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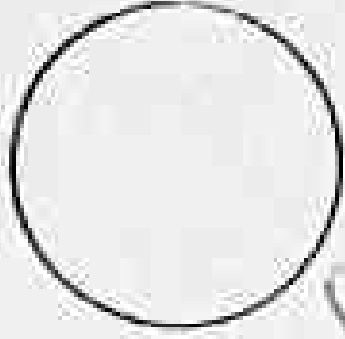
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17 October 1943

AMGOT HEADQUARTERS

Minutes of
The 14th Meeting of the Executive Council
15 October 1943

PRESENT

Brigadier General McSherry (Chairman)	- D.C.C.A.O.
Colonel Zellars	- D.E.S. (Acting)
Colonel Bolles	- C.P.S.
Lt. Col. Farley Smith	- D.C.S.O.
Lt. Col. Rowe	- D.C.L.O.
Lt. Col. Harris	- C.P.
Lt. Col. Menapace	- D.C.F.O.
Lt. Col. Densmore	- D.C.T.U.
Major Chayton	- D.A.D.
Major Scheele	- D.D.P.H.
Captain Morse	- D.L.D.
Captain Van Dusen	- Secretary

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- (d) 137-The D.L.B. reported that the survey of wages paid by governmental agencies would be completed by the end of the week. The survey relating to wages paid by private employers would follow shortly thereafter. (Action D.L.D.)
- (e) 138-D.C.C.A.O. stated that in order to conserve personnel some of the provinces would have to be temporarily consolidated. The suggested consolidation is as follows:

Pagusa to be combined with Siracusa
Agrigento to be combined with Caltanissetta
Catania to be combined with Enna

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D.C.C.A.O. stated that this subject would be brought up for discussion and final decision at the next meeting.

(f) 138-D.C.C.A.O. agreed that stronger control over S.C.A.O.s should be exercised in the future.

(g) 139-D.C.L.O. stated that he could report at the next meeting with a draft of a general order covering the proposed Agricultural Re-organization. (Action D.C.L.O.)

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- (h) 140-D.A.D. reported that a General order had been prepared and submitted to C.C.A.O. (Action D.C.C.A.O.)
- (i) 142-(Par. 4a) D.C.F.O. and C.P.S. stated that they would report at the next meeting on the question of the revenue to be derived from licenses. (Action D.C.F.O. and C.P.S.)
- (j) 142-D.C.F.O. reported that (under Par. 4a (2)) the new Italian Budget had greatly increased the tax rates and that he was preparing data on the basis of which to make recommendations. D.C.C.A.O. wanted it clearly understood that no duty was to be levied on any imports for military use, including all AMOT imports, whether for resale to civilians or not.
- (k) 142-Postal Savings - D.C.F.O. reported that Washington had authorized the treatment of Postal Savings Deposits on the same basis as bank deposits. Therefore, the Postal Savings Departments would be opened in the near future. D.C.F.O. thought that the withdrawals would not necessitate much help from AFI as the banks had generally been able to finance themselves to date, with deposits exceeding withdrawals.
- (l) 142-D.C.F.O. reported that the Italian Post offices were now open.
- (m) 142-D.L.D. reported that the recent establishment of uniform wage scales for the island has in many cases resulted in a reduction of the existing rates.
- (n) 142-C.P.S. reported that under Par. 5a No. 1, price lists were not generally posted owing to the failure to secure a general distribution of General Order No. 3 as yet. A discussion followed concerning the efficacy of General Order No. 5 as an aid in the effort to control the Black Market in grain.
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- (r) 144-D.C.S.O. and D.C.L.O. were directed to present a plan whereby the responsibility for preparing, delivering and posting Proclamations and orders would be definitely fixed. (Action D.C.S.O.) and D.C.L.O.)

142. Proposed Labor Plan No. 3.

D.L.D. read the letter attached to Labor Plan No. 3 and explained the plan. D.C.C.A.O. pointed out the inconsistency of prohibiting all political meetings and yet authorizing meetings of labor organizations which might easily become political. D.L.D. reported that in Enna and Ragusa labor syndicates had been formed and a Chamber of Commerce in Palermo. D.C.C.A.O. directed D.L.D. to take the plan up with the Legal Division and bring up an agreed proposal at a later meeting. (Action D.L.D. and D.C.L.O.) D.C.C.A.O. also directed D.L.D. to confer with him concerning the preparation of a letter to the Combined Chiefs of Staff in Washington notifying them of the preparation of the Plan and asking for authority to make it effective when circumstances permitted. (D.L.D.)

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150. Interprovincial Movement of Foodstuffs

D.A.D. outlined his proposal (Exhibit A to the Agenda). He emphasized the failure of some S.C.A.O.s to adhere to the price ceilings and to cooperate in preventing movements of foodstuffs about the island. This action was not only inflationary but tended to absorb much transport taking food from places where it was already needed. Palermo was alleged to be a chief offender. D.C.C.A.O. directed D.A.D. to prepare a memorandum of any specific price violations so that he could talk the matter over with the S.C.A.O.s involved. (Action D.A.D.) With specific reference to the plan D.C.C.A.O. stated that there was a real inconsistency between the free trade referred to in Par. 3(4) and the price fixing authorized in Par. 3(c). D.A.D. stated that he favored removing all controls but he did not believe that the risk involved in so doing could be run. D.C.C.A.O. stated that he desired to discuss the proposal with various S.C.A.O.s before expressing his opinion on it. (Action D.C.C.A.O.)

151. Action to deal with Serious Grain Problem.

D.A.D. stated that the situation which motivated his proposal was the report that A.F.H.Q. would be unable to furnish more than 15,000 tons of grain prior to Jan. 1, 1944 for Sicily. D.C.C.A.O. stated that the Allies had promised to feed the occupied portions of Italy and Sicily, that there was grain being shipped to Italy, and that AMGOT, or its successor, would control the distribution of that grain to points where it was needed. However, as much grain should be gotten from Sicily itself as was possible.

D.C.C.A.O. stated that he was not in favor of transporting grain from Provinces with a present surplus to Provinces with a present deficit, if the former Provinces had not sufficient grain to last until the next harvest. Otherwise, unnecessary duplication in transportation would result.

D.A.D. outlined the conclusion reached in his proposal (Appendix B to the Agenda). He stated that the Public Safety Division had promised to inaugurate an agreed program for breaking the Black Market in mid-September but had failed to do so. He further contended that the Public Safety Division was relying on General Order No. 5 and the declarations required thereunder. D.A.D. thought it unwise to wait until these declarations came in and, further, thought that action should be taken to find the big operators holding large stocks of grain rather than to attempt to catch the small man. D.A.D. stated that if this hoarded grain could be secured the island would be self-sufficient until within two months of the next harvest.

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to the morale, determination and devotion to duty of the CC.RR.

D.C.C.A.O. directed that D.A.D. and C.P.S. should confer to agree upon
a program for attacking the Black Market. D.C.C.A.O. stated that he thought
well of the plan to use the miller as the channel of enforcement. (Action D.A.D.
and C.P.S.)

D.T.C.U. stated that he thought further transport for the distribution
of existing grain stocks could be secured through the island-wide reissue
permits contemplated. 229v

152. The meeting adjourned at 1725 hours.

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LEWIS VAN DUSEN, Capt.
Secretary to EMCO

AMCOT HEADQUARTERS.A G E N D A.

14th meeting of the Executive Council to be held at 1500 hours
15th October, 1943, in the Conference Room.

1. Minutes of the last meeting.
2. Proposed Labor Plan No. 3 (D.L.D.) (Plan attached).
3. Interprovincial Movements of Foodstuffs. (DAD) (Appendix A)
4. Action to deal with Serious Grain Problem (DAD) (Appendix B).

Lewis H. Van Dusen

LEWIS H. Van DUSEN

Capt., Ord.

Secretary Executive Council.

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SUBJECT: Labor Plan No. 3

AMGOT/9001/LAB
AMGOT HQ SICILY
10 October 43

Executive Council
TO : ~~AMGOT/9001/LAB~~

1. The attached proposal is submitted for consideration and approval. If approved, certain of the provisions should issue from AMGOT by Amendment to General Order No. 8; others by Rule and Regulation. However, they are submitted in one proposal at this time so that they can be observed in relation to each other and expedite consideration.

2. Labor Plans 1 and 2 resulted in issuance of General Order No. 8. The Order has been well received by the public at large as a measure consistent with their views and the social and economic requirements of the day. The purpose of establishing governmental machinery in the labor field, operated by native civilians, is being accomplished so that if AMG were to remove its influence and supervision tomorrow, a civilian organization would be left to function with hope of stability and success.

3. It is submitted that one thing more remains to be done to complete the program, namely, the issuance by AMGOT of an order which implements General Order No. 8 and which states that the workers of Sicily may now proceed with organization. It should be left to the civilian labor offices (subject to AMGOT supervision as provided in General Order No. 8) to establish detailed machinery for the channeling of an organizing movement in the public interest, but the definite statement of policy should issue from AMGOT.

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- e. Provided a machinery for present and future self determination of labor disputes, contracts, wages, etc. (General Order No. 8, and Rules and Regulations).

5. AMGOT can then act solely in an advisory and supervisory capacity in the field of labor relations (with the civilian government functioning independently on a firm "constitutional" base) prepared to step in under its authority only in event of emergency.

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LABOR PLAN NO. 3

LABOR ORGANIZATION

AMCOT HQ SICILY
AMCOT/9001/LAB
9 Oct. 43

I. RIGHT OF ORGANIZATION.

Employees shall have the right to select representatives of their own choosing without interference, restraint, or coercion, by employers for the purpose of collective bargaining in matters concerning hours, wages and working conditions; adjusting grievances and disputes; and for mutual social and economic assistance.

II. INTERNAL ORGANIZATION.

Employees shall have the right to organize and function in accordance with constitutions, by-laws and such other fundamental documents as may be necessary or required ~~but in each instance the constitutions, by-laws and other documents must be approved and ratified by free and secret majority vote of the members~~

III. COLLECTIVE CONTRACTS.

Contracts shall specify hours, wages, working conditions, grievance machinery, and termination provisions.

IV. REGISTRATION AND FILING.

A. A certified copy of all collective contracts and arbitration decisions must be filed by both parties to the said contracts and decisions with the Regional Labor Office and the Provincial Labor Office of the Province in which the employer is physically engaged within ten days after completion. If the contract or decision includes operations within more than one province, then said contract or decision must be filed with the Provincial Labor Office of each Province.

B. Union constitutions, by-laws, and other related fundamental documents, together with amendments, or revisions thereof, must be filed with the Provincial Labor Office and the Regional Labor Office within ten days after approval and ratification by the membership.

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V. FINANCIAL REPORTS.

Each Union shall make an annual financial report to its membership within thirty days after the close of its fiscal year, based upon certified accountant audit. The Regional Labor Office shall specify the scope of the financial report and the items to be included. Reports shall be distributed to each member and be available for public inspection and publication. Within thirty days after the close of the fiscal year, one copy shall be filed with the Provincial Labor Office within the Province in which the Union Headquarters is located, and one copy shall be filed with the Regional Labor Office.

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APPENDIX A.Subject: Price Control.ASST H.Q. SICILY.ASST/12002/45.13 October, 1945.

1. In an attempt to bring order out of chaos the Civilian Supply Division after a careful study of the information available on the subject compiled and issued on 1st Sept. a very comprehensive retail price list for essential commodities. In order to allow for the flexibility necessary to deal with varying local conditions the following provisions were made.

- a. The prices were island maxima and were to be used as a ceiling. Maximum prices in provinces could be fixed below these levels.
- b. In cases where any particular scheduled price was regarded by an S.C.L.O. as too low, provisions was made for reconsideration in consultation with the Civilian Supply Division.
2. Cases have, however, arisen where the instruction has been ignored and prices have been paid above the scheduled limits without consultation. In some instances the differences are relatively important. This has created considerable difficulties and is tending to a price tag of war. It has also given rise to bad feeling between neighbouring provinces and trucks and produce have been seized in an attempt to prevent movements out of provinces. Other steps such as the posting of guards on roads to enforce embargoes on exports have also been taken.

3. The principles which should govern interprovincial movements of unrationed food stuffs were laid down by me and agreed at a conference of supply officers on 26th Sept. They were:

- a. That movements must be agreed by the S.C.L.Os of both supplying and receiving provinces.
- b. That movements should be influenced by retail price differentials only and that economic forces should be allowed free play to effect the movement.
- c. That relative price levels should be examined as necessary to increase or diminish the flow as mutually agreed and desired.
4. It was considered that if these principles were adopted it would provide the simplest means of effecting such movements as were required. Unfortunately, in some provinces the attitude appears to have been adopted that local prices

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6. Meat is not the only item not subject to the frequency of similar problems which are cases are submitted with added frequency of the ceiling price list and of the agreed as a result of non observance of the principles.

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7. It is considered that action should be taken immediately to control the situation and to facilitate the removal of obstacles to interprovincial trade and to prevent any further stimulation to an already existing inflationary movement.

APPENDIX B.

ALLOT H.Q. SICILY.

Subject: Grain Supplies.

ALMOG/12003/AG.

13 October, 43.

1. The directive issued by AMIQ, MCS of 29 Sept. 1943 contains in paragraph 3 a very clear indication that the help which we can expect from imports in feeding the population of occupied territory will be very limited indeed. The reminder of the directive which refers to A.L.G. is a refreshing reminder of our duty to tackle the problems confronting us and is not entirely devoid of value.
2. The matter of grain supplies is one to which a considerable amount of thought has been given at this H.Q. and, lest we should lose sight of its pressing importance, vigorous prods are constantly being conveyed by the provinces in Region I. I have no doubt that as soon as communications are improved similar problems of Regions II and III will be repeatedly and vigorously presented to us.
3. During the last week the S.C.A.Os of three provinces have attended this H.Q., and conferences have been held to discuss the question of grain supplies. An urgent request for assistance has also been received from S.C.A.O. Catania.
4. Action has been taken to deal with the immediate problem but new and urgent action is necessary if the problem is to be dealt with on more than a day to day basis. If nothing more is contemplated than the generally ineffective and uncoordinated steps now being taken in various provinces, it will soon become impossible to deal with the situation even on a hand to mouth basis.
5. Before a report is sent to AMIQ on action taken on their directive, it is essential that we should be able to say that we have taken all possible measures to provide for the civil population from supplies locally available. We certainly cannot say this at present.
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- (iv) Plans for stepping up the rate of amassing are for various reasons, weak and ineffective.
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- (vi) The prospect of substantial assistance by imports appears to have vanished with the issue of the directive from AFHQ referred to above.

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B. Long Term.

- (i) The harvest has definitely been a poor one and total supplies of grain will in any event be insufficient to provide an adequate ration till the next harvest. Visible stocks in controlled channels indicate that these will be exhausted before the end of the year in Region I. There is nothing to show that the position in Regions II and III is very different.
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10. A case can however be made out for a levelling of maximum permitted rations to allow for a more equitable distribution of available supplies. The physiological effect on producing and supplying provinces must be considered. Reduction of the ration in these provinces will result in increased resort to the black market. The increase of demand in this channel will provide additional incentives for the accumulation of black market hoards and is likely to be an obstacle to any attempt to increase controlled stocks. For this reason, it might be considered that the reduction should be postponed till the end of the official period for collection. Against this, however, it seems unwise (a) to allow stocks to be exhausted unnecessarily and (b) to allow to continue the considerable difference in effective rations which exists.

11. The average maximum daily ration in Region I at present is, however, only 165 grs. of bread and 15 grs. of pasta, equivalent to 152 grs. of flour. This represents 40% of the minimum requirements. The question of substitution of non-cereal for cereal foods does not therefore arise. Nor, on the same basis can a reduction in average ration be contemplated. It is unlikely that the conditions in Regions II and III are any better than those in Region I.

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12. With regard to the question of the discovery and collection of supplies outside controlled channels, much remains to be done, and it is almost entirely to this sphere of action that attention must be directed. Some help can be obtained by the reduction in the quantity which farmers are allowed to retain. The main effort must, however, be directed against hoards in the hands of farmers and black market operators. This problem has been discussed at length, but, with the exception of sporadic efforts in various provinces, no positive general vigorous action has been initiated. The position indicates that the matter is now one of the gravest urgency. It is essentially a police matter and the choice of actions which ultimately rest with the Public Safety Division is whether they will now take action to deal with this present problem or face the eventual one of handling the grave and growing food disorders, which may certainly be otherwise anticipated.

13. My conclusion is that we are left with the one main possible line of action referred to in the previous paragraph. But that action is required immediately. To await decisions under General Order No. 5 or the termination of the authorized period for grain collection merely puts off the evil day. Even if it were certain that we should then be in a considerably better position to take action, it is suggested that we cannot afford to wait. Our days are numbered. Every day which is lost now increases in marked measure the acuteness of the problem of feeding the population.

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136. Re-establishment of Prefects Council and Provincial Giunta. (Item 3 of Agenda) ²²⁹⁶
C.S.O. recommended that S.C.A.O.s be authorized to resurrect these bodies in cases where they considered it desirable. The C.S.O. stated that these organizations were a part of the Administrative set-up and might in some cases profitably be re-instated. The D.C.L.O. cautioned against requiring the approval of these bodies to communal orders and decrees as under the Italian law. The Council agreed. (Action C.S.O.)

137. Policy on revision of wages for employees of private employers. (Item 4 of Agenda).
The D.L.D. asked the Council's approval of the preparation of a survey of the prevailing wage scales being paid by private employers in Sicily. The survey would be accompanied by appropriate recommendations. The meeting agreed and recommended prompt action. (Action D.L.D.)

138. Rotation of S.C.A.O.s (Item 5 of Agenda)

The D.E.S. (Acting) summarized the difficulties encountered in the distribution of food, and other supplies, throughout the Island. The problem of equitable distribution could be solved only by the institution of various remedial measures. He proposed that, since the S.C.A.O.s of the provinces having present surpluses had not, in his opinion, taken the necessary steps to assist those now in need, S.C.A.O.s be interchanged between the "have" and "have-not" provinces.

The D.A.D. mentioned, as an example of inequitable distribution, that one Province was now granting to its own inhabitants more than the maximum permitted ration of bread and pasta, which was in fact double the weighted average of the Island.

The D.E.S. strongly recommended that a greater control be exercised by this H.Q. over S.C.A.O.s.

General discussion ensued on the supply situation with particular reference to the province of Messina and Trapani.

139. Reorganization of Agricultural Control. (Item 6 of Agenda).
The D.A.D. reviewed his memorandum (Appendix C to the agenda). He reported that the main difficulties had arisen from the necessity for improvisation by AGOT personnel in the early stages. Consequently no uniformity existed, although it was badly needed. The D.C.L.O. pointed out the problems to be considered when contemplating the creation of new governmental units when not of an "ad hoc" character, but on a permanent basis.

The C.S.O. stated that he believed the decision should be postponed until the further development of the plan with the Legal Division had been completed. The final plan should be brought up at the next EICO meeting. (Action D.C.L.O. and D.A.D.)

The D.A.D. recommended that certain existing institutions now not performing any useful function in the Agricultural field be dissolved and was authorized by the Council to prepare a list for submission to the Council (Action D.A.D.)

140. Release of Control over certain agricultural products and foodstuffs.

(Item 7 of Agenda)

The D.A.D. reviewed his report (Appendix D to the agenda) and suggested that, as the only commodities now being in fact controlled by AGOT were wheat and olive oil future control be limited to bread, flour, olive oil and sugar. He further recommended that S.C.A.O.s be charged with the responsibility within maximum and minimum limits (See Para 6).

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Par. 4 A. The C.P.S. drew attention to the multifarious trade and structural vendors' licenses etc. that had formerly been required in Sicily. He pointed out the difficulties that Finance Division would encounter in attempting to collect the revenue derived from these licenses and stated that he would make himself responsible for controlling their issuance and cooperating on the entire program with Finance Division.

Revenue. (Action C.P.S. - D.C.T.O.)

The Finance Division was directed to report at the next meeting on the progress being made under Par. 4 A subsection No. 2 (Action D.C.F.O.)

Postal Savings.

Par. 4 B, subsection No. 2. Finance Division was directed to review cables from C.C.S. and to be responsible for the existence of a uniform policy on this subject at Headquarters. (Action D.C.F.O.)

Finance Division was further directed to ascertain from Major Head what Italian Post Offices will be reopened. (Action D.C.F.O.)

Wages - Par. 4 C.

Labor Division was directed to continue its present anti-inflation efforts and to carry out all the proposals applicable to it which were contained in the plan.

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In reference Par. 5 G the Public Welfare Section was directed to report on the possibility of re-opening amusement centres. In this connection the D.T.C.U. reminded the Council of the electric power shortage. 2281 (Action D.P.H.)

Price Index (Par. 6)

Comdr. Southard was directed to discuss this further with Public Health Division, Finance Division and Labor Division. (Action D.P.H.)

Comdr. Southard's report was approved by the Council and all concerned

were directed to have Action reports at the next meeting of the Council. Comdr. Southard was invited to attend the meeting. 7/10

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The C.S.O. reported that Major Gayre, Educational Adviser, was ill and brought the outline (Appendix B to the Agenda) submitted by the Educational Adviser to the attention of the Council.

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144. In the course of discussion on Price and Rationing enforcement the C.P.S. recommended that one Division in this H.Q. be charged with the responsibility for delivering and posting of all Proclamations and General Orders.
(action C.S.O.)
145. The meeting was adjourned at 1700 hours.

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APPENDIX "A"

Program for Inflation Control in the Territory.

1. The following program is submitted in response to instructions given by EACO on 13 September. It has been discussed with many AMG officers, and has been approved in its entirety by the CFC, the CLO, the DCIO, the DCS, and the Superintendent of Police.

2. As much as by any other criterion, the AMG will be judged by the resolution, capacity, and energy with which it attacks the inflation situation in Sicily. No military government can escape introducing into the territory it occupies a considerable increase in money in circulation. But if, having done so, a military government is dilatory, unenergetic, and inept in its attack on inflation, it will receive harsh censure both at home and abroad. It does not appear that the AMG, on the basis of its record to date, will escape such censure.

3. The inflation danger in Sicily is a function of two factors:

- (a) The very large and continuing increase in money in circulation, amounting possibly to 30 per cent per month, and the disruption of normal savings and tax channels.
- (b) The critically-short supply, due to absolute scarcity, to withholding by producers, and possibly to hoarding by consumers.

4. An inflation-control program must attack both sides of the exchange equation: spending and supply.

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(1) The present revenue program, which is excellent and should be pushed as rapidly as possible, is tri-partite: (a) Prompt restoration of all revenue services and no interference with collection machinery or the laws enacted by Island-wide order. (b) Reopening of the tobacco monopoly, and review of the prices charged; they are now low and consequently yield a relatively small revenue. (c) Reopening of the lottery as soon as policy considerations permit.

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(b) Restore savings channels.

(1) The banks are now open throughout the island on a restricted basis, and it is likely that restrictions can shortly be lifted. Therefore the

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largest channel of saving has been restored.

(2) It is desirable to reopen the Postal Savings System as soon as possible, although there are some difficulties in the way of imperfect records, and in addition the OSS has not so far consented to the recognition of State debt which would be involved. This whole matter is under review and should be pushed.

(3) The social insurance deductions are being made. As to private insurance, it has not been very important in Sicily, and inasmuch as there are serious technical (but not, apparently, legal) difficulties to the operation of truncated insurance schemes, it is unlikely that this savings channel can be opened until the total effects of the economies are noticeable.

(c) Resist pressure for wage increases.

The whole question of wage readjustments, inevitably raised during a period of rising living costs, is dependent for answer on the success with which price increases are resisted. If the official IIG price level can be maintained, wage increases can probably be held down to the readjustments made necessary by the fact that the IIG price level itself represents an increase over the Italian official level. This latter was not successfully enforced, but it was apparently a powerful factor in wage determination.

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(1) Every establishment, no matter how small, should be at once required to post prominently either the prescribed or its own price list, as is appropriate under existing anti-regulation laws, and should be required in addition to mark plainly in live the prices of all articles offered for sale.

(2) Consideration should be given to using the Guardia di Finanza as a price-enforcement agency, supported by "shop-ers" or price checkers.

(5) Stocks should be confiscated and/or shops closed in all cases of violations, and in the latter case bilingual signs in explanation should be prominently posted.

(4) Penalties imposed after guilt is determined should be severe no matter how important the defendant. Street vendors in the aggregate pull in tremendous sums of money and contribute very effectively to inflation. Nor is there any reason to allow hole-in-the-wall laundries, e.g. to victimize soldiers merely because they are regarded as "too small to worry about".

(b) Continue the systematic supervision of distribution channels for major commodities, notably wheat and olive oil.

The program now getting underway is excellently conceived and should yield results if it is prosecuted relentlessly. If the major leaks along the line from harvest to bakery, in the case of wheat, can be stopped up, the black market will be partly strangled. To a considerable extent - though not entirely - legal and black-market channels are identical. Therefore rigorous supervision of legal distribution of grain, flour, bread, and olive oil should simultaneously serve to detect blackmarket operators.

(c) Follow a policy of setting rations at as high a level as the available supplies permit.

As long as rations are below the amount normally consumed, there is obviously a strong incentive to patronize the black market. Retarding cannot, of course, be avoided as long as supplies are short. But the permitted rations should always be as liberal as available supplies make possible.

(d) Limit the number of dealers.

One enforcement difficulty arises from the fact that even in the breadstuffs industry there are numerous small and unreliable firms (bakeries, mills, etc.) anything which can be done to channel the bulk of the trade into the hands of larger units will aid enforcement.

(e) Increase as much and as soon as possible the transport available to the civilian economy.

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simultaneously serve to detect blackmarket operators.

(c) Follow a policy of setting rations at as high a level as the available supplies permit.

As long as rations are below the amount normally consumed, there is obviously a strong incentive to patronize the black market. Rationing correct, of course, is avoided as long as supplies are short. But the permitted rations should always be as liberal as available supplies make possible.

(d) Limit the number of dealers.

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(f) Import basic commodities such as wheat and sugar for resale.

It is recognized that this action gives rise to serious policy problems. But there are two reasons why it would be helpful. One is everyone knows, is that it will weaken the speculative forces now maintaining the black market. The second is that it will give farmers a greater incentive to sell their crops if they can buy some coveted article such as sugar with the money they obtain. In many countries under similar circumstances it has been the experience that farmers prefer to hold commodities instead of money.

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(e) Divert encryption into loss-source channels.

There may be little to choose from among the universally-sourced commodities in Sicily. But if, for example there is an ample supply of building stone, mortar, and tile, it might be desirable to encourage people to begin rebuilding their houses, arranging timber-worked the forty owner puts up at least half of the money. The inflationary effect of the resulting payroll increase will in large part be counteracted by the reduction in the relief rolls.

6. Construct and maintain a twice index covering the Occurred Territory.

It will be possible to measure MIC's success in controlling inflation and in eliminating the black market only if a single but accurate price index can be set up and maintained on at least a semi-monthly basis. It is entirely feasible to construct a 15 commodity index, with prices reported from, say, Palermo, Catania, Agrigento, Ragusa, and Trapani. This would yield both sectional and island-wide indices. The indices should relate to effective prices, whether official or black-market. The reporting procedure could not be trusted to Civil Servants for obvious reasons. But it should be feasible for the FOs to find two or three identifiable persons - preferably housewives - who would report to him what they must currently pay for 15 cotton articles, according to a single schedule which MIC would supply. This is urgently recommended. Preliminary work on such an index is well advanced.

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Brief outline of complete plans now being prepared by Major G.R. GAYRE, Educational Adviser.

1. Re-opening of Schools.

This is dependent upon

- (a) clearing the schools of troops and refugees and rebuilding. A plan has been sent out for a survey by Educational Committees in each province.
- (b) A complete investigation of all existing text books. Most of these will have to be recalled and new ones written and published as soon as possible.

2. Re-opening of Universities is being investigated, priority being given to medical and veterinary faculties.3. Investigation of the antecedents of all teachers and professors is to take place with the cooperation of Major Raffa's questionnaire.

4. A system for controlling the financial demands of institutions has been evolved with the Financial Division, and these are now to be put into operation.

5. A letter has been sent out to S.C.A.O.s telling them that in the case of vacancies for higher educational appointments (Provveditori agli Studi, Rectors of Universities and University Professors) they are to notify the Educational Adviser. He will then be able to look into these matters and so relieve S.C.A.O.s of this task, which often raises questions of an educational and technical nature.

APPENDIX "C"

Proposed Scheme For The Reorganization of Agricultural Control in Italy.

1. There will be appointed in each Province, a native Controller of Agriculture. He will answer to, and derive his authority from, the S.C.A.O.
2. The Provincial Controller of Agriculture will have a staff and organization for the purpose of directing all agricultural and food rationing activities in the Province. These activities will be divided between three organizations to be known as:

- (a) Consorzio Agrario Provinciale,
- (b) Cattedra Provinciale dell'Agricoltura,
- (c) Ufficio Provinciale Approvvigionamento.

These bodies will set up such provincial and communal organizations as are considered necessary for effective functioning.

3. All existing provincial agricultural and food rationing organizations will cease to exercise any of their former functions. These functions will be allocated to one of the three organizations referred to in the previous paragraph.

4. The Consorzio Agrario Provinciale will be organized so that its activities as a voluntary cooperative concern shall be allowed to continue. In addition it will exercise any necessary function for the control of the collection of and payment for such agricultural commodities as it is desired shall be subject to such control. To cover the expense of exercising these functions of control, it will be reimbursed by a levy on the price of wheat paid by the miller.

5. The Cattedra Provinciale dell'Agricoltura will take over the functions of the former Ispettorato Provinciale dell'Agricoltura. Its duties will be essentially technical and instructional, it will be responsible for the collection of statistical records and for the dissemination of data, information and technical advice for the improvement of methods of cultivation and of processing of agricultural commodities.

6. The Ufficio Provinciale Approvvigionamento will take over at suitable points, control of foodstuffs subject to rationing. It will be responsible for the organization of the rationing system and of retail price control of food in the Province.

7. The functions of other organizations concerned with agriculture and rationing will be apportioned, in so far as it is considered necessary that the particular functions should be continued, to that one of the three bodies mentioned in paragraph 2, best suited to absorb them.

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8. The consideration in detail of the allocation of functions will be the subject of a separate memorandum.
9. The organization of agriculture and food rationing above the Provincial level will be in the hands of the Director of Agriculture division at ASGOT H.Q. He will have under him, a native staff and organization for the purpose. This staff will be so arranged that it will have among its other officials, divisional heads corresponding to the three provincial bodies. Routine matters will be channeled directly between these divisional heads and the respective heads of the provincial organizations and the Italian language will normally be employed in communications.
10. All communications in connection with policy and matters not of a routine nature will be channeled through the S.C.A.O. and ASGOT H.Q., in the normal manner.

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AMCOT HEADQUARTERSAPPENDIX 'D'

30th September 1943.

CONTROL OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.

1. The imposition of a system of physical and price control of practically all agricultural commodities was not instituted in Italy till 1942. The hesitation shown by the Government in applying this control was in no small measure due to the recognition of the fact that Italians, particularly in the South and in the Islands, were not amenable to bureaucratic control. The attempt to make the scheme effective involved a number of organisations exercising numerous, varied, and complicated functions. At practically every stage in the control there was room for individual fraud and collusion between officials and others. The inherent ability of the Italian to find loopholes in the law gave rise to evasion on a considerable scale. The intricate system of control on paper failed to provide effective control in practice, and the existence of the black market came to be relied on universally as an essential source of supply. Measures taken for its suppression were ineffective and the general recognition of the failure of these measures was in itself a stimulant to the extension of black market activities.

2. The continued exercise of control under AMCOT will depend eventually on the native official. The greatest care exercised in his selection will probably be successful in filling the higher posts with honest, able and efficient men. Among the lower grades of officials, however, the qualities desired will not generally be available, and it was in the lower portion of the control system that the former administration was weakest. There is, it is submitted, no practicable means of strengthening it with the material available.

3. After inquiry, consultation, discussion and considerable reflection, one is forced to the conclusion that AMCOT is not likely to be more successful in effecting control than was the former administration. If that conclusion is sound, then it has to be decided what courses are open. They are:-

- a. Accept the position that we must retain control and use methods of system existing previous to our occupation.
- b. Attempt to obtain more effective control by amending or extending the system, by the imposition of severe exemplary punishment, by replacement of inefficient officials, and by other similar methods.
- c. Abolish control except where absolutely necessary.

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4. The course of action in 3(a) cannot, it is suggested, be continued. ^{WE} should probably have to admit failure within a short time and this would be politically reprehensible. 3(b) may provide a remedy but certainly not a complete one. Further, it may necessitate considerable increase of AGOT staff and may therefore be impracticable.

5. It is submitted that a control of the whole range of agricultural products is doomed to failure and that it may be possible to control reasonably effectively a limited number of products. Unfortunately, the supply position will not allow of a general release of all commodities from control, and it is therefore submitted that some control be retained, but only in the commodities and manner set out in the following paragraphs.

6. The only practical method of ensuring an equitable distribution of ²²⁷⁵ commodities in short supply is by rationing. It is, however, suggested that the list of rationed agricultural products and derivatives be strictly limited to absolutely essential articles of consumption. The list for the present should be confined to bread, flour, pasta, olive oil, and sugar. The maximum ration for each commodity for each province, depending on the supply position, should be advised confidentially to each S.C.A.O. who should be permitted to fix a ration within those limits which he feels could be honoured. The ration would be subject to periodical revision according to the supply position.

7. Wheat, bread, flour and pasta. We have already taken our stand on these, and it is suggested that the former system of physical control be retained. In view of experience gained since the issue of General Order No. 3, it is suggested that

a subsidy common to the whole country be granted on wheat, but that the retail prices of bread, flour and pasta be fixed for various communes by the S.C.A.C. according to the different costs of production and distribution.

8. Olive Oil. It is unfortunate that this commodity can be hoarded and the risk in freeing such an important article of diet is too great to be taken. It is submitted that the former method of control should be continued. The price for the new crop should, however, be fixed sufficiently high to ensure the surrender of the crop. If necessary, it should be subsidised.

9. Wheat. Prices should be fixed at the retail level only and free competition allowed up to that point. Retail price levels should be fixed so that the differential will attract requisite supplies to deficiency areas and should be subject to agreement by the S.C.A.C.s of adjoining provinces.

10. Sugar. Distribution and price should be controlled from factory (or port, if imported) to consumer by the Sezione D'alimentazione (or its successor). It is anticipated that when the plain of Lombardy is occupied and subject to transport facilities being available, this commodity may be removed from all control.

11. Milk. No control should be exercised at the place of production and the farmer should be allowed to dispose of his supplies freely. Sales in bulk, however, for town supply, should be at fixed prices to farmers and the retail price should be fixed to allow the necessary margins for transport, etc. There should be no rationing, but provision should be made for preference for certain categories of consumers (e.g. children, nursing mothers, etc.) Compulsory pasteurization for town supplies is recommended.

Pearled barley, rice, maize meal, fruits, vegetables (fresh and dried), cheese, eggs and fish. There should be a maximum retail price control only. This should be varied according to the supply position and varied also between areas differentially to attract supplies to deficiency areas. Competition between S.C.A.C.s for products in short supply must be avoided.

12. Cotton. This commodity was grown on government instructions at an agreed price for the product. This agreement should be honoured preferably by purchase. The disposal of the crop can be left for future consideration.

13. All other agricultural commodities and derivatives, except those referred to above, should be released entirely from control.

14. The effect of creating a free market may, in some cases, result in price increases, but not as high as may be anticipated. The payment for risks taken in black market transactions formed a very considerable proportion of the price differential and it is therefore expected that free market levels would, as a whole,

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15. If the above suggestions are agreed in principle, details of administration can be worked out and immediate action taken to put the scheme into effect. In many cases the necessity for a decision has become one of urgency. The recommendations made are applicable to the mainland.

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29 Sept. 1943

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Minutes of
The 12th Meeting of the Executive Council
24. Sept. 1945.

26. Sept. 45

Present:

Major-General Lord Rennell.
Colonel Bolles
Colonel Cheyne
Colonel Crafftey-Smith
Colonel Spafford
Colonel Zellars
Lt. Col. Chanler
Capt. Bovard
Lieut. van Houkelen

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Secretary.

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126. The Meeting was called to order by the C.C.A.O. at 1500 hours.
127. EXCO. (Item No. 123 of Minutes previous meeting.)
The minutes were discussed and it was agreed that EXCO's status was quite clearly understood by all members of EXCO as well as EXCO.
128. The Labor Plan. (Item No. 124 of Minutes of previous meeting.)
The present progress of the Labor Plan was reported by the C.S.O.
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The C.S.O. summarised the reasons for the decision to split up this Division. Its recent growth had been greater than originally anticipated, and its duties and responsibilities covered a considerably larger field than contemplated, so that it was thought advisable to split the Division into 5 Sections as proposed in Appendix "A" to the agenda.

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130. Policy reference exists since Armistice. (Item No. 3 Agenda).
The C.P.S. asked whether there was any change in present policy in view of the Armistice. The C.C.A.O. replied in the negative.

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131. Authority for release of Civilian Internees.

The C.P.S. brought up as a matter of policy the question of responsibility for the release of such prisoners. The C.C.A.O. confirmed that it was his (the C.C.A.O.'s) responsibility.

The C.P.S. asked for confirmation of his understanding as to release of Civilian criminals and persons confined for violation of Proclamation 2373

- (i) Civilian criminals and persons confined for violation of Proclamation 2373
- (ii) Prisoners confined by Fascist regime, or those civilians interned by Allied Forces or Military Government
- (iii) Prisoners taken into custody by Allied Forces or Military Government

charge, (iii) persons taken into custody by Allied Forces or Military Government authorities.

The C.P.S.'s understanding that (i) could be released by the court having final jurisdiction, was confirmed by the C.C.A.O. as correct. The C.P.S.'s understanding that these prisoners in (ii) could be released after review by the C.C.A.O. was confirmed by the C.C.A.O. as correct, and the C.P.S.'s understanding that these prisoners in Category (iii) could only be released by authority of the C.C.A.O. was also confirmed by the C.C.A.O. as correct.

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132. The meeting was adjourned at 1600 hours.

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Secretary, Executive Council.
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SUBJECT:- Reorganization of Civilian Supply Division.

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AMGOT H.Q. SION
25. Sept. 43.

TO :- All Concerned.

1. Effective immediately the civilian Supply Division will be reorganised. The previous functions of the Division will be divided among the following Divisions which are hereby established :

- (a) Economics and Supply Division.
- (b) Transportation, Communication, and Utilities Division.
- (c) Agriculture Division.
- (d) Labor Division.

2. The particular functions of these Divisions will be as follows :-

(a) Economics and Supply Division: This division shall be responsible for estimating and meeting essential civilian requirements; for supervising the rationing system of the territory, other than in respect of agricultural products; for the survey, development and control of natural resources of the territory, other than agricultural resources, to the extent required by the interests of the Allied Forces or the economy of the territory; for supervising price control, other than in respect of agricultural products; for the development and regulation of industrial and commercial enterprises and activities, other than those engaged in furnishing transportation, communication, or utility services; and in general for taking necessary measures to restore channels of supply and distribution and to rehabilitate the economy of the territory.

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This division shall also be responsible for rehabilitating, and maintaining civil communications, and for the regulation and control of existing communication facilities, including telephone, telegraph, cables and radio; for the rehabilitation, regulation and control of electric, gas and water utilities; and for the rehabilitation and supervision of public works, including roads, bridges, water supply, sewers and sanitary facilities.

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(c) Agriculture Division: This division shall be responsible for the supervision of agriculture, including cropping and production, methods for improvement of agriculture and processing of agricultural products; for rationing and price control of agricultural products; for estimating and meeting agricultural requirements; and in coordination with the Economics and Supply Division for the collection and distribution of all agricultural products and edible commodities; also for the supervision of forests and fisheries.

(d) Labor Division: This division shall be responsible for the supervision and control of all matters relating to labor supply, including the regulation of ~~labor~~ ^{levels} for both civilian and military labor; the supervision of regional and provincial labor offices and all other matters affecting labor in the territory.

3. The following are appointed chiefs of divisions :

- (a) Economics and Supply : Col. John T. Zellars (Acting).
- (b) Transportation, Communication, and Utilities; Lt. Col. Leonard D. Densmore.

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(c) Agriculture: Major J. Clayton.
 (d) Labor : Captain David A. Morse.

By Order of the Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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12TH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TO BE HELD AT 1500 HRS
24TH SEPTEMBER 1943 IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM.

1. Minutes of the last Meeting.
2. Discussion of Reorganisation - Civilian Supply Division (C.S.O.) (Appendix A).
3. Policy with reference to Fascists since Armistice (C.P.S.)
4. Release of political prisoners. (C.P.S.)

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CAREL VAN HEUKELOM
1st Lt. A.C.
Secretary Executive Council
AMCOT.

SUBJECT:- Executive Council Meeting.

Members of Executive Council.

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AMCOT HQ SICILY

23 September 1943

It is requested that items for the Agenda of the 12th Meeting of the Executive Council to be held at 1500 hrs on Friday, 24 September 1943, be handed to the Secretary by 0930 hrs Friday, 24 September 1943.

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APPENDIX "A".

SUBJECT: Reorganization of Civilian Supply Division.

ALLOT H.C. SICILY.

TO : ALL Concerned.

24 Sept. 43.

1. Effective immediately the Civilian Supply Division will be reorganized. The previous functions of the Division will be divided among the following Divisions which are hereby established :

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(c) Communications, Utilities and Public Works Division: This division shall be responsible for rehabilitating and maintaining civil communications and for the regulation and control of existing communication facilities, including telephone, telegraph, cables and radio; for the rehabilitation, regulation and control of electric, gas and water utilities; and for the rehabilitation and supervision of public works, including roads and bridges.

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(e) Labor Division: This division shall be responsible for the supervision and control of all matters relating to labor supply, including the regulation of wage levels for both civilian and military labor; the supervision of regional and provincial labor offices and all other matters affecting labor in the territory.

3. The following are appointed chiefs of divisions :

(a) Economics and Supply : Col. John T. Zellers (Acting)
(b) Civilian Transport: Lt. Col. Densmore (Acting)
(c) Communications, Utilities and Public Works: Lt. Col. Densmore
(d) Agriculture : Major Chayton
(e) Labor : Captain Morse.

By Order of the Commanding General.

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD,
Colonel, G.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer.

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Colonel Griffiths Smith	- C.F.O.
Lt. Col. Farley Smith	- D.C.S.O.
Lt. Col. Hayes	- D.D.C.S.R.
Lt. Col. Rowe	- D.C.L.O.
Captain Deward	- D.C.P.
Lt. Van Heukelom	- Secretary

121. The meeting was called to order by the G.C.A.O. at 1505.

122. The minutes of the 10th Meeting of the Executive Council were reviewed.

123. EFCO

There was a general discussion about EFCO and the G.C.A.O. expressed his opinion that EFCO could submit for discussion to EXCO problems specifically relating to economics and finance rather than problems of an administrative character.

124. The Labor Plan

Captain Horne presented his Labor Plan No. 2 for approval. There were a few changes to be made in the draft and the G.C.A.O. decided that as soon as all the Division Heads had given their approval, his own approval should be considered as having been given. (Action Captain Horne and Division Heads)

125. The meeting was adjourned at 1535.

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13 September 1943

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Minutes of

10th Meeting of Executive Council
10 September 1943

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Colonel Bolles
Colonel Cheyne
Col. Grafftey-Smith
Lt. Col. Chanler
Lt. Col. Harris
Lt. Col. Hayes
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111. Arrests and Detention.
C.P.S. now has a report on the disposition of cases of persons arrested or detained by 7th Army and a report on the cases of 8th Army will shortly also be available.
112. Military Discipline.
C.P.S. stated that all his C.A.A.F.Os are unanimous in their reports on breach of military discipline by the Allied Armies in Sicily. The M.Ps provided by the Armies had proved insufficient and whereas he felt that little good could come of attempting to take action with respect to past misconduct, plans should now be made for the future. The C.P.S. has submitted his recommendations to the C.C.A.O.

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113. Assignment of C.A.P.Os to other Duties.

In this connection the C.S.O. stated that a directive has been sent out to the effect that this should cease.

114. Fire-Arm Registration.

The C.P.S. reported that the fire arms situation was still unsatisfactory and a source of potential danger. A plan for a uniform registration system was now being prepared and would shortly be distributed to all concerned. (Action C.P.S.)

115. Ammunition Stores.

The question of responsibility for stores of ammunition, hand grenades, explosives and mines was brought up by the C.P.S. who stated that this should definitely be the responsibility of the Army and Navy. The C.S.O. agreed with this view and said that every effort should be made by AMGOT to have the Army or Navy bear this responsibility. The C.P.S. was requested to follow this through. (Action C.S.O.)

116. Curfew.

The question of lifting the early morning curfew for commuters was discussed. It was agreed that the C.P.S. should work this out "in principle" with the authorities. (Action C.P.S.)

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Appendix 14

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ARGOT H.Q. SICILY.

11. Sept. 45.

BLACK MARKET PLAN.

1. Basis of Operations.

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(b) The following form the legal basis of action by the police :

- (i) General Order No. 5.
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- (iii) Italian Penal Code.

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The General Plan for survey of stocks, transportation, storage and distribution.

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 - (d) Providing warehouses and storage.
 - (e) Providing the transportation and the movement of all supplies.
 - (f) Arranging the transportation and the movement of all supplies on the Provincial level.
 - (g) Direction of the employment of the Civil Police on the Provincial level.
 - (h) The supervision of the investigation and charging of offenders on the provincial level.
 - (i) The forwarding of all police activities within the Province through the Carabinieri Group Commander.

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4. Employment of Civil Police.

(a) The Civil Police organizations will be employed as follows :

(i)

Carabinieri.

The Carabinieri is designated as the principal civil police agency employed under the control of their own superior Commander for the island of Sicily, General Ernesto Sannino.

(ii)

Agents of Public Security.

The Questore and Agents of Public Security are at the disposal of the S.C.A.Os.

(iii)

Guardia di Finanza.

This organization employed in accordance with existing instructions.

(iv)

Guardia Municipale.

The Guardia Municipale, or local police, normally under the Sindaco will be employed locally.

(b) The activities of all police within the Province will be reported to the Group Commander of the Carabinieri in the manner prescribed herein.

5. Detailed Police Plan.

(a) The activities of the Police will be directed against violations of the system of supply from production to consumption.

(i) Particular attention will be given to the following products :

wheat and wheat products (flour and pasta), sugar and olive oil.

(ii) Civil Police activities will be under the supervision of the Civil Police Section, Division of Public Safety.

(b) Action against consumers based on General Order No.5. Searches will be made on and after September 16 of premises other than those of producers and growers. Undeclared supplies in excess of the authorized amounts will be confiscated. Each case where undeclared supplies in excess of the authorized amounts are found, will be followed up with the necessary police investigation.

6. Action at the sources of supply.

(a) The S.C.A.O. of each Province, acting in accordance with the Civil Supply plan, will check as follows on the supplies in the possession of growers :

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- (i) List of growers and estimated yield.
- (ii) Check on the amounts turned in to Amassi, and/or, Storehouses.
- (iii) Check on the amounts which have been declared by the respective growers.
- (iv) Determine from (i), (ii), and (iii) what discrepancies exist. These will be furnished to the police for investigation.

(b) On receipt of this information from the S.C.A.O., or representative, the police will conduct searches of premises and make the necessary investigations in accordance with the facts disclosed. When making searches the police will be accompanied by persons who have the necessary technical knowledge to make estimates of the quantity and kinds of supplies.

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7. Action against Distributors.

(a) All vehicles transporting the products named herein will be required to carry a manifest containing the following information:

- (i) Name, address and thumb print of owner.
- (ii) The product and amount.
- (iii) Destination.
- (iv) Authority for moving.
- (v) Agency from whom procured.

The S.C.A.O. will designate the representatives who are authorized to issue manifests and advise the police within the Province the form of the manifest. The S.C.A.O. will require all manifests to be surrendered and cancelled when the products, which they covered, have been delivered to the destination.

(b) The police will check the vehicles carrying products on the roads, and those which are not covered by manifests will be confiscated and turned in to the designated warehouse. Loads carried on Military vehicles must likewise be covered by a manifest. As the police cannot confiscate these vehicles, they will be required to make a report of same. Civilian vehicles carrying loads accompanied by military personnel must also carry the necessary manifest. Each investigation or irregularity discovered by the police will be followed by the necessary investigation.

8. Action against Production.

(a) By authority of General Order No. 3 all grain, except certain authorized amounts, must be turned in before Oct. 31. After that date searches will be conducted and confiscations made.

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9. Action against Distributors.

The S.C.A.O. acting through the available agencies within the Province, will check on the quality and quantity of flour and bread from the mills and bakers. Irregularities and discrepancies will be followed by investigations.

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The action outlined in the foregoing is directed at the control of supplies from source to consumer. Supplies which have been, or will be, diverted from this stream naturally come into circulation at prices in excess of the provisions of General Order No. 3. This is the Black Market. The details of the investigation of the black market itself will be contained in future

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11. Police Coordination.

(a) The central office of the Civil Police Section, Division of Public Safety, will perform the following functions:

- (i) Maintain the necessary contact with other Divisions --- Legal, Finance, and Civilian Supply.
- (ii) Correlate all information received, analyze same and distribute it to those concerned.
- (iii) Compile reports and maintain statistics respecting enforcement activities throughout the island.

The organization of the Central Office will consist of specialized personnel drawn from the Civil Police Agencies.

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11. Police Coordination (Cont'd).

(b) The Central Office will compile statistics for the whole island. Each Province will maintain a consolidated record within the Province. These records will be maintained under the following headings :-

- (i) Total cases referred to the Police.
- (ii) Number of cases unfounded.
- (iii) Number of cases closed as undetected cases.
- (iv) Number of cases awaiting trial.
- (v) Number of cases under investigation.
- (vi) Number of persons convicted.
- (vii) Number of persons acquitted.
- (viii) Number of searches.
- (ix) Number of confiscations.
- (x) Value and quantities of confiscated property.

Each case and/or investigation will be supported by the necessary basic report.

(c) All police activities will be reported to the Group Commander of the Carabinieri in the Province, who will submit each week from Sunday to Saturday inclusive, consolidated reports containing the information shown in foregoing to the S.C.A.P.C. The Group Commander will, in addition, submit to his higher Commander reports required.

(d) The S.C.A.O. will coordinate the activities of all police within the Province. The Carabinieri is the principal or responsible agency.

(e) The S.C.A.Os. will maintain within the Province consolidated reports of police activities and supplies. The General summary of results for the period Sept. 16 to Sept. 30 inclusive will be submitted to the Public Safety Division. Future reports will be submitted as required.

CHARLES M. STOFFORD,
Lt. Col. G.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer.

Appendix A
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AMCOT H.O. SICILY.

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- (e) Direction of the employment of the Civil Police on the Provincial level.
- (f) The supervision of the investigation and charging of offenders on the provincial level.
- (g) The forwarding of all police activities within the Province through the Carabinieri Group Commander.

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4. Employment of Civil Police.

(a) The Civil Police organizations will be employed as follows :

(i)

Carabinieri.

The Carabinieri is designated as the principal civil police agency employed under the control of their own superior Commander for the island of Sicily, General Ernesto Sarnino.

(ii)

Agents of Public Security.

The Questore and Agents of Public Security are at the disposal of the S.C.A.Os.

(iii)

Guardia di Finanza.

This organization employed in accordance with existing instructions.

(iv)

Guardia Municipale.

The Guardia Municipale, or local police, normally under the Sindaco will be employed locally.

(b) The activities of all police within the Province will be reported to the Group Commander of the Carabinieri in the manner prescribed herein.

5. Detailed Police Plan.

(a) The activities of the Police will be directed against violations of the system of supply from production to consumption.

(i)

Particular attention will be given to the following products : wheat and wheat products (flour and pasta), sugar and olive oil.

(ii)

Civil Police activities will be under the supervision of the Civil Police Section, Division of Public Safety.

(b) Action against consumers based on General Order No.5. Searches will be made on and after September 16 of premises other than those of producers and growers. Undeclared supplies in excess of the authorized amounts will be confiscated. Each case where undeclared supplies in excess of the authorized amounts are found, will be followed up with the necessary police investigation.

6. Action at the sources of supply.

(a) The S.C.A.O. of each Province, acting in accordance with the Civil Supply plan, will check as follows on the supplies in the possession of growers :

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- (i) List of growers and estimated yield.
- (ii) Check on the amounts turned in to Amasi, and/or, Storehouses.
- (iii) Check on the amounts which have been declared by the respective growers.
- (iv) Determine from (i), (ii), and (iii) what discrepancies exist.
These will be furnished to the police for investigation.

(b) On receipt of this information from the S.C.A.O., or representative, the police will conduct searches of premises and make the necessary investigations in accordance with the facts disclosed. When making searches the police will be accompanied by persons who have the necessary technical knowledge to make estimates of the quantity and kinds of supplies.

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7. Action against Distributors.

(a) All vehicles transporting the products named herein will be required to carry a manifest containing the following information:

- (i) Name, address and thumb print of owner.
- (ii) The product and amount.
- (iii) Destination.
- (iv) Authority for moving.
- (v) Agency from whom procured.

The S.C.A.O. will designate the representatives who are authorized to issue manifests and advise the police within the Province the form of the manifest. The S.C.A.O. will require all manifests to be surrendered and cancelled when the products, which they covered, have been delivered to the destination.

(b) The police will check the vehicles carrying products on the roads, and those which are not covered by manifests will be confiscated and turned in to the designated warehouse. Loads carried on Military vehicles must likewise be covered by a manifest. As the police cannot confiscate these vehicles, they will be required to make a report of same. Civilian vehicles carrying loads accompanied by military personnel must also carry the necessary manifest. Each investigation or irregularity discovered by the police will be followed by the necessary investigation.

8. Action against Production.

(a) By authority of General Order No. 3 all grain, except certain authorized amounts, must be turned in before Oct. 31. After that date searches will be conducted and confiscations made.

(b) Each confiscation or irregularity discovered by the police will be followed by the necessary investigation.

9. Action against Distributors.

The S.C.A.O. acting through the available agencies within the Province, will check on the quality and quantity of flour and bread from the mills and bakers. Irregularities and discrepancies will be followed by investigations.

10. Action against the Black Market.

The action outlined in the foregoing is directed at the control of supplies from source to consumer. Supplies which have been, or will be, diverted from this stream naturally come into circulation at prices in excess of the provisions of General Order No. 3. This is the Black Market. The details of the investigation of the black market itself will be contained in future orders. The action outlined herein is directed at the

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11. Police Coordination.

(a) The central office of the Civil Police Section, Division of Public Safety, will perform the following functions :

- (i) Maintain the necessary contact with other Divisions --- Legal 2264
Finance, and Civilian Supply.
- (ii) Correlate all information received, analyze same and distribute it to those concerned.
- (iii) Compile reports and maintain statistics respecting enforcement activities throughout the island.

The organization of the Central Office will consist of specialized personnel drawn from the Civil Police Agencies.

11. Police Coordination (Cont'd).

(b) The Central Office will compile statistics for the whole island. Each Province will maintain a consolidated record within the Province. These records will be maintained under the following headings :-

- (i) Total cases referred to the Police,
- (ii) Number of cases unfounded,
- (iii) Number of cases closed as undetected cases,
- (iv) Number of cases awaiting trial,
- (v) Number of cases under investigation,
- (vi) Number of persons convicted,
- (vii) Number of persons acquitted,
- (viii) Number of searches,
- (ix) Number of confiscations,
- (x) Value and quantities of confiscated property.

Each case and/or investigation will be supported by the necessary basic report.

(c) All police activities will be reported to the Group Commander of the Carabinieri in the Province, who will submit each week from Sunday to Saturday inclusive, consolidated reports containing the information shown in foregoing to the S.C.A.F.O. The Group Commander will, in addition, submit to his higher Commander reports required.

(d) The S.C.A.F.O. will coordinate the activities of all police within the Province. The Carabinieri is the principal or responsible agency.

(e) The S.C.A.F.Os. will maintain within the Province consolidated reports of police activities and supplies. The General summary of results for the period Sept. 16 to Sept. 30 inclusive will be submitted to the Public Safety Division. Future reports will be submitted as required.

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Lt. Col. G.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer.

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PROPOSED LABOR PLAN FOR SICILY.

- I. Purpose:
- (a) To establish machinery which will help stabilize employer-employee relations during this period of emergency.
 - (b) To free employers and employees from the controls of Fascism.
 - (c) To open channels for free and democratic employer-employee self organization and representation.
- II. Plan:
- (a) A labor office be established in each Province to be known as the Provincial Labor Office. This office to be part of the Provincial system of government and to function in all labor matters. *There shall also be established an office as follows a central island wide labor office which shall coordinate the functions & activities of the Provincial labor offices.*
 - (b) The Fascist corporative-syndicate system be abolished. This includes abolition of the nine Provincial Syndicate Unions and all their subsidiary and constituent units; and the various Provincial Councils of Corporations.
 - (c) The records, files and property of the abolished Syndicate Unions and councils of corporations to be transferred to the Provincial Labor Office; the funds to be transferred to the appropriate finance office for disposition.
 - (d) The substantive wage, hour, and condition of employment provisions of existing collective agreements and wage covenants be continued pending study and revision.
 - (e) Wage studies be instituted immediately by each Province, through its Provincial Labor Office.
 - (f) No strikes or lockouts permitted during the period of Allied Military Government.

III. Discussion:

- (a) Establishment of Provincial Labor Office.
 - 1. This Office to be in charge of a civilian director, to be known as the Director of Labor, appointed by the Prefetto and approved by the SCAO. Immediate staff to be composed of clerical employees, labor economists, and labor investigators.
- (b) Functions of the Provincial Labor Office.
 - 1. Compile statistical information on employment, unemployment, child labor, wages, and cost of living trends.

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(b) Functions of the Provincial Labor Office.

1. Compile statistical information on employment, unemployment, child labor, wages, and cost of living trends.
2. Establish central employment offices.
 - a. Register all unemployed labor by craft and skill.
 - b. Labor required by Armed Forces to be procured by application directly to the employment office.
 - c. Labor required by civilian employers to be procured as in 2(b) above. (This policy to be subject to revision).
3. Function as official conciliation and mediation office in labor disputes.
 - a. Any labor dispute involving existing hours, wages, or working conditions which arises between an employee or group of employees and a civilian employer, and which cannot be resolved by direct negotiation and discussion may be submitted by either party, their representative or representatives, to the Provincial Labor Office for conciliation and mediation.

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Proposed Labor Plan for Sicily (Cont'd)

- b. In the event of failure to adjust any such dispute by conciliation or mediation the matter to be submitted by either party personally, or through their representative or representatives, to the labor Director, who will without delay appoint an Arbitrator or Board of Arbitrators (not exceeding three in number) to hear the case and render final decision.
- c. All arbitration decisions to be submitted to AMGOT HQ. for approval or disapproval prior to issuance. (The SCMO will attach his comments and recommendations to the decision at time of submission).
4. Report monthly to the Prefetto and SCMO on the Provincial labor situation. Report to contain pertinent recommendations.
5. To handle such other matters relevant to Provincial labor and labor relations as may be referred to it by the Prefetto.
6. To establish subsidiary offices throughout the Province as efficient administration may warrant.

(c) Abolition of the Fascist Corporative Syndicate System.

1. The Confederations of employers and the Confederations of workers and their subordinate Federation units are situated in Rome. The constituent unions and syndicates are located in the Provinces and Communes, and are headed by nine main units as follows:

- Workers, a. Unione Prov. Fascista Lavoratori dell'Industria.
- b. Unione Prov. Fascista Lavoratori dell'Agricoltura.
- c. Unione Prov. Fascista Lavoratori del Commercio.
- d. Unione Prov. Fascista Lavoratori del Credito, Assicurazioni, etc.
- Employers, e. Unione Fascista Industriale.
- f. Unione Fascista Degli Agricoltori.
- g. Unione Fascista dei Commercianti.

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- g. Unione Fascista dei Commercianti.
- h. Unione Fascista Del Credito Provincia de Palermo.
- i. Unione Prov.

Professional employers and employees. i. Unione Prov. Fascista Professionisti ed Artisti.

2. The entire structure is an integrated one upon which is superimposed the Ministry of Corporations also situated in Rome, but which has its representative in each Province, and known as :

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- a. Consigli Prov. dalle Corporazioni.
3. Since the system has been invented by Fascism to control labor and industry for its own ends, and has been imposed without voice of either; and since it does not in fact represent in initiation or continuation, the will of either labor or industry, but has been utilized rather to shackle them, it should be abolished immediately.

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Proposed Labor Plan for Sicily (Cont'd).

4. Labor and industry should be required to utilize the FLO for composition of issues; and for revision of conditions of employment, hours, and wages as prescribed in section III (d) herein.
5. At the termination of the emergency, labor and industry should be free to proceed to a democratic selection of organization for representation and mutual assistance in accordance with regulations to be prescribed by AMGOT.
6. The records, files and property of the abolished organizations to be transferred to the FLO; the funds to be transferred to the appropriate finance office for disposition.

(d) Collective Labor Agreements, and Wage Covenants.

1. Hours, wages and conditions of employment fixed by collective agreement, and in existence as of July 9, 1943 to be continued pending study and revision.
2. Any dispute arising over any term or provision contained in existing collective agreements to be determined in accordance with the machinery provided in 3a, b, c above. However, under no circumstances are collective contract provisions to be reopened for negotiation or arbitration without prior consent and approval of the SCIO, and AMGOT HQS.
3. Each Province through its FLO will initiate a wage and hour study so that consideration may be given to revision if warranted.
4. No wage or hour enactments to issue from any Province whether on Provincial or Colonial basis without prior approval of AMGOT H.Q.
- (e) No strikes or lockouts during period of AMGOT Administration.

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Appendix B

GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO

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N. B. - Penalità severissime, di prigione e di ammenda sono previste per chiunque facesse delle dichiarazioni false nella presente scheda.

SCHEDA PERSONALE

1. Nome e cognome
a/ Luogo di nascita b/ Data di nascita
2. Indirizzo a/ Residenza permanente
3. Professione
4. Eravate iscritto al P. N. F.? a/ Da quando?
5. Appartenevate ad uno dei seguenti gruppi (SI o NO):
a/ Sansepolcristi b/ Squadristi c/ M. V. S. N.?
- d/ Se eravate nella Milizia, in quale delle seguenti unità avete prestato servizio? (Indicate con un **SI** od un **NO** l'unità e la data negli spazi rispettivi):

PERIODO DI SERVIZIO
(Specificare se servizio effettivo o nel quadri)

Milizia ordinaria?	
Milizia Ferroviaria?	
Milizia Postale?	
Milizia Portuale?	
Milizia Forestale?	
Milizia Stradale?	
Milizia Confinaria?	
Milizia Universitaria?	

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a/ Sansepolceristi

b/ Squadristi

c/ M. V. S. N. ?

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Milizia Stradale?

Milizia Confinaria?

Milizia Universitaria?

Milizia Antiaerea?

Milizia Artiglieria Marittima?

" Moschettieri del Duce "

Battaglioni " M " ?

e/ Se avete militato solo in tempo di guerra, siete entrato nella milizia da volontario o in seguito a regolare chiamata?

6. Avete ricoperto una delle seguenti cariche nel Partito Fascista (rispondete **SI** o **NO** e indicate i periodi di servizio in ciascuna carica negli spazi rispondenti):

PERIODO DI SERVIZIO

(Specificare se servizio effettivo o nel quadri)

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PERIODI DI SERVIZIO

- a/ Segretario nel P. N. F.?
- b/ Membro del Direttorio Nazionale?
- c/ Segretario Federale?
- d/ Membro del Direttorio Federale?
- e/ Ispettore del Partito?
- f/ Ispettore Federale?
- g/ Segretario politico di un Fascio?
- h/ Fiduciario di un Gruppo Rionale?
- i/ Membro di un Gruppo Rionale?
- j/ Capo-settore?
- k/ Capo-nucleo?
- l/ Una posizione autorevole nella G. I. L.?
- m) Una posizione autorevole nel G. U. F.?
- n/ Una posizione autorevole dei Fasci Fem-
minili?
- o/ Qualche altra carica nel Partito?

Quale?

- 7 Siete stato in qualche periodo membro dell'OVRA? Quando?
8. Avete fatto parte dell'ufficio politico dei CC. RR.? Quando?
9. Avete fatto parte di un ufficio politico della P. S.? Quando?
10. Siete stato in qualche periodo funzionario in una delle seguenti organizzazioni:

k) Capo-nucleo ?

l) Una posizione autorevole nella G. I. L. ?

m) Una posizione autorevole nel G. U. F. ?

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10. Siete stato in qualche periodo funzionario in una delle seguenti organizzazioni :

PERIODO DI SERVIZIO

a) In una Corporazione ?

Quale ?

Denominazione della carica

b) In una unione sindacale ?

Quale ?

Denominazione della carica

c) In un Consorzio Agrario ?

Quale ?

Denominazione della carica

PERIODO DI SERVIZIO

d/ In qualche altra organizzazione corpora-

tiva o sindacale?

Quale?

Denominazione della carica

11. Indicate le cariche nazionali, provinciali o comunali - governative o parastatali - occupate da voi dal 1921, come segue:

NOME DELL'ISTITUTO

PERIODO DI SERVIZIO

MODO DI ASSUNZIONE

12. Indicate le principali fonti dei vostri introiti durante il regime Fascista:

FONTI

MEDIA ANNUALE

INTROITO DEL 1942

13. Avete prestato servizio militare?

a/ In quale arma?

b/ Quando?

c/ Quale grado rivestivate ultimamente?

d/ Dove avete prestato servizio?

e/ Siete stato "volontario" nella guerra civile Spagnola?

f/ Siete stato "volontario" nella campagna dell'Africa Orientale? Del Nord Africa?

g/ Avete goduto di qualche esonero dal servizio militare?

Per qual motivo?

14. Avete fatto parte dal 1922 in poi di qualche organizzazione politica diversa dal Partito Fa-

FONTI
MEDIA ANNUALE
INTROITO DEL 1942

14. Avete fatto parte dal 1922 in poi di qualche organizzazione politica diversa dal Partito Fascista? Nome dell'organizzazione?

Periodo di appartenenza ?

GIURO CHE LE PRECEDENTI DICHIARAZIONI SONO VERE.

Firma	Data
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N. B. - Rileggete prima di consegnare la scheda, e se avete scritto il falso, correggete. Vi ricordiamo che le superiori dichiarazioni sono state fatte sotto giuramento e che pene severe sono stabilite per il falso giuramento.

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MOST SECRETHEADQUARTERS AMCOFMINUTES OFNINETY-THIRD MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL23RD SEPTEMBER 1943PRESIDENT:

Major-General Lord Rumbell
 Brigadier-General McCherry
 Colonel Bolles
 Colonel Cheyne
 Colonel Grafton-Smith
 Lieut-Colonel Charles
 Lieut-Colonel Harris
 Lieut-Colonel Seitz
 Lieut-Colonel Spofford
 Lieut van Housdon

C.C.A.O.
 D.C.C.A.O.
 C.P.S.
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 C.F.O.
 C.L.O.
 C.P.
 D.C.S.R.
 C.S.O.
 Secretary.

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The meeting was called to order by C.C.A.O. at 1505 hours.

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Action was reported on 91 as per submitted plan.

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102.

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104. Item 5. (i) The C.S.O. recommended that the Labor Plan be referred to EPCO. The C.C.A.O. directed that this be done. No Italians were to be initially invited. The C.C.A.O. directed that any reports or recommendations of EPCO to the Executive Council be circulated before the next Executive Council Meeting. (ii) The D.C.S.R. reported that a second plan on agricultural organization, based on information received from S.C.A.O.S., had now been set to all S.C.A.O.S. The C.S.O. recommended that this be referred to EPCO. The C.C.A.O. directed that this be done, and any reports or recommendations of EPCO to the Executive Council be circulated before the next Executive Council Meeting.
105. After a review of the general situation, the C.C.A.O. adjourned the meeting at 1615 hours.

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Secretary - Executive Council,
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AMGOT H.Q.AGENDA.

Ninth Meeting of the Executive Council
to be held at 1500 hrs.
3rd. Sept. 1943, in the Conference Room.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting.
2. Question of transportation for Officers representing H.Q. Divisions (D.P.H.) *Requisition civil car.*
- ✓ 3. Report on plans made in connection with Registration of Vehicles. (D.P.S.) *Charge of Police.*
- ✓ 4. Report on plans to deal with Black Market. (D.P.S.)
5. Matters to be referred to EFCO : *1st meeting Saturday -*
 - (i) Labor plans.
 - (ii) Plan for reorganization of Agricultural Control.

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Secretary, Executive Council,
AMGOT.

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HEADQUARTERS AMCO

Minutes of

Eighth Meeting of Executive Council

27 August 1943

Present

Major General Lord Rennell
Colonel D. G. Chayne
Colonel Crawford-Smith
Lt. Col. Chandler
Lt. Col. Harris
Lt. Col. Saltz
Lt. Col. Snook
Lt. Col. Spafford
Lt. van Heulekom

- C. C. A. O.
- D. P. H.
- C. P. O.
- C. I. O.
- C. F.
- D. C. S. R.
- Rep. D. P. S.
- C. S. O.
- Secretary

89. The meeting was called to order by C. C. A. O. at 1700 hrs.

90. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

91. Transportation for local Government Officials (Item 2).

C. F. O. stated that as progress was now being made to mobilize large institutions such as Railroads, the General Electric Co. etc.; it had become evident that Civilian transport was deficient. The C. C. A. O. directed the D. C. S. R. to prepare a scheme for this purpose for Cistant provinces, and directed that Public Safety draft rules for prescribed use of such service. (Action Acting D. P. S. & D. C. S. R.)

92. In connection with EPCO, the C. F. O. proposed that certain local leaders be invited to take part in EPCO Conferences.

It was agreed that local experts would be invited "ad hoc" each one to give advice in his own field, but these invitations are to be on a temporary basis only.

93. (a) As regards smaller price violations, it was agreed that they would be tried in the PERMANENT (Action C. I. O.).

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C.F.O. stated that as progress was now being made to mobilize large institutions such as Railroads, the General Electric Co. etc., it had become evident that Civilian transport was deficient. The C.C.A.O. directed the D.C.S.R. to prepare a scheme for this purpose for distant provinces, and directed that Public Safety draft rules for prescribed use of such service. (Action Acting D.P.S. & D.C.S.R.)

92. In connection with EPOC, the C.F.O. proposed that certain local leaders be invited to take part in EPOC Conferences.

It was agreed that local experts would be invited "ad hoc" each one to give advice in his own field, but these invitations are to be on a temporary basis only.

93. (a) As regards smaller scale violations, it was agreed that they would be tried in the PLENUM. (Action C.L.O.).
- (b) As regards important violators, they are to be tried by Allied Military Courts - in each Province as and when necessary.

94. It was agreed that the Acting D.P.S.'s proposal to use the Guardia di Finanza and Carabinieri separately, should be carried through.

95. Public Safety was directed by the C.C.A.O. to work out its scheme to concentrate all information into a Central Registry at Headquarters in collaboration with other Headquarters Divisions. The use of secret funds, provided adequate control be exercised, was also approved.

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HEADQUARTERS ANGOTMinutes ofEighth Meeting of Executive Council

27 August 1943

Present

Major General Lord Rennell	- C.G.A.O.
Colonel D. G. Cheyrie	- D.P.S.
Colonel Geoffrey-Smith	- C.I.O.
Lt. Col. Chandler	- C.L.O.
Lt. Col. Hargis	- C.P.
Lt. Col. Seitz	- D.C.S.R.
Lt. Col. Snook	- Rep. D.P.S.
Lt. Col. Spofford	- C.S.O.
Lt. van Heutelen	- Secretary

89. The meeting was called to order by C.G.A.O. at 1700 hrs.
90. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
91. Transportation for local Government Officials (Item 2).
C.F.O. stated that as progress was now being made to mobilize large institutions such as Railroads, the General Electric Co. etc., it had become evident that Civilian transport was deficient. The C.G.A.O. directed the D.C.S.R. to prepare a scheme for this purpose for distant provinces, and directed that Public Safety draft rules for prescribed use of such service. (Action Acting D.P.S. & D.C.S.R.)
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93. (a) as regards smaller price violations, it was agreed that they would be tried in the PASTURA (action C.L.O.).

89. The meeting was called to order by C.C.A.O. at 1:00 p.m.
90. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
91. Transportation for local Government Officials (Item 2).
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92. In connection with ERGO, the C.F.O. proposed that certain local leaders be invited to take part in ERGO Conferences.
It was agreed that local experts would be invited "ad hoc" each one to give advice in his own field, but these invitations are to be on a temporary basis only.
93. (a) as regards smaller price violations, it was agreed that they would be tried in the PRIMUM (Action C.L.O.).
(b) as regards important violators, they are to be tried by Allied Military Courts - in each Province as and when necessary.
94. It was agreed that the Acting D.P.S.'s proposal to use the Guardia di Finanza and Carabinieri separately, should be carried through.
95. Public Safety was directed by the C.C.A.O. to work out its scheme to concentrate all information into a Central Registry at Headquarters in collaboration with other Headquarters Divisions. The use of secret funds, provided adequate control be exercised, was also approved.

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HEADQUARTERS AMCOTMinutes ofSeventh Meeting of Executive Council

20 August 1943

Present

Major General Lord Rennell
 Brigadier General McSherry
 Col. Choyne
 Col. Grafftey-Smith
 Lt. Col. Chanler
 Lt. Col. Harris
 Lt. Col. Martin
 Lt. Col. Seitz
 Lt. Col. Spofford
 Major Croft

- C.C.A.C.
 - D.C.C.A.O.
 - D.P.H.
 - C.F.O.
 - C.L.O.
 - C.P.
 - Acting D.P.S.
 - D.C.S.R.
 - C.S.O.
 - Secretary

81. The meeting was called to order by C.C.A.C. at 1200 hours.
82. Minutes of Previous Meeting (Item 1)
 The following amendments were made to minutes of the previous meeting:
No. 71 (b) - After the word "advances" in line one add "through the banks."
No. 79 - In line three substitute the words "disposed of" for "sold or given away."
 83. Powers and Use of Executive Council (Item 2)
 C.C.A.O. stated that the principal functions of the Executive Council were to make laws and establish major principles. He said that it was not to be used as a medium of settling differences between the various Divisions and that items for the Agenda of meetings should be confined to the broader phases of AMCOT policy.
84. Relation between Headquarters and Provinces (Item 3)

Major Croft

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84. Relation between Headquarters and Provinces (Item 3)
C.S.O. presented a memorandum setting forth the responsibilities of S.C.A.O.s for AMGOT operations in Provinces which was approved as amended.
85. S.C.A.O. Meeting (Item 4)
C.C.A.O. discussed briefly the forthcoming meeting with S.C.A.O.s and stated it was to be divided into two sections. First: Reports from S.C.A.O.s and second: Points to be raised by Division Heads.
86. Powers of S.C.A.O.s re Local Legislation.
C.L.O. presented a memorandum defining the local ordinances which S.C.A.O.s would be authorized to issue. It was approved as amended and C.C.A.O. directed that it be circulated among Division Heads for comment. (Action C.L.O.)

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87. Inter-Provincial Movements by Field Officers.

C.C.A.O. stated that in the case of Specialist Field Officers performing duties in more than one Province, it would first be necessary for them to obtain permission of S.C.A.O. before leaving any given province.

88. The Meeting was adjourned at 1225 hours.

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Brigadier General McSherry
 Col. Graftey-Smith
 Col. Cheyne
 Lt. Col. Spofford
 Lt. Col. Harris
 Lt. Col. Martin
 Lt. Col. Seitz
 Lt. Col. Chanler
 Major Croft

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 - C.S.O.
 - C.P.
 - Acting D.P.S.
 - D.C.S.R.
 - C.L.O.
 - Secretary

67. The meeting was called to order by D.C.C.A.O. at 1510 hours.

68. D.C.C.A.O. discussed briefly plans for the future and asked Heads of Divisions to select one officer from their Division to be sent back to Tizi Ouzou as instructors. (Action Heads of Divisions.)

69. Minutes of Previous Meetings

No. 28 - P.C. directive was approved as submitted.

No. 47 - Col. Seitz reported that it has been arranged to turn over all civilian personnel to P.S. Division for vetting before employing them.

No. 48 - C.S.O. reported that all items in this minute had been cleared up except "(b)" which concerned communications from and to HQ which it would not be necessary to channel through S.C.A.O.s. (Action C.S.O.)

No. 50 - D.C.S.R. stated that he had placed Capt. Minard in charge of those railroads which the 7th Army had turned over to AMGOT. It was decided that the payment of all railroad laborers would be turned over to C.F.O. who would arrange for payment through the main office in Palermo. (Action C.F.O.)

67. The meeting was called to order by D.C.C.S.R. at 1:30 p.m.
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- No. 51 - C.L.O. reported that arrangements had been concluded for meeting the costs of restoring buildings housing higher Italian Courts and that instructions to S.C.A.O.S. re lower courts would be sent out. D.C.C.S.R. asked C.L.O. to investigate the alleged mistreatment of political prisoners at Ustica. (Action C.L.O.)
- No. 52 - C.L.O. reported that instructions re appointments to military courts had been sent to S.C.A.O.S.
- No. 53 - C.P. reported that instructions to post Proclamation No. 6 had been sent out.
- No. 54 - C.L.O. reported that he was drafting memorandum limiting powers of S.C.A.O.S.
- No. 55 - D.C.S.R. stated that Capt. Morco was working out scale of higher level salaries of civilian personnel. Until such scale is established it was decided to pay such personnel at rates paid to interpreters.

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No. 56 - First sentence of minute amended to read, "D.C.C.A.O. asked D.C.S.R. to make a study and propose a plan whereby the Ammassi could be abolished if it was deemed advisable to do so." D.C.S.R. reported that he was studying the subject. (Action D.C.S.R.)

No. 57 & 58. - D.C.S.R. reported that drafts of orders re prices and declaration of commodities had been completed and were awaiting D.C.C.A.O.'s approval.

No. 60 - C.P. stated that he had drafted cable re sequestered property.

No. 62 - C.F.O. stated that he did not feel that he had sufficient information at hand as yet to justify dispatching a cable on reopening of lotteries.

No. 63 - C.F.O. read a cable which had been sent to M.G.S. for transmission to C.C.S. recommending that pensions continue to be paid to civil service and army personnel.

D.C.C.A.O. asked that a further study of determining welfare payments be made with a view to excluding from the rolls individuals to whom work is available. (Action D.P.H.)

No. 65 - C.S.O. stated that instructions to S.C.A.O.s and C.A.O.s re their responsibility of paroled prisoners would be sent out. (Action C.S.O.)

70. Policy on Circulation of Individuals and Curfew (Item 2)

(a) It was decided that restrictions imposed by proclamations would be adhered to in combat areas but that S.C.A.O.s would be given discretion of permitting such circulation of individuals as they considered advisable within the limitations of their provinces. (Action C.S.O.)

(b) It was decided that the curfew hour should be "AT DARK" or one hour after sunset. (Action C.S.O.)

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(b) It was agreed that advances should be made to private cement companies provided their selling price would not exceed actual costs plus 6%. (Action C.F.O. and D.C.S.R.)

(c) It was decided that the question of aid to private industries should be the subject of a study and report having regard to the various basic factors involved - i.e. which products essential for military or civil needs, production methods and costs, number of employees, relation to general price structure, etc.

72. Sale of Essential Food to Army (Item 3 (b))

D.C.S.R. reported that Army had requested flour to feed P.O.W.s. D.C.O.A.O. stated that MGOI would not furnish Army with food unless they are in urgent need. (Action D.C.S.R.)

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73. Reports from Field Officers (Item 4)

D.C.C.A.O. asked that all field officers submit reports on "Lessons Learned" for editing by C.S.O. and Divisions concerned. (Action C.S.O.)

74. Authority of S.C.A.O.s over Specialist Officers (Item 5 (b))

D.C.C.A.O. stated that S.C.A.O.s are not authorized to change the duties of specialist officers. In case S.C.A.O.s wanted to change other services, the matter would be decided by C.S.O.

75. Housing for Homeless (Item 6)

Report of D.P.H. was approved as submitted and C.S.O. was asked to send information forms recommended in Item 6 (a) of agenda to S.C.A.O.s. (Action C.S.O.)

76. Expediting Communications (Item 7 (b))

D.C.C.A.O. stated that island wide courier service from HQ would be installed if it was found possible to do so. He urged more frequent use of air courier service.

77. Travel Orders

D.C.C.A.O. said that V.O.C.D. would be sufficient to cover trips from Headquarters but that a record of whereabouts of all personnel must be kept. (Action Secretary)

78. Window Coverings

D.C.S.R. was asked to send a cable to AMQ requesting a supply of window coverings to supplant windows destroyed by rails. (Action D.C.S.R.)

79. Captured Material.

In response to a question D.C.C.A.O. stated that captured material should be considered the same as any other army property and could be sold or given away as the situation warranted.

80. The meeting was adjourned at 1800 hours.

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14 August 1943

A G E N D A

Sixth Meeting of Executive Council to be held at 1500 hours
15 August 43 in the Conference Room.

1. Minutes of previous meeting.
2. C.S.O. to submit for discussion and decision:
 - (a) Policy on lifting of restrictions by S.C.A.O.s on circulation.
 - (b) Policy on lifting curfew by S.C.A.O.s.
3. D.C.S.R. to raise following questions for policy decision:
 - (a) Price subsidies to industry.
 - (b) Sale of essential foods in short supply to Army.
4. C.F.O. to bring up question of desirability of obtaining, editing and publishing reports from officers in the field with the object of assisting field officers in future MGOT operations here and elsewhere.
5. C.P. to submit the following:
 - (a) Approval of C.P. General Administrative Instructions No. 14 which have already been circulated to C.S.O., C.L.O., D.P.S. and D.C.S.R.
 - (b) Degree to which authority of S.C.A.O.s extends with respect to assigning field officers of various divisions to duties.
6. Report of D.P.H. on Provision of Housing for the Homeless (Appendix 'A').

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6. Report of D.P.H. on Provision of Housing for the Homeless (Appendix 'A').

- (a) C.S.O. recommends that D.P.H. prepare a form to be sent to S.C.A.O.s calling for return of information indicated in para 4 of Appendix 'A'.

7. D.P.H. to raise following points for discussion:

- (a) The position of Island problems vis a vis the Province in which they arise to be defined. For example, such public health problems as the following should be considered central responsibilities.

- (1) Distribution of medical personnel
- (2) Distribution of all medical and welfare supplies
- (3) Certain epidemiological investigations affecting several provinces
- (4) Supervision of Island Reformatory for juveniles
- (5) Machinery for locating lost personnel, especially children
- (6) The reopening of Social Insurances, reorganization or suspension

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- (7) Utilization of property of Fascist Youth and leisure time organizations.
- (b) Expediting communication between HQ AMCOT and the provinces.

RICHARD G. CRICHT
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Subject: Electric Supply.

AMGOT/266/HQ.

14 August, 43.

To: All Senior Civil Affairs Officers.
All Civil Affairs Officers.

1. Electric requirements for military purposes will, in all cases, be supplied, upon request by proper military authority, to the exclusion, if necessary, of all non-military requirements.

2. Effective immediately, non-military use of electricity will be authorized in the following categories only:

- a. Water purification and pumping, community supply.
- b. Hospitals, prisons and other public institutions providing essential human needs.
- c. Flour mills and bake shops which cannot convert to other sources of power.
- d. Commercial refrigeration essential to the preservation of perishable foods.
- e. Irrigation, Sundays only, to the extent permitted by closing down flour mills.

f. AMGOT Offices (lighting only), Red Cross buildings, Allied Forces newspaper facilities; police and fire stations.

3. Electric service now being rendered inconsistent with this directive will be terminated forthwith.

4. Each S.C.A.O. will submit by 1 Sept. a complete report of all non-military electric service now rendered showing consumer's name, category of use, hours of operation and KVA maximum demand. Subsequent approvals for service will be authorized in writing by S.C.A.O. and one signed copy forwarded to AMGOT H.Q. for record.

5. AMGOT H.Q. Sicily is responsible for the supply and distribution of electricity for non-military use throughout Sicily and all requests for service, not specifically mentioned herein will be referred to this H.Q. for prior approval. All requests for service involving AMGOT financial commitments will likewise be referred to this H.Q. for prior approval.

6. The acute shortage of electricity makes it imperative that every effort be made to reduce non-military use to an absolute minimum, especially between the hours of 20.00 and 24.00

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For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer,

Charles M. Spontord
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 Lt-Col, G.S.C.
 Chief Staff Officer.

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MINUTES OF

FIFTH MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

6 August 1943

PRESENT

Brigadier General McSherry
Col. Graffey Smith
Col. Cheyne
Col. Rolles
Lt. Col. Spottford
Lt. Col. Seitz
Lt. Col. Harris
Lt. Col. Jordan
Major Croft

- D.C.C.A.O.
- C.F.O.
- D.P.H.
- D.P.S.
- C.S.O.
- D.C.S.R.
- P.C.
- Acting C.L.O.
- Secretary

45. The meeting was called to order by D.C.C.A.O. at 1500 hours.

46. Minutes of Previous Meetings

No. 28 - C.S.O. stated that L.C. directive had not yet been cleared up and would be presented at next meeting. (Action C.S.O. and P.C.)

No. 34 - D.C.C.A.O. stated that no change had taken place in allocation of transport and personnel from the procedure announced at last meeting.

No. 35 - D.C.C.A.O. announced that the question of accountants to be assigned to various divisions had been settled.

No. 39 - D.C.C.A.O. stated that it now appeared unnecessary to ask for 100 excess U.S. replacements as MATUSA had agreed to provide substantially more than this number.

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47. AMGOT Personnel in Sicily (Item 2)

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Secretary

45. The meeting was called to order by D.C.C.A.O. at 1500 hours.
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47. ASPECT Personnel in Sicily (Item 2)
- D.C.C.A.O. said that a large number of staff officers were doing C.A.O. work due to shortage of personnel on island but that the situation would be remedied as expeditiously as possible by moving officers from Tunis as transport became available.
- In reference to a question D.C.C.A.O. stated that civilian personnel could be employed subject to Col. Bolles and Col. Seitz coordinating all such employment with 4-2. (Action Col. Bolles and Col. Seitz)
48. Relations of S.C.A.O.s to Divisions (Item 3(a)) 2241
- It was decided that:
- (a) The S.C.A.O. should be in charge of all personnel in his province. (Action C.S.O.)
 - (b) All communications to and from HQ should channel through S.C.A.O. with certain exceptions, which C.S.O. and Heads of Divisions will determine. (Action C.S.O. and Heads of Div.)
 - (c) All communications from HQ relating to policy and orders should be signed by C.S.O., other by Division Chiefs.
 - (d) Weekly reports should be submitted by S.C.A.O.s covering general situation. (Action C.S.O. to advise)

49. Tactical Commanders (Item 3(b))

C.S.C. reported that Gen. Alexander's order of 31 July released the following provinces from the tactical command: Agrigento, Caltanissetta, Trapani, Siracusa, Ragusa, Palermo (west of Cefalu-Santa Caterina-Villerosa line), Catania (south of Scordia-Mirabella line).

50. Administrative and Financial Assistance to Railroads (Item 4)

Col. Seitz was asked to take up with Col. Davidson the question of 7th Army responsibility of maintaining railroads until civil affairs takes over. D.C.C.A.O. asked that a check be made to determine if any railroad employees had not been paid by 7th and 8th Armies for the month 27 June - 27 July and to make such payments where they had not previously been made. (Action Col. Seitz)

51. Reopening Italian Courts (Item 5(a))

Acting C.L.O. stated criminal courts had technically opened 2 Aug. D.C.C.A.O. asked Acting C.L.O. to discuss cost of restoring buildings housing higher courts with C.F.O., to instruct S.C.A.O.s to open lower courts and to continue payments made by the State. (Action Col. Jordan)

52. Allied Military Courts (Item 5(b))

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53. Publishing Proclamations and Orders (Item 5(c))

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57. Proclamation Classifying Prices (Item 6 (b))
It was agreed that local orders should be published and prices posted and that they should be sufficiently elastic to provide for different price scales in different communities. (Action Col. Seitz) 29/40
58. Declaration of Vehicles and Commodities (Item 6 (c))
The declaration of certain important articles and commodities, including a registration of motor vehicles, was approved. (Action Col. Bolles and Col. Seitz)
59. Uninhabitable Houses (Item 7 (c))
D.P.H. was requested to make a report at the next meeting. (Action Col. Cheyne)

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60. Sequestered Property (Item 8 (a))

D.C.C.A.O. asked Col. Harris to draft a cable to C.C.S. informing them that we were holding Italian sequestrators of French property responsible to P.O. and asking for further instructions as to sequestered property of nationals of United Nations.

61. Opening of Banks.

Col. Graffey Smith stated banks could not be opened until additional shipments of money had been received but that he believed they would be opened by 31 Aug. at the latest.

62. Lotteries

D.C.C.A.O. requested Col. Graffey Smith to draft a cable to C.C.S. asking if it would be permissible to open State lotteries. (Action Col. Graffey Smith)

63. Relief Payments

D.C.C.A.O. referred rates of such payments to C.R.O. and Relief Section under D.P.H. Military pensions were discussed but no action taken. (Action Col. Graffey Smith and Col. Cheyne)

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APPENDIX "A"

MEMORANDUM ON PROVISION OF HOUSING FOR THE HOMELESS

1. It is recommended that the question of providing accommodation for those rendered homeless on account of aerial and other forms of bombardment should be considered now.

2. This is forced upon the Military Government by the following facts:

(a) The majority of towns and villages have been damaged to a greater or lesser extent, e.g. in Palermo it is estimated that 33 1/3% of houses have been rendered uninhabitable.

(b) Winter conditions in many parts of Sicily are severe and the form of all-weather existence in mountain caves and the like, now general in many parts, could be perpetrated in winter only with very serious consequences to the health of the people.

(c) The danger to the Military as well as the civilian population of an organization as at present where sanitation is practically non-existent increases everyday.

(d) Improvements to be described later will provide work and so relieve to some extent the problem of unemployment, which is likely to become acute.

(e) The propaganda value of early efforts at improvement is immense.

3. The difficulties in the way of this are fully appreciated. The war continues and the possibility of further damage is a very real one. It has not been the policy in the U.K. to undertake very much in the way of rebuilding while the war continues. Materials are scarce especially those imported where shipping considerations necessarily dictate policies. Availability of labour in special localities will vary very much. Town planning schemes cannot be ignored.

4. In order to have the full facts before us and to enable a policy to be formulated, certain preliminary information is essential and it is therefore recommended that C.I.O.'s of Provinces be requested immediately to consider the problem and to submit a report on the following lines with the minimum delay (say within 14 days).

(a) Normal population of town.

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- (a) Normal population of town.
- (b) Present population.
- (c) Normal number of habitations with average number accommodated in each.
- (d) Number of houses uninhabitable with number of persons there rendered homeless.
- (e) Number of houses in (d) which could be repaired with a month's normal work from material actually available (e.g. 2244 from damaged property). Is labour locally available?
- (f) Number of habitable houses in which there are rooms at present "spare" but which could accommodate additional persons. (N.B. a census on these lines was made in every town and village in U.K. and occupiers had to take refugees on short notice to fill such rooms.)

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- (g) Number of buildings which could accommodate refugees, C.I.s, offices, schools, theatres, with numbers of persons who could there be accommodated.
- (h) Number on same definite date for whom there will be no suitable accommodation.
- (i) Are communal feeding centres in existence and are these adequate. If not what proposals are being submitted to cover this, water supplies and provision of an adequate sanitary organization.

5. The above information will give the Military Government something to work upon and an idea of cost, labour, material, etc. required. On this the formulation of a policy would be possible.

6. It may be feasible by use of a billeting scheme as at 4 (f) to re-allot considerable population locally, or in adjacent localities, but failing this there appear to be three possibilities.

- (a) Transfer of populations.
- (b) Establishment of Camps (Hutments or Canvas)
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These are arranged in order of possible priorities.

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Colonel
Director of Public Health

ALLOT.
15 Army Group
8 August 1945

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MEMBERS OF

FOURTH MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

9 JULY 1943

PRESENT

Brigadier General McSherry - D.C.C.A.O.,
 Colonel Cheyne - D.P.H.,
 Colonel Bolles - D.P.S.,
 Colonel Geoffrey Smith - C.L.O.,
 Colonel Thorne Thorne - C.S.O.,
 Lt. Colonel Spofford - P.A.O.,
 Lt. Colonel Chanler - C.L.O.,
 Lt. Colonel Harris - P.C.,
 Major Nolen - A.D.C.S. & R.,
 Capt Graham - Acting Secretary

41. The meeting was called to order by D.C.C.A.O. at 1505 hrs.

42. Minutes of Previous Meetings

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(ACTION - C.S.O., P.A.O., C.F.O., C.L.O. and P.C.)

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(ACTION - C.S.O.)

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 - P.H.O.
 - C.L.O.
 - P.C.
 - A.D.C.S. & R.
 - Acting Secretary

41. The meeting was called to order by D.C.C.A.C. at 1505 hrs.

42. Minutes of Previous Meetings

Minute No. 28 under Minute No. 23 - P.H.O. recommended final action on P.C. directive be deferred until the next meeting. D.C.C.A.C. directed C.S.O., P.H.O., C.F.O., C.L.O. and P.C. discuss the directive before next meeting.

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(ACTION - C.S.O.)

Minute No. 24 - D.C.C.A.C. said charts on allocation of transport and personnel could be published and distributed to Chiefs of Divisions and Administrative Officers.

(ACTION - C.S.O.)

Minute No. 22 - It has been arranged that Civilian Supply Division will be supplied with one accountant (two if needed), Property Controller one, and D.F.S. one, if necessary, by C.F.O., these to be administratively responsible to Head of Division to which attached. Division heads will be financially responsible. **2243**

Method of payment for jobs outlined in previous meeting by D.F.H. and A.D.S. & R. agreed by C.F.O. in 2 or 3 large centres.

Civilians will be paid by C.A.C. on payroll submitted by division concerned.

Finance Division will handle HQ payroll. Policy outlined agreed by D.C.C.A.C.

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Minute No. 36 - Capt HEAD and Lt. ALSTON will be responsible for Postal planning and supervision of Posts. For the present, they will be attached to Finance Division and will be carried on strength in present assignments.

Capt HEAD will not be wholly available until 15 Jul 45, as he is EMO, School Mess.

Minute No. 39 - D.C.C.A.O. stated a cable should be sent for replacements for officers not fit for JMCOT and those of doubtful value. This cable should specify officers with particular qualifications needed for present vacancies.

D.C.C.A.O. asked P.A.O. to consider asking for 50 - 100 excess replacements of Americans, as British have done, to form a pool for emergencies and future operations.
(ACTION - P.A.O.)

43. C.F.O. asked who would be responsible for consoling flights from North Africa to MORRISTOWN once C.C.A.O., D.C.C.A.O. and Chiefs and Deputy Chiefs of Divisions had arrived MORRISTOWN and further, would officers go direct to Provinces or to a central pool in MORRISTOWN? D.C.C.A.O. said assignments of personnel to Provinces had already been made and officers would go direct to their posts.

C.S.O. and P.A.O. would slip these officers en orders from C.C.A.O. and D.C.C.A.O.

44. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 1625 hours.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Memorandum.

7 JULY, 1943.

Subject:- Agenda for Executive Council

It is requested that all items for the Agenda for the Executive Council Meeting of 15.00 hrs 9 July, 43, be submitted by 12.00 hrs 8 July, 43.

Frederick L. Graham
Frederick L. Graham,
Capt. C.A.C.
Act'g Secretary.

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Memo to Capt Graham no items to suggest.

8/July/43 1600hrs.

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MINUTES OF
THIRD MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
2 JULY 1943

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Colonel Bolles	- D.P.S.
Colonel Grafftey Smith	- C.F.O.
Colonel Thorne Thorne	- C.S.O.
Lt. Colonel Spofford	- P.A.O.
Lt. Colonel Chanler	- C.L.O.
Lt. Colonel Harris	- P.C.
Major Nolen	- A.D.C.S. & R.
Capt. Graham	- Acting Secretary

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C.L.O. pointed out it had been decided informally to change the name of the Property Custodian to Property Controller, as the former gave the impression of his being a trustee, which he was not. It was ~~decided not to change the name because of administrative complications.~~ *matter was referred to the C.L.O. for further action (Action C.L.O.)*

Minute No. 29 - D.C.C.A.O. stated 343 did not want follow up groups attached because of lack of facilities. In view of this, groups for 343 will be held in the Tunis - Sousse area, including necessary O.Rs and E.Rs and Transport, for attachment to 343 as needed. C.S.O. said follow up groups had already left for 545, to be held by them in Sousse. **22/4/40**

Minute No. 30 - C.F.O. said a letter has been sent to D.A.S. 141 Force asking him to inform the Intelligence and Censorship sections that all checks and money orders in transit at the time of occupation should be withdrawn from the mail and impounded.

*amended
4/7/43*

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34. Allocation of Personnel and Transport

D.C.C.A.O. pointed out that charts on allocation of personnel and transport indicate an initial distribution only and further that the large pools allocated to Headquarters will be available to all divisions and administrators according to their needs.

A.D.S. & R. stated that he did not have enough clerks. To discuss with D.C.C.A.O.

D.P.H. said he needed 6 drug store clerks. To discuss with D.C.C.A.O.

It was decided that when points raised by D.P.H. and A.D.S. & R. had been settled the proposed charts would be published as an initial distribution. (Action C.S.O.)

C.F.O. felt he should have accounting clerks available for instruction as soon as possible. (Action C.S.O. and C.F.O.)

35. Accountants for Divisions

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12/7/43	All officers
15/7/43	All O.Rs and E.Ms

This move will not include D.C.C.A.O., the administrative side and from one to four officers from each division who are to be called forward to Tunis by the C.C.A.O. Divisions will be ready to submit names or officers they wish to move to Tunis, keeping in mind this number very firm one to all those now working in the Hotel Allouard.

38. Information Material to Assault Forces

C.S.O. and P.A.O. felt no more printed or mimeographed matter should be sent to C.A.Os now with tactical forces, this not to include material now ready to go. D.C.C.A.O. agreed but stated work should not stop on revisions as these could be distributed to C.A.Os departing later and handed over to assault forces by C.A.Os on arrival HORRIFIED.

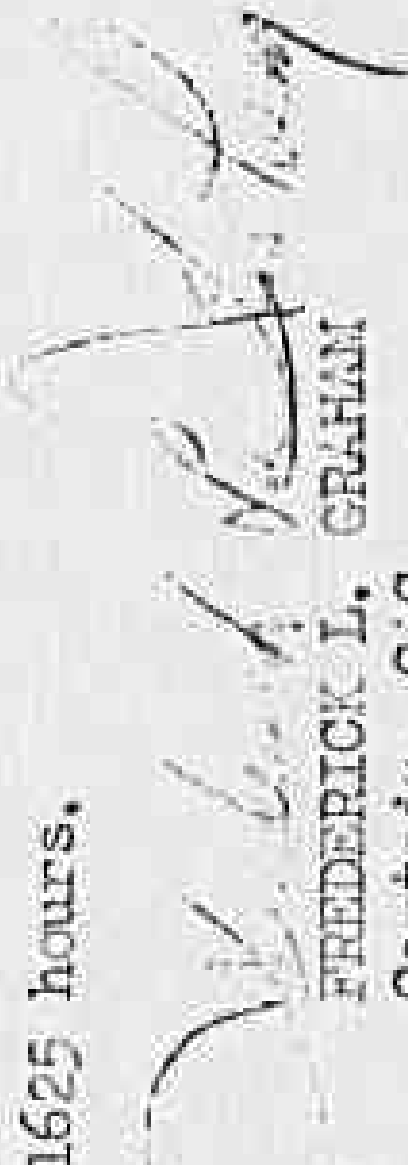
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39. Personnel Shortages

D.C.C.A.O. decided present status of officer assignments should be reviewed. Heads of divisions to submit immediately lists of shortages to P.A.O. (Action heads of Divisions prior to interviews of the newly arrived group.)

40. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1625 hours.



FREDERICK L. GRAHAM

Captain, CAC

Acting Secretary Executive Council

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- AGENDA -

1 July 1943
141F/7840/CA.

Third meeting of Executive Council to be held
at 1500 hours 2nd July, 1943 in Miami.

- ✓ 1. Minutes of previous meeting.
- ✓ 2. DCCAO wishes to discuss:-
 - ✓ a) Distribution of Clerks.
 - ✓ b) Distribution of transportation.
3. CPO to submit for discussion and decision the requirements for assistance on accounting of all divisions other than financial.
- ✓ 4. CSO to initiate discussion of future moves of ANGOT personnel.

5. Portage
6. Further material to task force.

Frederick L. Graham
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Capt. QAC.
Acting Secretary Executive Council,
ANGOT.

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Frederick L. Graham.

Capt. CAG.

Acting Secretary Executive Council,

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PUBLIC SAFETY

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MEMORANDUM TO: P.A.O.'s
Heads of Divisions

It is requested that Agenda Items for the next meeting of the Executive Council to be held at 1500 hours Friday 25 June 1943 be submitted to the Secretary by 1800 hours Wednesday 23 June.

Richard G. Croft
RICHARD G. CROFT
Secretary
Executive Council
AMGOT

22 June 1943

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Memo to Major Craft

*The Public Safety Division has no
notes for above agenda.*

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MINUTES OF
SECOND MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
18 June 1945

PRESENT

Major General Lord Rennell - C.C.A.O.
Brigadier General McSherry - D.C.C.A.O.
Colonel Cheyne - D.P.H.
Colonel Rolles - D.P.S.
Lt. Colonel Thorne Thorne - C.S.O.
Lt. Colonel Spafford - P.A.O.
Lt. Colonel Grafftey Smith - C.T.O.
Lt. Colonel Seitz - D.S.R.
Lt. Colonel Chanler - C.L.O.
Major Croft - Secretary

20. C.C.A.O. called the meeting to order at 1500 hours.

21. Minutes of Previous Meeting (Reference Minute Nos. 3, 4, and 6)

Minute No. 3 - C.S.O. reported that the total number of officers who have joined or will join 12th Army and 343 is 43 and 54 respectively. He stated that Recon Party would leave for new camp near Tunis on 19 June, followed by Advance Party on 7 July and 3 Main Parties between 15-20 July.

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22. Medical Supplies for HOPRINTED (Item 2 - Reference Minute 14)

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22. Medical Supplies for HERRINFIELD (Item 2 - Reference Minute 14)
- Col. Cheyne stated that AGMR had advised by cable dated 14 June that they were making no provision for food, medical or other supplies pending receipt of definitive advice regarding what items can be procured from North Africa. C.C.A.O. requested Col. Cheyne and Col. Seitz to follow matter and to prepare a letter to be presented personally to Gen. Hamblen which would state that drug supplies would not have been requested had they been available in North Africa. (Action Col. Cheyne and Col. Seitz)
23. Shipping Space for AMOT Supplies
- Col. Seitz stated that the 12th Army had tentatively provided approximately 6,000 tons shipping space for AMOT supplies through D 70 and that 2,233 could set aside supplies from their stockpile, medical supplies excepted.
24. Wage Schedules (Item 3 (a))
- Col. Seitz stated that he did not believe that it was feasible to fix wage schedules in advance. C.C.A.O. requested that he prepare a general guide covering wages to be paid to unskilled labor, such as dock workers, and forward it to 343 and 12th Army with a copy to HGA, HQ 141. (Action Col. Seitz)

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25. Maximum Prices for Foodstuffs (Item 3 (b))

Col. Seitz stated that in order to aid in the determination of maximum prices, which are to be fixed by proclamation, a family budget had been compiled which showed that the cost of food was approximately one-half of a family income. C.C.A.O. asked him to forward table to 343 and 12th Army with copy to H.G.A. (action Col. Seitz)

26. Personnel and Transport for C.A.P.O.s (Item 4)

It was decided to postpone any allocation of personnel and transport to Public Safety until the other Divisions had submitted their requests at which time the D.C.C.A.O. would make allotments simultaneously to the various Divisions.

27. Modifications to W.E. T/O

C.C.A.O. requested that any further modifications to W.E. or T/O be taken up with the Finance Division inasmuch as cost of administration is recoverable against enemy governments. (action C.P.O.)

28. Functions of Property Custodian and Civilian Supply Divisions (Item 5 + Appendix 'D')

Col. Spafford reviewed subject and recommended that the Divisions concerned should adhere to the general basis of the Plan with the Property Custodian acting in a capacity analogous to that of receiver, with responsibility for management, and Civilian Supply undertaking over all supervision and regulation of properties in the hands of the P.O. to the same extent as other properties. This division of functions was agreed upon and the Custodian of Enemy Property to be advised accordingly. (Action Secretary)

29. Location of Follow up Groups (Item 6)

It was generally agreed that light detachments with both 343 and 12th Army should be reinforced but no action should be taken until C.C.A.O. and D.C.C.A.O. discuss the matter with 343 and until more information is received from Group Captain Benson. C.C.A.O. requested that minute be repeated on Agenda of next meeting. (action Secretary)

30. Checks and Money Orders in Transit

C.C.A.O. directed that all checks and money orders in transit at the

taken up with the Finance Division. (Action C.C.A.O.)
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30. Checks and Money Orders in Transit

C.C.A.O. directed that all checks and money orders in transit at the time of occupation should be immediately withdrawn from undelivered mail and impounded. (Action C.F.C.)

31. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1550 hours.

AMGOT
1441 Force
Field
20 June 1945

DISTRIBUTION: C.C.A.O.
D.C.C.A.O.
P.A.O.'s - 2
C.S.O.
Heads of all Divisions - 6
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HOST SECRET
144E/7840/C.
17 June 43

-AGENDA-

Second meeting of Executive Council to be held at 1500 hours
18 June 43 in C.S.A.O's Mess.

- ✓ 1. Minutes of previous meeting.
- ✓ 2. Report on status of AMCOT medical supplies for use in
HONOLULU.
- ✓ 3. Director of Civilian Supply and Resources to submit for dis-
cussion and decision:
 - ✓ (a) The feasibility of fixing in advance wage schedules to
be paid for labor employed by the military forces.
 - ✓ (b) The schedule of maximum prices which the military forces
should pay for certain goods notably fresh foodstuffs they
purchase.
4. Director of Public Safety to submit for consideration the
following subjects:
 - ✓ (c) Enlisted personnel for C.S.A.O's in the field
(Appendices A and B)
 - ✓ (b) Provisions for transport for C.S.A.O's in the field
(Appendix C)
- ✓ 5. P.A.O's to submit memorandum on the division of functions of
the Property Custodian and Civilian Supply Divisions.
(Appendix D)

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See para 7843.

Re. Report

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4. Director of Public Safety to submit for consideration the following subjects:
 - ✓ (a) Enlisted personnel for C.A.P.O.'s in the field (Appendices A and B) *Forming up*
 - ✓ (b) Provisions for transport for C.A.P.O.'s in the field (Appendix C) *Report*
- ✓ 5. P.A.O.'s to submit memorandum on the division of functions of the Property Custodian and Civilian Supply Divisions. *Report*
6. Location of follow up groups for 12th Army and 343 Force.

RICHARD G. CROFT
Major IHS
Secretary Executive Council
AMGOT

HQ AMGOT
141 Force
In the Field

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DISTRIBUTION: - C.C.A.O.
D.C.C.A.O.
P.A.O.'s - 2
C.S.O.
Heads of Divisions - 6
Secretary

PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

TABLE SHOWING NUMBER OF V.Os., O.Rs. & P... REQUIRED

Rank	P.S.D. HEADQUARTERS					FIELD						
	H.Q.	Civil & Prisons Special Police	Fire & Civil Defence	Traffic & Regis- tration	TOTAL	Region H.Q.	Provin- cial H.Q.	Local H.Q.	Total	Region H.Q.	Provin- cial H.Q.	
Warrant Officers			3		3							
Klatter Sjt or Staff Sjt(B)		1			1							
Staff Sjt(A) 1					1							
Sgt L.C.	2	5	5	1	1	14	1	4	-	5	1	5
Corporal	2	2	5	1	1	9	-	4	2	6	-	5
Pvt 1c or L/Cpl.	-	2	-	2	-	4						
Pte.	3			1	4							
	B	9	9	.7	3	36	1	8	2	11	1	10

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- * All should be copy typists or T4.
- All the personnel required for the Fire and C should be trained firemen.

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APPENDIX B

PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

THE SHOWN NUMBER OF H.Qs., O.Rs. & F... REQUIRED

L	Region I				Region II				Total Field	GRAND TOTAL
	Region	Provin-	Local	Total	Region	Provin-	Local	Total		
	H.Q.	cial	H.Q.		H.Q.	civil	H.Q.			
	H.Q.				H.Q.					
									-	3
									-	1
									-	1
1	4	-	5		1	5	-	6	11	25+
-	4	2	6		-	5	2	7	13	22+
									-	4
									-	4
1	8	2	11		1	10	2	13	24	60

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All the personnel required for the Fire and Civil Defence Sub-division should be trained firemen.

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CHAFD TOTAL	REGION I										TOTAL
	TOTAL	H.Q.	Region	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	
	89	5	2	6	7	1	1	1	1	3	4
	3	1	4	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	4
	12	13	18	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21
	51	66	3	1	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
	15	48	66	132	221	12	18	22	20	12	132
	132	221	12	18	22	20	12	132	221	12	221

TABLE SHOWING NUMBER OF W.O.s, O.R.s and P.M. REQUIRED

PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

Appendix A

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PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

TABLE SHOWING NUMBER OF W.Os, O.Rs and E.M. REQ

Rank	P.S.D. HEADQUARTERS						Region I				FIELD	
	H.Q.	Civil & Special Police	Prisons	Fire & Civil Defense	Traffic & Registration	TOTAL H.Q.	Region H.Q.	Provincial H.Q.	Local H.Q.	Total	Region H.Q.	Provincial H.Q.
Varrant Officers	1			3		4						
Master Sgt. or Staff Sgt. (6)		2	1			3						
Staff Sgt. (A)					1	1	1	4	1	6	1	
Sgt	4	14	17	5	1	41	1	4	16	21	1	
Corporal	2	14	7	3	1	27			21	21		
Pvt 1 cl or L/Cpl.		4		3		7						
Pte.	3			1	2	6	1	4	13	18	1	
TOTAL	10	34	25	15	5	89	3	12	51	66	3	

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Appendix A

PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

SHOWING NUMBER OF W.O.s, O.R.s and E.M. REQUIRED

TOTAL H.Q.	Region I				FIELD					GRAND TOTAL
	Region H.Q.	Provin- cial H.Q.	Local H.Q.	Total	Region H.Q.	Provin- cial H.Q.	Local H.Q.	Total	Total Field	
										4
										3
	1	4	1	6	1	5	-	6	12	15
	1	4	16	21	1	5	14	20	41	82 +
			21	21			22	22	43	70 =
	1	4	13	18	1	5	12	18	36	7
	3	12	51	66	3	15	48	66	132	42
										221

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Appendix C

Corrected

PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

Memo. To: C.C.A.O.

Subject: Transportation Estimate

It is estimated that the following transportation should be available to the Public Safety Division for the operation now under consideration.

- Correction "A" → 42*
- 1. Trucks 1 1/4 Ton 4 x 4
 - 2. Trucks 1 1/2 Ton 6 x 6 with winch
 - 3. Motorcycles with side car

The above estimate is based on distribution of C.A.P.O.'s as shown in Appendix D AMDOT Plan.

The item 3 Trucks 1 1/2 Ton 6 x 6 should be included in Riders. Pool.

The other two items should be assigned to the use of the Public Safety Division Distribution proposed is shown below.

4 x 4	6 x 6	C.A.P.O.
Staff 3	1	1
Region(2) 2	2	6
Provinces 9	-	-
Local 23 (see below)	~~7~~ 3	~~7~~ <i>Correction "B"</i>
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It is recommended that above vehicles be made available to this division as estimated.

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Local	28 (see below)	~~7~~ 3	~~7~~ ^{Correction "B"}
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+++++ LOCAL DISTRIBUTION

PROVINCES 1 and 8	4 each.	8.
-do- 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 & 9	3 each.	18.
-do- 4	-2.	2.
Total		28.

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Appendix 'D'MEMORANDUM ON FUNCTIONS OF ALLIED AND
ENEMY PROPERTY DIVISION AND CIVILIAN
SUPPLY DIVISION

1. Further discussion of the Plan between the staffs of the Property Custodian and the Civilian Supply Division indicate that the respective functions of the two divisions have not as yet been satisfactorily clarified. This paper is intended as an interpretation of the plan with a view to delineating the relationship of the two divisions.

2. The Allied and Enemy Property Division will, as stated in para 15(f) of the Plan, be responsible for the "custody" of:

- (a) property of Allied owners sequestered by the Italian Government;
- (b) property of the enemy government not in the custody of some other branch of the Allied Forces;
- (c) abandoned property or property belonging to absentee owners.

3. The incidents of "custody" will vary with the type of property. In the case of unimproved real estate it will amount to legal custody only. In the case of improved real estate (o.s. buildings, house homes, apartments, etc) it will involve care and maintenance also in appropriate cases, responsibility for leasing and necessary repair. In the case of business properties or industries, it will involve operation through management selected or approved by the Custodian.

The general functions of the Custodian will be analogous to those of a trustee or receiver, accordingly he will be responsible for procuring whatever personnel is necessary to maintain properties in his custody, or to operate them if it is determined that operation should be continued.

4. As stated in para 15(c) of the Plan the Civilian Supply Division will, among other(s), be responsible for the survey, development and control of the resources of the territory for both military and civilian needs. This function, coupled with the other functions of the Division, (i.e. estimating and meeting essential civilian needs, and supervising rationing, transport and labor) is intended to give the Civilian Supply Division overall control and supervision of the economy of the territory. Thus it is within the province of the Civilian Supply Division to determine what natural resources of the territory shall be developed, what industries shall be continued, and to

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5. The Civilian Supply Division will have on its staff experts in various fields, e.g. utilities, communications, mining, and possible one or more industrial engineers. This personnel will be available to advise the Custodian on technical problems arising in any business or industry which is being operated under the supervision of the Custodian. These experts will not assume actual management functions, but will be called on by the Custodian for advice and consultation when necessary. They will be used by the Custodian in the same way that he may use Italian consulting engineers who might be of service in technical problems.

6. A decision was reached at the Executive Council meeting on 11 June that industries deemed essential for the military forces may be operated under the supervision and control of the Civilian Supply Division with the assistance of technical personnel. If the owner is not an absentee or the Italian State the effect of this decision will be to place the responsibility for management of essential industries on the Civilian Supply Division. This is the only class of cases in which this Division will exercise management functions.

7. The Property Custodian Division has a staff of eleven officers on the present I/O W.M. It may be that this staff will prove inadequate if a substantial number of properties, particularly operating businesses, fall into the custody of the division. No change should be made at this time but the situation should be reviewed on the basis of actual experience, both as to the nature and the amount of property which is required to be seized by the Custodian, and availability and suitability of Italian personnel to augment the establishment of the Custodian.
8. It is recommended that the foregoing be approved as a guide to the Divisions concerned.

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APPENDIX 'E'

RESPONSIBILITY FOR POSTAGE IN HORRIFIED

1. Certain preliminary work has been done in connection with the postage system in HORRIFIED, including:

- (a) arrangements for the printing and early shipment of a suitable stamp issue;
- (b) discussions with JFC regarding consorship;
- (c) proposals for closing down the postal system forthwith and for the form in which it should subsequently be reopened;
- (d) a decision that the proposals for the new issue be used for revenue purposes other than postage, e.g. receipts etc.

2. While the matters mentioned above have been settled, no decision has yet been arrived at, whether responsibility for the postal services which resumed, and for any initial planning required, should rest on one of the existing

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18 June 1943

Executive Council Meeting

The following rider to Appendix 'C' was received too late to be included in the Agenda for meeting to be held this afternoon at 1500 hrs:

Explanation - Distribution Appendix C
Public Safety Division
Transportation Estimate

NOTE: In the first table in Appendix C "33 Trucks 1/4 Ton 4 x 4" should read "42 Trucks 130 Ton 4 x 4".

In the second table the total number of "6 x 6" trucks should be 3 instead of 7.

1. 3 - 4 x 4 for use of P.S.D. at AMGOT Hqrs to be in pool for maintenance but earmarked for use of P.S.D.

2 - 4 x 4's provide for one jeep for use of each Regional C.A.P.O. and his immediate assistants.

2. 9 - 4 x 4's provides one jeep for use by the C.A.P.O. in charge of P.S. in that province.

3. 28 - 4 x 4's are intended to provide means of transportation for C.A.P.O.s assigned to duty in charge of towns outside of Provincial Capitals. The distribution proposed is as follows.

4. Province No. 1 - 4 - 4 x 4's - one to be used in capital where 14 C.A.P.O.s are on duty in addition to the Provincial C.A.P.O. Counting the 4 x 4 assigned to the Provincial C.A.P.O. there will be 2 - 4 x 4's available for P.S. purpose at this point.

For three towns to which 4 C.A.P.O.s are assigned one 4 x 4 is proposed for joint use.

For six towns to which C.A.P.O.s are assigned 2 - 4 x 4's are proposed for joint use.

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5. Province No. 2 - In this Province for use outside of the Provincial Capital 3 - 4 x 4's are proposed for the joint use of 11 C.A.P.O.s assigned to cover 8 towns. No 4 x 4 is contemplated for use of the 4 local C.A.P.O.s on duty in the capital as the Provincial C.A.P.O. has one 4 x 4 at his disposal.

6. Province No. 3 - Outside the Provincial Capital 3 - 4 x 4's are proposed for use of 10 local C.A.P.O.s in covering 11 towns. No 4 x 4 is proposed for use of 3 local C.A.P.O.s on duty in the capital in addition to the Provincial C.A.P.O.

7. Province No. 4 - Outside the Provincial Capital 2 - 4 x 4's are proposed for the use of 5 local C.A.P.O.s in covering 6 towns. No 4 x 4 is proposed for the use of one local C.A.P.O. on duty in the Provincial Capital in addition to the Provincial C.A.P.O.

8. Province No. 5 - Outside the Provincial Capital 3 - 4 x 4's are proposed for the use of 6 local C.A.P.O.s in covering 7 towns. No 4 x 4 is proposed for the use of 2 local C.A.P.O.s on duty in the Provincial Capital in addition to the Provincial C.A.P.O.

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9. Province No. 6 - Outside the Provincial Capital 3 - 4 x 4's are proposed for the use of 6 local C.A.P.O.'s in covering 8 towns. No 4 x 4 is proposed for the use of 2 local C.A.P.O.'s on duty in the Provincial Capital in addition to the Provincial C.A.P.O.
10. Province No. 7 - Outside the Provincial Capital 3 - 4 x 4's are proposed for the use of 6 local C.A.P.O.s in covering 8 towns. No 4 x 4 is proposed for the use of 2 local C.A.P.O.s on duty in the Provincial Capital in addition to the provincial C.A.P.O.
11. Province No. 8 - Outside the Provincial Capital 3 - 4 x 4's are proposed for the use of 6 local C.A.P.O.s in covering 8 towns. One additional 4 x 4 is proposed for the use of 11 local C.A.P.O.s on duty in the Provincial Capital to augment the 4 x 4 proposed for the Provincial C.A.P.O.
12. Province No. 9 - Outside the Provincial Capital 2 - 4 x 4's are proposed for the use of 4 local C.A.P.O.s in covering 5 towns. One additional 4 x 4 is proposed for the use of 8 local C.A.P.O.s on duty in the Provincial Capital to augment the 4 x 4 proposed for the Provincial C.A.P.O.

It will be noted that in this Province the road communications are complicated by the presence of a large volcanic mountain.

13. 3 trucks 6 x 6 with advance. In arriving at this figure it was estimated that one of these vehicles should be provided for use of the P.S.D. and provided for in the Hqrs. Pool.

During the time that Military Government is conducted upon a Regional basis it is estimated that one 6 x 6 should be available for use as needed by the Regional C.A.P.O. These two vehicles may be held in the Central Hqrs. Pool or assigned out to the Regional Hqrs. depending upon location of Central Hqrs. road net and tactical situation.

14. ⁷ Motorcy 1as with side cars. It must be understood that this suggestion is a compromise between 4 x 4's and motorcycles solo. It is anticipated that Regular Courier service will be provided by AMCO personnel from the Central Pool. However for assuring rapid transportation available to the Regional and Provincial C.A.P.O.s it is proposed to make available to each Regional C.A.P.O. 5 M.C.S.C. to be used by him within his region to meet emergency needs of himself, the several provinces and towns. The one M.C.S.C. planned for the P.S.D. Hqrs. is intended to meet the same general need but upon the AMCO level.

It is at all possible drivers assigned to duty with above transportation should be of superior qualifications and speaking the language of the country as in many instances they will have to act as assistants to the C.A.P.O.s

15. Any vehicles assigned to C.A.P.O.s by task forces and remaining at their disposal should be deducted from above estimates and surplus vehicles returned to the AMCO Pool.

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MINUTES OF
FIRST MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
ANGOT
11 June 1943

PRESENT

Major General Lord Rennell	- C.C.A.O.
Brigadier General McSherry	- D.C.C.A.O.
Colonel Cheyne	- Director of Public Health
Colonel Bolles	- Commissioner of Public Safety
Lieut. Col. Maxwell	- P.A.O.
Lieut. Col. Spofford	- P.A.O.
Lieut. Col. Thorne Thorne	- C.S.O.
Lieut. Col. Grafftey Smith	- Chief Financial Officer
Lieut. Col. Chanler	- Chief Legal Officer
Major Nolen	- Acting Director of Supply & Resources
Major Croft	- Secretary

1. C.C.A.O. called the meeting to order at 1500 hrs.

2. Introductory Remarks (Item 1)

C.C.A.O. stated that meetings would be held at least once a week and that their purpose was to afford an opportunity for heads of Divisions to meet and discuss problems at top levels. He asked that copies of relevant minutes be placed in the appropriate file.

3. Mounting of Operation HUSKY (Item 2(a) and (b))

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5. Combined TBA and G.1098 (Item 2(a))

C.S.O. stated that G.1098 had been approved. D.C.C.A.O. reported that American TBA had been forwarded to Brig. General Adcock and that approval was expected. C.C.A.O. asked C.S.O. to note that transport drawn on 545 should be entered as a reduction against W.E. C.C.A.O. asked if more definite information could be obtained on transport for 343. D.C.C.A.O. said he would take it up with 343. C.C.A.O. stated that he would like to have American transport by end of month for move to TUNIS. (Action D.C.C.A.O. and C.S.O.).

6. Divisional Planning and Personnel (Item 3 - Appendix 'A' para 1 and 2).

Col. Maxwell reported on Divisional planning and personnel. C.S.O. and Secretary were requested to report on position of officers, ORs and EM yet to arrive (Action C.S.O. and Secretary).

7. Allied and Enemy Property Division (Item 3 - Appendix 'A' para 3)

Col. Maxwell reported that due to the shortage in officer personnel in various Divisions it was frequently necessary to borrow officers from other Divisions. C.C.A.O. asked C.S.O. to send a telegram to M.E. requesting that Major Pinguist be sent on as Acting Custodian of subject Division. (Action C.S.O.).

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8. Supervision and Operation of Industries (Item 3 & Item 6(a) - Appendix 'A' para 4(b))

It was generally agreed that when present, the Property Custodian should serve as the supervisor of industries which were statal, parastatal or owned by absentee or allied proprietors. Other industries would be supervised by Civilian Supply Division. Neither Division would be in a position to find management from its own resources.

9. Responsibility for Security (Item 3 - Appendix 'A' para 5)

C.C.A.O. stated that responsibility is to be confined to supervision and that the actual enforcement of law and order cannot be undertaken. D.C.C.A.O. inquired about protection after the military had left and Col. Maxwell was requested to draft a letter to C.G.S. pointing out the limited resources of the Director of Public Safety and the dependence of AMGOT upon ability to reorganise the civil police.

10. Divisional Reports

* C.C.A.O. asked that all Divisional reports be submitted in final form by 25 June. (Action Heads of Divisions).

11. Field Reports

C.C.A.O. stated that early reports (1st week) would not be required of Heads of Divisions and that administrative duties must have first consideration.

12. Currency

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13. Responsibility for Relief (Item 4 - Appendix 'B')

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15. Responsibility for Social Insurance (Item 5)

C.C.A.O. stated that the management of funds should be vested in the Financial Division. He requested Col. Maxwell to draft a memorandum setting forth the division of responsibility between the Financial and Public Health Divisions. (Action Col. Maxwell).

16. Labor Organization (Item 6 (b))

C.C.A.O. stated that AMGOT will not undertake to adopt a ²⁹²⁸policy at this time. He further stated that he intended to discuss the matter with General Miller. It was generally agreed that Force 141 is to be held responsible for issuing a labour directive.

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17. Interpreters for C.A.Os and C.A.P.Os (Item 7).

Col. Bolles requested adequate force of interpreters. It was decided that all interpreters would be drawn from existing personnel or from such local personnel as could be found.

18. Divisional Relationship on Wages. (Item 8).

C.C.A.O. stated that Civilian Supply and Public Health Divisions must consult Financial Division on all policies relating to prices and wages.

19. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 1635 hrs.

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AGENDA

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First Meeting of Executive Council to be held at 1500 hours 11 June 1943, in the C. C. A. O. 's Mess.

1. Introductory remarks by the C. C. A. O.
2. C.S.O. to report on mounting of operation HUSKY:
 - (a) Mounting of assault parties;
 - (b) Mounting of main body;C.S.O. to report on progress of:
 - (c) Combined T/O W.E.
 - (d) Combined TRA G.1093 -
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4. P.A.O.'s to submit a report on the responsibility for Relief. APPENDIX 'B'.
5. P.A.O.s to report on the responsibility for Social Insurance.
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(b) Policy with regard to labor organizations. What is the policy with regard to labor organizations?

(1) Adoption of the syndicates in toto,

(2) Adoption of the syndicates with change of name, or

(3) Complete abolition of the syndicates and establishment of free labor unions. 2224

7. Director of Public Safety to submit for decision:

(a) Extent to which it is planned to provide interviewers to local field groups of C.A.O.s and C.A.P.O.s.

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6. Chief Financial Officer to submit for decision:

Relations between Financial Division and Supplies Division on
the subject of prices and wages.

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Appendix 'A'

PROGRESS OF DIVISIONAL PLANNING

1. The individual divisions have continued their planning and submitted progress reports, as at the end of the first week in June.
2. The personnel situation contained in these reports is shown in the attached schedule.
3. Although all divisions have a number of important points outstanding which require to be clarified. Progress on the whole has been satisfactory except in the case of the Allied and Enemy Property Division, which is at present almost wholly devoid of staff. A start in this division has now been made, but certain questions on the scope of responsibility involved require immediate solution.
4. There are a number of points affecting two or more divisions which remain outstanding:
 - (a) Relief and Social Insurance. Financial and Public Health Divisions (See Items 4 and 5).
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 - (c) Prices and Wages. Financial and Civilian Supply Divisions (See Item 6(b)).
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PERSONNEL PROGRESS REPORT

	Establishment			Reported for duty			Assigned but yet reported	
	A	B	Total	A	B	Total	A	B
1. H.Q. other than Special Divisions	17	13	30	6	6	12	-	4
2. Field C.A.Os.	49	50	99	38	23	61	10	20
3. Legal Division	16	14	30	15	7	22	-	3
4. Financial Division	26	28	54	11	7	18	15	15
5. Civilian Supply Division	18	12	30	12	6	18	5	1
6. Public Health Division	14	14	28	13	4	17	1	6
7. Public Safety Division (incl C.A.P.Os)	77	78	155	46	8	54	27	70
8. Allied and Enemy Property Division	6	6	12	4	1	5	1	5
TOTALS	223	215	438	145	62	207	59	124

NOTES: (i) Establishment figures are those set out in Appendices 'C' and
(ii) Under "reported for duty" are included all officers who have or any other theatre of war, whether they are actually present

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BIGOTNOT SECRETPERSONNEL PROGRESS REPORTSCHEDULE TO APPENDIX 'A'

Reported for duty			Assigned but not yet reported			Deficiency		
A	B	Total	A	B	Total	A	B	Total
						11	3	14
6	6	12	-	4	4	1	7	8
38	23	61	10	20	30	1	4	5
15	7	22	-	3	3	2	4	6
11	7	18	15	15	30	1	5	6
12	6	18	5	1	6	-	4	4
13	4	17	1	6	7	4	-	4
46	8	54	27	70	97	1	-	1
4	1	5	1	5	6			
						21	27	48
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 tre of war, whether they are actually present now or have already gone forward.

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Minute to: D.C.C.A.O.

C.S.O.

Heads of Branches

1. It has been my intention when the Government is set up in the occupied territory, to institute the practice of getting officers to whom this minute is addressed together once a week or more frequently if required, to constitute an executive council of government.
 2. I think at this stage in the development of planning it would be appropriate to begin these meetings, so that heads of branches will have an opportunity of reporting progress and ensuring that what they are doing is consistent both with general policy and with the work of the several branches.
 3. The meetings of the executive council will be formal and attended by the Secretary (Deputy to the Chief Staff Officer) who will record any recommendations or decisions of the executive council.
 4. The proceedings of the council will follow an agenda. The agenda will be submitted for approval of the C.C.A.O. through the Secretary of the council at least one day preceding the meeting.
 5. A special file of the proceedings of the executive council will be kept in the Secretariat and the decisions recorded will be communicated by the Secretary to the branches concerned and recorded in the subject files affected.
 6. No other persons will attend the meetings of the council but those to whom this minute has been addressed, except by specific request of the C.C.A.O. In the normal course of events, officers may be called to attend a meeting other than those to whom this minute has been addressed, on special subjects when they will only be present while that subject is being discussed.
- The Deputy Heads of Divisions will not attend ex officio in the absence of their Chief except by direction.
7. I suggest that the first meeting should be held on Friday, 11th June, at 1200 hrs, in the ante-room of my Mess. In addition to heads of branches, Cols. Maxwell and Spofford as Principal Planning Officers will attend during this phase. The Secretary of the council during this phase will be Major Croft. I should like proposals for the agenda by Thursday noon.
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Executive Council Meeting

The following rider to Appendix 'C' was received too late to be included in the Agenda for meeting to be held this afternoon at 1500 hours:

Explanation - Distribution Appendix C
Public Safety Division
Transportation Estimate

NOTE: In the first table in Appendix C "33 Trucks 1/4 Ton 4 x 4" should read "42 Trucks 1/4 Ton 4 x 4."

In the second table the total number of "6 x 6" trucks should be 3 instead of 7.

1. 3 - 4 x 4 for use of P.S.D. at AMCOT Hdqrs. to be in pool for maintenance but our marked for use of P.S.D.

2 - 4 x 4's provide for one jeep for use of each Regional C.A.P.O. and his immediate assistants.

2. 9 - 4 x 4's provides one jeep for use by the C.A.P.O. in charge of P.S. in that province.

3. 23 - 4 x 4's are intended to provide means of transportation for C.A.P.O.s assigned to duty in charge of towns outside of Provincial Capitals. The distribution proposed is as follows.

4. Province No. 1- 4 - 4 x 4's - one to be used in capital where 14 C.A.P.O.s are on duty in addition to the Provincial C.A.P.O. Counting the 4 x 4 assigned to the Provincial C.A.P.O. there will be 2 - 4 x 4's available for P.S. purpose at this point.

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6. Province No. 3- Outside the Provincial Capital 3 - 4 x 4's are proposed for use of 10 local C.A.F.O.s in covering 11 towns. No 4 x 4 is proposed for use of 3 local C.A.F.O.'s on duty in the capital in addition to the C.A.F.O.

7. Province No. 4- Outside the Provincial Capital 2 - 4 x 4's are proposed for the use of 5 local C.A.F.O.s in covering 6 towns. No 4 x 4 is proposed for the use of one local C.A.F.O. on duty in the Provincial Capital in addition to the Provincial C.A.F.O.

8. Province No. 5- Outside the Provincial Capital 3 - 4 x 4's are proposed for the use of 6 local C.A.F.O.'s in covering 7 towns. **2220** No 4 x 4 is proposed for the use of 2 local C.A.F.O.s on duty in the Provincial Capital in addition to the Provincial C.A.F.O.

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12. Province No. 9 - Outside the Provincial Capital 2 - 4 x 4's are proposed for the use of 4 local C.A.P.O.s in covering 3 towns. One additional 4 x 4 is proposed for the use of 8 local C.A.P.O.s on duty in the Provincial Capital to augment the 4 x 4 proposed for the Provincial C.A.P.O.

It will be noted that in this Province the road communications are complicated by the presence of a large volcanic mountain.

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