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ERF. Reference memo of 30 Sep:-

1. It is urged that although PWU will be responsible - I.C. will be the department in most need of recovered material.
2. May a sub-committee be appointed at once to consider the points raised in memo from this sub-committee dated 24 Sep please?
3. Before the committee makes recommendation would it not be advisable to put on urgent requirements a supply of are-wellly apparatus & (ii) roofing material such as Lined felt?
4. May the word "recovery" be used with salvage as a by-product of recovery?

Lt. Col. J. J. Evans
I.C.

4 Oct 43

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Lt. Col Rhodes for PW&U. Chairman. 5236
 Major Humphreys for IC. Member.

D. S. Adams
 Col. (EF)

4 Oct/43

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Minutes of Conference on Sub-Commission Functions in respect to Food Supply.

REFERENCE: AG/1155.

DATE: 11 October 1943.

PLACE: Molllywood.

Present:

Col. D.S. Adams.	E.F. Directorate.	(Chairman)
Major. Griffield White	" "	(Secretary)
Col. W. Evans.	Industry and Commerce.	
Major. L.M. Humphries.	" "	
Brig. G.S. Parkinson.	Public Health.	
Capt. J.G. Earnest.	" "	
Lt. Col. R.S.B. Spicer	Interior.	
Lt. Col. W.J. Legg.	" "	
Major. W.A. Hartman.	Agriculture. etc.	

1. Col. Evans, Ind and Comm, stated that there appeared to be need for:

- (a) A ruling as to the Sub-Commission, A.C. that was responsible for estimating the requirements of food supplies for the Italian population.
- (b) Definitions of some of the terms employed in the relative appendices to P.D. 7 (as revised in appropriate cases in P.D. 8)

2. Expressions of their views on these matters was then requested of the representatives of the Sub-Commissions present followed by a general discussion. The conference agreed on the following definitions and allocation of functions in questions

3. Decisions and definitions.

- (a) That Industry and Commerce is responsible for estimating, procurement and processing of food requirements.

(1) Definition.

"Processing" is the conversion of a raw food commodity into a form suitable or more suitable for human consumption.

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3. Decisions and definitions.

- (a) That a "Standing Committee" of representatives of these Sub-Commissions concerned is set up herewith to meet as required and deal with inter-related problems of food supply. Committee will be under the Chairmanship of Col. Adams, M.F. Directorate.

H. DRIFFIELD WHITE
Major.
(Secretary)

Wm/ocr.

D.S. ADAMS.
Colonel,
M & F Directorate.
(Chairman)

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IMMEDIATE ACTION

AMOT/2019/P/HQ
 AMOT HQ SICILY
 September 27, 1943

SUBJECT: Sale of Confiscated and Captured Stores

TO: All S.C.A.C.s

1. All sales of confiscated and captured stores will cease at once. This refers to all captured stores of any sort including petrol, oils, motor vehicles, food, clothing, medicine, and all other types of commodities.

2. No surplus of any such stores exists. If surpluses exist in some provinces there are acute shortages in others.

3. You will report immediately to Economics and Supply Division of this Hq. any surplus stores in your province in order that they may make equitable distribution.

CHARLES M. SPOTFORD,
 Colonel, G. S. C.,
 Chief Staff Officer.

Copy to Director Economics and Supply Division

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Catania	6	AMOT 5th Army	}	10
Enna	4	Region 3		
Palermo	35	File 266 and original		
Ragusa	6	Float		1
Siracusa	10	Division		9
Messina	6	M.G.S., A.F.M.C.		12
AMOT Liaison	1	Spare		10
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TO: Public Works and Utilities Sub Commission
FROM: Planning Staff, Armistice C.C.
SUBJECT: Salvago.
REF: AGC/1152/1 (PWU)
DATE: 30 September 1943.

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1. Public Works and Utilities Sub Commission is made responsible for "Salvago", which is added to its "Functions".

D.S.A. Col(EF)

Colonel

R. L. RATHBONE

Colonel

J. J. AUBRIGHT

/ccy.

for Joint Assistant Chiefs of Staff,
Armistice C.C.

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MEMORANDUM.

TO : The Joint Assistant Chiefs of Staff, Armistice C.C.
FROM : Staff Branches, E.F., A.S., Comm.
SUBJECT : Salvage.
REFERENCE : ACC/1152/1.
DATE : 28 Sept 43.

1. Conference held in Room 4, "Hollywood" 15.00 hrs 28th Sept 43.
2. Present :-

President :	Col. Adams,	E.F.
	Major Driffeld-White,	E.F.
	Lt. Col. Spicer,	A.S.
	Capt. Hay,	Comm.
	Col. Evans,	Industry & Commerce,
		Sub-comm.
3. Agreed that the subject of Salvage is of considerable importance. However, the formation of a separate Sub-Division is not desirable.
4. Recommended that Public Works and Utilities Sub-Comm. should be made responsible for Salvage, which will become one of their functions.
5. Memo is attached giving outline of Salvage operations in U.K. which are somewhat parallel.

/tlt.

L. J. Adams
Colonel.
E.F.

*Approved .
Necessary instructions
accordingly please.*

*W. Laithorne 523
Colonel.
A/C J.*

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QUESTIONS FOR ASST IN SICILY

1. Present layout of Economics Divn., and what important variations from ANSOI Table have been necessary?

2. What steps to export from Sicily its many surplus products -
(a) to Italy; (b) Allied Army; (c) U.S.A., U.K., etc.
Products include:- (a list made at random)

Citrus juices (concentrated).	Ria-Ora factory at MESSINA.	
Citric Acid.	Semolina.	Essential Oils.
Sulphur.	Sulphur Oil.	Olive Oil (crude or refined).
Salt.	Pumice.	Hard wheat, for pasta.
Almonds.		

3. If containers are a problem (which is likely), has consideration been given to use of empties from Army and Air Force, e.g., oil drums, boxes, cartons, sacks, etc.

4. Situation of fuel and water for motive power.

5. Civilian Relief.

- (a) Exact division of responsibilities between Divns.
- (b) What supplies are necessary to enable needy to spend their cash relief?
- (c) Latest developments in dealing with lack of transport.
- (d) Is the return of refugees controlled by the authorities?
- (e) Do the fortunate share their clothing with the needy?
- (f) Is flow of labour usefully employed progressing?

6. Are these working, how placed for raw material, in what repair?

Shipyards: Catania (1)
Messina (3)
Palermo (1)
Siracusa (1)

Asphalt: Ragusa.

Textiles: Palermo - 1 factory.

Agric. Machinery: Palermo (1)

Steel Foundry: Catania (1)

Timber: Big production for case making. Are there still exports to the mainland.

18 Sep 45.

*done taken by Col. Evans
who returned with notes.
Hills*

L.M. HUMPHREYS.

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MEMORANDUM

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1. This is the function of P.W. & U.
2. Taking the parallel in U.K. there is under the Ministry of Home Security (-"Interior" for these purposes) a department of "Clearance of Debris and Salvage".
3. The work is laid to the charge of the local authority who delegates the job to the Boro Engineer in County and Municipal Boro, and to the County Surveyor in the case of Counties; it goes down to Urban District and Rural District Surveyors, where these exist.
4. The cost of labour, which is the larger cost and includes transport of the recovered materials to the assigned dump and sorting grounds, is borne in part by the Govt. on a grant-aided basis and for the remainder by the local authority concerned.
5. Disposal of the material is through the channels:
 - (a) Employment by the Boro (District) Engineer on his own works.
 - (b) Sale to contractors, builders merchants for rehabilitation and repairs to works, houses etc.
 - (c) Transfer to Ministry of Supply of such materials as scrap iron, steel, timber, rubber, etc.
 - d) *Food - to Food Distribution Organisation.*
6. Regulation of proceeds:
 - (a) Boro Engineer charges assessed value of goods against the job and debits the grant in aid.
 - (b) Sale proceeds are debited against grant in aid.
 - (c) Assessed value of transferred goods (scrap iron etc.) is credited to local authority by Ministry of Supply and held for final reconciliation through War Damage Commission especially in the case of recovery from industrial concerns and private buildings and installations.

Diffid Bill
Majr
28 Sep. 43

TO : The Joint Assistant Chiefs of Staff, Arlington D.C.

FROM : Sub-Commission on Industry and Commerce.

SUBJECT : Resources (Recovery or Salvage)

REFERENCE : ACC/1152/1

DATE : 24 Sept 1945.

1. In preparing estimates of the resources of Italy, the necessity arises for making plans for a proper, scientific and indeed detailed system of "Recovery".

2. As this would appear to be primarily the responsibility of Industry and Commerce sub-commission, the following points are brought forward for consideration:

(a) There is no reference in any handbook for the important subject of "recovery". In lectures on Trade and Industry at Witleton and Charlottesville, the subject was touched upon under the heading of "salvage", a title which is insufficient and somewhat derogatory.

(b) As a source of supply for any scheme of relief and rehabilitation, "recovery" is very important. The greater the destruction caused through military operations, the greater will be both the need for recovery and the source of supply for recovery. Therefore in Italy it will be of paramount importance.

(c) Whereas the usual resources of a country may be obtained from handbooks, there can be no estimate made in advance as to amounts of material that is likely to be recoverable. This information can only be obtained from constant "up to the minute" reports from men on the spot.

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(b) That information should be obtained from Sicily as to how much has been done or planned for "recovery" in the devastated areas.

Ltn. Humphreys

MAJOR L. M. HUMPHREYS,
Industry and Commerce,
Sub-Commission,
Armistice C.C.

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Appendix
Sheet 1.

See para 3(a) attached memo.

Appendix to memo on Recovery ref. ACC/1152/1 dated 24 Sept 1943. This appendix is prepared on the lines of a rough draft for suggesting the functions of a Recovery Division (or Sub-Section).

MISSION.

To initiate policies and develop plans for the organization of recovery, repair, adaptation and immediate use of materials from devastated areas in order to restore the economic life of Italy.

MAJOR FUNCTIONS.
(Staff).

(A)

To formulate policies, plans and procedures for (i) recovering material and component parts from demolished or partly demolished buildings, installations and machines, (ii) utilizing such recovered materials in the most advantageous and expeditious manner.

(B)

To give instructions and help to the Italian Government and to ensure that they have an efficient organization to deal with the subject, from Governmental level down to communes.

(C)

To obtain advice from bombed areas in Britain and to recruit a team of advisers experienced in such matters, drawn from such towns as Plymouth, Coventry, etc.

(D)

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Sheet 2

Notes on which executive functions may be based.

1. Recovery starts with demolitions, which are in the first instance ordered for military reasons and for Public Safety. Reasonable care in the early stages will save much labour and transport subsequently.
2. The deliberate destructive policy of the retreating enemy may make the situation extremely serious and call for enormous effort. Industrial plants may be reduced to a very small amount.
3. There will be many plants beyond repair and therefore no work for the employees. This will involve a huge scheme of debris clearance and recovery of usable items which scheme will give employment to hundreds of thousands being indeed the only work open to them.
4. Material must be used quickly and only for rehabilitation or patching up - i.e. short term policy.
5. Collection and sorting will be according to priority of prevailing demand. This will be continually reviewed.
6. Sorting and selection is skilled work.
7. Strictest economy in transport is essential so that as much as possible should be used on the spot.
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10. Carnibalisation will present problems to Legal and Finance to deal with compensation - though this should be the ~~work~~ ^{work} of the Italian Departments concerned.
11. Materials from demolished buildings include :-
 - Steel posts, girders, reinforcing rods & tie wire.
 - Tubes & pipes.
 - Nails, screws, bolts etc.
 - Woodwork & Joinery - doors, windows, shelves, etc.
 - Bricks & tiles.Materials from industrial plants and factories are legion and might readily be used for purposes other than those for which they were originally intended.

Sheet 3.

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Material recovered may be used on the spot or have to be taken elsewhere; will be subdivided into many grades e.g.

- (a) Fit for immediate use either for the purpose for which it was originally intended or improvised for some other purpose.
- (b) Fit for use after slight repair and/or modification.
- (c) Needing major repairs or alterations.
- (d) Worth evacuating for scrap.
- (e) Not worth moving - or useful only as debris.

13.

Site clearing would only be effected if the material and debris cleared away can be of immediate use.

NOTE The lack of wisdom in building large debris dumps such as was built at Hyde Park. Dumps should be widely dispersed and indeed located as much as possible near places where they can be used for road and railroad repair or in conjunction with cement for building purposes.

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TO: The Joint Assistant Chiefs of Staff, Armistice C.C.

FROM: Sub-Commissions on Industry and Commerce.

SUBJECT: Statement on Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission.

REFERENCE: ACC/1014

DATE: 22 September 1943

Reference Planning Directive No. 5 issued under even reference dated 20th September 1943, and with particular reference to Para. 5, (b), (ii), thereof.

1. MISSION.

To initiate policies and develop plans for the resuscitation of Italian industry and commerce - replacing or adapting the control previously exercised by the Fascist Party. The prime objects will be to (a) harness the Italian potential to the Allied war effort and (b) to restore, as far as possible, normal life and amenities to the Italian people.

2. MAJOR FUNCTIONS (Staff)

- (a) To formulate and/or adapt policies, plans and procedures concerning Italian Industry and Commerce, especially with a view to replacing the control of the Ministry of Corporations and to revise the Fascist idea of Industrial autarchy.
- (b) To give instructions to Italian government departments concerned and to ensure that they are carried out.
- (c) To make research and prepare statistics and to estimate the effect of combat operations on Italian industrial capacity, based on information received from A.M.G.

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- (c) To supervise the orders, etc. given (i) by means of visits or inspections by Hqr. officers of this sub-commission and (ii) through Regional and Control officers.
- (d) To obtain and supply specialists on particular industrial and commercial problems where necessary.
- (e) To make recommendations to Fuel and Utilities sub-commissions on supply of motive power for industry.
- (f) To make recommendation to Transportation sub-commission on flow of goods: - raw materials, finished goods and semi-manufactured articles.

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(g) To make recommendations to sub-commission concerned.

e.g.: - to Finance as to financial assistance to industry.
to Foreign Trade as to imports necessary and exports available.
to Property Control on State owned or semi-owned industrial property.
to Agriculture and Food Distribution on food processing industries.
to Public Health on matters appertaining to relief.

(h) To receive reports from Regional and Control officers of Regions under A.C.C. control.

(i) To receive information and reports from A.M.C. as to regions under their control and to consider what planning can be done in the light of that information.

/s/ Major L. M. Humphreys
/t/ MAJOR L. M. HUMPHREYS,
Industry and Commerce
Sub-Commission.

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