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2	Deputy Chief Comm'r Chl 5998	9 June	AFHQ	Preliminary views on Supply Mission Report
3	Ltr, A/CC 100	10 Jul 44	G-5, AFHQ	AFHQ's comments on report of Sup- ply Group. Receipt of.
4	Cbl, AFHQ F-54743	4 Jun 44	ACC Main	War Office pressing for comments on Supply Mission Report

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COMBINE COMBINE THIS IS WITH THOSE YOU ARE PREPARING. GRATEFUL YOU EXPEDITE
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SUBJECT: Supply Group Report

TO : G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 312
(Attention: Colonel Spofford)

This will acknowledge your letter G-5: 319.1-27, dated 6 July 1944,
forwarding a copy of AFHQ's comments on the report of the Supply Group.
I have read it with the keenest interest, am in complete accord, and
desire to record my commendation for a job well done.

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

For info to Spofford

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CAPTAIN STONE, USNR

AFHQ

FOLLOWING ARE MY PRELIMINARY VIEWS ON SUPPLY MISSION REPORT REFERENCE YOUR FOX FIVE FOUR SEVEN FOUR THREE OF JUNE FOUR PD BARRE TO AFHQ FOR FHGX FROM ACC MAIN SIGNED MACFARLANE PAREN PARA ONE SUPPLY GROUPS REPORT CONTAINS MANY VALUABLE COMMENTS AND SOME CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTIONS BUT GENERAL TENOR OF ITS CONCLUSIONS IS PROFOUNDLY DISQUIETING AND SEEMS TO POINT TO A FIXED DETERMINATION TO CUT DOWN IMPORTS AT ALL COSTS WITHOUT REGARD TO CONSEQUENCES PD GROUPS ATTITUDE IN REGARD TO ALL IMPORTANT QUESTIONS OF FOOD AND CLOTHING IS SUPERFICIAL AND UNREALISTIC AND POSSIBLY BECAUSE OF ITS LIMITED TERMS OF REFERENCE IGNORES SERIOUS DANGER OF INFLATION AND BLACK MARKET GETTING OUT OF CONTROL PD PARA TWO PD FOR EXAMPLE CMA ON PAGE FIVE FIVE IT IS STATED THAT LIBERATED ITALY COULD BE LARGELY SELF SUFFICIENT PROVIDED THAT AMASSING IS EFFECTIVE AND PRESENT RATION OF TWO HUNDRED GRAMS OF BREAD IS CONTINUED PD THIS STATEMENT WHILE ~~NOT MATHEMATICALLY~~ ^{MATHEMATICALLY} ACCURATE IS BASED ON WHOLLY UNREALISTIC PREMISES SINCE POPULATION NEVER HAS AND CANNOT LIVE ON TWO HUNDRED GRAMS OF BREAD PD IF AMASSING IS EFFECTIVE BLACK MARKET SUPPLIES WILL NO LONGER BE AVAILABLE TO SUPPLEMENT OFFICIAL RATION AND MAINTENANCE OF RATION AT TWO HUNDRED GRAMS WOULD MEAN STARVATION AND RIOTS IN THE TONNE CMA WHERE AVERAGE CONSUMPTION INCLUDING BLACK MARKET SUPPLIES NOW EXCEEDS THREE HUNDRED GRAMS PD PARA THREE PD REPORTS DISCUSSION OF CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR

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REQUIREMENTS IS EVEN MORE SUPERFICIAL AND UNHELPFUL PD CLOTHING SITUATION IS EXTREMELY BAD IN RURAL AREAS AND IN SLUM AREAS OF TOWNS PD TEXTILE MATERIAL AND GARMENTS ON VIEW IN SHOPS OF LARGE CITIES ARE QUITE OUT OF REACH OF WORKERS AND POOR CONSUMERS PD MEN WORK IN FIELDS IN RAGS AND WHAP BURLAP ROUND THEIR FEET PD WOMEN WORK ON STONY GROUND BAREFOOTED AND CHILDREN OFTEN CLOTHED IN SACKING PD MENS CHEAP BOOTS COST THREE THOUSAND LIRE UPWARD AND IN COUNTRY DISTRICTS ARE PRACTICALLY NOT AVAILABLE PD I AM HAVING GREATEST DIFFICULTY IN FINDING BOOTS FROM ARMY SALVAGE FOR ITALIAN SOLDIER LABOR SENT TO COLLECT HARVEST PD PARA FOUR PD IF OVERRIDING NEED IS TO REDUCE IMPORTS OF WHEAT AND AMASS MAXIMUM QUANTITY OF PRESENT HARVEST CMA IT IS VITAL TO SUPPLY MINIMUM OF CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR TO PEASANTS AND AGRICULTURAL WORKERS PD PARA FIVE PD I HAVE DEALT SPECIALLY WITH REPORTS TREATMENT OF FOOD AND CLOTHING SINCE ANTI DASH INFLATION COMMITTEE ATTACH PRIME IMPORTANCE TO INCREASE OF THESE CONSUMER GOODS IF WAGES ARE TO BE STABILIZED CMA PRICE CONTROL ENFORCED AND RATIONING EXTENDED CMA ALL OF WHICH ARE ESSENTIAL IF RUNAWAY INFLATION IS TO BE AVOIDED PD COMMITTEE URGE THAT DANGEROUS INFLATIONARY TENDENCIES ARE CAUSED AS MUCH BY EXTREME SCARCITY OF CONSUMER GOODS AS BY EXCESS OF MONEY AND THAT IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO HOLD WAGES AND FARM PRICES WITHOUT MORE REALISTIC APPROACH TO ENTIRE ECONOMIC PROBLEM THAN THAT OF GROUPS REPORT PD PARA SIX PD I STRONGLY ENDORSE REPORTS RECOMMENDATION AS TO NEED FOR INCREASED PERSONNEL BAREN INCLUDING LEATHER EXPERT BAREN PD I AM HOPING TO OBTAIN TEMPORARY LOAN OF TEN OFFICERS FROM MIDEAST TO HELP IN AMASSING HARVEST FOLLOWED LATER POSSIBLY BY TEN MORE PD NEW RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPPLY OF RECENTLY LIBERATED AREAS INTENSIFIES NEED FOR STRENGTHENING TECHNICAL STAFF AND OVERALL ECONOMIC DIRECTION OF ACC SUBCOMMISSIONS CONCERNED WITH THESE MATTERS PD PARA EIGHT PD I AM SENDING MORE DETAILED COMMENTS BY MAIL BUT I HOPE THAT COMBINATION

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OF OTHER SECTIONS OF REPORT WILL NOT RESULT IN FURTHER DELAY IN MEETING URGENT
ACC REQUISITIONS AND IN AUTHORIZING IMMEDIATE ANNOUNCEMENT OF INCREASE IN RATION
FROM TWO HUNDRED GRAMS TO THREE HUNDRED GRAMS AS TO WHICH I HAVE HAD NO NEWS

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24 May 1944

SUBJECT: Report of Combined Supply Group from CCAC

TO : Lt. General Noel Mason Proferians,
Deputy President, Allied Control Commission

1. We have just received the preliminary draft report of the Combined Supply Group for the Supply Sub-Committee of the Combined Civil Affairs Committee. We have not yet had an opportunity to give it any study. This will be done immediately. In the meantime we are sending two copies for your information and any comments that you may wish to make.

2. It has been emphasized by the Group that this report is purely provisional and should not be accepted as final until such time as the Combined Civil Affairs Committee, for whom it is intended, releases it.

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5.

Incl:
Report by Supply group

Note by Chief Commissioner:

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