 9,000 tons of sugar at Bari and Reggio to last for a considerable period of time. Owing to the exigencies of the shipping situation, this quantity was being received at once instead of over the period during which it was needed.

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Brig. Lush emphasised the importance of letting the Regions know at all times what could be expected in the future in the way of food supplies.

A discussion then followed concerning the new A.F.H.Q. memorandum authorising all labor employed by the Armed Forces to receive a midday meal from Army rations. Lt.Col.Poletti emphasised the impossibility of supplying a midday meal for workers spread over a large area, and considered that there was no great demand for it. It was opposed by No.1 District, by the Navy and by I.B.S. in Sicily, and it was used only as a bribe to pirate food workers away from their present employment. Lt.Col.Poletti said that the best way to control the workers was to insist on absolute equality.

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244. Public Works and Mines Sub-Commission.

(Lt.Col.Jenny)

(a) A.F.H.Q. has started a program for the maintenance of military highways in Regions II, III, and IV under the supervision of this Sub-Commission.

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(a) A.F.H.Q. has started a program for the maintenance of military highways in Regions II, III, and IV under the supervision of this Sub-Commission. Under this program the Army fixed priorities, the Italian Engineering authorities made a survey of the materials needed and of the local availability of these materials. The Army furnished those materials that were not locally available. The Sub-Commission supervised the execution of the work, and made certain that the money was properly spent and that the priorities were maintained. Most of these jobs were handled from H.Q. rather than from the Regions so that one group could deal with the reorganized Italian engineering authorities. It is impossible to provide food for workers on highways covering 3,000 kilometres.

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Finance Sub-Commission. (Lt.Col.Miller)

(a) One of the most serious existing problems is the failure of the present tax structure to provide the necessary revenue. Officers have been detailed to the field to stimulate the activity of the tax collecting agencies.

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247. Shipping Sub-Commission (MEDEO). (Mr. Ian Campbell)

He said there was two classes of shipping, ocean going ships which had been taken over for military and naval uses, and coastal shipping. Efforts were being made to determine which schooners, if any, were available for coastal shipping, which goods had to be carried in them, and who was to operate them. MEDEO decides which ships ought to be used for essential coastal sea movements.

248. Political.

The Chairman then stated that the recent conference in Bari had indicated that these groups desired the King to abdicate, but beyond this they had no fixed program as to their future operation, or as to the form of Government which they desired to set up in Italy. There were a large number of political currents which were too complex for any brief description. The fact that the Government has not the full support of the people hampers A.C.C. because the Government is not confident enough of its position to press strongly for important action that should be taken. However, it is the job of A.C.C. to treat the existing Italian Government as an Administrative machine rather than as having any particular political complexion, and to work with it to produce as efficient a governmental organization as possible.

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(c) Civilian Postal Service has been started in Regions I and II, but not in Naples or abroad. The availability of the necessary censors is the limiting factor. It is hoped that foreign mails might start on a restricted basis by February 15.

(d) The maintenance of standard rates for such civilian telecommunication and postal services as did exist is most important.

251. The Chairman stated that the Navy Section was operating at Taranto, with a representative in this area, that the Air Section was operating at Bari, and that the Military Section was in Lecce where it would have to stay for the present because the Italian War Ministry was remaining there. As soon as the Comando Supremo moved to Salerno, Brig. Duchesne would accompany it. As soon as Rome fell the H.Q. of these three services on the Italian side would be set up there and the A.C.C. representatives would also be there, although the Naval and Air operations would possibly continue to be directed from the south.

252. The meeting adjourned at 1655 hours.

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There will be a meeting of the Executive Council on Friday, January 28, 1944.

It is requested that all items for the Agenda be handed to the Secretary before 1100 hrs. on Thursday, January 27, 1944 at Room 8-C.

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225. The Chairman referred to the abolition of C.E.C. whose functions would now be taken over by Mr. Grady's Section. The overriding question was feeding the population and the problem was divided as follows:

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210. D.C.C.A.O. stated that an office memorandum would be issued shortly notifying all parties concerned that the Vice-President and Deputy Vice-President of the Economic and Administrative Section were on duty in Naples and that matters of policy in this field should be referred to them.
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222. Meeting adjourned at 1600 hours.

W. H. Van Dusen, Jr.
 LEWIS H. VAN DUSEN, JR.
 Major, Ord.
 Secretary

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Chief of Each Sub-Commission.

SECRETAGENDA21st MeetingEXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The following items are included on the Agenda of the twenty-first meeting of the Executive Council to be held on Friday, January 14, 1944 at 1500 hrs. in the Conference Room:

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2. The organization of the Economic and Administrative Section. (D.C.C.A.O.)
3. The relationship between these Headquarters and Central Economic Committee. (D.C.C.A.O.)
4. The relationship between the Local Resources (Italian) Board and the Engineering Materials Committee, and these Headquarters. (Mr. Grady)
5. The preparation and submission of SITREP and monthly reports. (D.C.C.A.O.)
6. The report of the Commission of Inquiry on damage to historic monuments by Allied Troops. (Major Sizer)

13 January 1944

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4 January 1944

MEMORANDUM

TO : All Members of Executive Council

1. The Executive Council will include the following:

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Acting Chief of Staff
Deputy Chief of Staff (Operations & Security Intelligence)
Executive Officers
Economic Director
Administrative Director
Adjutant General
Chief of Security Intelligence
Chief of Communications Section
Public Relations Officer
Chief of each Sub-Commission ✓

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Thursday
If any member is unable to attend any meeting he will send a representative.

3. Any item which is desired to have placed on the agenda of any meeting will be in the hands of the Secretary by 1100 hours on the Thursday before the meeting. Secretary: Major L. H. Van Dusen Jr., Room 9.

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 ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
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23 November 1943.

MEMORANDUM

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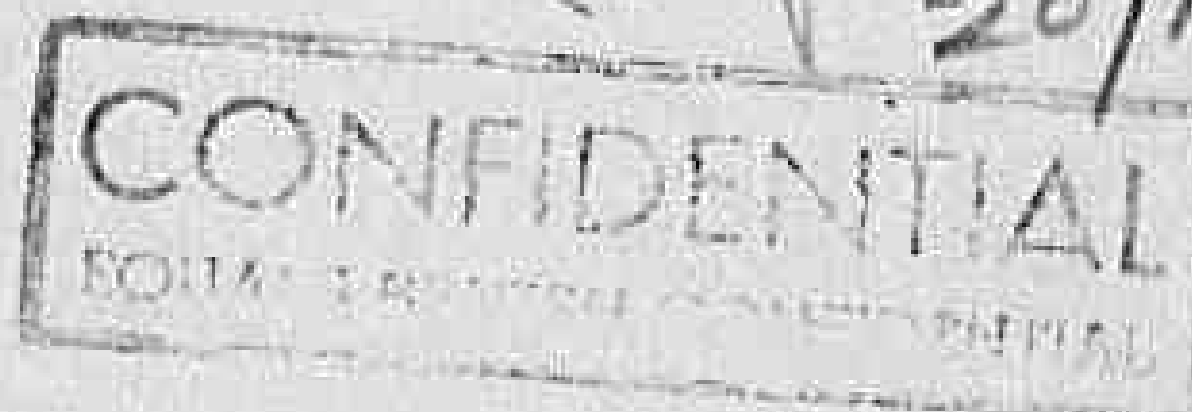
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19 November 1943.

The 20th Meeting of the
Executive Council
19 November 1943

Present

Brigadier E. Gueterbock (Chairman) - Vice Chief of Staff
Brigadier R.A. Hamlyn - Acting Economic Director
Brigadier G.S. Parkinson - Director of Public Health
Colonel P.C. Kirk - Chief of Public Safety
Colonel C.M. Spofford - Deputy Chief of Staff
Colonel R.R. Rathbone - Executive Officer
Colonel G.R. Upjohn - Deputy Chief of Legal Division
Colonel Young - Intelligence Officer
Lt. Colonel Lindbergh - Deputy Director of Internal Transport.
Lt. Colonel L.D. Denmore - Acting Director Communications
Lt. Colonel R.R. Gripps - Acting Administration Director
Lt. Colonel E.L. Clough - Acting Adjutant General
Lt. Colonel C.R. Harris - Director of Property Control
Lt. Colonel G.R. Cayre - Acting Director of Education
Major P.K. Baillie-Reynolds - Deputy Director of Fine Arts
Major Knauer - Deputy Dir. of Telecommunications
Major M.A.H. Dickie - Deputy Director of Agriculture
Lt. Colonel Carter - Acting Director of Fuel Sub-Commission
Captain Charles Poore - Public Relations Officer
Lt. Irving - Lynch - Deputy Director of Shipping
Captain L.H. Van Dusen - Secretary

197. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 1500 hours.

198. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

199. The Deputy Chief of Staff (Operations and Intelligence) explained that he had a proposed directive (Exhibit A attached to original minutes) outlining generally the relations between these Headquarters (AMG) and the various Regional Headquarters. These drafts were distributed after the meeting. Each member was requested to read the draft, to make any corrections necessary from the stand-point of his activities, and to prepare a list of specific points, if any, upon which action by R.C.A.G. was to be limited and also any field of activity within his jurisdiction which was to be handled exclusively by Headquarters in accordance with paragraph 1(b) of the Proposed Directive. The Deputy Chief of Staff (Operations and Intelligence) then stated that a similar proposed directive would be prepared and distributed shortly covering the relationship between Headquarters A.C.C. and any Regional organizations which might exist under A.C.C. conditions. This proposal would be accompanied by limitations upon the powers of Regional Headquarters in specific fields when it was in final form.

200. The Chairman stated that the assignments of officers requested in Item 195 were being assigned to the draft Sub-Commission to the Acting Chief of Staff.

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200. The Chairman stated that the assignments of officers requested in Item 195 should be submitted by each Sub-Commission to the Acting Chief of Staff personally. (Action all members)

201. The Chairman stated that the directive called for in Item 194 (c) could be submitted at a later date which would be specified.

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202. The Chief Legal Officer then stated that when territory was handed over to the Italian Government, immediately all AFHQ Proclamations and Orders became null and void. Therefore, it was necessary to prepare, in advance, orders and decrees to be put into effect at that time by the Italian Government, wherever it was necessary or desirable to continue the regulations established by AFHQ. Each member was urged to submit to the Chief Legal Officer the orders or decrees which he wished carried over in this manner in the field in which he was operating. (Action all members)
203. The Chairman then stated that when more territory was turned over to the Italian Government it would have to establish itself near Naples and these Headquarters would have to be established in the same vicinity. However, there was no single location sufficiently large to house the Italian Government and all of A.C.C. Headquarters. Therefore, it would probably be necessary to split these Headquarters so that between 2 and 2 1/3's of the officers would be stationed 30 miles from the Italian Government. All members should consider how this split up was to be effected with regard to their personnel and should take the matter up with the Deputy Chief of Staff (Operations and Intelligence).
204. The Chairman advised the meeting that General Patton had held a meeting to inform himself about the existing unrest in Sicily arising out of the food shortage. As a result of the conference General Patton had agreed to cable AFHQ requesting 10,000 tons of flour at once. These Headquarters had sent a similar cable.
205. The Chairman then explained that the Directors of some Sub-Commissions had gone to Naples to attend certain conferences called by the advanced Echelon of AFHQ now located there. These conferences were of Local Resources Boards which were to ascertain the quantity of the resources available and then to apportion them among the various groups interested. AFHQ is responsible for supplying the necessary information on the resources available. All groups, including the Army, were responsible for making their requirements known. These representatives would return to these Headquarters when the conferences were completed.
206. AFHQ advanced Echelon in Naples had requested these Headquarters to supply a number of officers for specific work in that area. This request is being cleared through the C.G.I.O. If he agrees, the officers will be sent to Naples on detached service. They will rejoin these Headquarters when it moves to that area.
207. The meeting adjourned at 1555 hours.

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 Lt. Col. R. R. Owens - Actg. Admin. Director

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 Lt. Col. R. G. B. Spicer - Dep. Dir. of Interior
 Lt. Col. G. R. Cayre - Actg. Dir. of Education
 Lt. Col. C. Carter - Actg. Chief Fuel Officer
 Maj. W. A. Hartman - Actg. Dir. of Agriculture
 Maj. P. K. Baillie-Reynolds - Dep. Dir. of F. Arts
 Capt. C. Poore - Public Relations Officer
 Capt. L. H. VanDusen - Secretary - Staff O. Econ.

Col. Upjohn - Dep. Chief of Legal
 Lt. Col. O. Polotti, RCIO, Region I
 Major Hickingbotham - Dir. Shipping
 and Ship-building
 Col. L. Lindberg
 Colonel Bentlett
 Major S. H. Head, Dir. of Post. Services.
 Col. D. S. Adams - Actg. Econ. Director
 Lt. Col. E. I. Clough - Actg. Adj. Gen.
 Col. R. B. Rathbone - Executive O. Admin.
 Major Desmond - Information

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St. Col. Spicer - Interim

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19 November 1945

The 19th Meeting of the
Executive Council
17 November 1945

Present:

Brigadier E. Gueterbock (Chairman)	Vice Chief of Staff
Brigadier R. A. Hamlyn	Acting Economic Director
Brigadier G. S. Parkinson	Director of Public Health
Colonel P. C. Kirk	Chief of Public Safety
Colonel W. Evans	Deputy Director of Ind. & Comm.
Colonel J. R. Bain	Acting Director of Labor
Colonel J. Poley	Acting Finance Director
Colonel J. J. Albright	Acting Executive Officer
Colonel D. S. Adams	Economic Director
Colonel C. M. Spofford	Deputy Chief of Staff
Colonel D. Murphy	Director of Industry and Commerce
Colonel R. R. Rathbone	Executive Officer
Colonel G. R. Upjohn	Deputy Chief of Legal Division
Lt. Col. W. C. Chanler	Chief Legal Officer
Lt. Col. F. H. McFarland	Acting Director Displaced Persons
Lt. Col. L. D. Densmore	Acting Director Communications
Lt. Col. R. R. Cripps	Acting Administration Director
Lt. Col. E. L. Clough	Acting Adjutant General
Lt. Col. C. R. Harris	Director of Property Control
Lt. Col. C. E. Gayre	Acting Director of Education
Lt. Col. L. A. Jenny	Acting Director of Public Works
Lt. Col. Hamner	Deputy Director Displaced Persons
Major W. A. Hartman	Acting Director of Agriculture
Major P. K. Baillie-Reynolds	Deputy Director of Fine Arts
Major R. W. Desmond	Acting Chief of Information
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189. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 1500 hours.
190. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.
191. The Chairman stated that action had been taken by D.C.G.A.O. on items 183 and 184. The order authorizing a wage increase for public servants has been signed by D.C.C.M.O.

192. The Chairman stated that all orders should be "By Order of Brigadier General 44170 McSherry," and that all communications should make it clear that this was Headquarters AMG and not Headquarters ACC. The officers now stationed at Brindisi constitute Headquarters A.C.C. These Headquarters would become A.C.C. at a future date when more territory was handed over to the Italian Government. These Headquarters could plan what they would do

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Colonel P. G. Kirk	- Chief of Public Safety
Colonel W. Evans	- Deputy Director of Ind. & Comm.
Colonel J. B. Bain	- Acting Director of Labor
Colonel M. E. Moley	- Acting Finance Director
Colonel J. J. Albright	- Acting Executive Officer
Colonel D. S. Adams	- Economic Director
Colonel C. K. Spofford	- Deputy Chief of Staff
Colonel D. Murphy	- Director of Industry and Commerce
Colonel R. R. Rathbone	- Executive Officer
Colonel G. R. Upjohn	- Deputy Chief of Legal Division
Lt. Col. W. C. Chauler	- Chief Legal Officer
Lt. Col. F. H. McFarland	- Acting Director Displaced Persons
Lt. Col. L. D. Densmore	- Acting Director Communications
Lt. Col. R. R. Cripps	- Acting Administration Director
Lt. Col. E. L. Clough	- Acting Assistant General
Lt. Col. C. E. Harris	- Director of Property Control
Lt. Col. G. E. Gayre	- Acting Director of Education
Lt. Col. L. A. Jenny	- Acting Director of Public Works
Lt. Col. Hammer	- Deputy Director Displaced Persons
Major W. A. Hartman	- Acting Director of Agriculture
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193. The Chairman said that shortly a group of officers from MGS, A.F.H.Q. would come to work out the personnel situation as between HQ, AMG, and 15th Army Group, and AGC at Brindisi. It would be proposed that certain AGC records would be kept here as if AGC, Brindisi, were a detachment of those Headquarters, which was not the case. This arrangement was merely one of convenience.

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194. The urgent requirement (Sub-heading C of Item 174) as regards directives is that under AMG conditions limiting the powers of regions or reserving certain powers to HQ, AMG. Statements on these points by Sub-Commissions are to reach Acting Chief of Staff not later than evening 18 November. Additional requirements from Sub-Commissions are as follows, and are to reach the Chief of Staff not later than Wednesday 24th November.

- (a) (Subheading A of Item 174) Directives for Sub-Commissions under A.C.C. conditions; these are to be written by Sub-Commissions for the governance of their own activities.
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- (c) (Subheading D of Item 174) Notes to form the basis of a letter to AMG 15 Army Group, requesting them to conform to ACC policy as far as the tactical situation permits.

In this connection Colonel Albright stated that the abstracts referred to in Item 185 were ready. He explained that they were not extracts but abstracts and that no language taken from the abstracts was to be quoted in the directive or elsewhere without first consulting the Legal Sub-Commission. He explained that even the abstracts contained secret information.

195. The Chairman then directed all Sub-Commissions and Chief Staff Officers to submit to General McSherry by November 18th a proposed list of assignments of their officers. This list should include all officers at or on detached service from these Headquarters. If a surplus existed it should be so stated. If more personnel were required to carry on Military Government in these Headquarters they should be requested. The officers assigned to ACC in Brindisi should be included. The Chairman stated that these proposed assignments could be prepared without reference to any T/O or W/E.

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 of Postal Services

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

11 November 1943

The 18th Meeting of the
Executive Council
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Colonel W. Evans	- Acting Director of Ind. & Comm.
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Colonel D. S. Adams	- Economic Director
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Lt Col C. Carter	- Acting Chief Fuel Officer
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Lt Col Bentlet	- Acting Chief of Telecommunications
	Sub-Commission
Major W. A. Hartman	- Acting Director of Agriculture
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He hoped this would be prior to the return of DCCMO to Palermo.

182 The Chairman promised that the basic directive on the functions of ACC
would be circulated shortly, although no order formally putting ACC into
operation had yet been received.

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Request for more flour. Brigadier Harlyn stated that he had drafted a cable which he suggested be sent to Washington through AFHQ pointing out the absolute necessity of securing a substantial tonnage of wheat in the next four months in order to feed the occupied portions of Italy and Sicily. A copy of this draft cable is attached to the original minutes.

The draft was discussed in some detail.

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- Col. Kirk stated that for the foregoing reasons it was imperative that both the rations and wages of the C.C.R.R. be increased at once.
- Col. Bain and Lt. Col. Smith agreed that many public servants required wage increases, according to the formula previously submitted, in order to freeze wages at a place comparable to the place where prices had been fixed. However, they strongly opposed granting any group of public servants an increase and postponing action on an increase for the rest. They stated that all

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Italian Servants were equally essential to the operation of the Allied Military Government. They showed that some strikes had been called and others threatened. Each time a serious situation was averted by promises of action about to be taken on the proposed wage increases. Brigadier Hanlyn stated that the crux of the difficult situation was food. If sufficient quantities of food could be brought in there would be some chance of controlling the Black Market and averting industrial and other disturbances. He did not oppose the increase in rations but he did oppose any general increase in wages to any or all groups at this time. He thought that the results produced by the proposed cable should be awaited before further action on wages was taken.

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Due to extreme shortage of clerks and typewriters, all notes between personnel in Headquarters should be written in long hand where a copy was not essential. Furthermore, action is being taken to distribute the existing facilities where they would do the most good.

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- 187 Lt Col Clough announced that a two minute silence would be observed at Headquarters at noon on November 11th.
- 188 The meeting adjourned at 1635 hours.

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LEWIS H. VAN DYKE,
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Secretary

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- (c) 166 - 166 - D.C.C.A.O. directed Lt. Colonel Clough to follow up the various reports referred to in order to ensure their prompt preparation and proper distribution and handling.

174. Explanation of the New A.C.C. structure and functions.

The Acting C.O.S. outlined the substance of a directive which had been received by General Joyce from A.F.H.C. He said that the directive would shortly be distributed to the members of the Council in the form of a basic directive from Major General Joyce. This directive set forth the purpose and functions of A.C.C. generally. The Acting C.O.S. emphasized the importance of not making any long term commitments of any kind without the approval of higher authority, as A.C.C. had no long term objectives. On this point he read extracts from the basic directive. He said that this directive should govern the objectives set forth in the various directives in process of preparation by the Sub-Commissions. The relations between A.C.C. and the Italian Government were also discussed.

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- (c) Reexamine the AEGOT legal price list to ensure its being as realistic as possible. Prescribed prices may not be enforced if they bear no reasonable relationship to prevailing prices.
- (d) Examine the operation of the black market to determine its extent, main sources of supply, organization, and the factors giving rise to it. It is also necessary to determine the actual extent of the black market in individual commodities.

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- (e) Pursue with energy the enforcement of price, rationing, and anti-black market regulations. The various devices, including posting of price lists, closing of shops of violators, imposition of severe fines and imprisonment, and confiscation of stocks must be employed energetically.
 - (f) Increase the supply of transportation available to the civilian economy.
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Total called forward to date	14,893 tons of flour
Total delivered to date	5,724 " "
	9,169 " "
	7,000 " "
Called forward for December	16,169 " "
Due before January 1, 1943	1,150 " "
Stocks on hand	

REGION II

Total amount called forward to date	12,000 tons
" " delivered	8,100 "
Balance due	3,900 "
Stocks on hand about	5,000 "

The heads of many Sub-Commissions stated that the public officials with whom they dealt were grossly underpaid particular emphasis being laid upon the C.C.R.R., the school teachers, the employees of the courts, and the employees of public utilities.

D.C.C.A.O. said that his AMGOT staff was fully alive to the possibilities of inflation and that all practicable steps have been taken by AMGOT to head it off.

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Due before January 1, 1943	16,169 " " "
Stocks on hand	1,150 " " "

REGION II

Total amount called forward to date	12,000 tons
" " delivered	<u>8,100</u> "
Balance due	3,900 "
Stocks on hand about	5,000 "

The heads of many Sub-Commissions stated that the public officials with whom they dealt were grossly underpaid particular emphasis being laid upon the C.C.R.R., the school teachers, the employees of the courts, and the employees of public utilities.

D.C.C.A.O. said that his MGOT staff was fully alive to the possibilities of inflation and that all practicable steps have been taken by MGOT to head it off.

It was decided to let the matter be decided after a conference between D.C.C.A.O., the Acting Economic Director, and Colonel Foley.

176. The meeting adjourned at 1645 hours.

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Food situation and inflation already serious and deteriorating rapidly throughout occupied Italy, illustrated by the following figures for Sicily.

Bread legal price September 1942 2.50, August 1943 to present 3.50; Black market bread in Palermo provided July 1943 25 L., August 30 Lire, early November 55 Lire.

Cost of living index September 1942 100, July 1943 150, September 250, early November 300.

Increase in currency circulation since July 1943 between 3 and 4 billion Lire.

Adequate subsistence bread ration estimated 300 grams daily per person. Authorized ration 200 grams, actual present Palermo issues, under 120 grams owing to shortages of supplies. Population compelled to supplement its rations with black market purchases.

Wages frozen at time of occupation at rates prescribed by Italian law. Widespread demands for wage increases to equative increased cost of living have not been authorized by IAC. However, labor unrest is growing. Strikes have been called and others avoided only by threats of arrest and promises of immediate consideration of wage increases.

Vicious spiral, if unchecked, will cause disturbances embarrassing Allied military effort. Allied food faith likely to be seriously compromised as occupied Italy will be regarded as gauge of Allied ability to assist liberated areas in achieving freedom from want.

Local solutions, such as enjoining tax collections, searches for hoarded grain and prosecution of black market operators being pushed to maximum extent, but above can have only minor palliative effect.

Essence of the problem is wheat. Importing of adequate wheat supplies is the only method of breaking black market, checking uncontrolled inflation, and avoiding starvation.

Following are essential minimum requirements of flour:-

For Sicily, 20,000 tons a month for 4 months beginning immediately.
 For Region 2, 8,000 tons a month for 4 months beginning immediately.

Seriousness of situation comparable to Central Europe after last war. Request serving Colonial Policy to Washington immediately to explain details.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

A G E N D A

17th meeting of the Executive Council to be held at 1500 hours
5th November, 1943, in the Conference Room.

1. Minutes of the last meeting.
2. Explanation of new A.C.C. structure and functions. (Acting G.S.O.)

LEWIS H. Van DUSEN,
Capt., Ord.,
Secretary Executive
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Interior

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Friday 1500 hrs. ✓HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

3 November 1943

SUBJECT: Executive Council Meeting

TO : Members of Executive Council

It is requested that items for the Agenda of the 17th Meeting of the Executive Council to be held at 1500 hrs on Friday 5th November 1943, be handed to the Secretary by 1100 hrs Thursday 4th November 1943.

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LEWIS H. VAN DUSEN Jr.

Capt., Ord.

Secretary Executive
Council.Room =Conference Room

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Minutes of
The 16th Meeting of the Executive Council
29th October 1943

PRESENT

Brigadier General McCherry (Chairman)	D.C.C.A.O.
Colonel Evans	Acting Director of Industry & Commerce.
Colonel Young	Deputy Chief of Public Safety.
Lt. Colonel Carter	Acting Chief Fuel Officer.
Lt. Colonel Charlier	Chief Legal Officer.
Lt. Colonel Cripps	Acting Administration Director.
Lt. Colonel Hammer	Deputy of Acting Director of Displaced Persons.
Lt. Colonel Harris	Director of Property Control.
Lt. Colonel Jenry	Acting Director Public Works and Util.
Lt. Colonel Mennace	Deputy of Acting Finance Officer.
Lt. Colonel Farley. Smith	Acting Administration Director.
Lt. Colonel T.V. Smith	Acting Director of Education.
Lt. Colonel Smith	Deputy of Acting Director of Labour.
Lt. Colonel Spicer	Deputy of Acting Director of Interior.
Major Hartman	Deputy of Acting Director of Agriculture.
Major Martin	Deputy of Acting Director of Foreign Trade.
Major Reynolds	Deputy of Acting Director of Fine Arts.
Major Scheele	Deputy of Director of Public Health.
Captain Morse	Labour Sub-Commission
Captain Poore	Acting Director of Information.

162. The meeting was called to order by the chairman at 1500 hours.
163. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
164. The following reports were made in the items on which action was directed at the last meeting:
- (a) 155(a) Deputy Chief of Public Safety said that owing to the change-over no action had been taken. D.C.C.A.O. directed that action be taken before the next meeting (Action Public Safety)
 - (b) 155 (j) - Deputy Chief of Public Safety said that owing to the change over no action had been taken. D.C.C.A.O. directed that action be taken before the next meeting. (Action Public Safety)
 - (c) 155 (k) Chief Legal Officer said he had discussed the Black-market plan with the Chief Police Officer and said that there was no objection to the plan from the legal point of view. D.C.C.A.O. directed that Chief Legal Officer and Deputy Chief of Public Safety were to consult together and report at the next meeting. (Action Chief Legal Officer and Public Safety)
165. Lt. Colonel Smith, deputizing for the Acting Director of Labour, addressed the meeting in the subject of a proposed increase of wages and salaries of government employees. He pointed out that the last increase of salaries of government employees was on December 1st 1942 and since that date the legal food prices had risen at least 76%. The prices for clothing had also risen consistently and he argued that the present Salary Scale was insufficient to compensate for the proposed increases were quite essential. In the

PRESENT

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 Colonel Evans Acting Director of Industry & Commerce.
 Colonel Young Deputy Chief of Public Safety.
 Lt. Colonel Carter Acting Chief Fuel Officer.
 Lt. Colonel Chanler Chief Legal Officer.
 Lt. Colonel Cripps Acting Administration Director.
 Lt. Colonel Hammer Deputy of Acting Director of
 Displaced Persons.
 Lt. Colonel Harris Director of Property Control.
 Lt. Colonel Jenny Acting Director Public Works and Util.
 Lt. Colonel Menapace Deputy of Acting Finance Officer.
 Lt. Colonel Farley-Smith Acting Administration Director.
 Lt. Colonel T.V. Smith Acting Director of Education.
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such it was necessary. Finally the Council agreed to the proposal, but D.C.C.A.O. directed that the concurrence of Brigadier Haulyn must first be obtained. In the meantime the Legal Sub-Commission and the Labour Sub-Commission were to consult together as to the measures necessary for putting the proposal into effect if approved.

(Action Chief Legal Officer and Acting Director of Labour)

166. D.C.C.A.O. ordered each Sub-Commission to prepare, as soon as possible, a directive setting out its functions and aims, and details of organization and method. These directives to be submitted to D.C.C.A.O. who would submit them to General Joyce. When finally approved by General Joyce they would become the official directives of each Sub-Commission. D.C.C.A.O. emphasized to members of the Council that the work of A.C.C. was supervisory whereas A.G.'s work had been to direct. Sub-Commissions were to remember this when preparing their directives.

(Action all Sub-Commission Heads)

167. D.C.C.A.O. directed that the old AMEOT Divisions were to prepare reports as at Nov. 1st 1943 showing what the divisions in AMEOT had accomplished and which would give an indication of what could be expected from an Allied Military Government in the future. These reports would eventually be amalgamated and sent to London and Washington. In preparing these reports full use was to be made of the "AMEOT Manual".

(Action Heads of AMEOT Divisions)

168. D.C.C.A.O. said that A.C.C. was required to issue a monthly report of its activities on the 7th of each month. To enable this to be done, reports from Sub-Commissions must be in by the 5th of each month. Sub-commissions were directed to send their first reports in on 5th November.

(Action all Sub-commission Heads)

169. D.C.C.A.O. emphasized to members of the Council the prime importance of having really good men in the field and of not concentrating only on having an efficient Headquarters Staff.

170. The meeting adjourned at 1600 hours.

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SUBJECT: Executive Council Meeting

AMGOT/31/HQ

TO : Members of Executive Council

AMGOT HQ SICILY27 October 1943

It is requested that items for the Agenda of the 16th Meeting of the Executive Council to be held at 1500 hrs on Friday 29th October 1943, be handed to the Secretary by 1100 hrs Thursday 28 October, 1943.

Lewis Van Dusen
LEWIS VAN DUSEN
Capt., Ord.
Secretary Executive
Council.

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Intention

EXECUTIVE COUNCILAGENDA

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Oct. 28.

16th Meeting of the Executive Council to be held at 1500 hours
29 October 1943 in the Conference Room at 8 Via Bari.

1. Minutes of the last meeting.

St. John's
E. TALECT,
Captain,
Acting Secretary to
Executive Council.

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Lt. Col. Gripps

Head of Information Sub-Commission

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Head of Labour Sub-Commission

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" " Public Health "

" " Legal "

" " Public Safety "

" " Prop. Control "

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" " & Arch. "

" " Displaced "

" " Persons "

N.B. Heads or Acting Heads
of the old AMC Divisions
are NOT required to
attend.

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To be discussed in EXCO today by order of Gen McSherry 20/2

AMGOT/9014/LAH

SUBJECT: General Wage and Salary Increase.
 To : Executive Council

29 Oct. 43.

1. In accordance with your instruction, the following wage proposal is submitted as a temporary measure to be applied Island Wide pending conclusion of a more exhaustive study and analysis now under consideration:

a. Government Agencies. Employees of permanent and temporary status of the State, Provinces, Communes, Enti Para-Statale, and Public Institutions and Agencies (Aziende) which are administered by any of the foregoing governmental units shall receive a "temporary cost of living bonus" which shall be calculated on the base of present total salaries (base plus ordinary and extraordinary indemnities which normally represent an integral part of their total salary) as indicated in the attached table. Increases shall become effective 1 November 43.

b. Private Employers. Private employers are permitted to grant increases in both salaries and wages which shall not exceed the percentages indicated in the attached table. The table increases shall be applied to salaries and wages fixed by Collective Labor Contracts effective as of 1 Sept. 42. However, in the case of the cities of Palermo, Catania and Messina the percentage increases shall be based upon the contract w plus the indemnity of Presenza. The above increases shall in no way affect or be affected by the Assegni Familiari.

- (1) Increases in salaries and wages received by employees since 1 Sept. 42 shall be deducted from any increase granted as a result of this proposal.
- (2) Increases in salaries and wages received by employees since 1 Sept. 42 which exceed the amount of increase granted by this proposal shall not be effected thereby.

2. The increases authorized under 1 (a) above shall be granted to persons now receiving pensions in accordance with the schedule in attached table.

3. Any disputes which arise between employer and employee or employees under Section 1 (b) above shall be adjusted in accordance with the machinery provided in A:M:G: General Order No. 8.

4. This proposal does not apply to persons directly employed by branches of the Allied Armed Forces or by contractors rendering service to said forces.

Junius R. Smith
 JUNIUS R. SMITH,
 Lt. Col., Q.M.C.,
 Labor Sub-Commission of
 Allied Commission.

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NOTE: Increases are authorized ^{W-3} ~~W-1~~:

On 1st L. 1,000 (or fraction thereof) - 80%
 " 2nd " " " " " - 60%
 " 3rd " " " " " - 30%
 " 4th " " " " " - 20%
 " 5th " " " " " - 10%

TABLE - A

WAGE	AMOUNT OF INCREASE	POSSIBLE MAXIMUM TOTAL	AVERAGE TOTAL PER C
1 - 1000	Up to 800	800	80
1001 - 2000	1st 1,000 = 800 2nd 1,000 = 600	1,400	70
2001 - 3000	1st 1,000 = 800 2nd 1,000 = 600 3rd 1,000 = 300	1,700	57
3001 - 4000	1st 1,000 = 800 2nd 1,000 = 600 3rd 1,000 = 300 4th 1,000 = 200	1,900	47
4001 - 5000	1st 1,000 = 800 2nd 1,000 = 600 3rd 1,000 = 300 4th 1,000 = 200 5th 1,000 = 100	2,000	40
Over 5000	One max. Indemnity	of 2,000	TOTAL 40

How much more

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1375

1075

2400

4100
6000

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3000	1st 1,000 = 800 2nd 1,000 = 600 3rd 1,000 = 300	1,700	57
4000	1st 1,000 = 800 2nd 1,000 = 600 3rd 1,000 = 300 4th 1,000 = 200	1,900	47
5000	1st 1,000 = 800 2nd 1,000 = 600 3rd 1,000 = 300 4th 1,000 = 200 5th 1,000 = 100	2,000	40
5000	One max. Indemnity	of 2,000	TOTAL 40

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