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SUBJECT: Southern Region Organization
(Responsibility)

TO : Economic Section (attn. Col. Denamore).

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To see.

refer. your note 7/10
attached.

1. I return herewith the letter from the Regional Commissioner Southern Region, dated 3rd of Oct. on the above subject, and also the letters 24 Sept. and 31 August.

The attached slip asks for the remarks of this Sub-Commission.

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2. Our view is that a continuation of the present arrangements, or something closely approximating to them, is the only possible course. The last paragraph of the letter 3rd Oct. from the Regional Commissioner puts the position in a few lines, and I take it that he is not averse to it. There is, to my mind, nothing either difficult or unusual about the system. (It was standard practice in India, where I served for a number of years, and where Engineer Officers of the Public Works Department were located, geographically, in various parts of a large Province, and where "discipline and administration", and certain other matters, fell to the Assistant Commissioner, or to a Commissioner holding that full rank.)

It is also a very common practice in England at the present time, where the 12 Regional Commissioners have on their staffs professional men and experts, whose professional activities are controlled from London. But they are available, on the spot, to act as advisors to the Commissioners, as & when required.

3. In the present case, as indicated in para. 2 of the letter 31 August from the Regional Commissioner, the main consideration is that of military highways and bridges. There are 3 Military Districts on Lines of Communications, each under a Chief Engineer. There is also the very large P.B.S. organization, also under a Chief Engineer. Our Public Works Officers are constantly in touch with those Chief Engineers, since military

priorities change almost from week to week, or sometimes almost from day to day. Those areas do not correspond with A.C.C. regional boundaries, and they can never be expected to do so. If the A.C.C. Regions became large enough to contain a Military District entirely, then the position might be different. That is perhaps impossible.

4. These considerations make it essential to continue on present lines, so far as this Sub-Commission is concerned, and in any event the problems dealt with by our officers and the Chief Engineers of districts are often so technical in character that direct contact is the only possible solution.

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G.E. RHODES,
Lieut. Colonel, R.E.,
Acting Director.

Enclosures:
copies of letter 3 Oct.,
24 Sept. and 31 Aug. 44.

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I think that the last paragraph of Col. Jampursky's letter of 3 Oct. indicates that the R.C. is really not averse to the present arrangement.

Military highways can never be the entire responsibility of R.C.'s if only because of the number of people the C.E.'s of Districts would have to deal with. It could be done however if Regions became large enough to contain military districts entirely. 2179
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