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SHAEP will be advised of the revised approval plan and outline plan for information.

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SHAEP's appreciation and outline plan in SCAP-248 are approved in principle. The following points modify FACS-145, FAN-495, and WX-43766 to DEANE and ARCHER.

FROM: SHAEP FROM THE COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF  
TO: FOR ACTION: SHAEP FWD FOR EISENHOWER, AFHQ FOR ALEXANDER  
FOR INFO: MILITARY MISSION MOSCOW FOR DEANE AND ARCHER, AMSSO FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF

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(10) 2. It was earlier interpreted by the Combined Chiefs of Staff that Anglo-American Forces should not enter the ultimate Russian Zone of Occupation, even while still held by the enemy, without Soviet permission, and vice versa. Re-consideration of this question now interprets that an "Ultimate Zone of Occupation" is not a "Zone of Operations" limited to any one of the Allies, and that prior to the arrival of the ultimate occupying forces, any and all portions of enemy held territory are considered as "No Man's Land" and, as such, can be entered into by any Anglo-American or Soviet forces having military interests therein. Under such conditions it is not necessary to obtain Soviet approval of operations for security of prisoners of war. However, special care and coordination with the Soviets will be necessary to avoid unfortunate incidents in connection with this type operation. Paragraph 4 of FACS-145 and FAN-495 is therefore

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withdrawn. SCAEF will forward a copy of his revised appreciation and outline plan to DEANE and ARCHER for information.

3. In light of the present tactical situation, topographical differences and SACMED's limited resources and facilities, the Combined Chiefs of Staff are now of the opinion that the responsibility for the security of British and US prisoners in AUSTRIA should be transferred from SACMED to SCAEF. It is therefore desired that SCAEF, in cooperation with SACMED, plan for implementing the operations visualized in FACS-145 and FAN-495 in AUSTRIA as well as elsewhere.

4. The phrase, "Upon or immediately before cessation of hostilities" in paragraph 1 of FACS-145 and FAN-495 should be deleted therefrom.

5. With reference to paragraph 5 of FACS-145, and FAN-495, your attention is drawn to the fact that the YALTA Agreements cover repatriation of prisoners of war after their camps have been overrun by advancing Anglo-American or Soviet Forces, whereas FACS-145 and FAN-495 visualize operations only in enemy held territory; that is, operations before such camps are overrun. In light of recent Soviet cooperation regarding safety of prisoners of war uncovered by advancing Soviet Forces, little or no apprehension is presently felt by the Combined Chiefs regarding the safety of prisoners after such camps are overrun.

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FACS-145, FAN-495, WX-43767, is PS IN 614, 27/2/45, G-1  
SCAF-248, S-83110 is PS IN 3453, 26/3/45, AGWAR.

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