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AC PRIORITIES BOARD

Minute No. 5

28 March 1945

FIFTH MEETING OF AC PRIORITIES BOARD - 20 March 1945Present :

Mr. A. G. Antolini, Chairman, Economic Section
 Col. R. R. Cripps, Civil Affairs Section
 Maj. E. Talbot, Chief of Staff Office
 Mr. L. White, Commerce Sub-Commission

Subject:

Salvage Clothing.

1. Previous directives of the Board have provided that 40% of salvage clothing and shoes available would be allocated to AC Sub-Commissions who would file claims for their respective segments of the civilian economy and who would distribute to the various civilian activities on the basis most helpful to the Allied war effort and most essential under the disease and unrest formula. Commerce Sub-Commission now proposes that the 40 % of supplies for civilian organizations be allocated directly to the Ministry of Industry Commerce & Labor for re-allocation in accordance with the wishes of the Government. It was pointed out that the proposed action would relieve AC of accounting and administrative detail and would be in accordance with numerous other actions aimed at shifting the responsibility for the civilian economy to the Italian Government.

2. It was pointed out that many of the civilian activities in the Italian Government areas were vital to the war effort. Agriculture, mining and the hemp industry were mentioned in this connection. However, it was the opinion of the Board that the Government would cooperate in providing a high priority on clothing for civilian activities of this nature.

3. The representative of the Civil Affairs Section reported that it would be impossible for the Italian Government to function with respect to allocations for Patriots and Displaced Persons, and recommended that a portion of the 40% be allotted directly to the Civil Affairs Section for re-allocation to these two categories. It was agreed that 15 % of total availability be allocated for this purpose leaving 25 % to be allocated to the Italian Government.

Salvage clothing allocations now are as follows:

- a) Allied Military organizations for distribution to civilian employees in proportion to the number of such employees doing heavy labor in exposed places - 60 %.

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b) To the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labor-25%.

c) To Civil Affairs Section, AC. -15%.

4. The Allocating Sub-Commission reported availability of a very small amount of U.S. Army WAC equipment which was surplus to the War Department requirements. Board approved the recommendation of the Allocating Sub-Commission that this be allotted to the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labor for civilian use.

5. The Allocating Sub-Commission reported immediate availability of 320,000 blankets with demands as follows :

Public Health S/C	200,000
Displaced Persons S/C	106,000
Public Safety S/C	46,200
Patriots Branch	20,000
	<u>372,200.-</u>
In addition blankets borrowed by Devastated Areas on 6 Dec. to be repaid.	<u>3,680</u>
	376,080.-

The Sub-Commission recommended payment of the blankets borrowed by Devastated Areas S/C; disallowance of the request by Patriots Branch because the blankets were not for immediate use; and the allocations to other remaining claimants should be in proportion to their individual requirements to the total requirements.

6. The Board approved the above proposals and the following allocations resulted :

	Percent of total	No of Blankets to be received.
Public Health S/C	57.6	182,717
Displaced Persons S/C	28.9	91,359
Public Safety S/C	13.3	42,044
	100.0	320,000

7. The Allocating Sub-Commission reported that 40,000 blankets for Devastated Areas Branch had been obtained directly from the Frato Mills the output of which had not been considered in availability figures. The Sub-Commission was instructed to report on the possibility of including the output of all mills operating in Army areas in the total availability from which allocations were made. It was pointed out that if more than one source of supply exists there also exists a parallel possibility of duplicated allocations to persons or organizations who apply to alternative sources of supply.

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AC PRIORITIES BOARD

Minutes No. 4

February 1945

MINUTES OF FOURTH MEETING OF AC PRIORITIES BOARD HELD
1 FEBRUARY 1945

PRESENT:

Col. L. D. Denmore, Chairman, Economic Section
 Col. R. R. Cripps, Civil Affairs Section
 Major Talbot for Col. G. W. I. Shipp
 Mr. Harlan Cleveland, Economic Section
 Col. W. P. Evans, Commerce Sub-Commission

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Serial No. 4843
Date No. 11507
Action

1. A special meeting of the AC Priorities Board was called at the request of the Allocating Sub-Commission to consider tire and tube allocations. The Board considered a report on stocks and applications submitted by Commerce Sub-Commission, and approved the following allocations:

Applicant	600 x 16		34 x 7		750 x 20		900 x 20		1200 x 20	
	case	tube	case		case	tube	case		case	tube
Agri. S/O	100	100								
P.W. & U. S/O	100	100			100	100				
C.I.P.	35									
I.S.R.	40	40			5	3				
AC Hq. Pool	23	122	13		215	232	7		8	13
Region IV-Lazio										
Umbria	170	272	11		299	506	13			
Southern Region	215	200			400	426			38	68
Region V-	20	40			152	163	10			2
Abruzzi-Marche										
Region VI-										
Sardinia	40	50								
Region VIII-										
Toscana					154		10			
Region IX-										
Emilia	7	24			29	21				
TOTAL	808	943	24		1,354	1,451	30		46	85
Held for Reserve	29	103	14		133	197	6		7	15

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2. The Board confirmed a previous informal allotment of 150 tires to Agriculture Sub-Commission to which the allotment noted above is an addition; both are for use in the olive oil campaign. Agriculture Sub-Commission will re-allocate to Regions in accordance with the needs of this campaign and the tires will be used on cars already controlled by the Region. In view of this allocation direct to the oil campaign the Regions need make no additional allocations for the same purpose.

3. Public Works & Utilities Sub-Commission may re-allocate or loan to civilian contractors working on Public Works & Utilities projects. Regions will therefore make no further allocations to such projects. The same is true for the Comitato Italiano Petroli and Italian State Railways.

4. All needs other than those specifically provided for in the above allocations represent claims on the allocations to Regional Offices. Regional Offices were authorized to distribute their allocations in their own discretion, but the Board agreed that as soon as possible a priority system should be laid down for the guidance of Regions. The Commerce Sub-Commission will recommend an appropriate priority system to the Board as soon as adequate information as to such use of tires is available.

5. All organizations (including Regions) have, in the above, been authorized by the Board to re-allocate out of the supply allotted to them by the Board are required to file monthly reports with the Allocating Sub-Commission (Commerce Sub-Commission). Reports should show to whom tires have been allotted; for what purpose they will be used; and numbers allotted to each person or organization for each purpose.

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AC PRIORITIES BOARD
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19 February 1945

SUBJECT: AC Priorities Board Procedural Bulletin No. 2.

TO : Distribution Below

a. Salvage, Scrap and Other War Materials

1. Basis for Procedure

A Chief of Staff memo dated 9 January 1945, designates War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission as the AC agency to receive from Military Services reports on availability of salvage, scrap and other war material, to collate such reports and distribute them to the appropriate Sub-Commissions of AC. The AC Priorities Board has, in Procedural Bulletin No. 1, divided all materials into four categories and has designated an Allocating Sub-Commission for each category. It is the purpose of this procedure to coordinate the activities of the Allocating Sub-Commissions and War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission.

2. Availability Statements to AC Sub-Commissions and Sections

a. The War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission will prepare lists of available salvage, scrap and other war materials according to the established categories and transmit to each Allocating Sub-Commission the list appropriate to that Sub-Commission's allocating function. Such lists will include relevant information as to location of materials; time limit for claiming; condition and specifications of materials; procedure for inspection, claiming and taking delivery.

b. Each Section will file with the War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission a list of its Sub-Commissions or Divisions requiring copies of availability lists and the number required by each. The War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission will distribute the required copies at the same time originals are transmitted to Allocating Sub-Commissions.

3. Availability Statements to Italian Government

Each Sub-Commission or Section receiving an availability list will determine if it is necessary or advisable to notify their opposite organization in the Italian Government and will transmit any notifications deemed necessary or advisable.

4. Amendments to Par. 9 - Procedural Bulletin No. 1

- a. Par. 9-a (1) - Add the following (2), I: With respect to salvage, scrap, and other war materials this inventory statement will cover only materials which have passed into control of the Allocating Sub-Commissions.
- b. Par. 9-a(2) - Add the following (2) I: With respect to salvage

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B. Salvage Clothing

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Chief of Staff

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AC PRIORITIES BOARD
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10 February 1945

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AC PRIORITIES BOARD

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Minutes No. 3

24 January 1945

MINUTES OF THIRD MEETING OF AC PRIORITIES BOARD HELD
24 JANUARY 1945PRESENT:

Col. L. D. Denamore, Chairman, Economic Section
 Col. R. R. Cripps, Civil Affairs Section
 Major Talbot for Col. G. W. I. Shipp
 Mr. Harlan Cleveland, Economic Section
 Col. W. P. Evans, Commerce Sub-Commission
 Mr. L. White, Commerce Sub-Commission
 Lt. Col. Treffit, DARS

1. Salvage Clothing - Allocating Sub-Commission, Commerce

a. The Board had approved an allotment of 60 percent of stocks on hand as of 11 January to military organizations employing civilian heavy workers in exposed places (para. 2, 7 Minutes No. 2). The Sub-Commission now presented memo AC/5134/23 January giving a basis for apportioning this total allotment among the several organizations sharing in it. It was proposed:

- (1) To prorate in proportion to the number of heavy workers employed in exposed places by each applying organization.
- (2) To use figures supplied by Labor S/C as a basis for the above prorating.
- (3) That the allotment to an organization should not exceed the amount for which it applied.
- (4) That the amount by which any application fell short of the "normal allocation", determined by applying the proper percent prorata to available supplies, be considered "surplus". And, that the same would apply to the entire "normal allocation" of any eligible organization which made no application.
- (5) That "surplus" be distributed to eligible applicants who have applied for more than their "normal allocation". Apportionment to be in proportion to the number of workers (as defined) employed by the organizations sharing in the distribution of surplus.

The Board approved the above recommendations with respect to Military organizations.

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- b. The Board had approved allocation of 28 percent (70% of 40%) of 11 January stocks to Civil Affairs Section for distribution to Patriots, Disabled Persons and Public Safety Personnel (pars. 4, 5 - Minutes No. 2). No plan for apportionment of the 28 percent allocation among the three groups was advanced but the Board permitted the allocation to stand as approved, Civil Affairs Section to apportion on the basis of day-to-day need.
- c. The Board had approved allocation of 12 percent (30% of 40%) of 11 January stocks to Economic Section for distribution: 45 percent to Public Works & Utilities; 45 percent to Transportation S/C; 10 percent for reserve. Transportation S/C application was so far short of allocation as to suggest the original basis for determining it had failed to consider all factors. It was pointed out that Transportation S/C had recently received a substantial allotment. The Board instructed Allocating Sub-Commission to review the basis for apportioning the Economic Section allotment among the three users, prior to the next application, and permitted the original 12 percent allocation to stand with distribution of the Transportation S/C surplus made according to the formula set for in 1-a(5) above.
- d. The Board approved applying the above and previous percentage allocations to the stocks available as of 17 Jan as stated in memo AG/5134/23 January by Commerce S/C.

2. Tires - Allocating Sub-Commission, Commerce

The Allocating Sub-Commission distributed copies of a preliminary memo which was discussed briefly. The Board indicated:

- a. A need for knowing the relative demands of applicants.
- b. A need for truck and car population figures by use groups by regions, considering for each group the tire sizes required.

It was suggested that Public Safety S/C might supply some data since they initiated and administered the licensing program.

3. The Board approved Draft No. 2 of Procedural Bulletin No. 1 instructing the Secretary to consult Board members individually on the few points remaining unsettled and to incorporate the final decisions into a final procedure for general circulation.

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Minutes No. 2

17 January 1945

MINUTES OF SECOND MEETING OF AC PRIORITIES BOARD
HELD 17 JANUARY 1945

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PRESENT:Chairman

Col. L. D. Densmore, Acting Vice President, Economic Section

MembersCol. R. R. Cripps, Chief Staff Officer, Civil Affairs Section
Major Talbot for Col. G. W. I. Shipp
Mr. Harlan Cleveland, Executive Director, Economic SectionRepresentativesCol. W. F. Evans, Director, Commerce Sub-Commission
Mr. L. White, Commerce Sub-Commission
Representative of D.M.R.S.

1. Purpose of the meeting was to make allocations among the various claimants for salvage clothing. The meeting was originally scheduled for Monday, 15 January and was postponed. The proposal submitted by the Allocating Sub-Commission (Commerce) was considered.

2. The Allocating Sub-Commission proposed allocating 50 percent of available salvage clothing to Allied Armed Forces for civilian employees; 40 percent to Allied Commission's Sub-Commissions and 10 percent to the Italian Government and UNRRA. The Board modified the recommendation to 60 percent of available supplies for Armed Forces; 40 percent for other civilians (AC).

3. The Allocating Sub-Commission proposed that the allotment to Armed Forces be subdivided as follows: military railways 50 percent; Navy Sub-Commission 20 percent; labor directorate 20 percent; other services 10 percent. The Board felt there was not sufficient factual foundation for establishing these percentages and instructed the Sub-Commission to telephone or signal all Armed Force applicants a request for the number of employees doing heavy work in exposed places and to effect distribution among claimants pro rata according to the number of these workers employed by each.

4. The Allocating Sub-Commission proposed that the 40 percent of total availability allowed for other civilians administered by AC Sub-Commissions should be distributed 70 percent to the Civil Affairs Section and 30 percent to the Economic Section. The Board approved this recommendation.

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5. The Allocating Sub-Commission proposed distributing the allotment made to Civil Affairs Section in equal parts to five sub-divisions of the section. The Board directed distribution be made only to patriots, displaced persons and for public safety personnel according to percentages to be determined by the Civil Affairs Section.

6. The Allocating Sub-Commission proposed that the allotment to Economic Section be distributed 45 percent to Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission for distribution; 45 percent to Transportation Sub-Commission for distribution; and the remaining 10 percent should be held as a reserve for requirements not anticipated. The Board approved this recommendation.

7. The Board directed that the above decisions apply only to stocks available as of 11 January 1945 and that the Allocating Sub-Commission and the Secretariat should bring before the Board a proposal which would eliminate duplications and which would provide a sounder basis in fact for arriving at the percentages to be allotted in further actions.

8. Applications received by the Commerce Sub-Commission appeared to cover different time intervals making it impossible to compare the requirements of one organization directly with those of another. The Board directed that the procedure for further allocations should provide for applications on a comparable time basis.

9. The Board directed the Commerce Sub-Commission to prepare future reports of availability which would take into consideration the production of the factory run by the 5th Army, plus the imports reported to be arriving soon in the port of Livorno.

10. The Board discussed briefly the problem of allocating tires and directed the Sub-Commission to expedite work already underway and make any necessary modifications in the light of the experience thus far in dealing with clothing allocations.

11. The Board approved procedure whereby all applications by groups outside the AC for salvage clothing for refugees should be filed initially with the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission for collating and presentation to the appropriate Allocating Sub-Commission.

12. The Board noted that the general procedure for handling allocations was now being circulated for comments and concurrence by all Allocating Sub-Commissions.

K. E. Stauffer
KENNETH E. STAUFFER
Secretary
(Supply & Resources Div.,
Economic Section)

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMBAT COMMAND
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16 January 1945

MINUTES OF FIRST MEETING OF IN PRIORITIES BOARD
held 13 January 1945PRESIDENTChairman

Col. L. D. Benshaw, Acting Vice President, Economic Section

Members

Col. R. B. Oliver, Chief Staff Officer, Civil Affairs Section
 Lt. Col. W. T. Shaw, Chief Staff Officer to Chief of Staff
 Mr. Nelson Cleveland, Executive Director, Economic Section

Representatives of Sub-Commissions

Lt. Col. J. A. Campbell, Director, War Material Disposal
 Sub-Commission
 Col. T. P. Evans, Director, Commerce Sub-Commission
 Mr. L. White, Commerce Sub-Commission
 Col. M. P. Thomas, Deputy Director, Transportation Sub-Commission
 Lt. Col. Sief, Transportation Sub-Commission

1. The meeting opened with the review of Executive Order No. 4 of 8 January 1945, and a reading of a suggested draft procedure (copy of which is part of these minutes).

2. It was pointed out by Transportation Sub-Commission that Paragraph 4 of Executive Order No. 4 might be interpreted to mean that claims should be sent directly to the Priorities Board, whereas the procedure proposed stipulated that all claims should be filed with designated Allocating Sub-Commissions. It was agreed that claims should be filed with Allocating Sub-Commissions and that care would be exercised to circulate the procedure embodying this decision to the same list who received the Executive Order so there would be no confusion as to the place to file claims for movement of materials.

3. The draft procedure was reviewed and discussed. The Board agreed that it should be rewritten to incorporate the suggestions brought forth in the meeting, and re-circulated to all Allocating Sub-Commissions for further comments before final acceptance as governing procedure.

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4. It was agreed that special meetings of the Board would be called by the Secretariat, and that any Allocative Sub-Commission could request the Secretariat to call a meeting.

5. It was agreed to hold a regular monthly meeting of the Board on the third Monday of each month.

6. Record keeping for the purpose of judging the effectiveness of each individual and allocation program was regarded as too voluminous for concentration in the Secretariat. It was agreed that the Allocating Sub-Commissions themselves would maintain the records necessary to ascertain that governments actually followed allocations or that priority requests actually had the desired effect on movement trends; and that periodic progress reports should be rendered to the Board based on such records.

7. It was agreed that the Secretariat would develop necessary forms in consultation with Allocating Sub-Commissions. Forms immediately required were agreed to be the applications on which elements file requests for materials with Allocating Sub-Commissions and the forms on which Allocating Sub-Commissions will present cases to the Board through its Secretariat.

8. Paragraph 5 of the draft procedure will be re-written to permit continued functioning of the present procedure whereby civilian claims for movements are routed and screened. It is desired to preserve the basic procedure but to have Government do some screening and present all civilian claims to appropriate sub-commissions.

9. Paragraphs 6 and 7 of the draft procedure will be re-written in consultation with the Transportation Sub-Commission and Mr. Cleveland.

10. Some doubt was expressed as to whether AHS can give a longer month-forecast of rail facilities available for AG; however, Transportation Sub-Commission will see if this can be arranged.

11. The Board called a special meeting at 10:00 hours Monday, 15 January 1945 to consider allocation of availabilities of salvage clothing which will be presented by the Commerce Sub-Commission. Col. Evans stated that all relevant data would be prepared for presentation to the Board at that time.

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Minutes 1

14 January 1945

MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE PRIORITY BOARD
held 13 January 1945

PRESENT:

Chairman

Col. L. D. Denmore, Acting Vice President, Economic Section

Members

Col. R. E. Criss, Chief Staff Officer, Civil Affairs Section
Lt. Col. W. W. J. Ship, Chief Staff Officer to Chief of Staff
Mr. Hiram Cleveland, Executive Director, Economic Section

Representatives of Sub-Commissions

Lt. Col. J. A. Campbell, Director, War Material Disposal
Sub-Commission
Col. W. P. Evans, Director, Commerce Sub-Commission
Mr. L. White, Commerce Sub-Commission
Col. M. E. Thomas, Deputy Director, Transportation Sub-Commission
Lt. Col. Sieck, Transportation Sub-Commission

1. The meeting opened with the review of Executive Order No. 4 of 3 January 1945, and a reading of a suggested draft procedure (copy of which is part of these minutes).

2. It was pointed out by Transportation Sub-Commission that Paragraph 4 of Executive Order No. 4 might be interpreted to mean that claims should be sent directly to the Priorities Board, whereas the procedure proposed stipulated that all claims should be filed with designated Allocating Sub-Commissions. It was agreed that claims should be filed with Allocating Sub-Commissions and that care would be exercised to circulate the procedure embodying this decision to the same list who received the Executive Order so there would be no confusion as to the place to file claims for movement of materials.

3. The draft procedure was reviewed and discussed. The Board agreed that it should be rewritten to incorporate the suggestions brought forth in the meeting and re-circulated to all Allocating Sub-Commissions for further comments before final acceptance as governing procedure.

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4. It was agreed that special meetings of the Board could be called by the Secretariat, and that any Allocating Sub-Commission could request the Secretariat to call a meeting.

5. It was agreed to hold a regular monthly meeting of the Board on the third day of each month.

6. Record keeping for the purpose of judging the effectiveness of each allocation and allocation program was regarded as too voluminous for centralization in the Secretariat. It was agreed that the Allocating Sub-Commissions themselves would maintain the records necessary to ascertain that movements actually followed allocations or that priority ratings actually had the desired effect on movement trends; and that periodic progress reports should be rendered to the Board based on such records.

7. It was agreed that the Secretariat would develop necessary forms in consultation with Allocating Sub-Commissions. Forms immediately required were agreed to be the applications on which claimants file requests for materials with Allocating Sub-Commissions and the forms on which Allocating Sub-Commissions will present cases to the Board through the Secretariat.

8. Paragraph 5 of the draft procedure will be re-written to permit continued functioning of the present procedure whereby civilian claims for movements are routed and reviewed. It is desired to preserve the basic procedure but to have Government do some screening and present all civilian claims to appropriate sub-commissions.

9. Paragraphs 6 and 7 of the draft procedure will be re-written in consultation with the Transportation Sub-Commission and Mr. Cleveland.

10. Some doubt was expressed as to whether AVER can give a three-month forecast of rail facilities available for AG; however, Transportation Sub-Commission will see if this can be arranged.

11. The Board called a special meeting at 10:00 hours Monday, 15 January 1945 to consider allocation of availabilities of salvage clothing which will be presented by the Commerce Sub-Commission. Col. Evans stated that all relevant data would be prepared for presentation to the Board at that time.

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