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To: []
From: []

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Reference my memo of March 4th.

London have replied to my telegram summarising the results of our discussions of March 7th. Their views are as follows:

1. London are gratified to note that, subject to maintenance of closely integrated policy control and full exchange of operational information, you are prepared to see greater decentralisation in the field control of future operations.
2. London are gratified to note that you agree that the Committee should be given some general statement on plans for the coming year. They agree that it would be unwise to give the Committee the impression that some significant new departure is contemplated, and are therefore prepared to abandon their suggestion that special emissaries should be sent to Rome. They suggest that the approach to the Committee should be deferred until Abas KUPI's return from Egypt. They believe that the movement of the hundred recruits to Germany, and that of the veterans now in Malta to Greece, should do much to cheer the Committee and take the edge off their disappointment at the restricted scope of this year's plans.
3. On reflection, London are in substantial agreement with your views on action vis-a-vis the military agreement. They are willing to waive their suggestion regarding the participation of our representatives in Rome, and suggest that the board should continue its discussions and report. In the event of deadlock arising (in which case the Committee would doubtless run to [] and [] London would be prepared to assist with advice; but they would not wish, at this stage, to commit themselves to producing an acceptable solution.

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4. London appreciate your agreement to launching the Malta parties from Greece, and are taking steps to obtain the necessary facilities.
5. London are prepared to fall in with your views on the subject of the propaganda machinery, provided the mechanics of the problem can be satisfactorily worked out. They propose to discuss this with [] and will revert to the matter in due course.
6. London have taken note of your views on the subject of economic action with particular reference to the possibilities in Trieste. They would be glad to receive your proposals in greater detail. Their present inclination is to leave this field to you (subject to Foreign Office-State Department agreement), but would naturally be prepared to assist in any way compatible with our own security and Foreign Office policies.
7. London have noted your plans with regard to the movement of recruits into Germany, and are grateful for your assurance that we may avail ourself of this pool of man-power if necessary.
8. London have noted that you will not require assistance from us in the matter of training personnel.
9. London see the strength of your arguments with respect to getting the Committee out of the tainted and insecure atmosphere of Rome. The suggestion of the move to Paris, however, raises a variety of complex questions, and they would like a little time to consider the matter. They will raise this problem also with [] and will revert in due course.
10. London regret that you are unable to leave Washington at the present juncture. They wish you to regard the invitation as a standing one, of which to avail yourself whenever you consider it desirable. In the meanwhile, I shall most probably be going over to London before the end of March. Although other factors play a part in my recall for consultations, much of my time will be devoted to Valuable. I would be very grateful, therefore, if you

could ensure that [] is briefed as fully as possible to discuss problems on which we might need his guidance. In this connection, the following points occur to me:

- a) The location of the Committee (or the locations of its component parts).
- b) What is to be said to the Committee on this years plans?
- c) Our requirements of the Committee in respect of recruiting, propaganda, etc.
- d) Our attitude to the military agreement. What sort of new proposal would we accept/reject?
- e) Details of propoganda machinery.
- f) Details of economic action.

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