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SUBJECT: A. C. Supply Conference

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

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

29 March 1945

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

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

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

A. General.

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

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

B. Relief.

3. The AC will formulate recommendations to this HQ as to imports necessary to provide the civilian population with those items of direct relief necessary to avoid disease and unrest which would prejudice the military operation. Action necessary to implement approved recommendations will be reflected in the CAL-IAC cable series.

4. In formulating such recommendations, due allowance shall be given to the availability of local supplies, and necessary steps shall be taken to assure maximum use of local resources to reduce, as far as possible, the quantities of imports needed.

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

C. Military Production.

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

9. The technical services, to the extent required by such military mission, will take all necessary action to (1) effect plant repairs to create the required productive capacity, (2) provide any government furnished raw or semi-fabricated materials necessary to secure the required production, () provide for the operation of the plant, and (3) take delivery of, and make disposition of the plant output.

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Lieutenant General,
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