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MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL NICHOLS:

SUBJECT: Personnel Needs for the French-Italian Frontier.

1. Assuming that SHAEF and the French authorities agree to our proposal for accepted crossing points (Ref. par. 11, atchd ltr of 12 Dec, GBI-389.506160) it will be necessary to maintain permanent guard posts at two points:

- a. Montegenevre pass.
- b. Riviera coast road.

2. Since SHAEF does not contemplate using Allied control on the frontier (Ref. par. 2, SHAEF ltr of 19 Dec atchd), and with the understanding that this headquarters will insist on AFP's to enter Italy or MTA's for departure, a minimum of three C.I.C. men at the two above mentioned points will be required.

3. In order to assure uniformity of control, a minimum of five men should be employed for snap checks on other possible frontier crossing points.

a. This arrangement, of course, implies that the French and Italian agencies will in fact exercise a control for this headquarters, since the limited personnel available will at no time be able to insure a strict control.

4. Branch Headquarters will be established at Turin, with an administrative force of three men. This force will maintain direct contact with Aosta, the easternmost headquarters of the Italian-Swiss frontier control detachment.

5. The problem of supply, transportation and communication will be the most acute here, due to the distance from main headquarters, CGMO. With this staff of 14 men contemplated, at least five jeeps will be necessary.

a. Implying that this control will be of a secondary importance, it is felt, however, that a minimum of 14 men is necessary because of the length of the frontier (600 kilometers) and lack of other Allied control.

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