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canadienne conjointe des états-majors, Washington*  
*Chief of Staff Committee to Secretary, Canadian  
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TELEGRAM CSC 18

Ottawa, July 4, 1945

SECRET. For CJSM Washington from CSC Ottawa.

Your JS. 28.<sup>236</sup> The Department of External Affairs have requested that the following be communicated to the Combined Chiefs of Staff. Begins:

We refer to the letter of the Combined Chiefs of Staff of June 2nd, on the subject of the inadequacy of supplies available for feeding liberated countries of Northwest Europe and displaced Allied nationals in Germany.

It was agreed, in consultation with the authorities of the United States and of the United Kingdom, that the Governments of the liberated countries of Northwest Europe be informed of shortages of supplies at the meeting of Allied Ministers of Food, which was held in London on June 14th. At that meeting Colonel Llewellyn, United Kingdom Minister of Food, made the following statement with the concurrence of the United States and Canadian Governments:

“Owing to shipping and other problems there have been considerable difficulties in providing the total quantity of food which SHAEF requires for distribution through its civil affairs organization in the liberated countries during the coming months. It is estimated that the quantities due for shipment during May, June, and July will fall short of requirements by about 126,000 tons. The principal items in which there will be a deficit will be fats, pulses, milk and canned meat. I should point out that the bulk of these shipments would be due for arrival in July and August, when the new harvest is ready for collection. Every effort will be made to hurry on such supplies as are available. The fact that the quantities are not shipped in May, June and July will not make any difference to the total quantities of food which have been set aside for the liberated areas in 1945. They will be allocated and shipped as soon as possible. Insofar as SHAEF has ceased to be responsible for food import requirements for particular territories, the quantities will then be allocated to the national governments concerned.”

The supply authorities of the United States, the United Kingdom and Canada are making every possible effort to provide supplies to the Allied Governments, either directly or by assisting the military authorities to meet the sustenance of the civilian population. To integrate the supply programmes of the national governments with civil affairs programmes and to facilitate the transfer of military responsibility to the liberated countries, it is of great importance that the Supreme Headquarters Allied Governments Expeditionary

<sup>236</sup>Voir le document 1298.  
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