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Combined Chiefs of Staff
77500

7 November 1944

Headquarters, Communications Zone
European Theater of Operations
Main Echelon
Paris, France

Commanding General
Allied Force Headquarters
Caserta, Italy

Supreme Headquarters
Allied Expeditionary Forces
Main Echelon
Versailles, France

Commanding General
United Kingdom Base Section
London, England

Number: WARX 58846

TOPSEC book message to Wilson for action, to SHAEF Versailles for Eisenhower, and to Central District United Kingdom Base Section London pass to British Chiefs of Staff for information FAN 448 from the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

1. To NAF 773 reference is made. Issue to Italian combat divisions of British equipment is contemplated in FAN 387 provided such equipment is available without prejudice to other requirements of a higher priority. Approved is your recommendation that these troops be regarded entirely as a British supply responsibility for initial equipment and maintenance.

2. Paragraph two of FAN 387 refers to all equipment of U. S. origin including that supplied to the British under Lend-Lease terms. The U. S. theater commander will not without

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the concurrence of SACMED request that equipment of U. S. origin supplied to Italian combat units be returned to United States possession prior to the conclusion of the war with Germany.

3. The international commitment not to exceed at present 124,000 Italian troops is confirmed. In view of your FX 43062 of October 24th, 1944, it is requested that you submit details of any suggested increase supported by reasons. Your recommendation is also requested as to a target date after which Italian troops included in the international commitment may be expected to be self-supporting.
4. Within the limitations of FAN 387 and FAN 391, national commitments may be varied within reasonable limits in order to meet operational requirements.
5. The administrative change required by FAN 391 should become effective at the earliest practicable date as determined by you.
6. As nearly as practicable all categories of Italian troops should receive common standard of treatment, the scale of supplies to be those previously established by the Combined Chiefs of Staff.
7. Items of Italian equipment presently available or becoming available in the future should be allocated amongst units of the three categories on an equitable basis to be established by you having regard to operational requirements.
8. Your comments regarding FAN 392 are noted.

End.

ORIGINATOR: CC/S
INFORMATION: Adm Leahy, Gen Arnold, Gen Hull, Gen Bissell,
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From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

To: War Department
CG, United Kingdom Base Section, London, England
Headquarters Communications, European Theater of
Operations, US Army, Paris, France
Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces,
Main, Versailles, France

Nr: FX 43062

24 October 1944

TOPSEC NAF 773 is reference to AGWAR for CCS and to
Central District United Kingdom Base Section London for
British Chiefs of Staff SHAEF and ACC for Lend Forces sub
commission, USFOR TROOPERS, AAI for information FX 43062
signed Wilson cite FHECT

1. Principles and ceilings established in NAF 773
are now operating in this theatre although your official
approval not yet received. Request confirmation of policies
and decisions contained in this cable.

2. All Italian troops at present allocated to
international category under division into categories
ordered in your PAN 391, are at present fully employed on
internal security and similar duties. Any increased commit-
ment as envisaged in MEDCOS 201 will require additional
troops, which can most easily be made available from Italian
manpower, and will involve an additional increase in ceiling.

End

ACTION: CC/S

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

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From: Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces
Main Versailles, France

To : War Department
CG Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy.
War Office London England

Nr : S 63397 21 Oct 44

S 63397, to TROOPERS (SD 1) info to EXFOR Main, 6th Army Group, Com Zone NATOUSA Adv, AFHQ, AGWAR, signed Eisenhower cite SHOCT TOP SECRET.

With reference TROOPERS 85587 SD 1, dtd 17 Oct 44, repeated only to EXFOR Main.

1. Information has also been received that 2nd Polish Division is already being exfiltrated. We have never been informed of authorization for this although we have requested directive in our SCAF 92. As Communications Zone NATOUSA Advanced and not SHAEF is responsible for Communications Zone in South France signals on this subject should be addressed to AFHQ and Communications Zone NATOUSA for action. Your 85587 SD 1 is being referred to them. We exercise only operational control over 6th Army Group.

2. Request you furnish all concerned following information soonest if satisfactory arrangements for reception and care of division are to be made:

A. What is strength of division? Estimates we have been given vary considerably.

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Main Versailles, France

Nr : S 63397

21 Oct 44

B. At what rate is division being exfiltrated and over what sectors of Franco-Swiss frontier?

C. Where are personnel being instructed to concentrate? This important as Polish reception camp for civilian recruits in South France may be located at Valence.

D. Is division to remain in France for equipment and training or be shipped to UK?

E. What provision has been made by you for necessary clothing and personal equipment of personnel of division?

F. Are any special arrangements to be made for security screening of personnel of division?

3. We shall endeavour to assist in resolving points raised in 85587 SD 1 but must emphasize that any un-coordinated movement will place grave strain on 5th Army Group's supply lines, therefore request you take action to reduce movement of division to minimum until reception

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From: Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces
Main Versailles, France

Nr : S 63397 21 Oct 44

facilities shall have been set up. Until division is placed formally under command we feel you should take initiative, or else give a clear directive to this headquarters.

End

NOTE : 85587 SDI is not identified in WDCMC
SCAF 92 is CM-IN- 28285 (30 Sept 44) CC/S

ACTION: CC/S

INFO : Adm. Leahy, Gen Arnold, Gen Handy, Gen Bissell,
Adm. King, C of S.

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

To: War Department

No: S 62574 SCAF 106 19 October 1944

This is SCAF 106, S 62574, to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff for action to Central District UK Base Section for British Chiefs of Staff, AFHQ NATOUSA, SHAEP Mission France for info signed Eisenhower cite SHGCT.

1. General De Gaulle has informed this headquarters that approach of winter makes it desirable to effect change in composition 9th Colonial Infantry Division and replace black troops, at present forming 2/3 of division, by European personnel drawn from French Forces of Interior. General Devers has been asked to what extent this will affect operational efficiency of division. Our recommendations will be submitted not later than 26 October.

2. General De Gaulle's letter states that black troops withdrawn from the 9th Colonial Infantry Division will initially be regrouped behind 1st French Army and later sent to garrison duty along the Mediterranean coast, where they will be immediately employed in the constitution of units likely to take part in the 1945 operations in the Far East.

3. With this in mind, the Committee for National Defence, at their meeting on 13 September, 1944, considered the creation subject to Combined Chiefs of Staff agreement of:

(A) One Marine Division (US) (strength 17,000-26,000 with usual services ready by January 1945) to be equipped in the Far East.

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Main, Versailles, France

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(B) One division (British, two brigades)
strength 26,000 with services. Ready March, 1945.

The formation of these two divisions would take place in South France, and the Marine Division would contain a large number of the blacks taken from the 9th Colonial Infantry Division. It is understood that the project has already been communicated to you.

4. This information is forwarded to you for decision on General De Gaulle's proposals. We desire to emphasize that formation, equipping and maintenance of proposed divisions, with attendant demand on already strained transportation, will detract from main effort of Southern Group of Armies now being supplied from South French ports. We would appreciate being kept informed should French authorities propose to you building up forces for Far East at the expense to First French Army troop list.

End

ACTION: CC/S

INFORMATION: Adm Leahy
CG AAF
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Operations Division, OPD
Southwest Pacific Theater, OPD
OPD 336.3 TS (22 Sep 44)
5505

14 October 1944

Commander in Chief
Southwest Pacific Area
Brisbane Australia

Number WAR 46726

For MacArthur signed Marshall [REDACTED]

Sent to you in radio WAR 37291 dated September 27 '44 was request for your comments and recommendations concerning the furnishing of facilities for providing bases for British fleet operations together with your estimate of dates that various types of facilities might be released on Australian mainland. Radio WAR 44887 dated October 11 '44 advised of urgent need here for early reply. When may reply be expected?

End

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ORIGINATOR: Gen Handy

INFORMATION: Adm King

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From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area,
Hollandia, New Guinea

To: War Department

No: C 19508

14 October 1944

TOPSEC C 19508 from GHQ SWPA to AGWAR.

Reurad W 37291 dated 27 September concerning bases for British Fleet Operations in Pacific, following is estimated status of United States Army facilities in eastern Australia:

(A) Camp facilities for approximately 125,000 men have been released during past six months or are currently in process of being released. Army now holds camp facilities for approximately 23,000 men majority of which will be released by year's end.

(B) Approximately one million square feet of rented covered storage facilities have been released by Army from 1 January to 31 August this year. Army now holds approximately 8,500,000 square feet of covered storage of which approximately 182,500 represents rented properties and balance facilities constructed for Army. It is estimated approximately 3,000,000 square feet of these facilities will be released during remainder of current year.

(C) Army has released approximately 5,800 hospital beds in rented properties used as hospitals 3,500 of which were in civilian hospitals and the balance in schools converted to hospitals. Army has released approximately 2,500

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By RHP, NARS Date JAN 3 1974

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From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area,
Hollandia, New Guinea

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hospital beds in hospitals constructed for its use and still holds approximately 5,000 hospital beds all constructed for its use.

(D) Port facilities released at Lardydardy consist of approximately 900,000 square feet of warehousing, 40,000 square feet on wharf and 60,000 square feet of office space and 800 feet of wharf suitable for Liberty ships. This warehousing space is exclusive of covered storage in paragraph (B) above. Dredging of the channel to permit berthing of Liberty ships at the foregoing wharf was cancelled before completion. Army held port facilities now inconsequential.

(E) Many of the facilities released by United States have been returned by Australian Government to private owners. Present or contemplated use by Australian government of facilities released is unknown.

There are ample airfields along the eastern coast of Australia to meet any reasonable requirements. Many have been turned over to Australian Government some are still under control of United States Forces.

A continuation of forward displacement of base installations from rear is being executed as rapidly as conditions permit. Established procedures are being vigorously pursued to effectuate early release of facilities to Australian Government. It is believed that this action should be continued and that specific requirements of British

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From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area,
Hollandia, New Guinea

No: C 19508

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Fleet for camp facilities should be made the subject of
direct negotiation with Australian Commonwealth.

Information on Naval facilities is contained in 7th
Fleet message 120240 to COMINCH and CNO.

End

FOOTNOTE: Reference 120240 is not held by WDCMC.

ACTION: Gen Handy

INFO : Adm King
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OSD letter, May 3, 1972

By RHP, NARS Date JAN 3 1974

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To: War Department
United Kingdom Base Section, London, England
Headquarters, Communications Zone, European Theater
of Operations, US Army, Paris, France
Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces,
Main, Versailles, France
Nr: FX 37631 12 Oct 1944

Ref nr. FX 37631 signed Wilson cite FHGAP NAF 798
to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to Central
District UK Base Section London for British Chiefs of
Staff repeated SHAEF Main, CG Com Zone Forward NATOUSA,
CG Com Zone Main ETOUSA, for information.

Due to move of French authorities to France,
difficulty is being experienced in receiving French
agreement. Reference your FAN 425, WX 34373 dated 21st
September 44, treatment of Italian Neo Fascist troops.
Will relay answer as soon as received.

Italian government agrees with Allied Control
Commission that Italian Neo Fascists in uniform, fighting
and organized under provisions of international law who
may be captured by Allied forces shall be treated under
Geneva Convention in same manner as German prisoners of war.

End

ACTION: CC/S

INFO: Adm Leahy
CG AAF
OPD
Gen Bissell
Gen Hilldring
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Combined Chiefs of Staff
77500

9 October 1944

Commanding General
Allied Force Headquarters
Caserta Italy

Supreme Headquarters
Allied Expeditionary Forces
Main Echelon
Versailles France

Commanding General
United Kingdom Base Section
London England

Number WARX 43636

Book message to Wilson for action, to SHAEF Versailles for Eisenhower, and to Central District United Kingdom Base Section London pass to British Chiefs of Staff for information, FAN 436 from the Combined Chiefs of Staff

1. This is reply to NAF 768. FAN 391 will not preclude the supply of Italian troops under U.S. or British command to the greatest extent possible from Italian sources.
2. Every effort will be made to use all Italian sources of supply and manufacturing facilities for the supply of Italian troops of all categories.
3. The Italian provisional government should assume as much of the administrative and supply functions as possible for all categories of the Italian Army with a view to making them ultimately entirely responsible for administration and supply of all categories of Italian troops. Operational control will remain with the Theater Commander.

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4. Your plan for the repair of clothing, shoes and individual equipment as stated in paragraph 2 of your WAF 768 is approved.

5. The U.K. will assume responsibility for the supply of all needles and awls requested.

6. The U.S. will assume responsibility for the supply of rubber composition soles, rubber heels and rubber cement.

7. The Commanding General, U.S. Army Forces, North African Theater of Operations, is authorized to transfer the items available in U.S. theater stocks as listed in WAF 768. Upon requisition by you through normal channels the U.K. and U.S. will replace the items for which they are responsible to U.S. theater stocks.

End

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INFORMATION: Adm Leahy
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Gen Somervell
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Combined Chiefs of Staff
Brig Gen A J McFarland
W D 77500

20 September 1944

Supreme Headquarters
Allied Expeditionary Forces
Rear Echelon
London, England

Commanding General
Allied Force Headquarters
Caserta, Italy

Commanding General
United Kingdom Base Section
London, England

Number WARX 33770

Book message to Eisenhower London for action, to Wilson Caserta and Central District United Kingdom Base Section London pass to British Chiefs of Staff and Headquarters Communication Zone Main for information. This message is FACS 83 to Eisenhower and FAN 421 to Wilson from the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

Your views on NAF 781 requested for information of Combined Administrative Committee, who are now studying that message.

End

ORIGINATOR: CC/S

INFORMATION: Adm Leahy
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From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta Italy
To: War Department
Supreme Hqs, Allied Expeditionary Forces
London, England

Nr: FX 25273 NAF 781 14 September 1944

This is NAF 781. FX 25273 signed Wilson cite FHCOS, FHGCT, FHGDS to AGWAR Washington for CCS, information to UK Base Section for British Chiefs of Staff, SHAEF, Sixth Army Group, NADIST for JRC and Liaison, SOS NATOUSA.

Recent changes in the deployment of the 12th Air Force units in operation DRAGOON, make it imperative to activate an Air Depot Group for the French Air Force as quickly as possible for the following reasons:

(A) Original plans for operation DRAGOON contemplated that 12th Air Force units would operate in France with the French Air Force units and that 4th Echelon Supply and Maintenance would be furnished by 12th Air Force Depot groups.

(B) Recent changes in the tactical plan contemplate the withdrawal of all 12th Air Force units with the exception of one fighter bomber group and one TAC R squadron. No 12th Air Force Air Depot groups will remain in France.

(C) Heretofore, French squadrons have been attached to American squadrons and have been supported by the American supply and maintenance system.

(D) The plan is that a French Tactical Air Command will be formed to give air support to French Army. It is obvious, therefore, that in order adequately to supply, maintain, and support the French Air Forces in France, the French Air Force must have and air depot group.

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From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta Italy
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It is recommended that:

(A) The French Air Force rearmament plan be augmented immediately by the authorization for the activation of the following units:
(read in two columns, first column designation of unit; second column T/O and E)

Designation of unit	T/O and E
Hq and Hq Squadron, Air Depot Group	1-857
Depot Supply Squadron	1-858
Quartermaster Truck Company	10-517
Quartermaster Platoon, Air Depot Group	10-427
Medical Supply Platoon	8-497
Signal Company Depot Aviation	11-287
Ordnance Depot Company Aviation	9-57

(B) That equipment for the above units be shipped to the theater immediately.

(C) That the theater be authorized to issue from theater stocks such of the above equipment as is available.

The matter has been discussed with the French Air Force, who are in full accord and who represent that adequate trained personnel now exists in France to activate the above units immediately.

End.

This message has been relayed to OCTAGON.

ACTION: CC/S

INFORMATION: Adm. Leahy, CG AAF, OPD, Gen. Bissell,
Adm. King, Log

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From: CG, Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
To: War Department
CG, North African District, Algiers, Algeria
Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces
London, England
CG, US Army Forces in the European Theater of Operations Rear Echelon, London, England
No: FX 92422 5 September 1944

TOPSECRET FAN 387 and FAN 391 are reference.
Action AGWAR for The Combined Chiefs of Staff info SHAEF for Eisenhower and USFOR pass to British Chiefs of Staff TROOPERS AAI, ACC (for Army Sub Commission) signed Wilson cite FHGCT FX 92422 this is NAF 773.

1. Because of nonavailability of such equipment and continuing maintenance, impossible to attempt to equip any such units of Italian Combat Divisions with either Italian or captured enemy material therefore must accept British equipment offered in TROOPERS 67588 LSM 5 of 12 Aug (not to all), details of which are at present being worked out between TROOPERS and ourselves. In consequence of divisions receiving British combat equipment, it is considered essential that these troops be regarded entirely as a British National supply responsibility for initial equipment and maintenance and are considered as such in breakdown of ceiling into categories under terms of FAN 391.

2. Para 2 of FAN 387 presumed to refer to US equipment issued through War Department channels and not equipment of US origin supplied to British under Lend Lease terms.

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From: CG, Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

No: FK 92422

5 September 1944

3. Following answers to para 4 FAN 387 which requested our requirements for auxiliary units for combat divisions, the time required to train after receipt of equipment, and availability of Italian manpower.

Subpara A.

Requirements for auxiliary artillery-nil.

For service units as follows:

- A. type of service
- B. number of type of units

<u>A.</u>	<u>B.</u>
Engineers	3 Field Companies
Supply and Transport	3 General Transport Companies, 1 Motor Ambulance Convoy
Medical	4 General Hospitals-total 2200 beds, 6-100 bed expansion, 1 Advance Depot Medical Stores
Ordnance	1 Mob Laundry Company, 4 Mob Bath Units
Provost	1 L of C Provost Coy
Miscellaneous	2 Transit Camps, 1 Reinforce- ment Training Depot, 1 Graves Registration Unit

Subpara B.

Estimated units will be trained and ready

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From: CG, Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

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for combat 2 months after receipt of full scale of equipment, but this time could be reduced dependent upon scale of training equipment available beforehand.

Subpara C.

There is ample manpower available to meet all requirements we have for Italian Military Forces.

4. The recommended ceiling for the international commitment is 124000. Under our interpretation of FAN 391 it is assumed that you will confirm or establish this international commitment. However, it is considered that the national commitments may be varied within reasonable limits in order to meet operational requirements. Breakdown of the present contemplated utilization of Italian Military Forces (including Naval and Air) into categories follows:

US commitment-90,000,
British commitment-260,000,
International commitment 124000,
Grand total 474,000.

Reinforcements, equivalent to US replacements, are included for all units except Air Force and Navy, and are figured as 5 percent for service units and 10 percent for combat units, and will provide a reserve to cover absentees, hospitalization, etc., and allow Italian units to be authorized strength at all times.

5. The new policy created in FAN 391 will require certain administrative changes. Since supply channels pre-

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From: CG, Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

No: FX 92422

5 September 1944

sently established by FAN 338 are operative to cover all strengths it is recommended that the date for the new order of separate responsibilities be set as 15 September 1944. In the event of your approval of this date, it is recommended that Lend Lease procedure within the Theatre be utilized until such time as supply action of the separate agencies can be made effective. The term supply is taken to cover provision of all items of equipment, rations, clothing etc.

6. Considered essential all categories Italian Armed Forces receive common standard of treatment, both regarding rations, personal equipment, clothing and also discipline and administration. Recommend existing scales under international basis as most suitable. These scales provide for food in parts of 2368 calories per man per day under provision of FAN 355 and issues of clothing and other supplies under terms of FAN 338.

7. All items of Italian equipment presently available or becoming available in the future will be allocated amongst the units of the three categories under priorities established here to ensure that equitable distribution of such equipment is made, having regard to operational requirements.

8. Reference FAN 392. The American contingent of the Army Sub-Commission was covered by Theatre overhead and any alterations considered necessary as a result of the change in policy in FAN 391 can be adjusted within the Theatre. No such alterations are envisaged until the new supply organization is operating satisfactorily.

End

ACTION: CCS
INFO : ADM LEAHY, GEN ARNOLD, OPD, GEN BISSELL, ADM KING
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Combined Chiefs of Staff
77500

4 September 1944

Commanding General
Allied Force Headquarters
Caserta, Italy

Supreme Headquarters
Allied Expeditionary Forces (Main Echelon)
London, England

Commanding General
European Theater of Operations
United States Army (Rear Echelon)
London, England

Number: WARX 25183

To Wilson for action, SHAEF London for Eisenhower and ETOUSA
London pass to British Chiefs of Staff for information, FAN
404 from the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

In reply to NAF 734 re status of Italian Militariz-
zati, the following decisions have been taken:

1. Italian Militarizzati already in custody will
be retained in the same status in which they now are.

2. If any similar personnel are hereafter taken,
they will be dealt with in the ordinary course of adminis-
tration, and accorded such status as deemed appropriate in
the then existing circumstances.

ORIGINATOR: CC/S

End

INFORMATION: Adm Leahy
CG AAF
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From: CG, Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
To: War Department
CG, Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary
Forces, London, England.
CG, European Theater of Operations, US Army
Rear Echelon, London, England

Nr: FX 91233 2 September 1944

FX 91233 action to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff
info to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff repeat to UNITY
AAI ADNAP for MMIA cite PHSUP signed Wilson.

This is NAF 768.

1. Prior to dispatching of NAF 720, FANS 387, 391 and
392, plan was for Italian Army, supervised and directed by
MMIA, to repair in Italian military and civilian installa-
tions all used clothing, shoes and individual equipment
received from Allied Armies in Italy not suitable for use
of Allied military or prisoners of war. Understand Major
Warren your Liaison in this theater has informally written
you concerning this program and essential requirements.

2. Consider primary responsibility of maintenance of
the Italian Army to be that of the Italian Provisional Govern-
ment. Accordingly, plan to utilize the Italian civil and
military repair installations to the maximum notwithstanding
exchange of cables mentioned above. US and British personnel
and equipment are not available to do otherwise. Items
repaired, shoes and clothing and individual equipment under
this plan will revert to originating Army for maintaining

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From: CG, Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
Nr: FX 91233

Italians under its responsibility with any surplus being utilized for Italians in the International group. This will not preclude British and US repair installations being utilized for repair for Italians under its command within the capabilities of present personnel and equipment.

3. If the above is approved, anticipate possibility that no additional clothing and individual equipment will be required from outside theater sources except for Italians fighting within the British order of battle.

4. To implement this plan the following repair items are essential and are not available within theater:

A. Needle stitching curved number 45 (66-N-96) 10,000 each initial shipment and 5,000 per month maintenance.

B. Awls stitching machine curved number 43 (66-A-88) 10,000 each initial shipment and 5,000 per month maintenance.

C. Needles shoe patching machine size number 21 (66-N-650) 200 each initial shipment and 100 per month maintenance.

D. Needle sewing machine Singer number 22, 175 by 7 (66-N-488-11) 2,000 each initial shipment and 2,000 per month maintenance.

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From: CG, Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

Nr: FX 91233

E. Needle sewing machine Singer number 21, 135 by 17 (66-N-499-14) 2,000 each initial shipment and 2,000 per month maintenance.

F. Needle hand sewing Eggeye sharps size 3 and 4, 500 each; size 5, 4,000 each; size 6, 2,000 each; initial shipment. Duplicate quantities and sizes per month for maintenance.

G. Soles half (taps) rubber composition sizes 6 through 12, 100,000 each initial shipment and 50,000 per month maintenance.

H. Heels rubber whole black assorted sizes 7 through 13, 100,000 each initial shipment and 50,000 per month maintenance.

I. Cement rubber shoe sole sufficient to apply items G and H above.

5. Provided replacement is authorized can furnish the following from theater US Army stocks: Item A above each 1,000. Item B above each 500. Item D above each 500. Item E above each 1,000. Item F above 1,000 of each size 3, 4, 5 and 6. Item G above assorted sizes 50,000. Item H above assorted sizes 50,000. Item I above gallons 250. Request decision be made insofar as this paragraph is concerned as soon as possible as imperative repair be started quickly.

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From: CG, Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

Nr: FX 91233

6. Soles heels and rubber cement requested herein are for the repair of shoes with composition whole soles. Leather from intra-theater sources will be utilized for repair of shoes with composition half soles and shoes of leather soles.

End.

ACTION: CC/S

INFORMATION: Adm. Leahy
Gen. Somervell
Gen. Bissell
Gen. Maxwell
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PRIORITY

From: Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces,
Forward, London, England.

To : War Department.
CG, US Army Forces in the European Theater of
Operations, London, England.
Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy.

No : FWD 13188

24 August 1944

To EXFOR, 12 Army Group, Allied Expeditionary Air
Force, Communications Zone from SHAEF Forward FWD 13188
signed Eisenhower cite SHGCT TOP SECRET for info CCOS
SACMED ANCZF CG FUSAG CG FAAA C in C French Forces in Great
Britain General Staff Fila. This is cipher part 1 of FWD
13188 DTG 241930B.

Effective.

1. 0200 hours 1st September the following changes in
designation will be made:

A. 21st Army Group will be designated Northern
Group of Armies, under command General Sir Bernard Montgomery,
Commander-in-Chief, Northern Group of Armies, with allotment of
forces unchanged.

B. 12 Army Group will be designated Central Group
of Armies, under command Lieutenant General Omar N Bradley,
Commander-in-Chief, Central Groups of armies, with

Part 2 follows.

End.

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PRIORITY

From: Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces,
Forward, London, England.

To: War Department
CG, U.S. Army Forces in the European Theater of
Operations, London, England.
Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy.

Nr: FWD 13188 24 August 1944

This is cipher part 2 and final part of FWD 13188
DTG 241930B.

Allotment of forces unchanged.

2. The Commanders-in-Chief, Northern and Central
Groups of Armies, will come under the direct operational
command of the Supreme Commander, Allied Expeditionary
Force effective 0200 hours 1st September, 1944.

3. The Commanding General, Communications Zone, will
continue under the direct command of the Theatre Commander.

Sub-para 4. The Air Commander-in-Chief is arranging
for the 2nd Tactical Air Force and the 9th Air force to be
associated respectively with the Northern and the Central
groups of armies.

5. Boundaries between Northern and Central groups of
armies and between groups of armies and Communications Zone
remain unchanged until further instructions.

6. Addressees acknowledge.

End

ACTION: CC/S

INFO: Adm Leahy, Gen Arnold, OPD, Gen Bissell, Adm King,
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Combined Chiefs of Staff
77500

15 August 1944

Commanding General
Allied Force Headquarters
Caserta, Italy

Supreme Headquarters
Allied Expeditionary Forces
London, England

Commanding General
U. S. Army Forces
European Theater of Operations
London, England

Number: WARK 81029

To Wilson for action, SHAEF for Eisenhower and ETOUSA pass
to British Chiefs of Staff for information, FAN 391 from
the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

First sentence, paragraph 5 FAN 387 is reference.

Italian troops included in the British and United States
dilution programs or wholly Italian service units working
under British or United States command will be considered
as British and United States troops and will be the supply
responsibility of the nation with whom they serve. Equip-
ment may be loaned to wholly Italian service units working
under British or United States command provided such equip-
ment will be withdrawn when such unit ceases to work under
British or United States command.

End.

ORIGINATOR: CC/S

INFORMATION: Adm Leahy
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15 August 1944

Supreme Headquarters
Allied Expeditionary Forces
London, England

Commanding General
USAF European Theater of Operations
London, England

Commanding General
Allied Force Headquarters
Caserta, Italy

Number: WARX 81351

To Wilson for action, SHAEF for Eisenhower and ETOUSA pass
to British Chiefs of Staff for information, FAN 392 from the
Combined Chiefs of Staff.

FANS 387 and 391 are the references.

It is suggested that you may wish to recompute the
requested authorizations for personnel in NAF 679 and NAF
713 in view of FAN 387 and FAN 391 limiting the Italian
troops to be supplied on an international basis to those combat
and internal security units under Italian command. Your
further comments are desired.

ORIGINATOR: CCS End
INFORMATION: CG AAF
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Gen Bissell
Adm King
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15 August 1944

Commanding General
Allied Force Headquarters
Caserta, Italy

Supreme Headquarters
Allied Expeditionary Forces
London, England

Commanding General
USAF In European Theater of Operations
London, England

Number: WARX 81352

To Wilson for action, SHAEF for Eisenhower and ETOUSA pass
to British Chiefs of Staff for information, FAN 393 from
the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

Paragraph 6 NAF 759 is the reference.

Your proposal under consideration. Request no executive
orders be issued pending final instructions from Combined
Chiefs of Staff.

End

ORIGINATOR: CCS

INFORMATION: CG AAF
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Gen. Bissell
Gen. Hildring
Adm. King
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From: Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces,
Main, Versailles, France

To: War Department
United Kingdom Base Section, London, England
Headquarters Communications Zone North African
Theater of Operations, Caserta, Italy
Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

Nr: S 65010 SCAF 117 1 November 1944

For Combined Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower ref
nr S-65010 this is SCAF-117. SGWASH 80L from SHAEF Main
to for action AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff for info
Central District United Kingdom Section for British Chiefs
of Staff, AFHQ, COMZONE NATOUSA cite FHGCT.

Further to our SCAF 106.

1. Proposal to substitute European personnel drawn
from French Forces of Interior for Senegalese troops in
Ninth Colonial Infantry Division has been approved by this
Headquarters. Similar proposal submitted by General Devers
regarding black personnel in First Infantry March Division
also approved. Total personnel involved is approximately
15,000.

2. While this exchange will lower the operational
efficiency of these 2 divisions to a certain extent this
is acceptable.

3. General Devers has requested that displaced
Senegalese be moved to North Africa. This will serve to
reduce the strain on his supply lines. Action is being

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

Nr: S 65010 SCAF 117 1 November 1944

initiated through both the French authorities and AFHQ
to effect this move.

4. Considering our maintenance difficulties, and present and projected operations in south and south western France we do not concur with French plan to form two divisions in south France for service in the Far East as communicated in paragraph 3 of SCAF 106. Our objection to this project does not extend to the formation of new white divisions for service in Europe which proposal is expected and will be dealt with separately.

End

Footnote: SCAF 106 is CM-IN-18543 (20 Oct 44) CC/S

ACTION: CC/S

INFORMATION: Adm Leahy
CG AAF
OPD
Gen Bissell
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P R I O R I T Y

From: Algiers
To: WAR

No: 8438/W-2704 NAF 472 17 October 1943

To AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and for the personal attention of Major General Walter B. Smith and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower. This is NAF 472.

French Naval rearmament procedure requires radical reorganization in consequence of following factors:

Paragraph 1.

(A) Establishment of Combined French Admiralty at Algiers requiring to deal with French ships outside North African Theater.

(B) Prospective early move of AFHQ away from Algiers.

(C) Original French rearmament requests were based on Navy then in North African waters. Additions from Alexandria and Martinique and prospective arrivals ex fighting French ships require revision of requests based on size of fleet Combined Chiefs of Staff now require them to maintain in this Theater.

Paragraph 2.

French military rearmament already divorced from AFHQ and made responsibility of US Theater Commander. This is comparatively straight forward, since greater part

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From: Algiers
To: WAR
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of French Army to be rearmed is in this Theatre and practically all supplies are from USA. Not applicable to Navy since French Admiralty requests will now deal with vessels world-wide and in addition, have complex background arrangements with British Admiralty for Former Fighting French.

Paragraph 3.

Recommend establishment of British and American Naval Missions in Algiers accredited to French Admiralty as representatives of British Admiralty and COMINCH respectively. Personnel to be under command of Commander in Chief Mediterranean and COMNAVNAW for administration and discipline, but authorized to communicate direct to Admiralty and Navy Department over supply and rearmament items from their respective countries, in accordance with policy approved from time to time.

Paragraph 4.

All matters of policy or employment of forces affecting this theatre to be referred to Commander in Chief Mediterranean, and by him as necessary to me.

Paragraph 5.

All policy proposals from French Admiralty affecting employment of French Forces outside this Theatre to be transmitted direct to Admiralty and COMINCH simultaneously, with copy to Commander in Chief Mediterranean. Matters of sufficient importance being placed by them before the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

Paragraph 6.

French to be directed to prepare revised lists of rearmament requests based on size of Navy it ~~is intended~~ *is intended* purpose request early decision on future employment of Richelieu and 8 inch cruisers ex Alexandria also on intentions for rearmament of Jean Bart. *they should maintain in this theatre. For this....*

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To: WAR

No: 8438/W-2704 NAF 472 17 October 1943

Paragraph 7.

Request directions on proposals in paras
3 to 6, to enable detailed set up of proposed missions
to be prepared.

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ACTION: CC3

INFORMATION: OPD
GEN STRONG
GEN ARNOLD
GEN W B SMITH
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From: AFHQ North Africa
To : War
No. S 6517 4 August 1943

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letter 7-5-72
By RHP Date FEB 20 1973

French are most enthusiastic about steps taken to equip their ground army. (AGWAR for Marshall for Arnold from Spaatz cite SPLLA and FHGDS 743 J signed Eisenhower). On the other hand they are much disappointed at the new air program which defers assignment of additional planes until the next calendar year. Morale of French Air Force is low and this is unfortunate, as an Air Force with high morale, even though small, would help materially toward political unity now in such delicate balance. From a military standpoint the French Air Force can be of real assistance. They have many excellent pilots, and personnel skilled in maintenance. General Bouscat, recently made head of the Air Force has the confidence of both political factions and in our opinion should make an able leader. Although it may not be possible at this time due to other needs to assign additional planes in the next 5 months, it is strongly recommended that consideration be given to the suggestion of mine that 3 Medium Bomber Groups of 12th Air Force be changed to Heavy Bomber Groups and Medium Bombers thus made available be transferred in part to French as B-17's are made available. The result would be a material increase in our effective strength. If this plan is approved it is recommended that appropriate credit be given as soon as possible to General Giraud now Commander in Chief of all French armed forces. This would strengthen him greatly.

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Combined Chiefs of Staff

July 30, 1943

CG, FREEDOM, ALGIERS

Number 3825

USFOR, LONDON, ENGLAND
(For British Chiefs of Staff)

Number R-1291

Combined Chiefs of Staff in full agreement with you that equipment to all French Forces in your theater (To Eisenhower, Freedom, Algiers, FAN 176, this is a book message from the Combined Chiefs of Staff) should be controlled through AFHQ (reur NAF number 289, 548/W4833, 14 July 1943) Fighting French Forces in your theater should be included in target of 11 divisions to be reequipped under ANFA agreement. Subject not discussed with Giraud due to receipt of your message after his departure.

No Sig.

ORIGINATOR: CC/S

INFORMATION: OPD
General Strong
General Arnold
Admiral King
General Hildring
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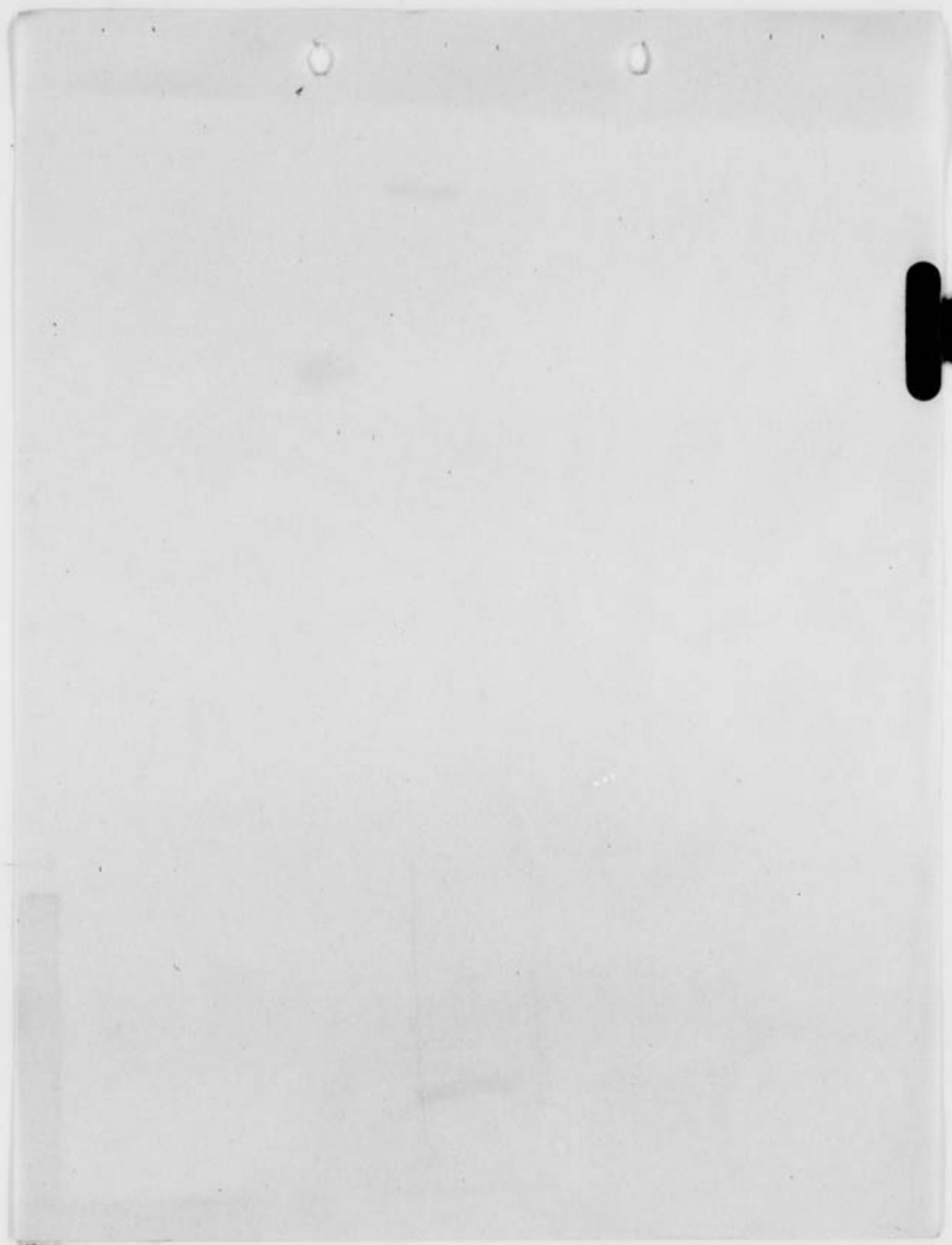
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

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

To: War Department

Nr: FWD 15791 SCAF 92 26 September 1944

This is SCAF 92. Your FACS 80 refers. FWD-15791 to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff for info UK Base Section for British Chiefs of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, SHAEF Main from SHAEF Forward signed Eisenhower cite SHGCT.

1. Commander 21st Army Group has expressed willingness to have 2nd Polish Division under command, with proviso that its employment must depend on the state that it is in. Therefore concur in your paragraphs 1 (A) and (B).

2. With reference your 1 (C) must point out reinforcements of Polish formations already in northwest Europe and Mediterranean Theater must have priority over formation of this rear division. Suggest, therefore, Poles be warned not to expect early mobilization.

3. Present information indicates that this division is filtering out of Switzerland in small parties. If division is to be maintained intact, early directive must be issued to this headquarters.

End.

NOTE: FACS 80 is CM-IN-15241 (16 Sep 44)CC/S

ACTION: CC/S
INFO: Adm Leahy CGAAF OPD Gen Bissell Adm King C of S

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From: OCTAGON
To: War Department
Supreme Hqs, Allied Expeditionary Forces,
London, England
Nr: OCTAGON 36 16 September 1944

OCTAGON 36 TOPSEC to SHAEF London for Eisenhower for action, to AGWAR for information, FACS 80 from the Combined Chiefs of Staff

1. The Combined Chiefs of Staff are further considering the employment of the 2nd Polish Division upon its release from internment in Switzerland. It has been recommended, subject to the approval of the Polish authorities in London, that upon removal of the 2nd Polish Division from Switzerland:

- A. It be allotted intact to 21st Army Group;
- B. Its role should be in keeping with its strength and state of training and related to the rate at which the British can provide equipment;
- C. It would be built up to strength as the Polish manpower situation permits.

2. Your views are requested.

End

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INFO: Adm Leahy
Gen Arnold
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From: Kuibyshev

PARAPHRASE

To: Secretary of State

Number 317, April 14, 1943

1. I am told by the Polish Military Attache that military units are in process of organization by the Soviet Military made up of refugees from Poland. These individuals are considered as Soviet nationals by the Soviet Government.

2. According to Foreign Military Attaches here in Kuibyshev a special army of occupation is now in process of organization and training. This army is being drawn from the lowest conscription age groups and is not intended to replace the regular forces until after occupation of enemy territory. It will ultimately attain the size of 1,500,000 men. The fact that groups of recent conscripts who appeared to be no more than 16 years of age have recently been seen marching in the streets of Kuibyshev gives some credence to this report.

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ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF

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 By J. Schauble Date FEB 20 1973

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From: Teheran
To: NILID

No. 142, October 7, 1942

Szymanski informed me from Cairo of his impending departure for US. Your one thirty five my source Polish MA now and for two weeks to come all Polish forces Middle East concentrating Khanaqin detailed information available as soon as Polish reorganization and location decided. At present Fifth Div commanded by Gen Szyseko Sixth Div Gen Tokarzewski Seventh Div Col Okulicki Karpathwan Brig Gen Kopanski. And Eris Polish Comdr with Gen Majac second in comd plan is to motorize to fullest extent at present seems but three Divs will be first class combat units with Fourth Div my guess the Seventh as second line and repl training units. Poles are angling for fifteen thousand additional Mil evacuees from Russian to make three or four thousand reserve for each of four combat divs Khanaqin area on road between Baghdad and Kermanshah training will be under British advisor Skownay twenty six mission details as available will be expected.

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From: Cairo
To: AGwar

No. Amsme 1511 Sept 24, 1942

The transport of Polish troops from Pahlevi via Karvin to Khaneqin area completed. Palestinian and Egstian Polish contingents in transit. Concentration will be completed by end of month. They will number seventy thousand and organized into four divisions plus corps and army troops. The divisions are the third Infantry fifth Infantry Sixth Tank and Seventh Reserve. General Anders in command General Xajac second in command Division and Regimental Commanders veterans of three wars and capable. Soldiers tough and inured to hardship, have to be to stand the Camp Site which is a sand and dust bowl without a tree or blade of grass with its only salvation an excellent river the only source of water supply though not very handy for most units. Troops over crowded in tents of which an actual shortage exists. Food excellent sanitary conditions not yet. Plenty of training area though as yet temperature is high. Narrow gauge railroad nearby. Road from Baghdad to Teheran runs thru camp Site. General HQ in Rabat thirty five KL south Khaneqin also in Baghdad (British General Haitlan Wilson in command of Iran dash Iraq area HQ in Baghdad).

On equipment dash third division has rifles and some MG other divisions nothing. Instructional equipment promised immediately balance supposedly in

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From: Cairo
To: Agwar Page 2

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transit Perisa from Szymanski for Milid. Liaison officers
doubt British can equip poles with armored cars tanks
antitank and antiaircraft guns and necessary transport.
Detailed tables organization being forwarded.

Maxwell

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