

for the period May, June and July. The principal items are fats, pulses, milk and canned meat.

3. As the result of adjustments and of emergency measures to meet this situation, it is anticipated that a part of the deficit will be made available in the United States for loading in June and the first half of July. The remaining deficit is estimated at approximately 78,000 tons of which a considerable portion will be fats and the remainder pulses, milk and canned meat.

4. Every effort within the competence of the combined military authorities is being and will be made further to reduce the deficit, but it must at present be assumed that a substantial deficit will remain as the result of the present inability of the appropriate supply authorities of the United States, the United Kingdom and Canada to indicate availabilities of supplies to meet the remaining deficiencies.

5. As a consequence, there is likely to be an inadequate supply of items of food other than cereals for the minimum needs of liberated countries of Northwest Europe and for displaced persons of the United Nations in Germany under the control of SCAEF. SCAEF has recommended that, if remedial action cannot be taken, the Allied Governments concerned should be notified of the facts through diplomatic channels at the earliest possible moment. The Combined Chiefs of Staff are in agreement with this recommendation.

6. You may, therefore, consider that it would be desirable, unless through your assistance further effective availabilities can be indicated, to warn the Allied Governments concerned of the general situation and of the consequent probable inability of the military authorities to meet civil affairs requirements of their respective countries and of United Nations displaced persons in Germany.

7. SCAEF has been instructed to keep the Allied Governments informed of the details of anticipated deficits so that they may make such adjustments in rations as may be necessary. You may wish so to inform the Allied Governments. At the same time, it is recommended that in any communications you may make to the Allied Governments, you should stress the importance of their doing everything possible to meet the present supply shortage by making the fullest use of indigenous production.