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(C) G.S. 2442 to General Stuart from Colonel Ralston. February 21st, 1944.

(1) What access have we and what consultation is there with us and what means are taken to keep us informed regarding tactical plans. It would be useful if we could know to what extent the Army Commander or the Chief of General Staff has had an opportunity to consider and comment on the tactical plans which Canadians are expected to carry out before they are finalized.

(D) G.S. 533. General Stuart to Colonel Ralston. February 24th, 1944.

The planning stages are as follows:

Stage 1: General Montgomery prepares key army plan. Naval and Air officers do the same. I am in the picture in regard to key plan as are my two principal staff officers at Army.

Stage 2: General Eisenhower co-ordinates the three services plans and operations.

Stage 3: Combined Chiefs of Staff approve.

Stage 4: General Montgomery informs his Army Commanders and allots to each his task. (G.O. C.-in-C. 1 Cdn. Army comes in here).

Stage 5: Army Commanders then begin their planning and submit their plans to General Montgomery.

Stage 6: Army Commander informs his Corps Commanders and they proceed to work on their planning.

(E) Telegrams #34 & 35. March 10th, 1944.

(1) Telegram #34 requests:

(a) The Commanders in Chief be informed that they may be regarded as deriving their authority insofar as Canadian Forces under their command are concerned from the Government in Canada.

(b) Closer relationship between the Canadian Staffs and the Commands as set up. The joint Staff Mission in London to act as the appropriate channel of communication between the Canadian Chiefs of Staff and the Supreme Commanders in England and in the Mediterranean.

(c) Appropriate announcement should be made so as to make it clear that General Wilson and General Eisenhower are the Commanders in Chief of the participating forces of the United Nations.

(2) Telegram #35 requests:

The constitution of a Canadian Staff Mission in the United Kingdom as a link between Canadian Chiefs of Staff and the United Kingdom Chiefs of Staff Committee in London, in the same way as we are proposing to set