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SUBJECT: Neutrality - Republic of SAN MARINO.

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INFORMATION.

1. The Commander-in-Chief has directed the neutrality of the Republic of SAN MARINO, Map Ref: 785545, to be respected and that Allied troops will not violate territory of this republic except where it is definitely established:

- (a) The enemy have first violated the neutrality of this State either by withdrawing through it or by fighting from within its boundaries, or
- (b) The Government and people of SAN MARINO have adopted a hostile attitude.

If it is necessary to enter the territory of SAN MARINO under the provisions of this paragraph, the greatest possible respect will be paid to the inhabitants and property within the State. The decision for armed forces to enter the territory will not be taken by an officer junior to a Divisional Commander.

2. In view of the decision to respect the neutrality of SAN MARINO, Allied Military Government will only be set up if it is necessary for troops to enter the Republic under the provisions of para. 1(a) and (b) but AMG will be responsible in any event for the supply of food and other requirements to the State of SAN MARINO (see paras. 11, 12 and 13 below).

3. An officer from HQ. AMG Eighth Army will enter the Republic of SAN MARINO as soon as the military situation enables him to do so.

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4. The AMG officer will enter the Republic not as a representative of Military Government, but as Liaison Officer. For the purpose of this instruction he will be known as P.L.O. He will be accompanied if possible by a representative from the Political Section, HQ. ACC.

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5. To ensure that there is a friendly neutral Government in SAN MARINO.

EXECUTION.

6. On arrival in SAN MARINO contact will be made with the representative Government of the State and if found to be friendly and neutral, the function of the Political Liaison Officer will be to establish liaison between the Government and the Allied Military Government operating in the area around the Republic.

7. If it has been possible to observe the neutrality of the State but if on arrival the Political Liaison Officer finds the Government to be hostile to Allied interests or under Republican Fascist influence, he will arrange for a neutral Government friendly to Allied interests to be established as quickly as possible.

8. In the event of it being necessary for Allied troops to enter the Republic, a modified Military Government will be established by the Political Liaison Officer for such time as the troops are within the boundaries of the

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Republic, sufficient to ensure that military operations are not hampered in any way. A friendly neutral Government will be established as soon as the troops have passed through the Republic, and the P.L.O. will revert from his status of representative of Military Government to that of Liaison Officer.

9. As soon as a friendly neutral Government is functioning in SAN MARINO the P.L.O. will arrange for an accredited representative of the Republic to be sent to the Provincial Commissioner of FORLI Province, and to be located at the latter's discretion at the most convenient place, probably with the Civil Affairs Officer at RIMINI. The function of the SAN MARINO representative will be to make all local arrangements necessary for supplies, refugees, and similar matters of a non-political nature.

10. As soon as the representative of the Republic of SAN MARINO has reported to the Provincial Commissioner, FORLI, the P.L.O. will leave the Republic and all future local liaison with AMG will be conducted through the representative of the Republic and the Provincial Commissioner.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPPLIES, ETC.

11. For so long as the Province of FORLI remains within Eighth Army area it will be the responsibility of AMG Eighth Army to ensure that supplies, medical stores, etc., are furnished to the Republic. This responsibility will pass to Region IX when the Province of FORLI reverts to under administration Region IX.

FINANCE.

12. Detailed instructions regarding the accounting and payment for supplies, medical stores, etc., furnished to the Republic of San Marino will later be issued by the Chief Accountant, Finance Sub-Division. It is anticipated that such supplies will be charged to the Italian Government and acknowledged as received by SAN MARINO from AMG. This is in line with arrangements made for supplying the Vatican. A later financial settlement will be made in both cases.

13. As the currency circulation of SAN MARINO consists of Italian State notes (small denominations) and Banca d'Italia notes (large denominations), the local bank, The Cassa di Risparmio della Repubblica di S. Marino, should be directed to draw any additional currency needed from the Banca d'Italia branch at RIMINI.

REFUGEES.

14. It will be the responsibility of AMG Eighth Army to deal with any problems of refugees or displaced persons in the Republic in accordance with the General policy for such persons laid down by AMG.

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