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ROUTINE

CG PBS FOR FARGO RPTD FILPOT FOR AMG RPTD IBS FOR SEARS FOR ROGERS

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BELIEVE A REPORT HAS BEEN PREPARED ON FLOUR MILLS AT NAPLES, SALERNO, RUTIGLIANA, PESCARA, SYRACUSE AND PALERMO, SUCH A REPORT INDICATING MILLING MACHINERY RESOURCES, CAPACITY, REPAIR REQUIREMENTS. IF PREPARED FORWARD AND IF NOT ADVISE HOW SOON CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE. NEEDED URGENTLY.

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(INFO) COL SPOFFORD (2)

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

AMG/312.1

24 January 1944

SUBJECT: Soup Kitchens in Palermo

TO : Bishop Joachim Di Leo
General Assistant of Cardinal of Palermo

1. Your letter of December 20, 1943 to General Patton regarding the provision of food for soup kitchens in Palermo has been forwarded to this office for attention.
2. It is regretted that this Headquarters must inform you that no supplies for soup kitchens are available to it. All supplies which are imported are earmarked either for military or civilian use. Those earmarked for civilian use must be distributed through the normal civilian channels under the rationing system.
3. Persons actually in need are able to obtain relief from the local public assistance agency which has eight offices in Palermo city, through which approximately 14,000 families are receiving assistance.

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel, G.S.C.
D.C.C.A.O., AMG HQ

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Headquarters, Allied Military Government, APO 394. 31 December 1943.

TO: R.C.A.O., Region I.

1. Forwarded for your consideration, and any action possible.

Encl. 2.

[Signature]
CHARLES M. SPOTFORD,
Col., G.D.C.
D.C.C.A.O.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT, SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS, APO 394,
6 January 1944.

TO: G.S.C., Headquarters A.M.G. Naples

1. Providing supplies for soup kitchens in Palermo is un-
practicable because A.M.G. does not have at its disposal the supplies
requested.

2. Furthermore, persons actually in need are able to obtain
relief from the local public assistance agency which has eight
offices in Palermo City, thru which about 14000 families are re-
ceiving assistance.

Charles Poletti

CHARLES POLETTI
Lt. Colonel
R.C.A.O. Region 1

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SUBJECT: Purchase of Foodstuffs by the Allied Forces in Italy

QUARTERS

23 JAN 1944

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HQ AMG
15 ARMY GROUP
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AMG/122/91
20 Jan 44

SCAO FIFTH ARMY
SCAO EIGHTH ARMY
RCAO REGION III
RCAO REGION IV

312.01

1. The following is the substance of AFHQ Adv Adm Ech Adm Order No. 2 of 8 Jan 44 :

"1. Owing to the shortage of foodstuffs available in occupied Italy for the civil population and the necessity for reducing to a minimum the shipping tonnage required for imports into Italy on civil account, it is necessary to issue the following orders :-

2. All purchases of foodstuffs are forbidden with the following exceptions :-

(a) Those made by the official purchasing agencies of the Allied Armies, Navies and Air Forces.

(b) The purchase of such fruit and vegetables as may be declared surplus from time to time by the Allied Force Local Resources (Italian) Board and released for sale to the Allied Forces.

3. Purchases under 2(a) above will be regulated by the Allied Forces Local Resources (Italian) Board.

4. Declared surpluses under 2(b) above will be advertised in the UNION JACK, STARS & STRIPES and official orders.

5. The following are specifically prohibited except as provided for under 2(a) above :-

- (a) Fish
- (b) Eggs
- (c) Poultry
- (d) Meat
- (e) Livestock Generally.

6. All restaurants and eating houses will be put out of bounds to all officers and Men of the Allied Forces with the following exceptions :-

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These will have no right to make local purchases except as in 2(b)

(b) Cafes, etc, where no foodstuffs are sold.

7. This order will come into force as from the date of publication and will be reprinted in all newspapers. The Order will apply to the mainland of occupied

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2. Any MG officer detecting a breach of the above quoted Adm Order will draw the attention of the Commanding Officer of the unit concerned to the Order and, failing satisfaction, will report the details to higher authority for necessary action.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 512

MEMORANDUM:

TO : See Distribution.

12 January 1944.

The following extract from AFHQ Adv Edm Tschelon, Adv O #2, Subject "Purchases of Foodstuffs by the Allied Forces in Italy", dated 8 Jan 44 is reproduced for the information and guidance of all concerned.

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/s/ M. H. Robertson
M. H. Robertson 4580

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/s/ M. E. Robertson
 Lt. M. E. ROBERTSON 4569
 Maj Gen. Deputy Chief Administrative Officer.

L. N. STANLEY
 L. N. STANLEY
 Capt. ADC
 Asst. Adj. Gen.

By order of Colonel SPARTON:

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- Region I (5)
- Brindisi (5)
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- Maj Van Tasson (1)
- Fg Capt (for new Mess officers) (10)

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HEADQUARTERS PENINSULAR BASE SECTION

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9 JANUARY 1944

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VESSEL HR 77C SAILED FROM BLOT 1800 HOURS 7 JANUARY TO JOIN KMS 37 CONVOY. FOLLOWING CARGO WAS LOADED ABOARD IN LONG TONS: ACCOUNT AMG DUKO QUARTERMASTER ORDER NUMBER 1-1064 PARTIAL 36101 BAGS PEAS 1455, ACCOUNT QUARTERMASTER OFFICER DUKO PBS, ORDER NUMBER QM 2-1434 COMPLETE 519 CASES INSECTICIDE, DDT 20, ACCOUNT ORDNANCE OFFICER DUKO, PBS ORDER NUMBER ORD 4-1021 FINAL 1 CRANE MC-3 CONTAINING 18 AND 3 BOOM SECTIONS 1. ACCOUNT AMG DUKO ORDER NUMBER QM A-1433 COMPLETE 104546 BAGS WHEAT 4549 ACCOUNT QUARTERMASTER OFFICER DUKO ORDER NUMBER QM 2-1419 COMPLETE 4 BOXES NURSES CLOTHING 1.18 TONS IS HEAVY LIFT. GREATEST DRAFT 27 FEET 7 INCHES. DUKO 1ST PORT. DUKO 2ND PORT.

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30 Dec. 43

10050-Driffield-White

Vatima

Flour and/or wheat arrived Naples Tuesday tonnage 10650
tons.

J.P. Nickel,
Lt. Col. ASD
Adj. General

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FARGO

30 DECEMBER 1943

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530-DUFFIELD-SMITH

PRIORITY

FATIMA

FLOUR AND SEAM OR WHEAT ARRIVED NAPLES TUESDAY PD PERCE PAREN FARGO FROM
GUSTENBROCK PAREN TO FATIMA FOR JOXOE PD CITE JOE WOODHURST PD TONNAGE
ONE ZERO FIVE FIVE ZERO TONS

J. F. NICKEL,
Lt. Col., AGD
Adjutant General

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
ADMINISTRATIVE SHEET

Date

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TO

C.G. A.M.C.	
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D.C. of Staff for (OCS)	
D.C. of Staff Admin.	
Industrial Plan	
Mil. Sec.	
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Investigation

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 512

27 December 1943

SUBJECT: Report on Substitutes for Wheat Flour

TO : Lt. Col. Henderson, Adv. Admin. Ech., AFHQ

1. Attached report was prepared for the Food Committee AMG/ACC.
2. It is now considered that the subject will come within the terms of reference of the C.A.C.
3. Will you therefore please deal.
4. This HQ will of course have an interest in any developments.

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel, G.S.C.
D.C.C.A.C., AMG HQ

1 Incl. - Substitutes for Wheat Flour

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29 Dec
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To: Administrative Directorate

Subject: Substitutes for Wheat Flour

Experiments have recently been carried out with wheat Flour substitutes and at a meeting of the Food Committee on the 6th December I submitted samples of bread loaves for examination and approval made from the following ingredients:-

Sample No.	American Wheat Flour	Other Flour
1	90 %	10 % Bran
" 2	60 %	40 % Barley
" 3	80 %	20 % Cedi Pea
" 4	70 %	30 % Farva Bean

2. The U/M Officers were present:-

Lt. Col. HENDERSON	(A)	Chairman
Brig. PARKINSON	(B)	Public Health
Col. EVANS	(B)	Industry & Commerce (Civil Requirements)
Major HARMAN	(A)	Agriculture
Lt. Col. TOBY	(A)	Public Health (Baking)
Lt. Col. W.J. LEGG	(B)	Rationing

3. The samples are the result of research and experiment with the object of:-

- (a) Reducing imports of Flour
- (b) A better utilisation of the Country's own resources
- (c) Promoting self sufficiency

4. No. 4 sample was unanimously approved and accepted by the Committee as being in all respects suitable for adoption as a standard loaf of high nutrition content.

It is submitted that the result achieved represents a major advance if not a total solution of the basic commodity problem.

Major HARMAN, Agric. reported that the bean ingredient was in good supply in Sicily at ruling producer prices of 4 lire per kilo.

5. To give effect to the Committee's decisions, it is urged that the following action be taken:-

- (a) That all available surpluses of farva beans be compulsorily delivered to Ammassi at a controlled price.
- (b) Production plans be made to ensure total requirements for 1944, e.g. Sicily 831,000 qtl (approx.).

- (c) That an Executive Committee be set up to consider wheat and bean production with a view to establishing self sufficiency for Italy in 1944.

Note: Action has been taken in accordance with para 5 (a).

6. The average production of farva bean in Sicily 1932-36 was 2,018,936 Quintali. Production of wheat was also in excess of the amount required on a 70% basis.

If action is taken as recommended in para 5 (c) the major problem of providing Italy with a basic diet can be solved. Additionally it could be made applicable to other territories.

The experiments have aroused considerable interest among native provincial food officials and bakers who regard the results as completely satisfactory and recommend adoption of the formula.

7. Estimated total requirements for Sicily in 1944 based on the foregoing recommendations: -

	Wheat	1,916,250	Quintali
	Farva bean	831,250	"
Production Sicily 1932-1936			

	Wheat	8,884,400	"
	Farva bean	2,018,936	"

Amassed:-

	Wheat	2,774,058	"	(Exclusive of producer
	Farva Bean	Not subject to		(and seed allowance)
		control		

8. From the foregoing - it will be seen that average production for the years 1932-1936 was in excess of requirements to implement the recommendations. Statistics are not available for the four year period 1937-1940 but allowing for a 25% reduction - production would still be sufficient.

Distr:- Administrative Directorate
Industry & Commerce
Agriculture
AFHQ
HQ A.C.C. Regions I-II
15 Army Gp.

/s/ W. J. Legg

W. J. LEGG, Lt. Col.
Rationing Sub. Div. Interior
HQ A.M.C.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

NR: 14113

ADDRESSED FOR ACTION TO : IBS FOR FARGO RPTD ** IBS NUMBER : 5560
FOR INFORMATION TO : TIME SENT : 132011A
FROM : PLANO PETROL SEC TIME REC'D : 141555A
IN REPLY REFER TO PS-3333 PRECEDENCE :

** IBS RPTD #1 DISTRICT

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- EDITED LITERAL TEXT -

Reference Signal 1135 FARGO 11 December copy not to #1 District.
December allocation for #1 Region unchanged by IBS emergency release to
Calabria. Full quantities as authorized for Region 1 for December can
be released. Emergency release to be deducted from December allocation for
delivery from #1 District to Calabria. See letter 4/8 of 8 December to
DDST #1 District and CO IBS.

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Major Alexander
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TO FARGO

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ISLAND BASE SECTION



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TIME OF ORIGIN 051500A
TIME OF RECEIPT 052040A
TIME DECODED 060042A

MARSHAL BADOGLIO IS MUCH CONCERNED OVER THE FOOD SITUATION IN ROME (PD PAREN TO FREEDOM REPEATED FLAMBO AND FARGO FROM FATIMA SIGNED JOYCE PAREN) ON TWO DECEMBER AND AGAIN TODAY HE HAS WRITTEN THE COMMISSION URGENT THAT PLANS BE ADOPTED TO GET FOOD QUICKLY INTO ROME AS SOON AS IT FALLS INTO OUR HANDS PD THE TEXT OF HIS LAST COMMUNICATIONS FOLLOWS CLN QUOTE THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATION REACHES ME FROM ROME CLN QUOTE FOOD SAD D CAPITAL RAPIDLY DWINDLING AND SUFFICIENT FOR FEW DAYS ONLY PD NEED TO PREPARE CANNED FOOD CMA BISCUITS AND DRY RATIONS ANTICIPATING TOTAL LACK FUEL PD UNQUOTE PARA 1 BEG OF YOU CMA DEAR GENERAL CMA THAT THIS COMMUNICATION BE CONSIDERED SO THAT OUR HUNGRY POPULATION MAY BE AIDED WHEN WE SHALL ENTER INTO ROME PD PARA PLEASE BE INFORMED THAT THIS MATTER INVOLVES ONE CMA FOUR ZERO ZERO CMA ZERO ZERO ZERO INHABITANTS PD UNQUOTE

UNDERLINED IS MISSING CODE GROUP

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 512

6 December 1943

SUBJECT: Present Food Situation in Sicily

TO : Major General W. B. Smith

1. During the past six weeks a shortage of bread available at regular prices and the excessive cost of bread purchased on the black market has caused considerable hardship and unrest amongst the laborers in urban areas, particularly Messina, Catania, Trapani and above all, Palermo. It is my belief that serious disturbances will take place in Sicily unless an adequate supply of flour or wheat is imported immediately and definite assurance of regular shipments of wheat or flour thereafter. It is essential to assure a minimum daily bread ration of 200 grams per day if disturbances are to be avoided.
2. The average bread ration in the rural areas is two hundred grams per day, and considered the minimum amount essential to health. In all of the metropolitan areas, excepting Palermo, the average has approached one hundred fifty grams per day. In Palermo the average has been approximately one hundred grams per person.
3. Today (6 Dec.) the last 60 tons of flour in Palermo are being baked. In the rest of the island there is only 5500 short tons of flour and wheat and 100 short tons of biscuits available for distribution to ration card holders. 4000 tons of this can be used only for distribution in rural communities because of transportation difficulties. No additional supplies can be readily obtained from domestic stocks. Systematic raids on every farm might recover some hoarded stocks, but the amount is doubtful and neither troops nor transportation are available.
4. Two hundred grams of bread a day is the minimum basic ration (with a supplementary ration to certain groups of heavy workers) which will maintain a reasonable subsistence level. This requires 20,000 short tons of flour a month (660 short tons a day).
5. We have requisitioned 39,000 short tons for delivery before 1 December. Nine thousand short tons has come. We asked for 15,000 short tons each month from December through June. None has come.
6. We have been promised 6,000 to 8,500 short tons between 30 Nov. and 7 Dec. None has come. We have been promised 15,000 short tons before 31 December, 25,000 short tons in February, and a possible additional 10,000 short tons before 1 April. These delivery dates may be advanced if flour can be borrowed from the French.
7. This is too little and too late. Immediate action should be taken to fill our requests in full and on time. Forty-five thousand short tons should be delivered before 31 Dec. Fifteen thousand short tons should be delivered each month from January through June. Fifty per cent may be in wheat (in bags, not in bulk); fifty per cent should be consigned to Palermo, fifty per cent to Catania. The alternative is disorder which will require troops - the local police force could not cope with such a situation.

Present Food Situation in Sicily (Cont'd.)

8. I have increased wages of civil service employees and authorized the increase of wages for employees of private concerns. This is only a palliative solution. Without an adequate food supply at legal prices no solution of the labor problem can be found.

9. There follows a list of the services essential to the prosecution of the war effort which are at this moment seriously jeopardized by the continued failure of adequate legal rations:

Electric Utilities	- * Palermo
	* Agrigento
	* Trapani
Railroad	- Island wide
Telephone & Telegraph	- Palermo
Water Supply	- Palermo
Railroad Motor Transport	
Subsidiary	- * Palermo
Waterfront Workers	- Palermo
Army Gasoline Dump	
Workers	- * Palermo

10. Other services or industries essential to the civilian economy and of importance to the Allied war effort, in which labor unrest is strong, are the following:

Bus Drivers	- Palermo
Street Cleaners	- Palermo
Carabinieri & other police	- Island wide desertions
Water Supply	- * Palermo
Repair Crews	
Sulphur Mines	- 4 Provinces

11. President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill promised the Sicilians and other Italians food. We have been here for over four months and have not made good on that promise.

12. This situation has been taken up with your staff but I do not consider adequate measures have been assured, hence I am calling it to your attention.

* Note: In these cases actual strikes have been imminent or part of the personnel has in fact not come to work.

FRANK J. McSHERRY
Brigadier General, USA
D.C.C.A.O.

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31201
FLOUR AND WHEAT SITUATION ON 5th DECEMBER 1943.

Flour on hand	1000 tons	(Catania warehouse and in transit).
" " "	30 "	(Palermo warehouse).
Wheat	4500 "	(In provinces of Enna, Caltanissetta, Agrigento).
Total on hand	<u>5530 tons.</u>	

Biscuits, Sic. District - 1000 tons (to be called on only in case of emergency).

The 4500 tons of wheat in the provinces of Enna, Caltanissetta and Agrigento are distributed in various Communes of not easy access and although they will be used in the long run they should not be counted on for our immediate needs.

No further appreciable amount is expected from producers bringing in the 50 kg. per head called for Reg. Order No. 13.

Expected Arrivals of Flour.

2nd Dec.	5,000 to 7,000 tons	ex S.S. Longfellow at Palermo
1-7 Dec	1,000 to 1,500 tons	ex S.S. Jan at Palermo

15 - 30 Dec.	15,000 tons	Verbal Statement Q.F.W.Q
February	25,000 tons	

Expected Arrival of Biscuits

1 - 7 Dec.	1,000 tons	ex S.S. Jan at Palermo
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Possible Arrival of Flour

20,000 tons of flour to be borrowed from the French in North Africa.

Ph.

W. P. Mans Cal.
L. & C. Lublow.

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FLOUR - REGION I

Receipts - As on chart except that the following all arrived on 10 December:

Longfellow	-	Palermo	-	5000	-	7000 tons
Speedfast	-	Syracuse	-	800	-	"
Jan	-	Catania	-	1000	-	1500 "

Amounts are AFM; forecast; amounts actually received not known.

Shipments Due -

Special convoy	-	22 Dec.	-	"Rinucci"	-	Syracuse	-	1500 tons
"	-	"	-	"Fanny Bruner"	-	Catania	-	1650 "
UGS 25 (10 - 20 Dec.)				"Louis McLane"	-	Palermo	-	2500 "
UGS 26 (20 - 30 Dec.)				HR 719	-	Syracuse	-	2000 "
"				HR 723	-	Palermo	-	3300 "

Not known if any arrived.

PLAQUE - REGION II

Stocks on 20 Dec. Reggio - Nil
Cosenza - Nil
Catanzaro - Nil
Salerno - Nil
Matera - to March 1944
Potenza - " " "

Consumption at 150 grs. bread a day
Reggio 2300 tons month
Cosenza 1800 " "
Catanzaro 1800 " "
Salerno 2600 " "

Bids - Requisitions D 25 to D 95 (8 Dec.) - 140 tons per day.
3 - 12 Dec. 2000 tons, 13- 22 Dec. 2000 tons.
8 Sept. "Miriam" 1500 tons from Sicily
9 Nov. 3300 " " Miscast.
Otherwise NIL - i.e., the bids made since
September have had no result at all.

Shipments Due (a) 500 tons from Naples: 160 railed to Crotone 13/12
160 " " Cosenza 13/12
180 to be shipped to Reggio
by Major Hickinbotham 13/12 not yet left.

(b) 2500 tons grain from Foggia: being railed now.
1150 tons left Foggia between 18 & 22 Dec.

(c) UGS 26 (20 - 30 Dec.) - Syracuse (1000 tons flour for
Crotone
1000 tons flour for
Reggio)

We have been told to move this from Syracuse to Reggio and Crotone,
but very doubtful if we can.

(d) Salerno. Transferred to Region II on 3 Dec.; therefore
Region III should have provided for it for next month and also in Long-
Term requisitions Jan.-June 44, which were submitted before 1 December.
Present ration 50 grs. a day, stocks nil.

16 Dec

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

ASA/jc

6 December 1943

SUBJECT: The present labor unrest in Region I due to food shortage.

MEMORANDUM:

TO : D.C.C.A.O.

1. For the last six weeks the shortage of food available at legal prices and the great cost of food purchased on the black market have caused uninterrupted hardship and unrest among the laborers in urban areas, particularly Messina, Catania, Trapani and above all Palermo.

2. In Palermo the average ration of bread for a month has been 100 grams per person. The various representatives of organized labor groups who have been to see A.M.G. authorities have all made two requests, that the available food supply be increased and that their wages be increased to meet the cost of food. The urgency of the need for the wages increase was caused directly by the necessity of spending more money to supplement the inadequate legal rations by purchases in the growing black market.

3. Wages increases finally granted under G.O. 14 were therefore only a palliative, since food remained unavailable at adequate prices and in adequate quantities. Without increased food supplies at legal prices no solution of labor problems can be found.

V 4. There follows a list of the services essential to the prosecution of the war effort which are at this moment seriously jeopardized by the continued failure of adequate legal rations:

Electric Utilities	-	Palermo +
		Agrigento +
		Trapani +
Railroad	-	Island wide
Telephone & Telegraph	-	Palermo +
Water Supply	-	Palermo
Railroad Motor		
Transport Subsidiary	-	Palermo+
Waterfront Workers	-	Palermo
Army Gasoline Dump		
Workers	-	Palermo+

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5. Other services or industries essential to the civilian economy and of importance to the Allied war effort, in which labor unrest is strong, are the following:

Bus Drivers	Palermo
Street Cleaners	Palermo +
Carabinieri & other police	- Island wide desertions
Water Supply	Palermo +
Repair Crews	
Sulphur Mines	4 Provinces

+ In these cases actual strikes have been imminent or part of the personnel has in fact, ^{not} come to work.

6. It is believed that unless adequate supplies of food, which means bread or pasta, to the Sicilians, at prices within the reach of the workers, are assured within a few days and are maintained, there is likely to be a wave of strikes, the effects of which can be overcome only by the use of a substantial number of troops and by the operation of certain services by Allied personnel, after inevitable delay and interruption.

Charles Poletti

CHARLES POLETTI,
Lieut. Colonel,
Regional Civil Affairs Officer.

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4 December 1943

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

NO 174

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1. In order to secure coordination of all activities pertaining to the food supply of Italy there is hereby created within this headquarters the office of Food Coordinator.

2. The functions of the Food Coordinator will be as follows:

a. He will serve as Chairman of the Food Committee AMG HQ.

b. He will be responsible for coordinating all action of the Sub-Committees relating to civilian food supply, including overall requirements, production, imports, exports, transport, agricultural development, processing, and all other matters pertaining to the availability of food supply for civilian requirements.

3. The various Sub-Committees will provide the Food Coordinator with such statistics and other information as he shall require. Action of Sub-Committees involving questions of program or policy affecting any of the matters specified in paragraph 2b, will be coordinated with the Food Coordinator.

4. The Food Coordinator and his staff will be attached to the staff of the Economic Directorate. The Food Coordinator will be free, however, to communicate directly with Chiefs of any of the Sub-Committees of other Sections which exercise any functions pertaining to the food supply.

5. Lt Col JONATHAN L. HENDERSON (A) is nominated as the Food Coordinator under paragraph 1 above.

By command of Brigadier General MOSHERY:

E. COUTURE
Brigadier
Acting Chief of Staff

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1. In order to secure coordination of all activities pertaining to the food supply of Italy there is hereby created within this Headquarters the office of Food Coordinator.

2. The functions of the Food Coordinator will be as follows:

a. He will serve as Chairman of the Food Committee AHS HQ.

b. He will be responsible for coordinating all action of the Sub-Commissions relating to civilian food supply, including overall requirements, production, imports, exports, transport, agricultural development, processing, and all other matters pertaining to the availability of food supply for civilian requirements.

3. The various Sub-Commissions will provide the Food Coordinator with such statistics and other information as he shall require. Action of Sub-Commissions involving questions of program or policy affecting any of the matters specified in paragraph 2b, will be coordinated with the Food Coordinator.

4. The Food Coordinator and his staff will be attached to the staff of the Economic Directorate. The Food Coordinator will be free, however, to communicate directly with Chiefs of any of the Sub-Commissions of other Sections which exercise any functions pertaining to the food supply.

5. Lt Col ALEXANDER I. HENDERSON (A) is nominated as the Food Coordinator under paragraph 1 above.

By command of Brigadier General HENDERSON:

OFFICIAL:

E. GUSTAFSON
Brigadier
Acting Chief of Staff

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ADDRESSED FOR ACTION TO: FARGO

IN : 1595

INFORMATION TO :

TIME SENT : 301246A

FROM : REPORT FROM AMG

TIME RCVD : 010902A

IS REPLY REFER TO : SA 336

PRIORITY: ROUTINE

From Bunnell. Reference your signal FARGO 757(S-2749) of 19th November. Keep me informed of food situation Sicily to enable me keep Military Governor in touch with situation. Forward written report showing in detail what supplies were asked for and did not arrive thus causing grave food situation and disturbances.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REPORT OF FOOD COMMITTEE
MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1943

1. Organization. The Food Committee was organized in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2, Administrative Order No. 1, Hq. AMG., dated 9 November 1943. The first meeting was held two days before publication of this order. This committee took over the activities of a Standing Committee set up at Tizi-Ouzou on 11 October 1943 to deal with inter-sub-commission problems of food and supply.
2. Functions. The committee was directed to coordinate measures to increase production, supply and distribution of food in the territory under jurisdiction of Hq., AMG(ACC).
3. Meetings. The committee met nine times between 7 and 30 November. Subjects receiving most consideration include:
 - a. Organization necessary in AMG for handling food matters.
 - b. Amount of food, especially wheat, needed to feed civilians.
 - c. Amount of wheat and olive oil stored in ammassi in Sicily.
 - d. Means of increasing amounts of wheat and olive oil turned in to ammassi.
 - e. Importation of wheat to meet minimum civilian needs.
 - f. Importation of agricultural supplies to increase size of next harvest.
 - g. Program for control of flour and bread distribution.
 - h. Need for additional bread ration for carabinieri and other special groups.
4. Actions. Recommendations and inquiries were referred to appropriate staff sections and sub-commissions for information, recommendation, and action. As a result thereof the following actions were taken.
 - a. Responsibility for food supply and distribution was centralized in the Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission except that:
 - (1) production and harvesting remain with Agriculture Sub-Commission
 - (2) diet remains with Public Health Sub-Commission
 - (3) distribution of ration cards and administration of the ration system remains a function of the Interior Sub-Commission (with forms of ration cards to be prescribed by Industry and Commerce).
 - b. General Orders No. 5 and 7, Hq. AMG, dated 13 and 15 November 1943, increasing the bread and pasta ration allowance of the Carabinieri Reale, were issued.
 - c. General Order No. 14, Hq. AMG (Issued by Region I), no date, granting a temporary wage adjustment was issued. The Food Committee, among others, recommended such action in-so-far-as it related to the Carabinieri Reale.
 - d. Two groups of officers, Maj. J.G. Watts and Capt. A.J. Parker in one and Capt. H. Hays and Lt. M.B. Morton in the other, made field trips into all provinces of Sicily to determine the quantities of wheat and of olive oil in the ammassi, the amount of wheat likely to be turned in under the provisions of Official Order No. 13, AMG, Sicily Region Headquarters, dated 3 November 1943, and to survey in general the food situation throughout the island. The survey was made in the week of 13-19 Nov. 1943. As a result thereof:
 - (1) Estimates of the amounts of wheat and olive oil available or to be turned into the ammassi were made.
 - (2) Suggestions were made as to other types of flour which can be combined with wheat flour in bread making. These suggestions are being followed up in experiments.
 - (3) Capt. Parker prepared, at the request of the committee for its future consideration, a program for the control of the production and distribution of wheat flour and olive oil.

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e. Col. W.P. Evans went to AFHQ on 20 and 21 November to expedite filling of requisitions for wheat previously submitted and to obtain approval of additional requisitions.

f. Several members of the Committee, including Col. D.S. Adams, Col. W. P. Evans, Lt. Col. W.J. Legg, and Maj. W.A. Hartman, attended discussions on food which occurred at the Naples conferences of the Allied Forces Local Resources (Italian) Board on 21 and 22 November.

g. A program of future action was laid down - it includes:

- (1) Investigation of desirability of instituting road blocks.
- (2) Investigation of means of improving baking practices.
- (3) Investigation of possible improvements in controls on producer's denunciations (statements of expected production).

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REX J. NORTHLAND
Captain, Infantry
Secretary

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INFORMATION TO : DISTONE
FROM : DISSEMINATION FROM HOLMES
IN REPLY REFER TO : HL-6443, FARGO
INSS : 4462
TIME SENT : 271905A
TIME REC'D : 281245
PRECEDENCE: ~~ROUTINE~~ ROUTINE

Agree
Presume you have contacted DISTONE reference their 471Q of 26th November following my cable of 25th November. Considered here that biscuits should not be issued unless emergency necessitates and as 2,000 tons are definitely being shipped to you from DISTONE. Provided arrivals of flour meet your immediate requirements suggest you stockpile biscuits on arrival and hold as an emergency reserve.

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INS # : 4232

INFORMATION TO :

TIME SENT : 251801A

FROM :

: BUREAU OF THE ARMY

TIME NOVD : 26-952A

IN REPLY REFER TO :

: BR-5564, FARGO

PRIORITY: PRIORITY

Consider our 3134 of 19th November and 3532 of 20th November as cancelled. Following is position at date of what you can expect.

Speedfast carries 1,100 tons AMG supplies on which HGO is flour/macadoni. Am trying to divert it to Palermo but it should arrive ther or Syracuse by 30th November.

Gudwin due Syracuse 28th to 30th November with 195 tons flour.

Longfellow due Palermo 2nd December with 5,000 to 7,000 tons flour.

From Philippeville the SS Jan is set up for 1,000 to 1,500 tons flour and 11000 tons Biscuits scheduled to arrive Palermo first week December.

Further 1,000 tons biscuits available District 1 as previous advised.

We are making urgent demand for 20,000 tons flour on loan from French. If successful delivery will take 3 weeks. Will press matter and keep you posted on position.

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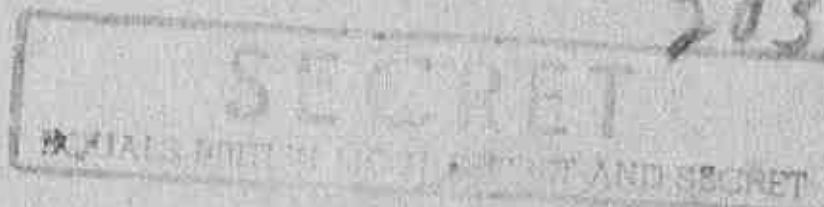
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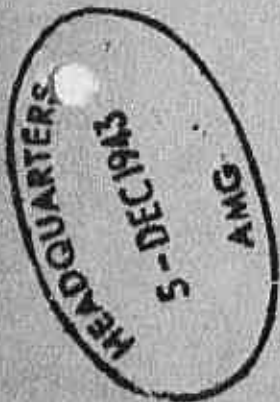
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29 November 1943

SUBJECT: Special Report on Food Situation.

TO : Acting Chief of Staff, A.M.G. Headquarters.

The following special report showing the food situation and disturbances in connection therewith for 24 hours ending 1200 hours 29 November 1943 is submitted for information.

Province	Arrivals from Overseas	Port of Disturb.	Headlines
	Threat	Flour	Arrivals
Palermo	Nil	Nil	1. Scialara Nov 24. 2000 demonstrators, 3 arrests. Slight damage to Municipio & Carabinieri Building.
Trapani	No report		2. Alia Nov 25. 2000 demonstrators. Tax Office and Court House and Ration Card Building burnt out. Hand grenades thrown, 5 civilians & 2 carabinieri injured. No information as to number of arrests.
Catania	Nil	4890 Sacks	Catania
Enna	No report	No report	
Siracusa	No report	No report	
Messina	No report	No report	
Ragusa	No report	No report	
Agirionto	No report	No report	

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Trapani	No report		2. Alia Nov 25. 2000 demonstrators. Tax Office and Court House and Ration Card Building burnt out. Hand grenades thrown, 5 civilians & 2 carabinieri injured. No information as to number of arrests.
Catania	Nil	4890 Sacks	Catania
Enna	No report		
Syracusa	No report		
Messina	Noreport		
Ragusa	No report		
Agrigento	No report		
Caltanissetta	Nil	Nil	Nil

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26 November 1943

SUBJECT: Special Report of Food Situation.

TO : Acting Chief of Staff, A.M.C. Headquarters.

The following special report showing the food situation and disturbances in connection therewith for 24 hours ending 1200 hours 25 November 1943 is submitted for information.

Province		Arrivals from Overseas Port of Disturb.		Name	
		Wheat	Flour	Arrived	Notes
Palermo	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	No Reports
Trapani		Unable to contact			
Castania		Unable to contact			
Arpa		No contact			
Trapani		No contact			
Trapani		No contact			
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Province Arrivals from Overseas Port of Disturb.		Remarks
Threat	Arrival	ances
Belgium	Nil	No Reports
Germany	Unable to contact	
France	Unable to contact	
Italy	No contact	
Denmark	No contact	
Norway	No contact	
Sweden	No contact	
Finland	No contact	
Poland	No contact	
Czechoslovakia	---	Nil

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CHARLES P. LETTI,
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25 November 1943

SUBJECT: Special Report on Food Situation.

TO : Acting Chief of Staff, I.M.G. Headquarters.

The following special report showing the food situation and disturbances in connection therewith for 24 hours ending 1200 hours 25 November 1943 is submitted for information.

Province	Arrivals from Overseas	Port of Disturb.	Remarks
	Wheat	Flour	Arrival times
Palermo	Nil	Nil	54 arrests made up to date at TRABIA as result of riots reported 24 Nov 43.
Trapani	"	"	No contact by Telephone
Catania	"	"	"
Syracuse	"	"	"
Messina	"	"	"
Reggio	"	"	"
Agrigento	"	"	No report available
			Nil

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Province	Arrivals from Overseas	Port of Disturb.	Remarks
	Wheat	Flour	Arrival Dates
Belarus	Nil	Nil	54 arrests made up to date at TRABIA as result of riots reported 24 Nov 43.
Transil	"	"	No contact by Telephone
Gatovio	"	"	" " " "
Amur	"	"	" " " "
Siberia	"	"	" " " "
Ossetia	"	"	" " " "
Refusen	"	"	" " " "
Adriatico	"	"	No report available
Colombiana	"	"	Nil

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File: KIS 315.1/25

24 November 1943

SUBJECT: Special Report on Food Situation

TO : Acting Chief of Staff, A.M.C. Headquarters.

The following special report showing the food situation and disturbances in connection therewith for 24 hours ending 1200 hours 24 November 1943 is submitted for information.

Provinces	Arrivals from Overseas	Port of Disturb.	Remarks
	Wheat	Flour	Arrival Dates
Palermo	No figures available		Trebia
Trapani	"	"	Nil
Catania	Unable to contact by telephone		
Syracuse	"	"	
Messina	"	"	
Reggio	"	"	
Adriatico			Nil

Municipio burned out, 17 arrests.

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Province	Arrivals from Overseas	Port of Disembarkation	Remarks
Threat	Flour	Arrival	Unoes
Palermo	No figures available	Trebia	Municipio burned out, 17 arrests.
Trapani	" "	Nil	
Catania	Unable to contact by telephone		
Syracuse	" " " "		
Messina	" " " "		
Ragusa	" " " "		
Avignento		Nil	
Valmadrera		Nil	

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23 November 1943

SUBJECT: Special Report on Food Situation.

TO : Acting Chief of Staff, A.M.G. Headquarters.

The following special report showing the food situation and disturbances in connection therewith, for 24 hours ending 1200 hours, 22 November, is submitted for information.

Province	Arrivals from overseas Wheat	Arrivals from overseas Flour	Port of Disturbances Arrival	Remarks
Palermo			Nil	
Trapani			1, Marsala	Very Minor Disturbance
Catania		1800 Tons Nov. 21	No contact	Grain convoys obliged to avoid larger Comm-
Enna			No Contact	
Regusa			No Contact	
Siracusa			No Contact	
Messina			No Contact	
Agrigento			2, Realmonte	Disturbances were very minor.
Caltanissetta			Nil	

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 CHARLES POLETTI,
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hours, 22 November, is submitted for information.

Province	Arrivals from overseas Wheat	Port of Arrival	Disturbances	Remarks
Palermo			Nil	
Trapani			1, Marsala	Very Minor Disturbance
Catania	1800 Tons Nov. 21	Catania	No contact	
Enna				Grain con- voys obliged to avoid larger Comm-
Ragusa			No Contact	
Siracusa			No Contact	
Messina			No Contact	
Agrirento			2, Realmonte	Disturbances were very minor.
Caltanissetta			Nil	

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FROM: BISHOPMAN

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TO: PANGS

annuing is firm expectation of flour for Sicily date to 15th December.

1. (a) By first week December as cabled yesterday 5,641 tons.
(b) Biscuits from #1 District up to 1,000 tons.
(c) Biscuits from #23 being shipped 1,000 tons.
(d) Flour from IPS (185 ?) emergency release 300 tons.
(e) Additional shipment being set up, Flour/Maccaroni 1,000 tons.
(f) Total of 8,941 tons which with amount extracted from producers, must repeat must last until Mid December.
2. For period 15th December to 15th April, 40,000 tons was requisitioned in October, with first shipment due Mid December. A further 10,000 tons has today been cabled for but no further amounts can be counted on during that period. If collection of hoarded wheat and producers 50 XOS per head be stringently applied you should be able to ensure a daily ration of 150 grams per head up to 15th April. The overall problem of feeding occupied territory does not permit a bigger import allotment being made to Sicily.
3. Cable 313b of yesterday should read, "Suggest 150 grams Biscuits be issued as equal to 200 gram Bread ration". Also read 1,000 for 500 tons Biscuits available #1 District.
4. Annex leaves for Naples 21st.

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Loaded your port and flour on Santa Maria arrived destination in deplorable condition. Large percentage shift in batches account bags were not tied properly. You must not accept for loading any cargo where packing not sufficient to stand handling and voyage.

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TO NATOUA FOR HCS

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SIGNED: LARKIN CITY SSCMC-3203, SSOPM

Desired first available transportation 7500 long tons bagged whole wheat and 2500 long tons flour for discharge at DIZO for AMG emergency stockpile. This is in addition to previous requisitions for these items. Use AMG markings. Advise convoy on which shipment is planned and ship numbers when available.

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22 November 1943

SUBJECT: Reports on Unrest and Food Imposts.

TO : Chief of Staff, A.M.G. Headquarters.

Report for 24 hours ending 12 hrs 21 November 1943.

1. Civil Disturbances NIL
2. Food arrival 1800 tons Flour, more or less, at Catania.

For Lt. Colonel Charles POLETTI:

A.S. Alexander

A. S. ALEXANDER

Major, M. I.

Acting Chief, Economics
and Supply Division.

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SUPPLEMENTARY NOTE

21 November 1943

TO: Colonel C. H. Spofford.

1. In all the AMGOT Food Requisitions the basic food ration has never exceeded 300 grams and 200 grams is less than half of what AFHQ has set up as the basic ration.
2. Col. J. C. Odell wrote on 10 July to Civil Supply branch, setting up 16 oz. of flour as basic ration for civilian population in liberated areas - ref. Civilian Requirement files Region I, pp. 27 - 32.
3. Had AMGOT requested sufficient flour to grant the population this ration, it would be necessary to import more than 1,00 tons of flour for Sicily alone.

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

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21 November 1943

FLOUR REMUNITIONS - SICILY
VIAIR BY LT. COL. G.J. HAYES TO AFHQ 3 - 6 OCT. 43

1. As a result of considerable anxiety felt by myself, Col. Sellers, and General McSherry at the end of September, over the non-arrival of flour urgently called forward for Sicily, I went to AFHQ - HQS on 3 October in order to find out what was happening there. I talked to Col. Butterworth and Major Todd, and was given the following information.

2. 15,000 tons of flour per month as requested cannot be provided since this quantity is not, and will not be available. The reduced amount of 8,000 tons a month is agreed and will be provided; I pointed out that this reduced figure depended on our getting both 15,000 tons and the D-45 and D-60 stockpiles (total 20,100 tons) by 15 October, and also on the success of our proposed reduction in the producers' allowance of grain, a success which was very problematical. I made it clear that 15,000 tons a month was the amount we required; that this importation might assist in bringing out hoarded grain; and that if it did we could use any flour not consumed as an advanced stockpile for the mainland.

3600 Tons
received 10 Oct.

3. I was assured that 10,000 tons were being sent to Palermo and Catania as quickly as possible; that 3600 tons were actually on their way to Palermo. The 2,000 tons which we called forward urgently to arrive by 25 September had been partly loaded on the "Joseph Hollister" at Genoa, but had to be unloaded again because the ship contained petrol and the fumes would contaminate the flour. No other ship being available, this request would not be fulfilled until the 5100 tons of the D-45 and D-60 stockpiles were shipped. This 5100 tons was scheduled to arrive at Catania about 18 October. This was in addition to the 10,000 tons for Catania and Palermo, which were being set up for the end of October. Thus at least 15,000 tons flour, I was assured, should reach Sicily during October; in addition, a coaster from Genoa (capacity unknown) would bring more.

Finally agreed
and 5000 tons
called forward to
Messina 27 Oct.
Cable _____

I was told that the remaining 5,000 tons of our 15,000 ton bid could not be sent to Messina until port acceptance was received from No. 1 District; I said that No. 1 District had agreed to take this 5,000 tons at Catania instead of Messina, but I promised to try Messina again. Meanwhile I said that this 5,000 tons was definitely required, and asked HQS to earmark it.

4. Major Todd said that the 32,000 ton stockpile had never been set up, owing to difficulties raised by the French; but that AFHQ had earmarked 30,000 tons of flour for Sicily. He was unable to answer my question what period this amount was to cover.

I agreed to take this 30,000 tons in the proportion 3,000 tons macaroni, 10,000 tons flour, 17,000 tons wheat in bags. I reiterated our requirement for 15,000 tons a month.

5. I asked if reasonable warning could be given us of shipments. Both Col. Butterworth and Major Todd said (and I confirmed this with G-4, Nov. and In.) that no-one knew how much was on a ship or where it was going until it was loaded, and then it made the crossing to Sicily faster than the usual channels of communication. In other words, ships were always liable to arrive unexpectedly, and they were always liable to have different cargoes from those notified.

6. I asked whether our tonnage bid on the D 86 and successive convoys would be filled on those convoys. I was told that if a convoy happened to load (or call) at a port where MTS had arranged to have AMOT supplies, there was a chance of getting them; but that, in general, the wheat and flour being obtained from the French would not be at convoy ports, and so our tonnage on these convoys was forfeited. I said that this made bidding for tonnage farcical, and emphasized our previous requests that AMOT supplies should be mounted on separate shipping. MTS promised to discuss this with Romeans.

Lt. Col., R. A. S. G.

21 November 1943

APPENDIX

Extracts from letter from Major Todd, MM, AFHQ, dated 1 Oct, which crossed my visit.

i.e. 15,000
tons a month
15 Oct. to
15 April.

(a) "The long-term requirements are well prepared, and I anticipate that most of the supplies requested will be provided. The amount of flour requested will not be available under the overall requirements previously submitted, and a cable has been sent off requesting adjustment of this estimate if circumstances permit."

(b) "With reference to the shipment of the D plus 45 and the D plus 60 supplies, it is hoped that they will all move forward within the next 10 days; and since the only available tonnage at the moment is for Catania, it is expected that the D plus 60 supplies will have to be sent to that port also. No trucks have been made available for the transport of wheat from the granary to the railhead, and the delivery of both wheat and flour have been delayed accordingly. It is expected nevertheless that these movements will begin in time to permit the filling out of the tonnage for Catania and Reggio for sailing with the D plus 106 convoy. Arrangements are also being made for the shipment of at least 2000 tons of flour to Palermo from Gen or the diversion of a shipment of approximately 4000 tons which has just arrived from the United States. First priority is being given to filling 5th Army requirements for the Naples area, however. It is nevertheless expected that several thousand tons of wheat or flour will be delivered to Palermo within the next two weeks. Additional shipments will be made as rapidly as the French wheat and flour becomes available. I regret the delay, but it has been unavoidable. Our effort to expedite the matter has included the obtaining of a memorandum from G-4, Movements and Transportation requesting the establishment of a high priority for these shipments. Because of operational requirements, however, more prompt movements have been impossible. In addition approximately 2000 tons originally scheduled to move from Casablanca had to be cancelled because the fumes from petroleum products made it impossible to carry flour and coffee. Apparently no one at SCB considered this factor until the ship was partly loaded, and no other ship was available as a replacement."

Lt. Col., R. A. S. C.

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191915A NR 3134 SECRET PRIORITY INS 3647
FROM: EISENHOWER 200837A
TO : FARGO FOR SPORFARD

Following flour arriving:

SAVON I, 700 tons into Catania due today.

GUDAIN 195 tons into Syracuse due 30 November.

LOMBEYLLON II, 200 tons due Palermo 2 December.

500 tons biscuits will be made available by #1 District at your request. Further (1), 500 tons can be dispatched from North Africa. Later flour shipments will be advised soonest. Suggest 120 200 gram biscuits be issued as equal to 150 gram bread ration.

(To FARGO for Spoffard. Repeated CG DISTCES and CG INS. Signed Eisenhower, cite FARGO)

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Staff Ops.
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

18 November 1943

SUBJECT: Flour and Pasta Situation in Sicily (As on 18 November 1943)

TO : Commanding General, Seventh Army
(For Brig. Gen. Gay)

1. Six Provinces of PALERMO, MESSINA, CATANIA, SYRACUSE, RAGUSA, TRAPANI

Stocks consist of only 850 tons, which represents two days' supply at 200 grams per person. No locally produced flour or pasta is available.

Immediate Requirement

10,000 tons, preferably half on West coast (CATANIA, MESSINA) and half at PALERMO.

This is required immediately to feed the population and reduce unrest.

2. Three Provinces of CALTANISSETTA, ENNA and AGRIENTO

Local dispersed stocks total 4,500 tons, which is sufficient for the present for these provinces. Some of these stocks can be moved to big towns in the other six provinces owing to broken bridges and storm damage to communications.

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E. GUSTARDI
Brigadier
Acting Chief of Staff

Copy to:

No. 1 District
No. 1 Region
AFHQ (MSG)
Brig. Gen. Holmes
Brig. Gen. Maherry
Chief of Staff
Deputy Chief of Staff (Operations)

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180830A NR 977 CONFIDENTIAL PRIORITY

IBS 3772

FROM: FILPOT

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TO : SEARS FOR FARGO

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(af-si)

1. CCAO understands you have warned MOS AFHQ of danger of Civil disturbance owing to food situation in Sicily.
2. Military Governor will wish to be informed of such situation. All telegrams on political and important subjects as well as similar reports must be sent here for information.
3. Send earliest all correspondence on subject paragraph 1 and replies. AND rpt AVK.

(TO SEARS FOR FARGO FROM FILPOT FROM AMG CITE FA228)

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171919 NR 1946
FROM: CG NATUSA
TO : CG LBS

SECRET ROUTINE LBS 3756
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ALLOCATED TO LIFT SOS bids of 14 November for AMS supplies
is the Henry William Longfellow. Bids cover 2000 tons from Hado
and 1900 tons from Glen both for Levy and 2500 tons Glen to Dixie
total cargo of 6400 tons. Ship discharged first at Dixie then
completes discharge at Levy so stow first for Levy and top off
the Dixie tonnage. Sail with first available convoy when ready and
advise etc soon as possible.

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(SIGNED CG NATUSA CITE MATTER TO CG MBS AND CG NATUSA FOR ACTION
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170830A NR 418

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IBS 3722

FROM: FILPOT

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TO : FLAMBO FOR MOS

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From D.H.
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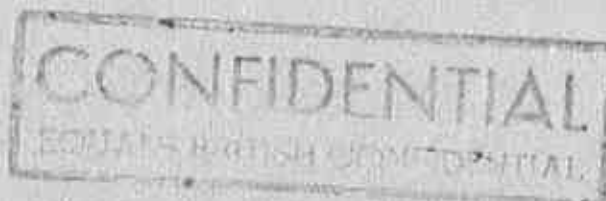
Urgent demand for caustic soda. Request you bid forward 100 tons already requisitioned for Eastern half of Region #4 for November and December into Bari. Can we expect caustic soda already included in phased requisitions to arrive as requested?

(To FLAMBO for MIS. Repeated Bears for FARGO, FREEDOM for MIS. From FILPOT from AMGOT. Cite FA 218)

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

HGN/jfl

20 November 43

SUBJECT: Civilian Food Supply for Occupied Areas

TO : Col. Spofford

1. When plans for the Military Government of Sicily were first being formulated it was decided by AMGOT officials that it would their primary objective to see that the people in occupied areas secured the essential civilian supplies with the least possible interference to the strictly military operations. Although the easiest way of supplying civilians would have been to merely request the Army to deliver food and other supplies to AMGOT in the occupied territory, it was decided that, as far as possible, AMGOT would utilize the supplies and resources of the occupied areas, particularly in the initial phases. In adopting this policy AMGOT realized that it might seriously deplete the food resources of the areas during the combat period and thereby necessitate increased imports during the second and third phases of occupation. AMGOT desired to interfere as little as possible with military operations because it realized that shipping and port facilities would be strained during the combat phases.

2. As a general policy, it was decided that the rural areas and smaller cities would have to depend solely on food and other resources in their vicinity. It was felt, however, that it would be necessary to import some food for the larger cities due to the disruption of the transportation and the cutting off of normal sources. For example, in Sicily it was decided that food should be imported only for the three largest cities--Catania, Palermo and Messina. These three cities had a combined population of approximately 500,000, and it was felt that approximately one-half of these people might be dependent on imported food during the first 90 days of occupation. Just what was required after 90 days would be decided by survey made by Civilian Supply officers in the occupied areas. Unfortunately for AMGOT, AFHQ requested AMGOT's long-term requirements for the period of D+90 to D+270 within D+10. This made it impossible to make a survey prior to submitting requirements. It was necessary to submit requirements without first investigating conditions at first hand.

BUILDING UP OF RESERVE STOCKPILES.

3. Plans for the importation of food into Sicily were made well in advance of the actual occupation. As early as May 19 Col. Spofford sent to General Hamblen a memorandum (141F--7835--CA), which was forwarded to G-4 of AFHQ with 141 Force approval on the 27th of May. This memorandum requested a reserve stockpile of 32,000 tons of flour from N. Africa to be accumulated for the HORRIFIED operation.

4. A firm request for the following amounts of food were put in by General McSherry to the Commanding General of 141 Force on the 2nd of June. (141F--7901--CA. Flour, 8960 short tons; potatoes, 2240 short tons; milk, 1344 short tons;

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m. & v., 569 short tons; sugar, 448 short tons; total, 13,552 short tons.)

5. At the same time request was made that 50% of those stockpiles be delivered at Catania six days after its occupation and 50% to be delivered to Palermo six days after its occupation. On the 11th of June General Hamblen of 141 Force sent the following letter to the C. G., AFHQ:

" 1. Reference is made to vables: FORTUNE 198, 10 May 1943; FORTUNE 287,27 May 1943; W 967 (MC-out-3416) 20 May and W - 2192 7 June 1943, and AMGOT memorandum 2 June 1943 (attached).

" 2. It is recommended that the requirements submitted by AMGOT, in its 2 June memorandum, (attached) be accepted as supplementary Force requirements. It is also recommended that the requested supplies be stockpiled in North Africa, at localities designated by AFHQ, with the following stipulations:

" a. Calls for stockpile material and bids for shipping space therefor to be made by Task Force Commanders only.

" b. Stockpiling to be based on a chronological build-up in accordance with anticipated future needs. This build-up to be in the proportion and priorities given below:-

" (1)	FUNSTIAN -	34% of total requested by AMGOT
" (2)	GUNMETAL -	18% of total requested by AMGOT
" (3)	MALICIOUS -	48% of total requested by AMGOT

" SCHEDULE OF STOCKPILE FORECAST
(All figs in short tons)

ITEM	D+15	D+30	D+45	D+60	D+75	D+90
	FUSTIAN	FUSTIAN	GUNMETAL	GUNMETAL	MALICIOUS	MALICIOUS
FLOUR	1525	1525	807	806	2150	2150 (See note below)
POTATOES	381	381	202	201	538	537
MILK (EVAP. 14 1/2 OZ)	180	180	121	121	323	322
MEAT & VEGS. (28 OZ)	95	95	51	50	135	134
SUGAR	76	76	41	40	105	105
SOAP	16	16	9	8	23	22
MEDICAL SUPPLIES	26	25	14	13	36	36 (See Appx. A)
Sub-Totals		2298	1245	1249	3310	
TOTALS	2299	3543		4559		3306

Total stockpile 13,707 tons.

" c. That all supplies, with possible exception of some medical items, be procured in North Africa.

" 3. It is suggested that identification marking of supplies procured in N.A. be confined to the painted word "AMGOT" in 3" red block letters. (Note 4527. Hamblen Transportation and G-2 agree on this).

" Medical shipments from U.S. should have usual service markings plus work "AMGOT".

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6. This request was followed through by AMCOT to AFHQ for the purpose of seeing that it was approved by AFHQ and the stockpile actually accumulated. Word was received from Col. Heyduk of AFHQ that Gen. Hamblen's request had been approved and the supplies were being accumulated.

7. About the 20th of June conferences at NAEB were held on the food situation in Africa and NAEB representatives stated that North Africa would have a flour surplus of from 250,000 to 450,000 tons for the 1943 season. This at the time appeared ample to take care of all AMCOT requirements, ~~for the~~ ^{and then} considerable excess for other purposes. However, as word leaked out that some of this North African surplus might be used for feeding Italians, the surplus suddenly developed into a paper deficit and N. African officials protested that N. Africa would not have sufficient wheat in 43 to supply its own needs. This somewhat upset AFHQ plans for using N. African flour. To this day the Civilian Supply Division has never received definite information that the N. African reserve stockpile of 32,000 tons of flour and the specific stockpile of 8,900 tons was ever actually accumulated. MGS has intimated from time to time that transportation and milling difficulties made the actual accumulation of these stockpiles impossible.

CALLING FORWARD SICILIAN FOOD SUPPLIES.

8. AFHQ informed AMCOT that during the combat period all imported civilian supplies would have to be called forward by the Task Force Commanders. Representations were made by the Civilian Supply Division with the Commanders of both Task Forces for the purpose of securing commitments on the calling forward and shipment of civilian supplies. Except for 160 tons of food from the Middle East, the Task Force Commanders did not feel disposed to call forward any civilian supplies until D+42. As a result the Civilian Supply Division informed AMCOT personnel that it would have to rely on local food resources until at least D+42 and probably until D+60.

9. On Aug. 1 the 15th Army Group called forward the D+30 stockpile (G-4 No. 20) totalling 3,543 tons. On Aug. 8 Seventh Army called forward the AMCOT D+15 stockpile totalling 1,823 tons, less potatoes which AFHQ had advised were unobtainable. On the 2nd of Sept. FORTRAN called forward the D+45 stockpile and on the 9th of Sept. the D+60 stockpile was called forward. In addition AMCOT called forward on the 19th of Sept. 15,000 tons of flour by the 15th of Oct. and 5,000 tons at the end of each month thereafter; and on the 21st of Sept. requested that this latter figure be increased to 15,000 tons per month. Copies of bids forward are attached.

10. AFHQ apparently thought the AMCOT requirements were too great and wired on the 26th of Sept. asking for the minimum requirements. A copy of this message (Folio no. 00312) is attached. AMCOT replied on the 30th of Sept. stating that 15,000 tons was the minimum requirement but that by altering the producer's allowance they could get by on 15,000 tons for the month of Oct. and 8,000 tons monthly after the first of January. The amounts of flour requisitioned, bid forward and received in Region I are shown on Table 1.

*For confirmation of bids forward
see cable of OCT 11 #40 file 5201*

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H. C. NOLEN
Major, C. M. P. 4526
Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission

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LONG-TERM
TERM { 21 Sept. 90000
 Long-Term Requirements
 { 15 Oct. - 15 April

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REGISTRY

Amount

100	100
300	400
1000	1400
3600	5000

2000 7000

Running
Total

100
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7000

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REQUISITIONS (FLOUR)

REGION I.
(See Chart)

- (a) Short Term. Consist of 4 Stockpiles and 32,000 ton emergency stockpile. All agreed June - July 1943, and laid down in AMGOT Plan.
- (b) Long-Term. Final form put in 21 Sept. Included 90,000 tons flour 15 Oct. - 15 April at the rate of 15,000 tons per month. (See file).

REGION II.

- (a) Short Term. We were told on D day that this was our responsibility. Requisition put in on 8 Sept. for 30,000 tons flour as stockpile, to be called forward by Eighth Army as required. This returned by AFHQ on 20 Sept. Only receipts known here are 2300 tons 8 Sept. 5400 tons 20 Oct.
- (b) Long Term. Final form put in 5 Nov. 43. Include 36,000 tons flour 1 Jan. - 30 June 43.
- (c) Apulia. Being processed now; include 41,500 tons flour Nov. - June.

REGION III.

- (a) Short Term. All done by Region III staff at AFHQ early August - no copy here. But AFHQ state that requirements were:

Sept. 2260, Oct. 3000, Nov. 5700, Dec 5700 tons.

No knowledge here of receipts.
- (b) Long Term. Were to have been done by Major Nolen 8 - 10 Nov. at Naples; Lt. Shanley now doing them there. (Capt. Batt went there to do them 4 Oct. but never returned).

Receipt notified by Col. Gallant 15/11/43

1200 + 5000 = 6200 tons

Requested 3-12 Dec - 6000 : 4524

13-22 Dec - 8000

Relieved due 20 Nov direct from US - 3 to 6000

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FLOUR FOR REGION I - TONS

<u>REQUISITIONED.</u>			<u>BID FORWARD.</u>			<u>RECEIVED.</u>		
	<u>Date.</u>	<u>Amount.</u>	<u>Date.</u>	<u>Amount.</u>	<u>Running Total.</u>	<u>Date.</u>	<u>Amount.</u>	<u>Running Total.</u>
SHORT- TERM	(Before D day - (D+ 30 - 2300		1 Aug.	2300	2300	16 Aug.	100	3
	(Stockpiles (D+ 15 - 1500		8 Aug.	1500	3800	30 Aug.	300	4
	(((D+ 45 - 3000		2 Sept.	3000	6800	1 Sept.	1000	14
	(((D+ 60 - 2100		9 Sept.	2100	8900	10 Oct.	3600	50
	(Before D day (32000					30 Oct.	2000	70
	(Emergency Stockpile)	44,000						
			15 Sept.	10000	18900			
			27 Oct.	5000	23900			
LONG - TERM	(21 Sept. 90000							
	(Long-Term Requirements -							
	(15 Oct. - 15 April.							
TOTALS -		130,900			23,900			7,

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BID FORWARD.

2300 tons transferred
to Region 2.

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203.01
20 November 43

Notes on Major Alexander's memorandum on the food situation in Sicily.

In general, most of the statements in this paper I believe are correct. However, there are certain things which I desire to point out.

1. The statement that the "rations were more regular and never fell to 200 grams per day under Fascism" is not in accord with the facts. Rations were cut lower than this and in many places were as low as 100 grams per day at the time of the invasion.

2. No mention is made of the fact that the inflationary spirit facilitates the hoarding of grain in order to get higher prices. Many farmers are still hoarding grain in anticipation of higher prices.

3. Many farmers and others lack confidence in the Lira and in the Allied Military currency and prefer to keep their flour rather than to exchange it for this money.

4. The Ammassi actually failed before we arrived.

5. We could have done a better job if we had concentrated the distribution of food in the hands of a few individuals or agencies rather than to attempt to keep in business numerous flour mills, distributors and bakers. It would be much easier to control two or three flour mills per province, one or two wholesalers and a handful of bakers rather than the numerous mills, wholesalers and bakers whom we attempted to keep in business.

6. Another point is: we were far too lenient in our punishment of offenders.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
A.P.O. 512

13 November 1943.

SUBJECT: Food situation in Sicily.

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Regional Civil Affairs Officer for Sicily.

1. On the basis of facts known prior to the invasion of Sicily, it was believed that after the emergencies due to the Allied invasion, the destruction in combat zones and the disorganization of governmental and transportation agencies, the island would be self-supporting, insofar as food was concerned, well into the spring, or even until the next harvest if rations were reduced.

2. Three factors have changed this belief. First was the fact that the fascist government, in order to make its self-sufficiency program appear more successful than it was, is stated by most Sicilian experts to have published wholly false figures as to yields and imports in the island in recent years. From 1929-1934 inclusive average yearly net imports of wheat to the island were 1,500,000 qli. and of flour 300,000 qli. (See Rocco di Sicilia, "Sicilia Compendio di Statistica Economica," Palermo, 1937.) The published figures showing a marked improvement in this position with respect to wheat and flour, almost the only articles of Sicilian diet which matter, during the subsequent years up to 1940, are now believed to have been largely fascist propaganda.

Second, scarcity of fertilizer for 2 years and considerable destruction of or interference with harvest, due to military operations, heavily reduced the yield in some parts of the island and decreased the crop as forecast by from 10% to 25%. Finally, the extent to which the black market flourished before the invasion was naturally minimized by the fascist government and the effect which this factor would have on the situation was not fully foreseen by the Allies.

3. In consequence of the foregoing factors it was inevitable that the problem of feeding Sicily would be more difficult than appeared to be the case in the summer of 1943. What has happened since the invasion and the harvest has aggravated the

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4. The wheat harvest is estimated at between 5,000,000 ⁵⁵²¹ qli. and 6,000,000 qli., probably about 5,400,000. Deducting 1,100,000 qli. legally retained for seed (much of the land being mountainous and having low yield even with fertilizer available) and 2,300,000 qli. legally retained by producers (including farm workers) as their family food allowances there was a balance of about 2,000,000 qli. which should have been amassed through legal channels. The non-producing population, some 3,000,000 persons, had no other source of wheat. This amount would have given each non-producer 66 kilograms for the year, or about 182 grams of wheat per day, capable of making 192 grams of bread. Even this amount, supplemented by chick-beans, lentils and other legumes, is below the 200 gram minimum set

by the medical authorities for non-workers, and falls far short of what is necessary for railway, utility, stevedore and other heavy workers and for police, firemen and hospital patients. Since Sicily never consumed much meat and has less than usual available this year, since due to the restrictions necessarily imposed on fishing by naval authorities and fuel shortages there is less fish available than normally; and since sugar imports are only enough for 200 grams for each person per month, bread and pasta are more than ever the only source of life itself for the Sicilians.

5. However, of the 2,000,000 qli. that should have been amassed (the only legal method of sale for a grain-producer), somewhat over 700,000 qli. were reported brought in. Since the last day fixed for amassing has passed (31 October, per G.O. No. 3), it appears that about 1,300,000 qli. have already been sold on the black market and consumed, or are still being hoarded.

This failure to amass much over one-third of the wheat crop may be largely attributed to the aptitude of the Sicilian at contraband and to the long established black market; and partly to the failure of A.M.G. to see early enough what was happening.

6. On the basis of the 700,000 qli. amassed, the average daily ration per person for the year, obtainable through legal channels, would be around 68 grams. Those who have obtained and will obtain more than this, by black market purchases, are of course those best able to take care of themselves by other purchases as well. The black market is a luxury too expensive for the purse of the worker and the poor man.

7. It is impossible to obtain accurate figures on how much grain has already been consumed illegally, or how much is still on hand and held illegally, or on how much can be brought back into legal channels by confiscation. It is unlikely that much can be salvaged for the benefit of those whose only resource is their legal ration.

8. Present visible stocks of wheat, flour and bread, if they could (as they cannot, because of transportation difficulties,) be distributed evenly throughout the island, would not last a month. Without imports, the large cities, notably Messina, Palermo and Catania, will have no supply in a matter of three or four days. The producing provinces can probably subsist for two months or more, though so far as possible they are being drained for the benefit of non-producing urban areas.

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10. As the drop in the wheat harvest and the increasing virulence and spread of the black market became apparent, A.M.G. took the following steps:

a. Efforts were made earlier in the autumn to cause the local police and agricultural officials to arrest black market operators and confiscate their stocks, while at the same time they were directed to urge and force amassing of grain according to law. It was found that no serious inroads into black market operations were

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made, partly because officials were too lazy or cowardly and partly because the Sicilians are wily and have had long training in violating food and other laws. Most of the successful efforts were due to direct intervention of A.M.G. officers.

b. As of 1 November, a threefold program was ordered throughout the island (See Regional Order No. 13 and Administrative Instruction No. 9 annexed hereto):

(1) The maximum bread ration was reduced to 200 grams per person per day and pasta rations were prohibited, thus bringing the consumption in producing provinces down nearer the level elsewhere and conserving dwindling stocks. This has produced much resentment in producing provinces and at least one instance of violence when grain was being taken out to another province, resulting in looting of the grain, burning of the truck and disarming of an A.M.G. officer.

(2) The amount which producers may legally keep was reduced about 20% and they were ordered to deliver this 20% to their ammassi for purchase at the August price of 500 lire per qli. This order was implemented by forbidding the issuance of a milling permit to producers who had not obtained a certificate that they had turned in their 20%. Without this permit they cannot mill flour from their own grain, and they have no ration cards for bread purchases. If this order is effective, by 20 November about 400,000 qli. should be turned in. It is not believed possible, however, on the basis of amounts turned in to date, to obtain as much as half the total due.

(3) Each A.M.G. officer in a grain-producing area was ordered to spend at least 4 days a week, until further notice, exclusively on searching for and confiscating illegally-held grain. (Under G.O. No. 3, after 31 October all grain held in excess of seed and family food allowances is subject to confiscation.) A.M.G. officers in non-producing areas were ordered to help, themselves and with their trucks, when requested. Surprise road blocks, specially at night, were ordered.

c. By order of the R.C.A.O., large amounts of grain were ordered delivered from "surplus" provinces to "deficiency" provinces. This was required because of failure of promised imports to arrive. Such resentment has resulted that further violence may be expected and in one province shipments to another have had to be temporarily suspended.

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11. Because of low supplies, the order gives to police, firemen, utility and other heavy workers, and most hospital patients only the same maximum as all other citizens. This is contrary to the previous Italian ration system.

12. The result of all this has been:

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(1) Many Sicilians, even after making allowances for the fact that we were lately at war with them and are still engaged in a bitter struggle with Germany and Japan, cannot help looking back to the fascist days with some regret. If they were oppressed and made to fight against their will, at least they had substantially more to eat. The rations were more regular and never

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fell to 200 grams per day. The black market was not so flourishing as concerns food. The democracies promised them and are still promising them much. Promises of food have been made for months over the Allied radio. Since the occupation, similar promises have appeared in local newspapers published with Allied approval and supervision. (For instance, see "Sicilia Liberata" published in Palermo, 10 November 1943 for quotation from speech by President Roosevelt, and earlier issues of same newspaper for speeches by Vice-President Wallace and others.) So far the democracies have delivered little. The promise was "freedom from want" but the performance is "freedom to want". Being more free they are becoming more conscious and more articulate, and will soon become more vocal and more active. The genuine enthusiasm with which most of them welcomed the Allies is turning to sullen bitterness. In Monreale a bread riot occurred in which a policeman on duty was killed. Other disturbances have occurred and more will follow.

(2) The police, though they have never done their duty as it would have been done by British or American police forces, have been of great use and have been loyal to the occupying powers, if sometimes blind to certain types of law-breaking by their fellow-citizens. As Allied troops move out of Sicily, the role of the police will become increasingly important. But at this very moment their morale is rapidly deteriorating, due entirely to inadequate food rations and pay. There were over 40 desertions in the Palermo City Carabinieri force in a few days. Firemen also are not expected to stay at their posts much longer. At present the police cannot be counted on to guard food supplies, even those of A.M.G. Several instances of theft by police of U.S. flour from trucks they were supposed to be guarding have been reported in the last 10 days.

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(4) The black market is inevitable in this island under such conditions of scarcity as exist. It is accompanied by a revival of the Mafia, which is believed to be stronger now than at any time since the fascist regime took power.

(5) The medical aspect of the situation will become serious by mid-winter if no improvement in food imports occurs. Malnutrition will entail susceptibility to epidemics which in turn will bring a serious risk for the Allied armies in this theater of operations.

(6) The possibility of having to recall troops needed elsewhere to control the civilian population should not be overlooked. It need not be emphasized what a confession of failure would be involved. It has already been necessary to transfer troops into critical areas and also to use air force personnel for the maintenance of law and order.

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13. To date since the occupation only 7,500 tons of flour have arrived in the island. 2,000 tons of this arrived at Palermo, instead of at Catania as scheduled. Since the need was most urgent in the eastern end of the island, scarce transportation facilities have been constantly engaged since the shipment arrived in moving the flour across the island.

14. Apart from supplies which might be obtained elsewhere, most of the 41,000 ton stockpile in North Africa which had been earmarked for Sicily is believed to remain untouched, as only part of the 7,500 tons imported to the island came from that stockpile.

In this connection, many Sicilians are asking why the Italian merchant marine, which was said by the Allies to be about to be used for feeding Italians, and which surrendered upon this belief, is not being used for the purpose.

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ROUTINE

FREEDOM FOR MGS FOR HOLMES

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FREEDOM FOR MGS RPTD DISTONE, FLAMBO

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APO 512

11/3/43

OFFICIAL ORDER:
NO. 132

I, Lt. Colonel CHARLES POLETTI, Regional Civil Affairs Officer for Sicily, having heard the views of all the Prefects of Sicily, and with the object of assuring a more uniform distribution of wheat in Sicily, especially in regard to the needs of deficiency provinces, also due to the war,

ORDER

ARTICLE I

1. That for each member of the family, and for those employed or dependent upon direct producer
 - a. direct producers will deliver to the ammasso 50 kilograms of wheat per person.
 - b. Any other person in possession of a milling permit and who is not a direct producer, 30 kilograms of wheat per person.
2. The price of the wheat so delivered is Lire 500 per quintal.
3. Delivery must be effected between the 8th and 20th November 1943.
4. To enable the wheat to be ground, the grinding permit must be stamped by the issuing office testifying that the wheat has been actually delivered to the ammasso.
5. As from 8th November 1943, all flour mills, including "third party" (conto Terzi) mills are prohibited from grinding wheat except on presentation of the duly stamped permit as above.
6. Prefects only have the power to order the opening or closing of individual mills, in each province and will assume the responsibility for those which remain open.
7. By 15th December next, wheat growers must deliver to the ammasso any surplus grain retained for seed, at the price of Lire 500 per quintal.
8. Those who have violated the provisions of General Order no. 3, Art. II of the Allied Military Government, dated August 1943, will be punished by the confiscation of the wheat not delivered to the ammasso before 1st November 1943.
9. Those who violate this order will be punished according to law and will have confiscated the wheat not delivered in accordance herewith.
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1. That for each member of the family, and for those employed or dependent upon direct producer
 - a. direct producers will deliver to the ammasso 50 kilograms of wheat per person.
 - b. Any other person in possession of a milling permit and who is not a direct producer, 30 kilograms of wheat per person.
2. The price of the wheat so delivered is Lire 500 per quintal.
3. Delivery must be effected between the 8th and 20th November 1943.
4. To enable the wheat to be ground, the grinding permit must be stamped by the issuing office testifying that the wheat has been actually delivered to the ammasso.
5. As from 8th November 1943, all flour mills, including "third party" (conto Terzi) mills are prohibited from grinding wheat except on presentation of the duly stamped permit as above.
6. Prefects only have the power to order the opening or closing of individual mills, in each province and will assume the responsibility for those which remain open.
7. By 15th December next, wheat growers must deliver to the ammasso any surplus grain retained for seed, at the price of Lire 500 per quintal.
8. Those who have violated the provisions of General Order no. 3, Art. II of the Allied Military Government, dated August 1943, will be punished by the confiscation of the wheat not delivered to the ammasso before 1st November 1943.
9. Those who violate this order will be punished according to law and will have confiscated the wheat not delivered in accordance herewith.
10. The provisions of Art. 1, 2, 3, and 4 hereof do not apply to Ragusa Province which has already carried them out.

ARTICLE II

1. The maximum ration of bread will be uniform in all Sicily in the amount of 200 grams per day per person as from 8th November 1943.

DIST: S.C.A.O's - 9
AMTGT HQ - 10
REGION HQ - 35

/s/ CHARLES POLETTI
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Lt. Colonel
Regional Civil Affairs Officer

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS

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11/3/43

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION #9

SUBJECT: Rationing and Prices

TO : All Senior Civil Affairs Officers

1. The new ration cards for the period 1 November 1943 - 29 February 1944 have already been distributed throughout the provinces and their use began, as contemplated, on November 1, 1943.

With these cards, rationing of available supplies of bread, pasta, olive oil and sugar will continue, but no other articles of food for human consumption will be rationed after 31 October, 1943. Soap is the only non-edible article for which specific coupons are provided. The additional coupons are for such other commodities as may be available in the future for rationing.

2. The ammasso laws will remain in force only for wheat, olive oil and olive oil residues. All other commodities produced in Sicily or the adjacent islands may be sold to the public, or otherwise dealt with, free of obligation to deliver to ammassi, and must be permitted to move freely between the provinces, subject only to the usual police regulations as to transport.

3. Beginning on 8 November, 1943 the maximum ration for bread will be 200 grams per day and no additional allowances will be permitted for any particular class of persons (such as heavy workers, carabinieri, patients in hospitals and institutions), except that in the case of patients in hospitals or institutions, S.C.A.O.s are authorized, when satisfied that circumstances so require, to increase bread rations.

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No distribution of flour instead of bread will be permitted.

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4. Every effort must be made by civilian officials, S.C.A.Os and C.A.Os to ensure that the bread rations are available. It is nevertheless recognized that scarcity of supplies, transportation difficulties, and the selfish conduct of certain producers and black market operators in diverting supplies from legal channels, may at times prevent distribution in full of the authorized rations.

5. In view of the shortage of wheat and flour, effective 8 November, 1943 no rations of pasta will be permitted. The S.C.A.O of each province in which pasta was being distributed prior to said date will make and publish an order applicable to his province and signed by him, giving effect to the above elimination of pasta and stating that this is done by my direction.

6. The present maximum price of bread, 3.60 lire per kilo, will remain in force until further order. It is intended, however, that retail consumer prices and allowances to Consorzio, wholesaler, baker and/or retailer be suggested for each province by the prefect thereof, after consultation with the S.C.A.O. and competent provincial officials, so that there will be normal price differentials between localities consequent upon varying proximity to producing areas, and different transport, labor, sales and other costs. Such suggestions must be forwarded by S.C.A.Os to Regional HQ for co-ordination and approval, and they must contain full information in case of intra-provincial price differentials, in order that HQ may know the proposals for adjacent portions of the various provinces.

It is directed that the foregoing suggestions from Prefects be submitted by all S.C.A.Os as soon as possible and in no event later than 10 November, 1943, since proposals from all the provinces are essential to determination as to any one. If no suggestion is received from a province by said date, HQ will determine the figures for that province on the basis of information available.

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S.C.A.Os are therefore directed to order C.A.Os in grain producing areas immediately to subordinate all other duties to an intensive campaign of grain collection, on which the C.A.Os must spend all of at least 4 days a week, until further notice.

Suggested procedure is as follows:

- a. Small producers and houses: In each comune or district responsible local officials designated by the C.A.O. should conduct house to house searches in the villages and in the country, assisted by carabinieri, for the purpose of finding grain held in excess of the allowances. Grain found should be checked against amounts declared, and accertamenti official should be present at the search for this purpose. Grain in excess of the allowances should be confiscated.
For instance if a farmer has on hand 25 quintals, has family of 4, and plans to sow 5 hectares, he may be allowed to keep $4 \times 2 = 8$ for food, and $5 \times 1.4 = 7$ for seed. 8 quintals should be confiscated without payment. If the farmer has already seeded, what he may keep is to be reduced accordingly.
- b. Large Producers: In addition, each C.A.O. should himself investigate, on the basis of declarations for this and former years, large producers who have not declared or who have not amassed reasonable quantities this year. They should be visited, without prior warning, by the C.A.O. personally and carabinieri, together with a person qualified to estimate quantity. All grain in excess of proper family and seed allowances should be confiscated. Search must be thorough, even if breaking in is necessary. Large producers should also be fined and imprisoned if a clear case of violation of law is established.
- c. Whenever needed, either A.M.G. trucks of the communes, or mules, should be used at once to transport grain to ammassi. Grain confiscated should be purchased from A.M.G. by the consorzio.
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b. Large Producers: In addition, each C.A.O. should himself investigate, on the basis of declarations for this and former years, large producers who have not declared or who have not amassed reasonable quantities this year. They should be visited, without prior warning, by the C.A.O. personally and carabinieri, together with a person qualified to estimate quantity. All grain in excess of proper family and seed allowances should be confiscated. Search must be thorough, even if breaking in is necessary. Large producers should also be fined and imprisoned if a clear case of violation of law is established.

c. Whenever needed, either A.M.G. trucks of the communes, or mules, should be used at once to transport grain to armassi. Grain confiscated should be purchased from A.M.G. by the consorzio.

d. Close scrutiny of declarations is directed, to see that family **511** employee and seed allowances are fair. It will be no excuse for the local Italian officials to plead different practices in former years or lack of authority. All responsibility and authority should be vested in a capable local official who should be helped by Accertamenti and other officials. He must be checked closely by the C.A.O. Failure of local officials to carry out these instructions will be ground for removal and prosecution.

- e. Surprise road blocks should be instituted to prevent illegal transport of grain, particularly at night.
- f. C.A.Os in non-producing areas should when requested assist C.A.Os in grain-producing areas (1) with personal help, and (2) by loan of trucks for substantial periods of time.
- g. A weekly report of steps taken and of amounts amassed hereunder will be sent to HQ until further notice.

IMMEDIATE

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It is to be noted that confiscation of grain required under Section 8 of Article I of Regional Order #13 should include, until 15 December 1943, grain held in excess of seed and food allowances, and that after 15 December 1943, it should include grain held in excess of the food allowance only (see Section 7, Article I of said Order).

DISTRIBUTION:

Agri-gento	25
Caltanissetta	20
Catania	25
Enna	15
Mazara	25

/s/ CHARLES POLETTI
CHARLES POLETTI
Lt. Colonel
Regional Civil Affairs Officer

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IMPORTANT

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DISTRIBUTION:

Agrianto	25
Caltanissetta	20
Catania	25
Enna	15
Messina	25
Palermo	35
Ragusa	15
Siracusa	25
Trapani	25
ALLOT HQ	10
REGIONAL HQ	50

/s/ CHARLES POLETTI
CHARLES POLETTI
Lt. Colonel
Regional Civil Affairs Officer

C O P Y

F A S T A I R.

AMGOT/5201/ES

Shipments to Messina.

AFHQ = MGS (attn: Col. Butterworth).

27 October 43

1. With reference to teleprinter message 23 cite FHMGs of 26 Sept. and other messages on the subject of shipping flour to Messina, a report has now been received from HQ No. 1 District that coasters up to 300 ft. and 16 ft draught can be accepted at Messina.
2. It was agreed between Lt. Col. Hayes and Major Todd 4 - 8 October, that if ships could be accepted there, you would try to send flour in separate coasters to Messina in fulfillment of the request contained in message F/70 dated 27 Sept. from HQ 15 Army Group.
3. It would be appreciated if flour could now be sent to Messina as part of the 5000 tons requested in these messages.

CJH/EDG

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

C O P Y.

SEARS FOR ANGOT (435)

18 OCT 43

SECRET

PRIORITY

FREEDOM FOR MGS RPTD 15 ARMY GROUP FOR ANGOT

TONNAGE ALLOCATED CIVIL SUPPLIES PERIOD ONE THREE TO TWO THREE NOVEMBER INTO
SIRACUSE IS TWO ZERO ZERO TONS PER DAY TOTAL TWO ZERO ZERO ZERO TONS SEE NUMBER ONE
DISTRICT ONE ZERO SEVEN ZERO ORLIQUE Q DATED ONE THREE OCTOBER PAREN FROM SEARS
FOR ANGOT TO FREEDOM FOR MGS RPTD FIFTEEN ARMY GROUP FOR ANGOT CITE ANGOT FOUR
THREE FIVE PAREN BREANDON AS FOLLOWS FLOUR INCLUDING WHEAT OR MACARONI ONE SEVEN
FIVE ZERO TONS EVAPORATED MILK SIX ZERO TONS DRIED VEGETABLES ONE ZERO ZERO TONS
SOAP THREE FIVE TONS MATCHES FIVE TONS NEWSPRINT TWO FIVE TONS OTHER INDUSTRIAL
REQUISITIONS TWO FIVE TONS AS AVAILABLE.

EDG.

C O P Y.

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RECEIVED AT
ISLAND BASE SECTION

MSG NR 182
MSG CEN NR
TO FARGO FOR MCHERRY

CLASSIFICATION P
TIME OF ORIGIN 130958
TIME OF RECEIPT 131345
TIME DECODED 131420

TOTAL FLOUR REQUISITIONED FOR SICILY DOG PLUS ONE TO FIFTEEN OCTOBER
IS ONE EIGHT CMA ZERO ZERO ZERO TONS X PAREN TO FATIMA FOR JOYCE FOR
HOLMES REPEATED TO FARGO FOR MCHERRY SIGNED EISENHOWER CITE PHMG
RPT PHMG PAREN FOLLOWING SHIPMENTS FLOUR AGAINST THESE REQUISITIONS
HAVE BEEN MADE X UP TO AND INCLUDING THE MIRIAM FIVE CMA SEVEN ZERO
TWO TONS X RPT EX UNCLE SUGAR ARRIVED PALERMO NINE OCTOBER CMA THREE
NINE SIX ZERO TONS X EX RPT EX MAXINE TWO CMA ONE NINE SEVEN TONS
KNOWN TO HAVE ARRIVED PALERMO RECENTLY X BALANCE OF ABOVE REQUI-
SITIONS IS SET UP FOR SHIPMENT AS FOLLOWS SPREAD OVER FOUR COLUMNS
PAREN ABLE PAREN COASTERS PAREN BAKER PAREN LONG TONS PAREN CHARLIE
PAREN PORTS PAREN DOG PAREN APPROXIMATE ARRIVAL DATE X COLUMN PAREN
ABLE PAREN SAVORE CMA GUDWIN CMA SPEEDFAST X COLUMN PAREN BAKER PAREN
ONE SEVEN ZERO ZERO SEMICLN ONE NINE FIVE SEMICLN ONE T TWO FOUR SIX
SEMICLN TWO ZERO ZERO ZERO SEMICLN EIGHT ZERO ZERO X COLUMN PAREN
CHARLIE PAREN CATANIA CMA SYRACUSE CMA CATANIA CMA CATANIA CMA PALER-
MO X COLUMN PAREN DOG PAREN ONE SEVEN NOV CMA ONE \$ SEVEN NOV CMA
TWO FIVE NOV CMA FIVE DEC CMA FIVE DEC X BALANCE NOT RPT NOT ACCOUNTED
FOR TWO SEVEN ZERO TONS X NEW PARA X REQUISITIONS TALLING FOUR ZERO
CMA ZERO ZERO ZERO TONS FOR PERIOD ONE FIVE OCT TO ONE FIVE APRIL WERE
CABLED TO PEMBARK BY SOS RPT SOS ON ONE NINE OCTOBER REQUESTING ONE
THIRD TO BE SHIPPED FIRST AVAILABLE CONVOY CMA BALANCE OVER FOUR
MONTHS X NOT RPT NO ADVICE RECEIVED AS TO WHEN FIRST CONVOY CAN BE
EXPECTED BUT EARLY DEC IS PRESUMED

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Translation attached

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FARGO FOR McSHERRY.

1. Total flour requisitioned for Sicily Dog + 1 to 15 October is 18,000 tons. (To FATIMA for JOYCE for HOMES repeated to FARGO for McSHERRY signed EISENHOWER cite FHMS). Following shipments flour against these requisitions have been made. Up to and including the MIRIAM 5, 702 tons. Ex. rpt Ex Uncle Sugar arrived Palermo recently. Balance of above requisitions is set up for shipment as follows spread over 4 columns:

(ABLES) Coasters.	(BAKER) Long Tons.	(CHARLIE) Ports.	(DOG) Approximate Arrival Date.
SAVORE	1700	CATANIA	17 Nov.
GUDWIN	195	SYRACUSE	17 Nov.
SPEEDFAST	1246	CATANIA	25 Nov.
	2000	CATANIA	5 Dec.
	800	PALERMO	5 Dec.

Balance not rpt not accounted for 270 tons.

2. Requisitions totalling 40,000 tons for period 15 Oct. to 15 April were cabled to PEMBARK by SOS rpt 30S on 19 October requesting one-third to be shipped first available convoy, balance over four months. No rpt No advice received as to when first convoy can be expected but early Dec. is presumed.

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SEARS FOR ANGOT

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8 OCT 43

SECRET

PRIORITY

FREEDOM FOR MGS RPTD NO. 1 DISTRICT, 15 A G, FORBASE

ALLOTMENT OF TWO ZERO ZERO ZERO TONS EASTERN SICILY NOVEMBER THREE TO TWENTY PAREN
FROM SEARS FOR ANGOT TO FREEDOM FOR MGS RPTD NUMBER ONE DISTRICT FIFTEEN ARM GROUP
FORBASE CITE ANGOT THREE SEVEN TWO PAREN REFER NUMBER ONE DISTRICT ONE ZERO SEVEN
ZERO Q DATED THREE OCTOBER CIVIL SUPPLIES BREAKDOWN IDENTICAL WITH ANGOT THREE ZERO
FIVE SEP TWENTY SEVEN GIVING FIGURES PREVIOUS TEN DAYS X ANGOT TONNAGE REQUIRED
SUSTAIN IF POSSIBLE X CAN YOU ELIMINATE SIMILAR FORWARDING PROGRAM FOR DIZO

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ZERO Q DATED THREE OCTOBER CIVIL SUPPLIES BREAKDOWN IDENTICAL WITH AMOT THREE ZERO
FIVE SEP TWENTY SEVEN GIVING FIGURES PREVIOUS TEN DAYS X AMOT TONNAGE REQUIRED
FUSTIAN IF POSSIBLE X CAN YOU DETERMINE SIMILAR FORWARDING PROGRAM FOR DIZO

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SENDER NO 3828

061207A NR 3828
FROM: AFHQ
TO: (ACTION SOS NATOUSA)
INFO: CO IBS

SECRET ROUTING

IBS 1427
091820A

Comments following are made with reference to your message L-7084 of 4th October: According to information available here approximately 50,153 tons AMG Flour will be available during October and November instead of 38,153 tons given in your message. This discrepancy is accounted for by the supplies called forward from PEBARK by your L-3635 of 4th September and not included by you. The exact amount of Flour to be included in this shipment is not known here. Advice is requested.

Of this amount AMG Flour 15,106 short tons have been called forward to SICILIAN Ports. This is made up of the Flour of the 5,106 tons Flour in the D plus 45 and D plus 60 stockpiles plus 5,000 tons for each of the Ports of CATANIA and LALERJO.

A call for an additional 5,000 ton will be forwarded shortly. No additional calls are expected from SICILY during October or November. Total AMG Flour requisitioned by 5th Army and approved this Headquarters is approximately 15,000 long tons spread over the period D day to D plus 103. Therefore your statement that 30,000 tons required for 5th Army during October and November not understated. These figures indicate therefore that approximately 15,000 tons AMG Flour remains unallocated but subject to call as it becomes available for areas in rear of the 5th and 8th Armies. Adequacy of this amount will of course depend upon speed of advance and situation found in the territory occupied. Also does not take account of necessity for replacement of 6,000 tons Flour being obtained from Mideast for extreme Southern part of WINDSOCK.

Confirmation of above figures requested. Also advise dates upon which dried vegetables from MOROCCO can be made available at Ports for forward shipment. No immediate calls received for shipment in quantity however.

(Signed Eisenhower. To SOS NATOUSA. Cite L-3635 of 4 September. L-6084 of 4 October.)

Distribution: CG S&S TRANSP Q QM AMGOT

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EQUALS BRITISH SECRET & MOST SECRET

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AMCOT 15 ARMY GROUP

C O P Y.

30 SEP 43

SECRET

PRIORITY

FREEDOM FOR MGS

PALESTINE AND CATANIA CAN ACCEPT FLOUR OR WHEAT BUT ONE WEEKS NOTICE REQUIRED. PAREN FROM AMCOT SEVENTH ARMY TO FREEDOM FOR MGS CITE AMCOT 333 PAREN NEW 23 CITE FRINGS DATED 26 SEP PD. SHIPMENT TO MESSINA AREA DEALT WITH IN P 69 FROM FILIPOT TO FREEDOM. 23 SEP ALSO IN AMCOT 288 TO MGS AMHQ DATED 25 SEP PD. ESTIMATED MINIMUM FLOUR REQUIREMENTS TO GIVE TWO ZERO ZERO GRAM BREAD RATION TO THREE MILLION NON PRODUCERS IS FIFTEEN THOUSAND TONS MONTHLY PD. ALL REPORTS FROM PROVINCES INDICATE THAT SUPPLIES GRAIN NOW RUNNING OUT AND EMPHASISE DIFFICULTY OF ENFORCING COLLECTION DUE TO DISTANCE LACK OF TRANSPORT AND LACK OF PERSONNEL PD. FIFTEEN THOUSAND TONS TO ARRIVE OCTOBER WILL HELP FORCE PRODUCERS TO RELEASE MORE GRAIN PD. IF COAO APPROVES PLAN TO REDUCE PRODUCERS PERSONAL ALLOWANCE DEMAND CAN BE OUT TO 15 NOVEMBER DECEMBER ASSUMING OCTOBER TONNAGE RECEIVED AND EIGHT THOUSAND MONTHLY JANUARY TO JULY PD. COLONEL HATES ARRIVING AFTER 1730 HOURS SUNDAY 3 OCTOBER. PLEASE MEET AND ACCOMMODATE.

EDG.

C O P Y.

*13,500 - Valencia
8,000 lbs
2,500 lbs
7000 - One 2nd*

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ARMY 15 ARMY GROUP

C O P Y.

27 SEP 43

SECRET

PRIORITY

MCS AFHQ RPTD NO. 1 DISTRICT, 15 A G, FORTBASE

AT FORTBASE TONNAGE CONFERENCE 22 SEP ALLOCATION MADE FOR CIVIL SUPPLIES FOR
REGION ONE EASTERN SICILY FOR TEN DAY PERIOD OCTOBER 24 TO NOVEMBER 2 INCLUSIVE
SEE FORTBASE 1070 Q 23 SEP PAREN FROM AMCT 7TH ARMY TO MCS AFHQ RPTD NUMBER ONE
DISTRICT 15 AG FORTBASE CITE AMCT 305 PAREN TONNAGE ALLOCATED CIVIL SUPPLIES
WAS TWO ZERO ZERO TONS DAILY OR TWO ZERO ZERO ZERO TONS OVER TEN DAYS PD BREAKDOWN
FLOUR ONE FIVE FIVE ZERO TONS TO BE CONSIDERED PART OF NOVEMBER SHIPMENT REQUESTED
IN FILPOT B 63 OF 19 SEP SUGAR THREE FOUR ZERO MILK TWO ZERO DRIED VEGETABLES
FOUR ZERO SOAP THREE ZERO CAUSTIC SODA ONE ZERO NEWSPRINT ONE ZERO PD ABOVE
QUANTITIES BASED ON MONTHLY PROPORTION OF REQUISITIONS AND PLANS SUBMITTED IN
LONG TERM REQUIREMENTS BY 15 ARMY GROUP UNDER 15 AG/8408/4/q DATED 24 SEP PD
ABOVE EXCLUDES SEED POTATOES AND FERTILIZERS REFERENCE YOUR W - 444 - 6674 DATED
19 SEP ALSO COAL AND PETROLEUM WHICH APPLIES SHOULD IMPORT UNTIL DEPARTURE

EDG.

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C O P Y.

TELEPRINTER MESSAGE IN.

FOLIO NO: 00312
26 SEP 43

FROM: SIGNED EISENHOWER CITE FINCS

TOO 1006A/26
THI
TOR 1614A/27

TO : FILPOT SICILY FOR AMG.

REFERENCE YOUR 507 OF 24 SEP.

EFFORT BEING MADE TO SECURE FLOUR OR WHEAT FOR SHIPMENT TO PALERMO AND CATANIA. NOT POSSIBLE TO SCHEDULE SHIPMENT OF FLOUR FOR MESSINA AREA UNLESS YOU HAVE DEFINITE PORT OR FIRM ALTERNATIVE PORTS AT WHICH ACCEPTANCE IS AGREED. FIFTEEN THOUSAND TONS FLOUR MONTHLY REQUESTED BY P TWO SEVEN NINE OF SEPTEMBER TWENTY TWO CANNOT BE PROVIDED DUE TO ESTIMATED DEMANDS IN OTHER AREAS. PLEASE ADVISE YOUR MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

AMGOT 4 ACTION

SIC 1745A/27
T.T. 1815A/27 JT

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Civilian Requirements for Sicily.
Oct. 15, 1943 - April 15, 1944.

AMGOT/5201/CS

Commanding General, AFHQ
Att: G-4
(Through 15 Army Group)

21 Sept. 43.

1. The attached requisitions cover the civilian supplies needed by Sicily for the period Oct. 15, 1943 to April 15, 1944 which are not available on the island. Every attempt has been made to locate substitute materials on the island and nothing has been included which is not considered vitally essential.
2. The supplies to operate the sulphur mines have not been included as no definite decision has been reached on the reopening of these mines.
3. The requirements of the railroads and utilities operated by the military forces have not been included. If and when these are turned over to AMGOT to operate, supplementary requisitions for the necessary supplies will have to be made.
4. Message No. F 63 dated 19 Sept. 43 from AMGOT FILPOT to FREEDOM requested 15,000 tons flour by 15 October and 5,000 tons at the end of each month thereafter. It has become necessary to increase this figure as shown on the attached requisitions to 15,000 tons per month.

HON/CJH/EDG.

/s/ FRANK J. McSHERRY
FRANK J. McSHERRY
Brig. Gen., U. S. A.
Deputy Chief Civil
Affairs Officer.

EDG.

C O P Y.

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AMGOT PALERMO

C O P Y.

15 September 1943.

SECRET

URGENT.

AMGOT FILPOT

PLEASE GABLE URGENTLY AS FOLLOWS TO FREEDOM COPIES PORTASE SEVENTH ARMY
THIS OFFICE PAREN FROM AMGOT FROM MCHERRY CITE AMGOT 245 TO FILPOT FOR
THORNE THORNE PAREN QUOTE REQUEST SHIPMENT FIVE ZERO ZERO ZERO TONS FLOUR TO
EACH OF FOLLOWING PORTS PALERMO CATANIA MILAZZO PD WHEAT ACCEPTABLE IN LIEU
AT PALERMO AND CATANIA ONLY PD ALL SHIPMENTS TO ARRIVE IF POSSIBLE BY 15
OCTOBER PD SHIPMENT TO BE MADE FROM RESERVE STOCKPILE NOT BEING MILLED NORTH
AFRICA PD FIVE ZERO ZERO ZERO TONS THEREAFTER BY LAST DAY EACH MONTH BEGIN-
NING NOVEMBER ACCEPTABLE ANY PORT AS SHIPPING IS AVAILABLE PD UNQUOTE

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AT PALERMO AND CATANIA ONLY PD ALL SHIPMENTS TO ARRIVE IF POSSIBLE BY 15
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END.

C O P Y.

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PAST AIR

Subject: AMGOT D+45 and D+60 Stockpiles.

AMGOT/5001/CS
AMGOT HQ SICILY
9 September 1943.

To: C IN C, AFHQ (Through 15 Army Group)

Reference MG520/157 TM - 0 20 Aug 43.

1. Request was made through FORTRASE on 2 Sept. 43 (before receipt of the reference directive) for the bidding forward of the AMGOT D+45 stockpile to Catania. It was understood by this Headquarters that FORTRASE would put in the bid through 15 Army Group to AFHQ. Breakdown is as follows:

Flour	2956	Tons.
Milk	444	"
Potatoes (or substitute)	739	"
Meat & Vegetables	185	"
Sugar	145	"
Soap	31	"
Total	4,500	"

2. Request is now made to CINC, AFHQ, through 15 Army Group as outlined directive, for the forward shipment to Palermo of the D+60 stockpile, made up as follows:

Flour	2150	Tons.
Milk	322	"
Potatoes (or substitute)	537	"
Meat & Vegetables	134	"
Sugar	105	"
Soap	22	"
Total	3270	"

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer:

WLB/EDG.

Distribution:

Seventh Army
FORTRASE
M.G.S., AFHQ (Capt. J. A. Todd)

CHARLES M. SPOTFORD
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
Chief Staff Officer.

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WLB/EDG.

Distribution:

Seventh Army
FORTRAN
M.G.S., AFHQ (Capt. J. A. Todd)

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
Chief Staff Officer.

EDG.

C O P Y.

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C O P Y.

CIPHER MESSAGE

IMPORTANT

FOLIO 1933

TO: COMDG GEN SOS NATONSA INFORMATION FILPOT FORTHESE
CRIG NO: 1345

DATE 6
TOO: NIL
TTL:
TOR:

SECRET BIGOT . Immediate shipment D plus Four Five AMGOT STOCKPILE less M & V
STEN and medical supplies is requested. Port of discharge probably EASTERN
COAST OF SICILY but impossibility of diversion to WINDSOCK . Suggest Coaster
from GLEN with flour and remainder on coaster from ALIJ . Advise ships and
approximate sailing dates and final port of destination will be furnished

Copy to AMGOT (Your AL/4/235 of 2 Sep refers)
From Q Fortbase.

EDG.

C O P Y.

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Copy to AMGOT (Your AL/4/235 of 2 Sep refers)
From Q Fortbase.

EDG.

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AMGOT/5001/SS
AMGOT HQ SICILY
31 August 43.

To: Lt. Dario Berizzi,
c/o Major Monk, Civil Supply Division,
AMGOT Catania.

Will you request FORTEASE to call forward to Catania by teleg-
raph to 15 Army Group and/or A.F.H.Q., the AMGOT D-45 stockpile
now at Algiers. The breakdown of that stockpile is as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Short Tons.</u>
Flour	2956
Potatoes (or substitute)	739
Milk, evaporated	444
Meat and Vegetables	185
Sugar	145
Soap	31
	1, 580

By Order of Lt. Col. Seitz:

/s/ William L. Batt, Jr.
WILLIAM L. BATT, JR.,
1st Lt., Infantry
Civilian Supply Division.

Distribution: 15 Army Group
(Attention: Col. Thorne-Thorne)
Military Government Section, AFHQ
(Attention: Capt. Todd).

EDG.

C O P Y.

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G-4.

8 AUGUST 1943

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CO, SOS MATCUSA
RPT TO FILPOT, SEVENTH ARMY REAR, ARHQ

DISREGARD OUR D DASH ONE ZERO FOUR FIVE PD REF YOUR L DASH NINE SEVEN SEVEN
FIVE JULY ONE EIGHT CMA REQUEST AMGOT STOCKPILE AT ELAS BE SHIPPED BY FIRST
AVAILABLE COASTER TO MALICIOUS PAREN PATTON TO LARKIN RPT TO FREEDOM CMA FILPOT,
CMA SEVENTH ARMY REAR CITE D DASH TWO ZERO ZERO EIGHT PAREN STOCKPILE SHOULD
CONSIST OF FOLLOWING SHORT TONS CIN FLOUR ONE FIVE TWO FIVE CMA EVAP MILK
ONE EIGHT ZERO CMA MEAT AND VEGETABLES NINE FIVE CMA SUGAR SEVEN SIX CMA
SOAP ONE SIX PD TOTAL SHORT TONS ONE EIGHT NINE TWO PD ADVISE DATE OF
DEPARTURE AND EXPECTED TIME OF ARRIVAL.

D+15

E. C. CALDWELL
Lt. Col., G.S.C.
Adjutant General.

END.

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D+30

Done by 7 Army.

AVAILABLE COASTER TO MALICIOUS PAREN PATTON TO LARLIN RPT TO FREEDOM CIA FILPOM,
CIA SEVENTH ARMY REAR CITE D DASH TWO ZERO ZERO EIGHT PAREN STOCKPILE SHOULD
CONSIST OF FOLLOWING SHORT TONS CIN FLOUR ONE FIVE TWO FIVE CIA EVAP MILK
ONE EIGHT ZERO CIA MEAT AND VEGETABLES NINE FIVE CIA SUGAR SEVEN SIX CIA
SOAP ONE SIX PD TOTAL SHORT TONS ONE EIGHT NINE TWO PD ADVISE DATE OF
DEPARTURE AND EXPECTED TIME OF ARRIVAL.

D+15

E. C. CALDWELL
Lt. Col., G.S.C.
Adjutant General.

EDG.

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~~D+30~~ done by 7 Army.
No copy.

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