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Col. Spofford (2)

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ROUTINE

TO (ACTION) : CG PBS, PENCE FOR FARGO ATTENTION KOENIG

(INFORMATION) : NONE

FROM : SEARS FOR POLETTI

DATE TIME SIGNED : 301659A

DATE TIME REC'D : 302247A

REFERENCE NR. : 6539

CITE : BRANNER-1



CONTRACTED HELL WITH MINISTRY OF WAR TRANSPORT HERE IN CONNECTION WITH UTILIZATION OF BAUZIE IN UNITED KINGDOM AGREES ENTIRELY WITH ME AS TO NECESSARY FOR CONTACTING USERS IN UNITED KINGDOM FOR FINAL DECISION AS TO USE THREE AND STATES THAT IN THE EVENT OTHER TRANSPORT NOT AVAILABLE THAT BAUZITE IS DESIRABLE AS BALLAST FOR VESSELS LOADING CITRUS AND OTHER PRODUCTS AT SICILIAN PORTS FOR THE UK. HE ALSO SUGGESTS SENDING ME TO UK FOR NECESSARY CONFERENCES WITH USERS AND ALSO WITH WAR TRANSPORT MINISTRY IN LONDON. AN EARLY DATE FOR CONFERENCES IS INDICATED BECAUSE OF EARLY TERMINATION OF CITRUS FRUIT SEASON IN SOUTH SICILY. NO AGENCY HERE CAN ISSUE TRAVEL ORDERS TO UK BUT COLONEL ROGERS COMMANDING REAR DETACHMENT AMG SUGGEST THAT CONTACT BE MADE WITH COLONEL SPOFFORD FOR ISSUE OF ORDERS AND SUGGEST YOU CONTACT SPOFFORD FOR DECISION AND RADIO ME.

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ACTION: AMG HQ
INFO : SECY
CG

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ACTION: ROOM SEC (2)
INFO : Col. Spofford (2)
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HEADQUARTERS PENINSULAR BASE SECTION

21 JANUARY 1944

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PRIORITY

CG PBS, FOR FLAMBO, FOR CEC, FOR HENDERSON, FARGO

NONE

SIGNED CINC

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FMCS



ITALIAN HEMP. REQUEST FURTHER DETAILS PROMISED BY FAST MAIL IN YOUR CEC
9385 OF 14TH JAN FOR FORWARDING TO CGS. PRESUME REPORT DATED 5TH JAN FORWARDED
WITH LETTER FROM SPOFFORD DATED 11TH JAN IS NOT INFORMATION REFERRED TO IN YOUR
CABLE.

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28 JANUARY 1944

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PRIORITY

TO...ACTION.....CG PBS FOR FARGO FOR SPOFFORD

INFO.....NONE

FROM.....FATIMA REAR SIGNED MACFARLANE

DATE TIME SGD...281111A

DATE TIME RECD..281655A

REFERENCE NR....2195

CITE.....NONE



PLEASE ENSURE THAT MISTER GRADY AND COLONEL MURPHEY SEE
FREEDOMS CABLE 43873 OF 27 JANUARY

PBS DISTRIBUTION:

ACTION....AMG HQ

INFO.....SEC
C.G.

ACC DISTRIBUTION:

ACTION.....ECON SEC

INFO.....COL SPOFFORD(2)

see: 107.30 for C.E.S. Directive

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

VD/r1

28 January 1944

ACC/312.

SUBJECT: Return - Coal and Coke

TO : R.C.A.O. Region I
R.C.A.O. Region II
R.C.A.O. Region III

1. AFHQ Advance Administrative Echelon require to know at any time the stocks of coal and coke on the Italian mainland.

2. For this purpose a weekly return of the amounts received and consumed during the week ending 2400 hrs. each Saturday will be rendered in the form attached.

3. The return will be rendered direct to AFHQ Adv. Adm. Echelon (Coal Section) to arrive not later than each Tuesday.

4. The first return will be rendered for the week ending 2400 hrs. Saturday, 5 February 1944.

5. Your return should show specifically:

a. The best estimate available of the coal received, consumed and held at each plant or stockpile which has received coal direct from ships.

b. The best estimates available of the coal received, consumed and held in stockpiles allocated for essential civilian use.

By command of Lieutenant General MacFARLANE:

DISTRIBUTION:

AFHQ Adv. Adm. Ech. (Coal Sec.)
D. of Works, AFHQ Adv. Adm. Ech.
HQ, ACMF
Deputy President, ACC (Salerno)
Economic Section, ACC (3)
Region I
" II
" III
AG files - spares - 5

Charles M. Spofford
CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel, G.S.C.
Deputy Chief of Staff (O & SI)

Encl.

W. J. [unclear] 4491
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Subject: Return Coal and Coke

A.F.H.Q. Adv. Adm. Echelon

20 January 1944.

TO: C.G. Peninsular Base Section
D.G. Military Railway Service
C.O. Adriatic Base Depot
S.T. A.F.H.Q. A.A.E.
D of Works

D.C.C.A.O. A.M.G. H.Q. (Naples) ✓
D.C.C.A.O. A.M.G. 15 Army Group (Caserta)
D. President A.C.C. (Salerno)

Copies to: A.M.G. (Adv)

No. 2 District (Coal Section)

1. In order that this Headquarters may know at any time the stocks of coal and coke on the Italian mainland a weekly return is required of the amounts received and consumed during the previous week and the amount held at 2400 hrs each Saturday. These reports should be sent direct to the Coal Section, AFHQ Adv Adm Ech. to arrive not later than each Tuesday following.

2. As stockpiles are in some cases being used by more than one consumer and in order to clarify the figures required from each addressee the following details are given. Returns are required from:

Peninsular Base Section, showing the amount received, consumed and held for units administered by them and separately the amount under the above heading for units administered by S&F. British.

Military Railway Service, showing the amount received consumed and held separately in East and West Italy on:

- (1) Railroad lines on which the Director General exercises direct control.
- (2) The amount under the above heading assigned to civilian use. (a) On the Italian State Railway and (b) On privately owned lines.

S and T, a consolidated return of the total amount received, consumed and held in East Italy.

Adriatic Base Depot, showing amount received, consumed and held for units administered by them.

Director of Works, showing the amount received, consumed and held at each of the works or plant under their direct control.

In the event of works or plant being handed over to AMG or ACC control the amount of coal or coke on hand at the time of transfer should be noted and advised to Coal Section.

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Military Railway Service, showing the amount received consumed and held separately in East and West Italy on:

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AMG and ACC return by Regions showing the amount received, consumed and held at each of the works, plant or stockpile which has received coal direct from ships and separately amounts received, consumed and held in stockpiles requisitioned by them and allocated by them and allocated by the Coal Section for essential civil requirements.

3. Attached are a supply of forms for use in making the above returns.

For the D/DCAG:

R. L. 101
DOUGLAS M. LAWLEY
Colonel, G. S. C.
Executive G-4

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WEEKLY COAL STOCK REPORTReporting Agency..... Regionin respect of..... France & other to plantsPeriod..... to.....
(Week Beginning) (Week Ending)

	COAL	Sard. COAL	COKE	REMARKS
1. Stock on hand (beginning of period)				
2. Receipts: Imported.				
3. Requisitioned.				
4.				
5. Total Stock plus Receipts.				
6. Issues: British Units.				
7. U.S. Units.				
8. French Units.				
9. Italian Units.				
10. Italian Civil.				
11. Consumed.				
12.				

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HQ ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
INDUSTRY & COMMERCE SUBCOMMISSION
APO 394

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22 January 1946

SUBJECT: Industrial gases

TO : AFHQ Advanced Administrative Echelon
Local Resources Section
ATTENTION: Col. T. B. Gibbon

Reference conversation with Col. Todd we now confirm that as far as can presently be estimated the local civilian requirements for industrial gases for the months of January, February and March of this year will be nil.

Charles M. Spofford Major
for CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel, CSC
Deputy Chief
Civil Affairs Officer

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PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
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27 Jan 44

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

CG PBS FOR FARGO

NONE

FLAMBO FROM FITCH

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NONE

EMBARGO NOW CANCELED EFFECTIVE ON RECEIPT OF THIS SIGNAL. ADVISE ALL CONCERNED INCLUDING ITALIAN RAILWAY AUTHORITIES. CAPT HALL AND CAPT DE MARET TO INSTRUCT CAPO DI COMPARTIMENTI AT BARI AND REGGIO RESPECTIVELY. ACC AND REGION OFFICERS ALSO ITALIAN RAILWAY OFFICIALS CONCERNED TO ENSURE THAT ONLY ESSENTIAL TRAFFIC FOR WHICH FORMS OF AUTHORIZATION HAVE BEEN ISSUED IS LOADED ALL INFORMED.

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ACTION AMG HQ
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CG

AMG DIST

ACTION COMMS SEC
INFO BRIG GUETERBOCK
DCCAO (2)

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ROUTINE

CG PBS FOR CAO NAPLES

FARGO FOR EVANS AND HUME

SEARS FOR POLETTI

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LEFT TRAPANI FOR NAPLES WITH WINE ARE SCHOONERS PAPA
GIOVANNA AND LENONARDO B.

ACT-ECON. DIR.(2)

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Sup. Col. Spofford 116

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TO ACTION

FLAMBO FOR ROBERTSON

INFORMATION

CG PBS FOR FARGO FOR SPOFFORD?
FOR MERRAL

FROM

AMG 15 ARMY GROUP FROM LUSH

DATE TIME SIGNED

NFT

DATE TIME RECD

290012A

REFERENCE NR.

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CITE

NONE

UNDERSTAND FROM COL SPOFFORD THROUGH COL GERRY THAT
PRICE CONFERENCE AFFECTING ITALIAN MAINLAND CALLED BY AFHQ
TO CONVEENE IN ALGIERS PROBABLY JANUARY 5 AND THAT PRELIMINARY
DISCUSSIONS NOW TAKING PLACE IN NAPLES UNDER AUSPICES FARGO.
HAD UNDERSTOOD CENTRAL ECONOMICS COMMITTEE WOULD BE MEDIUM
FOR SUCH DECISIONS AND SUGGEST ~~ECONOMICS-COMMITTEE-WOULD-THAT~~
PARTICIPATION OF MORE THAN ONE ECHELON AT THIS TIME CAN ONLY
RESULT IN CONFUSION WILL YOU REPRESENT THIS TO AFHQ FOR
CLARIFICATION.

ACTION AMG HQ.

INFO SECY

1 M C. G.

*Action Cyt. Econ Div
Sup: Econ + Sup Div
15 Army
Aug 1*

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ARMY FORM 2136 (Small)

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FROM
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Originator

Date-Time of Origin

OFFICE DATE STAMP

FROM FLAND

29 DEC 1630 A

For Action

TO

TO DIRECTOR FOR AFR FOR LASH

(W) For Information (INFO)

URGENT

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Message Instructions

GR

Info copies by hand to Fargo for Spofford, for Merrill

Originator's No.

M G 3 A

6064

CONFIDENTIAL X Preliminary meetings here are

being held for purpose of formulating recommendations on price policy X Meetings

are being held with approval Central Economic Committee X Signed Hession in

absence of Robertson to AFR Fifteenth Army Group for Lash X O B C will

present recommendations at meetings in Algiers X Cite your Six Five Seven X

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TO (ACTION) : FLAMBO FOR HAMBLIN

(INFORMATION) : FARGO, FATIMA

FROM : SIGNED CINC

DATE TIME SIGNED: 261844A

DATE TIME REC'D : 271757A

REFERENCE NR. : 19466

CITE : FHMGS

Info
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BPA
see
CO
Col Spangher

ADVISED BY AMG-ACC THAT PRELIMINARY PRICE POLICY DISCUSSIONS WILL BE HELD IN NAPLES 29-31 DECEMBER INCLUDING SICILY AND MAINLAND REPRESENTATIVES. ASSUME CEC IS PARTICIPATING IN THESE DISCUSSIONS. ALGIERS MEETING NOW POSTPONED TO 5 AND 6 JANUARY IN VIEW ABOVE. PURPOSE ALGIERS MEETING TO FRAME OVERALL ITALIAN PRICE POLICY IN RELATION TO FRENCH AND OTHER INTERESTS FOR SUBMISSION TO CCS. CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE TO REACH DECISIONS IS DEVELOPING HERE. GRATEFUL FOR YOUR ARRANGING ADEQUATE REPRESENTATION CEC. NUMBER SECTIONS AFHQ INTERESTED WILL MAKE IT IMPRACTICABLE SHIFT MEETING TO NAPLES.

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27 DEC 1943

27 DECEMBER 1943

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TO (ACTION)

CG PBS FOR FARGO

(HEADQUARTERS)
(27 DEC 1943)
(AMC)

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FROM

SIGNED EISENHOWER

DATE TIME SIGNED

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DATE TIME REC'D

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REFERENCE NR.

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CITE

FHMCS REFERENCE PBS 3240 OF 24 DECEMBER

AGREE POSTPONEMENT PRICE CONFERENCE ALGIERS. PLEASE CONFIRM
THAT 5 AND 6 JANUARY WILL GIVE YOU TIME ENOUGH. IN VIEW IMPORTANCE
OF AGENDA, GRATEFUL IF STANSGATE OR GRADY WILL ATTEND

SECRET 6640

CRYP TO N L BERGERON

Orig. Ex. Dir.

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FROM FLAMEO FROM HANDELIN
TO FREEDOM FOR NGH
FOR INFO TO WATIMA
By hand to PAREO

24 DEC 1955 A

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IMPORTANT

M G S A

5200

SECRET X Price meeting scheduled for Algiers

Twenty Ninth and Thirtieth December appears to cover matters which directly
concern Central Economic Committee X Paris For M G S Signed Handlen Paris X
In view of this and presence of all interested A H G Head A G C headquarters
on Mainland some movement that meeting be held Naples X Would be difficult
to send representative from Central Economic Committee to Algiers at this time X

IN OTHER

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A. L. HANDELIN, Bridge Gate, U. S. A.

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TO

FARGO FOR GUTTERBOOK

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FROM

AFHQ SIGNED EISENHOWER CITE FMPS

Originator's Number

16886

Date

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In Reply to Number

PLANNING PRICE POLICY CONFERENCE FOR 20 TO 30 DECEMBER AT THIS
HEADQUARTERS. REFER LETTER 13 DECEMBER MGS 100. PLEASE ADVISE
RENDER ATTENDING FROM AND ACC AND ANY DOCUMENTS REFER YOU WITH
DUPLICATE HERE SEND FOR INFO

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* Originator may delete "except" and insert "including."

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RE. AT PEN. BASE SECT. SIG. MES. ~~EE~~ CENT. 20 JAN 44

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ROUTINE

Action CG LBS FOR SEARS FOR ROGERS

Info FARGO FOR INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE ? ACTION

SIGNED CINC

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FHMGS

TARTARIC ACID. COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF REQUEST COMPLETE REPORT FROM YOU ON MATERIALS CONTAINING TARTRATES AND TARTARIC ACID WHICH SICILY AND SOUTHERN ITALY MIGHT HAVE AVAILABLE, SINCE UNITED STATES TARTRATE CONDITION IS BECOMING SHORT. REPORT SHOULD INCLUDE EVERY^N MATERIALS BEARING LOW PERCENTAGE OF TARTRATES.

UNITED KINGDOM STILL TO RECEIVE ITS ALLOTTED 400 TONS, BUT ALL ABOVE THAT AMOUNT IS OF GREAT INTEREST BY UNITED STATES.

SUGGEST THAT SEYMOUR MIGHT PREPARE REPORT AT SAME TIME AS REPORTS CALLED FOR IN 26233 OF 9TH JAN.

SECRET

ACT - ECON. DIR. (2)

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY FINANCIAL AGENCY

REF: FAH/

*Please return to
Col John S. Todd
Room 49*

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Military Government Section

SECRET

13 December 1943

FILE: MGS/100

SUBJECT: Price policy.

TO : Headquarters, A G-ACC Attention: Brig. E. Gueterbock.

1. Deliveries of Sicilian sulphur to North Africa, and price problems being met in the reconstitution of the Sardinian coal industry, have given rise to considerable discussion in this Section of the price policy that ought to be followed by AMG-ACC in Italian territory. Out of this discussion have come two memoranda: (a) Recommendations as to Price Policy to be Followed by AMG-ACC in Italy; and (b) Italy - Price of Coal and Handling of Coal.

2. It is necessary that a decision be made as soon as possible on the policy to be followed with reference to prices -- particularly import and export prices. It is therefore planned to convene a meeting at this Headquarters as soon as possible after Christmas for the purpose of agreeing on a price-policy memorandum to be forwarded to the Combined Chiefs of Staff. As of interest in your preparation for this meeting copies of the above memoranda are attached hereto.

A. T. MAXWELL,
Colonel
Deputy Chief of Military Government Section

Enclosures:

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

VD/rl
28 January 1944

ACC/312.

SUBJECT: Return - Coal and Coke

TO : R.C.A.O. Region I
R.C.A.O. Region II
R.C.A.O. Region III

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2. For this purpose a weekly return of the amounts received and consumed during the week ending 2400 hrs. each Saturday will be rendered in the form attached.
3. The return will be rendered direct to AFHQ Adv. Adm. Echelon (Coal Section) to arrive not later than each Tuesday.
4. The first return will be rendered for the week ending 2400 hrs. Saturday, 5 February 1944.
5. Your return should show specifically:
 - a. The best estimate available of the coal received, consumed and held at each plant or stockpile which has received coal direct from ships.
 - b. The best estimates available of the coal received, consumed and held in stockpiles allocated for essential civilian use.

By command of Lieutenant General MacFARLANE:

DISTRIBUTION:

AFHQ Adv. Adm. Ech. (Coal Sec.)
D. of Works, AFHQ Adv. Adm. Ech.
HQ, ACMF
Deputy President, ACC (Salerno)
Economic Section, ACC (3)
Region I
" II
" III
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Charles M. Spofford
CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel, G.S.C.
Deputy Chief of Staff (O & SI)

Encl.

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HQ ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
INDUSTRY & COMMERCE SUBCOMMISSION
APO 394

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17 January 1944

SUBJECT: Shipment of Civilian Supplies into Italy

TO : Economic Directorate
ATTENTION: Col. D. S. Adams

1. In accordance with your request I attended the conference held on Saturday, January 15 under the chairmanship of Major Drifffield White.
2. The Shipping Subcommittee representatives were definitely opposed to the proposal made by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (see enclosure of Dec. 3) that 18 Italian ships should be freed for the purpose of carrying food transhipped from ocean going vessels.
3. The Shipping Subcommittee declare that the ships cannot be spared from war needs and that in any case, even if they were, the ships could be used to better advantage under their direct supervision than under Italian control.
4. If a complete program of the Civilian Supply imports were submitted to the Subcommittee in question, it would be examined and every effort made for the necessary handling of same.
5. Major Drifffield White requested them to state their views in writing.

Copy to:

Major Drifffield White ✓

W. P. EVANS *W. P. Evans*
Colonel
Director, Industry & Commerce
Subcommission

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From: The Chairman, Mediterranean Shipping Board (Italy).

To: Major Duffield White, ~~Colonel Evans~~

Date: 15th January, 1944.

Corrected by phone

Subject: Civil Requirements into Italy.

1. At your request I am confirming the meeting held this afternoon to discuss the question of the importation of civilian supplies into Italy.
2. With reference to the request from the Italians, which request was forwarded by Brigadier General Holmes to A.F.H.Q., Algiers, that eighteen named ships be handed over to the Italians to be operated by them, this matter has been placed before the Board, whose considered opinion it is that such a step would not only be inopportune at the present time, but would not promote the most effective use of all shipping available to the United Nations.
3. You put forward the proposal that ocean going ships loaded with civil cargoes be discharged in Sicily or Sardinia and their cargoes transhipped to the mainland in smaller vessels. However, at the present time all the principal Italian ports on the mainland are working to the maximum capacity, and before the Mediterranean Shipping Board can give further consideration to your proposal it will require to have from you the approximate tonnage you anticipate will have to be handled over, say, the next three months and the breakdown of this tonnage among the various areas. It is my understanding that Colonel Evans has undertaken to produce the necessary programme, and doubtless therefore I shall be hearing from him in early course.

Lauchlin Currie 4475

Chairman,
Mediterranean Shipping Board (Italy).

Col Evans is preparing as at

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 512

Ref/AMG/312

WDW/AMG/mrd
13 January 1944

SUBJECT: Shipment of Civilian Supplies into Italy (Mainland)
TO : Communications Section
Economic Directorate
Industry & Commerce Subcommittee
Shipping Subcommittee

1. Ref. our letter AMG/312 of 12 January 1944.
2. The conference scheduled to be held on Friday, January 14, has been postponed and will be held on Saturday, January 15 at the same time and place.

Copy to:
Mr. Grady (to send Rep.)
AMG, 15 Army Group

for Charles M. Spofford
CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel, G.S.C.
D/C. of S. (O. & S.I.)
Major G.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 512

Ref/AMV/312

12/AMV/AMV
12 January 1946

SUBJECT: Shipment of Civilian Supplies into Italy (Mainland)

TO : Communications Section
Economic Directorate
Industry & Commerce Subcommission
Shipping Subcommission

1. The attached documents are passed to you for study in preparation for conferences that will be held on the subject.
2. A preliminary conference will be held in the Conference Room, this Headquarters (Room 81) on Friday, January 14, 1946 at 11:30 hrs. You are requested to attend or send a representative.
3. The views of Region I and Basilicata Region are being sought, and will be considered at a subsequent meeting.

W. P. Field White
for CHARLES M. SPOTFORD
Colonel, G.S.C.
D/ C. of S. (O. & S.I.)
Major Gen.

Copy to:

Mr. Grady (to send Rep.)
AMG, 15 Army Group

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BY FAST AIR

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Military Government Section

DC 43
(OSI)

JCH/TBJ/cags
28 December, 1943


Recd 6 JAN

SUBJECT: Shipment of Civilian Supplies into Italy

TO : HQ, AMG, APO 394
(Attention: Brigadier Gueterbock)

1. Reference letter on above subject sent you herewith, enclosed are the copies for Lt. Col. Henderson; Vice Chairman, Central Economic Committee; D/CAO, AFHQ Advanced Administrative Echelon; D.C.C.A.O. AMG 15 Army Group; and MGS Advance.

2. It would be appreciated if you make distribution of these copies as this will ensure that they are received by the addressees more quickly.



J. C. HOLMES
Brigadier General, G.S.C
Chief, Military Government Section

Incls:
As above

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Military Government Section

JCH/GHR/jm

27 December 1943

SUBJECT: Shipment of Civilian Supplies into ITALY (Mainland)

Recd 6 JAN

TO : HQ
ACC

1. It is already difficult to get sufficient supplies into the Mainland, due to the very few ports that will take Liberty Ships, and as you know, the amounts to be imported will increase with every coming month.
2. I am sure this matter is receiving your active attention but it is clearly among the most pressing and important problems that C.E.C. will have to tackle, and I wish to be kept posted on your proposals to deal with it.

The following outlines our thinking in that connection:

- (a) that the overflow of supplies necessary for the Mainland should be offloaded from U.S. and U.K. convoys in SICILY or SARDINIA (or both).
- (b) that warehouses be established at two or more of the following ports - SYRACUSA: CATANIA: CAGLIARI: PALERMO, i.e., wherever berthing facilities are not overcrowded.
- (c) that a pool of special food ships be organized for transhipping supplies from these warehouses to small ports on the EAST and WEST coast of ITALY.

It is visualized that the provision, manning and management of the a/m warehouses would be made the responsibility of the ITALIAN Govt (under ACC) as also the control of the SPECIAL FOOD FLEET.

3. If this thinking is in line with your proposals can you provide vessels from those already allocated to you or will it be necessary to supply additional coasters?
4. Attached correspondence bears on this subject and it is requested that you make appropriate reply (see "B" attached, para 2).

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5. This H.Q. has approached MEDBO here (see "C" attached) and it is requested that you also make representation on your side. ✓
6. It is anticipated that we shall have to deal with 'overflow' Mainland supplies quite early in the new year and it is necessary we be advised, soonest possible, what arrangements you make in this connection so that convoy diversions can be made accordingly.

J. C. Holmes
J. C. HOLMES
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Chief, Military Government Section

Copy to:
Lt. Col. A. I. Henderson, AUS
Vice Chairman, Central Economic Committee
D/CAO, AFHQ Adv. Adm. Ech.
D.C.C.A.O. AMG 15th Army Group
MGS Adv

MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

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December 3, 1943

N. 453

My dear General Smith,

On the occasion of my passage through Algiers, you were good enough to suggest that I might refer to your personal attention any question of particular importance in which you might be in a position to give us your direct assistance. Recalling your kind reception and encouraging assurances I am now taking the liberty of informing you on a matter which is urgently concerning the Italian Government - and which, I wish to underline, is already being examined in a spirit of cordial cooperation by the technical allied authorities - namely the problem of food supplies for the civilian population throughout liberated Italy.

As you know there are at present great difficulties in that field and although I am sure that Italian farmers will do their very best to contribute substantially to the nation's necessities and those of all armed forces operating in this country we shall nevertheless have to rely on imports from the outside world.

I understand that the present deficiency in food supplies from beyond the Atlantic is not so much due to an insufficiency in tonnage as to a question of space in the sense that the important available harbours in southern Italy cannot take care, at the same time, of ships conveying food and those with military supplies which undoubtedly have unquestioned rights of priority.

Therefore it has been very rightly suggested that should the Italian Government be in a position of having the food cargoes removed from the bigger ships and transferred to smaller craft the latter could berth and unload in all harbours, even the smallest ones, all along the Tyrrhenian and Adriatic coastline: the transshipment operations could take place in some North African port or even in Sicily now that the strictly operational zone has moved up northwards.

However to accomplish all this, which according to expert advice, could nearly solve the present dearth in food supplies, it would be necessary that the Italian Government should have at their disposal the necessary vessels. Instead, as you well know, pursuant the Armistice clauses, the bulk of Italian merchant navy has been placed at the disposal of the North African Shipping Board with the exception of small craft under 300 tons.

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For this reason the Royal Government has already suggested to the Taranto representative of the N.A.S.B. and, informally, to Col. Edward Foley of the A.C.C. the necessity that at least the 18 ships, all under 1500 tons, listed in the enclosure, should be returned to us; they would be quite sufficient to put the plan into effect while it is not believed that their loss would be detrimental to the Allies.

As you see we are not asking for much and I am sure, my dear General, that I can count on your friendly support in order that the matter be favourably solved.

With those 18 small ships we could normalize a situation that would have consequences I do not hesitate in describing as very serious: famine causes despair, while a steady influx of supplies would check the black market and the headlong rise in prices that is now taking place.

Moreover, sufficient food will undoubtedly bring calm and faith throughout the country inducing it to face, with every stronger determination, all difficulties and sacrifices lying ahead in order to attain the common goal, namely to win the war.

Awaiting to know the decisions that will have been taken and that I earnestly hope shall be favourable, I avail myself of this opportunity to send you, my dear General, my most friendly regards.

Hoping to see you soon in Italy,

Sincerely yours,

/s/ R. Prunas

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LIST OF SHIPS UNDER 1500 GROSS TONS TURNED OVER TO
NORTH AFRICAN SHIPPING BOARD

NAME OF SHIPS	GROSS TONNAGE
Refrigerated Ship	
ACILIA	328
" "	
ANNA CAPANO	1215
" "	
APUANIA	381
Motor Vessel	
ARSIA	709
" "	
CITTA' DI BARI	228
Ship	
COSTANTE	634
"	
EZILDA CROCE	1229
"	
GIAMPACIO	358
"	
LANGANO	1243
"	
MONTEBELLO	569
"	
PALLADE	1131
"	
PELAGOSA	668
"	
RINUCCI	1216
"	
MONTECUCCO	400
"	
MONTEGRAPPA	400
"	
TRITON MARIS	1457
"	
TUNISINO	997
"	
CONTARINI	1016

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Military Government Section

JCH/GHR/jm

27 December 1943

SUBJECT: Civilian Supplies - Italy

TO : The Chief of Staff

1. Ref attached correspondence and letter from General Secretary for Foreign Affairs (Italian).

2. Copy of this letter has been taken and forwarded to HQ ACC, and Central Economic Committee, with recommendation that they consider the formation of a special Food Fleet (coasters) for transporting supplies from ports outside the Mainland to small ports on the East and West coasts of Italy. A.C.C. has further been instructed to make an appropriate reply to the Italian authorities.

3. The problem of getting sufficient supplies into the Mainland in the face of limited port capacity is receiving the active attention of the C.E.C., and to solve it additional coasters will certainly need to be made available. Whether this can best be done by releasing additional ships to A.C.C. control or whether the existing machinery should continue has to be decided. C.E.C. have been requested to take up the question from their side and M.G.S. will approach MEDBO here. We will keep you advised of progress.

J. C. HOLMES
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Chief, Military Government Section

1 Incl:
ltr from HQ ACC, Ref 400.38,
7/12/43, and 1 incl.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Military Government Section

JCH/OHR/jm

27 December 1943

SUBJECT: Civilian Supplies for ITALIAN Mainland

TO : Mediterranean Shipping Board
A.F.H.Q.

1. It is already difficult to get sufficient Civilian Supplies into the Mainland due to the very few ports that will take U.S. and U.K. convoy vessels, and the amounts to be imported will increase with each coming month.
2. To meet this problem AMG/ACC will have to offload ships in ports outside the Mainland and from thence tranship to small ports on the EAST and WEST coast of ITALY.

For this purpose it is desired to organise a small FOOD FLEET from coasters of 500 - 1200 tons, which would be controlled by the ITALIAN Govt (under ACC).

3. May consideration please be given to making available for this purpose vessels as per attached list.
4. It should be pointed out that AMG/ACC has no Reserve of Supplies within the mainland and it is most important that we be in a position to tranship supplies at the earliest possible moment after their arrival.
5. It is anticipated that we shall have to provide for transhipment of overflow supplies early in the new year and it is requested that an early decision may please be taken re allocation of FOOD SHIPS.

J. C. HOLMES
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Chief, Military Government Section

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Industrial Planning Staff.

RAM/ln

7 January 1944

SUBJECT : Price List of Engineer Materials

TO : Col.C.M. Spofford, D.C.C.A.O.

1 . Col. G. Wickersham, Base Purchasing Agent, PBS, has established a complete price list for items, including those shown in memorandum from Hq. 343rd Engineers (GS) dated 28 December 1943, based upon experience and in collaboration with other agencies. This list was forwarded to Lt.Col. Warren, Civil Supply Officer, Region 3, for study and concurrence.

2 . Since Lt.Col. Warren covers only the 15th Army Group, it is recommended that the Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission procure copies from Region 3 to serve as a base price for Central Economic Committee, subject to prior approval by AMG-Hq.

3 . Col. Wickersham recommends that all individual requests from Army units be referred to his office for clearance as his office maintains liaison with AMG on price matters.

For Industrial Planning Staff,

Fred M. Reiter

FRED M. REITER
Lt. Colonel
Senior Staff Officer

Inclosures:

- 1 Basic Memo. 28 Dec. 43
- 1 1st. Ind. 7 Jan. 44

1 st. Ind.

RAM/ln

ANG-Hq, Provincia Bldg, 7 January 1944:

TO: Base purchasing Agent, PBS. (Attn: Col. G. Wickersham)

1 . Forwarded as per conversation with Lt. Col. F.M. re
Reiter, Industrial Planning Staff, for reference to your
established price list.

[Signature]
C. M. SPOFFORD.
Colonel, GSC.
D.C.C.A.O.

Forwarded

List of goods (timber, nails etc.)
from 343rd Engineers with
request for prices (ANG) to be
quoted.
The list as such had no particular
interest for us.

[Signature]

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
INDUSTRY & COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO 512

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AMG/5058/IC

10 December 1943

SUBJECT: Personnel -- Region II

TO: Acting Chief of Staff

1. The following extract of a letter from RCAF Region II (in response to a request for information on Engineering Materials demanded by AFHQ) is forwarded for urgent consideration.

2. "2. It is utterly impracticable to comply with the time schedule laid down in para. 5, for lack of personnel, transport and means of communication.

"3. I have ordered the one officer in this Region assigned to Ind. & Comm. to devote his entire attention to gathering the information requested, but his only certain means of transportation is the bi-weekly courier to the provincial capitals. He will be given such assistance as is possible by CAO's, but since these officers have to deal with the affairs of more than 30 communes apiece, all of their time is necessarily devoted to the primary essentials of maintaining public order and feeding the civilian population."

3. This shortage of personnel and lack of communication in Region II has been well known since September; it is the reason why little is known here of the supply situation in that Region. Nothing, however, appears to have been done to improve conditions there.

4. It is strongly recommended that 5 Civil Supply Officers be transferred from those assigned to Regions 8 and 9 for temporary duty in Region II.

Copy To: HQ Region II.

W. P. EVANS *W. P. Evans*
Colonel,
Acting Director, Industry
and Commerce Sub-Commission.

*Assessing C. G. C. Copying
Region II 12/17/43
[Signature]*

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
INDUSTRY & COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO 512

HCN/jfl

20 November 43

MEMORANDUM TO: Col. Spofford

SUBJECT: Civilian Imports and Requirements

1. Considerable confusion has always existed over the handling of civilian requirements and imports, due in a large part to the fact that so many different individuals and agencies have taken a part in the preparation, bidding forward and handling of correspondence relating to this subject.
2. It is suggested that one agency be established and one officer be placed in charge of that agency and given the sole responsibility of ~~calling~~ the requirements of each of the various regions, preparing the requisitions and bidding the tonnage forward and keeping the import records. If this is done it will be possible to know at all times the exact status of imports. Records should be kept showing what has been requisitioned, what requisitions have been accepted by AFHQ, what material has actually been stockpiled, what tonnage has been allocated, what amounts are on the water, what supplies have been received, what supplies have been issued, and what supplies are on hand.
3. In order to accomplish this, in my opinion, Civilian Requirements should be set up as a Division, separate and distinct from any other. It can be handled at the present moment with a staff of 3 or 4 officers at HQ and 1 officer in each of the regions. In addition to the officer personnel, it will be necessary to have several non-commissioned officers.

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Major, C. M. P.
Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission

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Allied Forces
MILITARY RAILWAY SERVICE
Office of Director General

A. P. O. 400
24 December 1943

Subject: Civilian Traffic Bid

To: General M. Balduino, Under-Secretary of Italian State Railroad and Highways

CO, 703rd Railway Grand Divn., A.P.O. 782, U. S. Army

1. At meeting of Transportation Sub-Committee, A.C.C. held 23 December 1943 the following civilian traffic was bid and accepted.

2. Commencing 31 December 1943 charcoal for civilian use will be moved into Naples from originating points and in quantities as shown below, the movement to continue for thirty days from the first three stations and for fifteen days from the last three stations.

Originating Point	No. Cars Per Day
Lagonagro	1
Montanisano Sculo	2
Arena	2
Sicignano	1
Contural	1
Pontecagnano	1

3. Since the civilian basic schedule is not yet in effect, this tonnage will be handled in the most convenient manner; either as fills on trains already operating (in no case reducing through tonnage as ordered by Movements on these trains) or by operating extra trains to move it and when loads accumulate in sufficient quantity to justify.

4. The movement is at request of A.M.G., Fifteenth Army Group. Captain K. J. Curran is making arrangements with civilian contractors for terminal handling, and the ordering and releasing of equipment. Ordering of equipment will be handled through local civilian railroad agents, coordinating with R.P.O.'s or Military Railway Service representatives, where such are stationed. The necessary permits for the movement will be furnished by Captain Curran to stations involved.

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7. General Di Rimondo notify civilian railroads of this movement, seeing that it is given preference over any other civilian movement; and Commanding Officer 703rd Railway Grand Division arrange handling between Sigonara and Naples.

For the Director General:

cc - Internal Transpn Sub-Committee, ACC
c/o Mov & Tr, AFHQ Adv Admin Ech
C.M.F.
✓ Hq, A.M.C., AFHQ Adv Admin Ech
Hq, A.M.C., 15th Army Group
(ATTENTION: Capt. K.J. Curran)
D.G.M.C. (Mov), AFHQ Adv Admin Ech

CHARLES P. DOUGHERTY
Colonel, T. C.
Assistant General Manager
Transportation Department

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 512

3 December 1943

MEMORANDUM

TO : Col. Evans, Industry & Commerce Subcommittee

1. I would like to have the latest information on the basis for pricing imports from Allied sources, including the arrangements as to the time and method of turning imported commodities over to the Italian authorities. If there is any memorandum on the subject, I should be glad to have it, but if not could you or one of your staff give me the facts orally at your convenience?

CHARLES E. SPOFFORD
Col., G.S.C.

SM - CS Not section II 7
Manual page 269

✓ Sold at prevailing prices
No arrangements to hand over
to Italians except that we
keep warehouses at ports -
See also Report I. Memo No
33 dated 26/11 assigning
the "Sezione Alimentazione" as
the only agency 4457
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warehouses.

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FROM : EISENHOWER

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TO : FARGO

Koenig of mining division proceeding to Sardinia and thence to Palermo
arriving latter about 28th November.

(TO FARGO SIGNED EISENHOWER CITE FRAGS)

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30 November 1943

REQUISITIONS FOR CIVIL SUPPLIES FROM AFHQ

1. Until further notice the following procedure will be adopted in regard to requisitions for all Civil Supplies.

2. (a) All demands will be submitted to Industry and Commerce Subcommittee who will scrutinize, collate and prepare requisitions on AFHQ on the proper form.

(b) Sub-Commissions and Regions will not under any circumstances, send requisitions direct to AFHQ.

(c) All requisitions must be signed by the Commanding General, after sub-commission at stated intervals to the Chief of Staff.

3. Demands should cover periods of six months forward and must reach I and C Sub-Commission not later than 31st March and 30th September.

4. (a) The date by which supplies are required will be stated in the demand.

(b) The port to which it is desired that supplies should be sent will be named.

(c) Items in demand will be described in complete detail using recognized G-4 (or Q) descriptions where possible and a statement to justify each item will accompany the demand.

5. Supplementary Requisitions. These will only be submitted in cases of extreme urgency. Demands should reach I and C Sub-Commission not later than the 15th day of the month; for the current period not later than 15th December.

Notes

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1. Only minimum essential requirements will be considered.

2. Rehabilitation demands will only be considered if they relate to an industry or undertaking the functioning of which is vital to the war effort.

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