Folder 3. MR 371 Germany, Occupied Countries—Zones of Occupation, 7 February–10 April 1945.
Joint Chiefs of Staff

10 April, 1945

Supreme Headquarters
Allied Expeditionary Forces
Main Echelon
Versailles, France

Commanding General
Allied Force Headquarters
Caserta, Italy

Number: WARX 66263

book message to Eisenhower Versailles for action.
to McMarney for information from the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Your S 79762 refers.

1. When Combined Command terminates, U.S. Army Ground and
Air Forces in ETO (except all elements of the Air Transport
Command) will be placed under the command of CG, USAFETO. Such
U.S. Naval forces as are assigned to occupational forces, ETO,
will be placed under the command of CG, USAFETO.

2. You are directed to proceed with planning in accordance
with the following statement of intentions:

a. CG, USAFETO, will also be designated CG, U.S. Zone
of Occupation for Germany. In the latter capacity
he will be the U.S. representative on the Allied
Control Council.

b. The Joint Chiefs of Staff intend to recommend
cancellation of the Combined Directives for em-
ployment and control of Strategic Air Forces in
Europe, as soon as the military situation permits.
The 15th Air Force will be placed under command of
CG, USAF, MTO; all Air Forces in ETO will be placed
under command of CG, USAFETO.

NOTE: S 79762 is CM-IN-19585 (19 Feb 45) End.

ORIGINATOR: JCS
Adm. King, O of S
CM-OUT-66263 (Apr 45) DTG 110215Z

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From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
To: War Department
Nr: FX 57679 NAF 915 9 April 1945

To SHAPE forward information to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff, AMSSO for British Chiefs of Staff, 6th Army Group, 1 TACAF Provisional, COMZONE, SHAPE Main, 15 Army Group and 5th Army. Signed Alexander cite FHQCT. FX 57679 TOP SECRET This is NAF 915.

Your SCAF(C) 267 of 6 April.

Agreed that if situation develops in such way that quickest entry into Austria will be from north rather than south, forces under your command should occupy Austria and establish there such temporary control as may be required. It is not considered necessary to limit area into which your forces may go and we would welcome your complete occupation of both United States and British Zones if alternative would be Russian occupation or Hiatus Area.

No objection to use of French forces but difficulties over later adjustments might be reduced if such forces are restricted to present tentative French Zone as far as operational considerations permit.

Agreed that military government teams should accompany your forces as operations into Austria develop. Necessary arrangements for this and disarmament and disbandment of German forces can be discussed and planned by Liaison Mission which we propose dispatching to you 12 April.

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Composition this mission will initially be one representative G-3, 2 representatives G-2, 6 representatives G-5 including United States Group Control Council and Allied Commission Austria British element.

Consider that in event forces under your command occupy Austria there would be no reason to relieve them later with United States forces from this theater. Such relief would present avoidable complications in respect of maintenance and military government responsibilities. British forces will however have to be introduced from this theater to occupy British Zone and relieve such United States Forces as may already be established therein.

If United States Forces under your Command remain in occupation of United Zone as suggested in paragraph 5 preceding, whole question of command and responsibility in Austria as between SCAEF and SACMED will arise. This will require further examination and together with other questions such as introduction of relief supplies and attachment to you of military government teams might be discussed initially with our Liaison Mission.

End.

ACTION: CC/S

INFO : Adm Leahy, General Arnold, General Hull, Gen Bissell, Adm King, C of S

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From: Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces,  
Forward, Rheims, France  
To: War Department  
Nr: FWD 18657 SCAF 267  
6 April 1945

For CCS and BCOS this is SCAF nr 267. To for action  
AFHQ for SACMED to for info AGWAR for CCS, AMSSO for BCOS,  
Sixth Army Group, Ist TACAP PROV, Com Zone, SHAEB Main ref  
no FWD 18657 from SHAEB Forward signed Eisenhower cite SHCST  
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1. It is clearly possible that the quickest method  
of entry into Austria under OVERLORD or ECLIPSE/FREEBORN  
conditions may be from the north rather than the south.

2. Propose therefore that Sixth Army Group should  
be prepared to enter Austria, establishing such temporary con­  
trol there as may be required until Allied Force Headquarters  
forces arrive to take over.

3. It is impossible now to commit Sixth Army Group  
to any specific roles in Austria, as the extent of their  
penetration, if they enter at all, must be dependent on the  
developing situation. However, a limit could be set further  
than which they would not go, if desired by you. Tentative  
proposal is that our forces might be prepared to seize the  
Salzburg area, the Innbruck area and the Vorarlberg area.

4. You would probably wish to send in liaison  
officers from all the General Staff divisions with our forces.  
It would seem desirable that your Military Government teams  
should follow up or accompany Sixth Army Group forces as  
operations into Austria develop.

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(6 Apr 45)  

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5. A further point may arise as some of the forces we might send to Austria might be French.

6. Request your agreement to above proposals, and information on:

   A. Whether you wish to limit the area into which our forces may go;
   B. Whether you wish to send liaison officers and if so your proposals as to numbers and types, and what you propose in the nature of previous attachment of Military Government teams;
   C. Whether there are any special objections to the use of French Forces temporarily in Austria.

End

ACTION: CC/S
INFO : Adm Leahy
       Gen Arnold
       Gen Hull
       Gen Bissell
       Adm King
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From: Headquarters Mediterranean Allied Air Forces,
Caserta, Italy

To: War Department

Nr: MX 50266 2 April 1945

MX 50266

To Deene and Archer rptd JCS AGWAR from Cannon

Upon suggestion of Joint Chiefs of Staff in their
WX 57478 of 23 March current in which is cited your MX 22890
of 25 February 45 we are submitting two proposals:

A. One integrated AAF and RAF team and
B. Separate AAF and RAF teams for intelligence
exploitation of Budapest area as explained in previous signals
on this subject.

Firstly, composition of integrated or combined Anglo-
American team: 2 technical intelligence officers, two German
radar specialists and two signals intelligence officers.

Of foregoing equal division of AAF and RAF. In addition
two US linguists, one US executive officer and two British
enlisted men.

Secondly, Non integrated teams. Here is RAF pro-
posal: Two technical intelligence officers, one radar
specialist, one signals intelligence specialist, two lin-
quists and two other ranks. USAF proposal same as RAF pro-
posal.

Equipment to consist mainly of two jeeps, two
trailers and necessary tentage etcetera for each team.

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If separate US and British teams are granted entry permission, US team will be an integral part of Combined Services Intelligence unit established under MTUSA whereas British team will proceed as such and be attached to British MILMIS Hungary or would form RAF contingent of any inter intelligence center which may be formed.

Since these teams are counterparts of units designated to be among first to enter Austria according to present occupational planning, request clearance if possible for teams to follow Russians into Austria when Budapest areas have been exploited.

Purpose and mission of teams do not conflict with or duplicate mission if US Strategic Bombing Survey which has priority over the US requirements of the above technical intelligence function. RAF bombing survey personnel accompany British team.

End

MX 22890 is CM-IN-25388 (25 Feb 45) JC/S

ACTION: JC/S

INFO: Adm Leahy; CG AAF; OPD; G-2; Adm King; C of S

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WHAT ARE "DISARMAMENT DUTIES"?

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From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
To: War Department
No: FX 52560 (NAF 904) 30 March 1945

FX 52560 to AGWAR for CCS and to AMSSO for British Chiefs of Staff repeated for information to SHAPE signed Alexander cite FHGEF. This is NAF 904.

Directive for military government in Austria is subject.

1. It is important that the Commanders of the US and British Task Forces who will occupy Austria should have an interim planning directive for the imposition of military government in Austria.

2. Paragraph 11 of FAN 446 indicated that arrangements were under consideration for giving emergency guidance in the event that European Advisory Commission had not completed their directives and obtained approval of their respective governments.

3. No such emergency guidance or directives from European Advisory Commission have been received. In the circumstances a draft interim directive has been prepared for issue to Task Force Commanders for planning purposes, the main contents of which are summarized in Paragraphs 4 to 8 inclusive which follow.

4. The directive is concerned only with the period during and immediately following occupation and before Supreme authority is assumed by a multipartite Allied Commission in Vienna.

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5. In the period during and immediately following the occupation the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, will have the supreme authority in those parts of Austria occupied by forces under his command. He is initially responsible for the establishment of military government in the areas of Austria occupied by those forces and will maintain military government in such areas until authority is assumed by a multipartite Allied Commission in Vienna.

He will possess full legislative, executive and judicial rights as the representative of an occupying power in accordance with the rules of international law as well as any additional rights and powers specifically conferred upon him in pursuance of any terms of surrender.

6. The Supreme Allied Commanders authority and powers will be delegated to the commanders of the task forces who will exercise such authority and power through subordinate commanders at discretion. They are made responsible for the execution of his policies in the establishment and operation of military government, and their authority and power in matters of military government will be exercised upon their own responsibility except when SAC directs specific action or when military government policy directives issued by him specify otherwise.

7. The military government will be a military administration which will show every characteristic of an Allied undertaking, acting in the interests of the United Nations.

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8. Task force commanders will be responsible for the attainment of the following objectives:

A. To execute in Austria the policy of SACMED.

B. To maintain law and order. In doing so task force commanders will ensure that the administration is firm, at the same time just and humane with respect to the civilian population so far as is consistent with strict military requirements.

C. To suppress all National Socialist Party organizations in Austria and to abolish all racial discrimination. It should be made clear to the Austrian population that military occupation is intended to destroy Nazism and the Nazi hierarchy, to liberate Austria from German domination and to pave the way for a free and independent Austria.

D. To create conditions favorable to the establishment of a free and independent Austria, based on the rule of law, ready and able to cooperate in international life. It will be possible to give more latitude to political activity in Austria than in Germany, but task force commanders will be careful, not to lend their support or authority to any political party or policy in Austria.

E. To care for, control and where possible, repatriate displaced nationals of the United Nations and to control enemy refugees and displaced persons.
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F. To investigate war crimes and to apprehend war criminals.

G. To protect Allied properties, to control certain other properties as required and to conserve Austrian foreign exchange assets.

H. To purge the civil administration of Nazi and other undesirable elements whether German or Austrian, and to establish local administrative bodies composed of reliable Austrians.

I. To facilitate the transfer of control of military government to the multipartite Allied Commission.

J. To establish freedom of religion and worship in Austria. Task force commanders will, however, take steps to ensure that religious activities are not used as a cloak for the spreading of undesirable political ideas or of propaganda directed against any of the United Nations.

K. Fraternization will not be permitted with any German elements or Austrian military personnel remaining in Austria. Fraternization will not be permitted with the civil population until task force commanders decide otherwise.

9. In addition to and in connection with the above, draft interim directives on the normal military government functions have been issued for planning purposes.

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10. It is requested that a directive in the nature of emergency guidance in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 11 of FAN 446 be given to Supreme Allied Commander in such terms as will permit him to issue a final directive to subordinate headquarters substantially in accordance with Paragraphs 4 to 8 above.

End

FAN 446 is CM-OUT-56270 (2 Nov 44) CCS

ACTION: CC/S

INFORMATION: Adm Leahy
Gen Arnold
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Gen Bissell
Gen Hilldring
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REFER COM 8TH FLEET TOP SECRET LETTER SERIAL 00235 OF 9 MARCH 1945 U.S. GROUP CONTROL COUNCIL AUSTRIA. RECOMMEND 1 LIEUTENANT COMMANDER AS DEPUTY IN CHARGE OF DISARMAMENT 2 LIEUTENANTS FOR DISARMAMENT DUTIES AND 1 LIEUTENANT WITH LANGUAGE QUALIFICATION FOR RUSSIAN LIAISON BE SELECTED TO REPORT FOR DUTY. THIS COMMAND BY 15 APRIL.

RECEIVED SECRET, RECLASSIFIED TOP SEC ACCORDING TO CONTENT.
From: Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, Main, Versailles, France

To: War Department

Nr: 83405 28 March 1945

S 83405, to AGWAR for Marshall for Hilldring signed Eisenhower cite SHAEF.

1. Recent military advances have afforded access to files and key personnel of firms which appear to have acted as important channels for transferring assets out of Germany and concealing German ownership of securities, foreign exchange, patent license agreements, and financial and other assets abroad.

Access to branches of I. G. Farben Industrie is now possible at Ludwigshafen, center of I.G. Plastics and dyestuffs production. Files of Otto Wolff, K. G. and private bank of J.H. Steim have been reported intact in rubble at Cologne. One of the partners of the Steim firm is available for interrogation.

2. As an interim measure pending reply to SCAP 239, this headquarters has arranged to make initial investigations with the aid of the few qualified civilian and other specialists now in the theater. Arrangements have been completed to send one small investigative team to I.G. Farben at Ludwigshafen and another team to Luxembourg to examine files of Banque Internationale A Luxembourg, International Rohstoff Gemeinschaft, and Arbed, in preparation for investigation of Steim and Wolff firms at Cologne. Arrangements are also being made for access.
to Cologne as soon as needed file search technicians and interrogators become available.

3. Because of the shortage of qualified personnel for these interim investigations it is suggested that pending complete survey of available civilian specialist personnel US Treasury and Justice Departments be asked to detail as matter of urgency, several experts familiar with German language who are already experienced in matters relating to the above firms. It is understood that Justice has Julius Levitch, who has been analyzing organization and activities of Otto Wolff, and Charles Baldwin, who has made special studies of I.G. Farben in the plastics field of which Ludwigs-hafen is the center. Treasury experts who investigated Genoval Aniline and firm would likewise be familiar with I.G. Farben. Request that names of available Treasury personnel be furnished. Also request advice on immediate availability of Levitch and Baldwin.

End.

SCAF 239 is CM-IN-22737 (22 Mar 45) CC/8

ACTION: CAD
INFO : CC/8; Adm. Leahy; CG AAF; OPD; Gen. Bissell; Adm. King; Gen. Richards; Mr. McCloy; C of S

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Strategy Section Strategy &
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73282 Col P W Thompson

27 March 1945

Commanding General
Allied Force Headquarters
Caserta, Italy

Number: WAR 60069

TOPSEC to McNarney from Hull signed Marshall.

Look at FX 50067. Your FX 71001 and FX 30619 pertain
to fundamental questions concerning the required coordination
between SCAEF and SACMED in planning and administering the
Occupation of Austria. There is also question of whether
responsibility for preparing for the occupation should be
shifted to SCAEF. The United States Chiefs of Staff have
presented these problems to the Combined Chiefs of Staff,
with a recommendation that the coordinated views of SCAEF
and SACMED be obtained. You will be informed of decisions
as soon as practicable.

End

FX 50067 is CM-IN-27612 (26 Mar 45)
FX 71001 is CM-IN-18430 (19 Mar 45)
FX 30619 is CM-IN-20820 (21 Feb 45)

ORIGINATOR : OPD
INFORMATION: JC/S, Adm Leahy, Gen Arnold, Gen Bissell,
Adm King, C of S

CM-OUT-60069 (Mar 45) DTG: 282250Z rng

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From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

To: War Department

No: FX 50067 26 March 1945

Action to AGWAR information to SHAEP ref no FX 50067. TOP SECRET. Signed McFarland cite NAGDS Marshall for action from McNarney.

Planning for Austrian occupation by MTOUSA Forces and also planning for the redeployment of forces from theater after R-Day have reached the stage where it is considered essential for our guidance that replies be furnished to our FX 71001 or 19 Dec and FX 30619 of 20 Feb reference theater participation in Austrian occupation.

Information is particularly requested on theater participation in Austria as outlined in our FX 30619, especially as to zone of responsibility, size of force, and supply responsibility.

End

NOTE: FX 71001 is CM-IN-18430 (19 Dec 44) Gen Hull. FX 30619 is CM-IN-20820 (21 Feb 45) Gen Hull.

ACTION: Gen Hull
INFO: Adm Leary
      JCO/S
      Gen Arnold
      Gen Bissell
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To: War Department
Nr: 24615 23 March 1945

Serial number 24615 Marshall from Moyer to MILID TOP SECRET. Signed Tindall.

Received yesterday for my information message nr FX 46604 from McNarney to AGWAR in which it is stated that British proposal submitted to E.A.C. on subdivision of Greater Vienna area is unacceptable because it fails to provide airfield facilities in US zone, and urges that US be assigned southeast zone now proposed for French.

On basis of studies already made here Joint Advisers concur in Gen McNarney's proposal.

End

FOOTNOTE: 46604 is CM-In 21214 (20 Mar 45) JC/S.

ACTION: JC/S.


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Main, Versailles, France

No: S 82631 21 March 1945

put into effect military government laws nos. 52 (blocking 
and control of property) and 53 (foreign exchange control) 
which forbid transfers of property of hostile persons and 
all transfers abroad. Three implementing forms require re-
ports of Germans; form MOAX-1 for all property owned or con-
trolled abroad and forms NCAF-A (1) and (2) for all property 
held by and for the Nazi Party and other hostile organizations 
and persons.

4. Experience of military government points definitely 
to the fact that larger German interests are not revealing 
their holdings as required by these laws and have resorted to 
complicated legal arrangements to cover the true ownership of 
external assets.

5. We believe that the effective implementation of 
the above cited portions of COS 551 requires a detailed exam-
ination of files and key personnel of large financial insti-
tutions and industrial firms which have participated in the 
German program of concealment of German internal and external 
assets and financial holdings. Immediate action within the 
limits of military operations is essential in order to prevent 
further secreting of files and "cover-up" transactions which 
are designed to guarantee success in cloaking operations.

6. We lack sufficient number of military government 
financial personnel with necessary specialized training to 
undertake these investigations. If it is desired to make 
effective investigations of these problems, it will be essential 
for the US/UK Governments and other interested United Nations 
to make available to SHAEF a group of civilian specialists

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who have experience in methods of file searching and interrogation relating to such matters as for example, personnel from US Treasury Foreign Funds Control and Bureau of Internal Revenue and from Justice Department's Economic Warfare Section and FBI; and personnel with similar experience from the British Civil Service.

Advise us urgently on your views in the matter and your ability to make such civilian specialist personnel available.

End

ACTION: CC/S

INFO: Adm. Leahy; CG AAF; OFD; Gen. Bissell; Gen. Hilldring; Adm. King; Gen. Richards; Mr. McClay; C of S

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From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
To: War Department
No: FX 46604 20 March 1945


There has reached this Headquarters through liaison channels established in accordance with the provisions of WX-83322 dated 28th December 44, a memorandum of 27th Feb 45, submitted by United Kingdom representative to EAC on subdivision of greater Vienna area.

The proposal contained in this memorandum is unacceptable because it fails to provide airfield facilities in the United States Zone. Urge that the United States be assigned the southeastern zone, now proposed for the French, with a redision of parts of the southwest and northwest zones to effect compensating factors of population, billeting and rail facilities, industrial and other areas.

ACTION: Gen. Hull
INFO: JC/S; Adm. Leahy; Gen. Arnold; Gen. Bissell; Gen. Hilldring; Adm. King; Mr. McCloy; Log

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Combined Chiefs of Staff
77500. Col. C R. Peck

16 March 1945

Commanding General, Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces,
Main Echelon, Versailles, France
British Joint Staff Mission, Washington, D. C.

Number: WARX 54154

TOPSEC book message to Alexander for action, to SHAEF Versailles for Eisenhower and to AMSSO pass to British Chiefs of Staff for information. This message is PAN 501 to Alexander from the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

1. Assumption in paragraph 2 of NAF 836 is correct. That until the Allied Commission for Austria begins to exercise supreme authority, supreme authority for exercise of Military Government in portions of Austria occupied by forces under your command will be vested in you as Supreme Allied Commander responsible to Combined Chiefs of Staff.

2. Possibility of and necessity for setting up some form of inter-Allied machinery in Vienna before German surrender and as soon as Vienna is occupied is being explored at European Advisory Commission. In conformity with paragraph 1 above you may assume as a basis for planning that this machinery will not derogate from your Supreme Authority in areas occupied by your forces and that the U. K. and U. S. elements of this machinery will be subordinate to you and under your command.

3. With respect to the questions raised in paragraph 1 of NAF 836 the present position is:

   a. U. S. Participation.

   The Commanding General, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, U. S. Army, has been charged by United States

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Chiefs of Staff with responsibility for planning of and
determination for U. S. participation in

(1) Control of Administration of Austria by the
Allied Commission in Vienna.

(2) Administration of U. S. portion of the Vienna
GAU in accordance with policy announced by Combined
Chiefs of Staff in FAN 457.

(3) Administration of all portions of Austrian
Territory which may be subsequently assigned to the
United States for occupation and control.

c. British Participation.

Corresponding responsibility for 3 a. (1) above
rests with the British element of the Allied Commission,
while that of 2 a. (2) and (3) above rests with you in your
British capacity.

4. You should therefore make such working arrangements with
Commanding General, Mediterranean Theater of Operations,
U. S. Army, and the British element of the Allied Commission
as may be deemed necessary to fulfill your respective respons-
sibilities.

5. With respect to paragraph 3 of NAF 836, question of control
machinery for Austria is now under consideration in European
Advisory Commission, and there is as yet no agreed policy as to
extent to which Austrian controls will in early stages be
divorced from controls centered in Germany.

6. You may assume however for planning purposes, that full
authority for execution of agreed policies on disarmament and
demilitarisation during your period of responsibility will
rest with you.

CM-OUT-54154 ( Mar 45 )
7. As to paragraphs 4 to 8 inclusive of NAF 836 in which you express your views with respect to the proposed zones, this matter is being negotiated in European Advisory Commission. You will receive further instructions in due course.

End.

NOTE: PAN 457 is CM-OUT-67482 (23 Nov 44)
NAF 836 is CM-IN-8279 (10 Jan 45)
From: Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces, Forward, Rhiems, France

To: War Department

Nr: FWD 17884 SCAF 234 15 March 1945

FWD 17884 action to Military Mission Moscow for Deane information AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff AMBSO for British Chiefs of Staff SHAEF Main from SHAEF FWD from Strong signed Eisenhower cite SHGBI TOPSEC for Combined Chiefs of Staff and British Chiefs of Staff this is SCAF number 234.

Request you obtain agreement Soviet authorities for visit by representatives Counter Intelligence this Headquarters to discuss security problems in Germany. You should refer to Marshal Stalin's recent statements to Deputy Supreme Commander on dangers to be anticipated from German Espionage and Sabotage Organizations.

Point out that visit by our experts would serve to inform Soviet authorities of our efforts in this matter and obtain the benefit of their experiences which have been extensive.

In our view German Intelligence Services and Nazi underground movements in Germany can only be adequately dealt with by continuous exchange of information between the security authorities of the occupying forces.

Our representatives would explain in general terms our Counter Intelligence plans and propose to appropriate Soviet security authorities ways and means of exchanging

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certain categories of information. Acknowledge.

End

This message acknowledged by WDCMC

ACTION: CC/S

INFORMATION: Adm Leahy
Gen Arnold
Gen Hull
Gen Bissell
Adm King
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YOUR 141127 APPROVED. FOR YOUR INFORMATION COMBINED CHIEFS
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DETAILED RECOMMENDATIONS IN ENCLOSURE B TO CCS 326/35.
CCS CONSIDERED THAT DETAILS SHOULD BE LEFT VERY LARGELY
TO LOCAL COMMANDERS AND THAT ANY PROBLEMS OF OVERLAPPING
AUTHORITY NOT RESOLVABLE BY LOCAL COMMANDERS WOULD BE
REFERRED TO CCS. A COPY OF THE FINAL AGREEMENT CONTAINED
IN CCS 326/37 IS BEING FORWARDED.

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M. OUTER ENTRANCES TO CHANNELS LEADING INTO WESER ARE ABOUT 30 MILES FROM BREMERHAVEN. QUESTIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR AND CONTROL OVER THESE CHANNELS INCLUDING MINE-KEEPING OF AIDS TO NAVIGATION PILOTAGE ETC WILL ARISE. SUBJECT YOUR CONCURRENCE TO DISCUSS WITH ADMIRALTY SEAWARD BOUNDARIES OF ENCLAVE ON BASIS THAT US WILL CONTROL THE 3 CHANNELS LEADING INTO WESER NAMELY THE MAIN CHANNEL THE ALTE WESER AND THE ALTE JADE - WESERFAHRT. ADMIRALTY WILL BE REQUESTED TO SUPPLY NECESSARY ASSISTANCE IN MINE-KEEPING UPKEEP AIDS TO NAVIGATION SUPPLYING PILOT VESSELS AND HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY.

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From: CG, US Strategic Air Forces in Europe, St. Germain, France

To: War Department
   CG, Mediterranean Allied Air Forces, Caserta, Italy

Mr: UAX 65031 28 February 1945

To Arnold info Deane and Eaker from Spaatz. TOPSECRET

UAX 65031

Proposal outlined in MX 22948 February 27 is acceptable provided geographical locations which define western boundary of zone of limited operations are excluded from limited zone.

End

NOTE: MX 22948 is CM IN 28377 (28 Feb 45) Gen Arnold.

ACTION: Gen Arnold

INFO: JC/S; Gen Hull; Gen Bissell; C of S

CM-IN-29342 (28 Feb 45) DTG 281645A ef

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It is desired that the following memorandum by the United States Chiefs of Staff be presented to the Red General Staff:

"United States Forces in Zones of Tripartite Occupation will require regular access by air, road and rail to the main United States Zones of Occupation. In addition, all United States Forces of Occupation will require access to other parts of Europe across British and Soviet Zones of Occupation. It appears that similar access will be required by Soviet and British Forces.

The United States Chiefs of Staff propose that the general principle of freedom of transit across Zones of Occupation and Zones of Tripartite Occupation, be accepted. Details of transit shall be worked out between the local commanders.

The foregoing is proposed as an interim military measure pending general agreements as to transit which may be expected from the European Advisory Commission.

Your agreement to the foregoing is requested."

For your information the United States Chiefs of Staff have this date presented the memorandum furnished above to the Combined Chiefs of Staff with a covering memorandum as follows:

"The United States Chiefs of Staff wish to make it clear that the attached memorandum does not affect or refer to the present transit arrangement between Bremen-Bremerhaven and the southwestern area."

ORIGINATOR: JC/S
INFORMATION: Adm Leahy; Gen Arnold; Gen Hull; Gen Bissell
           Gen Hilldring; Adm King; C of S
CM-OUT-44641 (Feb 45)  DTG 272314Z ef

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From: Allied Force Headquarters Caserta Italy  
To: War Department  
Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces  
Main Versailles France  

Nr: FX 81650 NAF 836  9 January 1945  

FX 81650 to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and  
to ANSBO for British Chiefs of Staff repeated SHAFF for  
information signed Alexander cite FHOIC. This is NAF 836.  

1. It appears from signal WX 76514 of 13 December  
from General Marshall to General McNarney (not to TROOPFRS)  
that the question of United States' participation in the  
occupation of Austria is now under favorable consideration  
by the United States Government. You will appreciate that  
decision on this question affects my responsibility for  
occupation of Austria in accordance with PANS 417, 411, 418  
and 446.  

2. I am assuming that until the time when the three  
national elements of the Tripartite Control Commission are  
in a position to function on a tripartite basis, supreme  
authority for the military occupation of and exercise of  
military government in both the British and United States  
zones including those in Vienna Gau will be vested in me as  
the Supreme Allied Commander responsible to the Combined  
Chiefs of Staff. Responsibility for planning and carrying  
out the initial occupation of both the British and United  
States zones and for establishing military government in  
them and in any other areas occupied by forces under my command  
will therefore rest with me.  

3. I understand that it has been proposed that the  
higher control of disarmament and demilitarization, in so
From: Allied Force Headquarters Caserta Italy
Mr: FX 81650 NAF 836 9 January 1945

far as the German land forces are concerned, should be exercised from Berlin through German military channels. I feel strongly, however, that responsibility for carrying out the coordinated directions of whatever central authority is set up must rest initially with me and later with the Austrian Tripartite Commission, working through the channels of command of the occupational forces.

4. Regarding the British and United States zones indicated in the signal referred to in Para 1 my comments are:

A. Proposed United States zone is generally satisfactory.

B. Proposed British zone is not satisfactory for the following reasons:

(1) There are no through communications between northern and southern halves by road or rail except through either United States or Russian zones.

(2) Plans for military government are based on using the Gau as the administrative unit. This is regarded as the only practical method. Proposed British eastern boundary cuts across the Gau boundary.

(3) Proposed Russian zone contains all important industrial and main agricultural areas and 50% of the population. It also marches with Jugoslav frontier for approximately 70 miles.

CM-IN-8279 (10 Jan 45)
From: Allied Force Headquarters Caserta Italy

Fr#: FX 81650 NAF 836  9 January 1945

5. My recommendations are that the Russians take over the northern half of proposed British zone and give southern half of proposed Russian zone in exchange to the British. Suggest boundary between Russian and British zones should be between Styria and Niederdonau. British zone would then comprise Carinthia and Styria.

6. Understand that Russia proposes that city of Vienna only should be under tripartite control. Consider that whole of Vienna Gau should be tripartite as originally suggested in order to provide airfields under British and United States control and to give flexibility for the disposition and accommodation of occupying forces. I am examining how Vienna can best be divided to secure above objects and will submit my recommendations.

7. The initial occupational land forces required are estimated at three United States and three British Divisions including land forces for Vienna Gau. This represents an increase of Anglo-American land forces by one division but the total area envisaged is larger than originally planned.

8. In order to secure adequate communications for the British zone it is essential that Venezia Giulia and in particular the port of Trieste should be under my full control. I assume that this will in fact be assured by continuance of my present responsibilities for Italy.

9. General McWarney is in agreement with these proposals as affecting United States interests. End Note: Received Secret; reclassified TOPSECRET by WDNC.

ACTION: CC/S
INFO: Adm Leahy, Gen Arnold, Gen Hull, Gen Bissell, Gen Hilldring, Adm King, Mr McCloy, C of S.

CM-IN-8279 (10 Jan 45)  DTG: 091251A pa

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Joint Chiefs of Staff
77500
28 December 1944

Commanding General
Allied Force Headquarters
Caserta, Italy

Supreme Headquarters
Allied Expeditionary Forces
Main Echelon
Versailles, France

Commanding General
US Military Mission to USSR
Moscow, Russia

Commanding General
United Kingdom Base Section
London, England

Number: WARX 83322

Book Message from the Joint Chiefs of Staff to McNarney for action, to Eisenhower, Deane and Brigadier General Vincent Mayer for information

The Joint Chiefs of Staff have decided that the Commanding General US Army Forces in Mediterranean Theater of Operations is to be charged with the responsibility for the planning of and preparation for US participation in:

1. The control of the Administration of Austria on the Tripartite Control Council in Vienna, and
2. The administration of the US portion of the Vienna GAU, in accordance with policy announced by Combined Chiefs of Staff in FAM 457, 23 November 1944.

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By RHF, NLR, Date MAY 2 1974

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For your information there is now a proposal made by USSR in the European Advisory Commission that US accept a separate zone of occupation in Austria in addition to participating in Tripartite occupation of Vienna, which US Government and the Joint Chiefs of Staff are considering. Zone proposed is next to Bavaria and the portion of Germany allocated to US. You will be kept advised of developments and other considerations in connection with this proposal.

Close liaison with the US Nucleus Control Council for Germany, the European Advisory Commission in London, and elements of the UK and USSR Control Council for Austria wherever located will be maintained by your US planners for Austria.

You are authorized to make such working arrangements with CG, ETUSA; The European Advisory Commission in London; SACMED; and the US Military Mission to Moscow as you deem necessary to fulfill your responsibility with respect to US participation in the government of Austria and in the administration of US portion of Vienna GDU.

Request you inform SACMED.

End

ORIGINATOR: JC/S

INFORMATION: Adm Leahy
CG AAF
OPD
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Adm King
Mr McCoy
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From: Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, Main, Versailles, France

To: War Department

No: S 71506

19 December 1944

S 71506 to AGWAR from SHAEF Main signed Eisenhower cite SHGCT, TOPSECRET. FAN 457 refers.

Your WX 76514 dated 13 December 1944 is subject.

1. The United States Zone of Occupation in Austria proposed by the Soviet Government is satisfactory from the viewpoint of this theater.

Since the area is contiguous to the United States Zone of Occupation in Germany, United States Forces occupying Austria can be supplied from this theater if required.

2. It is estimated that if Austria is still in German hands when collapse or surrender occurs, a Corps of three divisions would be required for the United States Zone in Austria. This is in addition to the token force of one division but not less than one RCT that it is planned will be used in Vienna.

These forces with the exception of military government personnel could be furnished from this theatre should it be decided that the occupation take place from the European Theater of Operations rather than from the Mediterranean Theater of Operations.

3. It is assumed that the United Kingdom will be given right-of-way through the Steyr Kreis, over the multiple track railroad running from Hieflau Klein Reifling, Weyer, and Waidhofen End

ACTION: OPD
INFO: JC/S, Adm Leahy, Gen Arnold, Gen Bissell, Gen Hilddring, Adm King, Mr McCloy, C of S
CM-IN-19161 (20 Dec 44) 1053Z pa

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From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

To: War Department
    Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces,
    Main Versailles, France

Nr: FX 71001 19 December 1944

TOP SECRET. This message refers to WX 76514. Ref nr FX 71001 to AGWAR for Marshall from McNarney repeated SHAPE. Signed McNarney cite NAGCT.

1. The proposed US zone is satisfactory. There is an adequate communications net within the zone, the boundary follows existing provincial boundaries, facilitating the application of military government and enforcement of counter-intelligence measures, and is contiguous with the US zone in Germany.

2. It is estimated that initially the occupation forces should consist of one division in the Tyrol, one division in the Oberdonau, one division (less one RCT) in Salzburg, and an RCT, reinforced, in the Vienna Gau.

3. Initially these forces can be maintained from this Theater. However, since the US zones in Austria and Germany are contiguous I believe consideration should be given to maintaining both occupational forces from one port area using one L of C. Possible advantages may result from retaining the use of Marseilles and an L of C up the Rhone Valley.

4. It is understood here that tripartite occupation of Vienna City in contrast to the Vienna Gau as heretofore considered is now being proposed by the Russians. It is CM-IN-18430 (19 Dec 44)

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believed that the original intention of tripartite division of the whole Vienna Gau should be adhered to for the following reasons:

A. Sufficient space for occupational purposes may not exist in Vienna itself.

B. Airfields in the vicinity of Vienna are outside the city limits but within the Gau limits. It is desirable that available airfields be allocated on a tripartite basis.

C. Manufacturing industrial plants are generally located outside the city limits.

D. Convenience in applying military government and enforcing counter-intelligence measures will result by adhering to the existing Gau boundaries.

End

ACTION: General Hull

INFO: CC/S, Admiral Leahy, General Arnold, General Bissell, Admiral King, S/W, C of S.

CM-IN-18430 (19 Dec 44) 1437Z m/m

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Allied Expeditionary Forces
Main Echelon
Versailles France

Commanding General
Allied Force Headquarters
Caserta Italy

Number WARX 76514

TOPSEC to Eisenhower and McRae from Marshall

The Soviet Government has proposed in the European Advisory
Commission that Austria, for occupational purposes, be divided
into three separate zones to be occupied by American, British
and Soviet Forces, in addition to tripartite occupation of
Vienna.

In this proposal, U.S. assigned a zone in western Austria
bounded on the east by a line starting at the Czechoslovak
frontier and thence south along the boundary separating the
provinces of upper Austria and lower Austria; thence south-
west along the southern boundary of upper Austria to its
junction with the boundary of the province of Salzburg; thence
south along the boundary of Salzburg province to the boundary
of Carinthia; thence west and thence south along the northern
and western boundary of Carinthia to the Italian frontier.
This assignment would place the provinces of Oberdonau, Salzburg,
Tirol and Vorarlberg in the U.S. zone.

British Forces to occupy a zone to the east of U.S. zone and
bounded on the east by a line running south from the Czechoslovak
frontier separating the district of Ober-Hollabrunn and the
district of Horn; thence along the boundary between districts of Krems and Tulln; thence along western boundaries of Sankt Poelten, Lilienfeld and Bruck; thence along northwestern boundary of the Graz district and western boundary of Voitsberg district; thence south along the eastern boundary of Carinthia to the Yugoslav frontier.

Russia will occupy the rest of Austria, excepting Vienna.

The principle of the U.S. accepting a zone of occupation in Austria is now being favorably considered and the Joint Chiefs of Staff are being asked for their views at once on the military considerations involved. Your views and recommendations are desired on the matter including the zone to be occupied by the U.S. and the forces required. Urgent reply is requested.

End

ORIGINATOR: OPD

INFORMATION: JCS

Adm Leahy
Gen Arnold
Adm King
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Commanding General  
United Kingdom Base Section  
London, England

Number: WAR 73261

For Central District United Kingdom Base Section London pass to War Cabinet Offices for London Munitions Assignment Board from the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

1. The Combined Chiefs of Staff are presently considering agreements with Belgium, Luxembourg, The Netherlands and Norway similar to memorandum III of the French agreements.

2. With respect to German war material, captured from or abandoned by the Germans in these four countries, falling within your jurisdiction in accordance with the provisions of C. C. S. 200/4/D, you are hereby instructed to authorize the Supreme Commander, Allied Expeditionary Force, to release directly to the authorities of each country, as soon as the mentioned agreement with that country is executed by the U. S. and U. K., any German war material originating in the particular country, and not constructed by order of the enemy, where it has fallen into his hands during military operations in that country and he no longer requires it.

3. With respect to war material produced or constructed in Belgium, Luxembourg, The Netherlands or Norway by order of the enemy, which has fallen into the hands of the Supreme Commander, Allied Expeditionary Force, during military operations in such countries respectively, you are instructed to authorize the Supreme Commander, Allied Expeditionary Force, to release it directly to the authorities of the country concerned if and when it is no longer required by you for any theater.

CM-OUT-73261 (6 Dec 44)
4. This message merely extends to Belgium, Luxembourg, The Netherlands and Norway identical treatment as directed for France in WAR No. 85343, 23 August 1944, as amended by WAR No. 73097, bearing December 6 date.

End.
From: Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, Main, Versailles, France
To: War Department
Nr: 3 68232 SCAF 135 24 November 1944

3 68232. This is SCAF 135 for Combined Chiefs of Staff for info to Central District UK Base for British Chiefs of Staff, SHAPE Mission Belgium, EXFOR Main signed Eisenhower cite SHGCT

I am informed that a proposal is now before the Combined Chiefs of Staff for British assistance to the Belgian Government relative the equipping and training of 20,000 Belgians for internal security and three divisions for occupation of Germany.

Though Para 3 FACS 49 directs that requirements for post war armies should be taken up on governmental levels and not on a military level, the limited availability of Belgian manpower, of accommodation and of Allied equipment and training facilities appear to make it inevitable that there will be conflict between my requirements for Belgian garrison and service units and the requirements for Belgian Combat formations.

Would much appreciate if I could be kept informed of all matters regarding the equipment and utilization of liberated manpower in Allied Expeditionary Force area.

ACTION: CCS

INFO : ADM LEAHY, CG AAF, OPD, GEN BISSELL, ADM KING, LOG
CM-IN-24043 (25 Nov 44) 00402 mcs

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YOUR 202129 REFERS.

CAPTAIN HAROLD ROGER HOLCOMB NOW ENGAGED IMPORTANT ASSIGNMENT CONNECTION PORT PARTIES OCCUPIED COUNTRIES AND HIS SERVICES CANNOT BE SPARED AT THIS TIME. IN THIS CONNECTION CAPTAIN VINCENT H. GODFREY EARMARKED FOR SECOND PORT PARTY. THESE OFFICERS HAVE ORGANIZED AND TRAINED DREW 4 UNIT WHICH IN ACCORDANCE WITH PRESENT PLAN WILL BE USED IN GERMAN PORTS ASSIGNED US FORCES.

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U S Military Attache,
American Embassy,
London, England

Number: WAR 66355

to Joint Advisers EAC for Meyer from Joint Chiefs of Staff replying to your telegrams 6 November, SR. NR. 69659 and 9 November, SR. NR. 69696.

Allocation of Zone of Occupation in Germany is subject.

J.C.S. 577/21 was approved 5 November 1944. Delineation of zone is identical with J.C.S. 577/20 except for additional statement that the delineation of the Soviet boundary is considered to conform to the tripartite agreement EAC (44) 9th meeting, 12 September 1944.

Joint Logistics Committee recommendation that Logistical agreements regarding transit facilities as between the U.S. and British Zone are not "Matter for communication to the Russians" is approved in J.C.S. 577/21.

You negotiations may therefore be continued on a basis of views expressed in J.C.S. 577/21 and this message.

For your information U.S.-British boundaries as delineated in J.C.S. 577/21 have been proposed by United States Chiefs of Staff to Combined Chiefs of Staff in C.C.S. 320/29, 5 November 1944 which is now under consideration and has been sent to you.

In the event you are unable to obtain British agreement to either of the 2 proposals made by Mosely, reference cable 9776, you must avoid acceptance of the British term "AS may be agreed". You could safely substitute a phrase in each subparagraph of Mosely's alternate draft as follows: "As the military authorities of the U.S. and U.K. (Combined Chiefs of Staffs) determined in JCS 577/21, 5 November 1944.

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of Staff) may determine to be necessary to meet his re-

quirments".

End.

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By ERF, NLR, Date MAY 2 1974

ORIGINATOR: Joint Chiefs of Staff
INFORMATION: Adm. Leahy
Gen. Arnold
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Gen. Bissell
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Versailles France

Number WAR 64523

To Eisenhower from Joint Chiefs of Staff

For your information, the United States Chiefs of Staff have considered SCAP 126 of 7 November and have recommended to the Combined Chiefs of Staff that the Kreis of Weserbruch remain in the U. S. zone as originally proposed, and as concurred in by you in memorandum Headquarters Communication Zone, European Theater of Operations dated 18 October 1944 to War Department, ASF Planning Division, Washington.

End

ORIGINATOR: JC/S

INFORMATION: Adm Leahy
Gen Arnold
Gen Hull
Gen Bissell
Gen Hildring
Adm King
Mr McCloy
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By RHF, NLR, Date MAY 2 1974

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To: War Department
No: 69696 9 November 1944

Marshall for Joint Chiefs of Staff from Meyer sr nr 69696

Political adviser EAC dispatched to State Dept tonight cable 9776 resume his preliminary conversation with British Delegate EAC concerning definition US control Bremen and Bremerhaven Port areas and routes transit thereto.

Above State Dept cable contains view Military, Naval and Air advisers EAC which is believed you should see as matter urgency.

End

9776 not identified by WDCMC.

ACTION: JC/S
INFO: ADM LEAHY
      CG AAF
      OPD
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      CAD
      ADM KING
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To: War Department
No: 69660 7 Nov 1944

To Marshall and JCS from Joint Advisers EAC from Meyer ser nr 69660. Refer 69659 to Marshall and JCS from Joint Advisers EAC from Meyer.

Allocation Zone occupation Germany subject. Ref made agreement with Gen. Bedell Smith on wording control of ports Bremen and Bremerhaven. This agreement based on CCS 320/28 Oct 2 and as stated reference was made prior receipt in ETO of JCS 577/19 Oct 14 and JCS 577/20 Oct 23.

End

69659 is CM-IN-6055 (7 Nov 44) JCS

ACTION: JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
INFO: ADM LEAHY
CG AAF
OPD
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ADM KING
MR McCLOY
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CM-IN-6359 (7 Nov 44) 1228Z mos

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From: Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, Main, Versailles, France

To: War Department
United Kingdom Base Section, London, England

Nr. 8 65887 7 November 1944

From SHAEF Main S 65887, TOP SECRET to for action AGWAR for CCS to for information, ETOUSA, Central District UK Base for British Chiefs of Staff from SHAEF signed Eisenhower.

This is SHAEF number 126 delineation of Bremen enclave during occupation of Germany is subject:

1. I recommend that the Bremen enclave should comprise the following:

   A. The land (state) of Bremen in its entirety.

   B. The Kreis of Wesermunde, the Kreis of Osterholz in the government district of Stade, province of Hanover.

   C. The river Weser from its mouth to Bremen all inclusive.

2. Understand proposal has been submitted to include the Kreis of Wesermarsch in the Bremen enclave. I consider the inclusion of Wesermarsch is undesirable since it is part of the land (state) Oldenburg from which it would be separated. This separation complicates an already difficult
From: Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, Main, Versailles, France

No: S 65887 7 November 1944

military government situation.

3. The Kreis of Wesermarsch is not considered essential for logistical support of the US forces, providing the river Weser is made inclusive to the enclave.

4. Pending a reply I intend to proceed with planning on the proposals outlined in para 1 above.

End

ACTION: CC/S


CM-IN-7170 (8 Nov 44) 1110Z ngs

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To: War Department
Nr: 69545 27 October 1944
Serial Nr: 69545.
Subject is "Allocation of Zones of Occupation in Germany".

JCS 577/19 Para 5, also enclosure to JLC 196/5 Para 11 B. Refer message 69498 from Meyer to Marshall for Joint Chiefs of Staff 24 October. It is recommended that appropriate additions be made to both above papers and other necessary action be taken to assure that airport facilities at Delmenhorst near Bremen and Nordholz near Cuxhaven are included within areas under United States control. Foregoing recommendation is based upon assumption as indicated from currently available intelligence that a third reasonably suitable airdrome near Bremen is located within area of United States control. Control of these three airdromes is believed essential to provide adequate facilities for air supply and air evacuation as well as for combat units required in area as stated in X conference with General Lindsey this date.

Peabody

FOOTNOTE: 69498 is CM IN 22891 (24 Oct 44) JCS

ACTION: JC/S
INFO: GEN ARNOLD, GEN HULL, GEN BISSELL, GEN HILLDRING,
ADM. KING, MR MccOwY, ADM. LEAHY, LOG.
CM-IN 26126 (27 Oct 44) 23542 cm

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To: War Department

Nr: 69498 24 October 1944

Marshall for JCS from Meyer LCR 69498

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Ambassador concurs in above.

Peabody

FOOTNOTE: Corrected copy of CM IN 22812 (24 Oct 44) JC/S

ACTION: JC/S

INFO: Adm Leahy, CG AAF, OPD, G-2, CAD, Adm King, Mr McCloy Log.

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ACTION: JC/S

INFORMATION:  Adm. Leahy  G-2  Log
               CG AAF    CAD
               OPD     Adm. King

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To: War Department
Nr: 69438 18 October 1944

To Joint Chiefs of Staff from Meyer sn nr 69438.

On Oct 18 Ambassador Winant sent cable to SECSTATE Nr 8885, 4 PM. Request immediate attention thereto by Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Subject matter in cable concerns acceptance by ETOUSA of delineation boundaries in Germany as agreed at Quebec and as set forth in para 3 C05 320/28, 2 Oct, subject: Allocation of Zones of Occupation in Germany. Cable also states acceptance by ETOUSA of condition in protocol occupation Germany for division of "Greater Berlin" into three parts.

ETOUSA also agrees to language of paragraphs 3A and 3B, C05 320/28, with one qualification as stated in cable.

Attention also particularly invited to last two paragraphs of cable.

End

ACTION: JC/S
INFO : Adm Leahy
CG AAF
OPD
G-2
Adm. King
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COPY NO. 33
From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

To: War Department
United Kingdom Base Section, London, England
Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, Maain, Versailles, France.

Nr: FX 39767 NAF 800 16 October 1944

This is NAF 800. FX 39767 TOPSEC to AGWAR for CCS and to Central District UK Base Section London for British Chiefs of Staff repeated SHAEP Adv AAI, SOMTO, HQ BAF for information signed Wilson cite FHGCT.

Subject is control of special operations in Austria.

1. Considered here that control of special operations in Austria, in order that they may be coordinated with operations of AAI and of the JAHJ in Yugoslavia, should be effected by SAGMED until such time as the entry of AAI into Austria is imminent. Control should then pass to AAI.

2. If this is agreed, it is suggested political guidance in connection with special operations in that country, whether controlled by SAGMED or by AAI, should be exercised through the British Resident Minister and the US political adviser at APHQ.

3. At present Austria is not under MTO or NATOUSA for operations although for occupational duties southern Austria becomes an AAI responsibility.

CM-IN-15533 (17 Oct 44)
From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

To: PX 39767 NAF 800

16 October 1944

Only resistance elements known to be active in southern Austria are Slovene Partisans operating in Eisenkappel area of Carinthia and on Slovenian border. There is no evidence known to this HQ of further resistance activity except for small underground movement reported in Oberammergau area. Thus only areas where resistance is active are those which will directly affect AAI advance. Recommend therefore control of special operations in Austria be made responsibility of SACMED.

End.

ACTION: CC/S
INFO: Adm Leahy Adm King
       Gen Arnold CCAC
       OPD Log
       Gen Bissell

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