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ECONOMIC SECTION

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Minutes of Economic Staff Meeting held on 9 February '45

Present:

Economic Section	Col. Densmore, Mr. Harlan Cleveland, Maj. Tooby,
Agriculture Sub-Com	Capt. Atkins, Capt. Macnamara, Maj. Murtagh
Commerce	Maj. Merritt
Food	Col. Evans
Industry	Col. Legg
Labor	Mr. Vaughan
EW&U	Mr. Braine
Transportation	Col. Jenny
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(v) Lazio-Umbria Region-team attached to RAAC to be known as AC Liaison Section, including

1 Transportation officer stationed at Civitavecchia.

(vi) Abruzzia Marche Region will absorb two provinces from Lazio-Umbria Region.

An order will be issued showing AC set-up in Liberated Italy.

(c) CA Section are proposing to transfer Terni and Ascoli Provinces over to the Italian Government. Sub-Commissions are commenting on this proposed transfer.

(d) Personnel for Austria. The Chief Commissioner had stated previously that he proposed to cut the Austrian team down to half i.e. about 100. Col. Densmore suggested to the Sub-Commissions that they fill vacancies in their proposals for Northern Italy by including officers earmarked for Austria. He would get Establishment Section to consult us before actually assigning such officers to the Austrian team.

(e) The Chief Commissioner was of the opinion that under the "New Deal" less work will be carried out in this Hq. and therefore Hq. Staff must be cut down. All Directors were strongly of the opinion that the withdrawal of personnel from Liberated Italy will mean more work for this Hq. Executive Director concurred in this view and was of the opinion that we could easily demonstrate that fact. The chairman said the matter will be taken up when it is officially brought up.

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4. The chairman mentioned NW Planning Meeting for Monday morning at 10 a.m. (Feb. 12). Executive Director asked, and it was agreed, for a preliminary meeting at 9:15 that morning to get Economic side lined up properly.

5. COS has stated that Sub-Commissions will carry out the recruitments of additional personnel required. The chairman stated that he had pressed that this responsibility was one for G-1 (A) or (B) but he had been overruled. All Directors were against this but chairman said they would have to stick to that ruling.

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6. Maj. Tooby thanked Sub-Commissions for their assistance with translating and typing in connection with the Joint Program from the Italian Government. He may have to repeat his request for similar assistance later.

7. Col. Legg asked if policy decision had been made in connection with 300 gram ration. The ADCOS said he understood the matter was held up pending a reply to our signal.

8. Col. Evans referred to the probable withdrawal date of March 1, and asked if the matter could be mentioned to the Italian Government. He was told no, but it was hoped that notice could be given soon.

9. Major Merritt asked if olive oil officers would be left in Italian Government territory under the "New Deal". He was told the matter had been affirmatively decided.

10. Maj. Doe referred to Office Memorandum #2, -- TOP SECRET Control Officers. He said he wished to contact each of the officers nominated by Sub-Commissions as soon as possible.

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S.O.III, (C.A.)
Economic Section

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ECONOMIC SECTION

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Present:

Economic Section Staff:

Agriculture Sub-Com.

Commerce

Finance

Industry

Food

Labour

P.W. & U.

Transportation

P.R.B.

AFHC, G-5

Col. Densmore, Mr. Cleveland, Maj. Doe,
Maj. Nash, Capt. Atkins, Capt. Macnamara,
Mr. Albaugh
Maj. Scotten
Col. Graffety-Smith, Comdr. Lawler
Mr. Vaughan
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6. Electrical Rehabilitation. Col. Jenny said representatives of electrical undertakings under the chairmanship of Lt. Col. Lapper, had their first meeting yesterday. He hoped that in a month or so, this whole matter could be handed over to the Italian Government as far as Central Italy is concerned.

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C. ATKINS, Capt. R.A.
S.O.H.I.(C.A.) Ec. Sec.

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

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30 January 1945

SUBJECT : ELS Services.

TO : Director Tn. S/C

Ref. 203/4/Tn.1 of 27 Jan. 1945.

There follows a schedule of the ELS Services at present operating from this HQ:-

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AFHQ	Daily by air & courier	1045 for plane 1545 for courier	
Sardinia Region	Daily by air to Algiers. Thence every 3 days by air to Sardinia	1045 hrs. 1645 hrs.	Distributed by Reg. HQ.
Sicily Region	Daily by air	1045 hrs. 1645 hrs.	Distributed by Reg. HQ.
Southern Region	Daily by courier to Naples	1645 hrs.	Distributed within Reg. on Mond. Wed. & Friday
Bari and Taranto	daily by air	1645 hrs.	
Lazio-Umbria Region	by land to Lazio-Umbria Region HQ. (Rome) several times daily	Throughout day	Distributed by Reg. HQ.
Civitavecchia	by truck to RAAC twice daily	Throughout day	
Abruzzi-Marche	Daily by courier to Abruzzi-	1200 hrs.	3751 Distributed within Reg.

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Civitavecchia	by truck to RAAC twice daily	Throughout day	3751
Abruzzi-Marche Region	Daily by courier to Abruzzi-Marche Region HQ.	1200 hrs.	Distributed within Reg. on Mon. Wed. & Friday
Ancona	In addition to above, for heavy dispatches, by truck on Mon. & Thurs.	1200 hrs.	

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Leghorn	Daily by air	1645 hrs.	
Emilia Region	By land to Emilia Region HQ. AC. Thence by air daily	Throughout day	
Piemonte Region	By land to Piemonte Region HQ. AC.	Throughout day	

Further information on E.L.S. Services may be obtained from External Dispatch A.C. Ext: 346.

E. Ferraris
for M.J. SIEFF
Lt. Colonel, R.A.

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Movement Div.
Planning Div.

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27 Jan. '45

MEMORANDUM

TO : Rail Division
Road Division
Port & Warehouse Division
Movement Division
Planning Staff
Deputy Director ✓

1. At the Economic Section Staff Meeting held 26 January, the following points were brought out:

- a) ELS service provides a method of giving considerable distribution to correspondence and in many cases it may be found the equivalent of sending signals.
- b) In many instances, there is only two or three hours difference in the transmission of messages by priority over unclassified messages. Wherever a small differential in time of communications is not a matter of concern, the message should not be given priority rating.

Merritt H. Taylor
MERRITT H. TAYLOR,
Director.

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Tel: 220

20 Jan. '45

SUBJECT: Abstract of Minutes - E/S Staff Meeting

TO : Deputy Director ✓
Chief, Road Division
Chief, Rail Division
Chief, Port & Warehouse Division
Chief, Administration Division
Coordinator of Movements.

1. The following abstract of minutes brought up at the Economic Section Staff Meeting are set out for your information:

- a) Mr. William H. Braine has been appointed Director of the Labor Sub-Commission.
- b) All matters having a political implication must be referred to the Political Section.
- c) All Northwest Planning will be coordinated thru Col. Feasey and Col. Marshall, Regional Commissioners of Liguria Region and Piemonte Region respectively.
- d) The Director or his Deputy have been instructed to visit each region within the next two months.
- e) No memoranda will be written to the Chief of Staff except thru the Economic Section.
- f) No copies of memoranda to the Economic Section will be sent to anyone outside of the Allied Commission.
- g) In exceptional cases, it may be possible to have American EMS deferred from transfer to active service. This point has not yet been settled.
- h) All American officers in King's Italy must be assigned to regions in unoccupied Italy or AMG territory, and these officers will serve in King's Italy on a temporary duty basis.
- i) Three American transportation officers, Lt. Friedman, Capt. McCarty, and Capt. Hart, have been designated for service in Austria.

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- j) In the future, when Regional Commissioners visit headquarters, they will be assigned a room in the AC HQ building and will notify the Economic Section of their arrival. Economic Section, in turn, will notify Transportation Sub-Commission, so that any questions to do with that particular region may be taken up direct with the Regional Commissioner while at this HQ.

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Director.

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