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ACTION CTF 77, COM 7TH FLT, HOLLANDIA, INFO BUPERS.
FROM GHO PSQ3.
GUERRILLAS REPORT. FRANK GRASSO SEAMAN 1/C SERIAL
NUMBER 609-60-00 FROM LST 737 RECUPERATING IN
HOSPITAL BOHOL ISLAND. ON PALAWAN RUGUS W SMITH,
CORPORAL MARINE CORPS, SERIAL NUMBER 279937 ESCAPED
POW FROM PUERTO PRINCESA WAITS EVACUATION. LT COMDR
KNIGHT MEDICAL CORPS FORMERLY STATIONED CAVITE NAVY
YARD SHOT BY JAPS AT PUERTO PRINCESA WHERE 142
AMERICAN POWS WERE BURNED ALIVE IN AIR RAD SHELTERS
AND FOX HOLES DRENCHED WITH GASOLINE. THOSE ATTEMPTING
ESCAPE FROM BLAZING PITS WERE SHOT

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

To: War Department
United Kingdom Base Section, London, England
Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

Nr: S 71775 SCAF 153 21 December 1944

201830 December SHAEP Main signed Eisenhower to
AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff rptd Central District
UK Base for British Chiefs of Staff. Joint Chiefs of Staff
US. War Office. AFHQ. 21st Army Group, Communications
Zone. S 71775. This is SCAF number 153.

Requests have been received for provision of cloth-
ing for Russian Nationals who are:

A. Prisoners of War over-run in German prison camps
by the advance of the Allied Forces, and

B. Nationals serving with the German Forces who are
captured by the Allies and screened out as suitable for re-
patriation to Russia.

Russian representatives in this theater have indica-
ted verbally that they expect all their personnel in above
categories to be reclothed by the Allies. No provisions
has been made in this theater to meet the commitment under
categories (A) and (B) above except that US and British
commanders in this theater have requisitioned through their
own procurement channels. It is however considered desir-
able that our commitments in this respect should be formal-
ized and that if accepted sources of supply nominated on a

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Main, Versailles, France
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joint basis for the theater.

Following scale of clothing is requested:
Clothing.

One each blouses BD
Cap comforter
Greatcoat
Jersey pullover
Boots prs
Gloves knitted prs
Trousers BD
Two each drawers woolen prs
Shirts silver grey
Vests
Socks

Equipment.

One each blanket
Brushes shaving
Combs hair
Haversacks
Razor
Tins mess
Soap bottles water
Brushes tooth
Forks
Knives
Spoons
Towels

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Phased estimate of requirements to cover all nation-

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alities (excluding US and British but including Russians)
is estimated as follows:

January	15000
February	59000
March	93000
April	284000
May	386000

Scale can be reconsidered later for shipments from
inclusive April onwards with a view to reduction in number
of items.

End

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ACTION: CC/S

INFO: Adm Leahy
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Personnel Division, G-1, WDGS,
WDGAP 383.6, Maj Brown, 3329

20 December 1944

Commanding General
Allied Force Headquarters
Caserta, Italy

Number: WAR 80348

From Marshall to McNarney.

Since our WAR 79379 of 18 December was dispatched, information has been received indicating advisability of bringing to this country the 10 German prisoners formerly used by OSS who are subjects to your FX 68042 of 13 December. In this connection G-2 has raised the point that OSS not authorized to interrogate or have custody of PWs at any time. Request prisoners in question be shipped intact by air to National Airport Washington consigned to Captured Personnel and Material Branch MIS with advise as to ETA. Desired also is list of their names.

End

ORIGINATOR: G-1

INFORMATION: ASF-PMG
JC/S
Adm Leahy
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From: Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces
Main, Versailles, France

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

No: S-71727 SCAF 152 20 December 1944

S-71727 to AGWAR Combined Chiefs of Staff for action and to British Chiefs of Staff for information signed Eisenhower. This is SCAF number 152.

Treatment of Italians uncovered in prisoner of war or internment camps in Germany or German occupied territory by advancing Allied Forces or at cessation of hostilities is subject.

Total number reported as prisoners of war as follows:

SHAEF sphere	265,395
Russian sphere	199,724
Austria	45,070

Unless otherwise instructed, policy of this headquarters will be to accord status of recovered United Nations prisoners of war only to those Italians captured by enemy while fighting under Allied Military Command.

Italians uncovered in prisoner of war camps or internment camps not in the foregoing category will be accorded status of ex-enemy displaced persons, not United Nations displaced persons, and treated as such.

End

ACTION: CC/S

INFO: Adm Leahy, CG AAF, OPD, Gen Henry, Gen Bissell,
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Personnel Division, G-1, WDGS
WDGAP 383.6 (31 Oct 44)
Major Brown 3329

18 December 1944

Commanding General
Allied Force Headquarters
Caserta, Italy

Number: WAR 79379

From Marshall to McNarney

Exceptional difficulties would result from receiving in the United States the Prisoners of War described in ured FX 68042, December 13, 1944. Similar prisoners heretofore sent here came without special identification from theater, and it is suspected here that that fact may account for some serious incidents in PW camps in USA of the kind with which you are familiar. In order to avoid renewed incidents the prisoners referred to in your message would have to be maintained in a separate camp (or camps, if both commissioned and enlisted are involved). It is therefore suggested that consideration be given to arranging with OSS for that organization to retain custody and control in the theater over these prisoners and any future prisoners in the same category.

End.

ORIGINATOR: G-1
INFORMATION: ASF-FMG
JC/S
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From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta Italy
To: War Department
Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces,
Main, Versailles, France
Nr: FX 68042 13 December 1944

Reference urad to SHAEF repeated here W 53129 of
31st October. FX 68042 action to AGWAR info to SHAEF
signed McNarney cite NAGAP.

Prohibition on shipment of German prisoners of war
to United States except for rabid Nazis and trouble makers
is subject. Occasionally German prisoners of war volunteer
for special missions for OSS. Upon completion of their
mission or if unsuitable, they are returned to PW enclosure.
Prior to above cable, for security reasons or for their
safety they have been evacuated to US. Now held here are
10 such German prisoners of war. Request authority to
evacuate to US these 10 and any others of similar category
in future.

End

ACTION: G-1
INFO: JC/S
Adm Leahy
ASF
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From: Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces,
Main, Versailles, France

To: War Department

NR: S 69950, 8th December 1944

S-69950 to AGWAR for Joint Chiefs of Staff from
SHAEP Main signed Eisenhower cite SHGAP.

For further details of Soviet proposal, reference
your request number W67134, following information is fur-
nished:

On 20th September, Soviet Mission, London, informed
SHAEP that Soviet Government had submitted a proposal to
United States and British Governments, relative to dispo-
sition of its nationals captured while serving in German
Armed Forces.

SHAEP requested copy of document but mission would
not furnish it, although we were given transcript of its
context, which follows:

- A. All such personnel to be regarded as libe-
rated Soviet citizens and to be repatriated as early as
practicable.
- B. That they should be segregated from Prisoners
of War, concentrated in separate camps and there given im-
proved conditions as to housing, feeding and medical ser-
vice.
- C. That Russian Officers be authorized to visit
the camps and undertake preparation of nominal rolls and
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Main, Versailles, France
NR: S 69950, 8th December 1944

other statistical data on these persons.

D. That Russian Government be kept informed as to their numbers, location, etcetra.

E. That they be formed into Battalions or similar units, utilizing own officer and non commissioned officer personnel to adminster them, under direction of Allied Camp Commander, assisted by Soviet Officers, to be furnished by Soviet Government.

F. That these units may then be employed by Allied Command as labor Battalions in suitable manner to further prosecution of war against Germany.

G. At earliest practicable date, having in mind transportation situation, these Russian nationals to be repatriated.

H. How suitable arrangements to be made for pay of these Soviet nationals and supplying their personal needs.

In anticipation of probable acceptance of these proposals, United States have segregated Soviet nationals and are proceeding with forming them into labor units as proposed. British are evacuating theirs to the United Kingdom and have already repatriated some 10,000.

At present time, Communications Zone, holds approximately 16,700 on the continent and 2,000 in the United King-

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From: Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, page 3
Main, Versailles, France
NR: S 69950, 8th December 1944

dom, the latter are being effectively employed as laborers.

Accommodation for those on the continent is not entirely satisfactory, but being steadily improved. It consists, usually, of former barracks or of tented camps.

Present transportation situation precludes movement to Mediterranean ports for repatriation, although it is anticipated this may be possible in some degree within 60 to 90 days.

It is assumed that your statement in W-67134 that "Basic United States policy is that claimants to Soviet citizenship captured by our forces, shall be turned over without delay to Soviet Government upon its request", and that the Joint Chiefs of Staff in same message authorizes SHAEF to turn over these nationals to Soviet representatives constitutes acceptance of the Russian proposals. It is recommended that authority be granted to repatriate these Russians as rapidly as transportation situation permits.

We are now examining the shipping possibilities in conjunction with AFHQ.

From our viewpoint repatriation should be expedited as Russians are a considerable charge against Allied resources in this theater.

End

ACTION: JC/S

INFO : Admiral Leahy, CG AAF, OPD, General Henry, General Bissell, Admiral King, C of S.

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PARAPHRASE OF STATE DEPARTMENT CABLE
FOR INFORMATION OF WAR DEPARTMENT

From: Paris

To: Secretary of State

No. 827

6 December 1944

While the press is restrained today in its handling of German threats of reprisal, officials and journalists are taking a serious view of them. No international agreement protects the French civilian deportees who are inside Germany. The consequences may be alarming. Perhaps by focussing attention on the interest of the French in agreements as to the rights of prisoners of war these events will turn the discussion on treatment of German prisoners (which the French up to now have thought of as a concern of the Germans and the U.S. alone) into a general international issue.

With a view to drawing a comparative picture of the treatment of prisoners in German and Allied hands, the Army's G-1 is studying the whole problem.

Helen Kirkpatrick (our 786 of 3 Dec.) was misquoted in the interview in L'Aurore, she alleges. According to her, the interviewer asked whether she could not understand why the French are upset by reports about coddling. She says she answered, "Yes, but..." When the report was published it was in the form of a declarative sentence quoting her.

ACTION: G-2

Caffery (Ambassador)

INFORMATION: CG AAF, OPD, G-1, Col Park

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TO: [REDACTED] "IVI"
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From: CG, Mediterranean Allied Air Forces, Caserta, Italy
To: War Department
Nr. M 38041 2 December 1944

To AGWAR for Joint Chiefs of Staff from Eaker cite
M 38041. Reference your WX-47045 of 15th Oct. [REDACTED].

Will it be necessary to seclude personnel involved
either in MTO or USAFIME for any considerable period as
was done in the case of previous group?

End

ACTION: GEN McFARLAND (JC/S)

INFO : ADM LEAHY
GEN ARNOLD
OPD
GEN BISSELL
ADM KING
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From: Chiefs of Staff

To: SHAEF (Main)

Repeated: Joint Staff Mission

Nr: OZ 6958

28 November 1944

Following from British Chiefs of Staff. ~~TOP SECRET~~

Reference AGWAR Telegram No. WARX 68911* of 27th
November.

We agree that you should meet Soviet request to
receive group of 40 Soviet Officers and should permit them
access to camps containing Soviet prisoners or forcibly
deported citizens.

End

*See Joint Staff Mission 398.

ACTION: JC/S

INFORMATION: Adm Leahy
Gen Arnold
OPD
Gen Henry
Gen Bissell
Adm King
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Joint Chiefs of Staff
77500

27 November 1944

Supreme Headquarters
Allied Expeditionary Forces
Main Echelon
Versailles, France

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

Commanding General
United Kingdom Base Section
London, England

Supreme Headquarters
Allied Expeditionary Forces
Rear Echelon
London, England

Number: WARX 68911

From the Joint Chiefs of Staff to Eisenhower for action, to
Hq Com Zone ETOUSA, Central District United Kingdom Base
Section London pass to British Chiefs of Staff, and SHAEF
Rear for information.

Soviet Ambassador called on Acting Secretary of State
on 20 November, and left note roughly as follows: "General
Golikov in charge repatriation of Soviet citizens is sending
to France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg a group of Soviet
officers headed by Major General Dragun. Officers will be
accredited to governments of above countries in which they
will work for identification and repatriation Soviet prison-
ers of war and forcibly deported Soviet civilians. Would be

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grateful if the above group officers would be officially recognized by Eisenhower's staff. Would also be grateful if Eisenhower could be given instructions to permit these officers access to any camp in zone of Anglo-American armies in which there are Soviet prisoners or forcibly deported citizens." In his conversation Russian Ambassador stated there would be 40 Soviet officers going immediately to western front and would appreciate if instructions be sent promptly to Eisenhower making arrangements for these officers to be received by SHAEF.

British Chiefs of Staff have been advised of Soviet request and asked to advise you direct as well as the United States Chiefs of Staff of their views. This is not an instruction but is authorization to meet Soviet request if British Chiefs of Staff have no objection. Reply soonest action being taken.

End

ORIGINATOR: JC/S

INFORMATION: Adm Leahy
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PRIORITY

From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

To: War Department

No. FX 57586 NAF 819 24 November 1944

To AGWAR FX 57586 for CCS and to Central District U.K. Base Section (London) for British Chiefs of Staff repeated SHAEF for information signed Wilson cite FHGEG FAN 420 refers this is NAF 819.

Status of Italian PW's is subject.

1. Premier Bonomi has requested consideration of the status of Italian prisoners of war. The Italian government takes the position that maintenance of British and US custody of Italian prisoners of war is inconsistent with United Nations declaration concerning Italy and argues for a return of PW personnel to Italian command.

2. The recent decision to move Italian PW's in US custody from Africa to Italy in order to release US service troops for combat duties as has already been done in the case of Italian PW's being held by the British, makes the problem more acute as the position of Italian PW's in Italy is more anomalous than elsewhere.

3. Premier Bonomi has been advised that this headquarters would be interested to learn of any concrete proposal the Italian government may wish to make for making Italian PW's available to Allied forces under substantially similar conditions of service without reduction of manpower, efficiency or control. Premier Bonomi has also been advised that any change in the status of prisoners of war would require reference to higher authority.

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No. FX 57586 NAF 819 24 November 1944

4. Instructions are requested respecting scope of negotiation upon receipt of Italian proposals.

End

ACTION: CCS

INFO : ADM LEAHY
CG AAF
OPD
GEN BISSELL
ADM KING
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Joint Chiefs of Staff
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Supreme Headquarters
Allied Expeditionary Forces
Main Echelon
Versailles France

Number WAR 67134

To Eisenhower from the Joint Chiefs of Staff

Subject of this message is disposal of captured Soviet citizens (reference your SCAF 110 and 127, WAR 60176, and your S 66230).

Basic U. S. policy is that claimants to Soviet citizenship captured by our forces shall be turned over without delay to Soviet Government upon its request.

If problem presented in your S 66230 will be met by authorizing you to turn over these individuals directly to the Soviet representatives, you are authorized to do so.

In lieu of combined Administrative Committee's recommendation in answer to your SCAF 110 the British Chiefs of Staff have now proposed instructions as follows:

"(a) For the time being no more Russians should be evacuated to the United Kingdom until accomodation is available.

"(b) All possible steps to be taken to ensure that Russians are segregated from German prisoners-of-war and that those not evacuated to North Africa are segregated from German prisoners-of-war and formed into working companies under British or American control for employment on the continent.

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"(c) Pending agreement between governments concerned, Russians to be regarded as prisoners-of-war for disciplinary purposes, otherwise prisoners-of-war conditions to be relaxed to maximum extent and facilities to be given to Soviet Military authorities to visit them and assist in their organization."

As an alternative to direct dealings with Soviet representatives by you, the Joint Chiefs of Staff are considering presenting a memorandum to the Combined Chiefs of Staff in which they will request the use of U. K. and Mediterranean administrative machinery for turning over these individuals to the Soviet Government.

Further details are requested as to the Soviet proposal referred to in SCAF 110 and the last paragraph of your S 66230. Information is desired as to the nature of the proposal, when received, through what channels presented and what action, if any, has been taken thereon by SHAEF and the British Government.

Your recommendation on the British proposal or any alternative recommendation is requested. In forwarding your recommendation, give all necessary data including numbers involved and situation as to accommodations and transportation.

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ORIGINATOR: JC/S

INFORMATION: Adm Leahy CGAAF OPD Gen Henry Gen Bissell
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FOLLOWING US ARMY AIR FORCE PERSONNEL BELIEVED TO HAVE LANDED KAMCHATKA 17 NOVEMBER Z DATE.

2ND LT. DONALD HOWARD TAYLOR 3771584,

2ND LT. LESTER RAYMOND YELLAND 3722198.

FLIGHT OFFICER LEO CARL LOFAHL 1733265.

FLIGHT OFFICER EDWARD H. WHEELER T JHC 26814.

CORPORAL BERNARD PETER BENDORO WICH 6712778.

CORPORAL BILLY J. BURNETT 98347884.

CORPORAL CHARLES E. DIVOKY 17137674.

CORPORAL MARTIN LAKIN 16106882.

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SERGEANT JOHN ROYCE SMITH 254.

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From: U. S. Military Mission, Moscow, Russia.

To: War Department
CG, US Army Forces in Middle East, Cairo, Egypt.
CG, Persian Gulf Command, Teheran, Iran.
Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

No: MX 21743. 17 November 1944

Persian Gulf Command for General Connolly, MAAF for General Eaker AFHQ please pass to Hq MAAF USAFIME for General Giles AGWAR for Secretary of Joint Chiefs of Staff Personal for each addressee from Deane [REDACTED] MX 21743.

101 Army and Navy airmen interned in Russia will escape and arrive in Teheran under command of Lt Col R. E. McCabe, GSC between December 6th and December 10th. Desired that all arrangements at Teheran be identical with similar project last February.

The U. S. Joint Chiefs of Staff have directed that if Soviets desire same degree of secrecy as required last February these men should be returned to the United States by water transportation if practicable. Soviets do desire same secrecy.

Presume that Generals Connolly and Giles will arrange for air movement to Cairo, and that Generals Giles and Eaker will determine method of on-shipment to the United States. Upon arrival in the United States, the AAF personnel to report to G-2 WDGS and Naval air personnel to Chief of Naval Operations. At all stops every effort should be made to isolate group and prevent leakage of information concerning escape. Lack of Russian confidence in our security measures has been one of greatest deterrents to full collaboration.

ACTION: JC/S End
INFO: Adm Leahy Gen Arnold Gen Hull Gen Bissell Adm King
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FROM GHQSWPA SGD MACARTHUR TO COM3RDFLT INFO COM7THFLT CITE CX 51886. ~~TOP SECRET.~~

YOUR #09849. EXACT LOCATION OF CABANATUAN POW CAMP AS OF APRIL 1944; 6 MILES EAST OF CABANATUAN TOWN ALONG ROAD TO CABU. LATE INFORMATION INDICATES POW HAVE BEEN EVACUATED FROM THAT CAMP, POSSIBLY TO JAPAN. NOT BELIEVED THAT ANY LARGE CONCENTRATION OF POW NOW AT CABANATUAN. POLICY OF ENEMY HAS BEEN TO HOUSE SMALL DETACHMENTS OF POW (UP TO 200) NEAR AIRFIELDS FOR LABOR IN REPAIRING FIELDS.

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

To: War Department

No. S 66230 10 November 1944

S 66230 to AGWAR for Joint Chiefs of Staff from Barker
signed Eisenhower cite SHGAP.

Combined Administrative Committees recommendation
in answer to our SCAF 110 does not provide a solution to
our present problem. Previously, when 6th Army Group was
under AFHQ it had a local arrangement with the British
Forces in the Mediterranean, who then repatriated them
under unilateral agreement made with Moscow by the Foreign
Office.

Now that 6th Army Group is part of this theater and
is on the same footing with 12th Army Group we have a
common American Policy. Due to limitations in accommodations
and transportation neither 21st Army Group nor the British
in the United Kingdom are able to take over the large number
of Russians held by United States Forces.

What is desired is authority to dispose of them
along the lines of the proposal the Soviet Government made
to the British and United States Governments.

SCAF 110 is CM-IN-20185 (21 Oct 44) CC/S

End

ACTION: JC/S

INFORMATION: Admiral Leahy
General Arnold
General Hull
General Henry
General Bissell
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Joint Chiefs of Staff
CSP 2405 77500

9 November, 1944

Supreme Headquarters,
Allied Expeditionary Forces,
Main Echelon,
Versailles, France.

Number: WAR 60176

To Eisenhower from Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Your SCAF 127 is the reference. Combined Administrative Committee has recommended in answer to your SCAF 110 that you be authorized to turn over Russian Nationals who fall into hands of 12th US Army Group to 6th US Army Group, 21st Army Group or to UK whichever is most convenient and at such time as may be mutually agreed. These Nationals then to be handled according to the procedures already established.

The U. S. Chiefs of Staff have approved the recommendation. It now awaits action by the British Chiefs of Staff in London which it is understood will be forthcoming about 14 November.

End.

ORIGINATOR : JCS

INFORMATION: ADM LEAHY

CG AAF

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GEN HENRY

GEN BISSELL

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FROM MCDONNELL G-2 EASTERN DEFENSE COMMAND, GOVERNORS ISLAND NY TO MIS G-2 WAR DEPARTMENT WASHINGTON DC. E 13775.

ANSWER TO OUR QUESTION WHETHER PRISONERS OF WAR ARE ABOARD CG VESSEL MENTIONED IN GBC MESSAGE G 19780, 4 NOV S-2 GBC REPORTS PRISONERS OF WAR MENTIONED ABOVE REFERENCE WILL BE FLOWN TO WASHINGTON. THE CG VESSEL ENROUTE TO BOSTON HAS NO PRISONERS ABOARD. SUCH ENEMY DOCUMENTS IN ARMY CUSTODY AND WHICH ARE OF LITTLE VALUE WILL ACCOMPANY PRISONERS TO WASHINGTON. SUCH OTHER ENEMY MATERIEL NOW IN ARMY CUSTODY IS OF SALVAGE VALUE ONLY AND WILL NOT BE SHIPPED. NAVY HAS MORE EXTENSIVE DISPLAY ABOARD THE CG VESSEL REFERRED TO ABOVE AND WHICH IS IN GOOD CONDITION. IN VIEW OF THE INFORMATION FROM GREENLAND DOES YOUR WAR

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

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

Nr: S 65939 8 November 1944

To AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff to for info
Cen District UK Base for British Chief of Staff ref no S-
65939 signed Eisenhower cite SHGAP.

This is SCAF number 127 in my SCAF 110 of 21 October
the situation relative to Russian nationals was outlined and
authority was requested to implement the desires of the
Soviet Government in respect to its nationals captured while
serving in German armed forces. The Russian Government has
sent a group of officers here to assist in this. Our in-
ability to meet their request or to indicate to them any
proposed course of action is proving embarrassing. An
early reply to SCAF 110 is urgently requested.

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INFO : Adm Leahy, CG AAF, OPD, General Henry, Adm. King,
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From: US Military Attache, Bern, Switzerland

To: War Department

Nr: 1892

7 November 1944

MILID Washington DC 1892. Please repeat to Spaatz.

Swiss Army attitude toward our personnel caught attempting escape unreasonably severe. Two officers imprisoned excommunicado 11 days because refused reveal method of escape. MA not notified. Others shorter periods personal effects confiscated without receipt. All now confined stockade camp under severe conditions no facilities recreation exercise. Told maximum sentences six to seven months. Article 54 Geneva Convention permits only confinement 30 days disciplinary punishment for attempting escape. Four men tried sentenced 75 days.

Have protested strongly to G2 and Chief Internment Service. Former no satisfaction. Latter proposes moving camp better location. This will be slow motioned. We have 100 men this camp.

Minister visited Camp with me November 3 and will present case to Foreign Office. Strong action necessary make Swiss act promptly. Their attitude not consistent with Geneva and Hague conventions.

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Note: No relay action taken by WDCC.

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Combined Chiefs of Staff
77500

3 November 1944

Supreme Headquarters,
Allied Expeditionary Forces,
Main Echelon,
Versailles, France

Commanding General,
United Kingdom Base Section,
London, England

Number: WARX 57125

Book message to SHAEF Versailles for Eisenhower for action, to Central District United Kingdom Base Section London pass to British Chiefs of Staff for information, FACS 103 from the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

1. In order to preserve American and British manpower for combat use, and at the same time to make Prisoners of War available for essential work, you are authorized to turn over as many as possible of the prisoners in Europe to the custody of the French De Facto authority as can be use by them in agriculture and rehabilitation work.
2. In making transfers of custody as authorized in the preceding paragraph you will procure written assurance on the following points from the transferee authority or government, in order to insure against giving the German Government any ground or pretext for reprisals.
 - a. That it will in all respects observe the provisions of the Geneva Convention on Prisoners of War in the treatment of prisoners transferred to it.
 - b. That the transferee will extend rights of visitation, access and interview to representatives of the International Red Cross identical with those provided in article 86 of the convention.

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c. Representatives of the transferor power shall have like rights of visitation, access and interviews, and the transferee authority or government will immediately correct any conditions which the transferor power considers improper.

d. The prisoners turned over will be guarded only by properly trained and disciplined European members of the Armed Forces of the transferee.

e. The transferee authority or government will not try war criminals, or segregate prisoners suspected of war crimes, until after cessation of hostilities with Germany.

f. The transferee authority shall notify, at the earliest possible date, under the terms of the Geneva Convention, all the Prisoners of War transferred to their custody.

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From: CG, US Army Forces China Theater Chungking, China
To: War Department
CG, US Army Forces India Burma Theater New Delhi, India
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
Nr: CFB 25383 3 November 1944

To Marshall for JCS info Sultan and Chennault CFB
25383 from Wedemeyer rerads WARX 52075 of 25 October and
CRAX 18240 of 29 October.

Entirely feasible it is to drop drugs and vitamins for
POW camps within range of Fourteenth Air Force aircraft.
From present bases both Hongkong and Formosa can be reached
Later tactical developments may require use of B 29 bombers
to accomplish this mission.

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CG AAF
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From: Allied Force Headquarters Caserta Italy
To: War Department
United Kingdom Base Section London England
Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces
Main Versailles France

Rr: FX 46297 NAF 809 31 October 1944

~~TOP SECRET~~ FX 46297 to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to Central District UK Base Section London for British Chiefs of Staff repeated SHAEP Main, TROOPERS and MIDEAST for information signed Wilson cite FHCOS. This is NAF 809. My NAF 807 of 28th October and AMSSO 6353 of 29th October to JSM Washington COS (W) 401.

Are you agreed that sick and wounded from these hospital ships should be made prisoners?

My only available reference Hague Convention is British Admiralty Naval Prize Manual September 1923 which has footnote to article 12 which reads: "Great Britain has made a declaration to the effect that this article is understood to apply only to the case of combatants rescued during or after a naval engagement in which they have taken part."

Suggest most necessary give full consideration possible reprisals in British and American prisoners in German and Japanese hands if we make prisoners of these sick and wounded.

Note: NAF 807 is CM-IN 27065 (28 Oct 44) ^{End} CCS

ACTION: CC/3

INFO: Adm. Leahy Gen Hull Gen Bissell C of S
Gen Arnold Gen Henry Adm King

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

To: War Department

No. A 90927 31 October 1944

From HDQ Far East Air Force sgd Kenney to CG AAF
cite A 90927.

First photos of Sandakan Borneo show large letters
"POW" on barracks area one mile from airdrome. Reliable
information dated March identified this as Prisoner of War
camp at that time. Similar letters have been seen in two
other locations this theater. Previously considered to be
a ruse these markings may be indicative of growing considera-
tion of prisoners by enemy.

End

ACTION: G-2

INFO : CG AAF
OPD

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COL PARK
G-OF-3

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From: CG, US Army Forces, India Burma Theater,
New Delhi, India

To: War Department
CG, US Army Forces, China Theater, Chungking, China

No: CRAX 18240 29 October 1944

To Marshall info Wedemeyer CRAX 18240 from Sultan.
Comes now reply to WARX 52075 of 25th October.

Not considered feasible to carry out drug and vitamin dropping operations in Hongking and Formosa areas from India Burma Theater. Commanding General China Theater furnished copies of OPD memo 383.6 dated 10 October; CCS 685 of 15th September and JCS 1077 of 29th September on this subject, for information in making reply.

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ACTION: JC/S

INFO: Adm Leahy, CGAAF, OPD, G-1, G-2, Adm King, C of S

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From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
To: War Department
CG, United Kingdom Base Section, London, England
Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces,
Main, Versailles, France

No: FX 44935 28 October 1944

FX 44935 to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to Central District United Kingdom Base Section London for British Chiefs of Staff and for Hq Com Zone NATOUSA and repeated SHAEF for information signed Wilson cite FHGAP NAF 806.

Answered formally by Chief of General Staff of National Defense under Presidency of Provisional Government of the French Republic, reference your FAN 425, W 34373 dated 21st September 44, is French agreement to treat captured Italian neo-Fascist soldiers as prisoners of war in accordance with Geneva convention.

Concurrence of Italian Government was cabled you by our NAF 798, FX 37631 of 12th October 1944.

End

FOOTNOTE: NAF 798 is CM IN 11541 (12 Oct 44) CC/S

ACTION: CC/S

INFO : Adm Leahy, CG AAF, OPD, General Bissell, General Hilldring, Adm King, Mr McCloy, Log

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

To: War Department

No: C 51143 28 October 1944

From GHQ SWPA sgd MacArthur to Chief of Staff War
Department C 51143.

Refer your WX 52075, 25 October, relating to air dropping
of drugs and vitamins in the Formosa-Hongkong area for
delivery by Japanese to Prisoner of War Camps.

Southwest Pacific Air is capable of delivery of
supplies in the Philippine Islands and, after heavy bombers
are established in Leyte, to the Formosa area. To effect
such needed relief of Prisoners of War and Internees to whom
the Japanese are not issuing sufficient rations, consider
the plan feasible if reasonable assurance is obtained that
the Japanese will deliver the supplies.

Suggest, if plan is approved, that initial deliveries
be made in the Philippine area where the success of the
operation may be observed by our Guerilla forces.

End

ACTION: JC/S

INFO: Adm Leahy G-1
CC AAF G-2
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Adm King
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Office Chief of Staff 6894

27 October 1944

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

Number: WAR 53129

For Eisenhower signed Marshall.

Pending final decision by the Combined Chiefs of Staff concerning the disposition of German Prisoners of War or further instructions from the War Department, it is desired that no more German Prisoners of War be transported from Europe to the United States, except that such rabid Nazis and other trouble makers as you deem necessary for security reasons may be evacuated to the United States, United Kingdom or elsewhere and that such prisoners as are desired by military or naval authorities in United States for interrogation may be evacuated to United States.

End.

ORIGINATOR : SGS
INFORMATION: ASF
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Adm. Leahy
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FOR CODEROOM	0507	CINCPOA	4
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BOOK MESSAGE TO MACARTHUR, ARNOLD, NIMITZ, SULTAN AND WEDEMAYER FROM THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

THE BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF HAVE PRESENTED FOR CONCURRENT BY THE US CHIEFS OF STAFF A PROPOSAL THAT PACKAGES OF

CONCENTRATED DRUGS AND VITAMINS SHOULD BE DROPPED FROM THE AIR BY NIGHT AT A PLACE AND TIME TO BE SPECIFIED BY

THE JAPANESE, PROVIDED THAT THE JAPANESE WILL UNDERTAKE TO DELIVER THEM TO PRISONER OF WAR CAMPS UNDER THEIR CONTROL.

THE BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF INFORM THE US CHIEFS OF STAFF THAT SUPREME COMMANDER, SOEAST ASIA COMMAND, HAS CONCURRED

IN THE ABOVE PROPOSAL. THEY HAVE INQUIRED WHETHER THE US CHIEFS ARE PREPARED TO AGREE TO INCLUDE DISPATCH OF DRUGS

AND VITAMINS FOR HONG KONG AND PERHAPS FORMOSA.

THIS PROPOSAL HAS NOT BEEN PUT BEFORE THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT, AND THERE IS NO INDICATION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT IT

WILL BE ACCEPTED. NEVERTHELESS, THE U.S. CHIEFS OF STAFF HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR APPROVAL OF AN APPROACH TO THE

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JAPANESE FOR AN AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE, LEAVING OPEN THE QUESTION OF THE AREAS IN WHICH THE DROPPING OF DRUGS AND BITAMINS MIGHT TAKE PLACE. DECISION ON THE LATTER POINT WILL BE RESERVED UNTIL YOU ADVISE AS TO FEASIBILITY OF CARRYING OUT SUCH OPERATIONS IN YOU COMMAND. YOUR COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ARE REQUESTED EARLIEST.

END

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Joint Chiefs of Staff
77500

25 October 1944

Commander-In-Chief
Southwest Pacific Area
Brisbane, Australia

Commanding General
USAF China, Burma, India
Theater Headquarters
New Delhi, India

Commander-In-Chief
Pacific Ocean Areas
Pearl Harbor, T H

Commanding General
USAF China, Burma, India
Forward Echelon,
Chungking, China

Number: WARX 52075

Book message to MacArthur, Arnold, Nimitz, Sultan, and Wedemeyer
from The Joint Chiefs of Staff

The British Chiefs of Staff have presented for concurrence by the United States Chiefs of Staff a proposal that packages of concentrated drugs and vitamins should be dropped from the air by night at a place and time to be specified by the Japanese, provided that the Japanese will undertake to deliver them to Prisoner of War camps under their control.

The British Chiefs of Staff inform the United States Chiefs of Staff that Supreme Commander, Southeast Asia Command, has concurred in the above proposal. They have inquired whether the United States Chiefs are prepared to agree to include dispatch of drugs and vitamins for Hong Kong and perhaps Formosa.

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This proposal has not been put before the Japanese Government, and there is no indication as to whether or not it will be accepted. Nevertheless, the U. S. Chiefs of Staff have expressed their approval of an approach to the Japanese for an agreement in principle, leaving open the question of the areas in which the dropping of drugs and vitamins might take place. Decision on the latter point will be reserved until you advise as to feasibility of carrying out such operations in your command.

Your comments and recommendations are requested earliest.

End

ORIGINATOR : JC/S

INFORMATION: Adm Leahy
CG AAF
OPD
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Adm King
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From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy.
To: War Department,
CG, United Kingdom Base Section, London, England.
HQ, Communications Zone, European Theater of
Operations, U.S. Army, Paris, France.
Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces,
Main, Versailles, France.

Nr: FX 43812 NAF 804 25 October 1944

NAF 804. FX 43812 to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to Central District UK Base Section London for British Chiefs of Staff repeated SHAEF for Eisenhower and Headquarters Communication Zone Main ETOUSA for info signed Wilson cite FHGRB. Ref FAN 420.

3. Italians of PW status but who have volunteered to cooperate are employed in Italy by British authorities only. A total of approximately 5,000 are at present employed but total may rise to 25,000. Proposal to release from PW status is not recommended because:

A. They are replacing skilled personnel in British and specially formed Italian units. Records are maintained and reinforcements supplied on same system as for British troops. Many British personnel thus replaced have been released to other theatres and non availability of reinforcements would cause serious disorganization. Therefore essential to retain complete control.

B. Present organization built up over long period within PW framework and now working smoothly. To

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From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy.
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attempt to set up new organization would cause much
disorganization.

C. PW are described as co-operators and only
as PW where status is material. They enjoyed most privileges
that British troops enjoy and are allowed leave at home.
Brig Gen Dapino representing Italian government has inspected
units and expressed satisfaction with treatment and welfare.

D. As the above views relate only to Italian
co-operators in British custody United States political
adviser has not concurred therein.

End.

NOTE: FAN 420 is CM-OUT-33306 (20 Sept 44)

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INFO: Adm Leahy
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OPD
Gen Bissell
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THIS IS TRANSLATION FROM ALUSNA MOSCOW TO CNO OF FIRST RUSSIAN LIST OF INTERNEES MENTIONED BY 161031Z.

LT WILLIAM GOODMAN HEAD.

LT RALPH W HANN

LT JOHN BRUCE MACHAMPTON SGT WILLIAM CLEMENS
SGT WARRICK GEORGE LAFTEN CROWELL
SGT JOHN FRANCIS KERR

LT DARAL FAIZE MACDONALD

2ND LT KENNETH HOLDBERT MAILAS

2ND LT DANNY LEE BRODBELL

SGT JOHN W ROSE

SGT WILLIAM FRANCIS NICODIMAS

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LT JOHN MED
LT EARNEST JOHN
SGT BEKSTER ROBERT
SGT EARL MILFORD

TOTAL 17 INSTEAD OF 16. REPORTED HEALTHY AND IN GOOD SPIRITS. THESE MEN TOGETHER WITH B 24 CREW OF 11 ENROUTE TO INTERNEE CAMP IN CENTRAL ASIA. COMPLETE LIST OF 28 BEING FORWARDED TO GENERAL ARNOLD BY ARMY SECTION US MILNIS.

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FROM CNO ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

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DATE 17 OCT 1944 COVNORPAC ROUTINE

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IN ORDER TO ADMINISTER EXPEDITIOUSLY TO THE NEEDS OF OUR PERSONNEL WHO FORCE LAND IN THE USSR FORWARD BY DISPATCH TO ALUSNA MOSCOW INFO BUPERS AND CNO COMPLETE LISTS OF PERSONNEL REPORTED MISSING FROM OPERATIONS PROJECTED INTO THIS AREA AS SOON AS MISSING STATUS IS KNOWN.

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FROM ALUSNA MOSCOW		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
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DATE 16 OCTOBER 1944			ROUTINE
FOR CODEROOM 1453			DEFERRED
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INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM SOVIETS THAT 3 US AAF PLANES LANDED ON KAMCHATKA NEAR PETRO ON 12 AND 18 SEPTEMBER. 16 MEN HAVE BEEN INTERNED AND ARE BEING TAKEN TO CAMP RECENTLY REPORTED ON. PAST EXPERIENCE INDICATES THESE PLANES AND CREWS PROBABLY NAVY INSTEAD OF ARMY. IN ORDER TO ADMINISTER EXPEDITIOUSLY TO THE NEEDS OF OUR PERSONNEL WHO FORCE LAND IN THE USSR AIR COMMANDERS SHOULD FORWARD TO MOSCOW COMPLETE LISTS OF PERSONNEL REPORTED MISSING FROM OPERATIONS PROJECTED INTO THIS AREA AS SOON AS MISSING STATUS IS KNOWN. A PROCEDURE SHOULD ALSO BE ESTABLISHED TO HAVE PERSONAL MAIL FORWARDED TO MOSCOW AS SOON AS MISSING STATUS IS *NAVCOM HAS SERVICED

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KNOWN. THESE ACTIONS SHOULD BE TAKEN PROMPTLY AND BEFORE ALL DETAILS ARE KNOWN. IN FACT THEY WILL ASSIST IN OBTAINING DETAILS AS WELL AS EXPEDITING CARING FOR THE PHYSICAL NEEDS AND MORALE OF OUR CREWS. SOME OF OUR PEOPLE ARE NOW IN CAMP IN CENTRAL ASIA HAD BEEN IN THE USSR A FEW DAYS SHORT OF 4 MONTHS BEFORE THEY SAW A US OFFICIAL. PERSONAL MAIL HAS BEEN RECEIVED FOR THE ARMY CREW BECAUSE G2 APPARENTLY USES A SYSTEM SIMILAR TO THE ONE HEREIN RECOMMENDED. IT WILL BE A LONG TIME BEFORE THE NAVY CREWS RECEIVE MAIL IF NO MAIL INSTRUCTIONS WERE ISSUED TO ATTU AND POSTMASTERS WEST COAST UNTIL MY 131045 VERIFIED THE LISTS

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

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

Nr: SG 2343 15 October 1944

SG 2343, SG 311 to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff info Central District UK Base for British Chiefs of Staff, Communications Zone signed Eisenhower cite SRGAP.

This is SCAF number 105 our SCAF 89 of 18th September requested authority to transfer custody of German prisoners of war to French. Our problem of handling prisoners of war is becoming acute, and with subsequent captures will be materially increased.

The French have indicated they can accept custody of 50,000 German prisoners of war initially, and have given assurances that the terms of Geneva conventions will be complied with. An early decision on this question will be most helpful.

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4 October 1944

Commanding General
Allied Force Headquarters
Caserta Italy

Supreme Headquarters
Allied Expeditionary Forces
Main Echelon
London England

Commanding General
United Kingdom Base Section
London England

Headquarters Communications Zone
European Theater of Operations
Main Echelon
Paris France

Number WARX 41261

Book message to Wilson for action, to SHAEF London for Eisenhower, to Central District United Kingdom Base Section London pass to British Chiefs of Staff for information, FAN 434 from the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

1. Combined Chiefs of Staff suggest for your consideration that if the Italian partisans fulfill the conditions of Article I of the regulations annexed to the Hague convention No. IV of 1907, it would be desirable for the Italian government to issue a declaration to that effect and to demand for the partisans, in case of capture by the Germans, treatment as prisoners of war. Such statement should be submitted to you for approval before issuance.

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2. If such a statement is issued, and you deem it desirable, you are authorized to follow it up with appropriate supporting statement as theater commander.

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COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

ATTENTION:

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

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By Authority of
The Commanding General
Army Air Forces
Date: _____ Initials: _____



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MEMORANDUM FOR WHITE HOUSE LIAISON OFFICER

Subject: AAF Personnel Evacuated from Balkans

1. Lt. General Eaker, Commanding General, Mediterranean Allied Air Forces has reported by cable (Top Secret CM-IN-467, 1 Oct 44) the following results of the highly successful rescue operations of AAF crew members from the Balkans.

Country	No. AAF Personnel
Albania	11
Greece	46
Bulgaria	279
Yugoslavia	1088
Rumania	1270
TOTAL	2694

2. Agencies responsible for the rescues from Yugoslavia are reported as follows:

Territory Controlled by Mihailovitch		Territory Controlled by Tito	
OSS (See Tab A)	32		183
British Liaison	38		155
British and OSS	61		376
OSS and ACRU	225		
ACRU (See Tab A)			18
Total	356		732

3. Agencies also rendering valuable assistance were Force 399, the Balkan Air Force and the 60th Troop Carrier Command which provided additional air transportation. (See Tab A)

4. It is believed that a few AAF crew members may still be in Chetnik hands. General Eaker states, however, that since Tito's forces now control only a small area in Eastern Serbia it would not seem advisable to maintain any American personnel in that territory to facilitate rescue.

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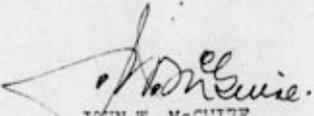
TAB A

ARCU (Air Crew Rescue Unit) Formed 14 July 1944; Duties are to assist in rescue of American airmen in Balkans. Organization is non-political and non-military and works in close co-operation with OSS units which are authorized to operate inside Balkan states. Personnel supplied by MAAF, Fifteenth Air Force and field teams (except medical personnel) by Co. B, 2766 Reg (Prov.) OSS. Latter personnel advise ARCU that airmen have been found and may be rescued. Fifteenth Air Force and ARCU provide required transportation and arrange through OSS contacts to have air crews cared for and assembled for rescue at appropriate localities.

OSS - Company B, 2766 Regt (Prov) Has officers stationed with Tito forces and formerly with Mihailovitch forces. Maintains liaison with friendly forces in Yugoslavia and radio contact with its personnel and Fifteenth Air Force at Bari, Italy. Entirely an American unit. Collects American airmen bringing them to localities from which they can be evacuated.

Force 399 - Entirely British. Functions parallel OSS. Maintains liaison with OSS and Fifteenth Air Force. Works closely with Balkan Air Force.

Balkan Air Force - The RAF in Yugoslavia.


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60 BRITISH AND 91 AUSTRALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR OF THE JAPANESE WERE PICKED UP BY US SUBMARINES ON 15TH SEPTEMBER AFTER THE TORPEDOING OF THE TRANSPORT IN WHICH THEY WERE BEING TAKEN FROM SINGAPORE TO JAPAN. I HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM SAIPAN WHERE I WENT TO SEE THEM. THERE WERE NO COMMISSIONED OFFICER SURVIVORS. ABOUT 10 STILL REMAIN IN HOSPITAL BUT REMAINDER OF AUSTRALIANS LEFT SAIPAN FOR THE SOUTH PACIFIC AND AUSTRALIA IN ALCOA POLARIS ON 28 SEPTEMBER AND BRITISH IN ANOTHER SHIP FOR PEARL AND AMERICA FOR RETURN TO UK. FULL LISTS OF SURVIVORS WITH

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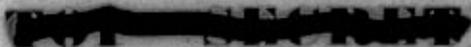


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To : War Department
No : MX 32268 25 Sept 1944

To AGWAR for Marshall, USSTAF pass for information
to Eisenhower to Deane to NATOUSA from Esker MX 32268.

There follows a preliminary summary of treatment to
American Air Force personnel held as prisoners in Bulgaria.

Principal source is Major Walter A Smith Junior,
0401249, 485 bomb group Fifteenth Air Force who was shot down
June 23rd 1944 in Skoplje area. While in Bulgaria Major Smith
was senior allied officer at Choumen Camp. Major Smith
returned to Italy with other Allied personnel evacuated from
Bulgaria. Reference WARX 34718 dated 22nd September and
further to WARX 33021 of 19th September and MX 21040 of
20th September. Major Walter A. Smith Jr. tied and beaten
with rifle butts by armed Bulgarians on parachuting in
Skoplje area June 23rd, 1944. Major Smith and crew were made
to sit for about five hours in sun at Tetovo same day awaiting
interrogation. No food or water given Smith until midnight
June 24 when he received one uncooked sardine and piece
of bread. Major Smith was reminded during interrogation at
Skoplje that he could be shot if the General recommended it
and pistol was left on the table during the whole interrogation
as a threat.

Conditions at Skoplje bad. Nine of crew kept in one
small room with no bedding and three blankets. Sanitation
filthy, lice and vermin abounded. Eating utensils were provided

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dirty by Bulgarian soldiers after they had eaten.

On July 2nd. Major Smith was moved to Choumen with other Americans where 25 sacks were provided for 85 men to sleep on. During period at this camp men were going down at the rate of two or three per day with dysentery, chills, malaria. No medical attention. One man, Sergeant Siler, was admitted to hospital with bad flak wounds but was given virtually no treatment.

At Camp Choumen conditions filthy, men covered with sores, insufficient water, at night men not allowed to use latrines. Commandant told PW's it was his intention to make PW's as miserable as possible while in the camp and to break the spirit of the men.

Sergeant Orons, US Army, was beaten by guards at orders of commandant when he attempted to discuss his position on work roster published by senior American officer. No other physical violence at Camp Choumen. Conditions in general improved as war improved for Allies. Lieutenant Doctor Nikola Sapumidjuff refused medical aid to Sergeant R. C. Dehart, U.S. Army, who died July 10th. Witnesses as follows Sergeant J. A. O'Neal, Lieutenant C. B. Odle, Lieutenant F. E. Fayard Sergeant Dehart was suffering from flak wounds in head. A colonel commanding officer of military garrison at Russe had Sergeant Saurin, U. S. Army, and Sergeant L. Chused, U. S. Army, hosewhipped. Name of the Bulgarian colonel not available here now. Captain Velke, Adjutant at Bulgarian

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Headquarters, Russe, had Flight Officer Walker, U. S. Army severely beaten with rubber hose. Major Henri, Bulgarian Red Cross Representative, took no notice of protests, three to four months elapsing between his visits to camp. Lieutenant Kristovov responsible for having Lieutenants S. N. Quigley, Patric Meagher, R. S. Schultz, and T. M. Judd, all U. S. Army, hit in the back with rifle butts and in face with fists. These U. S. Army officers confined for 13 days without bedding and beatings carried out over period of two to three days.

A medical warrant officer at Choumen supervised leg operation on Sergeant J. V. Pipkin, U. S. Army, without use of anesthetic and struck Pipkin with sabre across chest while Pipkin in bed. Second Lieutenant Bellena had Bulgar soldiers kick and strike Sergeant S. R. Hilliard, U. S. Army, and other U. S. Army personnel who were ordered to carry airplane tires and wrecks to salvage point. Lieutenant Kocanik made Sergeant R. L. Drake, U. S. Army, walk nine miles with broken ankle and no medical aid. Witness Lieutenant T. J. Grissom. Chief of Civilian Police Choumen struck Sergeant J. M. Justice, U. S. Army, on head with pistol and had soldiers kick him after he landed in chute. Commandant Russe garrison had Sergeant George Chaplin beaten by guards. Sergeant at Russe military garrison ordered whipping of Sergeant R. A. Seurin and Sergeant L. Chused, both U. S. Army. Chused horsewhipped

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and tied over barrel exposed to sun to aggravate results of beating. Chief of Police at Strumitza reported by Lieutenant P. W. Gore, U. S. Army, to have supervised killing of U. S. Army bombardier and wounding of radio operator.

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ATROCITIES AND WAR CRIMES BY BULGARIANS AGAINST AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR IN THEIR CUSTODY IS THE

SUBJECT. WAR DEPARTMENT APPROVES DEANES RECOMMENDATION THAT CG, NATO SEND USA OFFICERS TO

BULGARIA IMMEDIATELY TO INVESTIGATE THE MISTREATMENT OF OUR PERSONNEL REFERRED TO AND OBTAIN ALL

AVAILABLE EVIDENCE, AND DESIRES THAT NECESSARY ACTION BE TAKEN AT ONCE. IF USA MILITARY ATTACHE

IN TURKEY OR CG, USAFIME IS AGREEABLE, AND CG, NATO DESIRES TO ARRANGE FOR OFFICERS FROM THEIR

STAFF TO BE ASSIGNED TO THIS DUTY BECAUSE OF GEOGRAPHICAL CONVENIENCE OR OTHER CONSIDERATIONS,

SUCH ACTION IS AUTHORIZED. IN THAT CASE, YOU WILL HAVE TO FURNISH NECESSARY BACKGROUND TO THEM SINCE

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THEY HAVE NOT RECEIVED REFERENCE MESSAGES. DIRECT COMMUNICATION IS AUTHORIZED. DEANS FURTHER SUGGESTIONS REGARDING POSSIBLE INCLUSION IN THE ARMISTICE TERMS OF REQUIREMENT THAT BULGARIANS ARREST AND DELIVER THE GUILTY PERSONS TO THE ALLIED CONTROL AUTHORITY IS BEING LOOKED INTO, AND YOU WILL BE INFORMED. PLEASE KEEP WAR DEPARTMENT FULLY INFORMED.

NEW SUBJECT

DEPARTMENT OF STATE THROUGH G-2 HAS ASKED THAT A SUMMARY OF FACTS ALREADY ESTABLISHED, SHOWING THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF THE ATROCITIES COMMITTED AGAINST OUR PERSONNEL, BE CABLED URGENTLY TO WAR DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSMITTAL TO STATE, AND IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU DO THIS. FURTHER INFORMATION OBTAINED BY YOU SHOULD BE SIMILARLY TRANSMITTED AS AND WHEN IT IS OBTAINED. STATE DEPARTMENT REQUIRES THIS INFORMATION IMMEDIATELY FOR HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL PURPOSES.

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Combined Chiefs of Staff
77500

21 September 1944

Commanding General
Allied Force Headquarters
Caserta, Italy

Supreme Headquarters
Allied Expeditionary Forces
Rear Echelon
London, England

Commanding General
United Kingdom Base Section
London, England

Number WARX 34373

Book message to Wilson for action, SHAEP London for Eisenhower, Central District United Kingdom Base Section London pass to British Chiefs of Staff and Headquarters Communication Zone Main for information, FAN 425 from the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

The Combined Chiefs of Staff have approved the policy that, in the event of capture by allied forces, Italian Neo-Fascist troops in uniform and organized and fighting in accordance with the provisions of International Law will be treated as German prisoners of War under the Geneva prisoners of War convention.

You are requested to approach the French and Italian authorities with a view to procuring their agreement in the same policy, and to inform the Combined Chiefs of Staff of the outcome of your efforts. You should inform the French and Italian authorities that if they agree in such policy, the International Red Cross Committee will be so advised, and will try, in turn, to obtain from the German authorities official confirmation of the verbal assurance heretofore given by them that Italian soldiers in

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the Royal Government Army will also be considered prisoners of War under the convention, if captured.

It is considered that the approach should be made to the French and Italian authorities and their agreement procured as promptly as possible.

End

ORIGINATOR: CC/S

INFORMATION: Adm. Leahy
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From: Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces,
Forward on Continent
To: War Department
Headquarters Communications Zone, European Theater of
Operations, US Army, Paris, France
Nr: FWD 15204 SCAF 89 18 September 1944

From SHAEF Forward FWD 15204 G-1 to for action AGWAR
for Combined Chiefs of Staff to for info SHAEF Main for
British Chiefs of Staff, Communication Zone, SHAEF Mission
France, this is SCAF number 89 signed Eisenhower FWD 15204

The French de facto authority has requested that
custody of considerable numbers of German prisoners of war
be transferred to them for work in agriculture and rehabil-
itation of war-damaged areas. Negotiations are now in
progress with them to verify that such prisoners of war
will be properly guarded and all requirements of Geneva
Convention on prisoners of war will be met.

In anticipation of and assuming satisfactory
assurances as to the foregoing, authority is requested to
transfer custody of German prisoners of war from United
States and British forces to the de facto French authority.

It is realized that objection to this may be raised
on the ground that Germany may not accept the belligerent

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From: Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces,
Forward on Continent

Re: FWD 15204 18 September 1944

status of the de facto French authority. However, it is pointed out that the French already hold many thousands of German prisoners of war captured by them.

It is strongly recommended that approval be granted for this transfer, in view of the already existing critical shortage of guards and accommodations, on the part of both United States and British forces and of the imminent prospect of rounding up a further quarter million prisoners in areas now behind our line also the great need of the French for this labor, resulting from their critical shortage of manpower.

End

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ACTION: CC/S

INFO: Adm Leahy, CGAAF, OPD, Gen Henry, Gen Bissell,
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From: Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces
Forward on Continent

To: War Department
Supreme HQ Allied Expeditionary Forces, London, England
No. FWD 14998 SCAF 84 16 September 1944

This is SCAF number 84. To AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff rptd to SHAEF MAIN for British Chiefs of Staff from SHAEF FWD, FWD 14998, from Eisenhower.

Orders issued SHAEF prior to receipt of FACS 53 conflict with the instructions contained therein in one respect. SHAEF instructions permit the handing over of French suspects not entitled to Prisoner of War status to the French authorities. This was done firstly because army groups had no adequate facilities to hold them, and manpower was strained to the limit to provide guards for Prisoners of War; secondly, as it was considered that such practice accorded with the terms of Clause eight of the agreement with France, and Clause seven of the agreements with Norway, Belgium and Netherlands. No suspects entitled to Prisoner of War status are being handed over. It is considered that whereas the existing practice is not likely to lead to reprisals against Prisoners of War, a reversal of the existing practice will have serious political repercussions in France, particularly in view of the large area now liberated and the large measure of control assumed by French authorities.

Strongly recommend that FACS 53 be amended to allow the continuation of the present practice and the adoption of a similar practice in respect of Belgium and Netherlands in order that treatment of Allied personnel may be on a uniform

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From: Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces
Forward on Continent

No. FWD 14998 SCAF 84 16 September 1944

basis. It is not considered that the above will afford the
German army excuse for reprisals against our Prisoners of
War.

End

NOTE: FACS 53 is CM-OUT-78112 (9 Aug 44)CC/S

ACTION: CC/S

INFO: Adm Leahy
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From: CG, US Army Forces in the Pacific Ocean Areas,
Fort Shafter, T. H.

To: War Department

No: R 31298 12 Sept 1944

To War for Bissell WDGBI from Richardson POGBI msg
srl nbr R 31298.

According to COMFWDAREACENPAC reurad 272108 and
ourad 304936.

"It may be estimated that not over five percent of
the Japanese military taken actually claimed to be civilians
and were uncovered and segregated by interrogation"

Army Nisei language team personnel just returned
from Saipan state that somewhat less than five percent of
the total number of Jap military captured claimed to be
civilians. These Nisei say that Jap military PWs who
claimed to be civilian were placed in civilian internment
camps, and that Jap civilians in these camps upbraided
these military telling them that they were disgracing the
Jap Army by hiding behind civilians. In most cases this was
effective and the military PWs then gave themselves up.
The remainder were uncovered by the Nippon civilians who
fearing harsh treatment if discovered sheltering military
PW pointed out these soldiers to American guards.

End

ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: CG AAF, OPD, Col. Park, Log

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From: US Military Attache, Ankara, Turkey.
To: War Department
CG US Army Forces in the Middle East, Cairo Egypt.
Nr: 385 11 September 1944
Number MILID 385 AMSME 1024.

Train with released POWS from Bulgaria arrived Istanbul Monday morning. Arrangements being carried out per schedule. Some wounded may not be able proceed. Turk and American doctors will decide.

End

ACTION: G-1

INFORMATION: CG AAF
OPD
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Col Park
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Personnel Division
WDGS WDGAP 383.6
Yudelson 73528

7 September 1944

Supreme Headquarters
Allied Expeditionary Forces
Forward Echelon
France

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

Commanding General
Allied Force Headquarters
Caserta, Italy

Number: WARX-27097

From Marshall to Eisenhower attention Combined Repatriation
Committee and to Devers

Following is paraphrase of message received from Chief,
US Military Mission, Moscow.

Keeping in communication with Russian General Staff on
question of release of American PW's in Balkans and have
given them known sites of camps as well as names of prisoners.
General Giles is taking lead, at request of Devers, in
arranging for their release. Soviet Foreign Office has been
asked by Harriman to concur in the following proposals on a
reciprocal basis:

1. That camp locations be the subject of exchange of
information and that when one is captured, American officers
be allowed to go there, investigate claims of USA nationals
and control them during evacuation.

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2. That when American airmen or other individuals are forced down in hostile areas come into Red Army control, they will be immediately notified to the Military Mission.

3. That planning for evacuation of PW's to USA be accomplished earliest when securing of a prisoner camp can be foreseen.

We have told Russians we are prepared to act in like manner as to Russian PW's released by US Forces. Mission has sufficient officer personnel to care for any PW's released by Russians and to administer to them.

End

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JCS memo, 1-4-74
By RHP, NLR, Date

MAY 23 1974

ORIGINATOR: Gen. Henry

INFORMATION: Gen. Arnold, Gen. Handy, Gen. Bissell,
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Personnel Division, G-1, WDGS
WDGAF 383.6 (26 Aug 44) 3329

2 September 1944

Commander in Chief
Southwest Pacific Area
Brisbane, Australia

Number: WAR 24425

From Marshall for MacArthur, reference used C 16559 dated
24 August 1944.

Department of State has been requested to make
immediate protest to the Japanese government against transfer
of internees to Fort McKinley.

End

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Date- 10-1-71

Signature- *RHP*

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PRIORITY

From: U.S. Military Mission, Moscow, Russia

To: War Department

No. M20767

30 August 1944

AGWAR for Bissell signed Deane [REDACTED] M20767.

At direction of General Devers, General Giles has taken the lead in arranging for release of American Prisoners of War in Balkans, however, I am in close touch with Russian general staff on the subject and have provided them with names of all known prisoners and known locations of Prisoners of War camps. Ambassador Harriman now has a request before the Soviet Foreign Office that the following proposals be agreed to:

One. That when the capture of a Prisoner of War camp can be foreseen, plans be made as far in advance as possible for evacuation of American prisoners to the US.

Two. That there be an exchange of intelligence with reference to the location of Prisoner of War camps and that as soon as one is captured that American officers be permitted to go to the camp to investigate claims of American nationals, and to control American prisoners during the period of their evacuation.

Three. That a prompt report be made to the Military Mission of individuals or small groups of Americans such as aviators who have force landed who come into custody of the Red Army in hostile territory.

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PRIORITY

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From: U.S. Military Mission, Moscow, Russia

No. M20767

30 August 1944

All the above proposals are presented on a reciprocal basis, indicating that we are prepared to cooperate as far as Russian Prisoners of War are concerned who may be released by American troops. General Giles has indicated that prisoners now in Rumania are being concentrated in Bucharest, and that we hope to evacuate them to Istanbul via Constanza. The Russians have been asked by me to assist in the accomplishment of this plan or to make any other proposals that they consider to be more feasible.

We have sufficient officer personnel in the mission to take care of United States Prisoners of War who may be released by action of the Russians and to take care of all administrative details. The above is in reply to your number 88060 of 29 August.

End

ACTION: Gen Bissell

INFO : Gen Arnold, OPD, Gen Henry, Col Park, Log

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Combined Chiefs of Staff
77500

28 August 1944

Supreme Headquarters
Allied Expeditionary Forces
London, England

Number: WAR 87743

TOPSEC to SHAEF London for Eisenhower, FACS 65 from the
Combined Chiefs of Staff.

Subject of this message is your GAP 383.6-51, dated 4 July
1944, dealing with Russian personnel captured with German.

Military Units.

You are advised as follows:

(1) These personnel come in category 1 of FACS 53,
dated 9 August 1944, and will for the present be treated
in all respects as directed in that message.

(2) British Foreign Office has taken up the ultimate
disposal of these personnel with the Soviet Government
on the inter-governmental level. It is expected that the
United States Government will proceed similarly through
Department of State. Accordingly, the Combined Chiefs of
Staff will not bring this matter to the attention of the
Soviet authorities as requested in your letter and you will
proceed as set forth in paragraph 1 above pending inter-
governmental decision.

End

ORIGINATOR: CC/S
INFORMATION: Adm. Leahy
Gen. Arnold
Gen. Handy
Gen. Bissell
Gen. Hilldring
Adm. King
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Joint Chiefs of Staff
OSP 2405 77500

26 August, 1944

Commander in Chief,
Pacific Ocean Areas.

Number: WAR 87274

To Nimitz from The Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Confinement of Japanese prisoners of war and civilians in American captured territory (WARX 66827, 18 July 1944) is the reference. Joint Chiefs of Staff have approved Secretary of State's proposal and the action taken thereon as indicated in your 040231 of 4 August to COMINCH and 040108 of 4 August 1944 to COMFWDAREACENTPAC. Request you send to Navy Department for transmittal to Secretary of State, information as to number of civilians interned on Saipan and any other pertinent data which may be of aid to the Department of State in this matter.

New subject: Reference your inquiry about Koreans. Whether Koreans are held as prisoners of war or as civilian internees, they must be treated in accordance with the provisions of the Geneva Convention on prisoners of war. If it is desired to use labor of Koreans for purposes prohibited by Geneva Convention, it will be necessary to release them from custody altogether. In that event they can volunteer for any type of labor, but they must be warned when they volunteer that they may become subject to punishment by Japanese in the event of their recapture. If this course is followed, recommend that it be ascertained in advance of release whether individuals in question will volunteer for unrestricted labor.

End.

ORIGINATOR: JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
INFORMATION: CG AAF

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From: CG Rear Echelon GHQ, Southwest Pacific Area, Brisbane,
Australia

To: War Department

Nr: C 16559

24 August 1944

C 16559 from GHQ SWPA sgd MacArthur to AGWAR.

Reliable information discloses the removal of American civilian internees from Los Banos to Fort McKinley, now utilized by the enemy as a major ammunition dump for central Luzon. Such action is in line with a pattern observed to be followed by the enemy in the dispositions of some of our military prisoners in his hands, possibly designed to afford protection to military objectives from our aerial bombardment. I urge that strong representatives be made to the enemy through diplomatic channels against any action which would tend to expose our people in his hands to our bombardment of military objectives in contravention of the laws and customs of war.

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INFO : CG AAF, OPD, G-1, Col Park, Log

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From: US Military Attache, Madrid Spain

To : War Department

No : 124

22 August 1944

To Washington Military Attache London and Freedom
serial number 124.

Approximately 1,000 German soldiers with arms and
equipment crossed into Spain via Portbou August 20 interned
by Spanish Evaluate B 1. Many French refugees crossing the
border into Spain by the way of Irun B 2 rating.

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Personnel Div, G-1 WDGS
73528 Lt. Col. Yudelson

18 August 1944

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

Number: WAR 82919

Following is substance of text of proposed release to be distributed to American press for Monday morning publication, 21 August, reference ourad 82918 of 18 August 44:

Announcement by the State and War Departments states that on or about August 23, 44 the motor ship Gripsholm will leave New York carrying German seriously sick and seriously wounded prisoners of war and surplus protected personnel who will be exchanged at Goteborg, Sweden on September 8, 44 for American seriously sick and wounded prisoners of war held in Germany. Cooperation of the Swedish Government has been secured to the use of its facilities for this operation. The vessel will travel under a safe conduct accorded it by all belligerents, returning with American repatriates and is expected to reach New York late in September. As soon as the identity of these American repatriates can be established beyond the possibility of a doubt, notification of those included in the exchange will be dispatched to their next of kin.

End

ORIGINATOR : G-1
INFORMATION: ASF-CG
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Combined Chiefs of Staff
77500

16 August 1944

Supreme Headquarters
Allied Expeditionary Forces
London, England

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

Commanding General
Allied Force Headquarters
Caserta, Italy

Number: WARX 81701

~~TOP SECRET~~ to Eisenhower and Wilson for action, to ETOUSA for information of British Chiefs of Staff. This message is FACS 57 to Eisenhower and FAN 395 to Wilson from the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

1. To cover possibility of large scale local capitulations by German forces surrendering as units through their commanders you are sent the following instructions.
2. Essential requirement is that local capitulations should in no way prejudice final terms of total surrender of Germany.
3. Any instrument of local capitulation to be signed by a German commander should be strictly confined to the following stipulations:
 - (a) All forces under his control surrender unconditionally;
 - (b) All forces under his control will lay down their arms and obey all orders issued by the United Nations Commander as to their disposal;

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(c) All aircraft under his control will remain on the ground and personnel will remain in their existing positions pending further instructions;

(d) He undertakes to allow no destruction, removal, or concealment of war material or other property;

(e) Any United Nations prisoners (or internees) in the hands of his forces, or under his control, will be handed over forthwith;

(f) Immediate information shall be given as to the location of all dangers or obstacles to movement on land, at sea and in the air;

(g) Any further orders and instructions issued by the United Nations Commander will be carried out;

(h) The instrument is without prejudice to, and shall be superseded by, any general instrument of surrender imposed by the U. S. A., U. K. and the U. S. S. R., and applicable to Germany and the German armed forces as a whole.

4. Local circumstances at the time may impose some variation on the above stipulations. In particular it may be necessary to instruct the German commander to apprehend and hand over persons in his area who are not strictly speaking under his command, such as SS or Gestapo personnel. For this purpose you have adequate powers under clause G of Paragraph 3 above. The over-riding principles by which you should be guided are as follows:

(a) Terms of capitulation must be clearly and expressly limited to immediate military objects of local surrendered.

(b) You must make no commitment of any kind.

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(c) Capitulation must be expressly subject to any instrument of total surrender which may later be imposed by United Nations on German high command and/or government.

5. Matters relating to the surrender which do not fall within the purview of these instructions will be referred to the Combined Chiefs of Staff for decision.

6. In every case instrument of capitulation should be given some title which emphasizes its purely local character.

End

ORIGINATOR: CC/S
INFORMATION: Adm Leahy
Gen Arnold
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Gen Bissell
SGS (Col Newsome)
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From: CG, Rear Echelon General Headquarters, Southwest
Pacific Area, Brisbane, Australia

To: War Department

No: C 16009 11 August 1944

C 16009 from MacArthur GHQ SWPA to Chief of Staff
War Department

Following is summary of reports received from Aus-
tralian government sources reference WAR 78665.

About 0300 hours, 5 August 1944, 500 Japanese
prisoners attempted to escape from the Japanese Prisoner
of War compound at Cowra, New South Wales. About 200 were
reported killed, 200 wounded, 40 recaptured and 60 at large.
Shortly prior to 0300 hours, many barracks in the compound
were observed burning. About the same time, there was a
concerted rush of Japanese prisoners of war towards the
compound fence. Each prisoner carried his bedding which he
threw over the wire fence of the inclosure, using the bed-
ding to walk on in the attempt to escape. The sentries
and the guards on the towers fired on the escaping Japanese
causing the casualties stated above. Japanese in question
were in the custody of Australian government agencies.
United States and allied command not involved in any way.
It cannot be stated whether any of the prisoners had been
captured by American forces until the full investigation and
report of the attempted break is received here from the
Australian government. Press reports have been extremely
guarded and contained no reference to nationality of pris-
oners or the fatalities that resulted.

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INFO : OPD BFR Log

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Combined Chiefs of Staff
77500

9 August 1944

Supreme Headquarters
Allied Expeditionary Forces
London, England

Number: WAR 78112

To SHAEF London for Eisenhower, FACS 53 from the Combined
Chiefs of Staff.

Immediately following is CCS directive to SCAEF
covering disposal of members of pro-Axis para military and
collaborationist organizations:

"1. Concerning your AG 383-1 dated 20 May 1944
(disposal of members of para military and collaborationist
organizations), there are three possible categories to be
considered, namely:

Category (i). Allied Nationals captured when
serving in German military or para military
formations.

Category (ii). Allied Nationals captured when
serving in military or para military organizations
of collaborationist 'governments' or authorities
of Allied Nations, e.g. Dutch Nazis, Quisling's
Herd, Vichy Militia, etc.

Category (iii). Other Allied Nationals who are
captured or taken into custody or seek the pro-
tection of the A.E.F. who have not borne arms
against the Allied forces but who have collab-
orated actively with the enemy.

2. Persons who are held in categories (i) and (ii)
will for the present be treated in all respects as prisoners
of war in accordance with the Prisoners of War Convention.

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Persons who are held in category (iii) will be treated for the time being as civil internees. None of the personnel of any of these categories will be handed over to any Allied authorities except by arrangements between the governments concerned, or unless they have been found to be suitable for incorporation in their national forces or for formation into units for labor purposes. It is likely that Allied authorities will press strongly for transfer of such persons to them for disciplinary purposes, and our refusal to hand them over immediately will be based on the necessity of avoiding all risk of reprisals and not upon any argument as to their status.

3. Special steps will be taken by you to see that all persons in categories (ii) and (iii) are clearly identified as Quislings or collaborationists and that all detailed information about them is made available to the authorities responsible for their detention or evacuation. Unless this is done, there is a serious risk that many will become mixed with genuine refugees and regain their freedom. Special care will be taken to identify and keep records of all such persons at the time they are taken into custody or as soon thereafter as is reasonably possible. All relevant documents will accompany them if they are moved.

4. Collaborationists and Quislings will be distinguished from actual or suspected criminals. If a collaborationist is suspected of having also committed a war crime, procedure appropriate to war criminals will be applied to him pending a decision as to which offense he should be tried for."

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INFORMATION: Adm Leahy
CG AAF
OPD
Gen Bissell
Adm King
Gen Hilldring
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NAVY DEPARTM.

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RELEASED BY		CNO	PRIORITY - RRRRR
DATE 8 AUGUST 44			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM 1821			DEFERRED
DECODED BY MCNEILL		INFORMATION	PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY PICK <i>Harriet</i>			ROUTINE
ROUTED BY WHITTINGTON			DEFERRED
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AT ~~0200~~ AUGUST 5TH JAP POW'S SET FIRE BUILDINGS OF CAMP AT COWRANAN, S.W. IN RESULTING CONFUSION PRISONERS ATTACKED GUARDS KILLING 3 WOUNDING SEVERAL AND ~~700~~ PLUS ESCAPED. MILITARY PLUS ARMED CIVIL POLICE STARTED ROUNDUP NOW CLAIMED COMPLETE DURING WHICH APPROX ~~200~~ PRISONERS KILLED ~~200~~ WOUNDED. APPARENTLY BREAK WAS SUICIDAL AND NOT MADE IN HOPE OF ULTIMATE ESCAPE.

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By RHP, NARS Date **MAR 1 1973**

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Joint Chiefs of Staff
CSP 2405 - 77500

18 July 1944

Commander in Chief
Pacific Ocean Area

Number: WAR-66827

To Himitz from the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Japanese Government has up to now refused to permit inspections by protecting power of camps in which American prisoners of war and civilian internees are held in Philippines and other occupied territories on ground there are non-Japanese territories. Secretary of State has proposed that if we would confine Japanese prisoners of war and civilians in such a way as would create a situation analogous to that existing in Philippines, he would be in a stronger position to negotiate effectively for inspection of camps in Philippines by protecting power. To create analogous situation it would be necessary to hold Japanese in territory which before war was Japanese or mandated to them and has since been captured and occupied. Your comments and recommendations are requested in order to reply to the Secretary of State. Please advise further what your alternate plans would be for detention of Japanese taken by you.

End

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INFORMATION: Adm. Leahy
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NAVY DEPARTM.

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(FROM COMNAVEU. ACTION CNO)

PRISONER OF WAR JOSEPH WILJOTTI CIVILIAN TECHNICIAN
 OF GERMAN NAVY IS BEING SENT TO FORT HUNT BY FIRST
 AVAILABLE AIR TRANSPORT FOR FURTHER INTERROGATIONS.
 HE IS COMMUNICATIONS AND UNDERWATER SOUND EXPERT FROM
 CHERBOURG. RESULTS OF PREVIOUS INTERROGATIONS BY AIR
 MAIL.

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Current Group, Operations
Division, WDGS, OPD 383.6
(14 Jul 44) 72765

14 July 1944

Commander in Chief
Southwest Pacific Area
Brisbane, Australia

Number WAR 65257

MacArthur from Marshall.

Since the publication last February of reports of atrocities committed by the Japanese against American Prisoners of War in the Philippines reports of additional incidents have reached the War Department from your theater. An example is the torturing and beheading of a white man related in the papers forwarded by your letter of 1 June. The War Department has under consideration the desirability of recommending release at the appropriate time of such reports as are well authenticated.

Your views are invited as to the desirability, from the theater standpoint, of such a step.

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13 July, 1944

Supreme Headquarters,
Allied Expeditionary Forces,
London, England.

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

Allied Force Headquarters,
Algiers, Algeria.

Number: WARK 64813

To Wilson for action, to SHAEF for Eisenhower and ETOUSA
pass to British Chiefs of Staff for information, FAN 378
from the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

The British have already worked out a system with regard to the transfer of funds by Italian Prisoners of War to their relatives in Sicily and Allied occupied Italy (References: NAF 722 and NAF 731) and it is understood that the details of this system will be forwarded to you for use in connection with transfers made by British-owned Prisoners of War in your theater. The United States has also adopted a system for this purpose applicable to Italian Prisoners of War in the United States. As soon as the United States system has been modified to meet conditions in North Africa, it will be forwarded, together with the necessary detailed instructions, to the Commanding General, United States Army Forces, North Africa, for application to transfers made by U. S.-owned Italian Prisoners of War. It is not considered necessary nor practicable that American and British systems be identical.

End.

ORIGINATOR : CCB
INFORMATION: CG AAF, OPD, GEN BISSELL, GEN HILLDRING
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From: CG, US Army Forces in North African Theater of
Operations, Algiers, Algeria

To: War Department
CG, Air Force Command Post, Caserta, Italy

No: FX 69770 8 July 1944

FX 69770 from NATOUSA for action AGWAR for info CG
SOS NATOUSA and AFHQ Adv CP signed Devers cite
NAGAP.

Answering your IX 59648, 3 July 44, following infor-
mation pertains to German prisoners of war captured by
United States Forces in NATOUSA, totaling 71833. Of these
the following are permanently accommodated:

In United States, 48881.
In Italy in United States custody, 1325 (hospital
cases and protected personnel).
In Italy in British custody, 6877 (6418 non Axis
Nationals and 459 held for interrogation).
In Italy in French custody, 211 (French Nationals).
In North Africa in United States custody, 2138
(hospital cases and protected personnel).
In North Africa in British Custody, 1067 (253 non
Axis Nationals and 814 held for interrogation).

The following are in transit:

In North Africa pending lift to United States, 4528.
In Italy pending lift to United States, 6806.

Current United States captures are transported
immediately to base camps and documented, hence no
accumulation of undocumented United States captures.

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URGENT

From: CG, US Forces, European Theater of Operations,
London, England

To: War Department

Hr. E 36796

7 July 1944

From E 36796. Lee signed Eisenhower.

Replying to WAR X 59648, information below is as of
2400 hours 3rd July 1944:

A. In Normandy we claim capture of 44917. British claim capture of 12886. Total of 2 claims exceeds actual bodies accounted for by 6000. This discrepancy caused by joint use of cages in early stage of operation and by necessity of evacuating through British ships and ports following liberation of Cherbourg.

B. Of the 44917 we are holding 3800 in UK for labor. These will be segregated completely processed and permanently accommodated in UK.

C. Of the 44917: 7924 shipped to US; 3000 are in US hospitals in UK; 11131 have been turned over to British for processing and evacuation under fifty fifty ownership arrangements; and a balance are in transit through US distribution center and base enclosure (both in UK) for ultimate shipment.

D. Of the 44917: there remain in the continent 4418 awaiting evacuation to UK; 1846 nontransportable wounded;

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From: CG, US Forces, European Theater of Operations.
London, England

Nr. E 36796

7 July 1944

50 held for labor. The above not yet documented and in US
custody.

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From: CG Allied Force Headquarters, Algiers, Algeria
To : War Department
CG Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces,
London, England
CG U S Army Forces in the European Theater of
Operations, London, England
CG Mediterranean Allied Air Forces, Caserta, Italy
Nr : FX 68085 4th July 1944

FX 68085 signed Wilson cite FHGAP and FHCOS NAF 734
to AGWAR for the Combined Chiefs of Staff and USFOR for the
British Chiefs of Staff for action rptd UNITY AFHQ Adv CP
and CG SOS NATOUSA for information.

Agreed here that members of the Italian Militarizzati
(Militarized civilians employed in connection with the Italian
Army) will be accorded status of prisoners of war but not be
considered civilian internees. As Italians are held in India,
South Africa, Australia, East Africa etcetra in addition to
this theater, it is considered that any decision as to the
status of Militarizzati must be equally applicable to all
theaters. Request ruling for universal application that
Italian Militarizzati be accorded status of prisoners of war.

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INFO : CG AAF, OPD, GEN BISSELL, ADM KING, ADM LEAHY, LOG

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