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MINUTES OF MEETING OF AC PRIORITIES BOARD
held 13 January 1945PRESENT:Chairman

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Sub-Commission
Col. W. E. Evans, Director, Commerce Sub-Commission
Mr. L. White, Commerce Sub-Commission
Col. W. B. Thomas, Deputy Director, Transportation Sub-Commission
Lt. Col. Sieff, Transportation Sub-Commission

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

11. The Board called a special meeting at 10:00 hours Monday, 15 January 1943 to consider allocation of availabilities of salvage clothing which will be presented by the Commerce Sub-Commission. Col. Evans stated that all relevant data would be prepared for presentation to the Board at that time.

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