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CENTRAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE  
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 CENTRAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE  
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24 January 1944.

SUBJECT: Preliminary Report.

TO : Economic Directorate.

FROM : Food Commission.

1. Plans are being accelerated to give effect to the policies outlined at the Executive Council meeting on the 21st Jan. 1944.

2. The following brief report and outline is submitted to indicate:

- (a) Organization
- (b) The urgent need for warehouse accommodation.

3. Organization of Food Commission:

- (a) Headquarters - Admin.
- (b) Supply Division
- (c) Warehousing and Distribution
- (d) Rationing System & Price Control
- (e) Domestic Production.

4. In regard to para 3 (b), supplies have been called forward

(a) To meet the total estimated demands as shown in the table following:

REGIONS II & III - PALERMO - APULIA

	Jan	Feb	March	April
Total Supplies to be shipped to the mainland.	50000	63900	70000	67000
Total of Requisitions	38475	42255	43255	
Estimated Surpluses	11525	16745	23745	
<u>Stockpiled</u>				
Mainland	5000	10000	10000	
Sicily			20000	
Greece		10000		
Sardinia		5000		

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5. a. I am now entirely satisfied with the forecasts and estimates for Regions V and VIII and these are being reviewed.

b. Plans for domestic production in particular pulses and fava bean for wheat flour dilution are being actively pursued and co-ordinated with Agriculture wide experiments and report to the Food Committee in November 1943. As a result it should be possible to scale down imports of flour/wheat to Sicily and southern Italy approximately 20 to 30%.

6. Warehousing. a. As already outlined in the general plan for handling imported foodstuffs, accommodation at ports and main depots will be provided by the Military Authorities and certain handling facilities afforded.

b. In view of the urgent necessity for safeguarding and control of reserve stocks, early information is desired on the following:

- (1) Degree of readiness to receive Civilian Supplies
- (2) Location and cubic capacity of warehouses
- (3) Scope of orders/plans already issued
- (4) Division of responsibility Military/ACC personnel

c. An early conference to be attended by all Supply Officers is being called to outline:

- (1) Future policy
- (2) Problems in connection with bulk wheat
- (3) Milling - Sacks
- (4) Warehousing
- (5) Surplus grain and olive oil.

7. Rationing. a. Considerable variation exists in Regions and the introduction of a uniform ration scale is essential and will form the subject of an early report and recommendations. Detailed plans are being prepared to give effect to the general policy and plans outlined above.

8. Personnel. a. The services of specialist personnel are immediately necessary:-

- (1) 1 Statistician
- (2) 1 Qualified Accountant

b. Steps are being taken to obtain the necessary qualified personnel from other divisions.

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W. J. LEGG.  
Lt. Col.

Food Commission ACC/AMG

Allied Force  
CENTRAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE  
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*Spall*

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15 January 1944

AMG/440.

SUBJECT: Central Medical Supply Depot and  
Regional Medical Supply Depots

TO : Public Health Subcommittee

1. Pursuant to directive from the Central Economic Committee, the Public Health Subcommittee is authorized and directed to staff and operate a Central Medical Supply Depot and such Regional Medical Supply Depots as may be needed from time to time for the warehousing, accounting for and distribution of medical supplies for the civilian population in Italy.

2. Accordingly, the Public Health Subcommittee will have the responsibility for the following functions:

a. The establishment and maintenance of a system to handle the receipt and proper warehousing of all medical supplies, including all items listed in the list of "Medical Supplies for Occupied Areas" and such other medical items as may be received in Italy for ultimate or immediate civilian use.

b. The accounting for all such supplies until delivered to Regional Depots and the supervision and control of the payment for the same.

c. Supervision, through such Regional or Provincial or other warehouses or control points as may from time to time be deemed by it as necessary of such medical supplies to the first Italian civilian users for whom they are intended.

d. The preparation and maintenance of proper records and inventories of all such medical supplies on hand and awaiting distribution.

e. The maintenance of an appropriate control system in the various Regional warehouses and the Central warehouse.

f. Transportation of such medical supplies from the time they reach the Central Depot to the Regional Depots established.

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g. Submission to the Central Economic Committee of proper requisitions for CAD Medical items for the several AMG/ACC areas in Italy.

h. Submission to the Central Economic Committee of recommendations for the allocations of medical supplies as between the various Regions or other areas in occupied Italy.

3. The Central Economic Committee will maintain responsibility for the final allocations of medical supplies in occupied Italy.

4. Responsibility for the safeguarding, distribution, and payment of medical supplies within established AMG/ACC Regions, will be in accordance with directives to be promulgated by the Public Health Subcommittee and the Finance Subcommittee.

5. Prices of medical items will be established by the Central Economic Committee.

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- Central Economic Committee - 5
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- AMG 15th Army Group - 5
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*Charles M. Spofford*  
 CHARLES M. SPOFFORD  
 Colonel, G.S.C.  
 D.C.C.A.O., AMG HQ

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9 January 1941

Ref/AMG/408.

SUBJECT: Central Economic Committee

TO : Chairman, C.E.C. (Attention Lt. Col. Henderson  
Chief Executive Officer)

1. It is requested that, now that the Heads of the Economic and Administrative Section (Lord Stansgate and Mr. Grady) have taken office and entered into the chain of command in AMG/ACC, copies of documents for action or information sent to this Headquarters should be in sufficient quantity to ensure distribution to the officers named.

2. It is also requested that in those cases where questions on technical matters are submitted direct to Subcommissions in the Economic and Administrative Section, copies of the papers may be sent to the Vice President of the Section for information.

3. Lord Stansgate and Mr. Grady are located in the offices of Headquarters, AMG/ACC, Provincia Building, Naples. Rooms and telephone numbers as follows:

Lord Stansgate	--	Room 15 (2nd floor) Phone - Vapour 6
Mr. Grady	--	Room 23 (3rd Floor) Phone - Vapour 11

(Number of Vapour Exchange is 10050)

4. Any changes in location, etc. notified in paragraph 3 above, will be communicated to you.

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

Copy to:

Chief of Staff ✓  
Vice President ) Economic &  
Deputy Vice Pres. ) Administrative Sect.  
A.G.D.  
Heads of Subcommissions (by circulation)



Item 10: Status of plans for distribution of imported food items.

While detailed plans for distribution of imported food have not been completed, preliminary work is well along. The following steps have been taken or information received:

1. Captain Curran has prepared a plan based on estimated tonnages of rice, petroleum, and coal to be imported in each month through June showing (a) the distribution point; (b) the preferable point of importation; (c) alternative ports of importation; (d) rail, schooner, or truck route from port to point of distribution including alternative routes if a port other than the preferable one is used to land the supplies; (e) the report also contains a section showing estimated movement of imported food, coal, petroleum, and a number of domestically produced products between provinces for each month through June. (This latter section may prove to be somewhat unrealistic because of the many assumptions which had to be made in preparing it.)

2. The Club is conducting an investigation of facilities for handling bulk wheat at Naples and Bari. Target figures of 1,000 tons daily at Naples and 500 tons daily at Bari from 1 April 1954 has been given. Transfer of equipment from Naples to Bari is necessary but is believed feasible.

3. Survey of civilian motor transportation on occupied mainland has been made by Major J. E. Verdier and Major A. J. J. Washel. Their report is awaited.

4. The agreed schedule of trains is now largely in operation.

5. Study of the AFHQ proposal to establish a "Food Fleet" to transport supplies from Sicily and Sardinia in schooners, thus relieving a congestion in mainland ports equipped to handle sea draft ships, has been started.

6. Major Smallwood and Captain Curran have started study of the proposal to provide 1,200 military trucks to be operated by 10 Italian Transport Companies in distributing civilian supplies on the mainland.

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CENTRAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE  
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30 December 1943

SUBJECT: Channels for Submission of Requisitions for Civilian Supplies.

TO : Acting Deputy President, Allied Control Commission.  
Chief, AMG 15th Army Group.  
Chief, Headquarters AMG.

1. Paragraph 4 of AFHQ Administrative Memorandum No. 52, dated 19 December 1943, requires that all requisitions for civilian supplies for areas on the mainland be forwarded through the Central Economic Committee. All Requisitions will continue to be addressed to AFHQ, attention Military Government Section, and the following procedure is prescribed for their processing:

- a. For occupied territory (including areas under the Italian Government).
  - (1) Requisitions will be prepared by regions and areas, which at present include the following: (a) Territory in Apulia under the jurisdiction of the Italian Government and subject to control of the ACC, (b) A.M.G. Region II, (c) A.M.G. Region III, (d) A.M.G. Fifth Army Area, (e) A.M.G. Eighth Army Area.
  - (2) These requisitions will then be forwarded through the respective higher headquarters to the central Economic Committee.
- b. For territory in advance of our occupation:
  - (1) Short term requisitions will be prepared by A.M.G. 15th Army Group, will be phased in accordance with tactical plans, and will be submitted direct to the Central Economic Committee.
  - (2) Long term requisitions will be prepared jointly by AMG/ACC and AMG 15th Army Group and will be submitted to the Central Economic Committee.
- c. Whenever considered desirable, consolidated requisitions may be prepared by any headquarters for all the territory under its jurisdiction.

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- d. It will be the responsibility of the originating headquarters to assign and justify the appropriate rating as prescribed by GAL Airgram 5 of 30 November 1943, subject "Essentiality of Civilian Supplies for Sicily, Italy (and Sardinia)." All other headquarters will make appropriate comment with reference to the rating assigned but the original rating will not be changed except by Military Government Section, Allied Force Headquarters.
  - e. Requisitions will be forwarded to reach the Central Economic Committee in triplicate at least five days prior to any date set by AFHQ for their arrival at AFHQ. When forwarded to the Committee, they will be addressed "Central Economic Committee, FLAMBO."

For the Committee:

s/ A.I.H.

A. I. HENDERSON,  
Lt. Col., A.U.S.,  
Chief Executive,  
Central Economic Committee.

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CENTRAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE  
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1 January 1944

SUBJECT: Establishment of Uniform or Standard Wage Scale.  
TO: Acting Deputy President, Allied Control Commission.  
Chief, AMG 15th Army Group.  
Chief, Headquarters AEG.

1. Paragraph 3, f of AFHQ Administrative Memorandum No. 92, dated 19 December 1943, directs the Central Economic Committee to establish such uniform or standard wage scales for civilian employment as may be considered necessary. It is requested, therefore, that copies of all proclamations, regulations and orders issued by you or Regions under your jurisdiction and still in force be forwarded with any necessary explanatory comments to this office at the earliest possible date.
2. It is also requested that any further orders designed to establish uniform or standard wage scales be referred to the Committee for approval before issuance.

FOR THE COMMITTEE:

s/ A. I. Henderson  
A. I. HENDERSON,  
Lt. Col., A. U. S.,  
Chief Executive,  
Central Economic Committee.

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CENTRAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE  
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1 January 1944

SUBJECT: Establishment of Uniform or Standard Prices.

TO: Acting Deputy President, Allied Control Commission.  
Chief, AMG 15th Army Group.  
Chief, Headquarters AMG.

1. Paragraph 3, e of AFHQ Administrative Memorandum No. 92, dated 19 December 1943, directs the Central Economic Committee to establish the prices at which supplies imported for the civilian population will be sold, and to establish uniform or standard prices for such other essential commodities or services as may be considered necessary.

2. It is requested, therefore, that all proposals designed to establish uniform or standard prices for essential commodities or services be referred to the Committee for approval prior to their issuance.

For the Committee:

s/ A. I. HENDERSON  
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Chief Executive,  
Central Economic Committee.

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Houston Coaster	Wheat	2524	N A	Reggio	14 Jan.
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James Gunn BA 211 Liberty	Wheat	2322	Palermo	Reggio	21 Jan.
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UNDER ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM NUMBER 74, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION WAS CREATED AS THE ORGAN THROUGH WHICH THE POLICY OF THE UNITED NATIONS TOWARD THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WAS TO BE CONDUCTED AND THE RELATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS WITH THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WERE TO BE HANDLED. TO FORMULATE THESE POLICIES A HIGHLY QUALIFIED STAFF HAS BEEN ASSEMBLED FROM BRITISH AND AMERICAN SOURCES.

THE CENTRAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE HAS BEEN RECENTLY CREATED BY ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM NUMBER 92 WITH FUNCTIONS RELATING PRIMARILY TO THE SUPPLY SITUATION BUT ALSO COVERING THE DETERMINATION OF RATES AND PRICES, AND THUS VIRTUALLY THE WHOLE RANGE OF ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CENTRAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE HAVE VIEW THAT ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM NUMBER 92 PLACES ON THE COMMITTEE FULL RESPONSIBILITY IN THESE FIELDS THROUGHOUT OCCUPIED AND CONTROLLED ITALY. ON THIS CONCEPTION OF THE COMMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES IT WOULD SEEM THAT POLICY MAKING FUNCTION IN ECONOMIC MATTERS HAVE BEEN LARGELY TRANSFERRED FROM ACC TO CED.

THIS SEEMS TO ME TO BE A MAJOR CHANGE IN THE EXISTING ARRANGEMENT FOR DEALING WITH ITALIAN AFFAIRS WHICH PRESENTS A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS FOR AFFECTING

THE ORGANIZATION AND FUTURE OPERATION OF AOC. IN ORDER THAT THE NECESSARY REORGANIZATION MAY BE PROMPTLY ACCOMPLISHED I SUGGEST THAT THE PRESENT POSITION OF AOC SHOULD BE REVIEWED AND A DIRECTIVE BE ISSUED CLARIFYING ITS RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD.

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5 January 1948

SUBJECT: General Economic Committee

To : Chairman, C. & C. (Attention Lt. Col. Henderson  
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*for* *Philip White*  
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Colonel, C. & C.  
V/C of C (C. & C.I.)  
Major C.I.

AMG/AGC  
Chief of Staff  
Vice President Economic &  
Deputy Vice Pres. Administrative Sect.  
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