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DEPT A - ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION
REORGANIZATION OF ELECTRIC POWER PLANT OPERATIONS A.C.M.F.

1. There will be constituted as part of H.Q., A.C.M.F., an Electric Power Service. Colonel James P. Grendon is appointed head of this Service with the title of Director, E.P.S.

2. The field of responsibility of the E.P.S. will correspond with the area controlled by A.C.M.F., and for planning purposes future possible areas of operations by A.C.M.F.

3. While the Director, E.P.S. will exercise unrestricted technical authority, he will operate under the general direction of C.E., A.C.M.F., to ensure co-ordination in demands for and the employment of military engineer stores, engineer troops, labour, transport, etc.

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6. In so far as it is necessary to employ military resources the Director will operate through existing military engineer organisations. He will arrange to supplement these organisations by the attachment of such additional technical staff to Base Sections, Districts, Area etc. as may be necessary and agreed between him and the Commanders concerned.

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7. When no assistance from military resources is involved the Director will deal with the Italian civil organization establishing for the purpose such local field organization as he may consider necessary.

8. The Director will deal direct with the users of electric power to prepare estimates of their requirements. Allocation of power to meet these requirements will be made by the Electric Power Committee of the Local Resources (Italian) Board, to which body the Director will present the estimates referred to above and his recommendations thereon.

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AGWAR FOR PRESIDENT PD HENCE PAREN FARGO PAREN TO AMHQ FOR MGS FROM GRADY PD
OTTE FARGO THREE SIX FIVE PD MESSAGE BEGINS COLON MY DEAR MR PRESIDENT COLON
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WILL BE DESTROYED BY THE ENEMY PD ESSENTIAL CIVILIAN NEEDS CAN ONLY BE SUPPLIED
BY EMERGENCY POWER EQUIPMENT WHICH IT IS UNDERSTOOD MUST BE DIVERTED FROM OTHER
USES IN ORDER TO OBTAIN IT PD HUMANITARIAN AND POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS MAKE
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BE GIVEN TO THE WAR PRODUCTION BOARD GMA OFFICE OF WAR UTILITIES GMA TO MAKE
THIS EQUIPMENT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE AND TO INSURE ITS SHIPMENT AT THE EARLIEST
POSSIBLE MOMENT

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

MDT/hjp

In reply refer to:
321.24

3 January 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mister Gedy

General Joyce would like to have your comments upon the proposal attached hereto. Will you kindly discuss the matter with General Robertson and Colonel Grawdon and recommend the position General Joyce should take on the proposal?

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

1 Incl:
Ltr, AFHQ Adv Adm Rep
59/8 & 26 Dec 43



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SUBJECT:- Electric Power Service

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26 Dec 41

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Allied Control Commission (for Maj-Gen. Joyce)

Copy to:- CG FBE

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4. The responsibilities of this Electric Power Service would comprise the repair and development of Italian state and privately owned electric power systems up to and including local sub-stations. From this point responsibilities would remain with the Area or Base Section Commander concerned. All questions regarding the allocation of electric power as between civil and military users or between the various military services, Naval etc., would be decided by the Electric Power Committee of the Local Resources Board.

5. I consider that this proposal has much to commend it. I should be glad to know whether it is approved in principle by AFM and also whether Maj-Gen. Joyce would be prepared to accept it. It would be understood that at a later stage, as the advance into ITALY progresses, the matter could be reviewed in case it should then seem desirable for

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6. If approval in principle is given I will have the details worked out and keep you informed on progress.

/s/ - - ROBERT W

Major General.
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Public Works and Mines Sub-Commission

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31 Dec 1943

Subject: Electric Mission.

To : Economic Director.

A copy of the minutes of a meeting, held at Palermo on 10 Dec 43, attended by representatives of the Gen. Elec. Co. of Sicily, engineer representatives of Region 1 and presided over by Col. J.P. Crowdon, has been sent to this Sub-Commission by Col Bolick and has reached me on 28 Dec 43. (A copy of these minutes is attached hereto.)

In accordance with these minutes (~~attached~~), Col Crowdon has taken action beyond the authority conferred upon him under Administrative Order No 4. (copy attached) and has made decisions contrary to established procedure for the handling of such matters.

Specifically:

1. Col Crowdon has dealt with and has given instructions on financial and management matters, which phase, according to Adm Order No 4, has been reserved to be handled by this sub-commission. The matters dealt with can in no way be considered as falling within the jurisdiction of the Electrical Mission, but ^{are} a part of the functions of this sub-commission. Furthermore, this matter had received consideration by this Sub-Commission as well as the Legal and Financial Sub-Commissions and the Finance Officer of Region 1, and a letter, approved by these other interested parties and the Economic Director, was sent to Region 1 for transmittal to the Electric Company on 27 November 1943 outlining the procedure to be followed.
2. He has directed that each repair project and the amount to be made available for such projects was to be approved by the R.U.O. when, according to procedure, Regional Public Works Officers are not authorised to approve expenditure of money without reference to this Sub-Commission.
3. He has directed that the Regional Utility Officer approve each month the amount of the operating deficit incurred.

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by this company and then to order the Bank of Sicily to ^{make} advances to cover such deficit. He has further directed that the study of the rate situation be continued by the RANG.

This is a matter that must be dealt with by this Sub-Commission in view of the fact that rate matters must be dealt with at a higher level and conferences have been held between this Sub-Commission and the Public Works Ministry regarding the issuance of a decree by the Italian Government permitting rate increases so as to reduce these deficits and, consequently, such deficits must be reviewed first by this Sub-Commission and the Ministry in order to control them and permit the issuance of proper instructions regarding the permissible amounts of rate increases and provide the necessary safeguards against inflation. This matter has been the subject of frequent discussions recently at this headquarters.

It must be very obvious that I cannot on one hand deal with such vital and fundamental problems, which are a part of the functions of this Sub-Commission, with the Italian Government and try to reach a solution when others, without my knowledge or consent, issue directions on such matters.

It is requested that Col Crowden be directed to cease engaging in activities which are strictly the duty and prerogative of this Sub-Commission, and that he be also directed to coordinate his activities with this Sub-Commission as directed in Adm Order No4, so that we may be posted on what his Mission is doing and will know how to carry out the functions of electrical distribution and the many financial and rate matters connected with the electrical supply undertakings, reserved to be performed by this Sub-Commission.

L. A. JENNY.
Lt. Col., C.E.R.
Director.

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Minutes of Conference between SGES and ACC on 10 Dec 1943

In attendance:

1. Chairman: Col. James P. Crowdon, C.E. Electric Power Mission, ACC.
 2. Lt. Col. C.E. Bolick, F.A. head of T.C.U.P.W., MAS Div Region of Sicily.
 3. Maj. Clair F. Bowman, C.E. Region of Sicily Utilities Officer.
 4. Ingr. Dott. Rosario Tricomi, Managing Director SGES.
 5. Ingr. Cesare Scimemi, SGES.
- Other engineers and accountants were called in from time to time by Ingr. Tricomi.

The following orders and statements of ACC policy were given by Col. Crowdon for enforcement by the Region Utilities Officer:

1. Financing of repairs-
 - a. Money to be made available by the Italian Government through the Bank of Sicily.
 - b. Each project and the amount to be made available is to be approved by the RUO.
 - c. No payments are to be made to refinance floating debt.
2. Financing of operating deficit.
 - a. A statement is to be made to give the operating deficit for each month to the RUO. The RUO will order the Bank of Sicily to make the advance to cover the deficit.
 - b. There is to be included nothing for
 - (1) Taxes.
 - (2) Interest or dividends.
 - (3) Payment of debts.
 - c. Orders are to be issued by RAMG to protect the Co. against penalties which might be incurred because of such defaulting.
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 - a. All repairs will be made as far as possible with local materials.
 - b. Order of priority of repairs is to be specified by RAMG.
 - c. Frozen materials needed will be released through the RUO.
 - d. A procedure to permit the release of essential allied government materials available (Army, Navy or requisitioned stocks) is to be arranged by the ACC.
 - e. All steam plants are to be cleaned up. (Porto Empedocle) is now in good shape).
 - f. Transport required is to be requisitioned through civilian channels.
 - g. Petrol is to be obtained through normal provisions.

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supply channels.

4. No increase in rates will be allowed by the AMG, but the study of the rate situation is to be continued by RAMG, this question will be left for the Italian Government.

5. Fuel problems are to be handled through RAMG.

a. Only Sardinian coal can be expected.

b. Continuation of supplies to be insured by RAMG clearing again with Region Economics Supply and ACC Fuel Sub-Commission for supplies for Catania, Palermo and Porto Empedocle electric plants and the Palermo and Trapani gas plants.

c. The questions of price and delivery points are to be clarified by RAMG.

6. It was directed by Col Growdon that

a. The SGES was to receive all orders as to policy through the RUO.

b. The SGES would make all requests for supplies or instructions from Allied sources through the RUO.

DISTRIBUTION:

- 2 - Electric Power Mission
- 1 - Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission
- 1 - Region 1 HQ.
- 1 - T.C.U.P.W. and Div.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 512

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER)

21 November 1943.

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ESTABLISHMENT OF TECHNICAL MISSION ON REHABILITATION
OF ELECTRIC POWER FACILITIES.

1. There is created within this headquarters a special Technical Mission to be known as the Electric Power Mission. The functions of this Technical Mission will be to survey electrical generation, transmission and transformation facilities in all occupied territory and to arrange, with the appropriate authorities, for the rehabilitation and repair of such facilities.
2. The responsibility of this Technical Mission will extend only to generating, transmission and transformation facilities. It will not extend to facilities for local distribution, or to administration, financial, wage and rate matters in territory controlled by HQ AMG or A.C.C., which will continue to be handled by the Public Works & Utilities Subcommittee. The activities of the mission will be closely coordinated with those of the Public Works & Utilities Subcommittee.
3. The Mission will perform its functions not only in territory subject to AMG HQ but will also, with the consent of the appropriate authorities, perform such functions in territory of 15 Army Group, in conjunction with the Engineers of the 5th and 8th Armies, and in territory now or hereafter controlled by the Italian Government.
4. The Mission will, for purposes of operation, be responsible directly to the Economic Director for AMG HQ. For purposes of AMG Administration it will be attached to the Economic Directorate.
5. The Mission is provisional and its establishment is to be regarded as temporary.
6. Colonel JAMES P. GROWDON is named Chief of the Electric Power Mission.

By command of Brigadier General McSHERRY:

OFFICIAL:

E. GUETERBOCK, Brig.
Acting Chief of Staff

L.W. STEARNS, Capt. AGD
Actg Asst Adj Gen.

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1. There is hereby constituted and activated within this headquarters an Electric Power Service, the chief of which is designated as the Director, Electric Power Service.

2. The Director of the Electric Power Service will be responsible for the rehabilitation, technical development and operational control of all Italian State and privately owned electric power generating installations, including such transmission and transformation facilities as may be necessary to the restoration and operation of the primary power grid system, or systems. The responsibility of the Director will not include the rehabilitation of electric power distribution systems and using facilities.

3. In the reconstruction, development and operation of generating plants and primary transmission facilities, the Director of the Electric Power Service will be governed by priorities established by this headquarters, presently represented on the mainland of Italy by the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Advanced Administrative Echelon, AFHQ, who will coordinate and present to the Director the electric power requirements of all military and Italian civilian users.

4. To insure the maximum availability of power from existing and emergency power resources, the Director of the Electric Power Service is authorized to control the disposition and utilization of all Italian electric power equipment presently installed or available in storage.

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6. Colonel James P. Growden, O-155229, AUS, is designated as the Director, Electric Power Service.

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HEADQUARTERS
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
APO 782

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MEMORANDUM

14 December 1943

TO :

1. Electric Power is essential to meet military and civilian requirements in Italy. It must be produced and distributed almost entirely by existing facilities. Damaged power facilities must be rehabilitated to meet the minimum power requirements.

The Italian power facilities must be operated as a unit and controlled by a single Allied military authority to secure the maximum effective use of available material and personnel, and the maximum availability of power from existing or emergency power resources.

2. There is created in this Headquarters an Electric Power Directorate, reporting to the Commanding General, Advance Administrative Echelon AFHQ.

3. The functions of this Directorate are :

- a. To plan and supervise the rehabilitation of electric power generation, transmission and transformation facilities.

- b. To control the operation of the power facilities of Italy so that the maximum amount of power will be available.

- c. To plan and provide for a supply of power in areas not presently under Allied military control.

- d. To allocate the available power to the various areas and organizations in accordance with the relative priority of their requirements.

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4. The Electric Power Directorate will not have responsibility for

a. The rehabilitation of electric power distribution systems.

b. The rehabilitation of electric power using facilities.

c. The allocation of power to specific users within an area.

5. Col. James P. Crowdon, O-155229 (A), is appointed director of the Electric Power Directorate.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission

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9 December 43

Subject: Societa Elettrica delle Madonie.
To : Col. C. M. Spofford.

As requested I am submitting a report on the above subject. We have a file on the affairs of this Company, its history and its request for permission to increase rates. There are two problems to be considered.

1. The milking of this company by an individual who apparently got rich on unsavory dealings and who was requested by a court to turn over the property to the rightful owners who had elected a president (a priest) to represent them, but this individual still refuses to let loose of his hold.
2. Increased wages have, as in all cases of public utilities, created a condition where either an increase in rates, or tariffs, must be allowed, or a government subsidy provided to cover monthly deficits.

Under item 1, I had sent the files to the Economic Directorate before I went to the mainland with a note asking that this matter be reviewed by the Finance Sub-Commission. However, a few days ago I found out that the files had been returned to us, possibly by some error and, therefore, no action taken. I met Lt-Col Wilmer at the mess and discussed this matter with him, as, in fact, it may be considered more of a legal than a financial matter. He agreed to review the case and the files were sent to him yesterday for such action as the Legal Sub-Commission may be able to take to bring this recalcitrant individual to terms and have the property returned to the rightful owners.

Under item 2 the following steps have been taken. At a staff conference, when salary increases were discussed, I asked General McSherry what we were to do in connection with rates; that we could not raise salaries to all people and ignore the question of rates to be charged by public utilities; that I had that question before me at the request of the Gen. Elec. Co. of Sicily. I was advised that no rate increases were to be allowed until the Italian Government had taken action on either agreeing to continue to pay subsidies (under the 1935 act), or to allow increases in rates. I then so

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advised the Gen. Elec. Co.

When the Madonie request came to me I answered it in the same way under date of 30 Nov 43. It was felt that if this company had its finances and control ironed out it might not need much of any increase in rates, and if it could not make ends meet it would then make a specific request for assistance, which, as in the case of the Gen. Electric, this company would be advised to arrange for through local banks under some arrangement of repayment by the Italian Government.

Realizing the hopelessness of such a procedure, and the further piling up of deficits against the Italian Government, when, in fact, the people could afford to pay more of the deflated lira now than they did in 1935, I discussed this matter with the Italian Minister of Public Works while at Brindisi and told him that we would like to have his Government look into this matter at an early date and advise us of its decision so that we could take such action as would then be proper in such cases. He readily realized that the people could pay more now and that, unless his Government will take early action permitting rate increases, it will be faced with the payment of high subsidies all over the country. He promised to take this matter up for decision and made some notes for his guidance. He was highly pleased to know that we respected their law and did not wish to take any steps contrary thereto until the new Government had an opportunity of acting thereon.

We naturally do not know how fast the Italian Government will act in such matters, particularly with some of us dealing with it at long range and through devious routes, and when it does act what the decision is apt to be. Reflecting the Minister's immediate reaction I would say that rate increases will be authorized. However the amounts of such increases will have to be carefully reviewed and may vary considerably in different localities, the same as do our rates at home, and with which matters I had considerable experience.

If early action by the Italian Government is desired, it may be well, as soon as we get settled on the mainland; for me to take this matter up again with the Minister. I shall be glad to have your views.


L.A. JENNY,
Lt. Col. C.E.R.
Acting Director.

Copy to: Economic Director.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission
APO 512

LAJ/ceb

30 November 1943

Subject: Request of Societa Elettrica della Madonna for permission
to increase rates

TO: RDAO, Region I.

On 31 October 1943 this HQ received a letter from the President of the Societa Elettrica della Madonna requesting permission to increase the rates for electric services rendered by that company, and on 28 November we received another letter dated 22 November on this same subject. It is requested that this company be advised as follows:

"Your letters of 7 October 1943 and 22 November 1943 have been received by us. We note that you request authority to increase the rates to be charged for electric services rendered by your company.

Please be advised that the Allied Military Government will not permit an increase in rates to be charged by you unless and until the Italian Government takes steps permitting such increases in rates."

By Command of Brigadier General McSherry.

PA
E.L. GLOUGH,
Lt. Col., A.O.D.
Acting Adjutant General.

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ELECTRIC COMPANY OF THE MADONIE
Petralia Soprana (Palermo province)

TRANSMISSION

22 November, 1943

To

Frank J. McSherry

Brigadier General and Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer

Palermo

We are ready to increase salaries to employees and workmen, but it is necessary that a change in prices for electric power be granted, in relation to the new conditions of the market and the change in cost.

Therefore it will be essential to adopt a fair and just tariff for the standard forms of the sale of electric power. Last October we wrote concerning this problem to the Provincial Civil Affairs Headquarters, AMOCT, setting forth these points and the actual present conditions with a view to increasing prices.

On our part, as soon as we receive a directive, we shall lose no time in giving a fair treatment to our employees.

Yours very sincerely,

SOCIETA ELETTRICA DELLE MADONIE



SOCIETÀ ELETTRICA DELLE MADONIE

Società per Azioni - Capitale Sociale L. 3.152.000

Sede e Direzione in PETRALIA SOPRANA (prov. Palermo)

C. P. C. Palermo N. 48117

N. riferimento

Am/

Petralia Soprana, 22 novembre 1943

Via G. Medici, 43

To

Frank J. MeSherry

Brigadiere Generale e Sotto Capo
degli Affari Civili

Palermo

Siamo disposti aumentare i stipendi agli impiegati e salariati, ma è necessario che ci sia consentita la modificazione dei prezzi dell'energia elettrica, in relazione alle nuove condizioni del mercato e alla mutazione dei costi.

Occorre quindi adottare una equa e giusta tariffa per le forme classiche di vendita dell'energia elettrica. Sin dal mese di ottobre u.s. abbiamo scritto in proposito all'Ufficio Provinciale Affari Civili A.M.G.O.T., per valutare le ragioni e le reali condizioni attuali, ordinare l'aumento di prezzo.

Da parte nostra, non appena avremo disposizioni non mancheremo dare buon trattamento ai dipendenti.

Vi preghiamo gradire i nostri sinceri saluti.

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Decl:

C-O-P-Y

A.F.H.Q., Adv. Adm. Ech.
C.M.F.

Ref. 8/1/LR
8 Dec 43

SUBJECT: Electric Power Committee - Allied Force Local Resources (Italian) Board.

TO : HQ., A.M.G.
A.P.O. 512

1. A copy of Administrative Order No. 1 dated 21 Nov 43 has just been received in this HQ. Its terms of reference would appear to cover certain activities many of which have already been placed under the control of the Electric Power Committee of the Allied Force Local Resources (Italian) Board set up by A.F.H.Q.

2. Your action in respect of this matter is much appreciated, but you will no doubt agree that as Electric power is an essential military requirement, it may be necessary for civilian needs to be subordinated, more especially as the rehabilitation of the civil electricity supply is likely to make demands on military resources.

3. It is therefore considered that while your Committee should continue to function on the general lines laid down in your Adm. Order under reference, the Electric Power Committee must reserve to itself all questions having a military aspect especially the allocation of power.

4. It is proposed to discuss this matter further at the next meeting of the Allied Force Local Resources (Italian) Board, which will be held at this Hq on 11 Dec next. Since you are represented on the Board will you please be prepared to state your views at this meeting with special regard to the question of revised terms of reference of your Committee necessitated by the reservation mentioned in para 3 above.

/s/
/t/ Major General.
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer.

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Copies to :- 15 Army Gp.
M.G.S. (Adv.)
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Chairman, Electric Power Committee

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4 DECEMBER 1943

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FOR AMG FOR GROWDON CITE FARGO ONE ZERO THREE FIVE PAREN ADVISE
QUICKLY ON CLEARANCE WITH FILPOT MIKE GEORGE SUGAR SO CAN SEND
CISLER

Col. Adams
Economic Directorate

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 512

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27 November 1943.

SUBJECT: Letters Re Electric Power Mission

TO : Colonel J. P. Growdon, Chief Electric Power Mission

1. There are attached herewith two (2) copies of letters regarding the above subject sent to Major General G. Clark and Colonel Robert Sears under date of 26 November 1943 and signed by Brigadier General FRANK McSHERRY:

(for) CHARLES M. STOFFORD,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Deputy Chief of Staff
(O & SI)

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 512

26 November 1943

SUBJECT: Electric Power Mission

TO : Col. Robert Sears, Commanding I.B.S.

1. Enclosed for your information are copies of an order dated 21 November 1943, establishing within this headquarters a special Mission to be known as the Electric Power Mission. The Chief of the Mission is Col. Crowdon, one of the leading authorities on hydroelectric facilities in the United States who has brought with him a group of qualified assistants.

2. Because of the importance of the prompt rehabilitation of the electric system in Italy, both for military and civilian needs, it is thought essential that Col. Crowdon's Mission be given authority to survey the situation in all Italian territory, including the forward area. His survey will look to the developing of a coordinated plan which will use all materials and resources available locally and will call for the requisitioning from Allied sources of those which are not available.

3. It is requested that Col. Crowdon be given the necessary authorization to conduct the survey in those parts of the island under your control and that your officers concerned with electric power engineering problems and projects be asked to co-operate with him in his mission.

FRANK J. MOSHURRY,
Brig. Gen., U.S.A.,

Copy to: Col. J.P. Crowdon

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26 November 1943

SUBJECT: Electric Power Mission.

TO : Maj. Gen. G. Clark., G.O. Commanding No. 1 District.

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FRANK J. MCGURRY
Brig. Gen., U.S.A.,

Copy to: Col. J.P. Growdon

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Return to 313
M. Duff White
0431
22 November 1943.

SUBJECT: Electric Power Mission

TO : C.C.A.G., 15 Army Group

1. Enclosed for your information are copies of an order dated 20 November 1943, establishing within this headquarters a special mission to be known as the Electric Power Mission. The Chief of the Mission is Col. Crowdon, one of the leading authorities on hydroelectric facilities in the United States who has brought with him a group of qualified assistants.

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3. It is suggested that Col. Crowdon and his Mission should be given the necessary authorization to conduct the survey in 15 Army Group territory and should also be put in touch with 5th and 8th Army engineers and the interested branches of base sections and areas which are established in the Naples region.

For the Commanding General:

L. W. STRASSER,
Capt., A.G.M.,
Actg. Asst. Adj. Gen.

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22 November 1943.

SUBJECT: Establishment of Technical Mission on Rehabilitation
of Electric Power Facilities

TO : RIAO - Region I and II

1. Enclosed is a copy of an order dated 21 November 1943 establishing within this headquarters an Electric Power Mission. The representatives of this Mission will visit your region in the course of carrying out their duties. The chief of the Mission is Col. Grosdon who will survey the field and prepare a plan for the rehabilitation of these facilities in due course.

2. You are directed to give the Mission and its representatives the fullest cooperation.

By Command of Brigadier General McQUEEN:

L. W. STRAHIS,
Capt, AGO,
Actg Asst Adj Gen.

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21 November 1943.

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ESTABLISHMENT OF TECHNICAL MISSION ON REHABILITATION
OF ELECTRIC POWER FACILITIES.

1. There is created within this headquarters a special Technical Mission to be known as the Electric Power Mission. The functions of this Technical Mission will be to survey electrical generation, transmission and transformation facilities in all occupied territory and to arrange, with the appropriate authorities, for the rehabilitation and repair of such facilities.
2. The responsibility of this Technical Mission will extend only to generating, transmission and transformation facilities. It will not extend to facilities for local distribution, or to administration, financial, wage and rate matters in territory controlled by HQ AMG or A.C.C., which will continue to be handled by the Public Works & Utilities Subcommittee. The activities of the Mission will be closely coordinated with those of the Public Works & Utilities Subcommittee.
3. The Mission will perform its functions not only in territory subject to AMG HQ but will also, with the consent of the appropriate authorities, perform such functions in territory of 15 Army Group, in conjunction with the Engineers of the 5th and 13th Armies, and in territory now or hereafter controlled by the Italian Government.
4. The Mission will, for purposes of operation, be responsible directly to the Economic Director for AMG HQ. For purposes of AMG Administration it will be attached to the Economic Directorate.
5. The Mission is provisional and its establishment is to be regarded as temporary.
6. Colonel JAMES P. GROWDON is named Chief of the Electric Power Mission.

By command of Brigadier General McSHERRY:

E. GUETENLOCK,
Brigadier,
Acting Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

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By command of Brigadier General MOSHERY:

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E. GUETERROCK,
Brigadier,
Acting Chief of Staff.

L. W. STEINER, 1-
Capt, ACD
Actg Asst Adj Gen.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission

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16 November 1943.

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Subject: Coordination of Work in Italy.

To: Economic Director.

1. I have made a careful study of the various problems with which this Sub-Commission will be confronted when we get to the mainland of Italy and on which we must have coordinated activity in advance of our taking over any region. The most important of these is the question of restoration of electrical installations.

2. Already in Sicily it was recognised that the restoration of electric installations was a headquarters function and could not be left to the provinces to solve, because of the overlapping and integration of transmission systems. In Italy the problem is magnified manyfold. A Power station serving our territory may be in German hands, or it may be in the 15th Army area, or vice versa.

3. As I see it now the only proper solution to the problem is the establishment within the 15th Army area of a separate section of the Electric Utilities Division of this Sub-Commission whose function it will be to take charge of the electric power and transmission systems rehabilitation in that area and south to a point where the remaining problems can be handled through Italian agencies. To be successful the electric utility problem cannot be solved piecemeal. It must be handled by one agency whose task it will be to ultimately restore these facilities to the civil authorities and that is our responsibility. The most important phase of that whole problem is handled within the 15th Army area and this must be closely correlated with what is to follow. The problems which will confront us, acting as the A.M.G. or A.C.C., are tail end problems of restoration and to a considerable extent financial, operating or labour problems and essential phases of limited long range programs.

4. It is, therefore, requested that steps be taken promptly along these lines and that I be permitted to establish such a section of this Sub-Commission within the 15th Army area, to be headed by a competent senior officer subject to directives from this office, and who will make regular reports to us on all activities of that section.

5. In the meantime, no matter what setup may be established, I consider it of utmost importance to send some experts to Italy to make a survey of the electrical installations in Regions 2, 3, and 3, to ascertain the type and magnitude of destruction so that adequate plans

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may be made for essential restoration work to be done by HQ- A.M.G. Authority is hereby requested to send electrical experts on such a mission.

6. Because of the A.M.G. division into 2 groups, A.M.G. 15th Army and HQ. A.M.G. we are further confronted with the problem of being properly advised on what is going on within the 15th Army area insofar as public works, water, sewers, highways, etc. are concerned so that we may also be prepared to carry on these functions when any new territory is added to the area to be controlled by us. Authority is hereby requested to send a competent senior officer with assistants to the 15th Army area to act as our liaison officer on these matters. This officer would have no authority to direct any work, but only to advise insofar as our policies are concerned and to report to us on what is going on.


L.A. JENNY
Lt-Col. C.E.R.
Acting Director.

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