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28 September 1944

Attached is a letter which Captain Stone has received from Mr. Myron Taylor, and which he has asked me to send on to you.

J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Chief Staff Officer

Brigadier G. S. Parkinson, D.S.O.
Director, Public Health Sub-Commission

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THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
TO HIS HOLINESS THE POPE

September 25, 1944.

Captain Ellery W. Stone, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission, APU 394

Dear Captain Stone:

Acting upon your favor of September 24, I would say that we have already had one discussion with Brigadier General Parkinson acting as liaison officer to the National Agency for Distribution of Relief Supplies in Italy. We are very much impressed with his cooperative attitude and his obvious knowledge of the field of relief and we are very happy to have the opportunity of cooperating with him.

Thanking you for your promptness in making this official designation, and with best regards, believe me

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Myron C. Taylor

/t/ Myron C. Taylor

Personal Representative of President
Roosevelt To His Holiness Pope
Pius XII

*Copies del'd to
Mr. Kirk
for Mr. Charles*

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Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner

Distribution of Relief Supplies (Italy)

A/CC 400.38

Brigadier Parkinson
Public Health S/C

25 September 4

1. Please find attached letter and enclosures from Mr. Myron Taylor.
2. There are points in the memorandum which you will wish to consider in the light of your Relief Committee appointment.
3. Please co-ordinate with Brigadier Lush under whom such relief work has hitherto functioned.

1 Incl: as above

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The Personal Representative of the
President the United States of America
to His Holiness the Pope

September, 23 1944

Dear Captain Stone;

I am sending you herewith copy of a letter, with memorandum
which I am sending to Ambassador Kirk relative to National Agency
for Distribution of Relief Supplies in Italy.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Myron C. Taylor

/t/ Myron C. Taylor

Enclosure:

letter, September 23, 1944
with enclosure

Captain Ellery W. Stone

Acting Chief Allied Control Commission

Rome

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Acting Chief Allied Control Commission
Rome

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C o p y

2 Via Boncompagni

September 23, 1944

My Dear Mr. Ambassador:

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We may have been misinformed but it was our instruction to proceed with A.F.H.Q. in the first instance and to be governed by their directives in respect to associated agencies. This directive has governed our activities. If there be any other means of approach which is more in harmony with the desire for prompt action we should like to be so advised.

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Enclosure:

Memorandum

The Honorable
Alexander Kirk,

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Memorandum

The Honorable
Alexander Kirk,
US Representative
Advisory Council for Italy
Palazzo Regina Margherita.

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Memorandum for General Wilson, A.F.H.Q., Ambassador
Alexander Kirk, A.C.I., and Captain Ellery W. Stone, A.C.C.

Re: DISTRIBUTION OF CONTRIBUTED RELIEF SUPPLIES IN ITALY

The function of the National Agency for Distribution of Relief Supplies in Italy organized under the auspices of the Italian Government, the Vatican and the Italian Red Cross, among other things is - in cooperation with A.F.H.Q. and A.C.C. and its related agencies:

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- 2) ~~what~~ is the character of relief required
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- 7) how to implement it?
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Rome, September 23, 1944.

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Rome, September 23, 1944.

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24 September 1944

My dear Mr. Myron Taylor,

With reference to your letter of 19 September I am glad to inform you of the appointment of Brigadier G. S. Parkinson, D.S.O., to act on behalf of the A.C.C. as a liaison officer to the National Agency for Distribution of Relief Supplies in Italy.

Brigadier Parkinson has great experience in this kind of work; he is the head of the Public Health Sub-Commission of the A.C.C., and this - together with the fact that he is now liaison officer between the Allied Red Crosses and the Italian Red Cross makes him peculiarly fitted for the present appointment.

As I have previously explained to you, I do not think A.F.H.Q. will need other representation than the Brigadier, as all pertinent matters will be automatically channelled through to them. Mr. Kirk is in agreement with me on this score.

I trust that the appointment of Brigadier Parkinson will facilitate the smooth and speedy operation of your work - the need of which, I need hardly say, becomes daily more vital.

Yours very sincerely,

MILLY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

Hon. Myron C. Taylor
The Personal Representative of the
President of the United States of America
To His Holiness The Pope
2, Via Boncompagni
Rome

cc: Admin Section

*in trust Charles
Hon Alexander Kirk*

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner

JAQ/hd

A/CC 400.38

22 September 1944

Subject: Liaison Officer for Relief Organization

To: Vice President, Administrative Section

(14) Captain Stone wishes me to bring to your notice the attached letter from Mr. Myron Taylor, with the request that you consider paragraph 2 (marked). The A/CC proposed Brigadier Parkinson as a possible suggestion and would appreciate your reaction to this.

For the Acting Chief Commissioner:

For A/CC:

I entirely agree that Brig. Parkinson would be a most suitable Liaison Officer. This is particularly so in view of his recent appointment as Liaison officer to the Italian Red Cross.

G.R.V.

J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Chief Staff Officer

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The Personal Representative of the
President of the United States of America
to His Holiness the Pope

2, Via Boncompagni

Rome, September 19, 1944.

Captain Ellery W. Stone, USNR
Acting Chief Allied Control Commission,
Rome.

My dear Captain Stone:

I am sending you herewith copy of letter dated September 19, 1944, with enclosures which - in a similar sense - I have addressed to General Sir Henry Maitland Wilson in order to clarify the situation with respect to a liaison officer. I have indicated in this letter, as you will observe, that you and I feel that a single officer should be delegated to represent both AFHQ and ACC. I think through that medium you may accomplish the objective which you had in mind in our recent conversation. It should be borne in mind that the suggestion of a liaison officer had previously been made to General Wilson and yourself in correspondence and conversations that I have had with each.

Will you be good enough to clear this situation with General Wilson and agree upon a single liaison officer so that we may begin contact without delay?

Thanking you for your assistance and appreciating the opportunity of working with you together in this humanitarian field, and with best regards, believe me

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Myron C. Taylor
Myron C. Taylor

Personal Representative of President Roosevelt
To His Holiness Pope Pius XII

Enclosures:

to General Wilson, Sept. 19, 1944;
press release, September 19, 1944;
to Prime Minister Bonomi, Sept. 18, 1944.

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(COPY FOR CAPTAIN STONE)

2, Via Boncompagni

Rome, September 19, 1944.

Dear General Wilson:

The plan for the organization of the National Agency for Distribution of Relief Supplies in Italy was completed last evening, and I am pleased to send you herewith copy of the press release by HE. Minister Bonomi and of letters which passed between His Excellency and myself in relation to that event. This provides you with the concluding proceedings in a relief field which I hope, with the generous support and cooperation of all Allied agencies, will be able to assist in a substantial way the Italian nation and people to tide over their emergencies and gradually but ultimately make them self-supporting.

I wish to thank you, my dear General Wilson, for the cooperation which you and your staff have given to this matter. It was understood that a liaison officer would be selected to represent A.P.H.C. and A.G.C. between the National Committee now formed, as well as the committee representative of American Relief for Italy, Inc. so that you may at all times be consulted, and apprised of the cooperative activities which these agencies hope will provide a segment in the whole relief effort the major part of which - for the time being at least - must necessarily fall upon the Allies as a source from which needed supplies will have to originate. The new committee is an instrumentality which, in its earliest moment, can only assist in the whole effort of relief, but I am sure that it will gradually develop into something useful and substantial.

I believe that Captain Stone and I were of the opinion that a single liaison officer representing both agencies would be adequate for the purposes indicated. May I suggest that it would be most helpful if, in making the selection, someone be chosen who is already familiar with relief activities as presently conducted by Allied Agencies in Italy.

With renewed assurances of my appreciation of your cooperation, believe me

Sincerely yours,

Myron C. Taylor
Personal Representative of President Roosevelt
to His Holiness Pope Pius XII

Enclosures.

General Sir Henry Maitland Wilson,
Allied Supreme Commander-in-Chief
Mediterranean Theater.

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From H. E. Myron C. Taylor, Personal Representative of the President of the United States to His Holiness Pope Pius XII, to H. E. The Prime Minister Ivanoe Bonomi.

2, Via Boncompagni

Rome, September 18, 1944

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

In behalf of President Roosevelt and American Relief for Italy, Inc., I wish to express appreciation of the generous and cooperative spirit which you, in behalf of the Italian people and government, have displayed in promoting the organization of the "National Agency for Distribution of Relief Supplies in Italy" donated by American Relief for Italy, Inc.

The National Agency, thus promoted, if adequately encouraged, may well serve as a medium for all national relief distributions in released Italy. The elements presently associated, viz: the Italian Government, the Vatican and the Italian Red Cross, bring together representative forces of the greatest competency and should, in cooperation with existing Allied Government agencies and other contributors, meet the emergencies of the coming winter.

American Relief for Italy, Inc., of which I have the honor to be Chairman, American Red Cross, Allied Force Headquarters Advance, Allied Control Commission and other agencies will, I am sure, render all assistance within their power to forward these humanitarian activities.

I should like further to associate myself with this undertaking by donating one million lire to the initial fund for the relief of distressed persons in Italy.

With assurances of respect and esteem, believe me, Mr. Prime Minister,

Sincerely yours,

Myron C. Taylor
Personal Representative of President
Roosevelt to His Holiness Pope
Pius XII

His Excellency
Ivanoe Bonomi,
President of the Council of Ministers
Rome.

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PRESS RELEASE ISSUED BY PRIME MINISTER BONOMI ON SEPTEMBER 12, 1944

The Prime Minister H. E. Ivanoe Bonomi announced the formation of a "National Agency for Distribution of Relief Supplies in Italy" of which he has consented to become honorary chairman. His Holiness Pope Pius XII has given hearty support to the formation of the agency. President Roosevelt, acting through H. E. Myron C. Taylor, his Personal Representative to His Holiness Pope Pius XII, has greatly aided the project. Plans for the formation of the agency were proposed in behalf of American Relief for Italy, Inc. by its Chairman Mr. Taylor. Mr. W.W. Jefferson, Director Mediterranean Theater, American Red Cross War Relief; Dr. Umberto Zanotti-Bianco, President of the Italian Red Cross, and a number of leading Allied and Italian officials and citizens have acted as consultants.

The National Agency will be composed of nine members representing the Italian Government, the Vatican and the Italian Red Cross. The Italian Government is to be represented by: H. E. Prince Filippo Doria Pamphili, Mayor of Rome; Dr. Zaniboni, High Commissioner for War Refugees; Prof. Dr. Giovanni Canaporio, General Medical Inspector. The Vatican is to be represented by H.E. Prince Carlo Pacelli, Legal Counselor to the Vatican; Mons. Walter Carroll, of the Vatican Secretariat of State, and Mons. Ferdinando Baldelli. The Italian Red Cross is to be represented by Dr. Umberto Zanotti-Bianco, its President; Marchese Ugo Theodoli, its Secretary General and by Dr. Lapponi.

It is anticipated that supplies contributed by American Relief for Italy, Inc. will be augmented by other contributions of funds and needed materials, foodstuffs, medicines, etc. which it is expected will be provided by other donors, including the national Italian Government - which has made an initial contribution of ten million lire - the Vatican - which has contributed an initial sum of five million lire - and by other nations, organizations and individuals.

It is anticipated that the most useful facilities for distribution, both in respect of personnel, equipment and experience, will be enlisted to participate in this humanitarian undertaking.

Its first meeting occurred on September 13 in the office of the Prime Minister, its Honorary Chairman.

H. E. Prince Doria Pamphili has been selected Permanent Chairman of the National Committee. H.E. Prince Carlo Pacelli has become Chairman of an Executive Committee of three, chosen from the National Committee and representatives of the National Government, the Vatican and the Italian Red Cross. H.E. Myron Taylor, Chairman of the American Relief for Italy, Inc. has nominated Mr. Howard B. Barr, heretofore Deputy Director of American Red Cross Civilian War Relief in Italy, as his Deputy.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
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G-5: R-23

SUBJECT: National Committee for the Distribution of Relief
Supplies in Italy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APO 394.
(Attention: Acting Chief Commissioner).

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter on above subject,
dated 12 September, which probably crossed in transmission the letter
of this Section, G-5: R-23 of 9 September.

2. This Headquarters recedes from the position taken in para-
graph 3 of our letter of 9 September, that we should stipulate that
there be a representative of the Allied Control Commission on the
proposed Committee. Since the proposed group is to be set up by
Italian decree, of which fact we were not aware when the earlier
letter was written, it does not seem appropriate to have A.C.C., an
Allied government agency, as an official participant. Moreover, it
is understood that American Relief for Italy, the American Red Cross
and the A.C.C. will remain in a close advisory relationship.

3. It is still felt that the committee should establish through
the machinery provided, policies satisfactory to you, generally ensuring
that the distribution of the relief funds and articles is equitably
made, according to the purpose of the donors. It is also assumed that,
in accordance with the suggestion of the American Red Cross at the con-
ference in discussing the plan, the principle will be adopted that
actual need will be the basis upon which final distribution to the
beneficiaries is made.

4. With this understanding, this Headquarters agrees to the
proposal and urges that the Allied Control Commission give the matter
prompt attention.

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

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19 September 1944

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Thank you for your letter of September 16th enclosing a copy of your letter of that date to General Wilson, together with its enclosures.

Sincerely,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USMR
Acting Chief Commissioner

Hon. Myron C. Taylor
The Personal Representative of the
President of the United States of America
To His Holiness The Pope
2, Via Boncompagni
Rome

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EWS/hjp

17 September 1944

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Replying to your letter of September 16th, as I told you on the telephone yesterday, A.C.C. will be glad to appoint a liaison officer with the proposed "National Agency". I do not see any need for the appointment of a liaison officer from AFHQ.

I am hopeful of securing AFHQ's approval by telephone today. So far as A.C.C. is concerned, we have no objection in principle to the decree but in our opinion there are some alterations in the statute which should be made.

(a) Since the former Ministry of Finance has been divided into a Ministry of the Treasury and a Ministry of Finance, the functions given in the draft decree to the Minister of Finance should be given, instead, to the Minister of the Treasury. This involves an amendment to Article 3.

(b) The decree should provide (in Art. 5) that the National Committee shall decide on the terms and conditions of employment of the Administrative Director and that the relationship between them shall be that of employer and employed. Is it intended that he should be paid? If so, this should be made clear.

The Administrative Director should be made ex officio a member of the Executive Committee, if not also of the National Committee; he need not have voting rights.

(c) Article 8 (c) provides to the committee "free transportation of goods and materials" but does not state who is to furnish the free transportation to the committee.

Sincerely,

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ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

Hon. Myron C. Taylor
The Personal Representative of the
President of the United States of America
To His Holiness The Pope
2, Via Boncompagni
Rome

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REUR AGO-330 OF 16 SEPT.

NATIONAL AGENCY FOR DISTRIBUTION RELIEF SUPPLIES. CONSIDERING THAT THIS WILL BE CREATED BY ITALIAN DECREE, NOT APPROPRIATE THAT AGO BE A MEMBER OF GOVERNING BOARD. WE OBSERVE THAT AMERICAN RELIEF FOR ITALY, AMERICAN RED CROSS, AND AGO WILL REMAIN IN CLOSE ADVISORY RELATIONSHIP.

PARA. GOVERNING BOARD SHOULD ESTABLISH PERIODIC SATISFACTION TO AGO, GENERALLY DETERMINING THAT DISTRIBUTION WILL BE SUITABLY MADE ACCORDING TO PURPOSE OF DONORS AND THAT, AS SUGGESTED BY AMERICAN RED CROSS, THE PRINCIPLE WILL BE ADAPTED THAT ACTUAL NEED WILL BE SA-IF UPON WHICH FINAL DISTRIBUTION TO BENEFICIARIES IS MADE.

PARA. LETTER TO THIS EFFECT IS TO PROPOSED CHARTER.

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PAREN TO AFHQ FOR GEORGE DASH FIVE FROM HQ ACC FROM STONE PERSONAL PAREN PLEASE
 REPLY EARLIEST BY SIGNAL TO MY LETTER OF ONE TWO SEPTEMBER AS TAYLOR URGENTLY
 REQUESTING ANSWER.

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 AUTHENTICATED:

J. A. QUAYLE,
 Major, R. A.
 Chief Staff Officer

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The personal Representative of the
President of the United States of America to
His Holiness the Pope.
2 Via Boncompagni

Rome, September 16, 1944.

Captain Ellery W. Stone, USN,
Acting President, Allied Control Commission
Rome.

Dear Captain Stone:

Herewith for your information are copies of two letters I have
today forwarded to General Wilson for his consideration.

With best regards, believe me

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Myron C. Taylor

Enclosures:
to General Wilson,
September 16, 1944
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2 Via Boncompagni

Rome, Sep 15, 1944

Dear General Wilson:

I recall our very pleasant conversation when I had the pleasure of visiting you at Caserta. It was most pleasing to discover so many similar reactions to the present situation in Italy and the urgency of the winter season in respect to housing and feeding of the community, as well as preparing it to make itself more self-supporting in the coming year.

Since our visit I have had a call from Colonel Butterworth, Lewis and Martino of your staff and I discussed with them the statement made to me by Prime Minister Bonomi at a luncheon to which he invited me a fortnight ago. He indicated that he had great difficulty in getting 100 trucks for use in Southern Italy for the transportation of local materials from which barracks for winter occupancy of homeless people could be constructed. He spoke particularly of the importance of building houses for the homeless people of Cassino, asserting that it would be of great political significance if this could be done, and very harmful if it could not be done.

I was informed by Colonel Butterworth that there were 6,500 vehicles awaiting tires and repairs of one sort or another in the hands of the Allies and not now in use. It struck me at once that if 100 of these could be immediately offered to the Prime Minister it would be a very good gesture. In addition the Prime Minister stated that 400 trucks for hauling foodstuffs and other supplies would relieve the present distressing situation. It would seem to me that it would be much more economical and timely to repair 500 of the 6,500 trucks for temporary use, rather than look to America or elsewhere for the supply of new ones, and I am therefore moved to write this to you to make the suggestion that this matter be dealt with at the earliest moment. A good moment for such a gesture would be the time of the announcement of the formation of the proposed "National Agency for the Distribution of Relief Supplies in Italy" (E.N.D.S.I.) which the Prime Minister - if you have no objection - is prepared to announce at any moment.

I had a talk this morning with Colonel Spofford and indicated to him the embarrassment, if not the danger, that would follow delay in effective relief on public opinion in America, apart from public opinion in Italy. Colonel Spofford intimated that there would not be difficulty in approving the plan, on which we have spent a great deal of time in bringing into agreement the several interests represented. The plan - in its first stages at least -

General Sir Henry Maitland Wilson
Supreme Allied Commander in Chief
A.F.H.Q.

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depends primarily upon contributions from America, as I explained to you when we met at Caserta. The Italian Government is contributing an initial ten million lire and the Vatican five million lire. It has always been our suggestion that A.F.R.C., A.C.C., American Red Cross (W.W. Jefferson) and American Relief for Italy, Inc. (Howard B. Barr), should act in advisory capacities.

Your fullest cooperation in these matters will be greatly appreciated by all interests, including President Roosevelt who showed an active interest in Italian Relief, as he recently made several references to it in public addresses.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Myron C. Taylor
Personal Representative of President
Roosevelt to His Holiness Pope Pius XII.

P.S. The Vatican has just sent me the enclosed statement(translation) which has been sent them by an authoritative source in regard to prospective agricultural problems in Italy, which may be of interest.

Enclosure :

Statement re planting in Italy.

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TRANSLATION

The problem of autumn planting which for grain alone takes over 5,000,000 hectares requires that thought be given now to the procuring of implements indispensable for the preparation of the ground (plowing, etc).

It is primarily necessary to remember the following facts:

- 1) In some Provinces the majority of the cattle, especially beasts of burden, has been slaughtered; hence the availability of draft animals is considerably reduced;
- 2) our modest supply of tractors (about 30,000 throughout the Kingdom) is partly destroyed or damaged;
- 3) the ground to be planted is mostly compact and hence requires summer plowing;
- 4) the great reduction in the supply of sheep will prevent the utilization of extensive zones in Puglia and in the Agro Romano for the traditional pasturing of sheep. These grounds, too, must be plowed.

These considerations demonstrate the necessity of disposing during the next few months (August ~~and~~ November) of some thousands of hectares cannot be cultivated or will be poorly cultivated.

Let us recall that during the year 1920 - for a number of reasons due to the war and also because of the unseasonal weather, the grain production amounted to only 38.5 million quintals and it was therefore necessary to import 28 million quintals of grain the following year.

At the end of the war all Europe will be faced with starvation, and it is therefore necessary to provide that the countries already out of the war - albeit only partly - make an effort to obtain from their own territory the greater portion of foodstuffs. By so doing the enormous task confronting the Allies after the cessation of hostilities will be reduced and facilitated. The request for tractors to be furnished to the liberated zones of Italy is therefore a problem which interests the entire European population.

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2 Via Boncompagni

Rome, September 16, 1944

Dear General Wilson:

The following is quoted from a telegram which I sent to the President and to the State Department on September 11. You may find some interest in the suggestion:

".....While we, in America, understand the shipping difficulties the people in distress do not. Would it be possible to allocate one or two ships for strictly relief voyages with standard cargoes of staples and essentials and keep them constantly en route bringing relief to stricken populations? It seems to me with such vessels loaded at a given port in America and destined for convenient ports in Italy a minimum of time would be lost in loading and unloading and the delays and complications resulting from mixed cargoes, munitions and vital products would be avoided. A simple plan of this character would seem deserving of careful study".

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Myron C. Taylor
Personal Representative of President Roosevelt
to His Holiness Pope Pius XII

General Sir Henry Maitland Wilson
Supreme Allied Commander in Chief
A.F.H.Q. APO 512

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TRANSLATION

From OSSERVATORE ROMANO - No 18, September 16, 1944.

RELIEF FOR ITALY

New York, 15th.

The N.W.U. Agency states that the President for Relief in Italy, Judge Marchisio, has communicated that during the month of October shipments to Italy will comprise:

900,000 Kilos of clothing
50,000 pairs of shoes

besides shipments in September, namely:

450,000 Kilos of clothing
45,000 Kilos of powdered milk
2,250 Kilos of powdered milk for babies
2,700 Kilos of dextrines for nursing mothers and babies
5,000,000 multi-Vitamin tablets
1,000,000 Vitamin A and D tablets for children
108,000 cubic centimeters of Vitamin A and D for children
4,000,000 yeast tablets
600,000 anti-scorbutic acid tablets
12,000 pairs of women's and children's shoes
150,000 pairs of women's stockings and socks
1,200 first aid kits
50 complete sets of surgical instruments and accessories
4,500 meters of gauze

The despatch adds that the value of the material shipped to Italy to date amounts to \$3,250,000 and that, besides the shipments contemplated during October, another 2,700,000 Kilos of clothing, collected mostly by the war relief services in the National Catholic Welfare Association will be baled and shipped by American Relief for Italy.

Judge Marchisio has also indicated that a national medical campaign will be promoted to collect medicines for Italy. The promoters of the initiative are Prof Arturo Castiglione of the Medical Faculty of Yale University, and Dr. Joseph Castiglione, Specialist in Plastic Surgery.

C O P Y

The Personal Representative of the
President of the United States of America
to His Holiness the Pope
2, Via Boncompagni

Rome, September 16, 1944

Captain Ellery W. Stone, U.S.N.
Acting President A.C.C.
Ministry of Corporations
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Weekly progress reports of receipts and distributions will be made to the liaison officers".

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/s/ Myron C.Taylor
/t/ Myron C.Taylor

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394
Tels. 417 and 553

16 September 1944.

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SUBJECT: National Committee for Distribution of Relief
Supplies in Italy.

TO : Chief Commissioner,
(through Economic Section).

1. The Finance Sub-Commission sees no objection to the passage of a statute embodying points outlined in the "Final Draft of September 11, 1944" of a decree for establishing a National Committee for Distribution of Relief Supplies in Italy.

2. Two points, however, should be brought to your attention:-

- (a) Since the former ministry of Finance has been divided into a ministry of the Treasury and a ministry of Finance, the functions given in the draft decree to the Minister of Finance should be given, instead, to the Minister of the Treasury. This involves an amendment to Article 3.
- (b) Article 8 (c) provides to the committee "free transportation of goods and materials" but does not state who is to furnish the free transportation to the committee.

"(Signed) J. J. Lawler
Lt-Comdr. USCGR.,
Acting Joint Director,
Finance Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION

APO 394

ACC/4104/L.

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14 September 1944

SUBJECT: Distribution of Relief Supplies in Italy

TO : Acting Chief Commissioner

1. I have considered the proposed decree on this subject. There are some points in Arts. 5 and 6 which are not clear to me, but I think this arises because the English text which I have is translated from Italian. I should have liked to have had the Italian text for examination by my experts, but I understand that there is no copy available at this Hq.

2. In my opinion the decree is substantially in order and there is no objection to it.

The decree should provide (in Art.5) that the National Committee shall decide on the terms and conditions of employment of the Administrative Director and that the relationship between them shall be that of employer and employee. Is it intended that he should be paid? If so, this should be made clear.

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/s/ RICHARD H. WILMER
/t/ RICHARD H. WILMER
Colonel, CAC.
Chief Legal Officer.

TO : Acting Chief Commissioner

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Colonel, CAC.
Chief Legal Officer.

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EMS/hjp

12 September 1944

Dear Mr. Taylor:

This will acknowledge your letters of September 12th forwarding the drafts of the proposed statute to effect the formation of the proposed "National Committee for Distribution of Relief Supplies in Italy". I have forwarded a copy to AFHQ for approval and have referred it to my legal and financial sub-commissions to see if there is any objection to the procedure proposed.

Early replies have been requested and I shall communicate with you as soon as answers are received.

In view of the foregoing, as I told you on the telephone this morning, I think it would be better if I did not attend the meeting tomorrow morning with the Prime Minister on this subject, since it will not be possible for me to have heard from AFHQ by that time.

Sincerely,

ELLEN W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

Hon. Myron C. Taylor
The Personal Representative of the
President of the United States of America
To His Holiness The Pope
2, Via Boncompagni
Rome

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12 September 1944

Colonel Charles W. Spofford, U.S.C.
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5
Allied Force Headquarters

Dear Colonel Spofford:

As you know, Mr. Myron G. Taylor, the Personal Representative of the President to the Holy See, has been working to organize a National Committee for Distribution of Relief Supplies in Italy for the purpose of providing free distribution of relief supplies to the civilian population, sent by the American Relief for Italy, Inc., with which Mr. Taylor is connected.

Mr. Taylor has forwarded to me today a copy of the plan for handling this distribution of relief supplies which it is understood would be enacted into a statute by the Italian Government. I have furnished a copy to the Legal and Finance Sub-Commissions for their comments. In the meantime, information is requested as to whether there would be objection from AFHQ to the proposal in question substantially along the lines indicated in the attached memorandum.

As initial relief shipments are believed to be on their way from the United States, an early reply will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

ELBERT W. BROWN
Captain, USMC
Acting Chief Commissioner

Incl.

To: Finance Sub-Commission
Legal Sub-Commission

Is there any objection to the passage of a statute embodying points outlined in the enclosed?

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The Personal Representative of the
President of the United States of America
to his Holiness the Pope.
Via Boncompagni 2

Rome, 12 September 1944

Dear Captain Stone,

You will find herewith copy of the proposed plan for the organization of a National Committee for Relief in Italy which it is proposed by the Italian Government to adopt at the meeting to be held at the office of the Prime Minister, at 10.30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 13, as the first step towards consolidating the distribution of donated funds, materials and supplies for the relief of the stricken population of Italy.

This arises from the initial donations of American Relief for Italy, Inc., as you have already been advised, and it is our desire that the plan may develop into this action by the Italian Government as planned. Your further assistance will be very highly appreciated.

You are invited to accompany me to the meeting at the Prime Minister's Office at 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 13, and I earnestly hope that you will be able to attend.

Sincerely yours,

Myron C. Taylor.

Enclosure,

Proposed statute for
National Committee for
Relief in Italy

Captain Ellery W. Stone, USN
Acting President Allied Control Commission
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See 364 under

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FINAL DRAFT OF SEPTEMBER 11, 1944

Art. 1

A Social Agency known as "National Committee for Distribution of Relief Supplies in Italy" has been constituted in Rome under the control of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers.

Art. 2

The Agency's purpose is to provide for the free distribution of relief supplies to the civilian population:

- a) sent by the American Relief for Italy in accordance with the intention of the donors;
- b) Provided by legacies and donations of governments, agencies and private persons.

Art. 3

The initial budget of the Agency shall consist of a fund of Lit..... contributed by the Italian Government, a portion of which shall be used for the equipment and operation of the Agency. The assets shall be supplemented by fixed amounts contributed yearly from the funds of the Ministry of the Interior, in agreement with the Ministry of Finance and, in accordance with previous agreements shall be supplemented also by contributions of the Catholic Church in Italy (under the authority of the Holy See and represented by it) and of the I.R.C. respectively in the measure of Lit.....

The Italian Government, the Catholic Church in Italy always in accordance with previous agreements, and the I.R.C. in order to facilitate the accomplishments of the Agency's tasks, shall make available their premises and transportation, according to their own abilities.

Art. 4

The Agency shall be administrated by a National Committee consisting of nine members, three of whom shall be nominated by the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, three by the Catholic Church in Italy, and three by the I.R.C.

The honorary Chairman of the National Committee is the President of the Council of Ministers and a Presiding President is by him

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nominated amongst the members of the National Committee. The National Committee is empowered to admit representatives of other agencies to its membership, by unanimous consent.

The National Committee shall appoint an Executive Committee composed of three members; one amongst those appointed by the President of the Council, one amongst those of Catholic Church in Italy and one amongst those of the I.R.C.

To the Presiding President belongs the jurisdictional responsibility of the Agency.

Members of the National Committee and those of the Executive Committee shall receive no emoluments.

Art. 5

The National Committee shall:

- a) adopt all general measures relating to the carrying out of the agency's tasks;
- b) decide as to the acceptance of legacies and donations; apart from those received from the American Relief for Italy, the disposition of available sums, the purchase or disposal of rental, and any legal action to be initiated or sustained;
- c) draw rules and regulations as to the establishment, juridical status, recruiting and economic condition of its personnel;
- d) Decide on the appointment of an Administrative Director;
- e) determine the policy on all measures in any way entailing financial engagements of the Agency or in any effecting its economic status.
- f) approve its estimate and pass on the final budget of the Agency.

The National Committee shall be convened by its President or at the request of at least four of its members: six members will form a quorum. The Chairman may cast a vote in case of a tie.

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Art. 6

It will be the task of the Executive Committee to:

- a) see that the National Committee's resolutions are faithfully carried out;
- b) provide for the normal administration of the Agency;
- c) in case of emergency between meetings of the National Committee make decisions under its own responsibility for which the National Committee is competent to provide, however that ratification by the latter is obtained at its next meeting.

Art. 7

The Administrative Director shall see ^{to} the carrying out in practice of the Agency's tasks in accordance with the directions conveyed to him by the National Committee and by the Executive Committee.

He is also in charge of personnel being responsible for its administration and discipline; he must draw up estimates and budgets, supervise maintenance and custody of the Agency's assets, both real estate and liquid funds, control the efficiency and coordination of transportation.

Art. 8

The Agency, in recognition of its aim, shall enjoy the following facilities:

- a) exemption from any taxes, contributions or levies.
- b) postal franchise
- c) free transportation of goods and materials.
- d) exemption from customs duties for goods and materials imported into Italy for the purposes specified in the

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present decree.

- e) railway, sea, air and bus, traveling facilities for the members of the National Committee as well as for the personnel of the Agency similar to those at present granted to personnel of the State's Armed Forces.

C O P Y

The Personal Representative of the
President of the United States of America
to His Holiness the Pope
2, Via Boncompagni

Rome, September 12, 1944

Dear Captain Stone,

Enclosed please find memorandum regarding the organization of the National Committee for Relief in Italy which has just been completed. It has the approval of the several Italian groups primarily interested.

This, as you know, is the outgrowth of several meetings which we have held during the past two months to which you have been invited, and the memoranda growing out of these meetings have been subsequently transmitted to you.

It would seem that this represents a very strong Italian, organization and one which, in collaboration with other activities, should be helpful in obtaining that relief of the Italian community which is the desire of all of us.

Sincerely yours,

(s) Myron C. Taylor

Enclosure:

Memorandum on National
Committee for Relief
in Italy

Captain Ellery W. Stone, USN
Acting President Allied Control Commission
Rome.

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ORGANIZATION OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE
FOR RELIEF IN ITALY

The Prime Minister, H.E. Ivanoe Bonomi, announced the formation of a National Committee for the Distribution of Relief of which he has consented to become Honorary Chairman. This Committee has been proposed in behalf of American Relief for Italy, Inc. by its Chairman, H.E. Myron C. Taylor, supported by Mr. W.W. Jefferson Director, Mediterranean Theater American Red Cross War Relief, and in consultation with the Advisory Council for Italy, represented by H.E. Alexander Kirk; the Allied Control Commission represented by Captain Ellery Stone; representatives of the Holy See, including Mr. Walter S. Carroll, and the Italian Red Cross, represented by its President, Dr. Umberto Zanotti-Bianco, and a number of leading Italian officials and citizens, who have acted as consultants.

The National Committee will be composed of members representing the Italian Government, The Vatican and the Italian Red Cross.

The Italian Government is to be represented by:

H.E. Prince Filippo Doria Pamphili, Mayor of Rome;
Dr. Zaniboni, High Commissioner for War Refugees;
Prof. Dr. Giovanni Gasperini, General Medical Inspector

The Vatican is to be represented by:

H.E. Prince Carlo Pacelli, Legal Counsellor of the Vatican
Mons. Walter S. Carroll, of the Secretariat of State of
His Holiness
Mons. Ferdinando Baldelli

The Italian Red Cross is to be represented by:

Prof. Dr. Umberto Zanotti-Bianco, its President
Marchese Ugo Theodoli, its General Secretary
Dr. Laponi, Medical Service Italian Red Cross

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It is anticipated that supplies contributed by American Relief for Italy, Inc. will be augmented by other contributions of needed materials, foodstuffs and medicines which it is expected will be provided by other donors, including the National Italian Government, the Vatican and other nations, individuals and organizations.

It is anticipated that the most useful facilities for distribution both in respect of personnel, equipment and experience will be enlisted to participate in this humanitarian undertaking.

It will be noted that the National Committee is entirely Italian in character. Its first meeting occurred today in the office of the Prime Minister, its Honorary Chairman.

H.E. Prince Doria Pamphili has been elected Permanent Chairman of the National Committee.

H.E. Myron Taylor, Chairman of the American Relief for Italy, Inc. and Personal Representative of President Roosevelt to His Holiness the Pope Pius XII, who has actively led in the ~~3750~~ ³⁷⁵⁰ion of the National Committee, has nominated Mr. Howard B. Barr, heretofore

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Deputy Director of American Red Cross Civilian War Relief in Italy, as his deputy.
Representatives of the American Red Cross, of the Allied Advisory Council for Italy, and of the Allied Control Commission, will act in advisory capacities.

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PRELIMINARY

DRAFT STATUTE OF "COMMITTEE FOR THE
DISTRIBUTION OF RELIEF IN ITALY"

Art. 1

A legal body known as the Central Committee for the Distribution of Relief in Italy has been constituted in Rome under the control of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers.

Art. 2

The Committee's purpose is to provide for the distribution amongst the civilian population of relief:

- a) sent by the American Relief for Italy, the distribution of which is to be in accordance with the intentions, directions and procedure intended by the worthy donors;
- b) that might reach the Committee as the result of legacies or donations by governments, legal bodies or private persons.

Art. 3

The initial assets of the Committee shall consist of a fund of Lit.....contributed by the Italian Government, a portion of which shall be used for the equipment and working of the Committee. The assets shall be supplemented by fixed amounts contributed yearly out of the budgets of the Ministry of the Interior in agreement with the Ministry of Finance, of the I.R.C. and of the Vatican City respectively in the measure of Lit.....

In accordance with previous agreements, the Italian Government and the Vatican City as well as the I.R.C., in order to facilitate the accomplishment of its tasks, shall each make available to the Committee their premises, transportation and provincial organizations.

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Art. 5

The Directing Committee shall:

- a) pass resolutions on all measures in any way entailing financial engagements by the Committee or in any way affecting its economic statute.

- b) approve its estimate and pass on its final budget.
- c) adopt all general measures relating to the carrying out its institutional tasks.
- d) decide as to the acceptance of legacies or donations - apart from those received from the American Relief for Italy which are provided for in Art. 2 - the maintenance of sums available, the purchase or disposal of real estate, legal action to be initiated or sustained.
- e) to draw rules and regulations as to the establishment, juridical status, recruiting and economic condition of its personnel.
- f) decide on the appointment of an administrative Director

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EWS/hjt

11 September 1944

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Thank you for your letter of September 7th enclosing a copy of your letter of September 6th to Judge Marchisio, which I have read with much interest and which brings me quite up to date on your excellent work.

Recently you mentioned having read a report of ours which I sent to Mr. Tittmann. Perhaps you will also be interested in the enclosed.

Because of your interest in our work, I shall be glad to let you know when our next Regional Commissioners' Meeting is held, in case you can find the time to attend.

Sincerely,

MILBY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

Hon. Myron C. Taylor
The Personal Representative of the
President of the United States of America
To His Holiness The Pope
2, Via Boncompagni
Rome

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The Personal Representative of the
President of the United States of America
to His Holiness the Pope.
Via Boncompagni 2

Rome, September 7, 1944

PERSONAL

Dear Captain Stone:

Enclosed please find copy of letter I have today addressed to
Judge Juvenel Marchisio, President of American Relief for Italy, Inc., which
will bring you up to date in regard to our proceedings.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Myron C. Taylor
/t/ MYRON C. TAYLOR

Enclosure ;
To Judge Marchisio

Captain Ellery W. Stone,
Vice President Political Section
Allied Control Commission
Rome.

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Rome 6 September 1944

The Honorable
Juvenal Marchisio,
American Relief for Italy, Inc.,
29 Broadway,
New York, New York.

Dear Judge Marchisio:

I have an opportunity to send a letter to you and in which I shall put one or two documents which illustrate for you confidential reading the development of the situation here with respect to the distribution of materials furnished by American relief for Italy. The latest telegram from the Department on the subject of organization indicated that you were present in the discussion which led to the conclusion indicated.

As I have informed you in other ways, I have selected Mr. Howard B. Barr as my deputy and have indicated to you the probable expense of the office here, including his services. I believe that if we continue to develop the plan that I have outlined and which several elements here have now agreed upon that we have set a pattern for more than the distribution of American Relief for Italy but for the distribution of all relief through the Italian Government, Italian Red Cross and the other agencies indicated. This then would mean that our effort will have born much greater fruit than could be possible from the source of American Relief for Italy alone.

The attached letter from the new President of the Italian Red Cross is in harmony with what I have said in other communications with respect to the attitude of the Italian Government and the Prime Minister and you will observe that the major expenditure involved in the actual distribution here will be borne by the Italian Government, Department of Interior. That is quite satisfactory, but on the other hand it may develop that a substantial contribution would be wise and essential in behalf of American Relief for Italy.

One other thing that I have mentioned in messages to the President and our Secretary of State is the need for a minimum of 500 trucks in the immediate future for the matter of transportation of urgent relief in Southern Italy and for the assistance necessary in conveying materials required for temporary structures to house the homeless population in Southern Italy. That, of course, would be temporary housing to be followed by more permanent housing which the Italian Government will plan and finance. There is a particular need for tires ignitions and batteries, for 6,500 vehicles, largely trucks, etc. now in the hands of the Allies but which are inoperative because of the lack of the items above mentioned. If 500 of these could be promptly equipped with the batteries, etc. prompt use could be made to relieve the emergency. American Relief for Italy might well supply this need. Quick action is essential. That is something about which you will probably talk with the Honorable Joseph Davies when you have the opportunity.

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The Government has appointed its three members of the Central Committee who are to be Mr. Zaniboni, High Commissioner for War Refugees, Professor Dr. Giovanni Canaperis, General Medical Inspector and Chief Director of Ministry of Interior, and Dr. Emilio Tamborlini, Chief of Medical section of Ministry of Interior. The Red Cross has appointed its three members: Professor Umberto Zanotti, President of the Italian Red Cross, Marchese Theodoli, Executive Director of the Italian Red Cross, and Professor Dr. Zapponi, and the Vatican has named two: Mons. Walter Carrol and Mons. Baldelli, and will shortly name the third. We have not yet invited the Central Labor organization to take part but I assume we will during the next week, though this matter has not yet been quite settled. Meanwhile we have no notice of the actual shipment of any of the American Relief supplies but assume they are being shipped in these days.

I take this opportunity to congratulate you upon the excellent results you have shown due to your patient and intelligent work and I hope that it has not proved too great a burden. With assurances of my belief in your continuing success and with best regards, believe me

Sincerely yours,

MYRON C. TAYLOR

Capt. Stone. Action re Labor Organization has been postponed. I will tell you why when I see you.

M.C.T.

CROCE ROSSA ITALIANA

Il Presidente Generale

Rome, 5th Sept. 1944

To His Excellency Mr. Myron Taylor,

Chairman of Board of Trustees,

American Relief Committee for Italy.

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Your Excellency,

I am glad to be able to inform you that I have laid the main lines of our plan before H.E. the Prime Minister and that he has expressed his agreement with it.

As regards more particularly the expenditure involved, - the major portion of which, as you know is to be met by the Department of the Interior, H.E. Bonomy as Minister of the Interior anticipates no difficulties in that respect.

With my kindest regards, I remain

Yours sincerely

/s/ Umberto Zanotti-Bianco

/t/ Dr. Umberto Zanotti Bianco

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Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner

Relief - Italy

11 September 4

Public Health Sub-Commission, Hq ACC
(For: Public Welfare Section)

1. Attached letter from Hq East Africa Command, Civil Affairs Branch, No. EAC/7057A/2/CA, of 11 Aug 44, is forwarded to you for appropriate action.
2. Delay in transmittal of letter was caused by its being held by UNRRA.

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Subject: - Relief - Italy.

Civil Affairs Branch,
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11th August, 1944.

The Chief Secretary,
H.Q., Allied Control Commission,
C. M. F.

I have the honour to state I have received the sum of E.A. Shillings 3,000 from the Camp Commandant, Evacuee Camp, Tabora, Tanbora, Tanganyika for distribution as Relief in Italy.

2. This amount represents a general collection in the Camp and no specific body, individual or individuals has been mentioned as the recipient of the Relief.
3. May I ask that you pay the a/m to the appropriate body and charge the same to East Africa Command, Civil Affairs Branch through the War Office, London.

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Major
for Colonel,
CONTROLLER OF FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: K-23

9 September 1944

SUBJECT: Organization Proposed by Mr. Taylor for the
Distribution of Relief Supplies in Italy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission
APO 394
(Attn: Captain Ellery W. Stone, USNR)

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1. We have been following with much interest the work which Mr. Myron Taylor has been doing with your participation to create machinery for the distribution in Italy of material contributed in the United States by American Relief for Italy, Inc., and others. The administration of the distribution of these supplies, according to the plan which we have seen, would be the exclusive responsibility of a committee comprising representatives of the Italian Red Cross, the Vatican and the Italian Government which organizations would pool their resources in whatever manner the Committee might deem most appropriate.

2. In our opinion there may be a certain element of impracticability as well as of danger in creating this committee quite independent of the ACC. The impracticability lies in that the Committee could hardly function without the active assistance of the ACC, for its warehousing and transport facilities must be obtained in large part through the ACC. The danger lies in the possible inability of the ACC under an arrangement such as envisaged to carry out its responsibility to make sure that relief is distributed with political and religious impartiality.

3. This matter has been discussed by the Economic Subcommittee which has approved a recommendation that the view be conveyed to Mr. Taylor that his proposed Committee should include also a representative of the ACC. Through this representative the physical needs of the organization, such as for transportation, could be taken care of, and the ACC would be placed in a position to supervise the work being done and coordinate it with that of other bodies.

4. As you have been a member of Mr. Taylor's group I believe that you are the person best situated to take this matter up with him, and I would be glad if you would do so at the appropriate time.

*Advised by Col.
Spofford to take
no action.*

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

Ref: 440/54/CA.
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Aug
1st August 1944.

SUBJECT: Welfare and Relief Organisations.

To : Allied Force Headquarters, C-5 Section.

1. It has been laid down that organisations permitted to enter this territory for work with civil affairs relief are restricted to the American and British Red Cross and such other organisations as, with your approval, enter the country to work under the aegis of the Red Cross.

2. There have recently been continuous and often successful attempts, sometimes with your permission, to form or introduce welfare organisations to assist with nationals, refugees or displaced persons. These organisations, it is true, work under the aegis of the Inter Governmental Committee of Refugees but their number increases and makes it very difficult to check the sometimes mushroom growth of other organisations in this country.

3. Recently it has been found that a Yugo Slav Red Cross Society has been created: the French Red Cross have interested themselves in civil relief: the Polish Red Cross are likewise occupied and recently sent a Red Cross officer from a fighting formation to deal with the problem of his destitute nationals in Rome.

4. Some of the representatives of these Societies discriminate between shades of religion or politics, e.g., Yugo Slav partisans, and the whole matter is becoming inevitably and increasingly difficult.

5. If it were possible to maintain the original ruling that all relief organisations should work under one head then I would welcome the multiplicity of representatives of extraneous organisations: the territory is in need of more personnel of this type. But many of these organisations come with introductions from a very high level, while others are created with no directives at all. I suggest that the whole matter be reconsidered and a new directive be issued dealing with some of the difficulties enumerated above.

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