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MINUTES OF SIXTEENTH MEETING ON MOVEMENT OF
REFUGEES HELD ON SATURDAY 17 NOVEMBER 1945

AT 1100 HRS.

Present : Chairman - Capt. I.F. Ollings

Rail-Road Branch

Movements Division

Lt. Col. Hetherington

Rep. of F.O.I.L.

Lt. Col. C.A. Oliver, M.C.

D.F. & R. Sub-Comm.

Capt. J.H. Hazelton

Shipping Branch

Movements Division

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MINUTES OF TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION STAFF MEETING

29 OCTOBER 1945

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Meeting No. 37:

A Transportation Sub-Commission Staff Meeting was held in the First Floor Conference Room at 8:45 A.M., Monday, 29 October 1945. Colonel Buchanan, Acting Director, was in the Chair.

216. FUTURE MEETINGS: Colonel Buchanan stated that future meetings will be held in the First Floor Conference Room. Economic Staff meetings will probably continue to be held on Tuesdays. In view of that fact, Transportation Sub-Commission Staff Meetings may be held on Wednesday mornings so that anything coming up in Economic Staff Meetings may be taken up the next day in Transportation Meetings. He stated, however, that for the time being the meetings will be held on Saturday morning at 8:45 A.M. unless otherwise notified.

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Acting Director

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

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29 October 1945

SUBJECT: Transportation Staff Meeting.

TO : See Distribution.

1. Further to Minute No. 217 of Transportation Staff Meeting held this day, following is an extract from the Minutes of the Economic Section Staff Meeting on 23 October, giving Mr. Cleveland's views of matters as they are now seen in Washington.

"In response to General McKinley's request, Mr. Cleveland spoke briefly regarding the Italian situation as it is viewed in Washington. Interest centers around the question of the peace treaty, but since the conclusion of the London Conference, no one expects the Italian peace treaty before Spring. A second basis of interest is our economic work over here, and a third, the part that Italy plays in politics. The financing of the interim program has now been assured through the December loadings. Arrangements have been made with UNRPA whereby they will use part of the funds to buy and have at seaboard supplies for the January loadings. It is realized at high levels in Washington that it would be disastrous to cut off the supply program in the middle of the winter. Between now and the end of the year, the supply part of the Economic Section's functions will be greater than it has ever been before because there are more supplies coming in than ever before. Re-opening of trade between Italy and the U. K. and the U. S. should be possible in the near future as both Great Britain and the United States have now adopted policies which already have or are about to lift any restrictions on that kind of trade. Mr. Cleveland stated that he felt the next three months should be regarded as a period of construction toward a new and better kind of economic operation rather than a liquidating operation. This attitude should be adopted by the Sub-Commission."

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25 October 1945

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT : Conference.

TO : Movements Division
Roads Division
Port and Warehouse Division
Rail Division
Accounts Branch.

1. There will be a Transportation Sub-Commission Conference at 0845 hours Monday 29 October 1945 in the first floor conference room.

2. There will be no Conference on Saturday morning 27 October.

For the Director :

WALTER P. SCOGGINS
Lt. Colonel, QMC
Chief, Admin. Div.

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MINUTES OF TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION STAFF MEETING
21 SEPTEMBER 1945

Meeting No. 36:

The weekly Transportation Sub-Commission Staff Meeting was held in the Third Floor Main Conference Room at 8:45 A.M., Monday, 24 September 1945. Mr. Uzman, Director, was in the Chair; all Divisions and the Truck Operating Group were represented, and representatives of ISR were present.

210. CORRECTION: Colonel Buchanan pointed out that Minute 200 in the minutes of meeting for 14 September, third line reading "duty car" should read "duty clerk".

211. ECONOMIC STAFF MEETING: Colonel Buchanan also mentioned that the following points had arisen in the Economic Staff Meeting the previous day: a) There is still no news about the turn-back in the North. Altho, politically, it was desirable that the turn-back should happen by the end of the month, no authority had yet been received by JFHQ from GCA. It was not likely, therefore, that there would be any change before the 15th of October; b) Colonel Denamore stated a great portion of the stores in the Naples warehouse might well be disposed of and had suggested to the Sub-Commissions that they should review their holdings with a view to the disposal of much of this.

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212. RAIL DIVISION: Mr. Moss stated there is a real distribution of cars in most of the compartments, especially Naples, which continues to show a surplus of cars, altho at the Warehouse it is found that cars have not been placed regularly. This is a problem for ISR and LRS. Mr. Moss further announced 16 new passenger services are being inaugurated this week, the majority of which are in the Venice area, but which also includes one train to Pisa, one to Arezzo, and a thru-train between Rome-Alessandria via Ancona. He also said that authorization was given for a wine tanker train from Puglia to Milan area. The train was authorized but only five or six trains moved due to the fact that ISR and the Italian Government did not requisition private wine tankers. As a result of a meeting on Saturday, it is hoped the Ministry of Transport will requisition all wine tankers in Italy for this emergency. It was reported that the requisition of material in Italy on the American side has partly been catalogued. In certain depots, Bari, Naples, and Leghorn, material is being made available to the Italian Government, and ISR will act as their agent. Regarding depots of captured material in the north, G-5 says that all material has been turned over to the Italian Government and that ISR should get their part of it. In the establishment of USFET, on the American side, MSR will leave the transport section here. Major Ping stated that 76 cars of sheet steel in the Venice area have been released to ISR for the manufacture of cars. Mr. Moss requested definite information regarding the future responsibilities of Rail Division to enable

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213. RE-ORGANIZATION: Mr. Uzman reported that Economic Section has now called for the second phase of the reports from the Sub-Commissions concerning a detailed break-down into two parts, the supply functions which UNRRA would assume and the other functions which they would not assume and the lay-out program which will continue for the interim period. The second phase asks for a break-down of personnel in the various sections and their desire to either remain in this field or be released.

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214. PORTS & WAREHOUSE DIVISION: Mr. Upman announced that Mr. Crooke will now be located in the same office as Chief of the Ports & Warehouse Division, replacing Mr. Razzanella who is to be released in the near future.

215. NEXT MEETING: The next Transportation Sub-Commission Staff Meeting will be held next Saturday, September 29th, same time, same place.

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FRANK UPMAN, JR.
Director.

MINUTES OF TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION STAFF MEETING
14 SEPTEMBER 1945

Meeting No. 25:

The weekly Transportation Sub-Commission Staff Meeting was held in the Third Floor Main Conference Room at 8:45 A.M., Saturday, 14 September 1945. Mr. Uzman, Director, was in the Chair; all Divisions and the Truck Operating Group were represented, and representatives of ISR were present.

199. ECONOMIC STAFF MEETING: Brigadier General McKinley has returned from London and Washington and presided at the Economic Section Staff Meeting. He gave comments and observations of the probable future of AC, UNRRA, and the various other agencies in Italy. There will be a cut of 500 American EM personnel assigned to AC, which constitutes approximately a 50% decrease in strength, to take place by 20 September. Administration Division reports that Transportation Sub-Commission will probably not be hit too hard by this reduction of personnel, which will be determined on the basis of points. With regard to AC, Brig. General McKinley pointed out the major part of strength cut in AC personnel in General will be in the turn-back in the north up to 1 November or 1 December. In that connection, the turn-back date in the north is now being announced in terms of September 30 instead of September 15, pending official announcement of UNRRA. AC will continue, it is pointed out, until the first of the year, at least as a skeleton organization to fill in the gap at present, until such time as UNRRA gets into full force on the supply side of the program. At the same time some sort of arrangement for a small economic mission or joint mission will be made. London and Washington are in accord with UNRRA taking over the Italian mission, dependent upon the appropriation of funds, chiefly on the action of the American Congress, inasmuch as the major portion of appropriations comes from that source. The General proposed a possible re-organization at this stage of the Economic Section along the following lines: To establish a Supply Division, pulling out technical or economic functions, and separating functions which UNRRA would not take over or would not fall under their program; to separate into two parts, those functions which are to be continued and those not to be continued. He proposed that the various Sub-Commissions give statements as to how their organization should be divided along these lines and suggested consolidating the activities of the different Sub-Commissions. This statement is called for at 4:00 PM on Monday, 17 September, and Colonel Buchanan has requested statements from the various Divisions of Transportation Sub-Commission.

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202. PORT OF GENOA: The port of Genoa was opened up and developed faster than rail facilities were capable of taking care of the business, and this

Amended memo pointed out at Staff Meeting 10/2/44

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condition will exist until the latter part of this month. Formerly there were four lines into and out of the port; one is now operating, the second line will be operating by the 20th of September. While the third line by 10th October. The switching yard was demolished, but will be reconstructed. It will be something in the middle of October before Genoa will be considered "easy". The reconstruction of the rail lines involves tunnel work. Lt. Col. Street is in Genoa and with Mr. Crooks and the MTS people will do what is necessary to increase rail facilities at this port.

203. DISCONTINUATION OF EILINE: Mr. Moss said: Probably one of the best things that has happened as far as AC is concerned is the approval of the Traffic Sub-Committee for discontinuation of the bidding system in Italy. The approval of the Allied Railway Board, however, remains to be secured. This will permit more or less free movement in Italy, except for the military, who gets first priority.

204. NEW PASSENGER SERVICE: Rail Division announced the approval of eighteen new passenger services which will be inaugurated between now and 1 October.

205. STORES IN THE NORTH: North of Verona and in the Brenner Pass territory, is a vast amount of stores. The lack of this material has caused the suspension of work on the railways. The channel for securing release of these stores is so muddled up among the Army, Regional Commissioners, and Engineers of #2 District, that ISE has been unable to obtain any of the stores.

206. ROAD DIVISION: Mr. Franklin requested Rail Division to assist in the transportation of refugees in the north. Due to lack of petrol, the 70 mile round trip, has put a terrific strain on road transport.

207. PROMOTION OF AMERICAN OFFICERS: American officers who have the critical score of points can be promoted if they agree to remain for the emergency and six months thereafter. It is possible arrangements might be made for loaning American Officers and EM to UNRRA. Such arrangements have been completed for American Civilian personnel.

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7 September 1945

MEMORANDUM

TO : Movements Division
Roads Division
Port and Warehouse Division
Rail Division
Accounts Branch

The Transportation Sub-Commission weekly conference
for Saturday morning 8 September is cancelled.

For the Director :

WALTER P. SCOTT
Lt. Colonel, QMC
Chief, Admin. Div.

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MINUTES OF TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION STAFF MEETING
3 SEPTEMBER 1945

Meeting No. 24

The weekly Transportation Sub-Commission Staff Meeting was held in the Third Floor Main Conference Room at 8:45 A.M., Monday, 3 September 1945. Mr. Ugran, Director, was in the Chair; all Division and the Truck Operating Group were represented, and representatives of ISR, COCEMA, and ENAC were present.

185. MOVEMENT DIVISION: Major Worthington reported that the first wine train was loaded and should have left on the 1st of September. There are 108 cars now in Bari area but they are in very bad condition and will take some time to clear out; therefore the movement of the wine will be delayed. First cars from Salerno due at Genoa on the 4th.

186. RAIL DIVISION: Mr. Moss announced that mills in certain areas which formerly were restricted for Military timber cutting have been released by the Military and are now available for the I.S.R. This means that timber will be available in limited quantity for repair of rolling stock, ties and repair to buildings. Mr. Moss reported that the most important thing now for the Rail Division is the procurement of rails.

Jobs are at a standstill now for the want of rail. This is being handled with the Industry Sub-Commission. During the past week passenger service between Bari and Bologna was set up. In the North, especially north of Bologna we have known for some time that there is quite a bit of material which could be used for the I.S.R. This material runs to several thousand tons and it will be made available to the Italian State Railways. Some of this is vital material for reconstruction work.

Mr. Moss announced that the wagon control system is now in full operation. It. Joffreys is having meetings daily and is functioning with no continued complaint on shortage of equipment. Reconstruction and repair of box cars will be given first priority. These box cars will be needed during the winter months.

187. ROADS DIVISION: Mr. Franklin reported that the first batch of vehicles on the 20,000 ton lift had been turned over to the Italian Government; approximately 980 vehicles. Commencing the tenth of the month they will start turning over an additional 3,500 to 4,000. Forty percent are runners and the remaining 60 percent need work done on them. Will probably be handling 6,000 or 7,000 vehicles to meet 20,000 ton lift.

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189. TRAIN TRIP TO THE NORTH: Train trip to the North for the Minister of Transport will leave Terminal Station at 10:00 tonight, scheduled to return to Rome, at 8:00 A.M. Monday, September 10. Those going on the trip will be the Director of Roads; Director of Rails; and Director of Transportation; and Mr. Hughes, IFA Administrative Officer. The Economic Section will be represented by Colonel Densmore if Brig. General McKinley returns in time.

190. SHORTAGE OF RAIL CARS IN GENEVA: It was reported that there is a shortage of rail cars in Geneva for the first time. They are only receiving approximately 50 percent of the cars that were ordered. Method of moving foodstuffs, etc. from ports not considered good. For instance, moving of grains from shipside to warehouse to mills to mills.

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT : Weekly Conference.

TO : Movements Division
Rail Division
Roads Division
Port and Warehouse Division
Planning Staff
Accounts Branch

The weekly Transportation Sub-Commission conference scheduled for this morning, Saturday 1 September will be held at 0845 hours Monday 3 September in the Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor.

For the Director :

WALTER P. COGGINS
Lt. Colonel, GSC
Chief, Admin. Div.

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MINUTES OF TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION STAFF MEETING11 AUGUST 1945Meeting No. 31

The weekly Transportation Sub-Commission Staff Meeting was held in the Third Floor Main Conference Room at 8:45 A.M., Saturday, 11 August 1945. Mr. Upman, Acting Director, was in the Chair; all Divisions and the Truck Operating Group were represented, and representatives of IMA, COGSTA, and BNAO were present.

171. ECONOMIC STAFF MEETING: Brigadier General McKinley, Acting Vice President, has proceeded to Washington, D.C. from the London Conference and is expected to return shortly. Colonel Densmore, who is substituting for Brig. General McKinley, asked the Directors of the various Sub-Commissions to prepare a statement showing the number of Liaison Officers required after the turn-over of territory in the North to the Italian Government. The turn-over date is tentatively set for 1 September, but will probably not be completed until 1 October. Colonel Densmore also requested information as to strength and type of organization the Sub-Commission will require after the turn-over date. Colonel Buchanan is attending the ECITO Conference in Paris.

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11 January 1945MINUTES OF TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION MEETING.

A meeting was held in the Conference Room No. 27 on the first floor of the AG building on January 11th at 9:50 AM.; representatives of all divisions and branches of Transportation Sub-Commission were present.

Mr. Taylor, Director, opened the meeting with the following statements: "We are undergoing a complete change of policy in Transportation Sub-Commission at the present time. We will function as a staff branch which is the method which the Chief Commissioner desires us to follow. We have disposed of our spare parts industry, tire industry, and all regional functions will be carried in the field under the Regional Commissioners. There are two seemingly conflicting policies we are trying to follow: 1) return of all responsibilities in King's Italy back to the Italians, and 2) setting up a complete Movements Division to rigidly control movements in King's Italy as well as in AMG territory. This movements control is obviously necessary, due to the shortage of transport and competition with military movements, in order to get civilian supplies delivered. Just how this will work out, we do not know. We are in the process of turning back to the Italian Government, the operation of truck pools in King's Italy. AG is practically up to strength in officer personnel, therefore it is difficult to see where we are going to get any material relief in increased officer personnel, unless we get officer personnel from other Sub-Commissions or have officers attached here from AFHQ. It is obviously necessary to consider all field officers as transportation officers and not as rail officers, road officers, or ports or movements officers. Transportation officers in the field will have to perform any of these various duties in order to make present officers strength go around. In other words, where we have import port activities in a province, an experienced port officer will be appointed as transportation officer for that particular province; in a province where large truck activities are located, an experienced highway man will be appointed, etc. There is no other way to cover our field responsibilities with the limited personnel now available or to become available in the predictable future."

Since officers in the field are transportation officers, they will be controlled thru the Administration Division, and the consent of the Regional Commissioner will be obtained if an officer is to be moved from one region to another. Where the Regional Commissioner does not acquiesce, the move will be made thru G-1, either American or British, depending upon the nationality of the officer involved, and if G-1 does not agree, we still have recourse thru the Chief Commissioner.

The question was raised concerning three officers for Sicily, or why we should have movements officers in Sicily. It was pointed out that there was no increase proposed in officer personnel for Sicily over the two there at present, and that a movements control is needed in Sicily inasmuch as during the month of December only 40% of the requirements of Sicily for transport by rail was lifted.

It was agreed that for the present, the Warehouse Branch of Ports & Warehouse Division of Transportation Sub-Commission would assume responsibility of storing supplies which are in transit, inasmuch as we are the only ones at present who have the facilities for doing so.

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With regard to the question of the responsibility of the Road Division with reference to RCL or bus lines, it was pointed out that RCL is allocated by AFM in bulk allotments to regions and that in King's Italy we merely advise and have no control; the question of new bus lines should be taken up with the Priorities Board.

It was decided to have a representative of each Division meet with the Director or Deputy Director on Tuesday, January 16th for the purpose of making decisions on assignment of personnel to the various regions, keeping in mind that NW Italy should be treated as one region. It was brought out that Transportation Sub-Commission had requested in a communication to the Economic Section that NW Italy, for transportation purposes, be considered as a single region and that this request was under consideration.

The question was asked, "Who is to be responsible for supplies necessary to rebuild, construct, and maintain warehouses?" This is primarily a responsibility of Warehouse Branch, Transportation Sub-Commission with assistance of the Public Works & Utilities Sub-Commission, Engineering Section.

In order to have closer cooperation among the various divisions of Transportation Sub-Commission, all divisions are to pass third copy of files to the Chief Clerk, who will combine them in a Master File which is to be passed around to the various divisions.

It was decided to hold a weekly transportation staff meeting every Friday morning in Room 27, 1st floor, AS building, at 9:45 AM, for a one-half hour session to discuss various transportation problems. These meetings will be attended by all divisions and branch heads and members of the Planning Staff. Branch heads may bring other officers from their branches if they desire to do so.

MERRITT E. TAYLOR,
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MINUTES OF TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION STAFF MEETING
4 August 1945

Meeting No. 30.

The weekly Transportation Sub-Commission Staff Meeting was held in the Third Floor Main Conference Room at 8:45 A.M., Saturday, 4 August 1945. Mr. Uman, Director, was in the Chair; all Divisions of the Sub-Commission and the Truck Operating Group were represented, and representatives of ISR, COMRA, and EMAC were present.

164. ECONOMIC STAFF MEETING: Mr. Uman announced that Brigadier General McKinley was in London regarding the Procurement Program.
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MINUTES OF TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION STAFF MEETINGMeeting No. 2928 July 1945

The weekly Transportation Sub-Commission Staff Meeting was held in the First Floor Conference Room at 8:45 a.m., Saturday, 28 July 1945. Mr. Taylor, Director, was in the Chair; all Divisions of the Sub-Commission and the Truck Operating Group were represented; and representatives of ISR, CODEMA and ENAC were present.

156. NEW MEMBERS. Mr. Taylor introduced Mr. Frank Upman, Jr., who will succeed him as Director of Transportation Sub-Commission; Mr. Nicholas J. Gallo, Administrative Assistant to Mr. Upman; Mr. Roy P. Moss, who will join the Rail Division; and Colonel P.D.G. Buchanan, who is Acting Deputy Director during Colonel Thomas' absence. It was announced that Major Gill (A) will soon become a member of the Mechanical Engineering Branch of the Rail Division.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

11 July 1945

The weekly Transportation Inter-Committee staff meeting was held in the Plant Floor Conference Room on July 10th, Saturday, 11 July 1945. Mr. Taylor, Director, and in the absence of the Subcommittee and the Staff Operating Group were represented, and representatives of the staff were present. Colonel Walton, formerly Captain, also attended the meeting.

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VERBALE DELLA RIUNIONE TENUTA DA TUTTI GLIUFFICI DELLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE TRASPORTI27a. Riunione14 Luglio 1945

La riunione settimanale di tutti gli Uffici della Sottocommissione Trasporti ha avuto luogo sabato, 14 Luglio 1945, alle ore 8,45 a.m. nella Sala delle Conferenze al primo piano. Mr. Taylor, il Direttore, era il Presidente; vi partecipavano tutte le Divisioni della Sottocommissione ed il "Truck Operating Group", come pure rappresentanti delle Ferrovie dello Stato, dell'Enac ed il Colonnello Walton della Sezione Economica.

141. PROGRAMMA DI RICOSTRUZIONE. Mr. Taylor ha dichiarato di aver ricevuto dalle Ferrovie dello Stato i programmi di ricostruzione per i prossimi 18 mesi. La traduzione è già stata iniziata e non appena sarà finita, probabilmente entro lunedì, ne verranno distribuite delle copie per studio ed analisi ai vari uffici della "Rail Division". Sono state formulate richieste alla "Port & Warehouse Division", alla "Road and Rail Division", perchè sottopongano dei rapporti sul procedimento della revisione degli altri programmi di ricostruzione. Si attendono i programmi concernenti le Ferrovie in concessione, i trasporti stradali e le attrezzature portuali e marittime. Mr. Taylor ha aggiunto che egli desidera avere pronti tutti i programmi di ricostruzione prima della sua partenza per gli Stati Uniti (la prima settimana di Agosto) in modo che egli possa portarli con sé.

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143. RIUNIONE DEI COMMISSARI REGIONALI. Alla conferenza dei Commissari Regionali le questioni dei trasporti furono sollevate solamente incidentalmente.

144. MOVIMENTO. Il Colonnello Sieff ha annunciato una aumentata scarsità di vagoni nel territorio del Governo Italiano e ha proposto che 200 vagoni vuoti vengano portati già dal Nord, dato che vi è una eccedenza di vagoni in confronto ai programmi di movimento. Mr. Taylor ha dichiarato che una delle numerose difficoltà concernenti la scarsità di vagoni è data dall'accaparramento di vagoni fatto dai militari (PMS); un telegramma è stato

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145. FERROVIA. Il Maggiore Street ha dichiarato che a causa della scarsità di vagoni, non poteva essere fatto il movimento di sacchi e di cemento. Mr. Taylor ha rilevato che essi potevano essere trasportati con autocarri, e che la scarsità di benzina per autocarri era di competenza del Ministero dei Trasporti per ottenere una congrua assegnazione di benzina per le necessità Italiane.

145. PLANNING STAFF. Mr. Ryan ha dichiarato che il 9 Maggio fu notificato al Ministero della Marina di inviare le loro richieste, ma fin'ora non è stata ricevuta alcuna risposta, Mr. Taylor ha soggiunto che il Cogenà doveva essere informato di ciò e che la questione doveva essere chiesta dal parte del Ministero.

146. RINUNZI IN PROGRAMMA. Mr. Taylor ha quindi detto che mercoledì, 18 Luglio, alle 10 a.m. vi sarà una conferenza con l'ECOTEC, che la "Allied Railway Board" si riunirà il 19 Luglio e che in considerazione di queste riunioni, la riunione che era in programma il 18 Luglio colle Ferrovie dello Stato, sarà rimandata a mercoledì 25 luglio.

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MINUTES OF TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION MEETING30 June 1945Meeting No. 25.

the weekly Transportation Sub-Commission Staff Meeting was held in the First Floor Conference Room at 645 A.M. Saturday, 30 June 1945. Mr. Taylor, Director, was in the Chair; all divisions of the Sub-Commission and the Truck Operating Group were represented.

125. GENERAL COMMENTS: A two day conference of the Regional Commissioners was held during the week. The transportation position is apparently satisfactory, their main complaint being lack of rail and coal.

126. MR. TAYLOR: Mr. Taylor reported on his trip to Mexico where he met General Cook of the Inspector General Department, Washington, D.C., who is making an investigation into the matter of warehousing and checking of civilian supplies in ports. General Cook will be in New York next week and desires to visit the ports of Panama, Cebu, Manila and other ports. Major Klein was designated to make the necessary arrangements and arrange for transport for the General along with another member of the Warehouse Division to be selected by Mr. Desmarais.

127. DREDGING OF THE RIVER: It is contemplated that the dredging of the River will be completed by the middle of July.

128. WAREHOUSE LOCATION: Ports & Warehouse Division have moved to new locations in Third Floor Annex, with no change in telephone numbers.

129. RAIL AND AIR: Allocation of PCL to subcommittee is insufficient and the Italian Government states they are allocating the maximum amount. Colonel Hoff is taking the matter up with AUSA on his visit there.

130. PORT OF GUAYMAS: Due to an explosion of a minesweeper, the port of Guaymas is closed indefinitely to liberty ships. Guaymas has been declared open for civilian supplies, to be cleared thru this port and then by rail to Guaymas.

131. RAIL: Apparently the same situation experienced in the release of cement is now affecting release of steel. Of the 1500 tons of steel ordered during the past month to be released, only 400 were rolled. Release orders for the month of July have been cancelled.

132. RAILWAY MATTER: Colonel Walton called attention to letter from Road Division revoking order issued on instructions of General Marshall to turn over Italian military vehicles to RAIL. It was pointed out all matters of policy are to be cleared thru the Director of the Sub-Commission and if the policy matter is to be taken up with AUSA, the letter will bear the signature of Brigadier General McLaughlin. Colonel Walton requested the Road Division to either be withdrawn and be was informed this had already been done.

133. RAILWAY MATTER: Lt. Col. Sherry/ough reported trucks in military units had been making haulage of railway freight around the Canal Zone at Ancon. These trucks are to be turned over to civilian truck pools and when this is done, L.P., which makes a third charge for goods loaded on this journey, should make payment for the third day haul to truck pools.

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127. REMARKS OF MR. DESOBELLE. It is contemplated that the dredging of the River Arno will be completed by the middle of July.

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134. REMARKS OF MR. DESOBELLE. Lt. Col. Jordan reported an order for the immediate withdrawal of Allied orders from four Italian transport companies in the North. Lt. Col. Jordan, Lt. Col. Buryhough and Lt. Col. Jordan reported that ADM should not have taken this action without informing ADM and should the withdrawal be effected July 1st instead of 1 August as originally planned, we cannot be held responsible for what would happen to these companies.

REMARKS OF MR. DESOBELLE:
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MINUTES OF TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION STAFF MEETINGMEETING NO. 2216 JUNE 1945

The weekly Transportation Sub-C Commission Staff Meeting was held in the First Floor Conference Room at 6:45 a.m., Saturday, 16 June 1945. Mr. Taylor, Director, was in the Chair; all Divisions of the Sub-Commission, the Truck Operating Group, OGCMA and ISB were represented.

98. ECONOMIC SECTION STAFF MEETING. At the Economic Section Staff Meeting held Friday, 15 June, with General McKinley, Acting Vice President, presiding, it was announced that there will be a Regional Commissioners' meeting in Rome on 27 and 28 June. On 27 June the Chief Commissioner will preside at a general meeting, and on 28 June working committees with the various Sub-Commissions will meet with reference to problems of the northern regions.

It is proposed to withdraw the rationing, and possibly close the Hotel Colonna; it was asked whether this will have any effect on the personnel of this Sub-Commission.

General McKinley stressed the fact that he is desirous of having the Sub-Commissions work directly with one another rather than through the Economic Section; matters should be referred to the Economic Section only when necessary; when matters are referred to higher headquarters, e.g., G-5, JMW, they must go through the Economic Section except on detailed technical matters.

99. PROGRAMMING OF MATERIALS AND PERSONNEL. Mr. Taylor stated that our principal problems are still the programming of materials and personnel. Another meeting with ISB has been requested for a progress report on their requirements submitted in light of the conditions in the north. Everyone interested should be notified today of the time and place of the meeting. (Set for Wednesday, 20 June, 9:30 a.m.)

100. TRUCKS. The ISB is being pressed to take delivery of the highway vehicles which are being turned over to them. They have already taken delivery of 300 trucks; releases have been given on 200.

It is expected that within 10 days or two weeks all truck pools in Southern Italy will be turned back to the Italian Government. ISB, finally, has already been turned over, unofficially, and will be formally on 25 June. On the evening of the truck pools in Southern Italy, the transport officer strength of the Region in the North will be increased.

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102. TELEPHONE TO MILAN. Colonel Thomas announced the opening of telephone connections to Milan on Monday next, the wire to be available from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

103. ISB - RAILWAY MEETING. Colonel Lindberg informed the group that P. H. C. A. S. M. will meet the ISB in Rome on Monday, 18 June.

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104. PLANS - PMAC - AT MEETING. Mr. Taylor stated that AMBAC, ICA, Commander Sub-Commission, Ministries concerned, and Road Division, in E/O, are having a meeting on Tuesday at 11:00 a.m.

105. REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION OFFICERS. It was pointed out that the usage of the term RTO's for the Regional Transportation Officers conflicts with the British term RTO, designating Railway Transportation Officers. It was decided that Regional Transportation Officers should be called RegTO's.

106. ORTONA - ANCONA TUNNEL. Rail Division reported that the tunnel on the Ortona - Ancona line will be opened 23 June.

107. TRAIN WRECK. The train wreck which occurred the night of the 13th had been reported in the papers as having killed and injured more persons than actually happened. 5 British soldiers and 10 Italian soldiers were killed, and a total of not more than 30 were killed. The railway line was cleared Friday afternoon, and is now in operation.

108. TIBER RIVER. It is expected that the dredging of the Tiber River will be started next month. It should take about two weeks to take care of the dredging.

109. PORTS OF PIOMBINO AND CIVITAVECCHIA. Arrangements are being made to step up the Piombino program to 1500 tons per day, which can be accomplished if enough rail cars are obtained for port clearance. 50 cars for clearance were requested, but only 10 cars were received. Colonel Thomas stated that JIM had said at a meeting Friday that 1500 tons could not be cleared; he stressed the fact that cars should not be the limiting factor, but that valve seats, and the possibility of getting the 1000 tons agreed to by JIM on this basis would be more certain. Major Godfrey asked that he be given an opportunity to see Mr. France regarding the proposed extra berth at Piombino, which it is believed is not necessary in order to get the 1000 tons clearance. It was announced that 6,000 tons were cleared from Piombino and 10,500 tons cleared from Civitavecchia last week.

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Mr. Taylor stressed the fact that the movement should be the responsibility of Transportation Sub-Commission, and coordinated with Road Sub-Commission. He requested that the question of movements from north to south and south to north be taken up with Lt. Col. Harris today upon his arrival in Rome by Road Division and Road-Movements.

115. SUPPLY INFRASTRUCTURE. On the Tn S/C supply requisition, certain materials are about to become available, 500,000 feet of wire now ready for delivery. Mr. Taylor stated that all supplies furnished should be turned over to SO on paper, who will in turn hand it over to the Italian Government authorities.

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116. CONCLUSIONS is starting its reorganized operations as of 1 July 1945.
117. MOVEMENT OF SUPPLIES FROM WAREHOUSES. The question of moving supplies from warehouses was brought up by Port & Warehouse Division, and the difficulty of engaging sufficient wagons to move these supplies. It was pointed out that if these wagons cannot be used the movement cannot be made. Mr. Taylor said this should be coordinated with Rail-Movements, and pointed out that the movement of refugees is aggravating the availability of box cars.

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MINUTES OF TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION STAFF MEETINGMEETING NO. 222 JUNE 1945

The weekly Transportation Sub-Commission Staff Meeting was held in the First Floor Conference Room at 8:45 a.m., Saturday, 2 June 1945. Colonel Thomas, Deputy Director, was in the Chair; all Divisions of the Sub-Commission, the Truck Operating Group, and COMASA were represented.

62. ECONOMIC SECTION STAFF MEETING. It was announced that Mr. Antolini was leaving during the coming week, and that General McKinley will be taking his place as Acting Vice President. With reference to the political situation, it had been stated that it is by no means clear what is going to happen. It has also been mentioned that Mr. Antolini had spoken to Colonel Penesore (in Washington, D.C.) on the phone, at which time the question of coal was raised; Colonel Penesore said he would take the matter up in Washington.

63. REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION OFFICERS. Colonel Thomas stated that the Toscana Region will close down 19 June. It is proposed to maintain transportation officers there; Lts. Mitchell and Reeling will go to Venezia Giulia, and the others will remain at their present posts in Toscana Region. Colonel Thomas stated that Capt. Irvine-Lynch is leaving Sicily for Venezia on 18 June, and asked Ball and Movements Divisions to note this fact and make arrangements accordingly. Colonel Thomas suggested that Capt. Irvine-Lynch go to Verona as rail officer; it was also suggested that he go to Reg. Venezia; Colonel Lindberg and Baker were asked to issue orders as to where he should be assigned.

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65. SHIPPING SUB-COMMISSION. With reference to Minute No. 81 of the last meeting, Colonel Thomas made it clear that although certain work in connection with shipping was being handed back to the Italians, the Allied shipping authorities would still maintain a general over-all control. It was later stated that Economic Section is taking up the matter of the Shipping Sub-Commission, and it has been asked that we may communicate with the Ministry of Marine direct instead of through the Navy Sub-Commission. It was pointed out that Shipping Sub-Commission has not yet been abolished.

66. TUNNEL MATTER. Colonel Baker referred to Minute No. 80 of the previous meeting. He said that trouble is being experienced in Ancona, that with imports, exports, refugee traffic and demands on the railway are becoming impossible, and asked if a more firm date than 15 June could not be had. He asked if the tunnel would be opened by 20 June, and said that phosphate rock had to be moved, and that if the tunnel is not opened, it will be necessary to divert ships. Rail Division

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87. PORT CLEARANCE. With regard to port clearance at Piontino, Castellammare, and Torre Annunziata, MRS has not been planning wagons, and MRSO has been criticizing because shipping has been stopped. MRS has been given a daily allotment of wagons which has been satisfactory, except for Piontino, where there is a back log. All concerned have been advised and asked to load every wagon.

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88. CIVIL SUPPLIES BY ROAD. There has been under discussion with AFHQ the proposal to lift civil supplies in 10 vehicles which would otherwise be traveling empty. AFHQ have now ruled that the scheme is impracticable and that they had been obliged to refuse a similar demand from MSHA.

89. REFUGEE AND DISPLACED PERSONS. Movements Division reported that they are receiving demands for movement of refugees and displaced persons up to 50,000 per week, and that the present maximum capacity available is between 17/20,000. The first Italian cruiser is on a regular schedule from Fiume to Messina. The first lift from Venice to Ancona is today.

90. RAILWAY TRAINS. Colonel Baker referred to Minute No. 78 of the previous meeting and to the Rome-Bari military train. Military passenger trains are now scheduled down to three a week. Coaching stock trains are going into a redeployment program. AFHQ does not agree to refugees and displaced persons going on the trains.

91. MESSEINA FERRY. The large ferry boat has broken down; another ferry is being put into operation, but carries only a third of the capacity of the large ferry boat.

92. DISBURSEMENT. With reference to the meeting on cement mentioned in Minute No. 70 of the last meeting, as a result of the meeting releases on 2400 tons of additional cement were received; the position is waiting up now with MHS.

93. POSTAL RUN. A wire has been received from Brig. Dunlop, who has put a postal run in Venezia, and due to the critical position of transport, it was asked what the position on this matter is. It was stated that the postal run has been given high priority from this HQ., and that this is a 15th Army Group responsibility. Brig. Dunlop wanted 5 trucks up there to operate the postal run, and it was considered desirable that the postal run should be organized if possible whether it is an AG responsibility or 15th Army Group responsibility.

94. GENOVA - FORLI. The Genova-Ferli question was raised, and what the policy is whether or not the warehouses should be closed in the near future, or whether sufficient acceptance can be had in Genova. Colonel Thomas said we must wait to get a more firm date on Genoa, and that there is a possibility of having forward railheads. Major Klein asked if there were any objection to closing Genoa and confining duties at Ferli. Colonel Baker said that 60 cars could move at Genoa, but not at Ferli. Colonel Thomas asked that action on this be deferred as it appears that it may solve itself in the near future.

95. LABELLING OF FREIGHT CARS. The COMUSIA representative said that in Southern and Central Italy the freight cars are not properly labeled for Army supplies -- the load is not indicated, and they are wanting an agreement with MHS with reference to documents. Colonel Baker will follow this up.

96. OFFICE MOVE. It was stated that part of the 2nd Floor and the 3rd Floor Annex had been allocated to TH 5/C, and that Colonel Scoggins would circulate the temporary assignment of room space.

97. CONTROL UNDER PLANS I. It was stated that 15th Army Group is still in control

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Meeting No. 20

The weekly Transportation Sub-Commission Staff Meeting was held in the first floor Conference Room at 8:45 A.M., Saturday, 26 May 1945. Mr. Taylor, Director, was in the Chair; all divisions of the Sub-Commission and the AF Group were represented.

59. MEMORANDUM STAFF MEETING: Mr. Taylor stated that at the present time under these conditions all operations in the North are under the control of the 15th Army Group and all contacts and communications are made thru the 15th Army Group.

60. GENERAL COMMENTS: Mr. Taylor stressed the importance of obtaining accurate information on the present transportation position in Italy. He said: "I believe work is in hand as far as State Railways are concerned, but we must know the accurate position in connection with private railways, highway transport and port and dock facilities. Therefore there is considerable work to be done by Road Division and Port & Warehouses Division, as well as Rail Division, for the over-all coordination of this information by the Planning Staff."

61. RECEIVED INFORMATION: Capt. H. Vednich is the Russian Observer for the Transportation Sub-Commission. The following is an extract from the Chief of Staff's letter J16/46/45, dated 11 October 1944, subject: "Distribution of the Soviet Personnel".

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63. RAIL TO LIGHTS SITUATION: Movements requested status of reconstruction of rail lines connecting light to mines, and were advised no progress had been made during the week. Colonel Staff described one mine as having a stockpile of 12,000 tons with daily production of 500 tons, but this could not be moved due to a viaduct on the rail line in need of repairs. Rail Division was requested to investigate and report on the status of the viaduct.

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64. RAIL MOVING REQUIREMENTS: ARA propose to allocate block tonnages for civil stores movement on all railways in Italy. Estimated requirements are now being worked out. This will be discussed at ARA on Monday, 28 May, and subject to reaching an agreement, it will be possible for a man to bid for movement of stores on railways and the movement effected within 10 to 12 days from the date of bid as against 3 weeks now and six weeks formerly.

Minutes of Meeting
26 May 1945 (Cont'd)

65. MEETING IN GENERAL: Mr. Taylor announced a meeting would be held on Comant as far as it affects lights, coal, and fuel. The Chairman of the meeting will be a representative of the Production Division of the Economic Section and representatives from Industry Sub-Commission, Commerce Sub-Commission, and Transportation Sub-Commission will be present.

66. COMMUNICATION WITH THE NORTH: To Planning Staff's inquiry regarding channels of communications with the North, it was agreed that communications should be addressed to the 15th Army Group, with copies to Regional Commissioner for action.

67. L.A.S. has stated they were having difficulty in contacting their officers in the North to send them instructions regarding the census. They were advised as soon as the "sanitary boundary" was eliminated, which would be in the very near future, this difficulty would be overcome.

68. THE SITUATION IN NORTH: Difficulty in getting accurate rail information in the North was attributed to lack of tires for vehicles. Signals and requests for tires which are held in stock but frozen, sent to Commerce Sub-Commission have not been replied to. Copies of all correspondence was requested by Mr. Taylor who will take the matter up direct with Commerce Sub-Commission.

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MINUTES OF TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION STAFF MEETING - 19 MAY 1945Meeting No. 19

The weekly Transportation Sub-Commission Staff Meeting was held in the First Floor Conference Room at 6:45 A.M., Saturday, 19 May 1945. Mr. Taylor, Director, was in the Chair; all divisions of the Sub-Commission and the MT Group were represented.

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57. PORT AND RIVER DIVISION: Mr. Bazzanella announced plans for dredging the Tiber River were to be carried out as soon as possible, altho no definite date has been set for this work. Date to be firm by next staff meeting.
58. M.T. GROUP: Lt. Col. Bordass reported, according to his figures, out of the 1700 trucks, there was a shortage of 170. We have assembled 1,058 Fords and 60 Dodges. RARE has assembled 240 Fords, while PES has assembled 192 Fords.

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M.H. TAYLOR, Director.

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MINUTES OF TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION STAFF MEETING - 12 MAY 1945

Meeting No. 18

The weekly Transportation Sub-Commission Staff Meeting was held in the First Floor Conference Room at 8:45 A.M., Saturday, 12 May 1945. Colonel M.B. Thomas, Deputy Director, was in the Chair; all divisions of the Sub-Commission and the MT Group were represented.

41. ECONOMIC SECTION STAFF MEETING: The excessive delay in channelling correspondence thru the Economic Section as well as lack of replies to correspondence directed to them was discussed. It was decided that each Division submit to Colonel Thomas a list of memoranda, giving date, reference number, and subject, to which no reply had been received, and a compilation of these memoranda would be given to Brig. General McKinley for follow-up.

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MEMORANDUM

11 May 1945

TO : Movements Division
Planning Staff
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Roads Division
Port and Warehouse Div.
Accounts and Statistics Branch

Beginning tomorrow Saturday 12 May the weekly staff conference of the Transportation Sub-Commission will be held at 0845 hours in Room 27, 1st Floor instead of the 3rd Floor Conference Room.

WALTER P. BRIDGINS
Lt. Colonel, MC,
Chief, Admin. Div.

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MINUTES OF TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION STAFF MEETING, 5 MAY, 1945

Meeting No. 17

The weekly Transportation Sub-Commission Staff Meeting was held in the Third Floor Conference Room at 815 4th St., Saturday, 5 May 1945. Colonel H.B. Thomas, Deputy Director, was in the Chair; all divisions of the Sub-Commission and the MT Group were represented.

22. ASSIGNMENT OF PERSONNEL TO ITALIAN OFFICIALS: Colonel Thomas reminded the members of the directive which stated the various Sub-Commission were to turn back as much work as practical to the Italian officials, which was to be put into effect at the time of our withdrawal of personnel from Southern Italy. He stated that in view of events of the past week, we should carry this out as far as possible, and confine our activities to high level discussions with Government representatives. He further stated that care should be taken with regard to advising Italians on how they should do things - that we should not interfere too much with the Italian way of doing things as long as their activities had no adverse bearing on the war effort.

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40. ROAD DIVISION: Road Division reported receipt of 1,544 (2 1/2 ton) trucks and 249 (1 ton) Jeeps, and that 557 of the trucks have been assembled.

W. J. Thomas

W. J. THOMAS, Colonel,
Deputy Director.

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MINUTES OF TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION STAFF MEETING - 21 APRIL 1945Meeting No. 15

The weekly Transportation Sub-Commission Staff Meeting was held in the Third Floor Conference Room at 8:45 a.m., Saturday, 21 April 1945. Colonel M. B. Thomas, Deputy Director, was in the Chair; all divisions of the Sub-Commission, and the MT Group, were represented.

13. REPORT OF TOUR OF LT. COL. BAKER. Colonel Thomas asked for reports from the Chiefs of Divisions on action taken by them in response to Colonel Baker's requests covered in his report of tour of Southern Italy. With reference to Item 2 (iv), Messina Ferry, Colonel Lindberg reported that the firm date for the completion of the Petrace Bridge is 30 June (although it is hoped to have the work completed before that time), and when this bridge is repaired, the Messina Ferry will run from Messina to S. Giovanni instead of from Messina to Reggio. Referring to Item 4 (viii), Rolling Stock for Sicily, Colonel Sieff reported that there has again been a drain of box cars from Sicily. Referring to Item 4 (iii) Colonel Sieff reported this has been taken up with Industry, G-5 and Commerce, who have been told that the present bottlenecking in sulphur is not the fault of transportation, but production. With regard to INT, Sicily, it was stated that Captain Irvine Lynch will take over the same responsibilities as had Captain Calvanese in respect of INT road vehicles, actual operation being with the Italians. Colonel Thomas stated that Captain Irvine Lynch will stay for the time being in Sicily as Transportation Officer, and will not be removed on 1 May as originally planned. Referring to Item 4 (xiii), Railway Coal for Sicily, Colonel Lindberg reported that for the last two or three months there has been a total allocation of 9,000 per month; it is probable that 9,000 tons will not be sufficient if every civilian demand is to be met and a limited passenger and freight train service should be maintained. It was reported that there is not at present any coal reserve in Sicily. Reference 5 (f), A.C. Port Liaison Officer (Bari), it was reported that three transportation officers will remain in Bari - Major Taylor, Captain Hall and Captain Woodcock; and that Lt. O'Leary is being relieved.

14. VISITS. Colonel Thomas stated that he will be going on Monday of next week to Umbria-Marche Hqs.; a Mov-Road representative will visit Leghorn, Florence and Ancona next week; and Major Godfrey reported that a Mov-Shipping representative will be visiting Port Iglione in the near future. Colonel Thomas reminded the personnel present at the meeting to be sure to make contacts with these people if they have any points to be covered in the areas visited. Colonel Sieff mentioned that a minimum of two meetings weekly at AFHQ are attended by Movements Division personnel, and that Mov-Rail or Mov-Shipping should be contacted for any points to be discussed there.

15. CORRESPONDENCE. Colonel Thomas requested that letters of importance, acted on in his absence by divisions, be brought to his attention on his return in order that he may be kept up to date on these matters; he said he would like to initial all important incoming letters before they were filed. Colonel Thomas also reviewed the procedure for the preparation of correspondence as outlined in previous directives.

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16. ADMINISTRATION DIVISION. Colonel Scoggins announced that Lt. Colonel Giles had reported as Chief Transportation Officer, Toscana Region. Colonel Thomas said that there is available in the Administration Division a list of Italian decrees.

17. PLANNING STAFF. Major Richardson said there had recently been allocated 2,000 tons of cement for lack of which construction is being held up; an emergency bid has gone in for the movement of 650 tons, but he understood that this has been turned down by AFHQ; this was not confirmed and will be followed up by Movements Division.

18. MOVEMENTS DIVISION. Colonel Sieff said that combined shipping authorities have handed back to Italian operation and control, under over-all supervision of AC and Mediterranean shipping authorities, 10 ships, totaling some 25,000 tons dead weight, which will be run on regular coastal liner sailings. Arrangements have also been made for a section of Naples port to be handed back to the Italian authorities. So far as is possible ships containing civil supplies will be discharged in the wire-enclosed portion of the port given them. In answer to Major Klein's inquiry as to who is responsible for port clearance, Colonel Sieff stated that the clearance arrangements remain the same as those now operating.

Colonel Sieff stated that the Accounts and Statistics Branch is now providing very useful information as to bids programmed and the tonnages actually carried, and analyses of programmed tonnages not carried.

Colonel Sieff read a letter from 8th Army regarding the work of forward stockpile warehouses, reflecting credit on the Port and Warehouse Division's manner of doing their job.

19. RAIL DIVISION. Colonel Lindberg reported that a Diesel rail coach has been brought to Rome for the use of AC officers. Colonel Thomas asked for weekly reports of scheduled runs. Colonel Lindberg advised Movements Div. that when the Ancona-Ortona line is opened (early in May) there will be a reduction of traffic and a considerable drop of military tonnage on lines between Naples, Rome and Ancona, easing the East-West position. The line will be opened for moving of military traffic on 5 May, and the civilian traffic will start moving 15 May.

20. ROAD DIVISION. Colonel Fernyhough asked if bids for movement of grain will be put in locally or through Food Sub-Commission; he was told that Food Sub-Commission will submit all bids for grain movement.

21. M. T. GROUP. Colonel Bordass gave some figures on the number of WD vehicles in Italy, stating that they were inaccurate; more accurate information will be provided at future meetings for information and record. It was announced that on 1 April 32 vehicles were assembled at the MT Group plant.

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The weekly Transportation Sub-Commission Staff Meeting was held in the Third Floor Conference Room at 8:45 a.m., Saturday, 14 April. Colonel M. B. Thomas, Deputy Director, was in the Chair; all divisions of the Sub-Commission, and the MT Group, were represented.

1. MONTHLY REPORT. Colonel Thomas thanked the divisions for the way in which their last monthly reports were presented; the reports had been submitted in proper form and on time, and the compilation of the Sub-Commission's Monthly Report had thus been expedited.

2. WEEKLY SITREP. Colonel Thomas stated that the Weekly Sitrep the sub-commissions submit is for compilation of the AC Sitrep, which is in turn made a part of the AFHQ Sitrep for submission to Washington. Only items of real importance are to be put in these reports; the whole Sub-Commission's report would be just two or three lines. Nil returns should be reported in writing.

3. ECONOMIC SECTION STAFF MEETING. Colonel Thomas reported that the subject of inflation had been brought up in the Economic Staff Meeting on Friday, 13 April. It was brought out that in Northern Italy prices are much lower than those in the South (e.g., ENAC truck rates) and it is proposed that when we go into the North two separate economies will be temporarily established, one for the North and the other for the present Liberated Italy. The avoidance of inflation in the North is very much to be desired; and it is hoped that, rather than having inflation in the North, the Northern prices may tend to bring down those in the South. It is possible that the Germans, before their withdrawal, will raise prices in the North. If that should be the case, when the Allies go in all prices will revert back to the prices established as of 3 April.

In answer to Major Klein's question as to whether or not there will be published a scale of wages, Colonel Thomas stated that this will be done in the near future. He also stated that road blocks are going to be set up to prevent haulers going south.

It was also mentioned in the Economic Section Staff Meeting that there is to be a reorganization of Economic Section, with Mr. Antolini heading it as Vice President; one of the changes will be the appointment of a second Deputy Vice President (Brig. Anderson), in addition to Deputy Vice President Brig. Gen. McKinley. An organization chart will be put out as soon as possible.

A further point raised was the fact that all personnel questions must be handled through Economic Section. Colonel Scoggins will be the channel so far as Transportation Sub-Commission is concerned.

4. LEAVE. Colonel Thomas asked that all divisions who have not submitted leave rosters to Admin. Div. do so, as it is important that all officers who are eligible take leave.

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5. CORRESPONDENCE. It was stated that there was still a good deal of difference of practice in the signing of letters, and the following arrangements should be observed in amplification of the procedure laid down in AC Tn Memo No. 2 of 16 March:

Letters to higher or equal echelons should be signed "For the Chief Commissioner: (e.g.) /s/ J. SMITH, Major" (excluding functional title); letters to regions and subordinate formations should be signed "By command of Rear Admiral STONE: (e.g.) /s/ J. SMITH, Major." (In writing to both of these groups on matters of an important technical or routine nature the letters should be signed by the Director or Deputy Director, rather than by a divisional officer.) In writing to the Ministries, or organizations other than military, letters are not to be signed "By command of Rear Admiral Stone" or "For the Chief Commissioner," but should be signed "For the Director: (e.g.) /s/ J. SMITH, Major" (using a Subject-To heading); however, when corresponding directly with a Minister on matters of concern to him, letters should be addressed and signed as laid down in AC Tn Memo No. 2. Memos to the Economic Section or to other sub-commissions should be signed "For the Director: (e.g.) /s/ J. SMITH, Major" or, without authentication line, by the Director or Deputy Director. Memos from one division of the Tn S/C to another should be signed for the chief of the division.

6. DIVISIONAL MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE. Colonel Thomas asked that in the future very brief divisional reports be given at the weekly Tn S/C staff meetings on salient points that occurred during the week within the respective divisions, inasmuch as the Sub-Commission as a whole would be interested.

7. ADMINISTRATION DIVISION. Nil.

8. PLANNING STAFF. Nil.

9. MOVEMENTS DIVISION. Clearance in Civitavecchia. Major Worthington stated that they are having difficulty in getting the requisite number of wagons in order to maintain port clearance. Arrangements have been made for a road lift of 200 tons per day to Rome for clearance of wine.

Piombino. Mr. Bazzanella asked if more wagons could be obtained for Piombino. Major Worthington stated that there again wagon availability was the controlling factor, coupled with tonnage agreed by AFHQ for movement on lines 50, 218, and 219 to Leghorn, Pisa and Florence, and the possibility of consignees' acceptances. (750 tons per day have been agreed to.) Mr. Bazzanella stated that they would like to get 1,000 tons per day discharged, if possible, for barley. Major Worthington said that it is not possible at the moment to clear other than the tonnage allowed by AFHQ, but that everything possible is being done to raise the port clearance figure to 1,000 tons per day. The question of inadequate warehousing at Piombino was raised.

Wheat Movement. Lt. Col. Bordess stated that the No. 7 QA Company, which had moved over to the Macerate area, had arranged for the movement of wheat, but up to date had moved only 20 tons due to the shortage of sacks. Lt. Col. Fernyhough said that he had taken the matter up with Food Sub-Commission. Major Worthington stated that urgent demands had been made for the distribution of sacks, and that he believed

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that the shortage of sacks in any one locality was due to the sudden change of program. Major Worthington also stated that an endeavor is being made to meet any emergency bids put in by Food Sub-Commission for rail movement of sacks.

10. ROAD DIVISION. In reply to Colonel Thomas' query as to how many of the 1700 trucks had arrived from the United States, Road Division reported that to date the number is 1,364. Colonel Thomas requested that up-to-date figures be quoted at future meetings.

11. PORT & WAREHOUSE. Mr. Bazzanella announced the location of his offices, which are as follows:

Mr. Bazzanella	- Rm. 62, 1st Fl. Annex	Capt. Smith	- Rm. 1 - 1st Fl. An.
Major Klein	- Rm. 66, " " "	Mr. McDonnell	- Rm. 2 " " "
Mr. Hurley	- Rm. 1, " " "	Dr. Cazzaroli	- Rm. 2 " " "

Major Klein reported that the expected arrivals of the next three convoys in Naples will far exceed the warehouse capacity there, there being a matter of thousands of tons involved. Colonel Thomas asked that this be brought up outside the meeting.

12. VISITS. Mr. Bazzanella announced that Captain Smith is making a trip to Salerno, Torre Annunziata and Castellammare on Monday, and offered his services should any division desire to have him take up any matters at those points.

Colonel Thomas suggested that details of proposed trips to small places not frequently visited by divisional representatives be brought up in the above manner at future staff meetings in order that other divisions could put up inquiries they may have to be brought up in areas visited.



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SUBJECT: Minutes of the Transportation Sub-
Commission Staff Meetings.

TO : The Deputy Director,
Transportation S/C.

1. Reference para 5 of the Minutes of Transportation Sub-Commission Staff Meeting held on April 7th, 1945, may this Minute be amended please to read as follows:-

"Col. Sieff said that 90 railway waggons were under load with cased vehicles in Rome. The A.C. MT Group did not appear to have adequate arrangements for unloading railway waggons at the rate at which they were likely to arrive. It was very important that the Transportation Sub-Commission, and the units closely coordinated with it, should not be guilty of waste of movement capacity.

Col. Thomas asked that this point be raised with the Roads Division, and the MT Group."

2. Reference the above, I know now that the substance of the Minute is incorrect, but I propose at the next meeting to make amends for my statement, based on wrong information which was given to me.

3. I suggest that the Minutes of the meetings be serially numbered in future. At present these Minutes are not produced in a "staff-like" manner.

4. I also suggest that the MT Group, who attend these meetings, should be on the distribution.

M. J. Sieff
M.J. SIEFF, Colonel,
Chief, Movements Division.

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MINUTES OF TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION STAFF MEETING - 7 APRIL 45

The weekly Transportation Sub-Commission Staff Meeting was held in the Third Floor Conference Room at 8:45 a.m., Saturday, 7 April 1945. All divisions of the Sub-Commission were represented.

Colonel Thomas' first point raised was with regard to officers' leave. He stated that all officers who have been in service in this theater for a period of at least six months should take one week's leave, and the chiefs of the divisions were asked to prepare a roster of proposed leave of those officers in their respective divisions who are eligible therefor, the rosters to be submitted to the Administration Division.

The second point raised was with respect to the Monthly Report, which is due (prepared in proper form) in the Administration Division 8 April.

Colonel Thomas announced the promotions of Lieutenants Bowie and Warley to the rank of Captain, with effect from 14 March 1945.

Colonel Sieff informed the meeting that 90 railway wagons had stopped loading at Leghorn and Naples, and that the wasting of capacity by the Transportation Sub-Commission should cease. Colonel Thomas asked that this point be raised with Road Division and the MT Group.

Major Klein stated that while in Naples he learned, as a supposedly good rumor, of a large-size plan to make an organized raid on V-E Day at the warehouses. He added that nothing as yet has been done about it, and asked if action should not be taken from this HQ. Colonel Thomas asked for a written report on this from Port & Warehouse Division.

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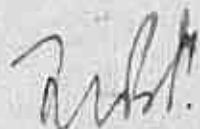
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Col. Thomas asked members if they had any points they wished to raise.

Col. Staff said that cases of glaring misuse of transport capacity were still occurring, and gave examples.

Col. Thomas asked all members of the Sub-Commission to report any cases of misuse of transport capacity, which came to their notice, to the Movements Division.

Col. Thomas informed the meeting that Col. Harris had been appointed to coordinate transportation work in the Northern Regions, and that a letter would shortly be circulated giving details of his organisation.



M.B. THOMAS, Colonel,
Deputy Director.

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MINUTES OF TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION STAFF MEETING

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24 of March, 1945

Transportation Sub-Commission Staff Meeting was held in the 3rd floor conference room at 8:45 AM, 24 March, 1945, all divisions and branches being represented.

It was requested the minutes of the meeting held on 17 March '45 be amended as follows: The date, as well as the hour, should be designated on the float file after a review of same.

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 - 2) Imports from the Argentines where Italy has certain credits to be bolstered by Italian settlers in Argentina.
 - 3) Imports of certain supplies from Spain in repayment of old debts.
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The Planning Staff was asked to carefully review the PWS salvage sale lists to insure that no useful articles are overlooked which might be utilized by Transportation Sub-~~Commission~~ Division.

It was stressed that all matters of major policy must be discussed with the Director or Deputy Director, and no divisions should deal directly with the Economic Section before doing so. An example was quoted of a matter of major policy being directed to a certain division, which replied directly to the Economic Section they were in concurrence with same. The Economic Section returned same to Transportation Sub-Commission and asked if Transportation as a whole acquiesced. In this particular instance, Transportation was not in accord.

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for M.E. THOMAS, Colonel,
Deputy Director

MINUTES OF TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION STAFF MEETING

17th of March, 1945.

Transportation Sub-Commission Staff Meeting was held in the 3rd floor conference room at 8:45 AM, 17 March, 1945, all divisions and branches being represented.

Allied Railway Board held its third meeting during the week, and altho no points of general interest were raised at the meeting, it was reported that the work of the five sub-committees of the Board is proving most useful.

At the Economic Staff meeting, the 25% cut in Italian personnel at this HQ was discussed and Transportation Sub-Commission stated it was not in a position at this time to make such a cut. While Mr. Antolini is conferring with higher authority in an endeavor to clarify the situation, no further cut will be made by Transportation Sub-Commission of Italian personnel. Members of the Sub-Commission were, however, cautioned to view the situation from the standpoint of a future reduction.

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It was requested that any failure to load ships, rail wagons, or MT should be brought to the attention of the Deputy Director or Chief, Movements Division at the earliest possible moment.

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Representative of the MT group suggested that a proforma be constituted, which would be passed to the MT group covering hauls which vehicles of the group would have to lift. This proforma would give MT group necessary information re tonnage to be lifted, point of loading, destination, etc. MT group, Road Division, and Road Section, Movements Division were instructed to prepare an agreed proforma.

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M.J. Sieff, Colonel,
Chief, Movements Division
In absence of Deputy Director

3 March 1945

MINUTES OF TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION STAFF MEETING

The weekly Transportation Sub-Commission Staff Meeting was held in Room 27, 1st Floor, AC Building, at 8:45 a.m. on 3 March 1945, all divisions and branches of the Sub-Commission being represented.

Mr. Taylor stated that the program for the rehabilitation of Italy is pretty well completed. 41% of the necessary lift for civilian supply is being made, and the intention is to secure as much equipment and other material as possible to increase this percentage. This is one of the purposes of Mr. Taylor's proposed visit to the United States.

It was announced that Colonel Carnes, Lt. Col. Bordass, Major Pepper and Major Bruce have moved over to the special AC Truck Regiment, and that Mr. Gross has taken over as Chief of Road Division. In conjunction with this, it was stated that 1,700 trucks coming from the United States, plus 900 trucks now on hand, will be turned over to the military unit, giving us the necessary highway lift for Northern Italy.

Mr. Taylor stated that Captain Lynch had spoken to him with regard to the wagon situation in Sicily, which is very serious, and it was suggested that Movements Division meet with Captain Lynch on this question.

Colonel Thomas brought out the point that all officers in Transportation Sub-Commission should attend the weekly staff conferences.

No definite paper is as yet out on the withdrawal from King's Italy, though several drafts have been made. Colonel Thomas said that Transportation Sub-Commission is in rather a special position in that its functions are more executive than other sub-commissions; this point is receiving special consideration to the extent that its officers may be allowed to be exempt from the withdrawal; they will probably report direct to this Sub-Commission.

Colonel Thomas reminded the staff that the monthly report and the abridged report are due on the 8th of each month, and the weekly Sitrep report is due at 10 o'clock every Tuesday morning.

The question of the wagon situation in Sicily is being discussed at the meeting of the Traffic Sub-Committee of the Allied Railway Board at 10 o'clock 3 March. Mr. Taylor said that the matter of withdrawal from Sicily is of much concern, and Colonel Sieff stated that 100 box cars went out of Sicily during the past week, and 168 into Sicily and that the adverse balance was starting to right itself. Wagons are starting to arrive in Reggio ex N. Africa, and the Sicilian wagon position should be straightened out in the next month. Captain Lynch stated that 3,017 wagons have been lost in February, and that 1,800 wagons are necessary to meet needs. Mr. Taylor pointed out that the position is bad everywhere, not only in Sicily, and that an attempt is being made to get more wagons; he said that the flow of wagons from Sicily must be reversed.

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Movements Division reported that they are meeting with difficulty in bringing case vehicles from the port of discharge into Rome, and increasing difficulties are foreseen. They would like the responsible branch to re-examine the possibilities of assembling the case vehicles in the neighborhood of Naples, Piombino or Leghorn. Mr. Taylor said this should be taken up with the Truck Regiment direct.

The new "Campbell" committee had its first meeting on 8 March; this committee has been set up to establish responsibilities between the Italian authorities and AC representatives of the Combined Shipping Board in ports in King's Italy. No final results will be seen for some weeks. MEDSO has allocated the "Campidoglio" to run from Sicily, alleviating the rail wagon position; her capacity is about 250 passengers.

Colonel Sieff asked the Rail Division to hasten the rail work at Civitavecchia. There is likely to be a waste of shipping in Civitavecchia since the use of lighters depends on rail siding. Rail Division was asked to give a report on this at the next meeting.

Colonel Thomas requested from the Port and Warehouse Division a list of duties of port liaison officers and warehouse officers for distribution.

Colonel Thomas stated that a rubber stamp is now available in the Administration Division for stamping letters requiring the signature of other divisions. The buck slip is mainly for routing purposes and remarks, unless of an unimportant nature, should not be put on it. Any remarks of an important nature should be written on the letter itself or, preferably, in a separate memorandum attached to the letter. (The buck slip must be returned to the Administration Division with the number of the file. After this number has been recorded in the book, buck slips are destroyed.)

M. B. Thomas

M. B. THOMAS, Colonel
Deputy Director

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MINUTES OF TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION STAFF MEETING

The sixth Transportation Staff Meeting was held in Room 27, 1st Floor, AC building at 8:45 AM on 17 February 1945, all divisions and branches of the sub-commission being represented.

Brit. General E.B. McKinley, Acting Vice President of the Economic Section, was present at the meeting. He stated that he advocated programming action to be taken with commitments as to when action would be carried out. "When a person says he is going to do a certain thing by a certain date, he should do it."

Mr. Taylor announced that during the past week, ENAC is getting into operation and plans are being made for turning over AC truck pools to ENAC. ENAC dispatching, registration, and allotment of gasoline were matters to be discussed at a meeting to be held immediately after this meeting.

The second meeting of the Allied Railway Board was held this week at which a review of problems was made arising from meetings of the five sub-committees. Transportation Sub-Commission has obtained substantial benefits for Italian civilians thru the Railway Board, particularly in regard to Passenger Traffic.

It is proposed to form a temporary committee under the auspices of MEDBO, composed of representatives of MWT, WMA, Italian Merchantile Marine, G-5 (Mov & Tr), and Tr. S/C to determine responsibilities for loading and discharging ships, port clearance, tariff rates, and determine other port and warehouse procedures and practices.

In view of the policy of withdrawal of personnel from King's Italy, it was announced that this sub-commission has determined its requirements as 15 officers for this territory, and that if this number is not allocated for transportation purposes, responsibilities will have to be assumed by AFHQ as a military commitment. In addition, it is necessary to have a limited number of officers to protect WD vehicles in truck pools in the territory turned back to the Italian Government. It is impossible to sell WD vehicles to the Italian Government at this time. This can only be done as part of our over-all program of the rehabilitation of Italian economy thru C.C.A.C. The value of these vehicles would have to be charged against the dollar credits of the Italian Government. Consideration is being given to removal of trucks from AC pools and turning them over to the new Motor Truck Brigade, placing newly imported trucks which are property of the Italian Government in the pools.

It is proposed to turn over AC warehouses in Leghorn, Ancona, and Naples to the Federazione Consorzi Agrari for operation.

Colonel Thomas requested that all divisions and branches adhere to the deadline of the 8th of each month for handing in of monthly reports, and that reports should be presented in simple, brief and concise form. It was also pointed out that weekly Sitreps are due at 10 AM on each Tuesday.

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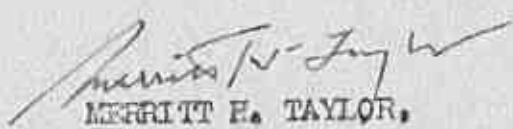
Lt. Warley, Port & Warehouse Division; Major Long, Rail Division, Chairman, and Capt. Peterson, Road Division were designated as a committee to decide on the allocation of clothing for claimants in transportation field.

Colonel Sieff announced that Commerce Sub-Commission concurs in recommendation of G-5, AFHQ, that responsibility for transport of export shipments be transferred to Tn S/C. Economic Section has been advised.

Col. Sieff also announced that we will be unable to carry out our program for stockpiling for Northwest Italy unless we obtain roofing materials for warehouses, and that we should put in an emergency bid for this material to AFHQ. This responsibility is assigned to Major Klein for action.

Road Division reported that MIA has issued an order for civilian operators to deliver to the Italian Army 180 trucks from Region IV which they claim are captured enemy equipment.

Subject of buck slips was discussed and the Administration Division was requested to make necessary arrangements to insure proper distribution of correspondence and notations by those who have read it within the sub-commission. Administration Division was requested to arrange to have signals "deciphered" to facilitate the reading of float files.


MERRITT E. TAYLOR,
Director.

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MINUTES TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION STAFF MEETING
11 January 1945

1. The Director explained the new organization which would be put into force for the Transportation Sub-Commission. The organization will be set out in detail in an establishment memorandum, and it is not therefore being described in this minute. A number of questions were raised and answered.

2. A regular Transportation Sub-Commission staff meeting will be held each Friday at 0845 in Room 27, First Floor; these meetings will be kept as short as possible and will not normally exceed half an hour. Chiefs of divisions and the senior officer in each branch of the divisions will attend; but the chief of each division may use his discretion about bringing other officers.

3. Minutes will be distributed as shown below. The chief of each division will be responsible for seeing that all officers see copies of the minutes.

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Deputy Director
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