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INFORMAL POLICY COMMITTEE ON GERMANY

U.K. DRAFT DIRECTIVE ON STATUS AND TREATMENT
OF GERMAN MERCHANT SEAMEN AFTER THE SURRENDER OF GERMANY

- References:
- a. IPCOG 5/D
 - b. SWNCC 124/D
 - c. JCS 1067 Series

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THE PROBLEM

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FACTS BEARING ON THE PROBLEM

2. The U.K. draft directive was circulated by the U.K. representative on EAC for consideration by the Commission on 1 May 1945.
3. The United States representative on EAC has not introduced in EAC a draft directive on the specific subject of merchant seamen. JCS 1067/6, particularly paragraphs 23 and 24, sets forth basic U.S. policy with respect to the treatment of labor generally in Germany.

DISCUSSION

4. It is believed that JCS 1067/6 furnishes adequate guidance on general labor policy to enable Ambassador Winant to negotiate the U.K. draft directive on the EAC.

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6. Inasmuch as the U.S. views on basic labor policy in Germany have been set forth in JCS 1067/6, it is not necessary to refer this report to the Joint Chiefs of Staff for their views.

RECOMMENDATION

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Ambassador Winant has been furnished with the "Directive to Commander in Chief of U.S. Forces of Occupation Regarding the Military Government of Germany" (JCS 1067/6/8), in which is set forth basic U.S. policy with respect to the treatment of labor generally in Germany.

In the opinion of the Committee the general labor policy set forth in JCS 1067/6 furnishes adequate guidance to enable Ambassador Winant to negotiate the British draft directive on the European Advisory Commission. It is not considered necessary to consider that part of the British directive which sets forth detailed guidance for the initial administrative tasks connected with the treatment of crews of German merchant vessels. Essentially similar instructions are contained in SHAEF Administrative Memorandum 52 and it is anticipated that the initial tasks will have been largely completed prior to the termination of SHAEF.

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