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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 15 NOV 45

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4. Parri's visit to Udine. Polad (A) asked if any reaction to Parri's speech at Udine on 10 Nov had been received. Dep Exc Comm had received signal from Gen Harding, COC 13 Corps, stating that he had met Parri and had discussed with him several problems affecting Venezia Giulia. The meeting was very cordial and much satisfaction had been derived from it.

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5. 1946 Supply Programme. A/VP Econ Sec stated that a telegram had been dispatched to Washington through UNRRA channels setting forth a firm programme for January loadings and how best to spend 450,000 dollars of UNRRA funds on Supplies to Italy during 1946.

6. POL. A meeting is to be held this afternoon between Econ Sec and UNRRA together with all interested representatives to discuss the supply of POL in the north after the turnover.

7. UNRRA Supplies. A/VP Econ Sec had received a letter from Venezia Giulia re distribution of UNRRA supplies in that area and asked if military responsibility were to be turned over to UNRRA. The Yugoslavs had put forth a proposal at a meeting of the Joint Economic Committee that Venezia Giulia should be supplied by UNRRA. It was agreed that it was not advisable to hand over the military responsibility of supplying Venezia Giulia to UNRRA at present.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 6 NOV 45

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

(a) - 3 Inter-Regional Trade. Econ Sec said that Ministry of Agriculture was preparing a National Distribution Scheme for wood. It had not yet arrived here but it was expected that the details of the scheme would be available by the middle of the month. Ex Comm stressed the fact that with winter approaching this scheme should be completed as quickly as possible. Econ Sec further stated that a cable had been sent to Agriculture Officer of Lombardia telling him that details of Milan allocation should be made available now. Instructions have been sent out to all RC's saying that there will be no blocking. Econ Sec will pursue this matter.

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(e) - 9 Imports. Econ Sec had spoken to Washington by telephone on the coal situation and stated that 59 ships for coal, November loading, would be available. Half a million tons of coal would be sent to Italy which was better than last month. Also stated that American and British Mediterranean HQ had asked for 200,000 tons to be sent down from Germany and that he, Mr Cleveland, had asked Washington to sollow this up through War Department. We were ready to send freight cars up to Germany for this shipment.

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8. Visits of Civilian Business Delegations to Italy. Mr Cleveland stated that there was an American Delegation in Rome who were over here to discuss foreign trade with the Italian Government Ministries. The question arose as to whether these delegations were allowed to eat in military messes and live in military hotels. Col Scudder said that there was a MTOUSA directive stating that these delegations could be fed, accommodated and have transported provided for a certain fee. In reply to questions as to whether anything was provided for British Delegations, Col Jones said that there was nothing to provide that such delegations could be fed and accommodated, but that he would take the matter up with GHQ, CMF and see if some directive could not be put out on the same basis as the MTOUSA order.

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5. Statement in Italian Press. Ex C referred to a statement made by the Action Party an Italian newspaper and said that CC considered that certain points contained the in should be brought to the attention of the Prime Minister. PRO read extracts fr the report, which was not considered to be a departure from the previously expres line of the Party of Action.

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6. Venezia Giulia - Personnel. Ex C referred to signals which had been sent regarding the critical personnel situation in Venezia Giulia. Lt.Col. McCleary was on a visit to Venezia Giulia and would discuss the situation. In answer to Econ Sec, Ex C stated that AC was still responsible for supplying personnel for Venezia Giulia and therefore had the right to screen their personnel requests in the light of the overall shortage of personnel. He had made AC's position clear to Gen. Lemnitzer and would tell G-5, AFHQ tomorrow that we had to maintain AMG in the North as well as Venezia Giulia, even at the expense of personnel for Venezia Giulia. Ex C directed Est Sec to treat Venezia Giulia in the future on an equal basis with Northern Regions for the purposesof personnel requirements in view of the priority treatment which Venezia Giulia had been receiving.

7. British Officers - LIAP. VP CA Sec said that a return had been asked for British officers due for LIAP and all his staff officers were eligible. Ex C said he had sent a telegram to AFHQ asking permission to postpone, at CC's discretion, sending officers on the last available LIAP if it did not prejudice their chances of having leave at a future date. No answer had yet been received and Est Sec would follow this up.

8. Communications - Sardinia. Communications S/C reported that as a result of the MMIA Liaison Officer leaving Sardinia the radio link would close down. Some delay would take place in communications as civilian channels would have to be used. Since the radio had only been handling an average of six high priority cables a day, the cessation was not considered serious.

9. Imports. Econ Sec stated that due to strikes in America there would be temporary shortages of imports of coal and POL. A signal regarding coal had been sent to Washington stating that the effect would be the unemployment of one million people during the period of the shortage. Discussion had taken place with the American Embassy which will make representations to the State Department. It was suggested that SACMED should take up with CCS on the "disease and unrest" basis. Ex C said he would take the matter up with Gen. Morgan.

10. Wheat. Econ Sec said the situation had deteriorated, due to the fact that production is below the original estimates, and amassing had not come up to expectations. Increased shipments of wheat for December and January had been asked for. There was some prospect of what being received from the Argentine, although this was problematical and would not affect the overall situation.

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the priority treatment which Venezia Giulia had been receiving.

7. British Officers - LIAP. VP CA Sec said that a return had been asked for British officers due for LIAP and all his staff officers were eligible. Ex C said he had sent a telegram to AFHQ asking permission to postpone, at CC's discretion, sending officers on the last available LIAP if it did not prejudice their chances of having leave at a future date. No answer had yet been received and Est Sec would follow this up.

8. Communications - Sardinia. Communications S/C reported that as a result of the MMIA Liaison Officer leaving Sardinia the radio link would close down. Some delay would take place in communications as civilian channels would have to be used. Since the radio had only been handling an average of six high priority cables a day, the cessation was not considered serious.

9. Imports. Econ Sec stated that due to strikes in America there would be temporary shortages of imports of coal and POL. A signal regarding coal had been sent to Washington stating that the effect would be the unemployment of one million people during the period of the shortage. Discussion had taken place with the American Embassy which will make representations to the State Department. It was suggested that SACMED should take up with CCS on the "disease and unrest" basis. Ex C said he would take the matter up with Gen. Morgan.

10. Wheat. Econ Sec said the situation had deteriorated, due to the fact that production is below the original estimates, and amassing had not come up to expectations. Increased shipments of wheat for December and January had been asked for. There was some prospect of what being received from the Argentine, although this was problematical and would not affect the overall situation.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 23 OCTOBER 45.

Ex C welcomed Mr. Harlan Cleveland, A/VP, Econ Sec, on his return to AC, and warmly thanked Brig. Gen. McKinley for all the valuable help he had given the Commission.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

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(d) -13. Monthly Reports, Regions, Sub-Commissions and Liaison Officers. Ex C was still considering this matter.

2. Handover of Territory. Ex C said that CC had sent a long telegram to AFHQ pointing out the difficulties encountered because of the delay in handover. He referred to two conflicting telegrams from different departments of AFHQ and was asking them to clarify the situation.

3. UNRRA. Econ Sec had attended a recent meeting and would send the minutes to Ex C.

4. Swiss Gift to Genoa. Econ Sec said 2,000 tons of wheat was the amount involved and CCS had approved transportation arrangements.

5. Captured Enemy Material. Ex C said there were factories in the North still producing weapons and ammunition. CSO to Ex C read a signal from AFHQ on the control of output of warlike stores. It was agreed that this was a matter for the Service S/Cs. Ex C directed his CSO to discuss the telegram with Land Forces S/C, who would consider the preparation of appropriate instructions to all concerned, also the drafting of a reply to the AFHQ signal.

6. Surplus Scrap. Econ Sec had a meeting with PBS, who had agreed to sell surplus scrap direct to the Italian Government.

7. Movement of Yugoslavs. Polad(B) said he had received a report that there was no control of movement of Yugoslavs into Italy. Ex C said this matter had been raised in a signal sent to AFHQ, asking that in order to report on the alleged infiltration AC should have liaison officers on the West Coast of Istria. This request had been refused, but the matter was being taken up again with AFHQ.

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9. Handover of Ports. CA Sec reported that they had received a telegram from AFHQ suggesting that the three ports should be turned back before the main handover. There was fairly general agreement that this could be done but Ex C pointed out that the varying dates of the proposed handover were causing confusion. He directed Est Sec to let him know details of the saving in staff.

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10. Channels of Communication. CA Sec had received a report from RC Piemonte Region that the Italian Government were communicating direct with the Prefect. Although the Prefect got in touch with AMG straight away, a certain amount of embarrassment was caused and CA Sec asked if the Italian Government could be told of this. Ex C said he was not in favour of doing this unless similar reports came in from other Regions.

11. Administration and Training of CC.RR. Ex C said this was now in process of being turned over to MMIA. He would discuss the question of staff requirements with Land Forces S/C.

12. Clothing of Italian Army and Police Forces. Ex C directed CA Sec to prepare a report for CC on the clothing of police agencies other than CC.RR.

13. Pay of the Italian Army. Land Forces S/C said the new rates of pay were due to commence on 1 December, but so far the Ministries of Finance and War had not got together. Ex C directed Land Forces S/C to draft a letter to the Prime Minister for the CC's signature stressing the necessity for immediate action.

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17. Notification of Shipping. PRO stated that Ports and Communications had asked whether notifications of arrivals of ships carrying food could be made, as this would help in unloading. There was some discussion on this and PRO and Leon Sec would give it further consideration.

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3. American Officer Personnel. Ex C said that Gen. Hamblen had agreed the figure of 700 and that as far as he was concerned AC could go ahead with the WE on that figure. We had already received instructions to proceed on the British side.

4. Elections. There was some discussion on this question and VP CA Sec held out little hope of their being held this year.

5. UNRRA Stocks at Ancona. Econ Sec reported that large stocks were being held at Ancona which wanted clearing by UNRRA. This matter would be taken up.

6. Attacks on Genoa Forts. Polad (B) referred to a report of attacks on Forts round Genoa. CA Sec said that according to information they had received these reports were exaggerated. Ex C directed CA Sec to obtain a report from Public Safety S/C.

7. Removal of Italian Industrial Plant to Germany. Polad (B) said the Minister for Foreign Affairs wrote to the Embassy on 20 September on this question requesting that the Allied authorities in Germany seek out, identify and guard plant which had been removed from Italy until arrangements were made for its return, that the Italian authorities be given access to German archives in Bolzano Province which covered the removal of Italian industrial plant. Polad (B) stated that all the Italians wanted to know was where the plant was located. Econ Sec said that Industry S/C had sent representatives to Bolzano to examine the German archives and were of the opinion that AC had complete information regarding the disposal of the machinery. Communications S/C remarked that a considerable quantity of

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8. Repatriation from Balkans. Polad (B) said that a number of repatriates was arriving in Italy. All came by air to Bari, where they were either put in a Displaced Persons Camp or sent to the British Consul for help. This was a heavy burden on the Consul who had to cope not only with British subjects, but also with Danes, Swedes and other nationalities. Ex C suggested that AFHQ be asked to write to the Area Commander directing him to make accommodation available for these people and he was willing to take this up with AFHQ on a DO basis. Polad (B) would give Ex C a memorandum on this subject.

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9. Retention of British Officers. Ex C read a warning order from AFHQ which had been followed by a letter from AAC ordering the retention for four months of British officers from Group 21 onwards.

10. Medical Officer - AC. In answer to Ex C, Est Sec stated that a replacement was due to arrive shortly.

11. San Marco Regiment. Land Forces S/C said it had been agreed that the San Marco Regiment should revert to the Navy by the end of the month. The situation with Guard Battalions was proceeding satisfactorily.

12. Monthly Report - Piemonte Region. CSO to Ex C referred to certain extracts from this report.
"Handing Back of Fiat Vehicles, Tyres and Tubes. It was reported that 1,190 Fiat vehicles, 851 Michelin tyres and 599 Michelin tubes had been released during the month."
Ex C directed Econ Sec to follow up whether correct release procedure had been followed.

13. Monthly Reports, Regions, Sub-Commissions and Liaison Officers. Ex C suggested that these should be sent to the Italian Government. Econ Sec pointed out that they would need editing before being passed. VP CA Sec and Polad (B) were dubious of sending these reports to the Italian Government. PRO said it would be wise to leave out the political side of reports. Ex C would consider the matter.

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10 October 45.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 9 OCTOBER.
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1. Incidents in the North. Ex C asked VP CA Sec if he had any news of the arrest of the Questura and his Deputy at Genoa, a report of which had appeared in the press. CA Sec would follow up.
CSO to Ex C was taking up with RC Liguria the question of the speech made by Lt. Col. Nicholls at Spezia.
Polad(B) referred to a report that in Turin the editor and leader writer of an Italian paper had been arrested and sentenced to imprisonment for writing an article criticising AMG.
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It was agreed that Regional and Provincial Commissioners should be instructed once more to consult with their press officer or chairman of APB before taking action against a newspaper.

2. Future of Italian Press. Polad(B) said that presumably we should be responsible for the supply of newsprint and licensing of publications in that territory still under AMG jurisdiction after the handover. He suggested the holding of a meeting on this matter when the definite announcement of handback was made. Ex C agreed.

3. Administration in the North. VP CA Sec proposed that in Regions where Sub-Commissions were not represented, functions such as Education and Monuments and Fine Arts be handed over to the Italian Government. Ex C approved.

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5. Proposed Rear Echelon - AFHQ. Econ Sec referred to a signal from Troopers stating that in their view there was no necessity for a representative in London. Econ Sec pointed out that with diminishing AC personnel it would be difficult to send representatives to meetings in London. Ex C and Polads agreed that a representative was desirable and, subject to CC's approval, Ex C would take up the matter with Gen. Duff.

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8. Hotels. Est Sec proposed to abandon the use of the Milano Hotel, and to accommodate a certain number of junior officers in the Flora Hotel. There were also fifty beds available for AC in the Excelsior Hotel. Ex C said the whole question of hotel accommodation wanted reviewing, and directed Est Sec to arrange for HQ Commandant to set up a small committee to look into the question; Land Forces S/C should be represented.
Polads asked that they be notified when it was proposed to derequisition a hotel.

9. AC/AMG Press Review. Polad(B) said he had read several favourable comments in London newspapers. It had already been recommended by Polad(B) that the review be published as a White Paper and Ex C would also follow up with War Office.

10. Salvaged War Material. CSO to Ex C read a telegram from the Mayor of Venice expressing alarm at the theft of salvaged war material and asking for immediate action. The matter should be dealt with by WMD S/C.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 29 SEPTEMBER 45.

Econ Sec and Land Forces S/C were not represented.

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(b) - 2. Office Hours. Communications S/C asked if the ruling for Italian civilian employees in the minutes of the previous meeting (para 2) applied to local Allied civilian employees. Ex C confirmed that this was the case.

(c) - 6. Release of American Officers. Ex C said it was important to find out if we were to get replacements up to the existing TO. At present this did not seem likely. Est Sec had selected names of officers for the liaison groups. Col. Parkin was going to Caserta on Monday to follow up the requisition for replacements.

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5. Food Storage Depots. Ex C said complaints had been received in the past of untidiness at the depots in Naples and elsewhere. The situation had now improved. After inspecting the depots with Col. Densmore, Ex C expressed himself as being quite satisfied.

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5. Food Storage Depots. Ex C said complaints had been received in the past of untidiness at the depots in Naples and elsewhere. The situation had now improved. After inspecting the depots with Col. Densmore, Ex C expressed himself as being quite satisfied.

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Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

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SUBJECT: Directive for AC Liaison Officers

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2. This advance distribution of the Directive will permit officers, when assigned thereto, to readily familiarize themselves with the functions of their new AC Liaison duties.

3. A further distribution of the enclosed Directive will be made when offices of Liaison Groups and Officers are established.

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FUNCTIONS OF ALLIED COMMISSION LIAISON OFFICERS

1. The first duty of Allied Commission Liaison Officers will be to keep themselves, at all times, informed of the situation in the areas with which they are concerned. This will involve the use of all available means of information: Press, Intelligence, Summaries, etc. They will inform HQ Allied Commission direct of any circumstances arising which may in their opinion adversely affect Allied interests or influence the general policy of the Commission. They will submit a monthly report to HQ which will include comment on the political situation.

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Liaison Officers will bear in mind that HQ Allied Commission and AFHQ are interested in activities in all parts of the area with which Liaison Officers are concerned and not merely with the situation in the leading cities. Consequently Liaison Officers should make frequent trips to the smaller towns and country districts and acquaint themselves with the political and economic conditions in such districts. They must endeavour to be on the spot where trouble is expected and observe any incidents, strikes, demonstrations and the like in their areas. All Liaison Officers will remember, however, that their role is solely that of observers and reporters and they will not interfere in any way in such incidents, nor will they give any advice to the Italian authorities in the handling thereof. Liaison Officers have no authority to pledge the use of Allied troops in quelling any disturbance: this is a matter for the local Allied Commander. They should, however, keep Allied Commanders informed of the course of events. In cases where they consider safety of Allied property or nationals likely to become endangered, they must inform the Allied Commanders concerned, advising HQ AC of such action.

3. Liaison Officers will keep close touch with the senior military formation, American and British, in their areas. They will endeavour at all times to assist military formations in their relations with Italian Government departments and agencies. They must, however, remember that they are Liaison Officers and not Executive Officers and will not be able to carry out in any sense the former functions of Provincial Commissioners.

Points which require special attention are:-

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b) Law cases affecting Allied personnel and property.
c) Requisitioning and derequisitioning.
d) Relations between Allied forces and Italian police forces.

Liaison Officers will also keep in touch with British and U.S. Consular Officers, as well as any U.S. Information Service and British Press Officials in their areas.

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ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

24 September 1945

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 5 OCTOBER 45.

Ex C proposed that the Ex C's meeting should take place once a week in future. It was agreed that the weekly meeting would be on Tuesday of each week, at 0900 hrs.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(a). Release of American Officers. Col. Fiske stated that he had heard from Gen. Hamblen that American officers could not be retained en masse as essential personnel, but that individual names should be submitted for consideration. Ex C agreed with Col. Fiske that it was desirable to keep a reasonable parity of American/British officers in Venezia Giulia. He directed Est Sec to prepare for MTOUSA a list of names of essential officers, giving the reasons for their retention; AMG XIII Corps to be kept informed.

(b) - 1(b). Sicily. CA Sec reported that there was no further news and the situation was quiet.

(c) - 2. Handover of Territory. Ex C said that to save any delay CA Sec should find out from AFHQ movements of SACMED and ask AFHQ to telephone us as soon as the news of handover came through.

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4. Italian Army. Land Forces S/C gave a report of their proposed plans for the future of the Italian Army. The new conditions of call up and service in the Italian Army were being discussed.

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3 October 45.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 2 OCTOBER 45.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(c). Release of American Officers. Ex C stated that a memorandum had been prepared by Est Sec showing the status of all American officers in AC/AMG. A direction had been issued that officers retained would b only those in Class A (term of service duration of emergency plus six months) and Class B (term of service until 6 March 46 or until such earlier time as the officer wished). Est Sec reported that up to the present there had been no great response to this.

(b) - 2. Sicily. Ex C stated that unfortunately the Liaison Officer had discussed the matter with the High Commissioner and the local police. A telegram had therefore been despatched ordering him to cease enquiries.

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(d) -4. Venezia Giulia - Rations. Ex C read a letter from AFHQ which stated that the ration scale in Venezia Giulia should not be increased. He would pass the file to Econ Sec for action at their meeting this morning.

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4. AFHQ - Reorganization. Ex C stated that as from to-day AFHQ was divided into three parts. Col. Parkin would deal with MTOUSA; Col. Jones would deal with General HQ., CMF., and AC would deal with AFHQ itself.

5. Excelsior Hotel, Naples. VP CA Sec said there was a possibility that we should lose the use of this hotel on the turnover. Ex C directed Est Sec to look into this and to ensure that at least five rooms were reserved for AC. Ex C told Polad (B) that the Metropole Hotel, Naples, had been handed back to the Italians.

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7. Venezia Giulia - Population. Ex C referred to the alleged deportation of Italians and their replacement by Yugoslavs. A telegram was being sent to AFHQ on this matter suggesting the possibility of establishing liaison officers in the ports on the West coast of Istria. It was also being pointed out in this telegram that AC were not in a position to supply the liaison officers.

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8. XIII Corps Liaison Officer for Rome. Ex C stated that SCAO Venezia Giulia had proposed that a liaison office should be set up in Rome. Econ Sec thought it was desirable to have a liaison officer on the economic side and all were in agreement that representation would be useful. CSO to Ex C was directed to follow up.

9. Supplies for Venezia Giulia. Econ Sec confirmed that Venezia Giulia was included in the plan for the North. There was considerable discussion on the economic and political implementations of military responsibility for supplies for Venezia Giulia and Udine. Ex C and Polads emphasized the importance from a political point of treating Udine and Venezia Giulia as separate entities. Ex C directed Econ Sec to send him the telegrams on the supply side and he would deal with the political side.

10. Handover of the Italian Army. Land Forces S/C had no further news of this. Gen. Morgan was discussing with Gen. Browning to-day.

T. H. H. Deane Lt Colonel

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Subject: Press Release on AC Accomplishments.

To: Distribution below.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 25 SEPTEMBER 45.

Ex C introduced to the meeting Lt. Col. McCleary, his new CSO, vice Lt.Col. Talbot, also Lt.Col. Gillmore, who has recently joined Land Forces S/C.

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5. Turnover of Vehicles. Econ Sec raised the question of turnover of vehicles from present users to the Ministry of War and the allocation of them by M.I.A. Ex C pointed out the practical difficulties that would arise were the stipulations of the Land Forces S/C strictly observed. He directed Econ Sec to arrange a meeting with Land Forces S/C with a view to a possible modification of some of these stipulations.

6. Release of American Officers. Est Sec said the latest ruling was that American officers with a point score of 75 or more were due for immediate release. The effect of this was that there would be 105 American officers against the 230 budgeted for. Officers could volunteer to remain but the period required was duration of the emergency plus six months. Col. Densmore pointed out that many officers would probably be willing to extend their service for a short while but who were unwilling to sign on as at present required. Ex C said that Col. Parkin should make a list of American officers required for the theatre, with the names of those who wished to volunteer, and take the matter up with MTOUSA. He should copy his letter to MTOUSA to Polad (A) who would press the matter through diplomatic channels.

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3. Movement of Office. Col. Fiske confirmed the movement of his office to the Montecatini building.

4. Cars for MTOUSA. Col. Fiske said that he had been asked by MTOUSA to supply thirty elegant cars in perfect condition. This was contrary to the policy of AFHQ that vehicles be returned to the Italian Government. Nevertheless, instructions had been given to furnish the cars in accordance with MTOUSA's instructions.

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6. Handover of Territory. VP CA Sec said that the normal time for the handover procedure was twenty-one days. He said, however, that it could be done in ten to fourteen days. It was agreed by all that to rush the handover was a mistake and that it might be necessary to make the date say 10 October. Polads said that at least we should get out an announcement of the handover in September. Ex C agreed that this was desirable. CA Sec would go ahead with the preparations and Ex C would discuss with CC.
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19 September 1945.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 18 SEPTEMBER.

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(b) - 1(b). Reduction of AC HQ. Ex C stated that this had been the subject of a meeting yesterday afternoon, and a letter was being forwarded to AFHQ. CC considered that the retention of a large economic group in Milan could not be reconciled with FAM 487, and wanted the economic group reduced below 25 by 1 December.

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8. Italian Citizenship in Bolzano. Poland (B) drew attention to Brig. Carr's notes of his tour of the North on the question of the legal ruling of Italian citizenship. Brig. Carr said there was some controversy on this point; the Chief Legal Adviser held that only those Italians who opted to go to Germany and actually left the country had lost their citizenship, but the view of the local prefect was that all those who had opted to go to Germany would lose their citizenship. CA Sec would take it up with Local Government S/C and the notes would be amended.

9. Austrian/Italian Trade. Ex C stated that a letter had been received from an Austrian Baron Wadenegg regarding Austrian/Italian trade. Poland advised that no action should be taken as the Austrian Office in Rome was not recognised, and Ex C said he would inform CC accordingly. Econ Sec had already contacted the Italian Government with regard to trading with Austria.

10. Timber. Ex C said that he had been informed that Venezia Giulia were in need of timber for the winter. He directed Econ Sec to take the matter up with Agriculture S/C with a view possibly of sending an expert up to inquire into and arrange the matter on the spot.

11. Italian Export Programme for 1946. Econ Sec said that good progress had been made with this, which was phased to effect 85% full employment by 30 September 1946.

12. Outstanding Commitments. CA Sec said that Heads of Sub-Commissions should keep lists of important matters, particularly of those in which the Italian Government had been given undertakings, so that when personnel changes were made they were not overlooked. Ex C asked that Heads of Sections impress this upon their Sub-Commissions.

13. Films. PRO said that the Italian Government were not implementing the agreement regarding film distribution and priorities made between the Government and the Temporary Film Board. The result was the distribution and showing of American and British films was being held up. This was a matter Ex C would recommend CC to take up with the Prime Minister verbally in the first instance.

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15 September 1945.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 14 SEPTEMBER 45.

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There was discussion on the possibility of a satisfactory settlement and Ex C said that pressure should be put on both the French and the Italians. It was so important for the Italian economy that Phosphate be procured immediately that it might be necessary to get the Italians to make an unprofitable deal. This was, of course, to be avoided if possible.
Econ Sec were directed to approach the Emergency Economic Council for Europe to enlist the support of the French representative on the Council.

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3. Foreign Minister's Visit to North. Poland (B) stated that Dr. De Gasperi wished to go North to make a speech mainly dealing with the economic situation. Ex C said he had received an official application and no objection had been raised by CC. The matter would be cleared with RC Venezie.

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4. Brig. Carr's Visit to the North. VP CA Sec reported that public security conditions seemed to have improved. He said that little headway had been made in re-equipping Carabinieri and considered the time had now come to send a letter to AFHQ on this subject. CC.RR were still being issued with obsolete weapons and Land Forces S/C stated that all the good weapons were required for the Internal Security Groups. Ex C said the question of priority for arms was important and should be taken up. It was essential that the Italian Army and the CC.RR had identical arms, or at least weapons of the same calibre. Polad (B) said he knew the Foreign Office would lend their support in this matter. Ex C said there was considerable reluctance to supply British weapons to a foreign power in peace time, especially for internal security. Polad (A) reported that he had been asked by the US Ambassador about the increase of ceiling of CC.RR. Ex C said the proposition had been put up by the Prime Minister, asking for an increase of 10,000 to 75,000. Previous requests of a similar nature had been turned down but another approach would be made to AFHQ.
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12. Press Correspondents. PRO asked the position regarding communications for press correspondents after the handover, and this as well as their rations and accommodation, was discussed. Ex C suggested that PRO hold a meeting with the Embassies and Press representatives on the subject of their future position with a view to eliminating within the next three months all AC responsibility for their maintenance or communication facilities.

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13. Adverse Press Reports on Italian Army. Land Forces S/C asked if the press could be restrained from making attacks on the Italian Army. It was pointed out that recently some favourable notices had been given and Ex C stated it was a matter for the Italian Minister of War to take up with the Italian Press Bureau.

14. Railroad Transportation Units. Land Forces S/C had received a letter from the Minister of War to say that there could be no railroad transportation units in the Italian Army. 3,000 personnel were involved. Land Forces S/C would send Ex C the correspondence.

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

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Ex C agreed CA Sec's point that public safety officers should be kept up to full strength and said the numbers of other

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Liaison Officers would depend upon the policy to be followed in regard to elections. Sections were instructed to review and report through Est Sec.

3. REDUCTION IN TRANSPORT.

Ex C said that about the middle of last month AFHQ had sent in a telegram calling for cutting down of transport. He said that at a meeting yesterday it had been decided to reduce the number of civilian cars used in Regions on Sept 15 25% and by Sept 29 by a further 25%. Est Sec were directed to review the number of cars held by Col. Fiske's group. Cars sent out on daily despatch would also be reviewed by Est Sec with a view to reduction and a 25% cut in civilian cars would be made at HQ.

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at Savona and urging that the coal be moved. Econ Sec would look into this matter.

7. BRIG. ANDERSON'S VISIT TO THE NORTH.

Brig. Anderson stated that economic conditions in the north had definitely improved. Vehicles were being produced at Fiat at the rate of 30 a day but tyres were the problem. Fiat could get up to 3,000 vehicles a month. Production at other plants had improved.

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12. COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH.

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Land Forces S/C had agreed that certain classes be demobilised, which would greatly increase the morale of the Italian Army. Demobilisation of the 1917 class would commence on 16 October and demobilisation of the 1918 class and the 1919 class would probably take place in November and December respectively.

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(b) - 4. Review of AC/AMG. PRO stated that the first copy would be off the press tomorrow. Major Bergin was waiting for priority to go to U.S. and U.K. to see press representatives.

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Brig. Parsons was asked to arrange that XIII Corps G-2 reports be sent to AC.

3. IPOW and Mine Clearance. Ex C had discussed this matter with G-5, AFHQ. Owing to the fading out of CA Sec, CC considered that IPOW and mine clearance should go over to Land Forces S/C (MFIA) on 30 September and CC was sending a letter to Gen. Browning on this.

4. Elections. Polad (B) mentioned what appeared to be an inspired press report from London on the question of elections stating that the Peace Treaty would not be signed until an elected government was in power. This was exactly opposite the view expressed recently to Polad (B) and he was telegraphing to London on the matter. Polad (A) said the U.S. view was that it would be advantageous to have an elected Italian Government sign the Peace Treaty, but no official statement had been made on this.
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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSION'S MEETING - 31 AUGUST.

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5. Vehicles in the North. PRO read a report from the Italian press about captured enemy vehicles in the North that were rapidly deteriorating and the report asked why these could not be sold to private individuals. Col. Fiske confirmed that there was a large amount of looting and considerable deterioration and said that the reason for the delay in the turnover of vehicles was that AFHQ wanted to screen the inventories to see what they required. Ex C said that by now it should be possible to get a statement from AFHQ on the actual position, especially in regard to running vehicles. He directed Room Sec to let him have the file and he would discuss at AFHQ tomorrow.

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6. Telecommunications. Communications S/C reported that the Yugoslavs had cut all civil communications between their part of Venezia Giulia and ours, including between Trieste and Pola. SCAO had been informed and Econ Sec were holding a meeting on this. Econ Sec directed Communications S/C to inform AFHQ at once.

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To the Executive Commissioner.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 28 AUGUST.

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Ex C would discuss with Gen. Browning this morning.

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3. Economic Liaison Groups. RCs had sent in recommendations by names for Liaison Groups to be set up in the North after the handover. CC was now anxious to tackle HQ. Two cuts of 25% could be made at intervals or the thinning out could be a more gradual process. Taking care of the officers made surplus after the handover was an important point which CC did not wish to be overlooked and there was discussion on this.
Ex C would meet Est Sec on Thursday to discuss the matter in order to clear the air for Ex C's next meeting on Friday.

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4. Strength of Carabinieri. Arising out of statements made by the Prime Minister on Italian elections, there was discussion on the possibility of increasing the strength of the CC.RR. CA Sec thought that as the CC.RR were not too popular in the North, other police agencies should be strengthened as an alternative. Ex C directed them to obtain the views of Public Safety S/C. Polad(B) stated that Parri had been making speeches containing vague inferences and Ex C said he would discuss this matter with CC.

5. Office Accommodation in Milan. Col. Fiske said that his offices in Milan were being asked for by the Town Major and there was difficulty in finding alternative accommodation. Ex C said he would recommend to CC that Col. Fiske's office should move into the Lombardia Region building soon after the turnover. Difficulties in respect to telephones were discussed and Ex C directed Communications S/C to take up this matter.

6. Derequisitioning of Hotels for the Italian Government. Est Sec had now taken over this matter. Delay had been caused because of the failure of the Italian Government to let us know what accommodation they required in various towns. Est Sec would submit draft letters to Ex C to-day.

7. Oil Refinery at Fiume. Econ Sec had received a letter from the Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs asking us to intercede in respect of an oil refinery at Fiume. There was discussion on the procedure to be followed in such matters and Ex C said this raised the whole question of Italian Government approach to the Yugoslav Government. Ex C directed Econ Sec to write to the Embassies giving them full particulars of the case so that they could take necessary action.

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14. Clothing of CC.RR. Land Forces S/C said that the supply of green battle dresses for CC.RR was in hand, and there were sufficient available now to supply Florence.

A.B. Hawdy
a/ Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

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25 August 1945.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 24 AUGUST.

Col. Fiske was in the Chair in the absence of Ex C on duty.

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(i) - 10. Supplies for Venezia Giulia. Econ Sec said the consensus of opinion was that military responsibility for supplies to Venezia Giulia should not be withdrawn. There was discussion on how the withdrawal of AMG would affect the situation.

2. Economic Section Representation in Milan. Brig. Anderson had received a message from Brig. Lush concerning the Economic Board in Milan. The question of coordination between Milan and Sub-Commissions at AC was discussed and it was agreed that the situation was satisfactory.

3. Disposal of Surplus Military Material. The Army and Navy Liquidation Commission had communicated with Econ Sec and asked if AC wished to exercise controls over the distribution of surplus goods which the Italian Government might buy from that Commission. There was discussion on the several factors involved, including the buying of goods by other nationals, and the financial aspect.
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5. Check on Visitors to AC. PRO asked if it was still necessary to have receptionists at the desks at the main entrance checking visitors to AC. Dst Sec said some measure of control must be exercised to keep out unauthorised callers and Ex C ruled that the present practice should continue.

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10. War Crimes Commission. CA Sec stated that AFHQ had ruled that AC would be responsible for transport and accommodation of War Crimes Commissions. Proposals of a Yugoslav War Crimes Commission had been forwarded to AFHQ for comment, and had been returned as a staff study, AFHQ asking for our views. CA Sec considered that the responsibility for War Crimes Commissions belonged to AFHQ and would like to discuss the whole matter with Polads at an early date. Ex C approved.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 21 AUGUST.
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CA Sec were directed to look into the matter.

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(h) - 10. Captured German Clothing. WBD S/C had referred the letter to AFHQ, who said that all the material was being inventoried. They would follow up.

2. Correspondence to and from Prime Minister. Ex C was concerned at the amount of correspondence being handled at Prime Minister level, and said this should be cut down. There was discussion and it was pointed out that the fault lay with the Italian Government as much as ourselves. Ex C would take the matter up with CC.

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10. Supplies for Venezia Giulia. There was considerable discussion on the question of supplies for Venezia Giulia if military responsibility was withdrawn. It was generally agreed that it was undesirable to hand over the responsibility of feeding to the Italian Government. Ex C said the military should continue supplies for areas that remained under AMG.

11. Reduction in Establishment. Ex C ruled that Sections should furnish to Est Sec an estimated establishment following the turnover and then a phase establishment for, say, 60 days ahead. It was desirable to do this by name so that officers could be advised of their position.

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MINUTES OF REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS' MEETING - 13 AUGUST 1945.

1. Hand Over of the Northern Provinces to the Italian Government.

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Brigadier UPJOHN stated that all our experience was that the Italian Government had not tackled and were not tackling the public safety problem energetically. Reorganisation of the Carabinieri was desirable but this was not a short term policy, and would take months. As regards the date of the handover, he pointed out that unless approval could be obtained from AFHQ by 16 August 45 it would be administratively impossible to effect the handover on 1 September 45.

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Polad (B) agreed that unless sufficient troops were made available, it was useless trying to run AMG, and stressed that we should state the position very bluntly to the American and British Governments. Executive Commissioner concurred and said we must also have clearly laid down the exact responsibility of the Allied troops who would remain in regard to quelling of civil disturbances.
Col. Hamilton said GOC No. 2 District required a directive from AFHQ to define his responsibility, and Executive Commissioner promised to take this up at AFHQ.

Col. Fiske said if it was not practicable to remain until after the elections we should hand over in September. He made the point that the transfer of the Italian Army should be concurrent with the transfer of Italian territory, and if it was not possible to hand over control of the Italian Army until 30 September it was desirable to postpone the hand back of territory until that date. Executive Commissioner stated that the date of 30 September had already gone forward as the date for the Italian Army to be handed over to the Italian Government and in the event of approval for the transfer being obtained he felt sure that Sacmed could be persuaded to give the Italian Government control of their army before that date.

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With the Chief Commissioner's approval Executive Commissioner suggested 10 September as the hand over date and Executive Commissioner asked Regional Commissioners for their views on this. They said they could be ready by this date.

2. Proposed Liaison Groups in the North.

Establishment Section had prepared a draft summary of personnel and vehicles, which was distributed to members of the meeting. Executive Commissioner read a note put up to the Chief Commissioner, which formed a basis for discussion.

The Establishment Section summary was discussed group by group. Several amendments were requested by Regional Commissioners, and these were noted by Establishment Section, who would make the necessary adjustments.

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GENOA,
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Executive Commissioner ruled that for the purposes of discipline and administration the Central Economic Liaison Group should be under Lombardia Liaison Group in MILAN.

Local Government Officers. There was considerable discussion on the functions of local government officers and Local Government Sub-Commission did not want any in the field. The Regional Commissioners were in agreement with this, stating that it would be impossible for the local government officers to perform any useful function. Brigadier UPJOHN said that the general consensus of opinion of the meeting was that special local government officers were not necessary.

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5. Archives.

Executive Commissioner emphasized the responsibility of Allied Commission to see that its Archives were handed over in good order, and this responsibility began with Regional Commissioners in the field. One officer was to be appointed at each Region to deal with Archives, and this officer would spend two or three days at Headquarters, Allied Commission with Capt. Collins. Uniformity was essential and the instructions issued by Archives must be followed.

A paper prepared by Capt. Collins was distributed to members of the meeting. Capt. Collins said the object in view was to prepare all files so that they would mean something to people looking at them for the first time, perhaps twenty years hence.

Executive Commissioner stressed the importance of this subject, which he said had not always had the attention it deserved.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 10 AUGUST.
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Brig. Anderson referred to the Emergency Economic Committee for Europe and stated that Italy was not represented and could not be until she was a member of the United Nations. The Foreign Office, supported by the American Embassy in London, had suggested that Saamed should have an observer on this Committee and also on the European Coal Organisation, this observer to have a small staff and office in London.

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8. Venezia Giulia - AMG Personnel. Ex C said a telegram had been received from XIII Corps regarding parity of U.S. and British officers. If parity had now been established, Dst Sec were instructed to inform XIII Corps and G-5, AFHQ.

9. Clothing and Equipment for Italian Police Agencies. VP CA Sec stated that clothing and equipment of CC.RR was an Army responsibility, but no such responsibility existed for Guardia di Finanza and Public Safety Agents. He asked if Econ Sec could give first priority from reserves in the North.
Brig. Anderson pointed out that a large part of the clothing in the North came from private warehouses and was privately owned. It was stated that the Ministry of the Interior would be responsible for payment.
Ex C said we should approach AFHQ asking for early release of the clothing in the hands of the Army.

10. Captured German Clothing. Land Forces S/C had received a letter from the Italian Government asking that German clothing be allocated to civilian use. They were instructed to send this letter for action to WD S/C.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 2 AUGUST 1945.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(a). Maintenance of Italian Army. Ex C stated that this matter had been discussed at AFHQ. A wire was being sent to AFHQ recommending that the interim Italian Army would be maintained at a strength of 140,000, plus 65,000 CC.RP. and that operational and administrative control of that Army would pass to the Italian Government between 30 September and the end of the year. CC had said that the Prime Minister would not press for the increase of strength to 160,000. Ex C pointed out, to Econ Sec in particular, that the feeding of the Italian Army was based on the assumption that food would be made available for the Italian civilian population. We had no assurance that supplies would be available after the August loadings. No definite policy had been laid down in Washington and London, and Brig.Gen. McKinley was going to London tomorrow to present the facts.
It was emphasised that when the Italian Government took over the responsibility for their army food and supplies should have top priority over civilian requirements, and should be included in the "disease and unrest" programme.

(b) - 1(b). Hotel Accommodation. Ex C stated that the Continentale Hotel in Milan had been handed over to AC as from 2 August 45. Dep Ex C said this would be run on similar lines to the Grand Hotel in Rome, one half for civilians on a purely commercial basis, and the other half for AC officers. Polad (B) pointed out that the Continentale would thus have the only civilian restaurant in Milan, and there might be certain political repercussions. Dep Ex C took note of the comments of Polad (B) and thought the matter could be satisfactorily arranged.
The Diana Hotel was to be handed over by Fifth Army to No. 2 District as from 15 August 45.

(c) - 5. Food Situation in the North. Econ Sec reported that the meeting had been called and RC Lombardia Region had been asked to furnish accommodation and office space. Dep Ex C said that the RC should not be called upon to provide accommodation and facilities for HQ meetings. Ex C agreed and asked Econ Sec to note this for future reference.

(d) - 6. Dep Ex C's Office in Milan. Dep Ex C stated that with the change to the new building office accommodation was now adequate. Ex C stated it had been decided to call the office "The Office of the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission."

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It was emphasised that when the Italian Government took over the responsibility for their army food and supplies should have top priority over civilian requirements, and should be included in the "disease and unrest" programme.

(b) - 1(b). Hotel Accommodation. Ex C stated that the Continentale Hotel in Milan had been handed over to AC as from 2 August 45. Dep Ex C said this would be run on similar lines to the Grand Hotel in Rome, one half for civilians on a purely commercial basis, and the other half for AC officers. Polad (B) pointed out that the Continentale would thus have the only civilian restaurant in Milan, and there might be certain political repercussions. Dep Ex C took note of the comments of Polad (B) and thought the matter could be satisfactorily arranged.
The Diana Hotel was to be handed over by Fifth Army to No. 2 District as from 15 August 45.

(c) - 5. Food Situation in the North. Econ Sec reported that the meeting had been called and RC Lombardia Region had been asked to furnish accommodation and office space. Dep Ex C said that the RC should not be called upon to provide accommodation and facilities for HQ meetings. Ex C agreed and asked Econ Sec to note this for future reference.

(d) - 6. Dep Ex C's Office in Milan. Dep Ex C stated that with the change to the new building office accommodation was now adequate. Ex C stated it had been decided to call the office "The Office of the Representative of Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission."

2. Decorations awarded to U.S. Officers. Ex C offered congratulations to Colonels Fiske and Densmore on their awards. He directed that an announcement be made in the Daily Bulletin of all awards given.

3. August Bank Holiday. Ex C announced that CC had ruled 6 August 45 to be a holiday for all British personnel in AC at HQ and in the Regions. US personnel would be on duty. Ist Sec to take the necessary action.

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4. Regional Personnel. Ex C pointed out that Emilia Region was being handed back to the Italian Government to-day and he required from Est Sec a list of all the officers from that Region and what had happened to them.
Ex C directed Est Sec to press for proposals from RCs on the retention of liaison officers in the North. So far the only replies had come from RCs Liguria and Emilia Regions.
Ex C said a strong appeal had been made at Saemad's meeting for Allied supervision over elections which, if approved, would mean retention of more officers. He directed Est Sec to work out a plan to deal with the problem of the reduction of Regional and HQ staff following the handback of nearly all Italy to the Italian Government.

5. Transport in Milan. Dep Ex C said he was having difficulty with transport. In addition to visiting AC officers, his small motor pool was taking care of war correspondents, which was a great strain on the resources available. It was suggested that transport ex Emilia should be sent to Milan but Ex C pointed out that Venezia Giulia should have the first pick of this transport. Est Sec were directed to submit a plan of disposal of ex-Emilia transport to Ex C for approval.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 7 AUGUST.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 4. Regional Personnel. VP CA Sec said that RC Piemonte Region had complained that he was 25% under strength in personnel. Ex C directed Est Sec to study the matter and report.

(b) - 5. Transport in Milan. Est Sec confirmed that Venezia Giulia were getting top priority for transport. Ex C directed them to look into the question of drivers.
Ex C wanted to see the plan of disposal of ex-Emilia transport, which he had asked Est Sec for at the last meeting.

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2. Handback in the North. Est Sec had not yet received the proposals from RCs (except Liguria and Emilia) on the retention of liaison officers in the North, and Ex C instructed them to press for these. Ex C would go through with Est Sec the ideas they had at the moment and hold a meeting with VPs on Friday, 10 August, to get out a directive for RCs. Subject to CC's approval he would call a small meeting of RCs on Monday, 13 August, to discuss the whole problem of the handback of territory.

3. Visit to the North by VP CA Sec. VP CA Sec reported that the general feeling was that if AMG did not continue for another six months the turnover should take place as soon as possible. On the surface there was a great improvement in law and order, although some observers considered this was a lull before the storm.

4. French Liaison Officers. VP CA Sec asked the position. Ex C stated that we had recommended to AFHQ that there should be no French military liaison representation below District level.

5. French Incidents in the North. Polad (B) asked if more detailed reports could be given by RC Piemonte Region regarding the alleged incidents following the departure of French troops, so that we could give more information to the French Embassy. Ex C agreed and directed that a letter be sent to the RC.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 27 JULY 1945.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 2. Ex C's Visit to Venezia Giulia.

Channels of Communication. AFHQ had prepared a directive supplementary to that sent to Eighth Army. CC had told G-5 that he thought the present directive was sufficient.

Increase in Ration. CC had ruled that this matter be dropped.

Personnel. Ex C had circulated a list of officers ex Emilia Region requested by SCAO Venezia Giulia. Ex C wanted all these officers to be transferred if this could be done and 1st Sec were directed to let him know the names of any who could not be sent. 1st Sec were arranging for the transfer of EM/OR.

(b) - 6. Maintenance of Italian Army. Econ Sec had written a memorandum to Land Forces S/C and Ex C asked that a copy of this be sent to him.
Land Forces S/C pointed out that the 65,000 CC.RR would have to be taken into account in addition to the 140,000 Italian Army. Econ Sec agreed this would be done and stated that unless the civilian ration was impaired a large amount of food would have to be imported.

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6. French Liaison Officers. Polad(D) reported that No. 2 District had asked for a French Liaison Officer in Aosta, Ventimiglia and Tenda. Local AMG were not in favour of this.
CSO to Ex C was directed to send telegrams to No. 2 District, ROs and AFHQ.

7. Italian Government Archives. Polads raised this subject again. (See Minute 6 of Ex C's Meeting of 17 July 45). CA Sec reported that the movement of archives down to Rome was well in hand, and the Italian Government had been requested to make the archives available to any inspecting Allied agents. It was also intended to recommend to AFHQ that the archives held by PWB and

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CSS should be handed over to the Italian Government and that similarly they should make these available to inspecting Allied agents.
Polad (A) pointed out, however, that there might be some archives held by PWB and CSS which should be seen by the Allies before being handed over to the Italian Government.

8. Italian Army. Land Forces S/C raised the question of the handover of the Italian Army to the Italian Government. Ex C said it had already been recommended that the Italian Army be handed over at the same time as the hand back of territory.
Land Forces S/C suggested that a special instruction would be necessary from AFHQ which would certainly have to include an operational paragraph from MMIA. Ex C agreed and thanked Land Forces S/C for drawing the matter to the attention of the meeting.

9. Regulations regarding Foreign Trade. Econ Sec reported a visit from Italian journalists on this matter. Ex C directed that PRO should see journalists before they went to see a Director of a Sub-Commission.

10. Commercial Communications. Comms S/C said a lot of pressure was being brought to increase commercial communications. The only commercial commercial communications permitted were to US and UK and these were severely restricted.
Econ Sec were directed to put up a memorandum in consultation with Comms S/C to AFHQ and the Embassies, and ask for action by all three, pointing out how the question of commercial relations was lagging behind.

11. Liaison Officer at San Marino. CA Sec asked if the Liaison Officer was to be retained. Polads said there was no need for this and Ex C agreed.

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6. Dep Ex C's Office in Milan. Est Sec reported that Dep Ex C's office in Milan was now 16, Via Buonoparte, the old IV Corps HQ building.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
17 JULY 1945.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 4. Administration. Although 5 Army AMG ceased to exist on 15 July they had stated that they would still retain certain AMG functions. The Ex.Com said that on his visit to AFHQ yesterday he had discussed this question with the CAO and G-5 Sec who had stated that 5 Army AMG would have no jurisdiction whatever under Phase II and if necessary an order would be issued by AFHQ to this effect. Personnel would be re-assigned from 5 Army and Est Sec was instructed to compile a list of officers required, for submission to AFHQ.

2. Future of the Commission.

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3. Allied Publications Board. Mr.Hopkinson reported that the APB had been closed down by AFHQ without prior notification to AC with the result that the newspapers in the North were at the moment uncontrolled. Ex.Com

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3. Allied Publications Board. Mr.Hopkinson reported that the APB had been closed down by AFHQ without prior notification to AC with the result that the newspapers in the North were at the moment uncontrolled. Ex.Com stated that the CC had asked that the matter be raised at the next SACMED's Political Conference. Poleds and PRO would brief the CC before this meeting.

4. Check-up of Arms held by Civilians. Mr.Hopkinson said that G-2 AFHQ had suggested that there should be a check-up on the number of arms handed in against the number estimated to have been held. It was considered that this information may prove useful in the future and it was agreed that G-2 should be asked to carry out the check.

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5. Entry into Italy. CA Sec said that a suggestion had been put forward that the Italian Government should be made responsible for the accommodation and feeding, etc., of private citizens entering Italy. AC had no facilities for looking after such people and neither had the Italian Government. It was suggested that anyone wishing to enter the country should be required to sign a statement to be attached to his visa to the effect that neither AC nor the Italian Government would accept responsibility for his welfare whilst in Italy, and Econ Sec were instructed to draft a reply on these lines to include a statement that the two Embassies agreed with the suggestions.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 24 JULY 1945.

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5. Imports. Econ Sec had received a paper from Mr. Harlan Cleveland setting out a tentative plan on the spending of $100 million on food, POL and coal. This paper was being mimeographed and would be distributed for comments. Econ Sec stated that there was no world shortage of wheat but transport was the problem. The shipping situation was getting more acute. They said that four times the amount of shipping was required to maintain a soldier in the Pacific as to maintain a soldier in Europe. Econ Sec had instructed their Sub-Commissions to stress the realities of the situation in their conversations with the Italian Government.

6. Maintenance of Italian Army. Ex C said that the interim Italian Army of 140,000 men would have to have priority of civilian supplies available, it being the responsibility of the Italian Government to feed their army, even at the expense of the civilian population. It was agreed that the army ration would have to be cut, but Ex C said this should be done gradually. Econ Sec were working out a plan on these lines.

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69.	AMG, NAPLES Commune	4	4	-	4
70.	AC Liaison Officer, BARI	1	1	-	1
71.	AC Liaison Officer, PALERMO.	3	1	-	3
72.	AC Liaison Officer, CATANIA.	1	1	-	1
73.	AC(MGIA.) Liaison Officer, SARDINIA.	1	1	-	1
74.	AC Liaison Officer, Questura, ROME.	1	1	-	1
75.	AC Liaison Officer, No.2 District	1	1	-	1
76.	AC Liaison Officer, P.B.S.	1	1	-	1
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77.	AFHQ, G-5 Section	30	3	-	3
78.	ATCUSA.	2	2	-	-
79.	XIII Corps.	2	-	-	-
80.	No.1 District	2	-	-	-
81.	No.2 District	2	-	-	-
82.	No.3 District	2	-	-	-
83.	Peninsular Base Section.	2	-	-	-
84.	Rome Allied Area Command	3	-	-	3

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14 July 1945.

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7. Elections. CA Sec said that electoral lists were progressing satisfactorily. RCs were being asked to send fortnightly reports on the situation. Ex C stated that interest was being shown in London in Italian elections and it had been urged that pressure be put on the Italian Government to hold both local and national elections this year.
Ex C mentioned that a very good U.S.I.S. paper on educating the Italians regarding elections had been issued and he asked Pol Adviser (B) to send a copy to London to catch Mr. Michael Stewart there since a similar paper from M.O.I. was desirable.

8. Closing of PWB. PRO stated that PWB were closing down on 15 July 45, with the exception of AFB and the Film Section. A U.S. film representative was due to arrive here on 1 August to arrange film distribution throughout the country and a period of 60 days after that would be necessary before the Film Section could close.
PRO stated that there was bound to be a period after PWB had closed down of paucity of news in the papers since News Agencies in Rome would take some time in entering into contracts in the North.
The opening of MOI offices was discussed and Ex C stressed the importance of their early functioning. It might be arranged for RCs to allocate some transport for the use of MOI. This should be taken up with AFHQ.

9. Atrocity Films. RC Venezie Region had received a report from one of his FOs that the showing of PWB films of German atrocities was being overdone. It tended to affect the equilibrium of Italian audiences and was not thought desirable in present circumstances.
PRB would consider the matter.

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Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

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10 July 1945.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 10 JULY.

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To solve the billeting problem, a telegram was being sent to-day asking that the Continental Hotel be reserved for AC when IV Corps moved out. He proposed that the Continental be run on similar lines to the Grand Hotel in Rome, i.e. for the use of AC and Italian civilians. Pol Adviser (B) strongly supported this. There would have to be double feeding arrangements, as in the Grand.

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6. Move of Garibaldi Division. Land Forces S/C reported that the Garibaldi Division were moving to Trani, near Bari, to-day.

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7. Appointment of Commisari for Newspapers in the North. CA Sec drew attention to a report in the Official Gazette and asked if appointments had been made. PRO had no knowledge of this and CA Sec said they would let PRO know details.

8. Coal for Italy. Pol Adviser (B) said the Polish Ambassador in Moscow had approached the Italian Ambassador there and opened negotiations for the supply of 80,000 tons of coal a month to Italy. Another offer to supply coal to Italy had been received from the Czechs.
Econ Sec said that the Coal Division were studying this.

9. Repatriation of IPOW. Dir IPW S/C reported that as a result of his visit to London it was clear that no policy had been decided in regard to the repatriation of IPOW from England and the British Empire. The question of cooperators and non-cooperators was involved.
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Regional Commissioners' Meeting.

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Present: Executive Commissioner
Deputy Executive Commissioner
SCAO Fifth Army
SCAO IV Corps
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PIEMONTE Region
LOMBARDIA Region
VENEZIE Region
EMILIA Region
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The Chief Commissioner stated that 1 September 1945 had been fixed as the probable date for the withdrawal of A.M.G. in ITALY except for VENEZIA GIULIA and possibly the BOLZANO area. Regional Commissioners agreed that it was a satisfactory date.

2. Italian Elections.

All Regional Commissioners

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The Chief Commissioner ruled that there should be no independent action by Ministries and that the move of offices and archives must be a planned operation.

4. Italian/.....

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4. Italian Decrees.

Regional Commissioner, EMILIA Region, drew the attention of the meeting to the publication of a decree authorising the establishment of the National Association of Patriots, to be supported by voluntary contributions.

He maintained that contributions would probably be made at the point of a gun. The Chief Commissioner directed that a memorandum be submitted to him on the subject.

Civil Affairs Sec.

A discussion took place on the implementation of decrees which had affected Northern Regions and it was agreed to give Regional Commissioners notice of intention to implement them so that they would have an opportunity of objecting.

5. Visits by Northern Prefects to ROME.

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All Regional Commissioners

6. Re-opening of the Swiss Italian Border.

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C.A.Sec

Regional Commissioner, LOMBARDIA Region, said that there were many Italians with business connections in SWITZERLAND who wanted to go there as soon as possible. Colonel SIEFF (Transportation Sub-Commission) said that a conference was being held at BERNE on 30 June when it was hoped that a decision would be reached. The Chief Commissioner directed that representations on behalf of Allied Commission should be made at the conference for the early re-opening of the frontier.

7. Public Safety in the North.

Executive Commissioner asked Regional Commissioners for their views on public safety in the Northern Regions. The replies of the Regional Commissioners indicated that in general the public safety situation was satisfactory, but doubts were expressed for the future.

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8. Policy for Italian Industry in the North.

Economic Section briefly outlined the industrial situation in the North. It was dependent on the availability of raw materials, the most important being coal of which there was a world shortage. The Allied Commission had submitted to the Combined Chiefs of Staff a proposal that the Italian Government should set up an Industrial Coordination Board which would have subsidiary boards to deal with each industry or group of industries. AC would advise the main Board of the materials available, the Board [illegible] raw materials to the subsidiary boards [illegible]. In the mean-

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Regional Commissioner, LOMBARDIA Region, said that there were many Italians with business connections in SWITZERLAND who wanted to go there as soon as possible. Colonel SIEFF (Transportation Sub-Commission) said that a conference was being held at BERNE on 30 June when it was hoped that a decision would be reached. The Chief Commissioner directed that representations on behalf of Allied Commission should be made at the conference for the early re-opening of the frontier.

7. Public Safety in the North.

Executive Commissioner asked Regional Commissioners for their views on public safety in the Northern Regions. The replies of the Regional Commissioners indicated that in general the public safety situation was satisfactory, but doubts were expressed for the future.

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8. Policy for Italian Industry in the North.

All Regional Commissioners

Economic Section

Economic Section briefly outlined the industrial situation in the North. It was dependent on the availability of raw materials, the most important being coal of which there was a world shortage. The Allied Commission had submitted to the Combined Chiefs of Staff a proposal that the Italian Government should set up an Industrial Coordination Board which would have subsidiary boards to deal with each industry or group of industries. AC would advise the main Board of the materials available, the Board would allocate the fuel and raw materials to the subsidiary boards who would decide which industries could be supplied. In the meantime a coal allocation organisation was being set up and instructions would be issued shortly. It was reported that coal imports for industries in the North for July would be 66,000 tons and for August 146,000 tons. These figures excluded military and railway requirements. After August the loadings by the U.S. were uncertain.

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Discussion followed on the Coal Allocation Board set up in MILAN as a temporary measure. Executive Commissioner said that there seemed to be some divergence of opinion as to recent decisions of the Board and he instructed Colonel EVANS to see that a thorough overhaul was made of its composition.

Regional Commissioner, LOMBARDIA Region, outlined a scheme which he thought should be adopted as an interim measure until the Industrial Coordination Board was set up. He said that in the North there were twenty-three committees which represented each of the main industries in the five Northern Regions. A commissioner should be appointed as head of each of these committees and one official nominated to coordinate the work of the committees. The Committees were composed of the best men available in the Northern industries and their functions were much the same as those of the proposed sub-boards of the Industrial Coordination Board. Regional Commissioner emphasized that they would work under the direction of AF/AC.

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Economic Section

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The present unemployment insurance scheme was insufficient and the Italian Government had been pressed to make some improvement. Director, Labour Sub-Commission, gave in detail the improved rates of unemployment pay and family allowances. Unemployment pay would be 50 lire per day instead of 9 lire. Once surplus labour had been drained off industry it must not be allowed to return.

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Regional Commissioner, LOMBARDIA Region, said that it had been strongly reported in the Italian press that wage increases had been granted. Increases were excessive, 150 lire per day or more on a basic wage of 95 lire and some were retrospective to 1 January 1945.

All Regional Commissioners

Executive Commissioner said that there must be no unilateral action and no notice of wage adjustments should be allowed to appear in the press without AMG sanction. The question would be discussed in committee the following day.

Chief Financial Adviser asked how it was proposed to dispose of surplus workers with firms which had swollen pay rolls. Director, Labour Sub-Commission, said that the specialist officers concerned with alternative sources of employment should endeavour to get workers transferred.

All Regional Commissioners

Executive Commissioner directed Regional Commissioner, VENEZIE Region, to submit a memorandum on his proposal that the limit of the amount to be approved by the Regional Commissioner for public works should be increased from 1,000,000 to 5,000,000 lire.

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All Regional Commissioners

The Executive Commissioner said that Regional Commissioners should not commit themselves to releasing British officers under the Release Scheme without consulting the appropriate Sub-Commissions.

13. Requisitioned Cars.

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All Regional Commissioners
Estab Sec

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16. Promotions/...

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16. Promotions.

Regional Commissioner, LOMBARDY Region, raised the question of promotion.. Executive Officer (A) replied that all promotions on the American side were frozen by MTOUSA.

17. Entertainment of Members of CLN in Allied Messes.

Office of the Executive Commissioner. CFA.

Regional Commissioner, LOMBARDY Region, raised the problem of the entertainment of members of the CLN in Allied Provincial Messes and urged that an allowance be made. The Executive Commissioner said he would discuss this with the CFA.

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5. AC Liaison Officers in Italian Government Territory. Ex C directed Est Sec to circulate the names and locations of all Liaison Officers.

6. Typhus. CA Sec reported three cases of typhus in Pisa Province - two of them endemic and one doubtful.

7. AC Weekly Bulletin. PRO said that he had received several requests from the Press for copies of the AC weekly bulletin. Ex C stated he would leave it to the discretion of PRO as to the giving of extracts from the bulletin, but the whole copy should not be supplied.

8. Display of Daily Papers. Ex C suggested that daily papers should be laid out for perusal on a table in the main Conference Room. PRO would arrange this.

9. Return of IPW. IPW S/C estimated that the number of Italian POW repatriated was in the region of 100,000. Press reaction was mostly directed at the prisoners returned from the Balkans and France, and there was some dissatisfaction at the treatment on arrival of returned prisoners. Ex C said that if the Italians were not doing all possible for their returned countrymen pressure should be put on them, through the medium of the press in the first instance.
IPW S/C stated that if the programme went through as planned all prisoners from U.S. and U.K. should be repatriated by 1 Feb 46.

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3. M.O.I. Film on Italy. Ex C drew attention to an article in the London "Times" reviewing a film dealing largely with Southern Italy. Pol Adviser (B) thought that this film had been made in Naples some time ago. Ex C requested Pol Adviser (B) and PRO to get some information.

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1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(a). Regional Commissioners Meeting. Col. Fiske was asked to telegraph or telephone Fifth Army and IV Corps on behalf of CC to obtain their agreement to the proposed meeting.

(b) - 1(b). Venezia Giulia. Ex C stated that SCAO XIII Corps had submitted another request for personnel and CC was anxious to meet the request as far as possible. Ex C told 1st Sec to let him know the exact personnel situation in AFC XIII Corps so that a decision could be made.
Ex C said that in view of the present state of public security in the North, public safety strengths must be maintained in the Northern Provinces. To help to meet SCAO XIII Corps requirements he suggested that S.O.(M) officers could be employed under police officers, thus releasing up to 6 Police Officers for Venezia Giulia.
CA Sec to get Public Safety S/C's opinion on this suggestion.

(c) - 1(d). Closing of Hotel Colonna. 1st Sec reported that the owner of the Hotel Colonna would feed and lodge the AC civilian employees. The hotel would be derequisitioned.

(d) - 1(c). Alteration in Office Hours. 1st Sec put forward a proposal for office hours to be from 0830 to 1700 hrs daily, with a 1½ hrs lunch period. Ex C was absent at this point, having been called in to the CC, and CSO to Ex C pointed out that Ex C had ruled that any plan put forward should be based on an 8 hr working day.

(e) - 2. Accommodation in Milan. Col. Fiske stated that there was an office available, with telephone, and a small motor pool for journeys within the city. Visiting officers requiring transport for journeys outside Milan should apply to RC, Lombardia Region, who had requisitioned 20 cars.

(f) - 5. Communications. Communications S/C said the private line from Rome to Milan had been assigned but was not yet working. They reported that there was considerable sabotage of signal wire and cable going on all over the country, but mostly in the centre between Naples and Florence. Ex C directed CA Sec to draw the attention of Public Safety S/C to this.

2. Electoral Lists. Ex C said we should set a target date for the elections and work to it. CA Sec stated that this date could not be before December. It was suggested that the Embassies should approach the New Italian Government with a view to getting them to change the 1915 law, which was undemocratic. [illegible] arranged by CA Sec and a meeting would be called at an

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(b) - 1(b). Venezia Giulia. Ex C stated that SCAO XIII Corps had submitted another request for personnel and CC was anxious to meet the request as far as possible. Ex C told Ist Sec to let him know the exact personnel situation in AMG XIII Corps so that a decision could be made.
Ex C said that in view of the present state of public security in the North, public safety strengths must be maintained in the Northern Provinces. To help to meet SCAO XIII Corps requirements he suggested that S.O.(E) officers could be employed under police officers, thus releasing up to 6 Police Officers for Venezia Giulia.
CA Sec to get Public Safety S/C's opinion on this suggestion.

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(d) - 1(e). Alteration in Office Hours. Ist Sec put forward a proposal for office hours to be from 0830 to 1700 hrs daily, with a 1½ hrs lunch period. Ex C was absent at this point, having been called in to the CC, and CSO to Ex C pointed out that Ex C had ruled that any plan put forward should be based on an 8 hr working day.

(e) - 2. Accommodation in Milan. Col. Fiske stated that there was an office available, with telephone, and a small motor pool for journeys within the city. Visiting officers requiring transport for journeys outside Milan should apply to RO, Lombardia Region, who had requisitioned 20 cars.

(f) - 5. Communications. Communications S/C said the private line from Rome to Milan had been assigned but was not yet working. They reported that there was considerable sabotage of signal wire and cable going on all over the country, but mostly in the centre between Naples and Florence. Ex C directed CA Sec to draw the attention of Public Safety S/C to this.

2. Electoral Lists. Ex C said we should set a target date for the elections and work to it. CA Sec stated that this date could not be before December. It was suggested that the Embassies should approach the new Italian Government with a view to getting them to change the 1915 law, which was undemocratic. A memorandum would be prepared by CA Sec and a meeting would be called at an early date.
CA Sec asked for assistance in transport in conveying electoral papers to Regions. MAC had given some assistance. Ex C directed Econ Sec to give this very high priority, stating that the paper must be moved.

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3. POL. Ex C stated that there was a grave shortage of POL. He had discussed this with Gen. Robertson. If AC could get a 20% increase on the June allocation this would cover immediate requirements. The total amount required was 15,000 tons a month. Econ Sec were directed to follow up the conversation with Gen. Robertson (who was sympathetic to the request for a higher allocation of POL) by putting up a strong case to the CAO.
There was criticism of the number of private cars in the North. RC Lombardia Region reported that by 1 July a licence system would be in operation, which would considerably reduce the number on the road.

4. Regional Orders issued from Milan. Ex C had told Piemonte Region and would write to Liguria and Venezia Regions that, as Milan was the centre of the North they should study every Regional Order issued in Milan with a view to adopting it in their own Regions without further instructions.

5. Flags. The question of the flying of Italian flags other than the national flag was discussed. It was agreed that the taking down of flags was to be avoided. No instruction would, therefore, be given on this matter.

6. British Consul General. Pol Adviser (B) announced that the British Consul General had arrived and was moving into Milan. Ex C said that Lombardia Region would help as to accommodation. AFHQ had approved the opening of Consulates in the North.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 15 JUNE.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

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(e) - 11. Alteration in Office Hours. Ex C ruled that we should maintain an eight hour working day, with holidays and time off to conform with 5 District and AFHQ. Est Sec were instructed to work out a plan on these lines and submit it to Ex C.

2. Accommodation in Milan. Pol Adviser (B) reported that the Diana Hotel had been taken over by Fifth Army as a rest house. There was thus no accommodation for Italian Government officials visiting Milan and very limited accommodation for visiting AC officers: the Principi e Savoia being now the only hotel available. Ex C said the time had passed when accommodation for troops had first priority and directed Est Sec to telephone SCAO Fifth Army with a view to the retention of the Hotel Diana as an AC Hotel. If this failed Ex C would ask CG to take the matter up himself.

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Ex C had received a letter from Lombardia Region asking for a ruling on the reception and billeting of the many Italian officials, AC officers and secretaries who were visiting Milan. Ex C would pass the letter to 1st Sec for action.

3. Political Meetings. It was decided that publicity should be given to the new policy regarding the holding of political meetings in the Army area. CA Sec were directed to send a memorandum to AMG Fifth Army and IV Corps on this matter and to coordinate with PRO.

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4. Letter from MTOUSA. Dst Sec had received a letter from MTOUSA regarding the eventual cessation of military supplies to certain organisations, including AC, UNRRA, American Red Cross, etc. Ex C said Dst Sec should give careful study to the matter, not forgetting the problem of POL.

5. Communications. Communications S/C reported that teletype communication with the North had been set up. A private line from Rome to Milan would operate from Monday. AC would have the use of this line from 0830 to 1930 hrs, and the Italian Government would have the use of it during the night.

6. Deputy Executive Commissioner. It was announced that the Deputy Executive Commissioner's address in Milan was 7, Via Appiani, Telephone 12581-2-3-4.

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1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 4. Regional Commissioners Meeting. Ex C stated that CC wanted the meeting to be short and on a high level and did not want discussion of points on which clear directives should have been given. He would recommend to CC that the meeting last two days, the second day to be given up to sub-committee meetings on specific subjects. Ex C would send an officer, with terms of reference of the meeting cleared with Heads of Sections, to RCs to get points that RCs wished to raise. A provisional date was fixed as 27/28 June.

(b) - 5. Venezia Giulia. Ex C confirmed that Col. N. Monfort had been appointed SCAO 13 Corps and would be RC, Venezia Giulia Region. His deputy would be Lt. Col. Robertson (B).

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3. Use of Todt Organisation. Ex C agreed with Brigadier Anderson that the equipment only of the Todt organisation be handed over to the Italian Government.

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8. Closing of Hotel Colonna. Est Sec reported that there were 31 Italian civilians in this hotel. They were eating British rations and HQ Commandant now wanted to close the hotel and stop the issue of rations. Ex C agreed and directed that the occupants should be given ~~one month's~~ notice that this would take place on 1 July

9. Change of Status of Italian Cooperators. IPW S/C reported that the change of status had been agreed to take effect on 31 July.

10. 2675 Regiment Strength. It was stated that 2675 Regiment was over strength, and yet Sub-Commissions were mostly under strength in American officers. Ex C directed Est Sec to look into this question and report where the over strength existed.

11. Port of Livorno. Ex C had received a report that AFHQ or PBS had closed the port of Livorno for civilian supplies. Econ Sec were directed to take up with Food S/C.

12. Alteration of Office Hours. It was suggested that during the hot weather the office hours should be altered so as to afford a two or three hours rest period in the middle of the day. Est Sec were instructed to study this question and report at the next meeting.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 8 JUNE.
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1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

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(b) - 7. Requests for Transport. CA Sec stated that most of their applications for transport were classified Priority B.

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2. Communications. Ex C said that he had gained the impression that communications were very bad, not only between Rome and the North, but East and West. He considered that the Army lines and exchanges were bad and an improvement should result when the change-over to the civilian system took place. Communications S/C gave a brief review of the situation and the difficulties that were being encountered. When the underground cables were completed communications would improve.

3. Contacts with the North. Ex C stated that the CC had decided to send Col. Fiske to the North as his representative. CC had written to Generals Truscott and Crittenberger on this matter.

4. Regional Commissioners Meeting. Ex C said that RCs would like to have a RCs meeting in Rome and bring Italian representatives who could talk on various subjects with their opposite numbers in Rome. He thought this was a very good suggestion and would emphasise that it is the Italian Government in Rome which is the government of the country. Ex C would ask for CC's approval for a meeting in about ten days time.

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29 May 1945.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 29 MAY.
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Mr. Antolini presided in the absence of the Ex C on duty.

1. Salvaged Vehicles. Mr. Antolini said he had received a visit from a representative of an Italian syndicate of automobile manufacturers which had been formed to purchase Allied salvage equipment. This had the support of the Committee of Reconstruction and had been approved in principle by the Prime Minister. WMD S/C thought that the Italian Government should have first offer of salvaged materials and only goods rejected by them should be sold on the open market. Econ Sec would send the letter outlining the proposed plan to WMD S/C for action.

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9. Hand Back of Territory. PRO asked if further territory had been turned back. CA Sec had not received a reply to the signal they had sent. On the recommendation of RC, Lucca Province would not be turned back and would become part of Liguria Region.

10. Telephone Communications. Communications S/C reported that civil telephone communications were available to Bologna. It was expected to have military telephones to Milan by 7 June.

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The possibility of control of Regions by CC as CCAO was mentioned.
Ex C had maintained that the frontier question of Piedmonte be regarded as a separate problem.
As far as the start of Phase II was concerned we were no nearer a solution until the French situation was clear and until all Germans were rounded up.
Col. Monfort had suggested that IV Corps be put directly under AFHQ. CC would take the matter up further with AFHQ.

8. Visit of Maj.Gen. Anderson. Maj.Gen. Anderson was visiting AC on Monday and would like to meet Heads of Sections and Sub-Commissions.

9. Next Meeting. Ex C said that he was going away for a week. The next meeting would be on Tuesday, 29 May, with Mr. Antolini in the chair.

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19 May 1945.

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(b) - 1 (b). Civilianisation of AC. Executive Officer (B) stated that under the British Government release scheme 107 officers were due to go by 16 June. Ex C was putting out a letter to-day to the effect that in view of the AC situation the services of all these officers was required until 31 July. Another 152 officers were due to go by August, but a certain number from both batches had volunteered to stay on.
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Ex C said it was not a question of shortage of personnel but of getting men of authority. He was very much opposed to the Italian Army being used to enforce civil law, and ruled that this year we must leave the amassing in Italian Government territory entirely to the Italians, and do everything we could in AMG territory. Land Forces S/C agreed.

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(i) - 13. Postal Services to the North. Communications S/C had obtained four trucks from Econ Sec. Ex C suggested that the remaining four required could be obtained from the Fiat Works at TURIN. Econ Sec would follow up.

2. Increase in CC.RR. CA Sec pointed out the strength of the CC.RR had been increased to 65,000 but the ration situation wanted clarifying. Food S/C were being asked to work out an increased ration scale. Ex C directed Econ Sec to follow up. He said we had been given an assurance by CAO that 500 tons a day would be delivered at PARMA and other places. This promise had not been implemented.

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7. Booty in the North. WMD S/C said there was a considerable amount of Italian and some German equipment in the North and the Army was still in control of it. There were a number of vehicles that had been used as ambulances which could be used for anti-malarial work. There were serviceable tyres on many other vehicles. Ex C said this was a matter for local RCs. He asked for a minute on the situation to put up to CC.

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There was some dispute in connection with the Brenner railroad. Under the Armistice terms the Germans had to rebuild this, but the Italian workers refused to work under German direction any longer and the Germans were doing

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4. Situation in BOLZANO. (contd)
what work they could with the 6,000 German workers available, without active cooperation from the Italian railroad workers. There was some discussion on this at the meeting.
The refugee situation was in hand. VI Corps reported they had only 5,000 refugees. The German/Austrian and the Brenner frontiers had been closed, in order to control refugee movement.
The CLN had been extremely cooperative in providing transport.
It had been arranged that all German MPs would be replaced by Americans in BOLZANO City by the end of the week and the situation should improve.
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13. Postal Services to the North. Communications S/C were anxious to get these into operation. Transport was the difficulty and they were in urgent need of eight trucks. There was discussion on the vehicle situation. Ex C pointed out that 9 Truck Company No. 17 had been loaned to Colonel KIRKWOOD in FLORENCE for one month and Econ Sec would follow up to see if the eight trucks could be obtained from there.

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14. Classification of Telegrams. Communications S/C pointed out that the excessive use of cypher was handicapping transmission. Ex C directed Major STEARNS to collaborate with Communications S/C in the preparation of a draft order on the classification of telegrams.

15. Hospital Accommodation in the North. WMD S/C reported there were ten Italian evacuation hospitals in the North, complete with 200 beds each. These were being applied for.

16. Refugee Camps. A camp was being opened in ROME tomorrow by the Italian Government, and another would be opened in FLORENCE shortly.

17. Clothing for LFOW. There was some discussion on the arrangements made and Ex C directed DPW S/C to submit a note on the situation.

18. War Selection Board. Brigadier HEIN stated this was being set up in ITALY for the first time and was sitting next week in FLORENCE. Ex C directed Executive Officer (B) to draft a letter asking for top priorities for Commission replacement personnel.

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16. Political Situation. (contd.)
Bonomi was of the opinion that he would get considerable support in the North on his visit.
They would be satisfied to have elections by the end of the year.
The CLNAI representatives were returning North tomorrow accompanied by Bonomi and eight members of the Government and four party leaders with approval of SAC. Ex C stated that CC had recognised that some modification of the no political meetings rule in the North was inevitable. RCs would be advised of the situation by Pol Advisers. As soon as approval was received from 15 Army Group a signal would be sent to RCs.

17. Coal. Econ Sec had received a telegram from IV Corps for an enormous tonnage of coal. There was discussion on the great need for coal everywhere and Ex C said we must endeavour to get priorities equalised.

18. Review of Industries in the North. Ex C stated that CC had sent a telegram to AFHQ urging that a review of industries in the North be undertaken by the American and British mission that came over here a few months ago.

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17. Coal. Econ Sec had received a telegram from IV Corps for an enormous tonnage of coal. There was discussion on the great need for coal everywhere and Ex C said we must endeavour to get priorities equalised.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 4 MAY.

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(c) - 3. Situation in the North.(contd.)
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(f) - 7. Hand Back of Territory. Ex C stated that the handing back to the Italian Government of UMBRIA-MARCHE Region and GROSSETO, SIENA and AREZZO Provinces from TOSCANA Region would take place on 10 May. RCs would be here to-day and reallocation of officers would be worked out.

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Subject: Visits to the North.

To: Director, Land Forces Sub Commission (MMIA)
" Navy Sub Commission
" Air Forces Sub Commission

1. It is anticipated that considerable pressure will be exerted by Italian Ministers, Government officials and other civilians to obtain permission to go to newly liberated territory in the North. I am directed by the Chief Commissioner to say that no visits to the North will be allowed except in very exceptional circumstances for which permission will be given only by the Chief Commissioner himself.

2. This instruction was given at the Executive Commissioner's Meeting of 27 April, and VPs of Civil Affairs and Economic Sections are so informing their Sub Commissions.

Major E. Talbot

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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3. Situation in the North. (continued).
Instructions had gone out ordering all provincial teams to be collected and sent forward, except those attached to EMILIA Region. These officers had either arrived or were on the way.
Ex C stated that it was arranged that G-5 Section, 15 Army Group would telephone the latest news twice a day. This news would be passed to VPs.

4. Carabinieri. CA Sec were instructed to pursue the matter of the ceiling of the CC.RR following the receipt of the letter from P.M. Bonomi on the matter.

5. Appointment of Prefects and Questori. CA Sec, with the approval of CC, had come to an agreement with the Prime Minister that the Government and the CLN would both nominate candidates but the final choice would be made by the AMG officer. Such choice would if possible be the Government's nominee but the candidate must be acceptable to the local population and due consideration must be given to the CLN nominee and the local ecclesiastical authorities should be consulted. Ex C said the Government should be urged to include amongst their nominees some of the CLN nominees. The matter would be further discussed with CC.

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12. Use of BLOs after Liberation. CA Sec stated it had been agreed to lend BLOs to AMG for a limited period after liberation of an area. CSO to Ex C to look up this instruction, and Ent Sec to follow up on the matter.

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13. Italian Army Vehicles. WMD S/C stated that MMIA were claiming all Italian Army vehicles, although a number had been repaired by private individuals and were operating on AC tyres. They cited a case of 102 lorries hauling grain under MMAC which MMIA claimed. Ex C pointed out that MMIA had the right to the vehicles; the mistake was in having had them repaired by private interests. He instructed WMD S/C to put up a minute to him, setting out the ruling on this, and he would ask Gen. Browning to make an exception in regard to these particular 102 vehicles and would tell Gen. Browning that in future the rules would be faithfully followed.

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

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24 April 1945.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 24 APRIL.

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5. Political Advisers. Pol Adviser stated that Mr. Hopkinson was due back to-day.

6. A/Ex C's visit to North. A/Ex C reported briefly on his visit to the North, giving an account of conditions and damage seen.

7. Liguria Region. A/Ex C had obtained agreement from IV Corps that Liguria Region should move to LUCCA and the staff would go forward immediately. Provincial teams would also move forward, ready to advance at the appropriate time.

Chief Staff Officer,
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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 17 APRIL

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13 April 1945

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING 13 APRIL

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No coal was being imported into Italy until June or July and the country was depending upon Sardinian coal. Econ Sec said that as a result of the decrease in production there would have to be a 50% cut in the Rome gas ration.
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3. Office Space. A/Ex C stated that the Office Space Committee had been working on the basis of a reallocation of space to get all the Sections together. They were moving out all Northern Regions HQs and officers assigned to Northern Regions, and it was considered that this would enable Sections to be together.
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(cont) A/Ex C and CA Sec said there must be consistency and that all female staff should be moved from the Flora Hotel into the Esperia.
CSO to Ex C asked if it was necessary that any further moves be made out of the Flora Hotel and suggested that when the Northern Regions went forward there should be plenty of accommodation. Already as the result of UNRRA having moved out there was sufficient accommodation for transient officers.
Econ Sec supported this view.
The matter was left undecided and would be further discussed.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 6 APRIL.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

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6. Recruitment of Garibaldi Division into the Italian Army.
Land Forces S/C gave a short account of the activities of the Garibaldi Division and stated that the remnants of this Division wanted to join the Italian Army.
Land Forces S/C had asked AFHQ on 21 March for an increase in the combat ceiling strength of the Italian Army to absorb these men. No answer had yet been received.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 3 APRIL.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

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2. New Deal for Italy. A/Ex C stated a letter had been received from AFHQ asking for an interim report on the New Deal plan up to 31 March. Heads of Sections should submit their comments as soon as possible in order that a full reply could be prepared for AFHQ. Office of Ex C to take up.

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9. Conditions of AC Civilian Employment. Econ Sec reported progress in drafting a circular to go to U.S. officers with reference to civilian employment offered by PTA and by State Dept. A/Ex C directed Est Sec to submit final draft.

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10. Employment of Italian State Employees in AMG Territory. Communications S/C had discussed with CA Sec and a circular had been issued by Finance S/C. This circular was read by Communications S/C and it was pointed out that as it stood it affected the work of RCs. A/Ex C directed that the matter be passed to CA Sec for study and comment.

11. Italian Army Ration Scale. Land Forces S/C reported that AFHQ had sent a letter to 15 Army Group and Army Commanders stating that S/C did not propose to recommend any increase in the Italian Army ration scale to the CCS as this was considered to be more than adequate.
The question of the increase in olive oil ration was settled in the negative insofar as AC was concerned.

12. Indiscriminate Purchases by Italian Army. Land Forces S/C stated that the Italian Army allowed commanding officers to spend the sum of 20 lire per day per man on extra food to supplement the ration scale. This resulted in the indiscriminate buying of food in the forward areas to the detriment of would-be purchasers for hospitals. Land Forces S/C were working on this with a view to exercising some form of control.

13. PRB - AFHQ. PRO reported that PRB - AFHQ had stated their Adv HQ would move out fairly soon which raised the problem of the civilian correspondents they would leave behind. A/Ex C said this brought up the whole question of AC and the various agencies that had been looked after for the sake of convenience. The eventual goal would be the establishment of these agencies on a civilian basis. He directed Est Sec to take up with RB&C and possibly with the Embassies with a view to working out a scheme as to supply.

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1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

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2. Assignment of Cars. A/Ex C said that justification statements for daily assigned cars had been submitted to Est Sec. He ruled that a committee be set up to review these justifications, consisting of Est Sec (Col. Parkin) and representatives of Econ and CA Secs. Col. Parkin suggested the first meeting should take place at 1500 hrs tomorrow, 31 March, in his office.

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27 March 1945.

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General CRITTENBERGER wanted to see RCs at an early date and would arrange a meeting. At the moment he did not want the Regions to move North, but was willing that specialist officers should move to LUCCA. A/Ex C was hopeful of persuading him to accept the full Regional Staffs up there.
A/Ex C directed that CAO IV Corps be on the distribution for all important matters.

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5. Staff Hours for Italian Civilian Employees. CA Sec stated that Sub-Commissions were asking for a ruling on office hours for Italian civilian employees. Est Sec stated that the working hours of 0830 to 1800 with 1½ hours for lunch had been published. A/Ex C directed that a reminder be issued.

6. Proposed Training Course for Officers. Est Sec gave list of officers required to attend a two weeks training course. It was agreed that it was difficult to release these officers.

7. Manual of the Activities of AC. PRO stated this was practically completed. A/Ex C directed that it should be passed to him and he would pass it to VPs.

S. Talbot Hays
Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

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23 March 1945.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 23 MARCH.

Dep Ex C presided in the absence of Ex C on leave in ENGLAND.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

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(f) - 6. Repatriation of Italians from ERITREA. CA Sec reported that CC wanted to know the views of the Italian Government and action was being taken accordingly. AFHQ had stated that Brig. McCARTHY was already on his way.

(g) - 7. Enlistment of Patriots in the Italian Army. Dep Ex C had discussed with Gen. BROWNING, who stated that inaccurate information had been conveyed. Land Forces S/C stated that in Army areas patriots were being recruited and absorbed into the Gruppi. In addition they had received elements of the Garibaldi Division who were being kept together and Gen. BROWNING had recommended that they be formed into a new regiment, which would mean raising the ceiling of combat troops.

2. International Red Cross Vehicles. CA Sec had been told by the International Red Cross that their present function was to visit the camps of all prisoners of war now being taken by the Allies. Maintenance and servicing of vehicles and the supply of petrol and lubricants, was therefore an Allied responsibility. Dep Ex C directed Est Sec to take the matter up with AFHQ.

3. Documentary Films. PRO had submitted a list of documentary films available for showing. Dep Ex C suggested that one evening a week should be set aside for showing the films and directed PRO to take up with PWB.

4. Assignment of Cars. Dep Ex C said there was considerable abuse of the system of daily assigned cars and he had instructed HQ Commandant to obtain a justification statement for each car so assigned.

5. Entertaining by AC. Dep Ex C stated there was much adverse criticism of the scale of entertaining done at the Grand Hotel. He instructed Est Sec to prepare some rules with a view to controlling the situation. It was suggested that the right to entertain in the Grand Hotel be restricted to members of the mess, except in special cases. A lot of the entertaining was done by RAAC and after the rules referred to above had been drawn up Dep Ex C would approach General BROWN on the matter.

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UNRRA had also asked to be allowed to extend the plan to AMG territory. There was discussion on this, especially in regard to FLORENCE.
Dep Ex C ruled that permission could be given for the plan to be put into operation in ROME and depending on how it worked a decision could be made at a later date in regard to extending the plan to AMG territory.

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8. Executive Commissioner's Meetings. There was discussion as to whether one meeting per week would not be sufficient. Dep Ex C argued that it was preferable to have two shorter meetings a week than one long one. He stated that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday as usual and a decision as t future meetings would then be made.

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21 March 1945.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 20 MARCH.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(c). Withdrawal from the South. The question of withdrawing the olive oil amassing officers was discussed and it was agreed that they should remain at any rate until 15 April when the matter could again be reviewed. CA Sec undertook to find out from the Minister of the Interior what instructions, if any, had been given to Prefects about the withdrawal of AC.

(b) - 4. Office Space. Communications S/C stated that the Office Space Committee had met and had decided that they could not fit the present numbers at this HQ into the main building. Ex C said that CC had ruled that everybody must fit into the main building. Communications S/C was instructed to report to the Committee that they must follow their terms of reference which were to re-allocate the office space in this building on the basis of the number of officers as approved by the Manpower Committee. After this reallocation had taken place the matter could, if necessary, be put up for decision by CC.

2. AC Liaison Officers. Ex C read the draft instructions for AC liaison officers. It was ruled that AC must be responsible for providing liaison officers with transport which would be serviced by the local military unit; the Italian Government to be asked to provide Italian clerical personnel and drivers. There were one or two other amendments to the draft suggested and agreed, and CSO to Ex C was instructed to submit another draft.

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1973

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5. UMBRIA-MARCHE Region. Ex C confirmed that the Provinces of TERNI and PERUGIA would be absorbed into the new Region to be known as "UMBRIA-MARCHE." CSO to Ex C said that those concerned had been informed of this and that Est Sec had been asked to cut the necessary orders.

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6. Repatriation of Italians from ERITREA. CA Sec said that AFHQ had agreed with the views of the Commission and had asked us to take the matter up with the Italian Government. CA Sec were opposed to approaching the Italian Government on this question. Ex C directed CA Sec to send an interim reply to the AFHQ letter, saying that the matter was being studied and adding that we did not think that the proposed visit by Brig. McCARTHY would serve any useful purpose.

7. Enlistment of Patriots in the Italian Army. CA Sec brought up the question of Italian patriots joining the Italian Army. Ex C reminded Land Forces S/C that SACMED had decided that as many patriots as possible were to be absorbed into the Italian Army, and told the S/C that any proposal to modify or delay this policy must be referred to CC.

E. Talbot Wain

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

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13 March 1945.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING 13 MARCH.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

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As regards (1), such non-Allied Commission personnel to be asked to find their own accommodation.
Where difficulties arose Est Sec to lend assistance.
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Ex C said the moves were not to take place until satisfactory arrangements had been made.
The space that would be made available at the FLORA Hotel as a result of these moves would be reserved for transient Allied Commission officers of field rank from outside this HQ.

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2. Withdrawal from the South. Ex C stated a letter had been received from AFHQ giving approval in principle to the A.C. plan for withdrawal from the South by 1 April 1945. AFHQ asked for certain officers to be left and it was agreed that most of these requests were satisfied by arrangements already made by A.C. It was also agreed that Communications S/C would have an officer attached to RAAC in ROME. Ex C instructed Est and CA Secs on the necessary adjustments.

3. IV Corps Planning. SCAO IV Corps had asked for five officers for forward planning. CSO to Ex C to take action.

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5. IPOW. IPW S/C drew attention to inaccurate statements in Service newspapers. Ex C asked PRO to try and effect closer liaison between A.C. and the Service newspapers.

6. Weekly Bulletin. Ex C told PRO that the CC had decided to re-classify the Weekly Bulletin "SECRET". He said he would take the point up again with CC and give PRO news before the next issue.

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7. Allied Representatives under the New Directive. Political Advisers reported that a Belgian representative had been to see the Finance S/C about the sequestration of Belgian property, and had been told that under the new directive the Commission could not intervene. It was considered that we must not be too rigid in this respect and, while admitting that the policy should be to encourage direct relations between Allied representatives and the Italian Government, Sub-Commissions should also be prepared to help from time to time. It was a question of striking a balance. Ex C requested Political Advisers to prepare a short paper on this and to bring it up at a VPs meeting.

8. Italian Call Up. Land Forces S/C had written a letter to Public Safety S/C stating that the CC.RR could have 4% of the total call-up, provided call-up figures were maintained and the ceiling of the CC.RR was not exceeded. This, however, did not apply to SARDINIA.

9. SARDINIA Coal Mines. Econ Sec were having a meeting tomorrow to discuss the labour situation at the mines. Land Forces S/C stated that indefinite leave was being granted to coal miners. IPW S/C had asked some time ago for 500 ex-coal miner POWS to be repatriated to SARDINIA.

S Talbot Hayes

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 10 MARCH.
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1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 4. Allied Civilian Personnel. CA Sec said there had been further complaints about accommodation at the Flora Hotel. Ex C stated this matter must be settled soon. He directed Est Sec to furnish him with particulars of alternative accommodation for people moved out of the Flora Hotel.

2. Political Adviser. Mr. Dowling, who would be taking over the duties formerly performed by Mr. Schott, was introduced to the meeting.

3. Differential in Wages. CA Sec raised this matter. Ex C stated it had been discussed at a meeting of the Local Resources Board. He said the differential disappeared only in regard to State employees. So far as industrial employees were concerned there was a differential of 15% and AC employees were regarded as industrial workers. The question of abolishing the differential in Rome for industrial and Allied Forces employees had been put forward for consideration.

4. Wage Rates in AMG Territory. CA Sec asked if Labour Sub-Commission had prepared the memorandum as directed by A/President. Ex C asked Econ Sec to take up with Labour Sub-Commission.

5. Cars for Soviet Film Distribution. Est Sec reported that Transportation Sub-Commission had received a request from the Soviet delegation to buy three cars for distribution of Soviet films in Italy. There was no objection to these cars being bought but Est Sec recommended disapproval if we had to supply petrol as the Soviet delegation had five vehicles already. There was some discussion on the question of the supply of petrol generally and it was confirmed that petrol returns showed the difference between petrol actually used by AC and that supplied to attached and associated bodies.
Ex C ruled the vehicles could be purchased but as they were intended for use in distributing films, application should be made to PWB for petrol. Est Sec to explain this to Liaison Division. 1971

6. Civil Telegraphs in Florence. Communications Sub-Commission said civil telegraphs in Florence opened to-day. This had been cleared with 15 Army Group.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 10 MARCH.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 4. Allied Civilian Personnel. CA Sec said there had been further complaints about accommodation at the Flora Hotel. Ex C stated this matter must be settled soon. He directed Est Sec to furnish him with particulars of alternative accommodation for people moved out of the Flora Hotel.

2. Political Adviser. Mr. Dowling, who would be taking over the duties formerly performed by Mr. Schott, was introduced to the meeting.

3. Differential in Wages. CA Sec raised this matter. Ex C stated it had been discussed at a meeting of the Local Resources Board. He said the differential disappeared only in regard to State employees. So far as industrial employees were concerned there was a differential of 15% and AC employees were regarded as industrial workers. The question of abolishing the differential in Rome for industrial and Allied Forces employees had been put forward for consideration.

4. Wage Rates in AMG Territory. CA Sec asked if Labour Sub-Commission had prepared the memorandum as directed by A/President. Ex C asked Econ Sec to take up with Labour Sub-Commission.

5. Cars for Soviet Film Distribution. Est Sec reported that Transportation Sub-Commission had received a request from the Soviet delegation to buy three cars for distribution of Soviet films in Italy. There was no objection to these cars being bought but Est Sec recommended disapproval if we had to supply petrol as the Soviet delegation had five vehicles already. There was some discussion on the question of the supply of petrol generally and it was confirmed that petrol returns showed the difference between petrol actually used by AC and that supplied to attached and associated bodies.
Ex C ruled the vehicles could be purchased but as they were intended for use in distributing films, application should be made to PWB for petrol. Est Sec to explain this to Liaison Division. 1971

6. Civil Telegraphs in Florence. Communications Sub-Commission said civil telegraphs in Florence opened to-day. This had been cleared with 15 Army Group.

7. New Deal for Italy. Econ Sec said they had no definite information to give to Sub-Commissions and asked if a memorandum could be issued. Ex C asked Heads of Sections to let him know the points they wanted clarified and he would prepare a memorandum for Sections.

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8. Prisoners. Econ Sec raised this matter again. CA Sec had suggested it be discussed at a VPs meeting, but Econ Sec considered it should be first discussed at Executive Commissioner's meeting. Ex C agreed.

9. Truck Brigade. Ex C ruled that for the time being the Truck Brigade must remain the responsibility of Econ Sec.

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for Chief Staff Officer,
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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 6 MARCH

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PRO stated that the olive oil film had been completed but there was difficulty in finding material to make prints. Econ Sec considered that although it was rather late in the campaign the film might have some effect.
Ex C considered another olive oil press campaign was due and instructed PRO to start on this.

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Econ Sec stated that the olive oil cases were not being brought to the law courts. Ex C said the matter should be referred to the Italian Government for prompt action. Application had been received for an increase in the olive oil ration to the Italian Army. Econ Sec had prepared a letter for AFHQ protesting against this. Land Forces S/C stated that the application was not supported from the Italian Army point of view.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 2 MARCH.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

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Est Sec stated that U.S. Shipping Board wanted to move out of the building and Econ Sec saw no reason why they should not. It was considered that Northern Region planning teams could be accommodated in another building, but that two rooms should be kept for them in the main building.

(b) - 9. Decree of Ministry of Occupied Italy. CA Sec stated that a revised decree, after having been cleared with Sections, had been forwarded to SACMED with CC's recommendations.

2. Italian Clerical Staff in HQ AC. During their survey of office accommodation Est Sec had discovered there were 574 Italian civilian clerks employed in this building. One Sub-Commission alone had over 40. Ex C said this number was far too large and directed Est Sec that an immediate cut of 25% be made. Heads of Sections would do this themselves and Est Sec would then have an early Manpower Committee meeting when a further reduction up to 50% would be considered
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(b) 1000 G.T. Company. RC had expressed the hope that this Transport Company was going to be moved to his Region as promised.

(c) Sugar Beet. The question of sugar beet had been discussed and was a matter of some urgency as the beet had to be planted early in March. Emilia Region wanted to know if coal would be made available to run the CESENA factory, which would need 4,000 tons

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per annum to produce 7/8,000 tons of sugar beet. If the factory was set working the price of beet should be fixed and notified. There was some discussion as to whether it would be more advantage in planting corn instead of sugar beet and Ex C told Econ Sec that an early decision on this was essential.

(d) Implementation of Italian Decrees. There was a certain amount of delay in the implementation of decrees in forward areas. Ex C stated there should be a quick follow up on these decrees.

(e) Distribution of Drugs. Ex C had been informed that the distribution of drugs had failed completely in Emilia Region. One of the main troubles was that the basic drug prices had not been fixed. The Regional Public Health officer wanted to know these as quickly as possible.

Ex C would send some notes on his tour to Heads of Sections.

5. Proposed Booklet on AC Activities. Est Sec said that Public Relations had put forward a suggestion that a small booklet be issued briefly summarising the activities of AC since its inception. This was intended to be a guide to people who come in without any knowledge of AC. It was agreed that this was a good idea and Ex C directed that a simple booklet could be got out. It must be non-political. He would leave it to PRO to get the material from Sections and prepare the booklet.

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10. Temporary Film Board. PRO had been trying to get this Board established. Italian Government were now ready with names, and wanted to increase the number on the Board. The question was raised of an AC representative on the Board, and Ex C thought that a member of Commerce Sub-Commission would be the best choice. There was some discussion and Ex C directed PRO to send him the file for action.

11. State Employees. Communications Sub-Commission said there was considerable delay in the distribution of Ministerial Bulletins and practically every town had a different experience. They put forward the suggestion that State employees in AMG territory should come under the control of the Italian Government for pay and promotion. Ex C considered this was a good idea and directed CA Sec to put up a plan on these lines.

12. Italian Truck Drivers. Land Forces Sub-Commission had trained 300 drivers, who would be available next week. They wanted to get these men away from the camps to make room for others coming in, but no orders had come through yet as to where they were to be sent.
Econ Sec and Land Forces Sub-Commission to get together on this.

J Todd Major
Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 25 FEBRUARY.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(b). Regional Commissioners' Meeting. Ex C had prepared for submission to CC an Agenda for the Meeting on 3 March and read this to the meeting. He said there would be nearly 100 people at the RCs' Meeting and that it was very difficult to cut down this number. Ex C said that Generals McNARNEY, PENCE and SPOFFORD should be invited to attend.
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2. Civilian Personnel. Ex C stated that all correspondence on civilian appointments should go through Est Sec. There had been considerable D.O. correspondence from and to LONDON and WASHINGTON and this should be on Est Sec files.

3. Demilitarisation of HQ. It was emphasised that Junior Assistants 1967 Junior officers and not enlisted personnel.

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The question of EM was discussed and Est Sec was committed to 100 for AUSTRIA, to be found from those withdrawn from the South. The matter would be followed up with HTOUSA and Gen. SPOFFORD.

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4. Moderno Hotel. Est Sec asked the position of the Moderno Hotel when Lazio-Umbria Region was abolished. Ex C explained that Lombardia Region would be in AMG for planning and directed Est Sec to find out from RC how much space he would want so that spare rooms might be made available.

5. Passes to Civilians. CA Sec reported that Public Safety were very concerned about the issuing of passes to Fifth and Eighth Army areas for Italian civilians. The position was dangerous in view of the number of agents that are known to be around. Ex C agreed with CA Sec's recommendation that the matter of issuing passes should be handled only by Public Safety Sub-Commission and directed CA Sec to get out a directive accordingly, setting out clearly the whole procedure of how passes should be obtained.

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8. N.W. Italy Planning Committee Meeting. Ex C said it was desirable to hold a meeting before the Regional Commissioners' Meeting and fixed 1 March as the date for the next meeting.

9. Decree of Ministry of Occupied Italy. CA Sec said this matter had been discussed and it had been suggested by Land Forces Sub-Commission that the Military Affairs Section was not necessary since the Ministry of War could perform its functions. CA Sec pointed out that the Ministry of War would not be of any use in respect of patriots who were not absorbed into the Army and that they thought the Military Affairs Section was necessary. Ex C agreed and instructed CA Sec to take the matter up with Gen. BROWNING.

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Chief Staff Officer,
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20 February 1945.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 20 FEBRUARY

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4. Liberated Italy. Ex C said that the phrase "occupied Italy" should not be used when referring to Italian Government territory and AMG territory. The correct phrase was "liberated Italy".

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6. Differential in Wages of Male and Female Civilian Employees. VP Econ Sec said that AC had lost the battle in this matter. It was agreed that the matter should be taken up again with AFLRS.

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7. Italian Civilian Personnel for the North. VP CA Sec stressed the importance of proper screening for any Italian civilians whom it was proposed to take north. It was agreed that the screening should first be carried out by Security and then referred to the Italian authorities.
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8. UNRRA Visits to Army Area. CA Sec reported that 8 Army had invited UNRRA to come into the Army area. Ex C said that this was wrong, as their work lay in the South, and said that he would tell AAI 8 Army and instruct UNRRA that all their correspondence and requisitions must channel through this HQ (Major DOE).

9. Requisitioning of Cars in Sicily by UNRRA. VP CA Sec reported that he had been informed that UNRRA were trying to obtain cars in Sicily which had been used by AO officers. It was agreed that if these cars were good they should be taken north, if not they should be handed over to the Italian authorities.

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(4) the classification "Secret" was not too high.
After discussion Ex C said that it was extremely useful, that it was possibly too long but that any shortening of it should not be at the expense of the "Odds and Ends" column, and that there was no objection to the printing of it. As regards classification, as an experiment Ex C directed that it be classified "Restricted". Econ Sec doubted the wisdom of this, but it was agreed to give it a trial. PR was instructed to overhaul the distribution of the Bulletin with a view to including the Area and District Commanders.

12. Repatriation of Italian POW. Col. CAMPBELL reported the imminent return of 28,000 POW. Ex C suggested he should approach the Naval Sub-Commission and find out if Italian cruisers should not be used for this purpose to save Allied shipping.

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15. Patriot Meeting on 18/2/45. Ex C said that he had attended this meeting and was much impressed by the national spirit displayed. He suggested that Land Forces Sub-Commission might consider the question of putting the Italian Army entirely into a wartime uniform, say battledress.
Land Forces Sub-Commission said that they had recently recommended to Count CASATI the holding of Man Management Courses and CASATI had agreed. AFHQ would instruct Area and District Commanders to keep a watch on these courses.

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16. Olive Oil. Econ Sec reported 26,000 tons as against 23,000 last week. This was a bit slow, but he still felt confident that the 50,000 tons would be reached. Ex C said that we would still keep to our target of 80,000.

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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16 February 1945.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 16 FEBRUARY.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

(a) - 1(e). Demilitarisation of AC. Ex C said that Est Sec must review the 11 November letter since it was largely out of date particularly from the CA Sec point of view. Ex C stated that when the selection of officers for Austria was completed we should have a better knowledge of the number of civilian replacements required.

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2. CVRA. CA Sec was directed to consider asking the Italian Government to issue a Press release on CVRA in order to clear up a number of misunderstandings in regard to this body.

3. Newsprint. Ex C said that newsprint had run out in Naples. He thought there was considerable wastage of newsprint in Rome and that the whole question must be carefully studied. Econ Sec said that Rome supplied itself with newsprint whereas Naples used imported newsprint. Ex C said that the real point was that if less newsprint was consumed in Rome it would obviously be possible to import less and thereby save shipping space for other imports. He directed Industry Sub-Commission and Public Relations Branch to get together on the problem. It was not thought advisable to cut down the number of papers in Rome, but rather the number of copies.

4. Regional Commissioners' Meeting. CA Sec said that they had an important matter to discuss concerning Displaced Persons Sub-Commission and as other Sections doubtless had outstanding problems asked if a Regional Commissioners' meeting could be arranged. Econ Sec said they would welcome such a meeting. It was agreed that it should take place in Rome.
Ex C stated he had been waiting for the A/President to return to meet RCs in a body and then have a conference. He would take up the matter with CC.

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6. Personnel for Austria. Est Sec stated this matter was progressing. They had examined thirty officers for Austria yesterday, and were [illegible] who would be trained for that

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7. Italian Film Industry. PRO had some correspondence on the film situation and a number of other questions on which he would like some advice. Ex C said he would arrange a meeting with Major Fielden and perhaps Legal Sub-Commission.

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8. Sicily Call-Up. Land Forces Sub-Commission stated that the Sicily call-up had been postponed from 1 March to 15 March at the request of the Prime Minister. They raised the question of channels of communication in regard to calls-up and suggested that it would have been better for the Italian Government to have put this request through the Ministry of War. Ex C agreed and said that the solution was for Land Forces Sub-Commission to tell Count Casati this and action could be taken within the Italian Government.

9. Accommodation for M.L.A. Land Forces Sub-Commission reported they had received further commitments from AFHQ in regard to the Italian Army which would involve an increase in their personnel of 18 Officers and 63 ORs. They asked if they could have the whole of the top floor for their own use and accommodation for Labour Sub-Commission be found elsewhere. Ex C asked them to put in an application in writing to Est Sec in the normal manner.

Chief Staff Officer,
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13 February 1945.

MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 13 FEBRUARY.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(b). Personnel. Econ Sec raised the question of the five officers at Civitavecchia and COS agreed that these could come under the appropriate Sub-Commission.

(b) - 1(d). Stocks of Chlorine. CA Sec reported that they had been informed by Public Health Sub-Commission that a priority shipment of 160 tons of rock salt had been made.

(c) - 9. Italian Army Trucks. Land Forces Sub-Commission felt that the breaking up of the trucks should proceed as it was the only means of obtaining spare parts. WAD Sub-Commission had discussed with MMIA and had agreed to withdraw their objection.

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COS directed Est Sec to obtain the 11 November letter and relevant correspondence and go through it with Sections to get the matter tidied up.

(f) - 15. Hand-Back of Territory. CA Sec had heard from RC that he considered Ascoli and Macerata could be returned to the Italians as soon as the considerable number of troops had moved out. They had not yet had views on Grosseto and Terni. COS considered it was better to keep Provinces under AMG until the Spring, say for another two months.

2. Food Situation and Basic Ration. COS said we had received no reply from AFHQ and instructed Econ Sec to send a telegram stating that unless we received final decision on raising the ration to 300 grammes by 16 February the

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3. Director of Public Relations Branch. Mr. Stewart Brown was welcomed by COS who said that the Commission would give him all the help possible. Heads of Sections and Sub-Commissions would send copies of correspondence and reports on matters of current importance to PRO.

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4. Civilian Movement into Army Areas. CA Sec read a letter from 8 Army asking that civilian movement into Army areas be kept to a minimum and restricted to Allied civilians as far as possible. COS said that at the present moment military security in that part of the front was vital and we must restrict civilian movement even at the expense of AMG work. COS directed CA Sec to send a copy of 8 Army letter to Est and Econ Secs.

5. Advance Information of Moves. CA Sec reported that they had received a request from Public Safety Sub-Commission for advance information of moves so that spearheads of DC.RR could be collected and transport arranged. COS directed CA Sec to write a letter to DCOMO asking him to give a firm appreciation of the situation week by week. COS would go into the matter with DCOMO on his next visit.

6. Transportation. COS stated that Transportation Sub-Commission must be quite definite about transportation for 5 Army, both for DC.RR. and civil supplies. Both 5 Army and 15 Army Group had the wrong impression of what Transportation Sub-Commission could do and we did not want a repetition of the previous situation south of Rome. Econ Sec were instructed to look into this situation carefully.

7. Italian Civilians held by French. CA Sec stated that Italian civilians were being seized by the French and cited the case of an Italian arrested on 1 November 1944 still in prison in Rome under French guard. Pol Sec said it was difficult to find out the charges preferred against such civilians. They had written letters on five occasions but had received no satisfaction. COS asked Pol Sec to put the case up again in stronger terms to AFHQ who must be made to give a ruling so that we could inform the Italian Government. Pol Sec should press for an interim reply from AFHQ.

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12. Labour Offices. COS said that the question of Labour Offices wanted investigation: there was evidence that the Italians did not like them. Econ Sec reported that Mr. Braine was looking into the whole question and also in regard to our labour policy for the North. CA Sec stressed that they must be told of any alteration to Labour Offices policy so that they could take the necessary action in respect of their instructions for posting of General Orders in the North.

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10 February 1945.

MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 9 FEBRUARY.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(a). Wages of Female Civilian Employees. Econ Sec stated that an AFHQ order was necessary to put the proposal into effect. The matter would be raised at the meeting of the Labour and Wages Committee of AFHQ on 15 February. COS directed that a top representative from Econ Sec be sent to that meeting.

(b) - 1(b). Personnel. COS had got out a new paper on withdrawal from the South, which would leave 42 officers in Southern Italy, Sicily and Sardinia. Of these, 34 were AMG officers in Naples Commune and 2 AMG officers in Pantelleria and Lampedusa. Some of the balance of 6 officers would only be there for a limited period.
COS ruled that the 5 officers at Civitivecchia would come under Econ Sec.
He said he would discuss the whole subject of withdrawal from the South with Gen. Robertson to-day and said we must consider the repercussions on the military and must warn AFHQ that the Italians will have heavy additional responsibilities. COS said he would try and persuade AFHQ to remove the Area HQ from Sicily.
CA Sec thought that a Military directive was required dealing with direct requisitioning and declaring martial law in Italian Government territory. COS instructed Land Forces Sub-Commission to make their recommendations on this.
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11. Increase in Wages for Blackcoat Workers. Econ Sec had received a report from Labour Sub-Commission recommending the proposed increase. Econ Sec read this report. Econ Sec said AC's chief duty was to encourage the Italian machinery of negotiation between employer and employee. COS agreed but also stressed that in AMG territory AC, by using its experts, could influence the Italian Government by setting an example.

12. Olive Oil Amassing. Econ Sec read reports of the progress made in the collection of olive oil up to 5 February. In general the situation was fairly satisfactory. Plans for further publicity were being put into operation, a newspaper campaign by the Ministry of Agriculture and radio speeches.
The total amassed was 20,347 tons out of a target figure of 80,000 tons.

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14. Midday Meal for drivers at Super Garage Pool. CA Sec raised this matter but it was stated that the employees did not want this service and preferred to continue as they were now doing.

15. Hand-back of Territory. CA Sec suggested that in addition to Ascoli and Terni Provinces, Grosseto Province might be considered for handing back to the Italians. COS agreed and directed CA Sec to obtain the RC's views.

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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 6 FEBRUARY.

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2. AF Shoulder Insignia. COS stated that AFHQ had permitted British AC military personnel to wear the AF shoulder insignia. COS said he would consider the matter before giving a decision on this.

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(c) - 3(d). 'Pat' or 'Tap' Signals. Econ Sec had received PAT 1, which had been shown to COS. COS stated that future incoming signals should have COS included in distribution by Message Centre and Econ Sec should see that COS was included in the distribution of outgoing signals.

(d) - 4. Wages of Female Civilian Employees. Est Sec had taken up the matter of wage rates with G-1 (Civilian) and the question of the number of receptionists and messengers was being considered. COS urged that both these matters be cleared up as quickly as possible.

(e) - 7. HQ - N.W. Italy. COS had a meeting with RC Piemonte Region and had found that his staff was under strength. Some 40 extra officers would be required. It was discovered that British officers were something like 100 under the ceiling strength and COS stated this must be rectified at once. He considered that with those extra officers on the British side we could meet our commitments towards N.W. Italy and also Austria.
COS wanted Heads of Sections to warn Sub-Commissions that with the reduction of our commitments in Southern Italy and the Islands the number of officers serving at AC HQ would be reduced and would fall below the ceiling laid down by CC at the Manpower Committee
Econ Sec raised the question of Commerce and Industry representatives for the North. COS said 18 officers had been requested for Commerce and Industry for N.W. Italy and asked what the Sub-Commissions had done to recruit these officers. He said that Heads of Sections and Sub-Commissions must cooperate with G-1 in finding suitable personnel.
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(e) - 7. HQ - N.W. Italy. COS had a meeting with RC Piemonte Region and had found that his staff was under strength. Some 40 extra officers would be required. It was discovered that British officers were something like 100 under the ceiling strength and COS stated this must be rectified at once. He considered that with those extra officers on the British side we could meet our commitments towards N.W. Italy and also Austria.
COS wanted Heads of Sections to warn Sub-Commissions that with the reduction of our commitments in Southern Italy and the Islands the number of officers serving at AC HQ would be reduced and would fall below the ceiling laid down by CS at the Manpower Committee
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CA Sec asked the position of American officers earmarked for Austria. COS stated Col. Fiske had taken a list to G-5 AFHQ and CS had laid it down that not more than 106 American officers would be earmarked for Austria and that in any case no officers assigned to Northern Regions would be touched.
CA Sec considered that Appendix C was now out of date. COS agreed and proposed having a Manpower Committee meeting on Monday, 5 February, at 0900 hrs.

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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 26 JANUARY.

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3. Report from No. 1 Special Force. COS stated that VP Pol Sec had produced an excellent summary of a No. 1 Special Force appreciation of what the policy should be in regard to supplying arms and equipment to Italian partisans in the North. This would be circulated to Sections.

4. Press Agency Reports. COS observed that the local press agencies would produce sheets giving summaries of news and directed PRO to see if the scheme could be tried for a week for Heads of Sections.

5. Enlistment of Patriots in the Italian Army. Gen. Browning had put forward a memorandum setting forth his views on the possibility of enlistment of patriots into combat groups of the Italian Army. CC had studied this and would like an exploration made as to how the French Maquis were absorbed into the French Army.
COS suggested that a representative from CA Sec and Land Forces Sub-Commission could go to SHAEF to look into this matter and directed CA Sec and Land Forces Sub-Commission to nominate officers.

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12. Archives. PRO reported that the work of the Archives Section had come to a standstill as material was not being sent in by Sub-Commissions. He was concerned that they did not get a regular flow of papers and asked if the matter could be taken up with Sub-Commissions. COS said that though apparently academic the question of Archives was serious and due regard must be given to it. PRO thought that civilian archivists should be brought over from London and Washington. COS said if this was done they should come in under the Embassies. Archives Section should consider the matter and also the possibility of Sub-Commissions sending in all papers other than directives etc. in current use dated before 30 June 1944.

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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 23 JANUARY.

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(g) - 5. Visits of RCs to HQ. HQ Commandant stated an office had been provided for visiting RCs and a letter had gone out to RCs setting out the arrangements.

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(h) - 9. Successor to Basic News. COS directed PRO to look into the possibility of News Agencies issuing special Summaries of News.

2. Operation Order for N.W. Italy. COS had cleared this point with CAO, AFHQ, and would confirm by letter to Gen. Roberts on.

3. Transportation. COS read a long telegram to AFHQ asking for powers of requisitioning which CS had approved for sending. This telegram pointed out how lack of transport was hampering the work of the Commission and cited instances to prove this.

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9. Visits of Italian Journalists. Econ Sec read a long list of questions which Italian newspapermen had asked Transportation and Labour Sub-Commissions, and a report from Director, Labour Sub-Commission giving his reasons why the questions should not be answered. There was some discussion, and COS said that answers could be given to some of the questions in very general terms, and other questions left unanswered. Many of the matters were the responsibility of the Italian Government, and the newspapermen should be informed accordingly. COS would discuss the whole matter with PRO.

10. Movement of Grain. Econ Sec reported that part of one GT Company was engaged in the movement of grain from Ancona district to Rome and an average of 300 tons a day was being transported. More transport could be used as there was 70,000 tons of grain surplus to local needs. Another GT Company which was earmarked for sulphur was being moved over from the West and would be put on to moving this surplus grain. COS stated 15 Army Group would be arranging to move flour from Leghorn to Ancona to have a stockpile at Bologna. Econ Sec had written a letter to DCCAO 15 Army Group to tie up with AFHQ plans.

11. Correspondence with Government Officials in AMG Territory. Communications Sub-Commission asked permission to relax the rule of certain correspondence going through the present channels in order to save delay. C. Sec agreed the idea was a good one and COS directed Communications Sub-Commission to prepare a draft for Sections defining the type of correspondence which could by-pass normal channels, and the matter would be discussed at the next COS Meeting.

12. Permission to go to AMG Territory. IPW Sub-Commission stated that Italian cooperators on leave wished to go to AMG territory but by the time permission was obtained their leave had expired. IPW Sub-Commission asked if permission could be given from their office. COS said we must be rigid on Army areas and directed IPW Sub-Commission to write to SCAOs and get their views.

13. Visits of Commercial Representatives to Italy. PRO said that the matter of commercial representatives had been raised at a recent CCs meeting. COS said that private commercial representatives could not visit the country and entering into commercial contracts was generally not allowed. Contracts could only be allowed which helped the war effort or the rehabilitation of Italy. PRO thought it was a tough problem and that the ruling given was not clear.

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COS would discuss the whole matter with PRO.

10. Movement of Grain. Econ Sec reported that part of one GT Company was engaged in the movement of grain from Ancona district to Rome and an average of 300 tons a day was being transported. More transport could be used as there was 70,000 tons of grain surplus to local needs. Another GT Company which was earmarked for sulphur was being moved over from the West and would be put on to moving this surplus grain. COS stated 15 Army Group would be arranging to move flour from Leghorn to Ancona to have a stockpile at Bologna. Econ Sec had written a letter to DCCAO 15 Army Group to tie up with AFHQ plans.

11. Correspondence with Government Officials in AMG Territory. Communications Sub-Commission asked permission to relax the rule of certain correspondence going through the present channels in order to save delay. Cl Sec agreed the idea was a good one and COS directed Communications Sub-Commission to prepare a draft for Sections defining the type of correspondence which could by-pass normal channels, and the matter would be discussed at the next COS Meeting.

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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 16 JANUARY.

1. Minutes of last meeting.

(a) - 1(b) Olive Oil - Amassing. The progress of the scheme was discussed. DCOS (E) Sec was disturbed by the wording of the Econ Sec directive in respect of the powers of Allied officers. COS directed that a short follow-up should be sent out defining exactly what Allied officers can and cannot do.
The publicity was starting off well and COS directed PRO to give further publicity to the scheme.
It was important that HQs in the North understood their responsibilities in the matter and showed the Italian Government what could be done in AMG territory.

(b) - 1(c) HQ in N.W. Italy. Pol Sec drew attention to their comment in the last minutes, and stated that one central control was in their opinion desirable but not "essential" as stated.

(c) - 1(g) ULTRA. COS directed that Major Doe should attend all ULTRA meetings and should watch the Agenda carefully but that no regular AC attendance, other than Major Doe was necessary.

(d) - 1(i) Requisitioning of Cars. Est Sec had gone carefully into this question. Of the 1,144 cars AC had, 170 would have to be scrapped, leaving 974, which was a surplus of 713 over the T.E. of 261. AFHQ had ruled that cars outside the T.E. would be for the use of people not on T.E., and wanted to reduce the number of cars used by AC to the minimum to conserve fuel, tyres and spare parts. Est Sec had prepared a draft letter to the Regions telling them they must cease requisitioning and renting cars.
AFHQ had replied to CC's letter of 6 January asking for powers of requisitioning for AC to the effect that the matter would receive reconsideration. In view of this COS ruled that the matter should stand as it was at present.

(e) - 1(j) Hotel Accommodation. Est Sec submitted to COS details of the residents of the Flora Hotel. A letter had been drafted to ULTRA asking them to find their own accommodation.
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(f) - 3. Planning for N.W. Italy. There was a brief discussion on this matter.
DCOS Cl Sec stated that he was by no means clear as to what was meant by para 6(a) (Phase I) of Operation Instruction "Occupation of N.W. Italy" addressed to 15 Army Group dated 21 Dec 44.
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COS stated he would clear the matter with AFHQ on his visit.

(g) - 4. Priorities Board. This was now functioning and had held its first meeting.

(h) - 7. Office Accommodation at HQ. With a view to accommodating additional HQ officers COS directed Est Sec to see whether Navy and Air Sub-Commissions and IGCR could not move into the P.B building in the Via Veneto. He was against moving Land Forces Sub-Commission.

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COS would bring the matter to the attention of CCS.

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8. Patriots. C. Sec drew attention to an announcement in a Florence newspaper that a death payment of 10,000 lire would be paid by a certain individual to the families of dead patriots who had been members of one of three parties. DCOS C. Sec said that he had ruled that there should be no discrimination and the payment should apply to all dead patriots or that no payment be made at all. CCS would take up the matter during his visit to Florence.

9. Successor to Basic News. C. Sec asked if it would be possible for PRO to continue something on the lines of Basic News. Although Econ and Pol Secs agreed with C. Sec that the presentation of Italian news would be most useful, PRO was against the proposal.
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COS announced there would be no Chief of Staff's Meeting on Friday, 19 January. The next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 23 January, at 0900 hrs.

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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 12 JANUARY.

Please note the following amendments to the Minutes of the Chief of Staff's Meeting of 9 January.

1. Minute 6. - HQ in N.W. Italy. Delete last two lines and substitute: "No. 2 District HQ were preparing to move to Lido Roma and a temporary extension of their responsibility was being planned. At present they were in Florence."

2. Minute 8. In heading delete "Trade".

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1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(a) Clothing and Equipment. COS stated a discussion had taken place and the distribution of functions between MAD Sub-Commission and Econ Sec on this matter had been agreed.

(b) - 1(b) Olive Oil - Quantity. Econ Sec reported that the Head of Agriculture Sub-Commission had returned and the operation was commanding satisfactorily.
COS said HQ in the South would be left free to take necessary action, subject to general direction from this HQ, but RCs in the North should have definite instructions. These must go out this week-end.
Mat Sec had personnel earmarked.
FHQ reported that PWB had asked that HQ should sign a letter stating that no olive oil was being exported. This should be coordinated with Econ Sec.

(c) - 6. HQ in N.W. Italy. COS stated preliminary views had been put up to CO. Econ Sec read a report on the views of their Sub-Commissions. General opinion was in favour of one large Region. COS summarised Econ Sec's requirements as a large Regional HQ with three or more Zones between Region HQ and Provinces. Econ Sec remarked that the question of Regional personnel being withdrawn for Austria must be borne in mind. CA Sec had discussed at some length and it had been agreed that this problem touched Econ Sec more closely than themselves. No one had strong views except Legal Sub-Commission, who said that in their experience of issuing Proclamations and Orders it was much better to have one Region and thus one set of Orders. On the whole, however, opinion was against a large Region as the RC would inevitably split up his Region for administration purposes into Divisions approximating to the old Regions and this meant an extra link in the chain. Pol Sec were in favour of one HQ as this because the Central Committee

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(c) - 7. Read Civilian Employees. Econ Sec were preparing a memorandum on this subject.

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(a) - 9. Threat of Strike of Government employees in Bari. It was stated that the Director of Labour Sub-Commission was arranging to be present at the meeting of the delegates of the Government employees from Bari in Rome. There was some discussion on comparative wage rates and COS stressed that Allied officers present at meetings must be observers only and were not to participate in any way. CA Sec read a memorandum put out by HC setting forth the advance points of the Bari Committee. COS emphasized that any idea of a strike at Bari must be stamped and a firm line taken with the Italian Government. The matter would be raised at the VP's meeting.

(f) - 11. Arrest of Uberti. CA Sec had sent off signals on 4 and 9 January on which no replies had been received. They reported that Uberti had been arrested and received three months imprisonment for making a speech at a political meeting. COS instructed CA Sec to send for the case for review.

(g) - 12. UNRRA. COS announced there was a meeting this evening. CA Sec reported that Brig. Parkinson had suggested he should hand over malaria control to UNRRA. No negotiations had taken place. COS considered this was a function of local government and hesitated about handing over to UNRRA. If UNRRA merely proposed to work out all schemes it might be all right but we must impress on UNRRA that the actual work would have to be done by Italians. It would also have to be closely coordinated with the Army since malaria control was of vital military importance. The matter would be discussed at the VP's meeting.

(h) - 13. Request from Scoccimarro. Pol Sec had heard nothing more. Lt.Col. Shipp said the request had come from Scoccimarro as a Minister and had been returned to be put forward by the Prime Minister in the proper way. Nothing had yet come through.

(i) -14. Requisitioning of Cars. This matter would be brought up at the next COS meeting on Tuesday, 16 January.

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(k) - 20. Situation in Sicily. Communications Sub-Commission said communications were as good now as they ever were. COS conceded this point, saying that what was meant in the former discussion was that lines of communication had been damaged by insurgents. He commented that news from HC invariably reached us last, the first intimation being from the Italian Government, then from the Army, and thirdly from PWB. This was not the fault of the technical service and the remedy was that HC must delegate powers to a representative on the spot to communicate direct with Headquarters. Lt.Col. Shipp to take up with HC.

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COS then gave a brief resume of the latest situation, again stressing that the Italian Government must handle the matter themselves and Allied forces would not participate in any way. Col. Henderson raised the question of imposing censorship in Reguse. COS considered this would be Allied intervention and the best thing was for the Italian Government to continue the censorship they already imposed in Palermo and Syracuse. The matter, however, would be put up to CC.

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2. Equality of Provinces. CCS was issuing an order on this and pointed out that there was equality of Provinces. Some officers resented being posted from AMG to CC, or vice versa, considering they were receiving a less important assignment. This was not an end in itself. Section would make this point clear.

3. Planning for N.W. Italy. CCS proposed to set up a co-ordinating Committee under the two DCs, Col. Marshall and Col. Peasey, to deal with the planning for N.W. Italy. The Committee would meet once a week with representatives of Sections attending and Lt.Col. Shipp was directed to put out a letter on these lines. CCS ruled that two of the Regions would remain at Chiavenna because of accommodation difficulties.

4. Priorities Board. This had been set up and would hold its first meeting at twelve o'clock on 13 January after the War meeting.

5. Decree for the Ministry of Occupied Territory. Pol Sec asked the position. CCS said the decree had been commented on by G1 Sec and a letter submitted to CC to send to CMH. The latter reported unfavourably on most of the clauses of the decree.

6. Liaison Officer at San Marino. Pol Sec reported that San Marino had sent a letter stating the liaison officer had left a few days ago and no one had taken his place. RO, Emilia Region reported that San Marino had been visited twice a week and he considered this was more than enough. CCS considered that as we had officers to spare at the moment we might send someone and asked Est Sec to consider this.

7. Office Accommodation at HQ. HQ Commandant raised the question of office space and CCS directed that all Heads of Sections ensure that all space was being used to the maximum advantage before we engaged more in another building.

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AMENDMENT TO MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 9 JANUARY.

Please delete the whole of Minute 8 and substitute the following:-

8. Decrease in Wages of Female Civilian Employees. CCS ruled that if it was decided the lower rate was to be paid, employees should be given a fortnight's notice of the new rate coming into effect. For instance, if it were decided to reduce the wages of female civilian employees on 1 February notice would have to be given to them on or before 15 January. Col. Parkin was directed to discuss the matter with Finance Sub-Commission and Econ Sec.
With regard to wages paid to women workers, the 15% reduction had been fixed by the Labour and Wages Committee. This was in accordance with Italian Government law, and we must abide by this decision.

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1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

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Econ Sec considered that the collection of olive oil in AMG territory would be satisfactory.

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4. Report from RC Southern Region. RC Southern Region had carried out a slight reorganisation of his HQ. Heads of Sections should study his report with a view to recommending whether other RCs should take similar action.
Col. French had sent in an interesting report on 1944 activities in his Region, which was worthy of study.

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5. Personnel for Austria. DCOS Est Sec had gone to London in connection with Austria planning with General McNarney. It was proposed to find American officers in AC who could be used for planning and eventually in the American side of the Austrian Commission.

6. HQ in N.W. Italy. COS had put out a paper, with copies to Heads of Sections, setting forth preliminary views. The matter would be fully discussed on Friday, 12 January.
COS said that we should have to consider the appointment of a permanent committee in Rome to deal with planning for N.W. Italy and was proposing to call Col. Marshall in temporarily as Chairman. Pol Sec mentioned that some planning was now being done at 15 Army Group. COS said that officers should contact 15 Army Group and 5 Army when they visited these areas and find out what was happening.
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13. Request from Scoccimarro. Pol Sec raised the question of Scoccimarro's request to go North. The matter had been brought to them by Liaison and had now passed to CC. COS would ascertain the latest position.

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14. Proposed Italian Government Mission to China. Pol Sec reported the Italian Government were sending a mission to China. Two of the members had doubtful antecedents. The matter had been referred to C-S, AFHQ. It was asked if we were entitled to stop these people going if we wanted to.
COS said if it were decided by the COS or Foreign Office that it was inadvisable for the journey to take place on security grounds we would not give travel permits. Pressure could be brought on the Italian Government in the usual manner by the British Embassy rather than by AC.

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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 5 JANUARY.

The following amendments were agreed to the Minutes of the Chief of Staff's Meeting of 3 January 1945.

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2. Minute 10. Substitute "2655" for "2675" wherever shown.

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The collecting of arms and shotguns was not successful, and had become more difficult recently.
Pol Sec remarked a different situation arose in the Piemonte district, where the CLN had been in control and were overthrown by the Communists. COS said that in the Po Valley there was a Left Wing force seeking to hinder Allied military movement.
There was some discussion on the control of CLN, and COS stated the necessity arose for forward AMGs to know what had been done. It was

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agreed that SCAOs should now know the content of the military agreement that had been signed and we should ask SACMED for permission to tell them.

3. Letter from G-5, AFHQ. COS read extracts from a letter from Col. Henn, setting out at length what he was doing to help AC in regard to coordination of Administrative Instructions. Several instances were cited. Col. Henn was always willing to help and COS asked that any future cases should be put up by Sections, and COS would take up with Col. Henn in informal correspondence.

4. Review of Carabinieri. This would take place at 1030 hrs tomorrow. COS agreed that tickets should be allocated 45 to RAAC, 45 to AC, and 10 to Lazio-Umbria Region. CA Sec would discuss further details with PRO after the meeting.
It was notified later that this review would probably be cancelled.

5. Visit from Head of Salvage Dept. - Admiralty. Pol Sec reported the Admiralty were about to recruit for skilled Italian marine personnel for the Far East. Their immediate requirements were 24 divers and mechanics, but a minimum of 3,000 might be required later. COS agreed that Pol Sec should go ahead and sound Prunas on the 24 divers. He suggested that in order to avoid possible complications the Admiralty should try to find labour in Eritrea, where there was a surplus, or even from among POW in India.

7. Allied Screening Commission. Pol Sec said the functions of this Commission were to deal with claims from people who had helped Allied personnel. (They had 14,000 claims and had paid 2,000 in December). They now asked for help in the case of a prison governor charged with offences under the epuration decree, in spite of the fact that he had sheltered Allied prisoners of war during the German occupation. The Ministry of War had refused to take this testimony into account. CA Sec remarked that it was a difficult matter, and they had a similar case. COS said that he would ask the Land Forces Sub-Commission to take up the point afresh with the Minister of War.

8. Return of Diplomatic Property to Rightful Owners. Pol Sec raised the question of property being handed back by the Swiss from the Czechs to the Italian Government. The matter had been dealt with satisfactorily.

9. UNRRA Directive. CA Sec expressed criticism of the draft General Routine Order in respect of UNRRA, and raised several points which had not been clearly defined. COS directed that CA Sec get out a memorandum to Major Doe, and the whole matter should be straightened out between the Sections, under the coordination of Major Doe.

10. Derequisitioning of Buildings. PRO reported that the Italian Government were pressing for hotels to be returned. It was pointed out that they themselves were using schools for political parties, and unless the Italian Government took some steps themselves to derequisition buildings, we should take no action.

11. POW Policy. Lt. Col. Shipp referred to a letter that had been sent to G-5, AFHQ asking who was going to deal with Italian POW. There were two

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7. Allied Screening Commission. Pol Sec said the functions of this Commission were to deal with claims from people who had helped Allied personnel. (They had 14,000 claims and had paid 2,000 in December). They now asked for help in the case of a prison governor charged with offences under the epuration decree, in spite of the fact that he had sheltered Allied prisoners of war during the German occupation. The Ministry of War had refused to take this testimony into account. CA Sec remarked that it was a difficult matter, and they had a similar case. COS said that he would ask the Land Forces Sub-Commission to take up the point afresh with the Minister of War.

8. Return of Diplomatic Property to Rightful Owners. Pol Sec raised the question of property being handed back by the Swiss from the Czechs to the Italian Government. The matter had been dealt with satisfactorily.

9. UNRRA Directive. CA Sec expressed criticism of the draft General Routine Order in respect of UNRRA, and raised several points which had not been clearly defined. COS directed that CA Sec get out a memorandum to Major Doc, and the whole matter should be straightened out between the Sections, under the coordination of Major Doc.

10. Derequisitioning of Buildings. PRO reported that the Italian Government were pressing for hotels to be returned. It was pointed out that they themselves were using schools for political parties, and unless the Italian Government took some steps themselves to derequisition buildings, we should take no action.

11. POW Policy. Lt. Col. Shipp referred to a letter that had been sent to G-5, AFHQ asking who was going to deal with Italian POW. There were two things requested of AFHQ, the first, an alteration in the directive, and the second, an alteration in establishment. It was understood the matter was still under consideration.

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12. Floor Space in Headquarters. Est Sec reported the HQ Commandant was working on a plan of the floor space of the whole HQ. It was suggested that floor space should be allocated to Sections, and when the plan was completed, it would be brought up and discussed at a COS Meeting.

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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 3 JANUARY.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

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There was further discussion, and COS directed that the matter be brought up again at the COS meeting on Tuesday, 9 January.

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3. Meeting on N.W. Italy. COS stated that AFHQ had sent out the minutes of the meeting at which General ROBERTSON presided. These had been circulated to Heads of Sections.

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4. Acting President's Memorandum. The memorandum prepared by A/President would be circulated to VPs and Heads of Sections. COS emphasized that this document was Top Secret; it should not go out of offices, and circulation should not extend below Heads of Sub-Commissions. Under no circumstances should it be mentioned to the press, and a note should be kept of the officers to whom it was shown. Parts of this memorandum had been cabled to Washington and discussions were being held on that basis.

5. Patriots - Policy. A telegram had been received from AFHQ ruling that patriots coming through the lines would be entitled to Italian Army rations and clothing. CA Sec stated that Land Forces Sub-Commission had no clothing, and the matter was being taken up with them. Econ Sec had received a telephone request from G-5, AFHQ for clothing, and COS said that this should be confirmed by telegram. He agreed with CA Sec, who stated that clothing for Patriots should be a military commitment, and not a matter for the Priorities Board. The responsibility for allocation of clothing should belong to AC.
Pol Sec said two considerations were involved. The first was the danger of the clothing being issued having the semblance of military uniform. The importance of not allowing the patriots to look like Allied soldiers was stressed. The second point was whether the proposed issue of clothing clashed with Scoccimarro's decree on the new Ministry of the Interior in the Italian Government. DCOS, CA Sec said that he was not prepared to discuss this matter, which raised many important and difficult points of policy, but would give the matter careful study.

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7. Olive Oil - Amassing. The Italian Government had put forward a formal request for 100 officers, 100 EM/ORs and some transport to be placed at their disposal for the collection of olive oil. This request had come at a time when we were considering reducing staff in the South, and COS asked for comments. There was considerable discussion, the main body of opinion being that the personnel should not be provided. Econ Sec said it was difficult to persuade COS to supply shipping for imports when there was olive oil and wheat available in Sicily for collection, and suggested personnel might be obtained from disbanded AA batteries, convalescent personnel and our own officers earmarked for Northern Regions.
COS said if it was certain the olive oil would be produced he was in favour of granting the request - in part, at least - but if little or no olive oil was forthcoming we should have vitiated our responsibility and gained nothing. Econ Sec would let COS know the total quantity to be collected and how much of this would be brought in by the help of Allied personnel. COS would then put the matter up to the Chief Commissioner, and it would be discussed at the VP meeting tomorrow.

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according to the requirements of the Italian Government, and also for the distribution in 5 and 8 Army areas, which still remained the responsibility of Army AMGs. It followed that it was no longer necessary to maintain at AC HQ any Medical Supply Branch as no functions remained to be performed by it. Accordingly any question of a transfer of this Branch to the Econ Sec also ceased and COS asked Econ Sec to note that the meeting he had fixed to discuss this matter on Friday next be treated as cancelled.

Public Health Sub-Commission would retain one officer at AC HQ as a 'trouble shooter' to advise and supervise in respect of the activities of UNRRA, the distributing agency which the Italian Government had set up, and to perform the same function in respect of 5 and 8 Army AMGs. All the remaining Medical Supply Branch personnel were being transferred to the 2675 CSSD.

11. Nuns for Cyrenaica. Q Sec stated the British Military Mission in Cyrenaica reported that they were short of nuns and would like five more. The matter had been making slow progress, and up to now the policy angle had been overlooked. COS ruled this matter could proceed, but in future such matters should, if possible, be done through the Legation to the Vatican.

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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 29 DECEMBER.

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5. Russian Delegation - Cars. Est Sec stated the Russian Delegation had fourteen cars, all bearing AC markings, and all being fuelled and maintained by the Commission. Four were AC requisitioned. The establishment provided for one car only for the General. Of the four he had, the General had asked to be allowed to retain two. COS stated this request should be refused, and the question of the ten extra cars would be left for overall consideration. He did not consider that French and Russian delegations were entitled to preferential treatment, and would ask the CC to speak to the General on the matter.

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16. Status of Mr. Bell. Econ Sec stated that Mr. Bell was the representative of the Shipping Sub-Commission. Pol Sec said he had been very useful and helpful to them.

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17. Civilian Situation at Livorno. Econ Sec stated soup kitchens had been set up. Although he considered the situation was still serious, the PC had matters under control. Econ Sec would keep careful watch on the situation.
In addition to the Allied soldiers, there were many Italian troops in the town, who were buying up local food resources. This would be discussed with Land Forces Sub-Commission.

18. Prison Rations. COS stated that this had been settled at the VP's meeting yesterday and that the order sent out by Econ Sec would stand, with the exception of Rome.

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To the Chief of Staff.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
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Ref: 210/1 (COS)

26 December 1944

MINUTES OF CHIEF OF ST FF'S MEETING - 26 DECEMBER.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

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3. Correspondence to Italian Government Departments through Regional Commissioners. DCOAO had raised the question of the security angle. CA Sec pointed out that the translation and screening of correspondence would be a tremendous job. After discussion, COS ruled that only correspondence passing to Armies would be translated, and that for Regions would pass straight on, unless a security question was involved.

4. Situation in Sicily. CA Sec handed COS a report on the latest situation in Sicily from the RC. This report stated the matter was in hand. COS commented that the police were of little help at the time of the disorders in Catania, and directed that Col. Chapman be instructed to take the matter up with the Italian Government.

5. Movement of Italian Consular Officials. Pol Sec raised the question of transit accommodation for these officials when they proceeded to Naples. COS thought the matter should not be a Commission responsibility at all, but said that if it was, it was the duty of Pol Sec to warn RC Southern Region in advance that the officials were coming to Naples. RC was opening a new hotel in a month's time. Meanwhile, COS suggested that four rooms might be reserved at the Excelsior Hotel.

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Ref: 210/48/COS.

22 December 1944.

MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 22 DECEMBER.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(a) Planning for M.G. Italy. COS announced that a meeting would be held on 23 December at 1500 hrs. Econ Sec stated the supplies were there but the problem was getting them in. COS said it was essential that all should go to the meeting with full knowledge of what our demands would be, and wanted the documents ready for a briefing by this afternoon or tomorrow morning. He said those attending the meeting would be Brig. Parkinson, CA Sec; Col. Densmore and Mr. Cleveland, Econ Sec., with representatives of Transportation and Food Sub-Commissions; Mr. Hopkinson and Mr. Schott, Pol Sec.

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3. Cable from U.S. Secretary of State. COS stated a cable had been received from Mr. Stettinius addressed to certain FTA personnel about the possibility of recruiting for FTA American officers due for return to civilian status. This cable was passed to Pol Sec for action.

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5. Memo. COS submitted that the proposed AFHQ directive to AFHQ was approved by all Sections. Copy would be passed to Pol Sec before sending it to AFHQ.

6. Duty Officers. The question of the weekly duty roster arose. COS said this could be left to Heads of Sections. There would be a duty officer, and key officers should be accessible if required.

7. Black Market Activities. It had been suggested that the Black Market Control Unit at Leghorn-Pisa region should be under the control of Public Safety Sub-Commission. After discussion on the activities of this unit COS ruled that the Black Market Control Unit should be left under Regional control.

8. Disorders in Catania. CA Sec had received an unofficial report on the recent Catania disorders from Lt.Col. Cam Hall (Local). This report alleged that the whole matter had been grossly mishandled by the civil and Italian military authorities. COS pointed out that no one had been warned that there might be trouble in connection with the call-up notices. CA Sec had arranged that they should receive early warning from Land Forces Sub-Commission when the call-up in Sardinia was to take place. Land Forces Sub-Commission should get out definite instructions to the military authorities on their conduct when called out to aid civil power. COS would take the matter up with Land Forces Sub-Commission.

9. Requisitioning and Derequisitioning of Property. A draft had been prepared by CA Sec on the allocation of accommodation in Italian buildings. CA Sec would circulate this to Sections for comment. COS suggested that after discussion it might be brought up at a meeting of the Local Resources Board.

10. Vehicles with Cotton Tyres. Lt.Col. Campbell explained that vehicles with Cotton tyres belonging to the Transportation Pool had been impounded by Black Market squads. He suggested the vehicles should not be taken off the road, but a report sent in. COS directed Lt.Col. Campbell to draft a letter so that the matter could be put up to CC.

11. Press Report on Abruzzi and other Provinces. PRO raised the question of a press report on devastated areas given by Col. Andrews. COS directed CA Sec to call up Col. Andrews to ascertain who authorized him to make such a report.

12. Casualties from Allied Driving in Rome. PRO stated there was a press campaign on the high casualties caused by Allied drivers. COS suggested this might be countered by pointing out the carelessness and jaywalking of pedestrians, and instructed PRO to discuss with A/HC Lazio-Umbria Region. The question of disciplinary action for driving offences should be taken up with PWB/C, if it was thought necessary.

13. Alleged Starvation in Rome. PRO drew attention to an article in "L'Unita." COS stated this was a matter for the Italian Government, who should take it up.

14. Criticism of Allied Policy in Foggia. It was alleged that the Allies were removing all stones in Foggia to build airfields. COS said nothing could be done about this, as it was obviously a case of military necessity.

15. Tele-phone Service to the U.S. Lt. Col. Shipman stated CC had approved the Procedure for use of Sections using the telephone service to U.S.

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7. Lt. Col. [illegible] attached to unofficial report on the Central [illegible] Area (Local). This report [illegible] Col. Carlhaix discussed by the chief [illegible] Public Safety Section [illegible] 208 persons with no [illegible] this was 0.5 rolled [illegible] under Control Council.

8. Displaced Persons. Lt. Col. Carlhaix discussed by the chief Control Section [illegible] all displaced persons [illegible] and Italian [illegible] means that [illegible] U.S. Sub-Area [illegible] Lower Sub-Area [illegible] Land [illegible] authorities [illegible] SCAEF would [illegible] the [illegible]

9. Identification of Displaced Persons. Lt. Col. Carlhaix discussed the [illegible] Control Section [illegible] Zone Commander [illegible] to be [illegible] to civil [illegible]

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11. Repair Depot. Lt. Col. Carlhaix discussed [illegible] Lt. Col. Carlhaix to [illegible] Control Section [illegible] a matter [illegible]

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15. Refugee Service. Lt. Col. Carlhaix discussed [illegible] Sub-Area [illegible]

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19 December 1944.

MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 19 DECEMBER.

The meeting was presided over by DCOS Estab Sec in the absence of the COS.

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5. Alleged Reprisals on AC Employees. CA Sec had heard reports that AC employees had been threatened with reprisals after leaving the employment of the Commission. DCOS considered that this was not general, and that each case should be taken on its merits.

6. Christmas Holiday. Econ Sec drew attention to the recent notice about Christmas Holiday which said that Christmas should be treated as a Sunday. The only official instruction about staff on Sundays was that not more than half the total staff should take Sunday as the day off.

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There was discussion on the advantages of making Sunday the day off for the majority of the staff. Dst Sec had already arranged that they would adopt this policy. It was agreed

(i) That Christmas Day should be treated as a complete holiday apart from Duty Officers, the number of whom was left to the discretion of Heads of Sections.

(ii) That Sections should consider the question of having only a Duty Officer in the Office on Sunday and be ready to discuss the matter at the next COS meeting.

7. Nenni's Declaration to the London Press. PRO stated that Nenni had said that out of 57 anti-fascist Prefects nominated by the Italian Government, only 5 had been accepted by AC. DCOS stated the report was definitely misleading, and in no case had AC put in a Prefect unsuitable to the Italian Government. CA Sec had statistics and would put up a statement to COS so that PRO could, if necessary, refute the story.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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15 December 1944.

MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 15 DECEMBER.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) 1(a) - Situation in N.W. Italy. Econ Sec stated that all their Sub-Commissions, except Transportation, would have their plan ready within a week. Transportation Sub-Commission asked for a further two weeks to submit a proper plan. COS stated that AAI would probably want a N.W. Italy meeting about 23 December, and required plans ready by 21 December so that if Gen. Robertson wanted a full meeting on 23 December we should be ready for it. The matter could be discussed on Thursday, 21 December, and Regional Commissioners would be asked to submit their views at a meeting on or about 28 December.

(b) 1(b) - Municipal Elections. Pol Sec had put up a letter, which would be issued, together with a memorandum on the subject. Econ Sec stated when the matter was brought up at their staff meeting the unanimous result was in favour of municipal elections. In Civ Aff Sec opinion was more divided.

(c) 1(d) - 300 grammes ration. COS was told yesterday by AFHQ that G-4 did not concur with the draft telegram, and the matter was being raised again.
Civ Aff Sec asked to what degree the situation could be discussed with Heads of Sub-Commissions. COS ruled that so long as they were instructed that it was at Top Secret level, there would be no objection, but would prefer to wait until the final telegram had gone off.
Econ Sec remarked that UNRRA had a similar problem with shipping, which might result in a revision of their programme.

(d) 4 - Prison Rations. CA Sec suggested that no action be taken until the date of the proposed new ration of 350 grammes per day was known. COS agreed and said it should then be decided whether to cut down the ration right away or to reduce it gradually.

(e) 7 - Use of Italian Troops in Support of Civil Power. This matter would be dealt with by COS after he had had an opportunity of studying it. 19.4

(f) 8 - Requisitioning of Government Buildings. This matter was proceeding satisfactorily.
Pol Sec stated that General Brown of PAAC had communicated direct with the Italian Government. COS stated it should be checked if this were correct, as communications to the Italian Government ought to be made by Allied

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Civ Aff Sec asked to what degree the situation could be discussed with Heads of Sub-Commissions. COS ruled that so long as they were instructed that it was at Top Secret level, there would be no objection, but would prefer to wait until the final telegram had gone off.
Econ Sec remarked that UNRRA had a similar problem with shipping, which might result in a revision of their programme.

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(e) 7 - Use of Italian Troops in Support of Civil Power. This matter would be dealt with by COS after he had had an opportunity of studying it.

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There was discussion on the general policy of requisitioning.

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(a) the performers did not accept remuneration,
(b) that cases should be referred to Ent Sec,
(c) that the giving of such performances would not interfere with work.

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12. Telephone Situation. Est Sec raised the question of alleged excessive civilian telephone calls. Col. Henderson said the reports were exaggerated and the number of calls was not excessive. There was a close checking system and the restriction was being enforced. COS said that another public statement from the Italian Government should be issued, and Communications Sub-Commission should submit such a statement to PWD.

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9. Radio Telephone Service to U.S. This service, which was a commercial concern, would be allowed to open by the State Department, Washington. It could be used for official business only, and there were many restrictions. Col. Henderson asked for a ruling as to the members of the Commission who could use the service. In view of the many restrictions imposed, CCS expressed the opinion that the service was not of much value, but he would put the matter up to the CC, suggesting that all VRs be allowed to use it.

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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 6 DECEMBER.

1. Visit of General Wilson. COS announced that General Wilson would be visiting the HQ at 11 o'clock this morning and wished to see Senior Members of the Commission.

2. Situation in N.W. Italy. COS stated that a meeting would be held at 3 o'clock this afternoon to discuss the appreciation made by AFHQ on affairs in N.W. Italy. This meeting would be attended by the Regional Commissioners from the North, Heads of Sections, and Directors of Transportation and Food Sub-Commissions. The object of the meeting was to get views of members so that COS could put up a general appreciation of the Commission's viewpoint to AAI and AFHQ.

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8. Applications to go to Army Areas. Applications were being received by telephone for permission to proceed to Army areas. COS directed that in these cases Heads of Sections receiving the request should make the Head of the Sub-Commission concerned confirm it. The question of POWs wishing to return home was raised. COS asked that DCCAO should clear this with AAI.

9. Food Riots in Rome. PRO reported that there had been several small food riots in Rome yesterday afternoon. No report on this had been received from Lazio-Umbria Region. COS complained of the delay in reports, and said that the Regional Commissioner should be asked to ensure that reports came in promptly. COS directed that a memorandum be sent to AFHQ following up the telegram on the proposed hunger march. He asked for a report from CA Sec, and that a further telegram be sent to AFHQ reporting the food riots, based upon the accurate information of the Regional Commissioner.

10. Patriots in the North. COS stated that SCAO HQ 5 Army rang up last night and said this situation was getting out of hand. Col. Spicer would discuss with DCCAO HQ AAI after the meeting.

11. Commercial Interests in Italy. Econ Sec referred to a letter received by Col. Geoffrey Smith, from War Office, London, asking our views on
(a) sending a representative of Barclays Bank to study the general situation in Italy,
(b) the question of introduction of commercial representatives through the Embassies.
There was discussion on the question of re-establishing commercial interests at this stage, and the possibility of markets being captured by neutral countries who were in a better position to supply materials and shipping. COS stated we should take an impartial view, put all the facts before the Embassies and let them decide whether it was in the national interests of their respective Governments to allow private traders to enter the country. He instructed Econ Sec to discuss the matter with the commercial advisers to the Embassies, and report the result on Tuesday.

12. Position of Regional Supply Office. A letter had been received by Econ Sec from Regional Commissioner, Toscana Region, putting forward certain suggestions on the organization of Regional Supply. COS approved the suggestions, and would leave it to the Regional Commissioner to carry them into effect.

13. UNRRA. The UNRRA directive should be approved by AC so that AFHQ should send it out. Lt.Col. Shipp said this would be put up to COS to-day. UNRRA wanted money to buy stationery. They had an administrative fund in various foreign exchanges, and it was possible they could purchase stationery from this, and Econ Sec were investigating this matter.

14. 300 grammes ration. The present position was that we were awaiting a final cable from AFHQ. The deadline was 10 December. AFHQ had asked for figures for a 300 grammes ration for the whole of Italy, including the North. An article in "L'Avanti" was discussed and COS directed the cable to AFHQ should include a statement about the article in that paper, saying that a pressure campaign was being waged in the press. COS stated that the press should be informed that when the 300 grammes ration was operative that it would not be implemented until a certain date. A press release was now prepared, in case approval for the 300 grammes ration was given.

15. "Siena" Conference. The location of the next meeting was discussed. COS stated if it was held in Rome it should be the normal meeting with the sections of AC represented and not a full meeting with representatives of the press in attendance. He stated that the next meeting would not take place until after

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11. Commercial Interests in Italy. Econ Sec referred to a letter received by Col. Griffiey Smith, from War Office, London, asking our views on
(a) sending a representative of Barclays Bank to study the general situation in Italy,
(b) the question of introduction of commercial representatives through the Embassies.
There was discussion on the question of re-establishing commercial interests at this stage, and the possibility of markets being captured by neutral countries who were in a better position to supply materials and shipping. COS stated we should take an impartial view, put all the facts before the Embassies and let them decide whether it was in the national interests of their respective Governments to allow private traders to enter the country. He instructed Econ Sec to discuss the matter with the commercial advisers to the Embassies, and report the result on Tuesday.

12. Position of Regional Supply Office. A letter had been received by Econ Sec from Regional Commissioner, Tuscana Region, putting forward certain suggestions on the organisation of Regional Supply. COS approved the suggestions, and would leave it to the Regional Commissioner to carry them into effect.

13. UNRRA. The UNRRA directive should be approved by AC so that AFHQ should send it out. Lt.Col. Shipp said this would be put up to COS to-day. UNRRA wanted money to buy stationery. They had an administrative fund in various foreign exchanges, and it was possible they could purchase stationery from this, and Econ Sec were investigating this matter.

14. 300 grammes ration. The present position was that we were awaiting a final cable from AFHQ. The deadline was 10 December. AFHQ had asked for figures for a 300 grammes ration for the whole of Italy, including the North. An article in "L'Avanti" was discussed and COS directed the cable to AFHQ should include a statement about the article in that paper, saying that a pressure campaign was being waged in the press. COS stated that the press should be informed that when the 300 grammes ration was operative that it would not be implemented until a certain date. A press release was now prepared, in case approval for the 300 grammes ration was given.

15. "Siena" Conference. The location of the next meeting was discussed. COS stated if it was held in Rome it should be the normal meeting with the sections of AC represented and not a full meeting with representatives of the press in attendance. He stated that the next meeting would not take place until after the return of the A/President, when the overall policy of the Commission was better known. COS directed that a letter should be sent to Regional Commissioners, stating that the next meeting would not be held until early January, and that it would probably be in Rome.

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5 December 1944

MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 5 DECEMBER.

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3. N. W. Italy. AFHQ had prepared an appreciation of the situation taking the line that military commitments in N.W. Italy would be extremely few. The re-opening of the port of Genoa and reconstruction of railways would be the responsibility of the Italian and Allied Military Governments. COS directed that Heads of Sections and Regional Commissioners would have their views ready for discussion at a conference on Friday, 8 December.

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8. Labour Sub-Commission. COS explained the position with regard to Mr. Brayne, and stated that the appointment of Mr. Brayne as Director of the Labour Sub-Commission would probably be confirmed.

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9. UNRRA. COS directed that Pol and other Sections be kept informed of developments. He confirmed the statement in Minute 1.(f) of the meeting on 1 December.

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13. Black Market Control Unit - Lazio-Umbria Region. CA Sec pointed out that this unit did not come under the control of a Sub-Commission. COS directed that it should come under Public Safety Sub-Commission. Econ Sec reported that G-5 AFHQ had asked for a weekly report on black market activities. COS instructed Econ Sec to get reports from all sources and then prepare a frank memorandum on the situation.

14. Italians in Southern France. Reference Minute 5 of meeting of 1 December, COS directed that Pol Sec state our views clearly on this situation to AFHQ.

15. Patriot Camps in Army Areas. CA Sec stated that four extra officers would be required. COS approved generally in principle, and directed that this be considered at the next Manpower Committee meeting.

16. Epuration. CA Sec drew attention to the fact that the Education Sub-Commission had been setting up private epuration committees which sat before the official Epuration Committee was installed. Brigadier Dunlop and Colonel Marshall thought that the situation would be clear cut in Northern Italy, where ~~no~~ fascists only would be left in office. COS directed CA Sec to instruct Education Sub-Commission to drop their unofficial committees and wait for General Order No. 35 to function.

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1. At the Meeting on 5 Dec 44 the Regional Commissioner Southern Region will be present and will be given an opportunity to raise some Regional problems.

2. Attached for your consideration is a brief agenda received from the Regional Commissioner.

3. I would like all addressees to attend this Meeting.

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AGENDA

1. Brief report on present position in Southern Region.

2. Proposals for further rationalisation in Southern Region as and when necessary.

3. Proposals for transfer of mechanical transport to Italian Government.

4. Proposals for possible supply of tires.

5. Further transfer of administrative powers to Italian Authorities of Naples Commune.

6. Activation of factories capable of producing spare parts for civilian vehicles.

7. A simplification of the procedure for providing lunches for school-children.

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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 1 DECEMBER.

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting.

(a) No. 4 - Vehicle Situation. The memorandum had gone out and this had retained the original notices for trips, as it was considered by Col. Parkin that cutting the 48-hour time limit to 24 hours imposed too great a restriction. COS stated that this would be adjusted in a personal letter he proposed to send out, and he would take the matter up with the HQ Commandant. With reference to the end of paragraph 1 of the minute of the last meeting, COS stated that the cars would be allotted to the Heads of Sub-Commissions, but could not be regarded as extra vehicles.

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2. Visit to AFHQ by COS.

(a) Transportation Sub-Commission. Agreement had been reached with regard to the set-up. The Chief Commissioner had been asked for his approval, which it was hoped would be forthcoming.

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(b) Food for Sicily. AFHQ had decided that no more grain would be sent to Sicily. Nevertheless, the Italian Government must take steps to meet starvation, and AFHQ were prepared to make 'ad hoc' arrangements for soup kitchens. The possibility must be explored of feeding the people by the system of soup kitchens, and the actual distribution of food must be controlled completely either by the Italian Government or by the Relief Agencies. COS stated, in answer to Pol Sec who raised the point that the 300 grammes ration would be reduced in Sicily at a time when it was being adopted in Italy, that this had been stressed to AFHQ at the meeting, but the decision had been made, and we must do our best to work it out. The whole matter would be discussed with the Regional Commissioner.

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10. Repatriation of Italians from Greece. Major Driffield White visited Civ Aff Sec yesterday. The first 7,300 Italians would be handled by UNRRA in conjunction with Displaced Persons Sub-Commission. It was agreed, subject to approval, that this policy should continue. Another 8/9,000 would probably come.

11. Tyres for Ambulances. Although 1,300 tyres had been retreaded in Rome, none had been made available for ambulances. G-5, AFHQ, had suggested the conversion of 2½-ton or 3-ton trucks to ambulances, but no such trucks were available. If the tyres were forthcoming, more ambulances could be put on the road. COS ruled that ambulances should be given a high priority for tyres.

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8. Wage Rates in AMG and Italian Territory. Dissatisfaction had been reported at the difference in wages paid in AMG territory and Italian Government territory, particularly in Naples. COS directed Economic Section to have Labour Sub-Commission look at the minutes of the Siena meeting in order that anomalies could be removed, and prepare a report to COS so that the matter could be raised at the V.P. meeting on Thursday.

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9. History of AC. Pol Sec read a long telegram from U.S. regarding the unfavourable publicity that continued to follow AC/MG in Italy. COS stated PRO had prepared a history of AC over the last fifteen months. It was decided that this was not suitable for public consumption, but the Chief Commissioner had agreed that copies should go to AFHQ for transmission to War Department and War Office and these were on the way to AFHQ. In view of the telegram, COS stated it might be possible to make part of the history available for publication after necessary deletions had been made. He, together with Pol Sec, would discuss the matter with the Chief Commissioner.

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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 24 NOVEMBER.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

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7. Theft of Cars. DCOS Est Sec asked whether it would be possible for Italians accused of stealing requisitioned cars belonging to the Commission to be tried by AM Courts. Agreed that this would be in order.

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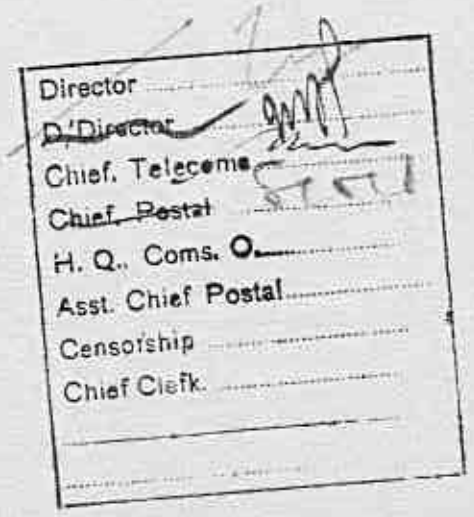
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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 22 NOVEMBER.

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5. San Marino. It was reported that the Republic of San Marino would shortly be out of bounds to all troops due to an outbreak of typhoid, and an Army Routine Order was being issued to this effect. The Republic had been placed out of bounds to troops even after the lifting of the typhoid restriction, except for day leave parties.

6. Administration of Army Areas. DCOS reported that AMG 8 Army had made arrangements with Region EMILIA for an Admin staff, composed of mixed Regional and Army personnel, to operate under command SCAO Army in that part of the Region at present under Army administration. DCOS Est Sec undertook to take up with the SCAO 5 Army the possibility of the same arrangement being carried out in 5 Army area.

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22. Information Bureau. Mr. Cleveland asked whether it would not be possible to establish some sort of information office to which Italians could go with their problems. COS ruled that PRO should get out a press statement as to what help AC can give in Italian Government territory. Econ Sec would supply a list of questions with answers on some of the more common points. Such information bureau should be run by the Italians themselves if it were decided to set one up.

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