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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478800

AC/14177/PS

5 July 1945

SUBJECT : Transport of Goods.

TO : Regional Commissioner,
Lombardia Region (Attn: RPSO).

1. Reference is made to your PS/2.3, dated 12 June, 1945, and PS/17.2.1, dated 15 June, 1945.
2. The Economic Line has been abolished, but ENAC continues to organise road blocks in various localities with a view to checking the legality of the movement of vehicles and goods.
3. Transmitted herewith for information is a copy of the latest instruction issued by Transportation Sub-Commission, Movements Division - Road - memorandum No 2, with regard to the movement of civilian transport.
4. With regard to the issue of release orders and the movement of blocked goods, Commerce Sub-Commission advise that this matter is at present under review and that it is expected that new directions will be issued shortly.
5. Commerce Sub-Commission also advise that pending the issue of the directive referred to in preceding paragraph, questions relating to the issue of release orders might be referred to Allied Forces Local Resources Section through Commerce Division, your Headquarters.

Major Wm. C. Ballance.

WCB/ae

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
for Colonel, JAHD
Director.

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1 Enclosure.

Copy : AC/14011/10/PS

Tel : 478303

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APO 304

Transportation Sub-Commission

Our ref.: AC/31/7/Tn 3

28 June 45.

MOVEMENTS DIVISION - ROAD - MEMORANDUM No. 2Movement of Traffic into and out of AMG Territory

1. In accordance with agreement with H.Q. 15 Army Group this instruction is issued to govern the movement of Civilian M.T. carrying civilian traffic from Italian Government Territory to AMG Area and from AMG Area to Italian Government Territory.

2. Traffic from Italian Government Territory to AMG Territory.

The only competent authority to despatch Civilian M.T. from Italian Government Territory is ENAC. Any vehicle proceeding to Army Area will be in possession of ENAC trip ticket and where necessary, AC authority on the form prescribed in Movements Division, Roads Memo No. 1 Amendment No. 1. After delivery of load driver of vehicle will report (in Army Area) to the nearest AMG Transportation Officer and the vehicle will not undertake the transport of any goods unless authorized to do so, in writing by an AMG Transportation Officer or authority acting on his behalf.

3. Traffic from Army Area to Italian Government Territory.

(a) AC/AMG Transportation Officers will only authorize the movement of M.T. carrying Civilian goods into Italian Government Territory subject to detailed instructions which may be issued from time to time by competent AMG/Army Formations.

(b) M.T. carrying civilian traffic into Italian Government Territory will only be authorized by AC/AMG Transportation Officer to carry an outward load and will be ordered to report to and only accept a return load from ENAC (see para 2).

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4.

Trip Tickets.

- (a) Truckers must obtain an AMG ticket in AMG Territory or an ENAC ticket in Italian Government Territory to move goods from the respective areas.
- (b) Neither U.A. Offices in AMG Territory nor ENAC Offices in Italian Government Territory may issue trip tickets covering return journeys.
- (c) Where no return load is available a ticket marked "No load available" will be issued, and the trucker instructed to report for a load to despatch offices on the direct route to his place of domicile. Each despatch office visited will frank the ticket in the same way and sign it, unless a load can be provided. Despatch offices will only allot loads for destinations on the direct route to the truckers place of domicile.

- (d) Trip tickets will be issued in duplicate and one copy will be handed in either to U.A. office or ENAC office on completion of return trip.
- (e) All trip tickets will be written in ink or indelible pencil.

5.

Haulage Charges.

- (a) Charges will not exceed the tariff rate applicable to the area from which goods are moved e.g. revised G.O.42 Tariff in AMG Territory and ENAC Tariff in Italian Government Territory.
- (b) No payment for the return journey will be made to truckers at the point of origin before departure.
- (c) If a return load is available at destinations the trucker will be paid for the mileage involved either by ENAC in Italian Government Territory or the U.A. office in AMG Territory before departure on return trip.
- (d) If no return load (to point of origin or other points en route to points of origin) is pre-arranged or obtained at destinations or points en route, the trucker will receive payment for the return trip at the normal rates for empty mileage applying in location where the truck is domiciled, provided that a trip ticket is produced franked as per Para 4 (c) above, less any sums collected for haulage en route.
- (e) Any truckers refusing a return load or failing to have trip ticket stamped at despatch offices en route will not be entitled to any payment for the empty return trip.

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P.O.I.

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- (a) On departure from point of origin sufficient POL will be allotted with the trip ticket for the outward trip only.
- (b) At destination POL for the return journey will be issued with the return trip ticket only.
- (c) Where no back-load is available at destination only sufficient POL to reach the next despatch office en route will be issued, except in cases where no despatch office exists on the direct route.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Merritt H. Taylor
MERRITT H. TAYLOR
Director

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOMBARDIA REGION
Regional Public Safety Office

PS/17.2.1.

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15 June 45

SUBJECT : Economic Line

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission
HQ, Allied Commission.

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1. Reference attached, could you please inform me the present position regarding the transport of foodstuffs and goods over the economic line, and especially whether road-blocks are operating.

2. It is well realised that personal travel over this line is unrestricted.

For the Regional Commissioner.

TO		
DIRECTOR	19/6/45	
DEPUTY DIRECTOR		
EXEC. OFFICER	19/6/45	
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C.T. Francis

C.T. FRANCIS,
Lt-Colonel,
RPSO, LOMBARDIA REGION

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
CITY OF MILANRECEIVED
14 JUN 1945

13 May 1945 REG.

File : ML/82

SUBJECT: Economic Line

Date, 13 June 1945

TO : Regional Commissioner HQ. A.M.G.
Lombardia Region.

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Attached communications are forwarded for attention
and necessary action as suggested by Major Coxhead.

For the Commissioner for City of Milan:

J. M. RORTNER
Lt. Col. A.U.S.
Executive Officer

Incl.

Recd 7/6
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CITY OF MILAN

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SUBJECT:

Date, 11th June 1945

TO : Lt.Col. H.G. Hershenson.

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1. With reference to the attached papers, I have seen the Regional Public Safety Officer, who points out that the economic line is not within the area of Region 11, and whilst it may be of some use to put road blocks out in the vicinity of Milan City, it would appear that it would be a far better procedure if the vehicles coming from the south were stopped at the economic line.

2. I do not know whether there is a control on the economic line; may I therefore suggest that these papers be forwarded to Allied Commission Headquarters for:

1. Information of Public Safety Sub-Commission
2. Information of Economic Division

for any action that they may deem necessary.

P. Coxhead
P. COXHEAD, MAJOR
Public Safety Officer

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
CITY OF MILAN

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Date. 6TH OF JUNE 1945

SUBJECT ECONOMIC LINE

TO
Lieut. Col. H. E. Hershenson
Commissioner for the City of Milan.

1. The head of Septral has expressed his grave concern regarding the comparative ease with which trucks from points South are entering Milan, Como and other parts of the North.

2. Whilst I personally would be 100% in favour of an organised free trade between the North and South this present situation is dangerous because it appears to be organised on one side of the boundary only. We here are respecting A.C. orders concerning the Economic Line.

3. I am sure that Milan City and Provincial transport is being subject to a strict control. Discontent however is created amongst the merchants and truck owners when they have to sit and continue to watch their brethren from the South coming and going freely.

4. I have reports of Rome trucks up in Veneto buying eggs. Increase in price is the result and this applies to many other commodities.

5. I would urge that action is taken on a regional basis and would suggest a start on unauthorised transport entering Milan.

For the Commissioner for the City of Milan.

W.D.

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For the Commissioner for the City of Milan.

J. Douglas Lester
J. Douglas Lester, Captain.
Food Officer
Milan City Province.

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1 ~~Lieut. Col. H. E. Herby~~

~~Commissioner for the City of Milan~~

1 Major R. E. Horn

Regional Food Officer

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

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Economic boundary line established by para 3 FX 64182 of 22 April FX 65919 of 26 April FX 73836 of 11 May will be abolished effective 0001 hrs 28 May. Accordingly road blocks will be discontinued. This action does not affect controls of prices and wage differentials which will remain applicable until modified under normal procedure.

To ALCON. Your 3210 of 23 May refers.

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AFHQ FOR FUGBI Information ~~NY~~ 15 ARMY GROUP CIVIL AFFAIRS

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22 May 45

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PARA ONE PD IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE ABOLITION OF THE ECONOMIC LINE
WILL SHORTLY BE RECOMMENDED PD

PARA TWO ASHQ FOR FUGBI INFORMATION IS ARMY GROUP CIVIL AFFAIRS FROM
ALCON SITE ACCAS PARA PD

PARA TWO PD IN THE EVENT OF THIS RECOMMENDATION RECEIVING APPROVAL
CMA IT IS REQUESTED THAT AUTHORITY BE GIVEN TO ABOLISH THE RESTRICTED
LINE AT THE SAME TIME AS THE ECONOMIC LINE PD

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Civil Affairs Section

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BOWMAN-CARTER Lt Col.

NICHOLAS FICHINO
CWO USA
Asst Adjutant

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Ref your Mr 7856 of 17 and this HQ A/37 of 17.

No difficulties with Regional Commissioners now. 3 Control Posts operative from today and further one within next few days.

HEADQUARTERS
22 MAY 1945

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

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Tel: 489081-365
19 May, 1945

AC/14177/PS

SUBJECT : Economic Control Line

TO : VP CA Sec

1. Reference Cable N°A/37 dated 17 May, from Distone and minute from Executive Commissioner.
2. Copy letter AC/14177/PS dated 6 May, is attached showing directions to R.P.S.O.'s.
3. Also attached is Cable N°7856 dated 17 May, from this Sub-Commission to Distone asking for specific information of difficulties experienced.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN

Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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DISTONE INFORMATION 15 ARMY GROUP, AFHQ G-5, 8 ARMY REAR FOR AMG

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17, May 1945

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SUBJECT IS ECONOMIC CONTROL LINE PD

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PAREN TO DISTONE INFORMATION 15 ARMY GROUP CMA AFHQ G-5 CMA EIGHTH
ARMY REAR FOR AMG FROM ALCOM CITE ACPSE PAREN PD

PARA ONE PD REFERENCE YOUR ABLE SLANT THREE SEVEN DATED ONE SEVEN
MAY FOUR FIVE PD

PARA TWO PD REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS HAVE BEEN DIRECTED BY THIS
CO
COMMISSION TO GIVE EVERY ASSISTANCE IN THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE
ECONOMIC CONTROL LINE PD

PARA THREE PD PLEASE REPLY REGION AND DISTRICTS WHERE DIFFICULTY
IS BEING EXPERIENCED PD

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Public Safety S/C
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F.J.Wilson, Lt Col.

NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
CWO, USA
Asst, Adjutant

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMIS: 3

Originator's Reference: A/37
 Date Time of Origin: MAY 170740B

Message Centre No: E/1108
 Date Time Rec'd: MAY 171110B
 Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: DISTONE
 TO: 15 ARMY GP INFO AFHQ G-5, 8 ARMY, ALCOM

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Reference your AG 68 of 13 May. No road blocks yet effective as AC Region have failed to comply with area request. Provide necessary Carabinieri or other personnel. CMP checks established on main routes but volume of traffic on routes 9 and 16 completely precludes effective check of military vehicles thereon. Consider vehicles of Italian Gruppi most likely offenders but unable to deal with all these on Routes 9 and 16. Extremely difficult obtain information as to exportation from NORTH to SOUTH particularly in view of vast numbers of refugees travelling SOUTH but will endeavour forward report earliest.

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Reference our FX 64182 para 3, FX 65919 and FX 70420.

Blocks on main roads between KENNES and 5TH ARMY area will be responsibility
of 5TH ARMY.

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INFO-ACTION: Room Sec 2
INFO: A/President
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AO/14377/PB

Tel : 478427 - 580

6 May. 1945.

SUBJECT : Economic Liaison.

TO : R.P.S.O's Toscana, Emilia, Liguria Regions.

1. The Economic Sub-Commission are keenly interested in the success of the control of merchandise between north and south Italy and have asked Public Safety to cooperate as much as possible.

2. While it is appreciated that the calls on your police services are heavy and the numbers low it is requested that you assist as far as possible in the manning of the Economic Control line.

Walter Doherty
for JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

Copy to Economic Sub-Commission.

WD/C.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION.

Ref: 5/GB/CA

3 May 1945

SUBJECT: Economic Line

TO : V.P. Economic Section.

Referring to discussion of Anti Inflation Advisory Board yesterday, it is suggested that:-

- 1) Economic Section prepare a form of "Transport of Merchandise Permit" for use in crossing the Economic Line; such form to be approved by P.S. Sub-Commission before being printed.
- 2) Economic Section to be responsible for distribution to relevant H.Q.s of these permits when printed together with instructions for their use.
- 3) Permits be prepared by Economic Section or officers of Supply Division in Regions but submitted to P.S. Sub-Commission or P.S. Division in Regions for signature before issue.
- 4) All persons to whom Transport of Merchandise Permits are given will also require to be in possession of a Movement of Civilians Pass issued under Exec. Memo 77 when going from South to North.
- 5) It is requested that you ask A.F.H.Q. (if this has not already been done) to instruct 1 and 2 District and P.B.C. to co-operate in forming road blocks, now that armies are moving forward rapidly.

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R. A. Thompson
for G.R. UPTON, Brigadier
V.P. C.A. Section

Copies to:

Exec. Commissioner
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ARMY GROUP, ALLIED COMMISSION NAME, NUMBER 2 DISTRICT AND NUMBER 3 DISTRICT4A
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Paraphrase by CRYPTO AFHQ of our EL 65919 signed SACRED.

Substitute the following for final sentence of paragraph 1 of this HQ's
message FX-64182 dated 22 April:"Economic boundary line will be northern boundaries of RAVENNA, FIRENZE,
PISTOIA and LUCCA provinces and the northern and western boundaries of APUANIA
Province".

Original version of this sentence should be deleted.

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26 APR 1945
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establishing an effective system of checks and blocks.

6. For MAAF. Owing to possibility of minor smuggling of goods by air passengers across boundary in paragraph 1, MAAF are asked to take suitable preventive action.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 594

Office of the Executive Commissioner

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19 April 1945

SUBJECT: A. C. Supply Conference

TO : Vice President of Section and Directors of Sub-Commissions shown on Distribution List.

1. There will be an A. C. Supply Conference held in the General Conference Room, 3rd floor, HQ, A.C. at 1500 hours, Tuesday, 24 April 1945.

2. It is directed that a representative of the Civil Affairs Section, the Directors of Sub-Commissions shown on distribution list of this letter, together with the officer of the sub-commission who is responsible for the handling of requisition and supply matters which are processed through the Supply Division (Requisition Branch) of the Economic Section, be present for the above conference.

3. The conference will be under the chairmanship of Brigadier General E. B. McKinley, Deputy Vice President, Economic Section. A full explanation will be made of the supply situation as it affects the Italian Government, Allied Commission and particularly the requisitioning sub-commissions.

4. Attached is a copy of letter (Secret) from Chief Administrative Officer, AFM, dated 20 March 1945, subject: Functions and duties of the Allied Commission for Italy. This letter is in fact a directive on matters pertaining to economies and supply. It is requested that this letter be carefully read by officers attending the conference prior to the conference and that the copy be retained by the sub-commission for its record and information.

By Command of Rear Admiral Stone

P. W. Stone
NORMAN E. FINE
Colonel

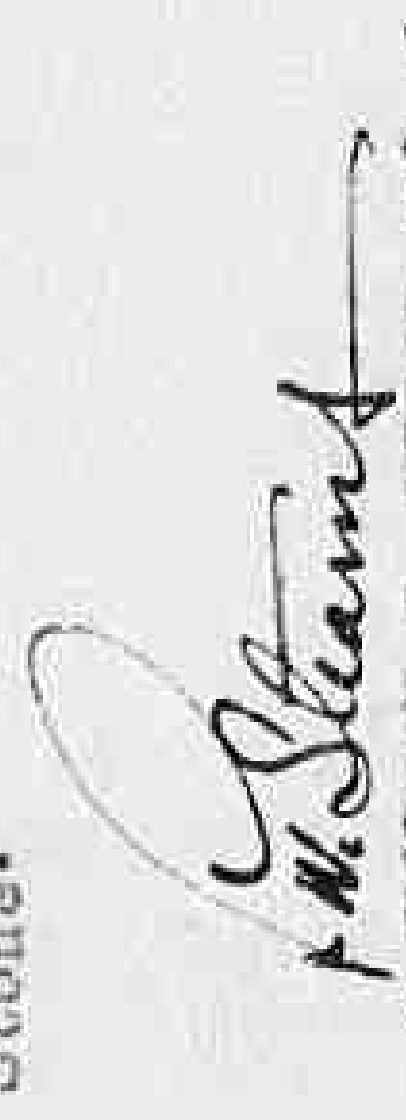
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4. Attached is a copy of letter (Secret) from Chief Administrative Officer, AFM, dated 29 March 1945, subject: Functions and Duties of the Allied Commission for Italy. This letter is in fact a directive on matters appertaining to economics and supply. It is requested that this letter be carefully read by officers attending the conference prior to the conference and that the copy be retained by the sub-commission for its record and information.

By Command of Rear Admiral Stone:


NORMAN E. FIERKE
Colonel
Acting Executive Commissioner

Incl - per para 4.

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SECRETALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

29 March 1945

SUBJECT: Directions and Duties of the Allied Commission for Italy.

TO : Acting President
Allied Commission
A.F.C. 394

Arising out of AFM 487 from the Combined Chiefs of Staff, and the discussions and correspondence subsequent thereto, the following will constitute your directive on matters appertaining to Economics and Supply.

A. General.

1. Until the final cessation of hostilities with both Germany and Japan inadequate shipping can be expected to be a limiting factor. Currently it is a critical factor. All plans and programs, therefore, must be prepared with a view to minimizing shipping requirements during the continuation of military responsibility.

2. There must be maximum development and use of local resources of food and supplies of the nature now being imported. This is necessary not only because of the saving thus effected in shipping, but also because the resources available to the United Nations are being taxed severely to provide relief for the rapidly expanding liberated areas in all theaters of war. Relief at best can be considered only a temporary measure which is applied to areas recently liberated because of the forward progress of the battle line. Relief cannot be expected to be forthcoming indefinitely, but only for a period within which a liberated area reasonably may be expected to re-establish its own basic economy. It is imperative, therefore, that the areas longest liberated should be made rapidly self-sufficient, or as nearly thereto as is possible, in respect to those items of food and relief, the supply of which is now the responsibility of the combined US/UK military authorities. The Italian Government should be advised that to this end and as a pre-requisite to further economic assistance, it must formulate and implement appropriate economic controls and take all other steps possible. In the event these conditions are not met, the Allied authorities will not hesitate to impose the necessary controls or take other appropriate measures.

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3. The AC will formulate recommendations to this HQ as to imports necessary to provide the civilian population with those items of direct relief necessary to avoid disease and unrest which would prejudice the military operation. Action necessary to implement approved recommendations will be reflected in the CAL-LAC cable series.
4. In formulating such recommendations, due allowance shall be given to the availability of local supplies, and necessary steps shall be taken to assure maximum use of local resources to reduce, as far as possible, the quantities of imports needed.
5. Direct relief of the civilian population shall be accomplished by the provision of minimum essential quantities of food, fuel, medical and sanitary supplies, clothing and footwear, administrative supplies, and public utility services, including transport needed to distribute relief supplies and in essential public service, power and communications.
6. Insofar as practicable relief for the civilian population shall be accomplished by the provision of raw materials, maintenance, and operating supplies (including supplies for coal mining, and aids to agricultural production, such as seeds, fertilizers, pesticides, etc.) to enable the civilian population to produce relief supplies which will reduce in the reasonably near future the volume of relief imports.

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7. As the time when combined military responsibility will terminate will not be known when requisitions are being prepared and considered, the importation of supplies under Par. 6 above will not be excluded merely because the effect of such imports may not be felt during the period of combined military responsibility.

C. Military Production.

8. Although the responsibility for seeking out repairable facilities capable of producing or servicing munitions or other implements of war required by the military mission in this or other theaters of war rests with the technical services at AFHQ, the AC should bring to the attention of AFHQ such possibilities as may be determined by the AC.

9. The technical services, to the extent required by such military mission, will take all necessary action to () effect plant repairs to create the required productive capacity, (2) provide any government furnished raw or semi-fabricated materials necessary to secure the required production, () provide for the operation of the plant, and () take delivery of, and make disposition of the plant output.

10. The AC will cooperate with technical services undertaking munitions production projects under para. 9, and will coordinate the furnishing of contributory services thereto, effecting such restoration of power systems and transportation and communication facilities as may be necessary to insure the desired level of production.

D. Italian Industrial Rehabilitation Program.

11. AC shall formulate recommendations to CLAC as to imports necessary to meet the desires of the Italian Government within such policy or other instructions as may be formulated by CLAC (Washington) and transmitted to AC through CCAC (copy to AFHQ). As soon as AC and CLAC have agreed in respect to such recommendations shall be reflected in the CCAC-CLAC cable series which shall be an action responsibility of AC and CLAC and shall be transmitted through CCAC (copy to AFHQ). This rehabilitation program is to be considered essentially on the basis of CLAC procurement planning.

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Re-transmitted
HQ Armed Commission 18 April 1945

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/s/ B. H. Robertson

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Lieutenant General,
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APO 394.

AC/14177/PS.

Tel. 489081 - 365.

24th April, 1945.

SUBJECT : Establishment of Road Blocks along North-South
Economic Boundary.

TO : Economic Section.

1. Reference your letter "Message 5920", dated 24th April, 1945.
2. This Section, which includes Public Safety Sub-Commission, agrees with the draft copy of Message 5920.
3. Detailed arrangements for manning Road Blocks will be made in the various Regions by the Regional Public Safety Officers, whose attention will be called to Message 5920. Instructions will also be issued to Commanding Generals CG.RR and CG.FP, and to the Director of Public Security, Ministry of the Interior.
4. Attention is directed to the absence of instructions as to sea-borne cargo which may be brought into use at a later stage.

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ECONOMIC SECTION

HQ AC

24 April 1945

REF : Message 5920

SUBJECT: Establishment of Road Blocks along North-South Economic Boundary

TO : Civil Affairs Section

1. Secret message F62709 of 20 April AFHQ to HQ ALCON, Rome provides

"Arrangements for checking civilian vehicles at road block will be responsibility of AC/AMG."

2. Secret message FX64182 of 22 April AFHQ to military formations states

a. "Economic boundary line will be northern boundaries of Ravenna, Firenze, Pistoia and Lucca Provinces and northern and western boundary of Apuania Province."

b. "Formations will establish police road blocks (check posts) on all roads crossing the boundary in paragraph 1, to examine both northbound and southbound traffic for illegal cargo. Road blocks will be staffed jointly by military police (to search military vehicles) and Carabinieri or Guardia di Finanza (to search civilian vehicles). Road blocks in areas under US control will conform in general to SPQ announced in PMG Circular number 1."

c. "Types of cargo to be made subject of search will be notified through AC/AMG channels."

d. "Allied Commission issuing similar instructions through AC/AMG channels."

3. Attached is draft copy of secret message to be #5920 and to be sent out by HQ Alcon.

4. Concurrence of Civil Affairs Section and Public Safety S/C requested.

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[Signature]
A. E. ANTOLINI
Acting Vice President
Economic Section

Incl - per paras 3 and 6.

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