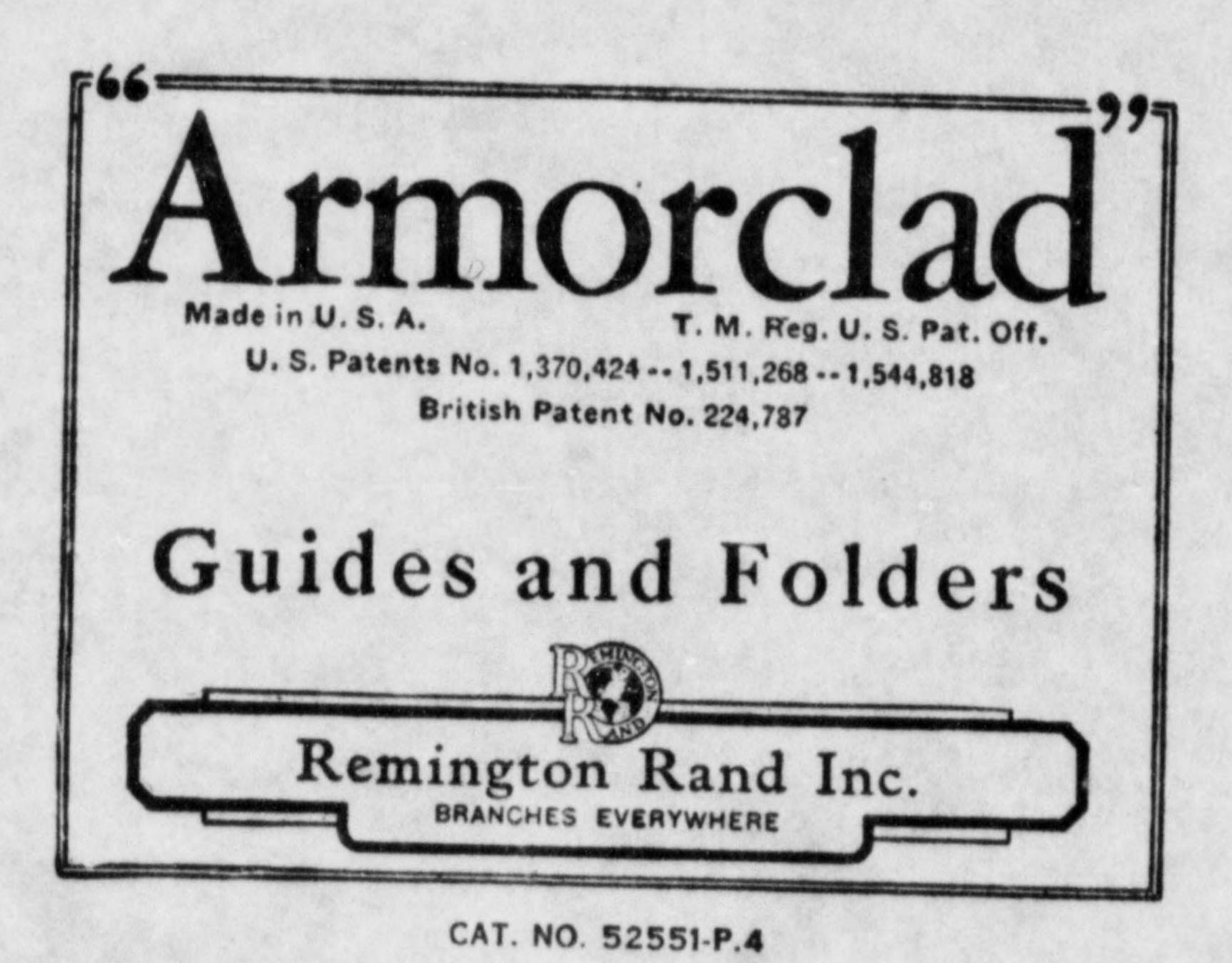
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The Honorable

The Secretary of State

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The Commanding General, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, Lieutenant General John C. H. Lee has reiterated in a recent cable his earlier recommendation of 16 March 1946 for special consideration of the plight of the personnel of the 2nd Polish Corps who are unrepatriable to Poland. A copy of the most recent message, CN-IN 5435, 24 May 1946 has been forwarded to you through liaison channels.

This subject was originally referred to the State Department in a letter to Mr. H. Freeman Matthews, dated 22 March 1946.

Since General Lee implies, in reference to General Sir William Morgan's recent visit to London, that the British Government has perhaps changed its attitude for a more favorable and specific consideration of the future status of these people, I feel that it is desirable to bring this matter to your attention.

As in the case of the original reference of this matter to the State Department in the letter of 22 March 1946, I feel that this question is primarily political.

In view of General Lee's repeated favorable recommendation in behalf of the 2nd Polish Corps personnel and in order to advise General Lee more definitely regarding the United States attitude towards these people, the views of the State Department are requested.

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Sincerely yours,

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STATE-WAR-NAVY COORDINATING COMMITTEE

MEMORANDUM FOR INFORMATION NO. 39

PROPOSED POLISH ARMY REPATRIATION MISSION TO ITALY

Note by the Secretaries

The enclosures "A" (JCS 1581/1) and "B" (Memorandum from State Department) are circulated to the Committee for information.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff approved the recommendations contained in Enclosure "A" and the memorandum in the Appendix thereto was presented to the Combined Chiefs of Staff as CCS 942.

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for final decision.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- It is recommended that:
- a. The memorandum in the Appendix be presented to the Combined Chiefs of Staff.
- b. A copy of this report be furnished to the State-War-Navy Coordinating Committee.

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APPENDIX TO ENCLOSURE "A"

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COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF

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Memorandum by the United States Chiefs of Staff

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- 2. It is considered that if such permission is granted, the mission should be accredited to Allied Force Headquarters. Allied Force Headquarters has informed the Commanding General, U.S. Army Forces, Mediterranean Theater, that they agree in principle to accept this commission in Italy provided it operates as a subcommission of General Modelski's Polish Committee in England.
- 3. The United States Chiefs of Staff have no objection to the accrediting of such a commission as a subcommission of the Polish Committee in England with the further provision that arrangements be made to insure that no force or coercion is exercised in connection with the repatriation of any of the members of the Polish Army in the West.
- 4. In the event the British Chiefs of Staff concur in the above views, it is recommended that the enclosed message (Annex to Appendix) be dispatched to Allied Force Headquarters.

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Appendix

ANNEX TO APPENDIX

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MESSAGE TO THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER, MEDITERRANEAN

The Polish Provisional Government of National Unity has expressed its wish through the American Ambassador at Warsaw to accredit a Polish Army Repatriation Mission to Italy for the purpose of accelerating activities in connection with the repatriation of members of the Polish II Corps. You are authorized to have such a mission accredited to your headquarters provided it operates as a subcommission of General Modelski's Polish Committee in England. In this connection arrangements should be made to insure that no force or coercion is exercised in connection with the repatriation of any of the members of the Polish Army in the West.

ENCLOSURE "B"

DEPARTMENT OF STATE WASHINGTON, D. C.

November 19, 1945

MEMORANDUM for Secretary, State-War-Navy Coordinating Committee:

The Polish Provisional Government of National Unity has informed Ambassador Lane that it wishes to accredit Colonel Kazimierz Sidor, Major Michael Jaworski and Lieutenant Edmund Janusz-Szanlawski to Italy as a Polish Army Repatriation Mission for the purpose of accelerating activities in connection with the repatriation of members of the Polish Second Corps. The request of the Polish Government asks that this group be accredited to the Allied Control Commission for Italy but, of course, if permission is granted for the group to proceed to Italy, it should be accredited to AFHQ.

It is understood that arrangements have already been made by USFET to permit a similar Polish repatriation group to operate in that theater.

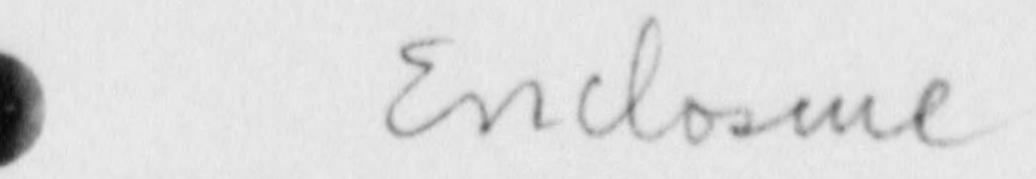
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It is suggested that the War Department might refer this request to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who in turn, could refer the matter to the Combined Chiefs of Staff for final decision.

Ambassador Lane is being advised of the action taken in regard to this request.

/s/ John D. Hickerson





THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



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SM-4769 19 January 1946.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE STATE-WAR-NAVY COORDINATING COMMITTEE:

Subject:

Proposed Polish Army Repatriation

Mission to Italy.

Enclosure: J.C.S. 1581/1 (Copy No. 60).

By informal action on 19 January the Joint Chiefs of Staff approved the recommendations in J.C.S. 1581/1. The memorandum in the Appendix thereto was presented to the Combined Chiefs of Staff as C.C.S. 942.

The enclosed copy of J.C.S. 1581/1 is forwarded for information.

For the Joint chiefs, of Staff:

Brigadier General, USA, Secretary.

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JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

PROPOSED POLISH ARMY REPATRIATION MISSION TO ITALY
Reference: J.C.S. 1581

Report by the Joint Logistics Committee

THE PROBLEM

1. To consider a memorandum by the Department of State to the State-War-Navy Coordinating Committee regarding the request of the Polish Provisional Government of National Unity to send a Polish Army Repatriation Mission to Italy (J.C.S. 1581).

FACTS BEARING ON THE PROBLEM

- 2. a. The memorandum by the Department of State, after stating the request of the Polish Provisional Government, states that if permission is granted, the mission should be accredited to Allied Force Headquarters.
- b. The State Department has no objections from a political point of view to the granting of this request on a basis similar to the Polish Repatriation Mission accredited to the Headquarters, U.S. Forces, European Theater.
- c. If this permission is granted, arrangements should be made to insure that no force or coercion is exercised in connection with the repatriation of any of the members of the Polish Army in the West.
- 3. In CM-IN 330, 12 December 1945, the Commanding General, U.S. Army Forces, Mediterranean Theater states:
 - a. Polish II Corps is under control of British Central Mediterranean Force and Allied Force Headquarters.



- b. There is no objection to the commission being accredited to Allied Force Headquarters.
- c. Allied Force Headquarters agrees in principle to accept this commission in Italy provided it operates as a subcommission of General Modelski's Polish Committee in England.

CONCLUSION

4. Since the Polish II Corps is under control of the British Central Mediterranean Force and Allied Force Head-quarters and there is no objection from the point of view of Commanding General, U.S. Army Forces, Mediterranean Theater, the request should be referred to the Combined Chiefs of Staff for final decision.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5. It is recommended that:
- a. The memorandum in the Appendix be presented to the Combined Chiefs of Staff.
- b. A copy of this report be furnished to the State-War-Navy Coordinating Committee.

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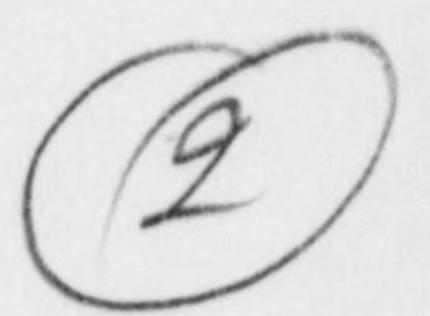
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1. The enclosure, a memorandum from the Acting Chairman, State-War-Navy Coordinating Committee, is forwarded for consideration by the Joint Chiefs of Staff or for such other action as is deemed appropriate. For the State-War-Navy Coordinating Committee:

> A. D. REID Secretary

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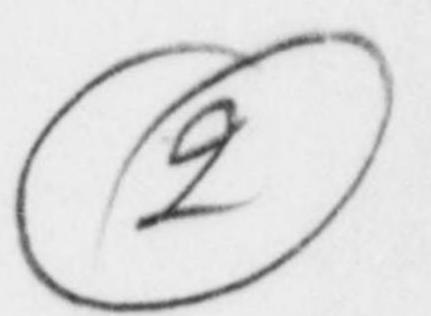
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For the State-War-Navy Coordinating Committee:

A. D. REID Secretary

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MEMORANDUM for Secretary, State-War-Navy Coordinating Committee:

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/s/ John D. Hickerson

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November 19, 1945

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE:

Subject: Polish Military Mission to U.S. Forces, European Theater.

Reference: 4. J.U.S. 1495/1

Enclosed is a copy of J.C.S. 1495/1, a report by the Joint Staff Planners to the Joint Chiefe of Staff, which is forwarded for the information of the Department of State.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff have approved the re-

For the State-War-Navy Coordinating Committee:

ALVIN F. RICHARDSON. Acting Secretary

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15 October 1945.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE STATE-WAR-NAVY COORDINATING COMMITTEE:

Subject: Polish military mission to U.S. forces, European Theater.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff have approved the recommendation in J.C.S. 1495/1.

Pursuant to paragraph 8, a copy of J.C.S. 1495/1 is forwarded for the information of the Department of State.

For the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

Brigadier General, U.S.A.,
Secretary.

Enclosure: JCS 1495/1 (Copy No. 56).

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