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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.F.O. 394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

REF. : S-/100 22 October 1945

SUBJECT : Forwarding of files to Security Division.

TO : Distribution Below.

1. In agreement with the Archivist this Headquarters is now being arranged that this Division will assume responsibility for all files formerly kept by Regional Security Officers of the North.

2. Will you please arrange, therefore to have all files, indices, etc., compiled by you, forwarded to this Division when your office ceases to function.

John K. Emmins,
Colonel, Inf.G.S.C.,
Director Public Safety,
Sub Commission.

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DUTIES OF OFFICERS OF SECURITY DIVISION.

MAJOR HARVEY. Has been responsible for the efficiency of the Division, under the Director of Public Safety, since October, 1944 and previously as a seperate Branch.

With AFHQ has laid down policies for reviews of civilian internees, and acts as President of review board at No. 2 Interbee Camp.

Has supervised the investigation of enemy agent cases for trial by AMG Courts, in forward areas and in Rome.

Is appointed joint investigator - on the British side - to work with an American officer in matters requiring combined action in the investigative field, in all territory and headquarters of AC/AMG.

Is in constant touch with all Military security agencies on security problems.

Undertakes important enquiries of a confidential nature personally.

CAPTAIN ELLIS.

In the absence of Major Harvey, acts as President of Review Board at Terni Civilian Internee Camp.

Compiles confidential reports on important personalities for all Sub Commissions of this Headquarters.

Maintains contact with numerous Italian officials on the Italian political situation, on which he has rendered reports of inestimable value.

Has established a systemof informants which has been responsible for arrests and recovery of property for the Allied Commission in addition to securing information on normal security matters.

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CAPTAIN SAIS.

Has been the officer responsible for preparing enemy agents for trial in Rome.

Is undertaking enquiries in regard to British Renegaded John SPERNI. Has completed the case of Lt. Col. ROCKE and for their trial in U.K. Has now in hand separate cases of Rhona ROBB-SPERNI, Gerald SPERNI, Emanuel WEISS and Jim BARNES, all of which will require considerable investigation, and should result in charges of TREASON.

He is also investigating the contact of the British Union of Fascists with Fascist Italy.

When these cases are completed he will undoubtedly have to go to UK when the trials take place.

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CAPTAIN HAYES.

Is responsible for running the clerical, filing and card index systems. These are most important as they are constantly being referred to for screening purposes.

Conducts correspondence with AFHQ on civilian internees, their appeals from the Vatican, Royal Household, Italian Ministries, Allied Military units, all sub Commissions in this Headquarters, and private appeals.

Investigates suspicious firms, clandestine organizations, political matters and subversive movements of interest to Allied Commission.

CAPTAIN GEACH.

Is engagedsolely at No. 1 Civilian Internee Camp, reviewing the cases of some 2,000 civilian internees. His release from these duties has been asked for but has been opposed by AFHQ as they have no officer suitable to undertake his duties.

LIEUTENANT FEHR.

Is engagedon screening Government Officials, and important personalities.

Maintains contact with the American and Swiss Embassies, and the Vatican.

Is engaged on confidential enquiries at Ministry of the Interior.

Has recently returned, and is still engaged on matters relating thereto, from a neutral country.

Has a case of forgery of Allied Commission travel order in hand. A former employee of this Commission received 27,000 lire for his work. Man arrested by Lt. Fehr.

The duties mentioned above are merely cursory. Each officer is a mine of information concerning security and general knowledge. Each is a fully trained investigator, and as such has been selected for this work. The assistance which has been rendered to AFHQ and AAI by these officers is fully appreciated, because their experience and training have fitted them for the work, in a manner which other officers in the theatre do notpossess. Although not mentioned above, for twelve months officers previously attached to Security Division have prepared cases for trial in Army areas of enemy agents engaged in espionage. They were being acquitted almost every time because of a legal technicality, until officers from Security Division took over the investigations. These officers were transferred from this Headquarters to cut down our manpower ceiling, but the good name and respect they have earned has done a lot of good for the Allied Commission.

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Security work is not automatic. Screening or vetting involves a lot of practical and personal work. To write a letter to the eight official contacts we have would produce stinted, formal replies. It is necessary to do this personally, by an officer who can assess the value of information he ~~obtain~~ finds. In addition these enquiries often mean personal investigation, when it depends upon the skill and experience of the officer concerned. To summarise, it is very easy to ask for a security clearance, but it cannot be done by looking at a name and saying "yes" or "no". Before an opinion is given enquiries are necessary, and so is the officer to do them. The number of cases received each week is round about 80.

Continuity and a long term policy is necessary. It is months before a new officer, even fully trained, achieves his full utility, because you will not get information until people trust you, and so by changing or removing officers unless for very good reason is not good policy. Informants are useful but difficult to handle, and what they tell one man they whom they know, they may never pass on to someone else.

The Security Division has lost the services in the last six months of Majors Hare, McKay, Fielders and Bonnie. In replacement, Captain Hayes has been attached temporarily. To lose other officers would be to take the level beyond the functionally beneficial line. It could be done, but either security screening would become merely "yes" and "no" without any thorough investigation, or the sub commissions and regions seeking the information would have to be told to find out for themselves. Security matters will increase and not, like many other things, cease to be of interest as the Allies move out of the territory. Unless the proper support is given in the North of Italy to security matters, the position will become chaotic, as the enemy is certain to try to infiltrate our organisation on a long term scale. When the war is over, Allied Governments will still want to keep a finger on the potential danger spots to avoid a further war. I can forsee a growing demand for officers of the calibre of those investigators in security division in the immediate future, with war criminals, political trouble, renegades, partisan friction, unsuitable administrative appointments all to be enquired into.

In all these circumstances, I feel that any reduction in strength in Security Division, after the four officers we have lost, will not be practicable. Just as surely, the necessity for a Security officer in each of the Northern regions is immediate, in order that Regional Commissioners are suitably advised.

Major.

HEAD QARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION.

REF: SD/100

30th December, 194-

Subject: Office Accommodation of Security Division.

To : Director, Public Safety Sub Commission.

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1. With regard to the proposal to move Security Division from the second floor to the fifth floor of Headquarters, may the following be borne in mind please when allotting the accommodation.

2. There is no doubt that since Security Division has become a part of Public Safety Sub Commission, it would be more convenient to have the offices of the whole on the same floor or in close proximity, and if adequate office accommodation is available, the change can be effected with a minimum disruption.

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3. At the same time it must be pointed out that the only real advantage to be gained from moving at all is a closer contact between the Public Safety Sub-Commission and the Security Division and saving someone walking down three flights of stairs with files etc. Should the Director or Deputy Director require the presence of a Security Officer he could always be summoned by telephone and be in the office within two minutes. Frequent contact is made personally each day by Major Harvey with the Director and Deputy Director and a daily summary of the work completed by the Division is submitted by 9 a.m. daily for the previous day.

4. It may be helpful if the duties of the Security Division are outlined, and their resemblance or dissimilarity to Public Safety work explained. In early days, when known as Security Branch, it functioned at Naples with the Public Safety Sub-Commission located at Salerno. Little liaison or inter-correspondence resulted in those times, and the work was entirely different. In the subsequent re-organisation of Head quarters and the dis-integration of SC and IC Section, the Security Branch was made part of Public Safety.

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(c) collating information on subversive political organisations

(d) channel of communication between the Italian Government, Vatican, International Red Cross and Embassies and AMG on Civilian Internees, appeals and welfare.

(e) providing officers to act as members of a reviewing board for the release of such internees.

(f) providing officers to investigate and prepare cases of espionage for trial by AMG courts.

(g) advising on internal security measures for Allied Commission.

(h) enquiries into political suspects, alleged sedition etc.

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(i) screening prospective Governmental Officials and officials of para-statal bodies.

(j) supervision of Medico-Legal Laboratories and their work for Military Security agencies.

(k) investigation into British renegades.

(l) discreet investigations into any matter, at the request of any sub-commission.

6. It will thus be seen that an extra-ordinarily wide field is covered by the officers of this Division, all of whom are trained criminal investigators in Civilian life. The type of work is vastly different from the purely administrative work of a normal sub-commission in this Zone and I feel that any attempt to merge the clerical staffs or systems would not work. All of the personnel have been thoroughly tested and found completely reliable, yet there are some things it is not politic to trust to certain members of the staff, all of whom work independently.

7. A comprehensive system of card indexes has been worked out, and any change or inefficient transition period in such way mean a security clearance on someone who can cause great damage.

8. The foregoing is to show how necessary it is for each officer to have a separate office. Numerous people are interviewed daily on highly confidential matters. Suspects are frequently interrogated, and any attempt to have two officers trying to work in the same room may result in a situation that persons interviewed can get more information of our work than we get of theirs.

9. The clerk sergeants and typists have an exceptionally useful allocation of offices at the moment, as there are hatches in the wall whereby correspondence can be transferred and their work supervised without undue overcrowding or knowledge of what the sergeants or officers are doing.

10. At the moment we have ten rooms, all fully occupied. A merger of the typing and translator pools with Public Safety (provided they have rooms big enough to accept an addition of 3 and 2 respectively) would reduce the number to 8. Putting two officers in a room, which I strongly oppose, would need seven rooms, allowing one room each for Major Harvey, the Chief Investigator, and for Major Tanokino, CCER Liaison officer and his staff.

11. In conclusion I would like to say that I feel it is extremely doubtful if any gain in efficiency would result from the proposed move, rather the contrary. Efficiency would be impaired by any amalgamation of filing systems, a merger of staff, or cramped conditions of employees. The fullest co-operation will continue to be given to all sub-Commissions, and in particular to all officers and men of Public Safety Sub Commission whether a change in rooms is made or not, but I do feel that very careful consideration should be given to anything which might, even temporarily, disrupt the efficiency of this Security Division.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

7 December, 1944.

SUBJECT : Correspondence.

TO : All Officers,
Public Safety Sub-Commission.

Reference Para.4, Minutes of staff meeting, Public Safety Sub-Commission 4 December 1944.

All correspondence prepared for signature of D.C.S.S., C.C.S., and S.C. will show initials of initiating officer on the FILE COPY only. The original and copies going forward will not.

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

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Minutes of Staff Meeting, Public Safety Sub-Commission, 1900, 4 Dec 1944.

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The Director brought the following matters to the attention of the staff officers:-

1. A brief written report to be submitted daily by each officer prior to 0900 hours, showing important matters handled or discussed on the previous day. Details are not necessary. The Director stated that all officers have been doing a fine job, that this report (or diary) is desired so that he (the Director) is at all times familiar with current action on important matters.

2. All requests of civilian personnel for time off to be made to the Executive Officer and will be approved or disapproved by him only.

3. Files in individual section or branch offices to be consolidated with Public Safety Sub-Commission main files. Question of Security files left for further discussion.

4. All correspondence to show initials of initiating officer and typist at lower left hand corner.

5. File copies of all correspondence signed for the director, will also bear the signature of initiating officer.

6. All civilian employees to be pooled. Those now acting as secretaries to individual officers to become a part of the pool. This is necessary in order to obtain the maximum in effort and efficiency, and to afford all employees the opportunity to become familiar with the work of the various branches so that in the event of the absence of any one employee, the work might continue uninterrupted.

7. It has been observed that employees are not adhering to established working hours. Tardiness is prevalent. All employees will be impressed with the importance of promptness.

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F.F. HUDEMAN
Major, A.C.
Executive Officer
Public Safety Sub-Commission

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Major Harvey
(Security Branch)

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SECURITY BRANCH
A.P.O. 394

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Ref : SB/100 10 August 1944

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Subject : Manpower and Reorganisation

To : Manpower and Reorganisation Committee

1. Amalgamation

The question of amalgamating this Branch with Public Safety Sub-Commission and of their functioning as a joint body in the R.C. and M.G. Section has already been the subject of reports and discussion. My recommendations are as follows:

a) - That Public Safety Sub-Commission whose functions are, in the main, executive should be transfered to the R.C. and M.G. Section.

b) - That, if this is done, this Branch, whose functions are entirely executive, could then amalgamate with Public Safety, as a special investigation Branch on the security side. The close relationship between public order and security is so obvious as to require no discussion and, in fact, it is sometimes necessary for this Branch to request Public Safety officers in the field to undertake enquiries on our behalf.

2. Reduction of functions

I do not consider that the functions of this Branch can be reduced in any way. It is true that we undertake functions on behalf of I(b) of HQ. A.A.I. such as preparation of spy trials and reviewing of internees but it is my opinion that we should continue these very useful functions to aid the Army and I am convinced that, if this help were withdrawn it would result in protests from very high quarters.

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3. Substitution

The work of this Branch is entirely executive and as we are concerned with the security of an Allied Military Organisation, it is obvious that we cannot substitute Italians for Allied Officers.

4. Withdrawal of non-essential personnel

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As the Armies advance in Italy the responsibilities of this Branch increase and we have always maintained our strength in accordance with our duties in such fashion that every Officer and R.M./O.R. is very fully employed. In this connection, I suggest that when the Armies advance into Northen Italy a further increase in our strength will be essential; but I must point out the peculiar situation of this Branch in that, although our officer strength is accredited to Headquarters, all our work, except administration is done in the field. I suggest therefore, that when giving consideration to the officer strength of this HQ a discount should be made of the officers of this Branch as only a small proportion of their work is done at Headquarters. For example, the present position is that of the 11 officers assigned to this Branch (including 1 Carabiniere officer) 7 are working in the field, and of the 4 R.M./CMS, 2 are working in the field. It is quite normal for only 1 officer of this Branch to remain at Headquarters while the others are on duty elsewhere. At the moment an unusually High number are working direct from HQ. because Rome presents an unusual security problem. As regards RM/OR strength two clerks are employed to handle our correspondence most of which is of a nature that cannot be passed to Italians, one is employed as a driver and the last as an investigating agent. This is the minimum military personnel with which we can function.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

John A. McKAY,
Major,
Security Branch.

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APPENDIX "A"

List of officers, NCO/OR's assigned to this Branch and their functions.

1.	Col. A.B. YOUNG	Director, Security Branch
2.	Maj. J.A. MacAY	Adjutant, Security Branch
3.	Maj. E.J. HARVEY	Investigating officer
4.	Maj. W.R. HARE	Investigating officer (5 Army Spy cases)
5.	Maj. ZARCHIN	Liaison, Italian Security and
6.	Capt.A.H. ELLIS	Screening of NCO's appointees
7.	Capt.L.V.GAIX	Investigating officer (8 Army Spy cases)
8.	Capt.R.P.FIELDING	Security officer (ex F.P. 8 Army H.Q.)
9.	Capt.F.G.DE LUIS	Screening officer, 371 PW. Camp.
10.	Lt.H.M.MACKENZIE	Investigating officer
11.	Lt.C.E.PEIR	Screening, Italian Government officials.
12.	Sgt. D.G.ELY	Chief Clerk
13.	T.F.CHIPPERTON	Clerk
14.	F.J.MICELI Pte.	Driver
15.	Pte. D.MARINISSA	Investigating agent.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

REFERENCE : C-1B/35/1/A 5 August 1944

SUBJECT : Manpower & Reorganization Committee

TO : Deputy Executive Commissioner (Civil Affairs Branch)
Establishments Officer
Vice President, Administrative Section
Vice President, Economic Section.

1. The limited available personnel, both Officer and EM/O.Rs, of the Commission, with no immediate relief assured and the extensive requirements indicated to man the un-liberated regions of Italy, necessitates drastic elimination of all non-essential activities and the consolidation of Offices and Sub-Commissions of Headquarters, Allied Control Commission.

2. The Acting Chief Commissioner has appointed a Committee as follows :-

Brigadier M.S. LUSH,	V.P. R.C. & M.C.Section	- Chairman
Colonel G. UPJOHN,	A/V.P. Admin Section	- Member
Colonel W.W. MONROE,		- Member
Mr. A. AMTOLINI,	Executive Director, Econ.Section	- Member
Lt.Col. J.L.JONES,		- Secretary

with the following terms of reference :-

To consider the re-organization of Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, with the mission of making the greatest possible number of Officers and EM/ORs available for field assignments and with a view to securing optimum efficiency with the most economic employment of available manpower. Consideration will be given to effecting the elimination of all activities not absolutely required for the accomplishment of the mission of the A.C.C., and also to the consolidation of offices and Sub-Commissions where possible, consistent with the present situation.

3. The Committee met on Tuesday, 8th August 1944 and it was agreed that the four main points on which recommendations for possible reductions should be based are :

(a) Amalgamation of Sub-Commissions and Branches
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5. When preparing their recommendations, Heads of Sub-Commissions should remember it is the policy of A.C.C. to transfer increasing responsibility upon the Italian Government, leaving members of Headquarters, Allied Control Commission to advise and supervise.

6. The following is the order in which Heads of Sub-Commissions are requested to present their proposals. They will please hold themselves available between 0900 hrs and 1200 hrs on the morning allotted to their Section, and

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the Secretary will keep in telephonic communication regarding the time they will be required.

(a) 0900 hrs Friday 11 August 1944

R.C. and M.G.Section. C.M.P. (Dep.Ex.Comm.) including Liaison
Patriots Branch
Information Division
Security Branch
Establishments Officer and Executive Officer (S)
C.O. 2675th Regt.
Headquarters Commandant
Italian Refugees Branch
I. and D.P. Sub-Commission

Independent Sub-Comms. Communications Sub-Commission
War Material Disposal and Italian P.O.W.Sub-Comm.

(b) 0500 hrs Saturday 12 August 1944

Administrative Section
Interior Sub-Commission
Public Safety Sub-Commission
Public Health Sub-Commission
Legal Sub-Commission
Property Control Sub-Commission
Education Sub-Commission
Monuments, Fine Arts & Archives Sub-Commission

Independent. Secretary General
Public Relations Branch

(c) 0900 hrs Sunday 13 August 1944

Economic Section Agriculture Sub-Commission
Transportation Sub-Commission
Industry Sub-Commission
Commerce Sub-Commission
Labour Sub-Commission
Food Sub-Commission
Finance Sub-Commission
Public Works & Utilities Sub-Commission

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J.L.JONES,
Lieut.Colonel,
Secretary,
Manpower and Re-Organization Committee.

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